



**JANUARY 2014 PROGRAMS**

**JANUARY 5 "2013 LOSSES IN THE HUMAN FAMILY"**

Several UUFM members will discuss the lives and contributions of a few of the people who died in 2013. There will be an opportunity to remember friends and relatives whose passing may not have made the New York Times obituaries column. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

**JANUARY 12 "SPECTRUM OF SPIRITUALITY - ISLAM"**

We continue our Spectrum of Spirituality series, expanding our understanding of world religions. Join Marisa Larson as she interviews a Muslim friend to explore common misconceptions, shared beliefs, and how we can work together. Contact/convener is Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@gmail.com.

**JANUARY 19 "CREATING ABUNDANCE"**

Guest minister Eric Banner muses, "Many of us will be making New Year resolutions, and more than a few of you will make one that's about money: spending less, saving more. Most of us want our lives to be full and rich in spirit, but it's hard to do when even talking about money sometimes feels taboo. But if you are to live richly you cannot run away from money and the questions it raises. In this month of creation, we'll unpack what it takes to create a life of abundance, no matter your income or debts." Contact/convener is Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or bhobrock@uufm.net.

**JANUARY 26 "FOOD, IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, AND SPIRITUALITY"**

Fellowship member Alex Stinson discusses the shared narratives and relationships we create that revolve around the food we choose to eat and the spiritual implications thereof. Contact is Drew Venum at (713) 828-3306 or drewvennum@gmail.com.

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**COMING UP AT UUFM ...**

Join us on **JANUARY 8** for our monthly **AWED** (Action Wednesday) potluck. Learn more on page 6.

The UUFM Social Committee hosts our annual **WINTER DINNER**, benefiting the UUFM General Operations Fund, on Saturday, **JANUARY 25**. Learn more on page 4.

Photo session appointments will be scheduled on **JANUARY 11** and **12** for the new **UUFM DIRECTORY**. Learn more on page 4.



**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)

I reserve Sunday evenings at 5 pm for time on the elliptical machine and Bill Moyers. On December 22' he interviewed Michelle Alexander, the author of *The New Jim Crow*. This



book examines how our nation's criminal justice system has reinstitutionalized slavery. There are a number of states that promise a minimum of 95% occupancy for their for-profit prisons. Alexander exposes the links between the civil rights

movement and the alarming increase of people being imprisoned; a hugely disproportionate number of them being African American.

While this feature of America may not be surprising, the extent that our government strips people of dignity, legal rights and any access to hope for an opportunity to reform and contribute positively to society, did. The facts stun the mind and the heart. While Alexander is acutely intelligent and articulate, her face shines with the kind of hope you seldom see in people so involved with such devastating oppression. How does she keep cynicism clear from the center of her vision? Regardless of the overwhelming injustice she works to correct, she believes that America still has the capacity to lift up the promise of an inalienable right for all people to pursue happiness. Her passion for bringing goodness to all is rooted in the bleak reality of our criminal justice system. Her belief in human potential to do the right thing lifts her from resentment and hostility into a realm of loving kindness. She is a bold model of love.

When we focus our best energy on finding solutions to grave problems we empower ourselves and others. When we forget to honor the inherent worth and dignity of each person no matter how much we might disagree with them we rob ourselves of hope. Our Unitarian Universalist community grows stronger and more vibrant the more we engage in helping to create a world in which everyone is guaranteed their civil rights. Hard work is not enough. One must cultivate a good heart, which does not yield to the kind of power that kills hope. This requires us to believe in the interconnectedness of all people regardless of race, religion, educational or economic level. We must believe in the potential for good in all people and allow love to keep us focused on what is possible. Let us work with a good heart

for marriage equality, prison reform, the rights of children, women, senior citizens, all people to be safe from abuse of every kind, every person who needs a path back to hope and the dignity that brings.

May this New Year bring peace and love to all ...

