



## NOVEMBER 2013 PROGRAMS

### NOVEMBER 3 "WHAT IS WITHIN SURROUNDS US"

The *Spiritual Ecology* reading and exploration group from the Fellowship will share their experiences of how we might interpret Einstein's invitation to be "our circle of understanding and compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of Nature in its Beauty." We will share what inspires us to seek ways of living on our mother earth with more integrity. Join Ron Parks, Rev Michael Nelson and fellow explorers in this important quest. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

### NOVEMBER 10 "CURRENT IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN KANSAS"

Several UUFM members have joined representatives of other area congregations to form *Voice for Justice*, to pursue policies and local programs to protect immigrants' rights. Professor Matt Sanderson, of the KSU Sociology Department, will share results of his extensive research of immigrant conditions in Kansas. Members of *Voice for Justice* will be present to share their insights into challenges faced by local undocumented workers. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

### NOVEMBER 17 "APPRECIATING APPRECIATION"

Appreciating what we have and what we've experienced is a meaningful act, and expressing our appreciation serves both the appreciator and others involved. How we appreciate and how we show our appreciation varies from person to person and situation to situation. This is especially true in religious, spiritual, and deeply meaningful contexts where views about what is appropriate differ significantly. Join us as UUFM members explore appreciation of life, art, music, and the actions of others both profound and mundane. Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net

### NOVEMBER 24 "SPECTRUM OF SPIRITUALITY: HINDUISM"

Join us for another step in our continuing series on understanding world religions. Kathleen Oldfather will interview fellow UUFM member Usha Reddi about her experiences with Hinduism and her interactions with other faiths living as a Hindu in Manhattan, Kansas. Contact is Drew Venum at 713 828-3306 or drewvenum@gmail.com.

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### NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

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Before the November 3 service at 9 am we'll host a Continental Breakfast for new members and friends. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net.



**UUFM is a**  
**WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at [www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml](http://www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml)

The Rev Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), issued the following statement applauding the legalization of same-sex marriage in New Jersey:

*"Today, New Jersey becomes the 14th state to allow marriage equality ensuring equal rights for its citizens. It is a historic day and a victory for all who support justice and equality.*

*"Many couples who have waited so long for this day are already applying for marriage licenses, and weddings are being performed by many Unitarian Universalist ministers across the state.*

*"More and more Americans realize that marriage equality strengthens families, protects children, and ensures basic rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender couples. I applaud the work of those people and organizations, including our Unitarian Universalist congregations and ministers, who have fought so hard for so long for this cause.*

*"New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's decision to drop his appeal against the court ruling is just another indication that marriage equality is here to stay. As always, Unitarian Universalists will continue to stand on the side of love, and we look forward to the day when marriage equality is the right of all families."*

As each state affirms the right for same sex couples to marry I rejoice and I mourn. I am so happy for all the same sex partners who have been living and working together for years who now have the same rights as married heterosexual couples.



The sadness rises from the 39 years Charles and I have worked to legitimize our relationship with each other, our families, our friends, banks.

The odds have never been in our favor. Charles was never able to speak of our relationship with his father before he died. Luckily we are stubborn. Now that the odds are becoming favorable state by state I feel the punishing nature of the constitutional amendment that passed in Kansas to ban same sex marriage more acutely than ever before. We are determined to do what we can, with your help, to overrule this ban.

The ability to love fully is an art which requires continuing ef-

fort and the support of family, friends and communities. It is not something that comes easily. So much of our culture promotes division, competition, greed, insular thinking ... We need places which challenge us to love with less reservation and support us in our efforts to do so. My call to Unitarian Universalist ministry asks me to be mindful of my capacity for compassion. Ahhh, it sounds so nice, but not so easy to practice. Our progressive faith community inspires me to keep on trying and to do what I can to make my ability to love authentic and healthy.

Charles and I will be married in California on November 17th. We hope to have a ceremony in May at the Fellowship where you, family and friends can help us celebrate love between equals.

