



FEBRUARY 2015 PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 1 "ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A PERSONAL SPIRITUAL PORTRAIT"

On this first day of Black History Month, Fellowship member Dick Beeman traces the spiritual journey and illuminates the personal character of the man who presided over the eradication of slavery. Contact/convener is Dave Lambert at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 8 "PRACTICING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN"

Our guest speaker is the Rev Dr Holly Horn. Rev Horn explores questions of theological anthropology--what it means to be human, especially in relation to the divine--as expressed in Unitarian Universalist traditions. We'll look at our practices in light of climate change and specifically in relation to food. Rev Horn is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and the Graduate Theological Union. She has served Unitarian Universalist congregations in California, Pennsylvania, and New York. She lives in Overland Park, where she is researching and writing a theology of food. Contact/convener is Alex Stinson at (703) 863-0516 or sadads@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 15 "YOU COULD BE WRONG"

Each of us has probably considered how to offer forgiveness when we have been wronged. We'll look at another side of that question: what does it mean to know we might be wrong? How can we act decisively, say no to oppression and injustice wherever we find it, and stand on the side of love ... in the knowledge that we will make mistakes, and that our best intentions will sometimes lead us astray? Meadville Lombard seminarian Jordinn Nelson Long leads this exploration of the role of humility and repentance in the context of our UU values. Contact/convener is Diane Barker at 539-9163 or dogsbodyd@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 22 "FAITH AND SOCIAL ACTION"

From time immemorial to the present, mankind has been admonished to engage in social action as a central tenant of faith in action. UUFM Social Action Committee members Anne Cowan and Betty Banner discuss how Unitarian Universalists have put faith into action. Contact Betty at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

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at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

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AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP -

\$HOP \$MART when you go grocery shopping. Register your Dillon's Plus Shoppers card and every purchase benefits UUFM. Learn how on page 2 of this newsletter.

*The UUFM Board has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, February 22, to consider a Proposal to End Racial Disparities in Riley County. Full details on page 6.*



UUFM is a **WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

Michael Nelson suggested I write a piece about how the Fellowship and its progressive faith and voice make a difference "way up north in Marysville." He may have been thinking of a UU effect on the larger community, but my thoughts on this matter focus more on the individual and personal.

I live in Marysville, 60 miles north of Manhattan. I moved here 20 years ago from the Washington, DC, area. I was ready for a change and my elderly mother needed a family member nearby. I have stayed because I feel a strong connection here in my home county with the land, the history, the many reminders of my forebears.

Back in the Washington suburbs, I had been an active UU, and took it for granted that I would continue. I joined the Manhattan Fellowship because it was the closest UU church to Marysville. I underestimated how important this connection would become.

It took a while to realize how deep religious conservatism runs in this corner of northeastern Kansas. My fellow citizens know that I go to church in Manhattan but rarely ask for details. Occasionally I attend services (when there's special music) and funerals in Marysville churches, but I keep quiet about my own spiritual views. I don't have the right personality for proselytizing (and that's not a UU thing anyway). And there is little interest or curiosity on the other side. When it comes to my spiritual beliefs, "Don't ask, don't tell," pretty much sums up the situation. In 20 years, I have been asked only twice what Unitarians believe. In both instances the responses to my brief "elevator speech" narrowed in immediately on the afterlife. "But you do believe in heaven, don't you?" "Well, it makes me sad to think that I won't see you in heaven."

UUFM's recent discussions about growing its membership and playing a more important role in the Manhattan community are exciting and I support these goals. But on a more personal level, the very existence of UUFM--just as it is now, even 60 miles away, even when I don't attend often--sustains me and helps me feel less spiritually isolated. The listserv, the website, the archives of services available for download, the occasional calls and visits from Michael and others--all are sustaining. They connect me with a community of people with wider views of the world--more open, more questioning, and more tolerant.

Elizabeth Skinner is a longtime member of UUFM, combining her special talents and contributions with those of other members and friends, to create a liberal, vibrant, supportive spiritual community for all in northeast Kansas.