*Michael*

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### MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL

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The Executive Board has approved a request from Reverend Michael Nelson for three months of sabbatical leave during this fiscal year, as allowed for in his contract. During the first month of his sabbatical, November 4 thru December 4, Michael and long-time partner Charles Dedmon were married in a ceremony in Claremont, California. Michael will complete his leave, January 1 to February 28. Visiting clergy will include our own Reverend Eric Banner leading a service on January 19, and Reverend Fritz Hudson, long time minister from the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, in February.

Reverend Thea Nietfeld will offer pastoral care during Michael's absence, and may be reached at (785) 323-717 or nietfeldthea@gmail.com. Learn more from Board Chair Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or tphillips@uufm.net.

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### STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN KANSAS

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At the congregational meeting following the Sunday service on December 8, 2013, voting members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan unanimously approved a call to action, in the form of an officially adopted 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.*

Watch commentary from Fellowship members at [allsfairkansas.com/testimonies/](http://allsfairkansas.com/testimonies/)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## RE NEWS

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The RE kids finished up the year by reflecting on the many religions they have learned about and brainstorming a way to share the information with the rest of the congregation. A puppet show, of course! Those who attended the Christmas Eve service were treated to the results of two brainstorming sessions and countless hours of work from writer/directors Kim Belanger and Molly McGaughey. The kids had so much fun we just may have to do it again. Many thanks to Kim and Molly for taking on the project with such finesse.

The new year brings different religions to learn about as well as Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes for K through 1st and 4th through 6th grade students. If you have a K through 1st or 4th through 6th grader who is ready for this class, please plan on attending the **MANDATORY FAMILY ORIENTATION** meeting on Saturday, **JANUARY 18**, from 1 to 4 pm. Classes meet Sundays from 1 to 2 pm, January 19 through March 9. OWL is a wonderful curriculum and promises to be an exceptional learning experience for our kids.

There may also be an alternative opportunity for a week-long OWL session during spring break at White Memorial Camp in Council Grove. I'll let you know as soon as I know more about that. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

*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 January, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

## PARENT NIGHT OUT

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Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **JANUARY 3** 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! A \$5 per child voluntary contribution will help us cover expenses associated with this popular activity.

*Please RSVP no later than Thursday, January 2, so that Sandy Nelson can schedule adults to staff the evening, and gather supplies. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.*



## JANUARY FAMILY FUN ...

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Join us at the Fellowship on Saturday, **JANUARY 25**, for the Fellowship's annual Winter Dinner, with delicious food, great company, and fabulous entertainment for the whole family.

This year, the theme is a Mexican Taco Dinner, featuring meat and vegetarian tacos with Spanish rice, black beans, chips with salsa and guacamole, dessert and sparkling soda. Make reservations for your family with Terri Franz, at 537-2291 or terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net. Cost will be \$7 for adults, \$3 for children age 6 through 12. Children age 5 and under eat free.

## KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

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*Thank you everyone, for making sure all matches are safely secured following use, out of reach of small, curious fingers. Kids, please tell an adult about any matches you find. Let's all stay safe!*

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

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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.

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 barbaradhacker@yahoo.com.

On Saturday, JANUARY 4, the **FLINTHILLS PAGANS** host a workshop at the Fellowship. On Saturday, JANUARY 18, join us for a Full Moon ritual. 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, JANUARY 8, at 11:30 am, at Mr K's Cafe, 3901 Vanesta Drive, in Manhattan. Join us for lively discussion and great company. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, or ahjanke@cox.net.

Join us for our *Action Wednesday (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER* on Wednesday, JANUARY 8. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social 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 UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, JANUARY 10, 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.

The **SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY** discussion group meets on Wednesday, JANUARY 15 and 22, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. We'll discuss *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*, by Thomas Berry. Learn more from Ron Parks at (620) 767-3403 or ronald6349att.net@att.net.

**THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** resumes on Thursday, JANUARY 16, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. *This popular community meal is now a potluck event.* Bring a dish to share, if you are able. Otherwise, bring your smile, family, and friends and join us! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, JANUARY 29, at 7 pm, at the Maata residence. We'll discuss *The Thirteenth Tale*, by Diane Setterfield. Learn more from Meliz Maata at 776-7534 or hearingmatters@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at lmcross@kansas.net.

