



DECEMBER 2013 PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 1 "THANKSGIVING IN ACTION"

Cap off your holiday weekend with an intergenerational service where we'll explore how to take action as a way of expressing our thanks. This will be a shorter service to allow plenty of time the Soup Luncheon after. Contact/convener is Drew Venum at drewvennum@gmail.com or (713) 828-3306.

DECEMBER 8 "FULL CIRCLE"

Rev Michael Nelson reflects, "Wassily Kandinsky, the Russian artist, saw the circle as the most modest of forms that asserts itself unconditionally. He believed an authentic artist creates from 'an internal necessity.' As the year comes full circle our progressive faith asks us in our humble ways to give of ourselves unconditionally; to be the bold model of love that bears light in the darkest of times." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

DECEMBER 15 "TIDINGS OF JOY"

Rev Michael Nelson invites all to "join us to celebrate with song and story messages of liberation and joy. Let us be inspired to seek something more real and more authentic than the shadows of our mundane lives. Let us lift up goodness for all to see and share." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

DECEMBER 22 "UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS AND CHRISTMAS"

Fellowship members and friends share passages from sermons associated with Christmas that hold special meaning for them. Contact is Drew Venum at (713) 828-3306 or drewvennum@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join Rev Michael Nelson on *Tuesday, December 24*, at 7 pm. Come hold up the light of hope in ancient custom with faith in the ever evolving truth and the preciousness of each birth in this life we share. Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net.

DECEMBER 29 "THE CREATION CONUNDRUM"

Fellowship member Stacey Broughman presents an exploration of the myths and theories of Earth's creation. Contact Drew Venum at (713) 828-3306 or drewvennum@gmail.com.

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at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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COMING UP AT UUFM ...

Join us following a short service on **DECEMBER 1** for our annual **POTLUCK SOUP LUNCHEON**. More on page 4.

The UUFM Executive Board has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**, addressing **MARRIAGE EQUALITY**, on **DECEMBER 8**. All members are urged to attend. Learn more on page 2 of this newsletter.

Don't miss the annual UUFM **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**, before and after the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 15**. More on page 4.



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml

"Love is our source and our destination--our call and our response."

-- Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker

"In Unitarian Universalism, we have a legacy of 'deeds not creeds.' Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places as we harness love's power to stop oppression. From grassroots community organizing to interfaith Washington advocacy, in protest marches, prayer vigils, and press conferences, in homeless shelters and in prisons, Unitarian Universalists put their faith in to action. We work in interfaith coalitions and partnerships locally, statewide, nationally, and internationally to affirm and promote 'the inherent worth and dignity of every person,' 'justice, equity, and compassion' and 'the interconnected web of all existence.'

"Our commitment to justice also led to the creation of a powerful public advocacy campaign to oppose oppression in its many forms and counter fear with love. The Standing on the Side of Love campaign grew out of the Unitarian Universalist community's response to a shooting at a UU congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee. Since then, we have stood on the side of love with immigrants, same-sex couples, transgender people, American Muslims, people of color, and other members of our faith and our wider communities who face oppression--all working together for more justice and more love."

-- from www.uua.org/beliefs/justice/

We certainly felt the power of our progressive faith community as Charles and I moved forward with our decision to marry. While there are practical reasons that motivated us to marry, it is love that brings meaning and true purpose to the reality of being married. Making a public vow to love someone, especially someone you have loved for forty years, dissolves defenses and cynicism. Hearing the person you love vow to love you brings tenderness and vulnerability to long established habits. Marriage is more than I thought.

Let us be a community that not only stands on the side of love, but helps bring its warmth into every cold corner of the world. This is a gift worth giving and having.

Much peace and much love, *Michael*



REV MICHAEL NELSON OPENS A SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

This month, Michael Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Wednesday, December	4 - 4 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, December	10 - 5 to 7 pm
Thursday, December	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, December	17 - 3 to 5 pm
Thursday, December	19 - 3 to 5 pm
Monday, December	30 - 3 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email minister@uufm.net

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A *Congregational Meeting* has been called *following the service* on Sunday, **DECEMBER 8**, to discuss and vote on a statement of principle supporting of **MARRIAGE EQUALITY**. Taking guidance from recent programs and meetings related to this issue UUFM's Executive Board has proposed the following Statement of Principle:

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas, in light of our religious and moral principles and commitment for human rights, hereby declare full support for marriage equality for couples of any gender identity or sexual orientation, and call for the state of Kansas to legally recognize same-sex marriage.

