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## APRIL 2015 PROGRAMS

### APRIL 5 "RISE ON UP"

Rev Michael Nelson reflects, "Easter, a goddess whose festival commemorated the vernal equinox, was first known as the Dawn-Goddess. Most of us think of Easter as a time when Christians celebrate the rising of Christ from the dead and Jews, Passover. Unitarian Universalists honor the return of life however it happens. We rejoice in another season of growing; the wonder of life rising from what has died." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or [revmichael@uufm.net](mailto:revmichael@uufm.net).

*Our annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH** follows the April 5 service.*

### APRIL 12 "MEMOIRS AND FAMILY HISTORIES"

Longtime Fellowship members Charley and June Kempthorne will present a program and short workshop in writing memoir and family history, particularly as it relates to our life in UU Fellowships or Churches. Charley and June publish LifeStory Magazine and travel the US and Canada doing workshops. Charley started the first reminiscence workshop in the country, in Manhattan, in 1976. His very first student, the late Jessie Foveaux, earned world fame from the memoir she wrote. A few years ago, with Barbara Bascom, he organized and convened an ongoing workshop here at the Fellowship. Contact/convener is Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or [bhobrock@uufm.net](mailto:bhobrock@uufm.net).

### APRIL 19 "WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON?"

Beth Harrison St Amand will share her journey of writing her memoir exploring the complicated subject of her son's suicide. It is a wake-up call, challenging us to pay attention to suicide's broad picture, to lessen the stigma and to talk openly about it so that lives can be saved. Contact/convener is Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or [lkroeger@gmail.com](mailto:lkroeger@gmail.com).

### APRIL 26 "LIBERAL RELIGION: A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD"

*It takes strong girders of conviction to keep the counsels of thine own liberal-spirited heart standing.* Michael Nelson reflects, "Rev. Mendelsohn calls on Unitarian Universalists to live open and generous lives. A complacent spirit does not lead to dynamic good works. Leading with a deep sense of purpose and a willingness to extend reason into the fertile realm of the creative imagination can yield astonishing results." Contact Rev Nelson at 537-2349 or [revmichael@uufm.net](mailto:revmichael@uufm.net).

*Our **2015 ANNUAL MEETING** follows the April 26 service. Detailed information is provided on page 6 of this newsletter.*



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### SPECIAL EVENTS IN APRIL ...

UUFM's 2015 **ANNUAL MEETING** gathers following the morning program on Sunday, **APRIL 26**. Voting members will consider the proposed budget for the coming year, and candidates to fill open Board positions. Details are provided on page 6 of this newsletter.

Join us following the morning program on Sunday, **APRIL 5**, for our annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**. Don't miss the Easter egg hunt for the kids! Learn more on pages 3 and 4.

## MUSINGS - REV MICHAEL NELSON, MARCH 26, 2015

*One should be light like a bird, and not like a feather.*

-- Paul Valéry

Our culture often condemns us to heaviness. The news media can weigh on our psyches with such force that life becomes a burden. Last night I dreamt that I had a lead role in a modern dance company production. I moved through space with precision, lifting above the ground with an exhilarating agility and lightness. Every cell of my being knew what it meant to fly above all that has the power to pull me down.



The second and third floor of our barn is transformed into a space where we can look out over the hills from every direction, where I can paint and dance. After graduating from college I moved to Boston to study mime. Modern

dance was an essential component of the curriculum. While I found that I didn't like to fabricate the illusion of a wall with my hands, I grew to enjoy learning how to spin without getting dizzy or falling. Discovering where music and the body intersected illuminated the moment. I found that I needed this radiance that brought joy to my mind, body and spirit. This remains true.

When despair weighs me down I can raise myself from gloom by allowing the flow of music to lift me up. If I release to its pull, eventually and amazingly every bit of me feels liberated. On top of Flower Power Hill the wind, crows cawing, the rushing clouds and the sweep of the land elevates me up and out. The coyotes find my leaping amusing and sometimes lend their voice to the scene. Most men find this kind of expression unmanly. I would suggest such feelings trap one in a density that limits access to beauty and a living affinity with wind, fire, water and earth.