*BETH SKINNER LIGHTS THE CHALICE
DURING THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2008.*

MIDAMERICA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

It's time to register for the MidAmerica Regional Assembly, a weekend long gathering of UUs. You'll hear from great speakers, participate in thought-provoking workshops, and meet and mingle with UUs from all over the Region. Regional Assembly is April 17 thru 19 in Naperville, Illinois--outside of Chicago. Youth are welcome. Childcare is offered. Limited partial scholarships are available. Hotel rooms are available at a group rate, too! *Deadline to register at the early bird discount is March 15.* Learn about all the exciting events and register at www.midamericauua.org/RA.

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

TIME TO REGISTER YOUR SHOPPER CARD! Great news! Rather than continually reloading a Dillons gift card to raise money for the Fellowship, you can now link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to the UUFM account and we will earn money every time you use your shopper card at Dillons. Tell friends or family who might also want to register their cards. Here's what you need to do ... if you need help, ask Sandy Nelson.

1. Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in OR create a new account.
3. Click "enroll now."
4. Enter "**UUF**" or the 5-digit account number for the Fellowship, which is **84269**, and search.
5. Select the fully named entry (currently **UUF OF MANHATTAN**) and click "enroll."

Learn more from Sandy Nelson on Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net to get your Shopper Card registered!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE NEWS

Love is in the air! The Religious Education program is full of love this February. Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes have begun for 5th and 6th graders, continue through the month, and end on February 22. We're excited to be able to take advantage of the long Valentine's Day weekend to run several sessions so our kids don't have to disrupt their busy schedules too much.

On Souper Bowl Sunday (February 1) we'll be feeling the love for the Flint Hills Breadbasket as we collect and count all the donations for the food pantry. Be sure to bring your contribution.

Parent Night Out (February 6) will be chock full of Valentine crafting so we can gift our creations to the Caring Committee to share with folks at Meadowlark and elsewhere. We may have to have a mushy movie in honor of the heart holiday. Any suggestions?

Throughout the month, students continue with classes about all facets of Unitarian Universalism (though I'm secretly hoping for at least one snow storm so we can go sledding instead).

Valentine's Day may feel overly commercial these days, but who doesn't need a little loving in their lives? I love each and every parent for sharing their children with our Fellowship. Seeing those young faces makes my heart overflow with warmth. Those tiny melting smiles are filling buckets all over the Fellowship. Let's show the love! Be a bucket filler this month. Remember ... we are the church of the open mind, the helping hands, and the warm heart.

Happy Valentine's Day! *Sandy*

DRE'S SCHEDULE

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

Sandy notes, "I'll be filling buckets in California over the Valentine Day weekend while I visit my parents so I won't be in church on Sunday, February 15, and I won't have office hours on Tuesday, February 17. But thanks to cell phones and email, I won't really be that far away."

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

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) CLASSES

Sunday, February 1 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Sunday, February 8 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Friday, February 13 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 14 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 15 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Sunday, February 22 - 9:15 to 10:15 am



GRADUATES OF
THE OWL
CLASS OF 2014.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The UUFM Social Action Committee would like to support a young person traveling to an experience in other cultures, leadership training, actively advocating for social justice, or participating in a humanitarian project. Learn more from Social Action chair Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or socialaction@uufm.net.

PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **FEBRUARY 6**, drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. *A reminder: parents must come inside to drop off and pick up child(ren).* We'll create Valentine's crafts to share, and watch a movie. Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help cover expenses. Please RSVP to let us know your child(ren) will be attending by Thursday, February 5. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

THE SEVEN UU PRINCIPLES (TO THE TUNE OF DOE A DEER)

ONE, EACH PERSON IS WORTHWHILE.
TWO, BE KIND IN ALL YOU DO.
THREE, WE HELP EACH OTHER LEARN.
FOUR, AND SEARCH FOR WHAT IS TRUE.
FIVE, ALL PEOPLE HAVE A SAY.
SIX, WORK FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD.
SEVEN, THE WEB OF LIFE'S THE WAY.
AND THAT BRINGS US BACK TO ME AND YOU
AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU ...

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 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 monthly **ACTION WEDNESDAY (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 4. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. Childcare is provided, and there are activities planned for all ages. Learn more from Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or chairelect@uufm.net.