*Michael*



### CELEBRATING LOVE ...

This month, Michael Nelson begins his scheduled sabbatical leave, returning December 4. While away, Michael and his long-time partner Charles will be united in marriage on November 17, in California. *Congratulations, Michael and Charles, with all our love and best wishes!!!*

### MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL

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The Executive Board recently approved a request from Reverend Michael Nelson for three months of sabbatical leave during this fiscal year, as allowed for in his contract. Michael will be away from UUFM November 4 to December 4 and January 1 to February 28. Visiting clergy will include our own Reverend Eric Banner leading a service in January, and Reverend Fritz Hudson, long time minister from the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, for a service in February. Reverend Thea Nietfeld will be available for pastoral care needs during Michael's absence. Please contact Board Chair Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or [tphillips@uufm.net](mailto:tphillips@uufm.net) with questions and concerns.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## RE NEWS

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**WORLD RELIGIONS** - The fall has been filled with wonderful adventures in the World Religions curriculum. We've been introducing students to the many truths and many faiths that richly color our earth and enrich our lives. Classes have explored earth-based religions (complete with fairy sacred spaces), Buddhism, Hinduism, and more. We are introducing our children to these religions in a gentle and respectful way. It's exciting to see them understand the differences and similarities in their own lives.

November lessons will explore Islam and Judaism and then we'll shift to "Holidays and Holy Days" plus a service project or two in December and early January.

**OUR WHOLE LIVES** - We're in the beginning stages of planning the winter Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes to be held January 19(ish) through March 9(ish). Our intent is to offer the Kindergarten thru 1st grade class and the 4th thru 6th grade class. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children within those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, please contact me (DRE@uufm.net) or RE Chair Molly McGaughey (RE@uufm.net).

*Sandy Nelson*

*Learn more about all family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.*

### DRE'S SCHEDULE

In November, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesday, November 5 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Thursday, November 7 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 12 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Thursday, November 14 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Tuesday, November 19 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Thursday, November 21 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Monday, November 24 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm  
Friday, November 29 - 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Drop in during Sandy's office hours to talk, or contact her at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

### PARENT NIGHT OUT

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Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **NOVEMBER 1** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. There will be fun, games, healthy snacks, and a movie--*Despicable Me 2*. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 31, so enough adults can be scheduled to staff the evening and gather supplies. Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net to learn more. (The December movie will be *Monsters University* so don't bother renting it just yet.)

### 2013 UU WORLD TRAVELERS ADVENTURES

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MARK MOSER AND STUDENTS  
DANCE AROUND THE WORLD,  
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS** - *events are open to all interested people ...*

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The **FLINTHILLS PAGANS** meet at the Fellowship on Saturday, **NOVEMBER 2**, to celebrate *Samhain*, and on Saturday, **NOVEMBER 16**, for a *Full Moon ritual*. All Family-friendly Pagan events begin at 6 pm with a shared potluck meal. Learn more about all Pagan events from Mandy Ryan at flinthillspagans@gmail.com.

The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Learn more from Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbarahacker@yahoo.com.

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a desire for spirited conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu.

Join us for our *Action Wednesday (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER* on Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 6**. This month's theme is *Communications*. If you have ideas to expand the Fellowship's visibility, we hope you'll join us. Bring a dish to share, if you are able. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and other activities follow at 7 pm. Children's activities will be available. *We need one or two volunteers to staff the nursery*. Learn more from Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or kmstanona@hotmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, **NOVEMBER 8**, around the Fellowship fire circle (or inside in case of inclement weather). UUFM members, friends, and the wider community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Bring your own rhythm instrument or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 13**, at 11:30 am, at the La Fiesta restaurant, 2301 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, in Manhattan. Join us for lively discussion and great company. All are invited. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, or ahjanke@cox.net.