Life is too short to worry so much about what other people think. When I walk with Poppy over the hills, I often flap my arms like an osprey. It rushes me into childishness. Isadora Duncan, the great expressive dancer, believed that most people learn to tightly regulate their range of motion as they age. Adults forget the bliss of skipping, moving with the rhythmic power of the waves or breeze or flickering fire. The lack of fluidity in the body leads to a life that becomes

unnecessarily rigid. While I might look ludicrous to many people, I value my freedom more than always projecting a stately image of a 61-year-old white man who happens to be a minister.

If the free expression of your body embarrasses you, find a private place and let loose!

Happy Springing, *Michael*

### REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, April 1 - 4 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 7 - 3 to 5 pm  
Wednesday, April 8 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, April 14 - 5 to 7 pm  
Wednesday, April 15 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, April 21 - 3 to 5 pm  
Wednesday, April 22 - 11 am to 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, April 28 - 3 to 5 pm  
Wednesday, April 29 - 3 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email [revmichael@uufm.net](mailto:revmichael@uufm.net)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS !!!

New members and friends are invited to a **WELCOMING SOCIAL** at the Fellowship. Brunch will be served, at 9:30 am, on Sunday, **APRIL 26**. Later that morning, during the service, there will be a brief ceremony to recognize and welcome new members.

To learn about becoming a Fellowship member, talk to Welcoming/Membership Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [welcome@uufm.net](mailto:welcome@uufm.net), or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or [revmichael@uufm.net](mailto:revmichael@uufm.net).

### LOST YOUR NAME TAG?

We will be ordering nametags in April for new members. If you have lost or misplaced your nametag and need a new one, please contact Enell Foerster at 537-0977 or [foerbande@gmail.com](mailto:foerbande@gmail.com), or Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [welcome@uufm.net](mailto:welcome@uufm.net). Cost of replacement tags is \$3.50.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RE NEWS

**APRIL FAMILY FUN** - Saturday, APRIL 11 - *Pride Parade*  
Please join us for the 6th Annual Little Apple Pride Parade. Let's show the greater community that UUFM is here and supports the LGBT community!

MARCH WITH UUFM: *Be a beacon ...* We need kids to help hold signs, ride bikes, and be colorful. We'll have lots of colorful crepe paper streamers to decorate bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Gather in the parking lot at First Congregational Church (at the corner of Juliette and Poyntz) at 1:30 pm. The parade starts at 2 pm. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and colorful clothing.

WATCH AND CHEER: Those who prefer to show their support by cheering on the marchers can gather at City Park along 11th Street, near the pavilion. Bring your folding chairs and line the street at 2 pm. After the parade passes you can join it and march toward Aggierville or catch a ride to Triangle Park for the final festivities.

If you'd like to park your car in the university lot across from Aggierville for convenient access at the end of the day, I'll be there at 1:15 pm to shuttle folks to the starting point or to the watching point. Give me a call so we can coordinate.

Bring your friends. The more the merrier! *Sandy*

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

Beginning this month, you can also catch Sandy during *Out-of-Office Hours* on **MONDAYS**, from 3:30 to 5 pm, at Radina's in Aggierville. Stop by for a visit, catch up, share a coffee, or an idea for RE, bring a friend.

## PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **APRIL 3** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. There will be fun, games, healthy snacks, and a movie! A \$5 per child voluntary contribution will help us cover expenses associated with this popular activity. *NOTE: We need volunteers to continue this popular event. Parents, please bring your children into the building, and come inside to pick them up.*

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



### APRIL FUN ...

Join us following the Sunday morning service on **APRIL 5**, for the Fellowship's annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**,

and **EASTER EGG HUNT**. *Please let Sandy know if your kids will attend*, so that we can be sure enough treats are available. Bring a dish to share at the potluck and join us for good food, and the fantastic company of our Fellowship family. If you can help with set-up, servicing or cleaning up, contact Jane Pelletier at 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.



The 6th annual **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE** will be on Saturday, **APRIL 11**, in Aggierville. Our Fellowship has participated every year and it's been fun! This year,

we're hoping for a great turn out in support of our long tradition as a welcoming community. Come to join us marching in the parade, or cheer us on from the sidelines. *More details top right on this page.* Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

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

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 Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Join us for our **ACTION WEDNESDAY (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, APRIL 1. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. Childcare is provided, and there are special activities planned for all ages. Learn more from Katie Kingery-Page, 341-5650 or chairelect@uufm.net.

