



NOVEMBER 2015 PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 1 "THE INVISIBLE KNAPSACK OF PRIVILEGE"

Dr. Deepak Subramony explores privilege and prejudice and considers the ways all of us experience both in our lives. Contact/convener is Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 8 "WHAT WE CANNOT DO ALONE"--KANSAS PULPIT EXCHANGE

Rev Jill Jarvis, of the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, reflects, "A 1964 edition of *The Kansas State Historical Society Quarterly* states: 'Current denominational statistics reveal the failure of Unitarianism in Kansas.' There are reasons that both Unitarianism and Universalism, along with their liberal spirits, diminished greatly in Kansas. Modern-day Kansas UUs have been laying the groundwork to build a Beloved Community that has a real impact on our larger culture and people's lives. What is the Beloved Community, and who is included in it? Join us to hear about new initiatives for shared resources, interfaith legislative action, and new connections for spiritual deepening." Contact/convener is Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 15 "THE TENSES AND TENSIONS OF COVENANT"

Rev Johnstone ponders, "UU congregations organize around covenant rather than creed, binding us to Unitarians and Universalists in the past who bequeathed us traditions, and committing us to the future yet to be discerned. As individuals we relate covenantally to our particular congregation, but our congregations exist in covenant to one another. What does that mean for how we organize and how we live out our missions in the world?" Contact/convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net.

NOVEMBER 22 "FAMILY: COMMITMENTS, CHALLENGES AND CHOICES"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone asks, "As we approach the holiday season, much energy and attention goes into family. What better time to consider what family means to us? How do we determine what commitments we will make and keep? What do we do when family doesn't meet our expectations? How do we create our own family connections? In short, how do we organize our lives to give and receive love?" Contact/convener is Kelly Richardson-McBee at (262) 357-4534 or richardson.kelly.a@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 29 TBA

Watch for program description in our weekly email announcements.

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NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITIES ...

Fellowship members are invited to participate in a public deliberation on **JUVENILE JUSTICE** at the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium on Thursday, NOVEMBER 12. Learn more on page 4.

The Social Committee will provide soup for a shared **SOUP SUPPER** following the service on NOVEMBER 29. Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter.



**UUUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

I promised during the sermon on religious language a few weeks ago to investigate the word "sermon." I didn't like what I found. Indeed, the negative connotations of the word have been built into the current dictionary definitions. Words like "reproof," "exhortation," and even "tedious" come up. Sermons, indeed, seem to be about making judgments and calling listeners to account. That's not what I learned in my preaching class with now-retired UU minister Judy Hoehler. Nor is it my experience with well-developed sermons by the best preachers I have heard. (And, I know, "preaching" has many of the same disturbing connotations. Sigh.)



I have always used the word "sermon" in order to distinguish it from other kinds of talks: "lecture," which is primarily about conveying information; "discourse," which has a more philosophical feel; "oration," which is way too grand; "speech," which is what politicians give; "homily," which traditionally has been very short; and just plain "talk," which doesn't say much at all about what it is.

The question, it seems to me, is about what we intend to do in the time we spend together on Sunday mornings. For me, we are crafting an experience that we share as a gathered congregation that will invite us into deeper reflection on our values and on the meaning of our lives, as we strengthen and develop the bonds of community. Everything that is part of the service--the music, the readings, the story, the Joys and Sorrows, the offertory, the announcements, the people in the room, the aesthetic setting, everything--should work together to create that shared experience. The goal, then, of the words offered during that twenty to thirty minute chunk of time that I, or someone, is talking, is to contribute to the experience. So, how do we bring together values, meaning, and community through those words?

A couple of people have used the word "provocation" to describe what I have called a sermon. True, that time should provoke us to think more deeply about our lives--not in a way that says "do this, not that"--but in a way that invites examination, meditation, perhaps even change. But "provocation" doesn't seem to be exactly the right word, because there's more. This talk may also offer comfort, raise a new way of looking at something, remind us of an old way of looking at something; it may reinforce our thinking, or overturn it; it may fill us full of emotion or leave us longing for something that is missing.

For the time being, I have decided to use the word "reflection" for the talk I offer during the service. I like that reflection can mean thoughtful consideration on a topic, and also that its other meanings imply a relationship between surfaces and light that provide a metaphor for how such a talk works in a congregation. When my reflections are at their best, they will reflect, or bounce back to you, what I am hearing in the congregation, but perhaps through a different lens. At any rate, I hope my words--whatever they are called--are helpful in discerning meaning, examining values, and strengthening community.

See you on Sunday, *Jonalu*

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday programming, or contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns.

