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**DECEMBER 2015 PROGRAMS**

**DECEMBER 6 "COLLABORATIONS, CAPACITY BUILDING, AND COVENANT"**

In this edition of our Kansas Pulpit Exchange, Rev Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan of the UU Fellowship of Topeka, reflects, "What does it mean to be a people of expectation? How do we build covenants with other organizations, people, and the environment as we live our values and develop our vision? What does it mean to walk with people outside of our tradition to build a new world end oppression, save the environment? If Rebecca Parker is right, we are born into covenant with all that already is, and have a responsibility to define right relationship beyond UU borders. What expectations must we engage--for ourselves, for others, for change--that invite us into partnership and collaboration? How do we do this with integrity and openness?" Contact/ convener is Austin Roberts, 785 485-2254 or austin451921@gmail.com.

**DECEMBER 13 "HOLIDAY MUSIC SERVICE"**

Jonalu Johnstone convenes and speaks as our gifted choir presents three holiday songs plus other seasonal musical treats, and we enjoy readings and reflections on the season. *Get in the mood for our Craft and Bake Sale after the service.* Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

**DECEMBER 20 "WHAT'S JESUS GOT TO DO WITH IT?"**

Rev Johnstone reflects, "No doubt, Christmas is the most significant cultural holiday of the year, but what does it mean? UUs often struggle with the meaning of Christmas. How is the birth of Jesus significant if you don't view him as Savior? We'll consider the pagan origins of the Christmas celebration and the evolution of the holiday among Unitarians and Universalists and contemporary UU's." Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

**DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads a special Christmas Eve reflection, on *Thursday, December 24, at 7 pm.* She describes the program, "Traditional and contemporary readings and carols to center you in preparation for Christmas Day. We will include traditional candle lighting with *Silent Night.*" Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

**DECEMBER 27 "IN THE WANING OF THE YEAR"**

Jonalu Johnstone asks, "What better time to consider the themes of darkness and stillness than the week between Christmas and New Year's, two of our biggest cultural festivals? By now, won't you need some rest, restoration, and recuperation? That will be the goal for this service." Contact/convener is Mark Clarke at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com.

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**SUNDAY SERVICES** begin at **10:45 AM**  
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**SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENTS ...**

On DECEMBER 3, Rev Jonalu Johnstone joins in a faith-based social action panel discussion, **JUSTICE AND MERCY: THE NEXUS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND FAITH-BASED SOCIAL ACTION.** *Learn more on page 4.*

Come to our annual **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE** following the morning service on Sunday, DECEMBER 13. *Learn more on page 8.*



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Peace on Earth. Goodwill to all.

That's what the story says the angel proclaimed. This season, peace on earth grows ever more elusive. As I write, the Paris attacks and Beirut bombing have not yet faded from our awareness. Who knows what will have happened before you read these words? The immediate response to the events in



Paris was increased bombing of Syria by the French. Meanwhile, shouts rang out for our own country to take a stronger stance against the Islamic State.

At the same time, many of our leaders, including our own governor, have reacted against the most vulnerable, calling for the exclusive of Syrian refugees from our country. It's not the first time that anti-immigrant sentiment has arisen, of course. We Americans have long been cautious about immigrants who were seen as "not like us,"--Asian, African, Hispanic, even Jewish refugees before World War II. But how ironic, that as we celebrate the poor wandering couple who found no place at the inn, that we would push others away.

Religions across time and place have called for peace. In ancient times, the prophet Jeremiah decried people who said "Peace, peace" when there is no peace. The prophet Jesus was supposed to be the Prince of Peace. There are peace Buddhas and peace gods.

At the same time, religions have been at the center of conflict through the ages. Conquest flowered with the conspiracy between states and religious leaders not only in Christianity and Islam, but in Buddhism and Hinduism as well. From the Crusades to the Islamic State, people have used religious ideology to declare their own cultural superiority and to crush those different from themselves.