On Friday, FEBRUARY 6, drop the kids off for **PARENT NIGHT OUT**. We begin at 6:30 and end promptly at 9:30 pm. Please RSVP to let us know your child(ren) will be attending by Thursday, February 5. *Learn more on page 3 of this newsletter*, or contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of the month. This month, we meet on FEBRUARY 6, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville for fun and fellowship. Learn more from Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, FEBRUARY 11, at 11:30 am, at Howdy's, 418 Poyntz Avenue in Manhattan. Join us for lively discussion and great company. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, FEBRUARY 13, at the Fellowship. UUFM members, friends, and the wider community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 25, at 7 pm, at the Marchin residence. We'll be discussing *The Lives of Girls and Women*, by Alice Munro. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net, or Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com.

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Sunday, February	8 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Friday, February	13 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
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Sunday, February	15 - 9:15 to 10:15 am
Sunday, February	22 - 9:15 to 10:15 am



Our Whole Lives is a respected UU sexual education program. The core values of the OWL program are self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice and inclusivity. Classes will be held throughout the month, concluding on February 22 for 5th and 6th graders. Learn more from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

MEADOWLARK SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 25**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Jim Shanteau explores *Humor in Religion*. He reflects, "From Mark Twain to Bill Maher, American satirists have exposed the humorous side of religion. Recent events in France, however, have shown that many 'true believers' cannot accept that humor has any part in religion. For this discussion, you are asked to bring one or two examples of the role that humor has played in your own religious experience." Contact Jim at 537-0526 or shanteaujames@gmail.com.

UUFM SINGERS

Watch for announcements in weekly emails and Sunday bulletins concerning scheduled rehearsals in February. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

UU CAMPUS LUNCH

UUFM members, friends and guests meet on the second Thursday of each month, at 12 noon, in the K-State Student Union's Bluemont Buffet. Join us on **FEBRUARY 12**, for a shared meal and invigorating conversation. Invite your friends! Learn more from Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, FEBRUARY 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the *Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund*, providing reproductive health services to women who are otherwise unable to afford care. Learn more at www.secondchancefund.org or ask Betty Banner.

On January 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed generously to The Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. *Thank you all for your support of good works in our community!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at (785) 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available for purchase. To learn more, or to purchase fair trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or socialaction@uufm.net.



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, 218-4014 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, FEBRUARY 6 and 20, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Occasional volunteers are needed.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. All are invited, and freewill donations help us continue this service. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 537-0333 or snowbird@violinifer.com

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Donate your aluminum cans to benefit the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc, at Howie's Recycling, 625 South 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum



will be placed in a designated account for MESI.

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 2. Learn more, or reserve your place, by contacting CASA Resource Advocate Supervisor Bridget Larkin at blarkin@rileycountyks.gov or 537-6367 or visit www.sunflowercasa.org. Deadline for registration is January 26!

POLICY PROPOSAL FOR ENDING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN RILEY COUNTY MARIJUANA ARRESTS

On Sunday, February 22, following the morning service, voting members of the UU Fellowship of Manhattan are asked to gather for a congregational meeting to consider endorsement of the following proposal:

Submitted to RCPD Community Advisory Board, January 6, 2014:

In June 2013, the American Civil Liberties Union published a 185-page report, "The War on Marijuana, in Black and White." The report presents original research exposing a pattern of racial bias in marijuana possession arrests nationwide, in each state, and in selected counties in each state, including Riley County, KS. According to the report, in the USA as a whole, black persons are 3.7 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession than white persons and in Kansas 4.4 times more likely. Most importantly, the report documents that the actual use of marijuana is roughly the same for white and black Americans.

We agree with the ACLU's conclusion that racial bias, whether conscious or unconscious, is the only credible explanation "behind the consistent and widespread racial disparities in marijuana possession arrest rates in the vast majority of counties in this country." We agree also that this bias must be challenged as a violation of the fundamental principle of equality under law ...

