



FEBRUARY 2014 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 2 "SPECTRUM OF SPIRITUALITY - JUDAISM"

We continue our series expanding our understanding of world religions. Join us as Scott Tanona interviews a member of our community who is Jewish to explore common misconceptions, shared beliefs, and how we can work together. Contact/convener is Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbel@ksu.edu.

FEBRUARY 9 "DOUBTLESS THERE ARE OTHER ROADS: THE POETRY OF STEPHEN CRANE"

Reverend Ron Knapp writes, "I have long been intrigued by the wit and wisdom found in the poems of Stephen Crane. This is my opportunity to deal with them in a sermon." Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

FEBRUARY 16 LOVE AND OBSTACLES

Reverend Fritz Hudson of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, joins us. He reflects, "Every age, every culture, has felt threatened by the power of love. What obstacles should a healthy community place in love's path? What channels should we create for its course? What walls should we breach?" Contact/convener is Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 23 "EMBRACING OUR WHOLE STORY"

We are indeed the sum of many parts; not all of them are so attractive to us. Yet, as itinerant troubadour Andrew McKnight often jests self-deprecatingly in concert, "if we don't have a laugh at ourselves every now and then we're missing a mighty big source of humor!" During this program Andrew weaves humorous and poignant moments together in a beautiful tapestry, helping to appreciate our perceived faults as gifts as well as our talents. Contact/convener is Dave Lambert at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com.

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at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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COMING UP AT UUFM ...

Join us on **FEBRUARY 5** for our monthly **AWED** (Action Wednesday) potluck. Learn more on page 6.

Andrew McKnight, who presents the program on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 23**, will offer music at a potluck gathering later that evening. Learn more on page 4.

Parents of 4th thru 6th grade students who will join in upcoming **OWL CLASSES** must attend an Orientation session, after the Sunday service on **FEBRUARY 2**. Learn more on page 3.



UUFM is a **WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

**AN OPEN LETTER TO ACLU ATTORNEYS
IN CHARGE OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

Dear _____ ,

We spoke with you in the fall when we were seriously considering the possibility of filing a case in federal court asking Kansas to recognize same sex marriages. You were adamant in your assertion that any such attempt was not to be encouraged. In fact you went so far as to say that an attempt would harm the national cause. You inferred that patience would be best for same sex couples in Kansas, that the efforts of ACLU would eventually have a positive impact on our need for marriage equality. You believed that the Federal judges in Kansas would not rule in favor of marriage equality.

Charles, my partner and spouse who had practiced in Federal court for two decades, believed that your assessment about the federal judges in Kansas was wrong. When we asked you what you had based your assumption on, your response did not seem to be based in knowledge you were willing to share, but was rather, it seemed to us, in the realm of conjecture. Both Lambda Legal and the ACLU expressed a desire to keep us from moving forward in demanding that our marriage be recognized by Kansas.

Now we have positive Oklahoma and Utah marriage equality cases in the tenth circuit. This does not square with the strategy of keeping these cases in more moderate jurisdictions. Do the assumptions about Kansas retain validity? We were deeply disappointed by the earlier ACLU response to our arguments. It seemed your goal was to make sure we kept quiet and behaved. Charles and I have supported the good work of the ACLU for years. Our recent experience gives us pause. We wish it were otherwise.

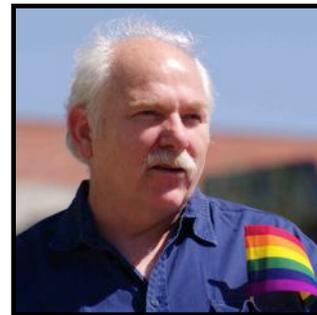
Are you willing to rethink your national strategy on marriage equality? We would very much like your help in a case we have filed with Kansas [*Shawnee County District Court, Case No. 13-C1465*] to recognize the legitimacy of the marriages of same sex couples in Kansas in regards how to file state taxes.

We understand that marriage equality presents a complex set of legal issues. We also know that LGBTQ people of Kansas are no less worthy of help from the ACLU than

similar folk in Virginia.

The educational efforts you spoke of, as being the means the ACLU would help educate Kansans on marriage equality seems to have had little impact. Perhaps there are better ways to use your resources in our beloved state.

Sincerely, Rev. Michael Nelson



MINISTERIAL SABBATICAL

While Michael Nelson is out of the Fellowship office on sabbatical, January 1 thru February 28, Reverend Thea Nietfeld will offer pastoral care to Fellowship members and friends. She may be reached at (785) 323-717 or nietfeldthea@gmail.com.