The **UUFM SINGERS** rehearse Sunday, APRIL 5 and 26, at 9 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@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.

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** will not meet this month. An organizer is needed for this activity to continue. If you have enjoyed attending Women's Lunches, and have time to attend one lunch each month, contact Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net to learn how you can help carry on this gathering.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, APRIL 10, at the Fellowship. 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. Contact Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.



The 6th annual **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE** will be on Saturday, APRIL 11, in Aggierville. We'll meet at 1:30 pm, in the parking lot at First Congregational Church (at the corner of Juliette and Poyntz). Our Fellowship has participated every year and it's been fun! Come to join us marching in the parade, or cheer us on from the sidelines. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, APRIL 29, at 7 pm, at the Moss residence. We'll be discussing *Notorious Victoria*, by Mary Gabriel. Learn more from Margene Moss at 537-0951 or genie1940@yahoo.com.

### **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND WELCOMING BREAKFAST**

During the morning service on Sunday, **APRIL 26**, we will recognize and welcome members who have recently joined the Fellowship. Come early, before the April 26 service at 9 am, for a get-acquainted brunch for new friends and members and their families. If you did not receive an invitation, but would like to attend and get acquainted, contact Shirley Hobrock.

Fellowship friends interested in membership can learn more from Welcoming Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Reverend Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or revmichael@uufm.net.



## **I-70 UU CHORUS**

The I-70 UU Chorus, composed of singers from the Shawnee Mission, Lawrence, and Manhattan UU congregations, performs a benefit concert on Saturday, **APRIL 11**, at 4 pm, in UUFM's Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

## **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**

Don't miss our annual Easter Brunch following the Sunday morning service on **APRIL 5**. Bring a dish to share, if you are able, and join us for good food and great company. The Social Committee will provide a ham. Parents, ask Sandy Nelson, or an RE teacher, about the Easter egg hunt! *Helpers are needed*, as many members of the committee will be away at this time. Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Jane Pelletier at 537-0954 or social@uufm.net

## **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

This month's Meadowlark Hills service gathers on Wednesday, **APRIL 22**, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Manhattan Room. Rev Michael Nelson presents *Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age*. He remarks, "A narrow devotion to reason can trap one into a small world. Liberation asks us to consider a more cosmic approach to living!" Learn more from Michael at 537-2349 or revmichael@uufm.net

## **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 **APRIL 9**! 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

If you have a little time to spare for occasional small tasks, and enjoy making others feel welcome and at home, our **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** could use your help! The committee doesn't meet often, and we'd be happy to work with you to find ways to make it easy for you to help. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [welcome@uufm.net](mailto:welcome@uufm.net)

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 [el Lorenz@uufm.net](mailto:el Lorenz@uufm.net)

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, APRIL 3 and 17, from 7 to 8:30 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. All are invited, and free will donations help us continue this service. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 537-0333 or [snowbird@violinifer.com](mailto:snowbird@violinifer.com)

### MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Donate your aluminum cans to benefit the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc, at Howie's Recycling, 625 S 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum will be placed in a designated account to be given to MESI.



### HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

On Sunday, APRIL 12, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FAIRY GODMOTHERS FUND**, providing flexible grants to improve the health and well being of women with limited resources who have immediate needs not met by traditional funding resources within the community. For more information visit their web site at [www.fgfund.org](http://www.fgfund.org).

*On March 8, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$864 to Wonder Workshop. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!!!*  
Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or [dixie.moreau53@att.net](mailto: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 [acowan@uufm.net](mailto:acowan@uufm.net)



*Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. They source goods directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products. This ensures that farmers earn a fair price for their crops, allowing them to better meet their families' basic needs for food, education, health care, and long-term security.*



FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS  
CARRY SIGNS IN THE 2011  
LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 26**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2015/2016 (June 1, 2015 thru May 31, 2016). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