*See full text of the proposal on **PAGE 6** of this newsletter.*

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To address this injustice, we urge the Riley County Police Department to adopt the following policy:

1. In a manner consistent with RCPD protocol, inform all RCPD officers of the findings of the ACLU report, "The War on Marijuana in Black and White," and explain that the report offers credible evidence that RCPD officers engage in racial profiling (perhaps unconsciously) in their decisions on who to stop, who to search, or who to arrest.
2. Inform RCPD officers that the Department is committed to the elimination of racial disparities in marijuana possession arrests. The Department's goal will be to reduce the arrest rate of African Americans until they are no higher than the arrest rates of white Americans.
3. Develop a plan for reaching this goal, to include (a) training officers to recognize and resist any tendency to profile racial minorities in decisions on stops, searches, and arrests, and (b) reviewing past, current, and future RCPD arrest statistics to test for progress towards the equal enforcement of state law prohibiting marijuana use.
4. Establish as formal policy that arrests for marijuana possession are a low departmental priority and will not be used as a measure of an officer's merit or effectiveness as a keeper of the peace, that the RCPD will not conduct aggressive stop and search operations aimed at marijuana possession arrests, and will not accept funds, either directly or indirectly, from federal and state programs intended for such use.

Respectfully: *Justice Davis*, President, Kansas State University Black Student Union; *Rev Caela Simons Wood* and *the people* of First Congregational United Church of Christ; *Rev Michael Nelson*, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, *UUFM Social Action Committee*; *Pastors Richard Gehring* and *Barbara Krehbiel Gehring*, Manhattan Mennonite Church; *John Exdell*, President, Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice; *Rev Paul Allen*, First Christian Church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 22

Following the Sunday morning service on February 22, members are encouraged to attend a meeting to consider congregational endorsement of the proposal seen at left, previously presented and discussed at the Sunday service on January 18. Learn more from Social Action Committee members Anne Cowan at socialaction@uufm.net or 537-2025, or John Exdell at jbex@ksu.edu.

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

Thanks so much for your support in passing the motion to hire a full time developmental minister. I know it is a big change and investment in our future but I think we are ready to take that leap of faith, so to speak! I am looking forward to the opportunities that are out there for this community and moving to a full time ministry model will help us explore those opportunities in line with our vision statement. The application process is in motion and I hope to have something off soon after this newsletter hits your inbox. I appreciate all the efforts involved in this and look forward to what our future holds. We have a loving and generous community to help lift us up--thank you all for your time, talents and treasure.

I am also looking forward to planning a wonderful send off for our minister, Michael Nelson. His presence over the last 10 years has allowed us to grow into a place ready to accept a new model of leadership. Michael has been one of the most supportive people in this process and I know he is really excited to see us blossom and grow. Michael will be away for 6 weeks but our Programming Committee has a great lineup of services during his absence.

In Faith, Kathleen

Talk to UUFM Board Chair Kathleen Tanona before or after Sunday services, or contact Kathleen at 537-6208 or chair@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns, or chat with any Board member. We need to hear from you!

COOKIN' WITH UUFM

*We need your help to create a UUFM Cookbook--**Cookin' with UUFM**--filled with Fellowship recipes ranging from old favorites, like traditional UU Easter Eggs and fruit cup, to modern classics. All kinds of recipes are needed, including simple, Vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, comfort foods, kids in the kitchen--anything you enjoy making, and others enjoy eating. We have a great start, receiving many enticing recipes from members and friends, and there are plans to combine the cookbook with the Fellowship history, *The First Forty Years*, compiled by Brock Dale and edited by Charley Kempthorne in 1997. *Volunteers interested in Fellowship history are invited to get involved.**

When completed, the book will be available for purchase, with funds benefiting the UUFM General Operations fund. To share your recipe(s), or learn how you can help, please contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

ALL ABOUT US

Please welcome our new member, **CHRIS BAILEY**. Chris was born at KU Medical Center and raised in Manhattan. He graduated from Kapaun Mt Carmel Catholic High School in Wichita when he and his mother, Gabrielle Thompson lived there. He went on to get his BA in political science at KU, worked in Washington, DC, for two years, returning to graduate from KU Law School in 1993. He is currently in private practice with Gabrielle in Manhattan. Chris says, "I joined the Fellowship before I realized I had. It snuck up on me!" He started out filling in for his dad, Larry Weaver, as a bass in our choir and when needed in the baritone section. Soon, he found himself making coffee at choir practice and fantasizing of cleaning up the entryway. He realized being here was good for him, and he was just in denial about being a member, and so decided to "Make an honest congregant of myself." Chris felt the membership ceremony was very moving and welcoming. He'd like the congregation to know "How happy I am to be a member and how much it means to be accepted." *We are so glad you joined us, Chris!*