The Board is calling for a vote. Each and every member's participation is vital to be sure the Fellowship's views are reflected in our actions as a congregation. *Please, attend if you are able.* Learn more from Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE NEWS

It's officially the Christmas season and I must confess that my family and I have been listening to Christmas music since before Halloween. As my kids will readily confirm, I believe that Christmas is a frame of mind suitable for ANY time of year. (Which is what my Christmas cards say every year--though that was originally the case because they tend to be sent in March.)

My kids are extremely fortunate to have a lot of loving family to spend Christmas with. Usual participants are me, my husband Dave, our 3 daughters, Dave's mom, Dave's sister and her spouse and her two (now grown) sons, Dave's dad and his wife, and even my parents come every two or three years. The last few years we've added wives for both nephews, and last year we added two great nieces to the celebration. Our oldest daughter has even contributed a boyfriend once or twice. That's a big bunch and I love that my kids get that experience. But again I have a confession ... I particularly like that I have the ability to sneak away to my own, private, quiet space when the need arises, and for me, it arises often because, to be honest, as much as I love them, it's basically a great big bunch of in-laws.

Christmas isn't like this for everyone.

If you'd like to rub elbows with a few kids please consider some RE events in December. On Saturday, December 14 we'll have an afternoon of crafting that ends with a cookie exchange. We could use some extra adults to help kids with the crafts. But if crafting isn't your thing, come at 3:30 for the cookie exchange. Bring three dozen of ONE kind of cookie and go home with a dozen each of three different kinds of cookies!

Monday, December 30 kids can participate in a fun service project. We'll be baking cookies for The Second Helping--the meal served each Sunday night by First Congregational church and open to anyone. We could use a few extra adults to help with the mass production.

And don't forget the Christmas Eve service. It's a great time to bask in the true warmth of the season. (And the kids are going to put on an awesome "pageant".)

Sandy Nelson

Learn more about 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 December, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **DECEMBER 6** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. As always there will be fun, games, healthy snacks, and a movie--*Monsters University!* *RSVP by Thursday, December 5*, so that Sandy can schedule adults to staff the evening, and gather supplies. Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

OWL PROGRAM ...

Our Whole Lives is a respected UU sexual education program. Children learn in an accurate and age-appropriate way about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. The core values of the *Our Whole Lives* program are self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity.

We're in the beginning stages of planning OWL classes to be held January 19(ish) through March 9(ish). Our intent is to offer a Kindergarten through 1st grade class and a 4th through 6th grade class. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children in those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, join us for an **INFORMATIONAL MEETING** in the Jupiter Room on **DECEMBER 15, 22, or 29**, after the service. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net, or Molly McGaughey at RE@uufm.net.

COOKIE EXCHANGE AND CRAFT TIME ...

Join us on Saturday, **DECEMBER 14**, at 2 pm. We'll have craft projects for children of all ages. Stay and craft or drop the kids off and slip away for some last minute Christmas shopping. If you have a project to finish up for the craft sale on December 15, bring it and join the fun. Please RSVP so we'll have enough supplies. The Cookie Exchange begins at 3:30 pm. Bring three dozen of *one* kind of cookie and go home with a dozen each of three different kinds of cookies! If desired, print your cookie recipe to share!



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

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. Contact 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, DECEMBER 4. This month's theme is *Marriage Equality*. Bring your thoughts, suggestions, and questions. 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 kmtanona@hotmail.com.

The **SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY** discussion group reconvenes on Thursday, DECEMBER 5, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. *New members are invited*. Please register with Ron Parks at (620) 767-3403 or ronald6349att.net@att.net.