An open meeting to discuss **MARRIAGE EQUALITY** in Kansas, and consider the wording of a congregational Statement of Principle (a congregational vote will be taken on December 8) will be held following the Sunday service on **NOVEMBER 17**. *Please join us*. Learn more from Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will NOT meet in November. Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 4**, at 7 pm, at the Marchin residence. We'll discuss *The Memory Place*, by Mira Bartok. Learn more from Anne Marchin at 589-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at lmcross@kansas.net



### **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**

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Our annual Craft and Bake Sale will be held Sunday, **DECEMBER 15**, before and after the service. Share your artistic and culinary talents, whatever they may be. Baked goods have been extremely popular in recent years. Please price all of your items. We'll have a silent auction for special art or craft pieces. Artist must set a minimum price. If possible, bring your items to the Fellowship on that morning by 10:15 am. If you need us to pick them up earlier or have questions or concerns, talk to Kathleen Oldfather, 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com, or Betty Banner, 776-1887 or bettynanner@gmail.com.



## **WELCOMING BREAKFAST**

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At 9 am on Sunday, **NOVEMBER 3** we'll host a Continental Breakfast for all new members and friends. Come get acquainted. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at welcome@uufm.net or 776-3175.

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## **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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This month's service gathers Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 27**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Watch for announcements in Sunday bulletins, and on the Fellowship's email list for this month's topic. To receive an email reminder each month, contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

## **UUFM SINGERS**

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The UUFM Singers provide music to accompany Sunday services each month. Members and friends interested in participating may learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

## **UU CAMPUS LUNCH**

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The UUFM Campus group meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 12 noon, at the Bluemont Buffet, on the 2nd floor of the K-State Student Union. Join us on **NOVEMBER 14!** All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Molly McGaughey at molly\_mcgauhey@hotmail.com or 776-4543.



## SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this is a great way to get acquainted, and it's an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or [ellorenz@uufm.net](mailto:ellorenz@uufm.net)

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, NOVEMBER 1, 15, and 29, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 537-0333 or [snowbird@violinifer.com](mailto:snowbird@violinifer.com)

### HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

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On Sunday, NOVEMBER 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **UUFM EXCELL FUND**, providing transitional and enrichment opportunities for developmentally delayed students and adults over 18. Go to [www.tryufm.org/excell.html](http://www.tryufm.org/excell.html) to learn more about this vital service.

*On October 13, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$634 to The Crisis Center. Thank you all for your generosity!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinators Drew and Amber Vennum at (713) 828-3307 or [drewvennum@gmail.com](mailto:drewvennum@gmail.com)

*Learn more about all Social Justice projects at UUFM, and find out how you can get involved from committee chair Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or [socialaction@uufm.net](mailto:socialaction@uufm.net).*



### FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

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Fair Trade whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are offered for purchase at the Fellowship following Sunday programs. To learn more, or to purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or [acowan@uufm.net](mailto:acowan@uufm.net), or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.

### WELCOMING CONGREGATION CORNER - REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON, OCTOBER 24, 2013

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For quite some time, the number of states allowing marriage for same-sex people hovered at thirteen. But last week New Jersey joined those states and now fourteen states (DC is counted as a state) have come into the fold. The changes in the law in these jurisdictions have been through varied means. In many states, the courts took the lead; in others the legislature began the process, in the federal venue, President Obama used the power of the executive branch to implement Windsor, the tax case that so dramatically changed the law and struck down part of DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act.

In New Jersey things got started by a lawsuit filed in the New Jersey state court system, which Governor Chris Christie fought hard. The New Jersey courts heard the vague arguments against marriage equality and imposed a temporary injunction which allowed same-sex marriages to begin. In order to get a temporary injunction, the prevailing party has to show that it is likely to win the appeal, so when the Supreme Court of New Jersey agreed to impose the injunction, it gave a good indication of how Christie's appeal would come out, which is the stated reason why Christie dropped the appeal.

In Kansas, at almost any time, litigation could commence and begin the process of testing the constitutionality of the Kansas DOMA. In other states, issues have come to the court systems because of a wide variety of complaints about similar laws. Step-parent adoptions, divorces, wills, healthcare and employee benefits for spouses, patient-caregiver access in hospitals and care facilities, gifts, taxes; really, almost every issue that could come up, has. Social Security derived from a deceased spouse, which is the only source of money some people have, remains unavailable to same-sex spouses who live in Kansas.