## PROPOSED FY 2015/2016 UUFM BUDGET

	FY 14/15 Budget	PROPOSED FY 15/16 BUDGET	YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE ACTUAL   PERCENT	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administration	2,250	2,250		
Building Contingency Fund	1,000	1,000		
Caring	-0-	100		
Committee on Ministry	-0-	-0-		
Communications/Publicity	4,760	4,760		
Dues	8,383	9,240	857	+10%
Facilities	5,075	5,075		
Green Sanctuary	100	100		
Insurance	3,895	3,900	5	+0.1%
Leadership Development	600	1,000	400	+66.7%
Legal Fees	40	40		
Membership	500	435	(65)	-13%
Minister's Discretionary Fund	250	250		
Miscellaneous	-0-	-0-		
Music	400	500	100	+25%
Payroll	92,732	122,927	30,195	+32.6%
Program	2,350	2,350		
Religious Education	1,960	1,960		
Sitter	260	260		
Social	840	840		
Social Action	1,500	1,500		
Utilities	7,500	7,500		
Welcoming Congregation	250	250		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$166,537</b>	31,492	+23%
<b>INCOME</b>				
Contributions - Pledges	121,840	118,000	(3,840)	-3.2%
Contributions - Cash	2,500	2,500		
Contributions - Non-pledge	4,000	2,000	(2,000)	-50%
Fundraising	6,000	6,000		
Interest	5	5		
Other Income (mostly rental)	600	600		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$134,945</b>	<b>\$129,105</b>	(\$4,387)	-4.3%
<b>SUMMARY</b>				
Total EXPENSES		166,537		
Total INCOME		129,105		
Budget DEFICIT		<b>\$ 36,462</b>		

## BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in ***BOLD ITALICS***. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

Chair - Katie Kingery-Page

*Chair-Elect - **MATTHEW CAMPBELL***

Treasurer - Nathan Albin

*Secretary - **JESSICA SIEVERS***

Member-at-Large - Mark Clarke

*Member-at-Large - **CHRIS BAILEY***

Past Chair - Kathleen Tanona

## NOTES ON PROPOSED 2015/2016 BUDGET

Expected non-pledge contributions have been reduced in the 2015/16 budget, based on the amount actually received in the past year.

Fundraising income may increase, depending upon the number of members and friends who register their Dillons shopper cards, which direct a percentage of every purchase to the Fellowship. Learn how you can sign up on page 7 of this newsletter.

Dues have increased along with our membership numbers. In 2014, we had 101 members. This year, we have 110 members. UUA dues are \$60/member. MidAmerica District dues have increased by \$1, to \$24/member.

Payroll has increased for the coming year, as we move toward full-time ministry. The estimate provided here is based on 2 months 0.6 time, and 10 months full-time.

At the time this budget was approved by the UUFM Executive Board at the March Board meeting, the difference between estimated income and expenses was \$36,462. At a congregational meeting to discuss our options as we transition to full-time ministry, various resources were considered to make up this deficit. As the newsletter goes to print, our Fellowship has learned that we will receive a MidAmerica District Chalice Lighters grant, and some donations have already been received to begin our Minister Transition Fund, bringing us closer to meeting our funding goals.

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Nathan Albin with questions, or for clarification, on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 (June 1, 2015 thru May 31, 2015). Nathan may be reached at 317-8159 or treasurer@uufm.net.

## **\$SHOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM**

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**REGISTER YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD!** 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:

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

Learn more from Sandy Nelson on Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or [dre@uufm.net](mailto:dre@uufm.net) if you need help to get your Shopper Card registered!

## **WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR**

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It is coming to the end of my term as your Board Chair and it has been quite a year. I've been trying to reflect a bit on what we've accomplished but there is still so much more on the horizon that I don't have time! First off - The Nominating Committee has found some great new people to move into leadership positions. I am so grateful that these busy people are willing to share their time and talents.

Second, we should be hearing soon about the next step in the process of new minister. Our Search Committee consists of Katie Kingery-Page, Marisa Larson, Jessica Sievers, Shirley Hobrock and Scott Tanona. I feel confident in their abilities to represent the wants and needs of our congregation. As a reminder to everyone, the Developmental Ministry Program tries to match us with a candidate based on our needs and the candidate's strengths/skills. Then the interview process follows.

We received some exciting news that we were awarded a Chalice Lighter grant to put towards our ministerial transitions fund. This is a great program through the MidAmerica region UUA to help fund projects for growth throughout the Midwest. Please check it out and become a chalice lighter to help others realize their potential.