On Saturday, DECEMBER 7, the **FLINTHILLS PAGANS** host a workshop at the Fellowship exploring *Personal Practice*. 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 LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, DECEMBER 11, at 11:30 am, at Rambler's Steakhouse, 8711 E Hwy 24, 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.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, DECEMBER 11, 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.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 13, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. 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.

There will be no **THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** in December, as we take a break for the holidays. We hope everyone will be able to join us when we reconvene on JANUARY 16. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

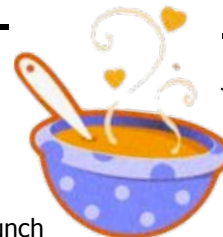


HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

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.



POTLUCK SOUP LUNCHEON



Join us following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 1**, for our annual post Thanksgiving Potluck Soup Potluck Luncheon. A variety of soups and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to share, to go with the soups, such as bread, fruit, salad, or dessert, or anything you'd like to share. Volunteers to help in the kitchen, and with set-up and clean-up are always appreciated and welcome! Learn more from Terri Franz at terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net or 537-2291.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

There will be no service at Meadowlark Hills in December. Please join us for our next meeting on **JANUARY 22**. To receive an email reminder each month, contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers will rehearse on Sunday, **DECEMBER 8**, and **DECEMBER 15**, from 9 to 10:15 am, and on Saturday, **DECEMBER 14**, from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Learn more about vocal music opportunities at the Fellowship from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

UU CAMPUS LUNCH

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 **DECEMBER 12!** All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Molly McGaughey at molly_mcgauhey@hotmail.com or 776-4543.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, DECEMBER 13 and 27, 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@violiner.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

On Sunday, DECEMBER 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for our adopted family living at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** (MESI). Volunteers from the Social Action Committee purchase toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted family.

On November 10, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$489 to The UFM Excell Fund. Thank you all for your generosity! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinators Drew and Amber Vennum at (713) 828-3307 or 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.



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

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, or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.

WELCOMING CONGREGATION CORNER - CHARLES DEDMON, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

How does momentum build in social movements? The Baltic States of the Soviet Union pushing for sovereignty ends up tearing down the Berlin Wall; the push for personal freedom sprouts seemingly spontaneously all over the world in the middle of the nineteenth century, leading to freedom for serfs in Russia and the end of state-sanctioned slavery in the British Empire and the United States; and now the issue of same-sex marriage goes from a trigger to bring out conservative voters in 2008 to a movement increasingly recognized by the courts and legislatures of the American republic.

Illinois has now joined the states allowing same-sex marriage by passing a bill, a bill that required a majority in both houses and the signature of the Governor. Historically, minorities seeking equal rights find the legislative route the most difficult, especially in States with a significant conservative population, so it is remarkable when a movement is strong enough to achieve legislative victory.

Hawaii has also taken the legislative route and passed a bill authorizing same-sex marriage. You can see the shift in this social movement by looking at the history of Hawaii's engagement with same-sex marriage and civil unions. There was a groundbreaking ruling by the Hawaii Supreme Court in favor of same-sex marriage unfortunately followed by a conservative backlash. DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) and like laws ended the apparent victory in Hawaii and the stage switched to Civil Unions. But the movement surged forward and the push for Civil Unions is fast becoming a footnote in the larger struggle, the one for freedom from tolerated bullying and beating, prison abuse, and multiple expressions of religious and cultural contempt.

Who knows how movements build, but when they do it is a fine thing to be on the right side.

Sixteen and counting. What about Kansas?

Tom Manney and Kim Belanger have agreed to handle the photography needed to produce a new, up-to-date Fellowship Directory. If your picture appeared in the 2010 Directory or the 2012 supplement, you have the option of taking a new photo or using one from the earlier Directories. Everyone will have an opportunity to select the picture to be used in the Directory and a chance to purchase copies. We plan to set up appointments in January. Dates will be announced soon. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

FROM OUR CHAIR - TOM PHILLIPS, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE. Scott Tanona recently led a Sunday service on "Appreciation" with the aim to touch on what we appreciate in life and how we can express appreciation to people or things based on the context. In the Children's Conversation Scott asked the group to tell him their definition of appreciation. There were many answers that danced around the one Scott was looking for (which was "thank you"), but the one many people liked was "I love you." To me this starts to get into the closely related topic of "Gratitude." My dictionary defines appreciation as, "gratitude; thankful recognition." Gratitude is defined as "the quality or feeling of being grateful; thankful." They seem pretty similar. However, I think many of us know the difference between the feelings of thanking someone for holding a door open, compared to appreciating a work of art or music, to that uplifting feeling of satisfaction from doing a good job on something that our parents or teachers taught us about in childhood. That last feeling is gratitude.