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN KANSAS

At a congregational meeting held 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 allfairkansas.com/testimonies/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE NEWS

In February our students continue their world religions curriculum. All classes have discovered the many overlaps with the UU principles and it's exciting to student and teacher alike. The 7th through 9th grade class hopes to take a few field trips in the next two months in order to experience other religions first hand. Can you accompany them? Please let me know.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes have begun for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and 4th through 6th grade students and continue each Sunday through mid-March. Classes meet on Sunday afternoons, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The final class session is scheduled for Sunday, March 9. We appreciate quick clearance of the Sanctuary after the service so that classes can start on time.

There will also be an alternative opportunity during Spring Break, March 16 to 22, at White Memorial Camp in Council Grove, co-hosted by the UU Fellowship of Salina and the United Church of Christ. OWL sessions for 4th through 6th and 7th through 9th grade students will be offered. If you have questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

TEACHER TRAINING: We're always in need of OWL teachers and a training opportunity is around the corner. Training for K-1st / 4th-6th and 7th-9th / 10th-12th is coming to Topeka, March 20 to 22. If you're interested in becoming a trained OWL leader, please contact me for more information.

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



PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month.

On **FEBRUARY 7** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm.

It's February so the theme is Valentines! We'll make cards, decorate cookies, play games, and watch a "romantic" movie. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution will help us cover expenses associated with this popular activity.

Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 6, so that Sandy Nelson can schedule adults to staff the evening, and gather supplies. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.



SOME SPECIAL MOMENTS, CRAFTING TOGETHER AT OUR DECEMBER FAMILY FUN EVENT.



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

On Saturday, FEBRUARY 1, the **FLINTHILLS PAGANS** gather for *Imbolc*. On Saturday, FEBRUARY 15, join us for a *Valentine's Party*. Family-friendly Pagan events begin at 6 pm with a shared potluck meal. Learn more about all Pagan events from Heather Mingo at 341-6931 or 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. Contact Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbaradhacker@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, FEBRUARY 5. 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 **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, FEBRUARY 12, at 11:30 am, at the Prairie Star Restaurant, at Meadowlark Hills, in Manhattan. Join us for lively discussion and great company. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, or ahjanke@cox.net.

The **SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY** discussion group meets at 7 pm, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 12 and 26, 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.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, FEBRUARY 14, 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 UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 26, at 7 pm, at the Hacker residence. We'll discuss *Mudbound*, by Hillary Jordan. Contact Barbara Hacker with location questions at barbaradhacker@yahoo.com or 587-8002, or Lorrie Cross with questions about the book at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

After careful consideration, **THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER** has been discontinued for the time being. We hope everyone will be able to attend the monthly AWED potluck dinner on the first Wednesday of each month. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

OPEN DISCUSSION W/REV RON KNAPP

On Sunday, February 9, our guest speaker will be Rev Ron Knapp. On Saturday, **FEBRUARY 8**, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room, Ron will discuss *Transforming Non-creedalism into Anythingism: The State of the UUA*. Join us for this open discussion on the future of the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.



HOUSE CONCERT !!!

Andrew McKnight, sometimes-collaborator of founding Nitty Gritty Band member Les Thompson, will sing it up at the Tanona home Sunday evening, **FEBRUARY 23**. Come for a night of fun and music, as the nationally-acclaimed singer/songwriter and guitarist "celebrates rural America, weaving masterfully crafted songs, humorous stories and poetic drama into a musical soundscape sketched with tasteful slide and jazzy blues, feisty anthems, and rustic folk." Potluck begins at 5 pm, and concert begins at 6 pm. Suggested donation (all proceeds to the artist) \$15-\$20. No one turned away for lack of food or money. RSVP Scott Tanona at stanona@uufm.net. For more info about McKnight, see www.andrewmcknight.net.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills service gathers on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 26**, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Manhattan Room. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers will rehearse on Sunday, **FEBRUARY 2, 9, and 16**, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about musical 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 **FEBRUARY 13!** All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Molly McGaughey at molly_mcgaughey@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, FEBRUARY 7 and 21, 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

CASA SPRING TRAINING

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 or 537-6367. Deadline for registration is FEBRUARY 10!



FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, CHOCOLATE

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

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

On Sunday, FEBRUARY 9, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND**. For many years this staff of volunteers have helped locate and partially fund abortions for women--young, old, married, single--who have no other source of assistance. Learn more at www.secondchancefund.net/about/

On January 12, Fellowship members and friends made generous contributions to allsfairkansas.com, providing much needed support to carry the fight for marriage equality forward in the Kansas courts.

Thank you all for your generosity! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

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 contributions will be available in the narthex through Sunday, February 2. 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



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.allsfairkansas.com/

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



**Topeka Assembly of the MidAmerica Region
of the Unitarian Universalist Association**

April 11-13, 2014

Ramada Hotel and Convention Center

(with some activities at
Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site)
Topeka, Kansas

UUFManhattan will be involved in Worship,
Music, Program Support, and Participation

Contact Michael Nelson at minister@uufm.net,
Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or tphillips@uufm.net,
or Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu
to get involved.

For more information on the MidAmerica Region of UUA,
and the upcoming Topeka Assembly, please visit:

www.midamericauua.org

or www.midamericauua.org/events/regional-assembly

ACTION WEDNESDAY DINNER

Welcome to February! I think this is the coldest winter we have had since moving to Kansas in 2005! I know Spring is coming eventually ...

The February **Action Wednesday Dinner** (AWeD) is being hosted by the Social Committee, on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 5**. A potluck dinner begins at 6 pm and meetings follow at 7 pm. If you are not coming for a meeting, please come to socialize, my kids are always in attendance and looking for some others to play "Bananagrams." I hope this tradition continues in our Fellowship, I know I have walked away from each meeting with a sense of accomplishment--dinner with some great conversation *and* work for the Fellowship getting done! I can feel the buzz, buzz, buzz in the air of things happening all around. Come check it out and see for yourself.

And as always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns...

In Faith, *Kathleen Tanona*

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

BOLDLY MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR VISION: STEWARDSHIP AT UUFM

Stewardship Committee chair Scott Tanona offers these reflections:

Stewards will be visiting members and regular friends of UUFM in February and March. These visits offer a chance to connect with each other, to share our individual values, to chat about directions for moving forward with our common vision, and to openly discuss how we can use our resources--time, treasure, and talent all--in ways that reflect both our personal and our shared commitments. There is no hard sell in UUFM stewardship. Stewardship visits are not about convincing anyone to commit to something they do not want or cannot commit to, but are rather opportunities for us to figure out how to move forward with a "bold model of love" and become the "builders of bridges" and "visible beacon" we aim to be, and to do so in a way that reflects each of our own abilities and commitments. I hope for each of us that our involvement in UUFM helps us to live our lives more fully, consistent with the values we endorse both individually and as a community. I hope that all of you will help that happen for each other.

In Community, **Scott**

Talk to Scott on Sunday mornings, or contact him at 537-6208 or stanona@uufm.net to learn more.

Some members generously donated \$10,000 to establish a separate endowment at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation for UUFM. UUFM has access to the earnings, which are to be targeted for UUFM leadership development. We also received a generous \$3,000 gift in December earmarked for aesthetic purposes.

Our new dishwasher was generously purchased for us by a member.

We received the last of the Kirmser bequest in the beginning of 2013. The Kirmser gift puts UUFM's total endowment at over \$170,000.

Thank you to all who have given in both large and little ways of your time, treasure, and talent!

\$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 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com.

UUFM FINANCES

Fellowship Treasurer Betty Banner (bettybanner@gmail.com or 776-1887) offers this report on Fellowship finances:

Time Period	Income	Expenses	Net
Dec 2013	\$19,553.67	\$10,455.36	\$ 9,098.31
Year to Date	\$75,048.17	\$72,093.73	\$ 2,954.44

December was a very good month for UUFM from a financial standpoint. The Bake & Craft sale raised \$1,896.35, which is a record amount. Our thanks to all who made items for sale, baked and shopped! We have also had two great months from our Dillons shoppers. In November our rebate was \$440 and in December it was \$429. This is an excellent and easy source of income. Thanks to all who use these cards [see \$hop \$mart Grocery Program above]. If you don't have one or would like to learn more about using them just ask. Also, pledges are being met and we greatly appreciate that.

Letters have been sent to everyone who made a financial contribution to UUFM in 2013. They are for documentation for your income tax filing. If you have not received a letter and you made an identified contribution, by check or in an envelope with your name on it, let me know.