## **ANNUAL WINTER DINNER**

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The UUFM Social Committee hosts a Mexican Taco Dinner, benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fund, on Saturday, **JANUARY 25**. The menu includes meat and vegetarian tacos with all the trimmings, Spanish rice, black beans, chips with salsa and guacamole, dessert, and a selection of beverages including margaritas, beer, and sparkling soda. Bring the family and join us for fabulous food and great company.

Cost is \$7/adults, \$3/children 6 to 12, and children under 5 eat free. Reserve your place(s) now with Terri Franz at 537-2291 or terrijfranz@sbcglobal.net.



## **NEW UUFM DIRECTORY**

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Tom Manney and Kim Belanger will be taking pictures for the new UUFM Directory on Saturday, **JANUARY 11**, from 12 to 4:30 pm, and Sunday, **JANUARY 12**, from 10 to 10:30 am, and 12 to 1:30 pm. Shirley Hobrock will be scheduling appointments on Sunday, December 29, and January 5. She will have our last updated Directory available so that members and friends who appear in the previous edition can view their last photo. Choose your earlier photo, or have a new one taken. To schedule your appointment, or learn more, contact Shirley at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net.

## **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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This month's Meadowlark Hills service gathers on Wednesday, **JANUARY 22**, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Manhattan Room, in the main building. To receive an email reminder each month, please contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

## **UUFM SINGERS**

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The UUFM Singers will rehearse on Saturday, **JANUARY 18**, at 1:30 pm, and Sunday, **JANUARY 19**, at 9:30 am. Learn more about vocal music opportunities at the Fellowship 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 **JANUARY 9!** All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Molly McGaughey at molly\_mcgaughey@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, JANUARY 10 and 24, 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)

### CASA SPRING TRAINING

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*There's a child waiting for your voice!* Choose to be the difference between abuse and hope. Become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system.

Volunteers complete 3 hours of online assignments and attend 3 hours of in-person training over five weeks starting Monday, February 24. There are only 15 spaces available! To reserve your space, or learn more, contact CASA Resource Advocate Supervisor Bridget Larkin at [bridget@sunflowercasa.org](mailto:bridget@sunflowercasa.org) or 537-6367. Deadline for registration is February 10!



### **FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, CHOCOLATE**

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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 at the Fair Trade display in the narthex, on Sunday mornings.

### **HELPING HANDS SUNDAY**

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On Sunday, JANUARY 12, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **ALL'S FAIR KANSAS**, to support the quest for Marriage Equality in Kansas. Learn more and contribute on-line at [www.allsfairkanas.com](http://www.allsfairkanas.com)

On December 8, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$655 to purchase clothing, household items, toys, and special gifts for two single-parent families currently living at the Manhattan Emergency Shelter. Gifts were selected by elves from the UUFM Women's Coffee group. If you would like to help next year, please contact Meliz Maata at 776-7534 or [hearingmatters@gmail.com](mailto:hearingmatters@gmail.com).

*Thank you all for your generosity!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or [mou812@ksu.edu](mailto:mou812@ksu.edu).

### **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE**

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The Social Action Committee joins other local organizations and churches in the Souper Bowl Food Drive for the Flint Hills Bread Basket. A collection box for your contribu-



tions will be available in the narthex on Sundays, January 19 and 26, and February 2. You can also bring your contributions when you attend the Taco Dinner on Saturday, January 25. Foods currently needed at the Bread Basket include pancake syrup, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal, canned meats, and hamburger and tuna boxed meals. Of course, you can bring canned soup, too. All shelf-stable foods are appreciated and distributed. A little assistance with monthly food needs can make a world of difference, especially as donations fall off following the holiday season. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or [socialaction@uufm.net](mailto:socialaction@uufm.net)

### **WELCOMING CONGREGATION CORNER**

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Watch video commentary from Fellowship members, add your thoughts and comments, and offer financial support to the fight for equality in our state at [www.allsfairkanas.com/](http://www.allsfairkanas.com/)

Contact Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or [tphillips@uufm.net](mailto:tphillips@uufm.net), or any UUFM Board member, with questions and to learn how you can help.