And finally I am just starting to face up to the reality that Michael will be leaving us. I have had a truly blessed time this year with Michael. I feel like we've had a great collaboration and have really enjoyed our work together. He has propped me up when I needed it and I hope I did the same for him. I can't begin to express how I will miss him, how fortunate we have been to have him and how wonderful it is to see how truly excited he is for the future of UUFM. The

Fellowship has changed significantly during his ten years. We will be having a celebration for Michael on Saturday, May 30th. Details will follow, but it is sure to have lots of tears, laughter and cake!

*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](mailto:chair@uufm.net) with your inspirations and concerns.*

## **ALL ABOUT US**

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*Please welcome new member **RENEA REASONER**, our pianist, who shares her story:*

I was born in Great Bend, Kansas. I went to high school in Goodland, Kansas, and college here in Manhattan at K-State. I work at GTM as a technical applications artist and I get to listen to audio books all day while I work :) Dr. Dobrzanski asked if I would like a position at the UU Church as a substitute pianist, but I ended up sticking around because I love the variety of beliefs that are represented at UU and all the interesting questions that we explore. I often ask people irritating questions about what they believe and why and they often ask me why it matters. I think it matters because what we believe impacts how we behave, regardless of whether or not we take the time to think about it. UU asks us to inspect and reflect our beliefs. I guess an interesting fact is that even though I consider myself to be pretty shy I've taken a stab at stand-up comedy a few times and really enjoyed it :) *Welcome Renea.*

News has been received of the passing of **FRANZ SAMELSON**, in the early morning hours of March 16. A long time Fellowship friend and supporter and husband of Fellowship member Phoebe Samelson, Franz's presence will be missed.

*Please send your milestones, significant events, or news to Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or [caring@uufm.net](mailto:caring@uufm.net). We can't share it if we don't know!*

## **MINISTERIAL TRANSITION CAMPAIGN**

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Over \$25,000 has been committed above regular pledging to help support the hiring of a full-time developmental minister. We will need additional support as we transition to a full-time minister. Help us reach our goal of \$50,000! All donations, large and small, to the special Minister Transition Fund will help UUFM take this next step in pursuit of our vision of reaching more people and having more impact on the community. Learn more from Stewardship chair Scott Tanona, at 537-6208 or [stanona@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stanona@sbcglobal.net).

## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- April 5: **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**  
Volunteers needed (see pg 4)
- April 12: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, and Chris Bailey
- April 19: Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, Gail Ragan, and Victoria Martin
- April 26: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Ken and Pat Embers

*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 539-3527 or [elorenz@uufm.net](mailto:elorenz@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](mailto:caring@uufm.net)

## Administrator's Schedule

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

- Thursday, April 2 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 6 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, April 7 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, April 9 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 13 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, April 14 - 4 to 7 pm  
Thursday, April 16 - 12 to 5 pm  
Saturday, April 18 - 11 am to 6 pm  
Thursday, April 23 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 27 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, April 28 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, April 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 [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

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

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost.

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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 or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 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).

## MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Wednesday, **APRIL 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	
29  <u>Escalating Income Inequality</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	30  <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	31  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	1  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 4:00-6:00 pm  <u>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	2  <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	3  <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	4	
5  <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am  <u>Rise On Up</u> 10:45-12:00 pm  <u>Easter Brunch / Egg Hunt</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	6  <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy - Out-of-Office Hours</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	7  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	8  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	9  <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	10  <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-10:00 pm	11  <u>Little Apple Pride Parade</u> 1:30-3:00 pm  <u>I-70 LUU Chorus</u> 4:00-6:30 pm	
12  <u>Memoir and Family History</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	13  <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy - Out-of-Office Hours</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	14  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm  <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 5:00-7:00 pm  <u>Board Mta</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	15  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	16  <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	17  <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am	18  <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
19  <u>What Happened to My Son?</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	20  <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am  <u>Sandy - Out-of-Office Hours</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	21  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	22  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 11:00-12:30 pm  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:00 pm	23  <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	24	25	
26  <u>Singers rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am  <u>Welcoming Social</u> 9:30-10:30 am  <u>Liberal Religion: A Way of Being ...</u> 10:45-12:00 pm  <u>Annual Meeting</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	27  <u>Women's Coffee</u> 9:30-11:00 am  <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy - Out-of-Office Hours</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	28  <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	29  <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm  <u>Michael Nelson</u> 3:00-5:00 pm  <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	30  <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	1  <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	2	

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