So, how do we present an alternative view? As religion has inspired war, so it can inspire peace. I've come to believe that we need to take seriously even suggestions that seem outlandish and impossible. We must because what else is there to do but build an alternative worldview?

What if we were to add a Department of Peace to our federal institutions of Department of Defense (which could be renamed the Department of War) and Homeland Security? What if we took peacekeeping and peace making as seriously as making war? What if we learned and taught nonviolent compassionate communication and peaceful resolution of

conflict on the small scale--in schools, in religious institutions, in community organizations like Scouts?

Maybe this season of Christmas could be a time of peace seeking and peace making, a time to remember the high price of conflict and to find a new way.

Let there be peace on earth. And let it begin with me.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

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

**GET INVOLVED! BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**

Our Kansas pulpit exchange is leading towards more effective social justice collaboration, particularly in advocacy with the legislature. In the interest of that work, we are planning a day to gather and plan how we will do justice work together in 2016. Save the date: Saturday, FEBRUARY 6, 9 am to 4:30 pm at the UU Fellowship of Topeka. We can arrange carpooling. What are your top three issues for 2016? Who are your partners in advocacy? What do we need to learn in order to be effective? Our goal is to have members from each UU congregation we serve attend and any partners we do justice work with--other faith communities or organizations. The more the merrier! Building relationship is important to doing justice work together! You can find more on FaceBook at *Building the Beloved Community: Social Justice Conference*, or talk to Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

**REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE**

This month, Rev Johnstone will be available on:

- Friday, Dec 4 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
- Tuesday, Dec 8 - 1:30 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Wednesday, Dec 9 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
- Thursday, Dec 10 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Tuesday, Dec 15 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Wednesday, Dec 16 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Aggieville
- Thursday, Dec 17 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Tuesday, Dec 22 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Wednesday, Dec 23 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Aggieville
- Tuesday, Dec 29 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
- Wednesday, Dec 30 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville

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--drop in to share your thoughts and a cup of coffee. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email revjonalu@uufm.net.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## RE NEWS

Coming in January we'll be offering Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes for Kindergarten through 2nd grade students. If you happen to have a neighbor, friend, or co-worker who has a child who may benefit from the OWL program, please let me or RE Chair Molly McGaughey know so we can reach out to them. OWL is a wonderful curriculum and promises to be an exceptional learning experience for our kids. If you're unfamiliar with the curriculum or have questions of any kind, please seek me out. I'm often in the Mercury room on Sunday mornings.

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*



## **HOLIDAY CRAFTING EVENT DECEMBER FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE!)**

Don't miss our Holiday Crafting event Saturday, **DECEMBER 5**, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the Fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We'll have several projects for a variety of ages. It's a great opportunity to create memories with your child, grandchild, neighbor child, spirit child ... but all the glitter stays at the Fellowship and doesn't end up in your carpets. Want to craft but don't have a child? Come anyway! We'll have lots of fun and there's always someone who needs an extra hand.

*Please RSVP.* Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

## **DRE'S SCHEDULE**

In December, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** (with the exception of December 24, Christmas Eve), 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(S) OUT**

Just for the Holidays, bring the kids to *two Parent Night Out/Kids' Night In* events this month. Friday, **DECEMBER 4**, we'll play games, do some crafting, watch a movie, and have a healthy snack. Then, on Friday, **DECEMBER 11**, Santa Little Helpers offer a extra hand for parents to complete last minute shopping and holiday preparations while the kids have some fun at the Fellowship. Parent Night Out gathers from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution helps us cover expenses. *Please RSVP no later than the preceding Thursday*, 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.

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

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Join us for our **ACTION WEDNESDAY (AWed) POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, DECEMBER 2. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. This month, the Sunday Services and Social Action Committees are scheduled, along with other Fellowship groups. Attend any meeting that interests you. There are also social activities for all ages. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.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.