But to move forward in a conservative environment, many careful and potentially critical decisions have to be made: federal court or state court, one plaintiff or many, lots of legal issues or just one, file first then worry about the money or gather the funds and then file. The lawyer or law firm retained has to be qualified to make these decisions, familiar with Kansas and federal courts and staffed well enough to push the case to a temporary injunction or other decision without asking for unnecessary extra time. Loss of civil rights is always time sensitive. Good people are leaving our state.

Do we wait for help from sympathetic organizations? Do we wait for the U. S. Supreme Court to act again in a couple years? Is there a "we" or a hodgepodge of plaintiffs who have been forced to act by some cruel twist of our own Kansas DOMA? The intolerable turns of fate will come. There will be plaintiffs. So, do we wait or do we act?

The UUFM Board calls the Fellowship to vote on a congregational statement of principle supporting marriage equality in Kansas. A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held after the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 8** to vote on this statement, and we will need as many members as possible to attend to ensure that the vote reflects the voice of the Fellowship. Specific wording of the principle to be voted on will be provided in the December newsletter. If you have input regarding this issue or questions about the process, please speak with anyone on the Board--we encourage all individual members and committees to discuss the issue and provide input! Board members are Tom Phillips, Scott Tanona, Betty Banner, Sue Pray, Laura Bonella, Katie Kingery-Page, and Kathleen Tanona.

There will be several opportunities to discuss the vote before December 8: at the December 4 Action Wednesday Potluck, and at an **OPEN MEETING** following the **NOVEMBER 17** service.

***FROM OUR CHAIR - TOM PHILLIPS, OCTOBER 26, 2013***

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***JUSTICE AND EQUALITY!*** ... Our Sunday service on September 22 this year was a landmark event for UUFM. The theme was *our inherent right to love who we choose*. Kim Belanger asked the children in her story for all ages, "Who do you love?" and she stressed that no one can tell us who we can and cannot love. Charles Dedmon gave a history of civil rights injustices and their eventual corrections in our society that ultimately strengthened the protection of basic personal freedoms. Michael Nelson's sermon titled *The Cry for Freedom* included a milestone statement for him and his partner Charles, as well as for our entire Fellowship. Michael announced that he and Charles will be legally married in California in mid-November! As friends of Michael and Charles I know we will give them love, support and shared joy for this important turning point in their lives together.

Same sex marriage is legal in the state of California, but it is not legal in our home state of Kansas, where Michael and Charles live. In fact, Kansas amended its state constitution with a public referendum on April 5, 2005, approved by 70% of Kansans voting that day, to outlaw same-sex marriage and other civil unions other than that "... constituted by one man and one woman ..." Michael and Charles will address their own challenge regarding the legal status in Kansas of their marriage that will be legally codified in California. UUFM is embracing the more general topic of Marriage Equality as a broad civil rights issue for all of us.

Our Fellowship will soon take two specific steps toward support of the Marriage Equality theme. On December 8 we will vote on a "Statement of Principle" in support of Marriage Equality. The statement for discussion will be printed in the December issue of The UUFM Voice. We will also form a special task force on Marriage Equality that will develop a framework for addressing the need of this important civil rights topic and some specific activities each of us can get involved in to support marriage equality as a fundamental right that should be available for all Kansans and for people everywhere.

I hope you will join us in this quest for achieving Marriage Equality. In doing so I am confident you will enhance your "UU experience." Reading this newsletter, attending Sunday service and being a "card-carrying" member of UUFM are all important steps toward embracing the ideals we value. By going that extra step to be more directly involved in issues like Marriage Equality can help the project succeed *and* it can enrich one's UU experience, resulting in benefits for many aspects of our lives and the lives of others. By taking action we can help make UUFM, "A visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community."