JUVENILE JUSTICE DELIBERATION

Rev Thea Nietfeld is working on restorative justice in the juvenile justice system. Fellowship members are invited to participate in a public deliberation event at the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium on Thursday, NOVEMBER 12, at 6:30 pm. *Young people are especially encouraged to attend.*

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

This month, Rev Johnstone will be available on:

Tuesday,	Nov	3 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	Nov	6 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	Nov	10 - 1:30 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	Nov	11 - 8 to 10 am, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Nov	12 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Tuesday,	Nov	17 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	Nov	18 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Nov	19 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office

During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours--at Radina's Bakehouse in Blue Earth Plaza, and Radina's in Aggieville--Jonalu looks forward to meeting with you in a relaxed setting. Drop in to share your thoughts and a cup of coffee. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email revjonalu@uufm.net. Note: Jonalu will be on vacation November 23 thru 30. During her break, she will be available *for emergencies only*, and may be reached by cell phone at 405 627-3859 or email.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE NEWS

CLASSES ...

Students are having a wonderful time exploring our Judeo-Christian heritage through Bible stories and neighboring church visits. There are many similarities and differences and the discussions that have evolved have been delightful.

Toward the end of November, some classes are taking a short break from the regular curriculum and focusing on "Holidays and Holy days" as well the UUSC service project "Guest at your Table." We'll loosen up, explore Christmas carols, do lots of art, and maybe find time for play-acting. And who knows, maybe there will be some early snow and we'll all go sledding.

See you soon, *Sandy*

Remember: all children must be registered for the 2015-2016 year and registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>

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



NOVEMBER FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE!)

Join us following the service on Sunday, NOVEMBER 29, for our traditional post-Thanksgiving Soup Supper, hosted by the UUFM Social Committee. Committee members will provide soup, and those attending are invited to bring bread, fruit, salads, desserts or other side dishes to round out the meal. Of course, there's always plenty to go around, so for those unable to contribute a dish, we hope you'll stay for a good meal and great company. *Students assist with a collection for the Bread Basket that morning.* Learn more, and find out how you can help from Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In November, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** (with exception of Nov 26, Thanksgiving Day), from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. *Speak to Sandy most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net*

PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **NOVEMBER 6** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll play games, create some art, watch a movie, and have a healthy snack. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution helps us cover our expenses. *Please RSVP no later than Thursday, November 5*, so that Sandy Nelson can gather supplies and arrange volunteers. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

OUR WHOLE LIVE (OWL) CLASSES

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes will be held mid-January through mid-March. OWL is a respected UU sexual education program. Children learn in an accurate and age-appropriate way about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. The core values are self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice, and inclusivity. Our intent is to offer the K to 1st grade curriculum and the 4th to 6th grade curriculum. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children within those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, contact Sandy Nelson at dre@uufm.net or RE Chair Molly McGaughey at molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com.

A STAR IN OUR MIDST ...

Molly McGaughey, chair of the UUFM RE Committee, and teacher in our 7th to 10th grade class, is an internet star! She was recently interviewed by the UUA Children and Families Program Director about the Virtue Ethics curriculum used with our teens last spring. You may remember the wonderful service that they led at the end of May. Watch the service at uufm.net/2015/05/audio-archive-may-31-virtue-ethics/. Now, you can watch Molly sing the praises of our youth and the curriculum at: www.uua.org/re/tapestry/youth/virtueethics. The video is on the right-hand side of the page. *Hats off to Molly for shining such a positive light on our program and UUFM!*

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

The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbarahacker@yahoo.com.

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Come ready for spirited conversation and bring a 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, NOVEMBER 4. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. There are activities for all ages. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.com.

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

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, NOVEMBER 13, 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.

Join us at the Fellowship on the third Thursday of each month. In November, **GAME NIGHT** meets on Thursday, NOVEMBER 19, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. Bring family, friends, games, and/or non-messy finger foods to share. Learn more from Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will not meet in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, at 7 pm, at the Cattell residence. The title to be discussed was not yet available as the newsletter went to press. Learn more from Judy Cattell at 320-5470 or catlark1@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

JUST MERCY - UUA COMMON READ DISCUSSION

On Thursday, October 15, we had a small turnout for our conversation on *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. His legal representation of people who are poor, of color, minors, and/or sentenced to the death penalty raises challenges about the fairness of our justice system. Interestingly, we are considering similar issues in the Manhattan-Riley County Coalition for Equal Justice as we examine the racial disparities in arrest rates for marijuana. *Some of us would like to talk more about the book and its implications for our work in the community, as well as its intersections with other justice issues. If you are interested, please talk to Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, to have input into future scheduling. Learn more at www.uua.org/re/adults/read.*

SOUP LUNCHEON

The Social Committee hosts a Soup Lunch following the morning program, on the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 29). A variety of soups will be provided, and those attending may bring bread, fruit, desserts, or other side dishes to help us round out the meal. Of course, there's always plenty to go around, so we hope everyone will join us. Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **NOVEMBER 1**, and perform during the service later that morning. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.



MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our Meadowlark Hills service is usually held on the fourth Wednesday of each month; however, due to scheduling conflicts with the upcoming holidays, our next Meadowlark service will be held on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 2**, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's K-State Classroom, 2121 Meadowlark Road, when Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents *Creating Satisfying Holidays*. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

UU CAMPUS LUNCH

The UUFM Campus group meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 12 noon. We gather this month on **NOVEMBER 12**, at the K-State Union Food Court. Of course, all are welcome, so invite your friends. Contact Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com.



SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the Sunday service on November 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **THE RILEY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**, a no-kill animal rescue organization dedicated to the welfare of animals. The Humane Society works closely with area shelters to promote adoptions, and is supported by public donations and modest membership dues. Learn more at www.rchsk.org.

On October 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection of \$585 to The Crisis Center. *Thank you all for your generous donations!!!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 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 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.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 4, at 7 pm. All members and friends with an interest in Social Justice action are encouraged to attend. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net.

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCT COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who contributed personal care items for folks at The Crisis Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, in October. Through your donations we were able to provide a large supply of personal size soap, shampoo, and conditioner. We also received body lotion, deodorant, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Talk to Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com for information on our next personal care product collection.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? Many of our committees welcome one-time volunteers. Courtney Albin, **SOCIAL** Committee chair (courtney.albin@hotmail.com), sometimes needs help setting up, or cleaning up after a party or meal. Sylvia Beeman, our stalwart **GROUNDS** chair (sbeewoman@hotmail.com), needs folks who can fill in watering or help with a project. Do you enjoy connecting with new friends? Ask Shirley Hobrock (shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com), our **WELCOMING** Committee chair, about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months. Linda Kroeger, **CARING** Committee chair, (llkroeger@gmail.com) arranges rides, makes home visits, sends flowers and cards to members experiencing joyous or difficult life events, and will happily find a way you can help just one morning or afternoon.

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--three or four Sundays each year. Ask Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, NOVEMBER 13 and 27, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Two new volunteers are needed on November 4!* 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. Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

A BRIEF FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM OUR TREASURER

One-third of our fiscal year is now complete. A Chalice Lighters Grant for \$12,000 and Ministerial Transition contributions have helped meet expenses and then some at this point. As the year moves on, however, we will need to bring in all the pledges and then some. If you haven't pledged yet, please do so soon. Expenses are in line with budget expectations. If we all keep doing our part, we should come in about as expected. Currently, at the end of September, income was \$48,418 and expenses \$43,351. *Thank you for your generosity* as we grow and thrive with our new minister, Rev Jonalu Johnstone.

-- Kathleen Oldfather

Learn more about Fellowship finances, or make your pledge. Contact Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

REGISTER YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD! Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to UUFM and earn money for the Fellowship 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
2. Sign in OR create a new account.
3. Click "enroll now."
4. Enter **UU** or the 5-digit account number for the Fellowship, which is **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 if you need help to get your Shopper Card registered!

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR -- KATIE KINGERY-PAGE

Dear Fellow UUs and Friends,

A lasting gift I have received from this fellowship was the chance to attend a week at UUA MidWest Leadership School last summer. This gift was given by farsighted members who joined together some years ago to establish a lay leadership fund. During the Leadership School week, we each filled out a postcard to ourselves, a note to remind of us of what we learned or experienced. My postcard arrived a few days ago. On it, I had written, "whose are you?"

Not "who are you" (heck, I can easily answer that), but "whose are you?"--a spiritual question intended to bring a person deeper into true service and purpose. My best answers to this question take me closer to my motivation for leadership at UUFM. I think we make a difference in people's lives, and I think we have more "difference" to make.

As Rev Johnstone hosts a reading group this month on [*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*](#), she opens an opportunity for us to examine issues of race, criminal justice inequity, bias, and institutionalized discrimination. In her role as our leader, Rev Johnstone has become active with the Coalition for Equal Justice (CEJ), an interfaith and community group that's asking our community to end racial bias in traffic stops and marijuana arrests. The CEJ is asking Manhattan/Riley County to *care* that African American people are 4 times more likely than white people to be arrested in our community on marijuana charges, despite national data that use of the substance is equal in among both demographics ...To *care* that these arrests can devastate lives, affect employment, and disrupt families.

And so I ask: Whose are you? Perhaps you are moved to serve at UUFM because you love teaching our children, because the work of caring for others lifts you up, or because you enjoy keeping our facility and grounds beautiful. Perhaps you feel a calling to work for positive change in our community. Perhaps you'd like to network with other UUs across the Midwest, to take a stand on social justice issues.