November is traditionally a month of appreciation and gratitude in the USA; it is when we have Thanksgiving! I've noticed friends on social networks this past month who are listing things, people, experiences they are grateful for. At many Thanksgiving dinners my family has had over the years we would take a break from eating and go around the table to share what we were each thankful for that year. Everyone could name something, whether from the very simple, such as making an A on a particular school exam, to being grateful for doctors, nurses and hospitals for the special care of someone who survived a terrible illness or injury. At just about any time, any of us can name something to be grateful for. This ability for gratitude is easy when one considers that "things could be a lot worse," or that "many are less fortunate than we are ..." Memories of important people, places or events in our lives can bring on strong feelings of gratitude. Just last week I was engrossed in some old photos of me and my family from 20-30 years ago and was filled with strong feelings of gratitude for different family members. I realized that feelings or actions I have now were strongly influenced by those family members, and I am grateful for them.

Connectedness among people can lead to shared gratitude, and such connections can come from reciprocal acts of kindness and service. The simplest and perhaps most important path to reciprocal kindness is the golden rule: treat others the way you want to be treated. The golden rule is pretty simple and not all that difficult to carry out. Throw in a little appreciation with language that includes "please" and "thank you," and now you have the building of good relationships that can result in longer term gratitude. Helping others through service makes you feel good, and if lots of other folks practice service then it is likely you will be helped when you are in need. UUFM is a society that is fueled by mutual service and reciprocal kindness. I have thoroughly enjoyed attending UU, and more recently being involved with UU leadership, because I experience reciprocal kindness at every juncture. I am grateful for UUFM. I hope all of you can find peace, happiness and gratitude this holiday season, and know that the folks at UUFM are there for you if you need them.

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

ACTION WEDNESDAY DINNER

Thanks to all who contributed to another successful Action Wednesday Dinner in November! We had four different committees meet and the Social and Communications Committees got to get together to talk about our website and building use. The Communications Committee had a productive brainstorming session and it will be good to see what comes from it! These are energizing events with purpose and productivity. It has been fun to be a part of, but all of you make it happen.

Our next AWED Dinner gathers on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 4**, at 6 pm. Please contact Sue Turner or myself if you want to have a committee meeting space reserved. The Facilities committee has graciously agreed to host the event. Potluck starts at 6pm and meetings at 7pm. Please join us for socializing, playing games or art work with some of our kids. And as always, we need adults who love to hold babies. If you don't plan to attend a meeting, we hope you'll still join us for socializing following dinner.

In December, one of the meetings will be focused around *Marriage Equality*. As you know, Rev Michael Nelson and Charles Dedmon recently returned from California where they were married. Congratulations!!! What can we do as a fellowship to embrace them and the cause for marriage rights for all? The Fellowship will vote on a proposed statement of principle supporting marriage equality on December 8th, after the service [see page 2 of this newsletter]. But what else can we do? How do we fulfill our vision of being a "liberal beacon of love?"

In Faith, *Kathleen Tanona*

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

UUFM SOUP LUNCH

Following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 1**, the UUFM Social Committee hosts 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.

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

Do you know about the Smart Shopper program, benefiting UUFM each time you shop? \$hop \$mart Grocery Cards - RELOADABLE - Gift Card for Dillon's! Reloadable Dillon's cards are \$5. Pick one up in the narthex after any Sunday service. (Non-reloadable cards are also available for HyVee and Ray's Apple Market in amounts of \$50.) Learn more from Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com.