**Tom Phillips** (405 880-6483; tphillips@uufm.net)

Join us again this month for AWED Dinner at UUFM. This is a time to gather with our progressive community for fun and to conduct the business of the Fellowship. Potluck starts at 6 pm and is hosted again this month by the UUFM Board. Please bring a dish to share, place settings and drinks will be provided. To schedule a meeting, contact Sue Turner, 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to reserve a spot for your committee. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

This is a great opportunity to find out what committee work is all about and it is a great opportunity to discover common ground in meeting our needs of our community. Last month we had some great overlapping with Finance and Facilities hashing out some important stuff for taking care of our community. Making a difference AND making things happen.

If you don't plan on attending a meeting, please stay for fun and games. I will be bringing some favorite board games from the Tanona family and we would love to see what you have to share too! Nursery care is needed for some members so if you can volunteer to hold some of our babies we would love to have you. It is a great way to spend an hour.

Each month we would like to have a focus meeting to either strategize or fire up for a cause near and dear to our hearts. This month, there is a strategizing session for the Communications Committee. Please come with some ideas on how to get the word out about this awesome progressive community we love. Next month, we will be focusing on Marriage Equality. In support of Michael Nelson and Charles Dedmon's nuptials, UUFM's Board will call a Congregational meeting to discuss marriage equality in Kansas. Come find out what you can do or get some answers to questions you may have about what all this means. *We need future hosting committees.*

In Faith, **Kathleen Tanona**

Learn more from Kathleen at 537-6208 or kmtanona@hotmail.com.

**UUFM SOUP LUNCH**

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Following the Sunday service on December 1, the UUFM Social Committee will host our annual Potluck Soup Luncheon. A variety of soups and beverages will be provided. Members and friends are asked to bring a dish to compliment the soups, such as breads, crackers, fruit, and desserts. Of course, there's always enough to go around if you are unable to bring a dish to share! Learn more from Terri Franz at 537-2291 or terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net.

**\$SHOP \$SMART GROCERY PROGRAM**

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\$shop \$mart Grocery Cards - RELOADABLE - Gift Card for Dillon's! Dillon's cards are FREE. Pick one up in the narthex after Sunday morning services. You can add to your card in any amount up to \$500 at your favorite Dillon's checkout stand. Important: To add to your card you may use cash, check, or credit card; but this must be done in a SEPARATE transaction BEFORE making purchases. Use the card to pay for gas, groceries, prescriptions, and more. The Fellowship will receive a 5% rebate from Dillon's on all covered purchases!! (Non-reloadable cards are also available for HyVee and Ray's Apple Market in amounts of \$50.) Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net

**UUFM FINANCES**

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Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner offers the following report on Fellowship finances:

Time Period	Income	Expenses	Net
Sept 2013	\$ 7,831.23	\$10,032.53	\$ (2,201.30)
Year to Date	\$39,048.21	\$41,779.91	\$ (2,731.70)

If you did not have an opportunity to make a pledge earlier this year and wish to do so now we will be happy to get a pledge form to you. *We also need volunteers* who are interested in coordinating one of our fund raising activities.

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, to learn more about Fellowship finances, or to discuss pledging options.

Please welcome our new member, **HEATHER MINGO**, and her children **ANNA**, **GAGE**, **GAVIN**, and **CALINA**! Heather is originally from Florida, the Tampa Bay area. She came to Kansas with her husband and their blended family. After the big city life in Florida and Southern California, they were looking for a community with hometown values where their children could play outside. She also wanted a spiritual community where her family could come together and establish their individual beliefs. They live just down the road from us, but Heather had never heard of UU's. She looked us up on-line and decided we had exactly the same values. She first came for Pagan Voices, joined the leadership council, and now is a seminary student in the Pagan faith. She appreciates the Fellowship's welcoming nature, openness, and generosity to the larger community. Heather works as an artist in jewelry and graphic design and also does multi-media and web design. She is currently looking for full-time work. Heather's passion is helping others to see the interconnectedness of all beliefs and our relationship with Earth. She is investigating starting a group of Spiralscouts, www.spiralscouts.org, an earth-based, gender neutral, multi-cultural youth group. It looks exciting! Welcome to our Fellowship, Heather and family!