**Happy 2014!** Happy New Year to all UUs in Manhattan, Kansas. This holiday season has been marked by many events and milestones that add to



our joys, maybe some sorrows, give us peace and feelings of good will. The winter solstice was on Dec. 21. It was our longest night of the year with a waning full moon to enhance the effect. Our mid-winter had a substantial snowfall in the area that led to a white Christmas, which many of us find familiar and fun. For UUs I hope we can derive value from the experiences of the past year that may guide our lives and help us be better people in this world we share with so many.

Two major milestones for UUFM in 2013 were the adoption of our new vision statement AND the unanimous congregational approval of our Statement of Principle on marriage equality [see *Welcoming Congregation Corner*, page 5]. Timing is good for marriage equality as UUFM is standing up for justice and civil rights in Kansas at a time when over one third of the states in the US have approved same sex marriage for their residents. We stand for Kansans and people in all states and nations for the right to marry whomever you choose. We believe this right is granted by the principles of our democratic society and embodied in our UU religion. The challenge before us as a congregation is to move forward with action on marriage equality. You can get involved right now by writing a letter to our local newspaper or to any newspaper, blog or website that can help give impact to our statement of principle. Please contact any of our leadership team directly to help in this effort. The American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead is attributed with saying, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has." We at UUFM can be one of those small groups. Marriage equality is starting to "snowball" in the US, and the UUFM is part of that snowball-effect for Kansas.

I wish the very best for you and your loved ones in 2014. Together in UUFM we can do good things. The Board has many agenda items yet to address over the next few months, so I look forward with speaking to UUs about your interests and what you can do to help all of us become "A visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community."

*Tom Phillips*

Contact UUFM Executive Board Chair Tom Phillips with questions, or to offer your suggestions, ideas, and inspirations at 405 880-6483 or [tphillips@uufm.net](mailto:tphillips@uufm.net).

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### **ACTION WEDNESDAY DINNER**

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Welcome 2014! I hope we have a fulfilling year at UUFM, embracing our vision statement to be "a beacon of liberal religious messages, a bold model of love and builders of bridges across faiths". This month's **Action Wednesday Dinner** is on the second Wednesday of the month, **JANUARY 8**. It will be hosted by the Finance Committee. Please come to share a meal, potluck style at 6 pm and follow at 7 pm with a committee meeting OR conversation with some fellow UUs. This includes some of our awesome kids, whose parents are attending meetings.

This is really a great opportunity to see what is happening at UUFM. You can attend a meeting if you are curious about doing the business of our progressive community. Let us all ask ourselves-- *what talents do I have that could be useful to my friends at UUFM?* There are lots of things that need to happen and maybe you aren't up for being on a committee, BUT you could help with some tasks that are vital. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

In Faith, *Kathleen Tanona*

Learn more from Kathleen at 537-6208 or [kmtanona@hotmail.com](mailto:kmtanona@hotmail.com).

## ***ALL ABOUT US***

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**RONALD PARKS** is an active member in our Fellowship. We thought you'd like to know more about him. Ron wrote:

I grew up in Minneapolis, Kansas. I'm a fifth generation Kansan. I was employed at the Kansas State Historical Society in the Historic Sites Division for 23 years. Before that I was a high school English teacher. I retired in 2004. My wife, Judy, and I met while attending KSU and we always wanted to retire in Manhattan. I write and the university library offers many research capabilities. We also enjoy the broader range of cultural and social activities of Manhattan and KSU. I formed a friendship with Michael Nelson about five years ago. We share many common interests in terms of ecology, spirituality, and interest in American Indians. I think UUFM is vibrant and relevant to my social and spiritual interests and concerns. I decided to join because of Michael Nelson. He invited me to participate in UUFM discussion groups, all of which I found were meaningful and enjoyable experiences. UUFM people seem to be, as a whole, good listeners and practice their principles.