UUFM FINANCES

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

Time Period	Income	Expenses	Net
Sept 2013	\$ 7,469.48	\$11,257.92	\$ (3,788.44)
Year to Date	\$46,517.69	\$53,037.83	\$ (6,520.14)

Thank you to everyone who is using Smart Shopper grocery cards. This fiscal year we have already netted \$2,154 from this program. We believe that there is room to grow this income. We will now have someone in the Narthex each Sunday to sell cards and provide tips on how to maximize use of this program.

November 30 marks the mid-point in our fiscal year. In early December, a letter will be sent to all pledge households providing you with an update on your pledge status for the fiscal year. In January, you will receive a letter that provides information on all monies donated to UUFM during calendar year 2013. This figure will include Helping Hands and other non-pledge donations such as the recent collection for the Philippine disaster. The letter can be used with your income tax return. If you have questions about either of these let me know.

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

ALL ABOUT US

NEW MEMBERS, A THANKFUL REFLECTION: Look around the Fellowship and then think back five years ago. There are still some of the same wonderful people, though many friends and members have moved away to new adventures. We remember the faces of those who have passed away ... also to new adventures? However, every Sunday, I am amazed by the vibrant new philosophers, realists, change agents, explorers, scientists, and dreamers who have become an integral part of our community. We have new conveners, choir members, RE presenters, musicians, caregivers, guest speakers, gardeners, committee leaders, and beautiful children. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, celebration, and a new year, I am thankful you have walked through our doors and decided to stay.

Fondly, Cathy Hedge

On October 19th, **BERNICE MARTIN** and **ANN JOHNSON**, former UUFM members for 10 years from 1994 to 2004, were married in their home UU church in Norway, Maine. Bernice served as Executive Board Chair of UUFM, and was instrumental in updating our Fellowship Bylaws. She and Ann started the popular series of UUA women's classes, *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*, which many of our UU women attended. They founded the UUFM Drum Circle, which is still going monthly after 15 years, led by Pat Embers. Pat has just talked with them by phone and would be glad to relate what they wished to share. They both send their best wishes to friends and members of the Fellowship. Congratulations, Ann and Bernice!!!



BERNICE MARTIN
AND ANN JOHNSON
WERE JOINED IN
MARRIAGE ON
OCTOBER 19, 2013.

Committed life partners of 39 years, **REV MICHAEL NELSON** and **CHARLES DEDMON**, were united in marriage on November 17, 2013, in Claremont, California. We celebrate Michael and Charles' union, and look forward to congratulating the couple upon their return in early December.

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

- Dec 1: **POTLUCK SOUP LUNCHEON**
UUFM Social Committee
- Dec 8: June and Charley Kempthorne,
Anne Cowan, and Mary Petersen
- Dec 15: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, and
Margene Moss
- Dec 22: Harriette Janke, Ruth Friedmann,
Tom Phillips and Stacey Broughman
- Dec 29: *Potluck coffee and snacks*
bring leftover treats to share

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

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

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, December 2 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, December 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, December 9 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 10 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, December 12 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, December 16 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 17 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, December 19 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, December 28 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, December 30 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, December 31 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at other times by email at

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or 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, or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or 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, **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, or let us know at 537-2349 or 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.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the January 2014 edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **DECEMBER 15**. *Please send submissions as early in December as possible*, so that Susan can take a few days off around the holidays. Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 <u>Thanksgiving in Action</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Soup Luncheon</u> 12:15-1:45 pm	2 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	3 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	4 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 4:00-6:00 pm <u>AWED Dinner</u> 6:00-9:00 pm <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	5 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <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>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-8:30 pm	6 <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	7 <u>Pagan Circle - Workshop</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
8 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:15 am <u>Full Circle</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Mtg on Marriage Equality</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	9 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	10 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 5:00-7:00 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	11 <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	12 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Campus Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <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	13 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	14 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 10:30-12:00 pm <u>Holiday Crafts and Cookie Exchange</u> 2:00-4:00 pm	
15 <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:15 am <u>Craft / Bake Sale</u> 10:00-10:30 am <u>Tidings of Joy</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Craft / Bake Sale</u> 12:15-2:00 pm <u>OWL Info Mtg</u> 12:15-1:30 pm	16 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	17 <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	18 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	19 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-10:30 am <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	20	21	
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