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.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on DECEMBER 4, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville for fun and fellowship. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, at 7 pm, at the Cattell residence. We'll be discussing *Little Bee*, by Chris Reeve. Learn more from Judy Cattell at 320-5470 or catlark1@gmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, DECEMBER 11, 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 for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. This month, we gather on Thursday, DECEMBER 17, 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 Carrie Roberts at (785) 485-2254 or clh8888@ksu.edu.

### **PANEL DISCUSSION - JUSTICE AND MERCY**

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Mark your calendar and join us in the Hemisphere Room of KSU's Hale Library on Thursday, DECEMBER 3, from 6 to 8 pm. Rev Jonalu Johnstone will participate in a faith-based social action panel, *Justice and Mercy: The Nexus of Social Justice Education and Faith-Based Social Action*, as part of Kansas State University's Not Just A Year of Social Justice Education. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### **COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES**

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The **SUNDAY SERVICES COMMITTEE** (previously the Programming Committee) will meet following the AWed dinner on DECEMBER 2. We will evaluate recent Sunday services, review drafts of revised responsibilities for the committee and for conveners, and look forward to future possibilities. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

The **SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** (chair Anne Cowan at anne\_cowan@sbcglobal.net or 537-2025) also meets following the AWed potluck on DECEMBER 2. *Members and friends with an interest in these committees are invited to join us for upcoming meetings.*

### **UUFM SINGERS**

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The UUFM Singers rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **DECEMBER 6 and 13**. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu. *Read about current Music Committee activities on page 8 of this newsletter.*



### **MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE**

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Our next Meadowlark service will be held on Wednesday, **DECEMBER 2**, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Living Room (adjacent to the Library), in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road, when Rev Jonalu Johnstone considers the role of holidays, especially these November and December ones, in our lives. We'll explore meanings, memories, expectations, hopes, old and new ways of gathering and celebrating. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### **UU CAMPUS LUNCH**

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The UUFM Campus group meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 12 noon. We gather this month on **DECEMBER 10**, 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***

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Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, DECEMBER 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for two adopted families living at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** (MESI). Volunteers from the Social Action Committee purchase toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted families.

On November 8, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection to The Riley County Humane Society. *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***

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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 [anne\\_cowan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net).

*Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). 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***

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The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, DECEMBER 2, 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 [anne\\_cowan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net).

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? Many of our committees welcome one-time volunteers. Marisa Larson ([marisa.larson@gmail.com](mailto:marisa.larson@gmail.com)), chair of our **COMMUNICATIONS** Committee, seeks help, suggestions, and inspiration with publicity and communications activities. Courtney Albin, **SOCIAL** Committee chair ([courtney.albin@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com)), our **WELCOMING** Committee chair, about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months. All committee leaders 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](mailto:ahjanke@cox.net)

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, DECEMBER 11 and 25, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Two new volunteers are needed on December 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](mailto:snowbird@violinifer.com).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM OUR TREASURER

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*Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity.* In October our expenses exceeded our income just slightly for the year, by \$818. Income for the month was \$14,648 and expenses were \$16,604. The Pancake Breakfast yielded \$353 and the Kroger's grocery dividend was \$523. We have increased our financial support of the Happy Kitchen free breakfast program from \$30 to \$70 a month. We also supported the Epp Lecture and Roots of Justice program. If you are not participating in the Kroger's (Dillons) program, you should be. It's the easiest fundraiser we have. You just shop and the Fellowship earns money. Re-register in January for the Fellowship to continue receiving benefits (*SEE BELOW*).

Watch for your Pledge Report this month. If you have not pledged yet, or if you would like to discuss other giving, please contact Scott Tanona, Stewardship Chair, stanona@sbcglobal.net, or Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer, kjoldfather@gmail.com.

-- *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

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*SIGN UP OR RE-REGISTER YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD AFTER JANUARY 1!* Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to UUFM to earn money for the Fellowship when you use your shopper card at Dillons. Here's how ...

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 our 5-digit account number, **84269**, and search.
5. Select the fully named entry (**UUF OF MANHATTAN**) and click "enroll."

## WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR -- KATIE KINGERY-PAGE

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As the traditional, Judeo-Christian season of gift-giving arrives this month, I have been in mind of people I met long ago, when as an 18-year old I visited and worked in Navajo-Hopi Land in the southwestern United States. I was visiting another traveler from Kansas, who told me I'd be welcome if I helped tend sheep and goats. I stayed with a generous family named Benally. I travelled across the US that summer, from Kansas to San Francisco. It was 1993. Aside from a brief stay of farm work, I had no income and survived off a meager savings, dumpster-diving, and the kindness of strangers.

I will not soon forget the generous Benally family. I'd written a school paper, months earlier, about families like the Benallys, who were then (and still are) resisting forced government relocation from their homelands on Black Mesa. A quest that was one part adventure, one part idealism, and one Volkswagon Vanagon set me on the highway that summer. I cannot imagine that my herding assistance was of much value, being as I barely knew one end of the sheep from the other. And yet the Benallys did not hesitate to share food and shelter with me. It was my first intercultural experience and it marked me in many ways. I left with my mind afire with the relativity of cultural values.

A few years later, I came across writings about the Dineh (the self-identified name of the Navajo). Writings similar to this, "A Gift Economy is one where status is given to individuals based on what they give to others as opposed to a commodity or exchange economy where status is given to those individuals who have the most." (Pinchot 1999 cited in learningtogive.org). Or this, from a 1994 Los Angeles Times article, "Among Indians [sic], possession is never perceived as a form of wealth--unless you can give it away." And even if the latter is a sweeping generalization, it helps me understand the many forms culture clash can take as capitalism meets other life-ways.

This fall and winter, UUFM participates in the national Unitarian Universalist Service Committee program, *Guest at Your Table*, which encourages our families to help those who are most in need. This year, *Guest at Your Table* is devoted to helping refugees worldwide. As described to me by UUFM's director of religious education, Sandy Nelson, something even more important than the money we gather in boxes or cans we set at our dining tables is our conscious reflection upon generosity--holding gratitude for our own comforts and being willing to share our wealth with others. Join me this fall in welcoming *Guest at Your Table*. To learn more, visit [www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners](http://www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners).

Whatever your mood this season--merry and bright, or reflective and quiet--please know your UU family is here, ready to share and willing to listen.

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



Dec 6: Anne Marchin, Jim Shanteau, Illya Engle, and Susan Adamchak  
Dec 13: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, and Ana Franklin  
Dec 20: Kristan Corwin, Gene Sievers, and Mark Clarke  
Dec 27: **POTLUCK TREATS AND VOLUNTEERS**  
*Those attending our December 27 service may bring leftover holiday treats to share, help with coffee and drinks in the kitchen, or make a point of welcoming any new faces in the crowd. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. 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 December, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesday, Dec 1 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, Dec 3 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, Dec 7 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 8 - 4 to 7 pm  
Thursday, Dec 10 - 12 to 5 pm  
Monday, Dec 14 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 15 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, Dec 17 - 12 to 5 pm  
Saturday, Dec 26 - 11 am to 6 pm  
Monday, Dec 28 - 3 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, Dec 29 - 12 to 5 pm  
Thursday, Dec 31 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at any time 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 talk to 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](http://www.uuworld.org).

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu 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, **DECEMBER 20**. Submissions received later will not be included in the newsletter. Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

## **ALL ABOUT US**

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We are pleased to welcome our new member, **AMANDA MANSFIELD**. Amanda and Colby Mansfield attended the Fellowship for the first time in September 2013, after Amanda read about it on the website and spoke with Shirley Hobrock at the Purple Power Play. They have continued to attend largely due to the great RE program. They have also enjoyed the opportunity to attend a church that shares their values.