Please welcome new Fellowship member, **VICTORIA MARTIN**. Victoria was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, and grew up in Chanute. She graduated from Chanute High and went on to the University of Kansas, receiving her degree in art history from KU and her Masters in library science from Emporia State. She met her husband at KU, settled in Abilene, and raised three children. Victoria's daughter, **JESSICA LONG** and grandchildren Katie and Colton are also members of the Fellowship. After her husband passed away, Victoria came to Manhattan in 2004 and became the librarian at Fort Riley. She then became the children's librarian at Manhattan Public Library, retiring in November 2013.

Victoria enjoys Manhattan. She found UUFM by scanning through the Sunday paper's church section, and saw we were having a lecture on Thoreau. "That made me curious. This has got to be a neat place." She stayed with us because "The people are just lovely. Everyone is creative and compassionate. Nice to see a community of people who think differently and that we don't have to think the same to be a community." Victoria would like us to know, "I appreciate so much how both my daughter and myself are welcomed in the Fellowship. The compassion, caring, and strength have made a difference for both of us."

Thank you, Victoria. We are so glad you are with us!

OTHER NEWS -

Call him "GRANDPA" now! **TOM PHILLIPS**, current UUFM Chair, became a grandfather in January. He has now seen and held grandson, Carter. Congratulations to **STACY BROUGHMAN**, who shares the joys of grandparenthood with Tom.

INDIGO BELANGER performed in the Land of Oz production at the Manhattan Arts Center in January. "She was proud to be Mayor Munchkin," reports mom, **KIM BELANGER**.

SANDY NELSON's daughter, **ALLISON COLBURN**, recently traveled to Washington, DC, for an internship. After a week in the big city, she announced that she had secured a "real job." This, of course, is music to all parents' ears. Congratulations to Sandy, Dave, and Allison.

If you can spare a few minutes, **LES FRAZIER** is living in Honstead House, and **PHOEBE SAMELSON** is in Lyle House, both at Meadowlark Hills. **JIM QUINLAN** is at Via Christi. All enjoy visitors.

Please send your milestones, 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

- Feb 2: Cybil Perkins and Dave Lambert, and Sarah Hoyt
- Feb 9: Kristan Corwin, Marisa Larson, and Gene Sievers
- Feb 16: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, Judy and Dick Cattell, Monta Manney
- Feb 23: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, Carolyn Ferguson and Mark Mayfield

THANK YOU 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 February, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

- Monday, February 3 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 4 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, February 6 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, February 10 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 11 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, February 13 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, February 17 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 18 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, February 20 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, February 22 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Thursday, February 27 - 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 office@uufm.net

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.

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. Read *UU World* online at 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 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 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, **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.

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the March edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Saturday, **FEBRUARY 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

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<u>26</u> <u>Food, Identity, Community, and Spirituality</u> 10:45-12:00 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>Council of Committees Mtg</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>29</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 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	31	<u>1</u> <u>Pagan Circle - Imbolc</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>2</u> <u>UUFM Singers rehearse</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Spectrum of Spirituality - Judaism</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Classes</u> 12:30-1:45 pm	<u>3</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>4</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>5</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>AWED Dinner</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	<u>6</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>7</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am <u>Parent's Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	<u>8</u> <u>State of the UUA</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	
<u>9</u> <u>UUFM Singers rehearse</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Poetry of Stephen Crane</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Classes</u> 12:30-1:45 pm	<u>10</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>11</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>12</u> <u>Women's Lunch</u> 11:30-1:00 pm <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>13</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>14</u> <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	<u>15</u> <u>Pagan Circle - Valentine's Party</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	
<u>16</u> <u>UUFM Singers rehearse</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Love and Obstacles</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Classes</u> 12:30-1:45 pm	<u>17</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	<u>18</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>19</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	<u>20</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>21</u> <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:30-9:00 am	<u>22</u> <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
<u>23</u> <u>Embracing Our Whole Story</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Classes</u> 12:30-1:45 pm <u>Concert - Andrew McKnight</u> 5:00-10:00 pm	<u>24</u> <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am	<u>25</u> <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	<u>26</u> <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Meadowlark Hills service</u> 3:00-4:30 pm <u>Book Discussion group</u> 7:00-9:00 pm <u>Spiritual Ecology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	<u>27</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	28	<u>1</u> <u>Pagan Circle - New Moon</u> 6:00-10:00 pm	

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