*Q. What is something special you would like to tell the Fellowship about yourself?*

I've authored a book, "The Darkest Period: The Kanza Indians and Their Last Homeland, 1846-1873." The University of Oklahoma Press will release it this spring. Needless to say, the final preparations for publishing have occupied a great deal of my time recently.

*Thank you for writing this, Ron. Congratulations on your book and thank you for being part of UUFM!*

### **OTHER NEWS -**

Congratulations to **MIKE** and **LAURA BONELLA** whose business, Manhattan Aquarium Company, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. In addition to this major accomplishment, Mike has recently mastered making sourdough bread.

We are happy to report that **BOB PATTERSON** and **ROGER T JOHNSON** are back home again after being in the hospital.

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

## ***\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM***

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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 341-0135 or [sandralounelson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandralounelson@yahoo.com).

## **UUFM FINANCES**

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

Time Period	Income	Expenses	Net
Sept 2013	\$12,336.81	\$ 8,330.54	\$ 4,006.27
Year to Date	\$58,494.50	\$61,638.37	\$ (3,183.47)

Thank you to everyone who is using Smart Shopper grocery cards. This fiscal year we have already netted more than \$2,000 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.

If you did not have an opportunity to make a pledge earlier in the 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 helping with fundraising activities.

*Contact Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com), to learn more about Fellowship finances, or to discuss pledging options.*



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- January 5: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, and Katie Kingery-Page  
 January 12: Abigail Conrad, Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan  
 January 19: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Meliz Maata  
 January 26: Ana Franklin, Jim Shanteau, and Ken and Pat Embers

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

- Thursday, January 2 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, January 6 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 7 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, January 9 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, January 13 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 14 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, January 16 - 4 to 9 pm
- Thursday, January 23 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, January 25 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, January 27 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, January 28 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, January 30 - 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](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.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with visual or reading difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net). Read *UU World* online at [www.uuworld.org](http://www.uuworld.org)

Join in discussions of interest, receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at [welti@ksu.edu](mailto:welti@ksu.edu) to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at [sandralounelson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandralounelson@yahoo.com) or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

## 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).

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the February edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Wednesday, **JANUARY 15**. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs. 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>29</u> <u>The Creation Conundrum</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Info Mtg</u> 12:15-1:30 pm	<u>30</u> <u>Rev Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm <u>RE Service Project - Cookies!</u> 6:00-7:00 pm	<u>31</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>1</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	<u>2</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>3</u> <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	<u>4</u> <u>Pagan Circle - Workshop</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>5</u> <u>2013 Losses</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	<u>6</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>7</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>8</u> <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>AWED Dinner</u> 6:00-9:00 pm <u>FHHRP members mtg</u> 7:00-8:30 pm	<u>9</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Campus Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>10</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>11</u> <u>Directory Photos</u> 12:00-4:30 pm	
<u>12</u> <u>Directory Photos</u> 10:00-10:30 am <u>Spectrum of Spirituality - Islam</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Helping Hands</u> 11:15-11:15 am <u>Directory Photos</u> 12:00-1:30 pm	<u>13</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>14</u> <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>15</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-8:30 pm	<u>16</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-9:00 pm <u>3rd Thursday Supper</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <u>OWL Orientation</u> 1:00-4:00 pm <u>Singers rehearse</u> 1:30-3:00 pm <u>Pagan Circle - Full Moon</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>19</u> <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Creating Abundance</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Class</u> 1:00-2:00 pm	<u>20</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am	<u>21</u> <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>22</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Meadowlark Hills service</u> 3:00-4:30 pm <u>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-8:30 pm	<u>23</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>24</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	<u>25</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm <u>Winter Dinner</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	
<u>26</u> <u>Food, Identity, Community, and Spirituality</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Class</u> 1:00-2:00 pm	<u>27</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>28</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>29</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Book Discussion group</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>30</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Pagan Circle - Imbolc</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	

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