Longtime Fellowship member and former UUFM Chair **BOB PATTERSON** passed away on January 18. Quoting Kathleen Oldfather, "His extremely sharp mind and wit will be truly missed by all who knew him." A memorial service is scheduled at the Fellowship, following the morning service, on Sunday, February 1. Learn more from Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or caring@uufm.net.

Please send your milestones, significant events, or news to Caring chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or caring@uufm.net. We can't share it if we don't know!

GETTING CONNECTED AT UUFM

COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS--EXTENDED! Want to continue the conversation about a Sunday service? Have more to discuss? Join the new UUFM Coffee and Conversations FaceBook group for UUFM members (and active friends) for just this purpose. *The group is invitation only*, so your posts will be visible only to invited members. Ask Aimee Fowler for an invitation at aimee.mae@gmail.com.

Fellowship members may receive a hard copy of **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, connecting us to projects, initiatives, and events in the wider UU world. The magazine is also *available in a digital edition*, accessible to everyone, that can be viewed on your tablet or in any browser. Visit www.uuworld.org to download the *UU World app*, or contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, to receive a members' hard copy in the mail.

The Fellowship maintains an **EMAIL LIST**, for last minute program announcements, volunteer opportunities, details of community actions and events, and other information, which may be posted by any member. The list averages about two messages a day. You can set your account to receive each message individually; or grouped into one daily digest; or choose to receive nothing in your email box, and sign in to website to check postings. Contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, to receive your invitation.

Are you on the UUFM Mailing List? If you're new to the Fellowship, sign our visitors' book (ask anyone), and circle "Y" (Yes) in the "Add to Mail List?" column. At the beginning of each month, you'll receive our newsletter, *The UUFM Voice*. We also send out one email message each week with upcoming activities, events, and announcements. Keep up with everything that's happening at UUFM. If you aren't receiving the newsletter or weekly announcements, contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Feb 1: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, and Kristan Corwin
- Feb 8: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, Carolyn Ferguson and Mark Mayfield
- Feb 15: Kathleen and Michael Oldfather, Bobette and Buddy McGaughey
- Feb 22: Linda Kroeger, Marisa Larson, Sarah Lott and Alex Stinson

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, just three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Coffee and Greeting coordinator Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 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 Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or caring@uufm.net.

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, February 2 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, February 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, February 9 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 10 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, February 12 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, February 19 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, February 21 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, February 23 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, February 24 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, February 26 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at anytime 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 revmichael@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE** by mail, and the magazine is *now also available in a digital edition* that can be read on your tablet or in any browser. Visit www.uuworld.org, or contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, to receive your quarterly copy.

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 for your support!*

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 Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 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 Sunday, **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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 <u>OWL Class</u> 9:15-10:15 am <u>Lincoln: A Spiritual Portrait</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Bob Patterson Memorial</u> 1:00-3:30 pm	2 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 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>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	5 <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	6 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am <u>Parent Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm <u>Beer and Theology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	7	
8 <u>OWL Class</u> 9:15-10:15 am <u>What It Means to be Human</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Helping Hands</u> 11:15-11:15 am	9 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 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>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> 9:30-11:00 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	13 <u>OWL Class</u> 6:00-8:00 pm <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	14 <u>OWL Class</u> 6:00-8:00 pm	
15 <u>OWL Class</u> 9:15-10:15 am <u>You Could Be Wrong</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	16 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am	17	18 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	19 <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	20 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am	21 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
22 <u>OWL Class</u> 9:15-10:15 am <u>Faith and Social Action</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Congregational Mtg - Ending Racial Disparities</u> 12:15-1:30 pm	23 <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	24 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	25 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:00 pm <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	26 <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	27	28	
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