"Whose" are you? There are many ways, great and small, that you can be part of UUFM, whether to build our internal community, or to shine our light in the broader community. We currently need a Communications Committee chair; if you may be that special person, or if you'd like to serve UUFM in another way, please contact me, chair-elect Matt Campbell, or Rev Johnstone.

Love will guide us, *Katie*

Talk to UUFM Board Chair Katie Kingery-Page after Sunday services, or contact Katie at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com with your inspirations and concerns, or chat with any Board member.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Nov 1: Harriette Janke, Tom Phillips, and Stacey Broughman
Nov 8: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, and Chris Bailey
Nov 15: Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, Gail Ragan, and Victoria Martin
Nov 22: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Pat and Ken Embers
Nov 29: **SOUP LUNCH / SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

A huge *THANK YOU* goes out to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. Serving on a Coffee and Greeting team is an easy way to support the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of your time. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.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 565-5645 or llkroeger@gmail.com.

OVERFLOW PARKING

Kaw Valley Greenhouse has given permission for Fellowship members and friends to park in their lot, across Zeandale Road, when our parking is full. Be considerate of those unable to walk distances, if you are able to walk from the Greenhouse.

Administrator's Schedule

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

- Monday, Nov 2 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 3 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Nov 5 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Nov 9 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 10 - 4 to 7 pm
- Thursday, Nov 12 - 12 to 5 pm
- Monday, Nov 16 - 3 to 5 pm
- Tuesday, Nov 17 - 12 to 5 pm
- Thursday, Nov 19 - 12 to 5 pm
- Saturday, Nov 28 - 11 am to 6 pm
- Monday, Nov 30 - 3 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 shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, to learn more.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision 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 or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or llkroeger@gmail.com, 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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the December edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **NOVEMBER 22**. Submission later will not be included in the newsletter. Contact Susan Turner at office@uufm.net or 539-3272. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

GROWTH WORKSHOP REPORT -- REV JONALU JOHNSTONE

About 20 UUFM members and friends gathered on Oct. 21 to discuss how we might help make room for new people and get them interested in our congregation. We talked through the stages of member assimilation: recruiting/ attracting (or for the individual, searching), testing, returning, joining, going deeper and being sent. We identified some strengths, including: the activism of our members in the community, the website, religious education for children and youth, the beautiful facility, and that members actually invite others to come to the Fellowship. A few of the needs we agreed on were: crowding at coffee hour, lack of consistent adult religious education, improved signage, and wanting to bring more outside people into the building for various activities. The Board will be looking at a more detailed report and coming up with some actions to take. If you'd like more information, or to be involved with the growth effort, talk with Jonalu after Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



ADVENTURES
IN RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
AT UUFM.



LET'S MEET FOR LUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE

UU members and friends meet for lunch following Sunday services and coffee and conversation time at various restaurants in our community. Check the order of service announcement each Sunday, or contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com to find out where we'll be meeting each week.

2015 UUFM CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars and make your plans for our annual Craft and Bake Sale, which will be held following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 13**. Members and friends find this is the perfect way to fill out those holiday gift lists with unique, handcrafted items and yummy holiday treats. The sale has been one of our most successful fundraisers and is always fun for all. Now is the time for fabric/fiber artists, painters, crafters and artisans of all media to begin working on items to put in the sale. Bakers and candy makers may just be dreaming of sugarplums right now but will make delicious items later. If you are new to the Fellowship and have any questions about this wonderful annual event just ask. To find out how you can donate your crafts or baked goods, or to offer other assistance, talk to Betty Banner at 776-1887 or

Calendar

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1 <u>Singers Rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>The Invisible Knap sack of Privilege</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	2 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	3 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:00-5:00 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>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	6 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 4:00-6:00 pm <u>Parent Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm <u>Beer and Theology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	7	
8 <u>What We Cannot Do Alone</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Helping Hands - Riley Co Humane Society</u> 11:00-11:00 am	9 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	10 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	11 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 8:00-10:00 am <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	12 <u>Campus Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Juvenile Justice Deliberation</u> 6:00-8:00 pm	13 <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-8:00 am <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am	14	
15 <u>Tenses and Tensions of Covenant</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	16 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	17 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	18 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 4:00-6:00 pm	19 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Game Night</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	20	21	
22 <u>Family, Commitments, Challenges and Choices</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Newsletter DEADLINE</u> 11:00-11:00 pm	23	24 <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	25 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm	26 <u>HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!!</u> 12:00-12:00 am	27 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am	28 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
29 <u>Sunday Program - TBA</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Soup Luncheon</u> 12:15-2:00 pm	30 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	1	2 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:30 pm <u>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm <u>Book Discussion</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	3	4 <u>Parent Night Out</u> 6:30-9:30 pm <u>Beer and Theology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	5	

Please contact Sue Turner (office@uufm.net) or Mark Clarke (web@uufm.net) to have an event added to the calendar.