Our good friend of the Fellowship, **ROGER T JOHNSON**, recently suffered a heart attack and stroke. He is recuperating and rehabilitating at Mercy Hospital as of October 23. Roger enjoys visits and is looking forward to going home. Member **JIM QUINLAN** has moved to the Assisted Living area of Via Christi in Manhattan. He would also enjoy visits. Stop by anytime.

**BOB PATTERSON**'s father, Robert Patterson, died in Houston, Texas, on October 11. He was 91. A memorial service was held a few days after.

**MICHAELA SIEVERS** announced that she has been accepted for early admission to the KSU Veterinary Medicine program. Michaela is a freshman at KSU. We also learned that **JESSICA SIEVERS** begins her nursing career at Mercy Hospital soon. The proud papa of these two accomplished young women is **GENE SIEVERS**. Congratulations to you all.

**DICK BEEMAN** recently had a prominent role in the comic opera *Pirates of Penzance* at the Manhattan Arts Center. He was an overnight sensation and received rave reviews. We look forward to his next production.

*Please send any milestones or other significant events or news to Kathleen Oldfather at kjoldfather@gmail.com or 537-3738. We can't share it if we don't know!*



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Nov 3: Kathleen and Michael Oldfather, Buddy and Bobette McGaughey
- Nov 10: Dan and Kathy Swenson, Linda Kroeger, and Victoria Martin
- Nov 17: Cathy Hedge, Mark Clarke, and Jen and Matt Campbell
- Nov 24: Laura and Mike Bonella, Jane Pelletier, and Kim Belanger

A huge *THANK YOU* goes out to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. Serving on a Coffee and Greeting team is an easy way to give to the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of your time. *Thank you all* for your time and voluntary contributions! Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or [ellorenz@uufm.net](mailto:ellorenz@uufm.net)

### NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?

The Caring Committee has organized a group of volunteer drivers to help folks get to our Sunday morning services. Contact Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com)

### Administrator's Schedule

In November, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

- Monday, Nov 4 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Nov 7 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Nov 11 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 12 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Nov 14 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Nov 18 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 19 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Nov 21 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Nov 23 - 11 am to 6 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at other times by email at [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net) to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING, PHONE, or EMAIL** information, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (*seen at bottom left*) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please ask our Welcoming and Membership Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [welcome@uufm.net](mailto:welcome@uufm.net), or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or [minister@uufm.net](mailto:minister@uufm.net), for information and assistance.

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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net), **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service bulletin.

## CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [caring@uufm.net](mailto:caring@uufm.net), or let us know at 537-2349 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)

## BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net).

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the December edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 19**. *Committee chairs, please let the newsletter editor know about your upcoming activities, and volunteer opportunities.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)



## Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<u>27</u> <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am  <u>Meadow-Thinking</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>28</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>29</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>30</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Book Discussion group</u> 7:00-9:30 pm	<u>31</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>1</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am  <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	<u>2</u> <u>Pagan Circle - SAMHAIN</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>3</u> <u>New Member Brunch</u> 9:00-10:30 am  <u>What is Within ...</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>4</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>5</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>6</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>AWED Dinner</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	<u>7</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>8</u> <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>9</u>	
<u>10</u> <u>Immigration Issues in KS</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>11</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>12</u> <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm  <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-9:00 pm  <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>13</u> <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	<u>14</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>15</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	<u>16</u> <u>Pagan Circle - Full Moon</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>17</u> <u>Appreciating Appreciation</u> 10:45-12:00 pm  <u>Marriage Equality mtg</u> 12:15-1:30 pm	<u>18</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>19</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>20</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	<u>21</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
<u>24</u> <u>Spectrum of Spirituality: Hinduism</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>25</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:15 pm	<u>28</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am	<u>29</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>30</u>	

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