Amanda was born in Holton, Kansas. She moved several times as a child, living in Nebraska, Missouri, and Kansas. She moved to Wamego as a teenager, where she met her husband, Bill, and graduated from high school. After living in Indiana for 5 years, they came back to Wamego in 2001. They have 2 sons, 2 dogs, and 1 cat. The boys are Tristan, age 18 and a freshman at K-State; and Colby, age 11 and a 5th grader. Amanda started her healthcare career in 1989 as a candy stripper. She has had various healthcare jobs since then and is currently a nurse at the Manhattan Surgical Hospital, where she has worked for 5 years. Amanda's favorite things are spending time with her children, being outside, reading, learning, experiencing new things, and attending musical theatre productions. Amanda is in her 10th and final year of being a Cub Scout Den Leader and is looking forward to her next opportunity. *Thank you for joining us, Amanda!*

*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!*

## **MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Music Committee members--Dick Beeman, Pat Embers, Cathy Hedge, Marisa Larson, Michael Oldfather, Renea Reasoner, Jim Shanteau, and Michaela Sievers--have been working closely with Rev Johnstone and pianist Slawomir Dobrzanski to increase the presence of quality music in the Sunday service. Here is some of what's in the works.

1. We have just purchased enough copies of *Singing the Journey* (the "teal" hymnal) to distribute throughout the sanctuary so that no more than two people will have to share one. This will allow the use of newer congregational music to complement the more traditional hymns found in *Singing the Journey* (the "gray" hymnal).
2. We are working to insure that when the choir is not singing there will be some kind of musical event to perform in its place involving small groups of singers or instrumentalists or both.
3. We have already begun experimenting with a musical opening of the Sunday service. Our choice for this role is 1010, "We Give Thanks," in *Singing the Journey*. Once we become familiar with the piece, we may look for more "interesting" ways to perform it. Or, we may even to decide that there is a better song to use to get the service started. Stay tuned.

Fellowship members are invited to offer suggestions to any Committee member for ways to carry out our efforts to do music in the best possible manner. And there may be some members who have been concealing their musical talents from us. You are encouraged to quit hiding you light under a bushel and offer to participate in the grand experiment. *Learn more from Michael Oldfather at mou812@ksu.edu or 537-3738, or talk to any Music Committee member.*

## **LET'S MEET FOR LUNCH AFTER THE SERVICE**

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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**

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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, craft-ers and artisans of all media to begin working on items to put in the sale. Bakers and candy makers may just be dreaming of sug-arplums 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 bettybanner@gmail.com

**Calendar**

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| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THU   | FRI   | SAT   |    |
| <p>29</p> <p><u>Poverty and Homelessness in USD 383</u><br/>10:45-12:00 pm</p> <p><u>Soup Luncheon</u><br/>12:15-2:00 pm</p>  | <p>30</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>3:00-5:00 pm</p> | <p>1</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p>   | <p>2</p> <p><u>Men's Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:15 pm</p> <p><u>Meadowlark Service</u><br/>3:00-4:30 pm</p> <p><u>AWeD Potluck</u><br/>6:00-9:00 pm</p>      | <p>3</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p> <p><u>Justice and Mercy Panel Discussion</u><br/>6:00-8:00 pm</p>                             | <p>4</p> <p><u>Jonalu at Radina's</u><br/>4:00-6:00 pm</p> <p><u>Parent Night Out</u><br/>6:30-9:30 pm</p> <p><u>Beer and Theology</u><br/>7:00-9:00 pm</p> | <p>5</p> <p><u>Family Fun - Holiday Crafts</u><br/>10:00-12:00 pm</p> |    |
| <p>6</p> <p><u>Singers Rehearse</u><br/>9:00-10:30 am</p> <p><u>Collaboration, Capacity Building, and Covenant</u><br/>10:45-12:00 pm</p>   | <p>7</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>3:00-5:00 pm</p>  | <p>8</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:30-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>4:00-7:00 pm</p> <p><u>Board Mtg</u><br/>7:00-9:00 pm</p> | <p>9</p> <p><u>Jonalu at Radina's</u><br/>10:00-12:00 pm</p> <p><u>Men's Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:15 pm</p> <p><u>Book Discussion</u><br/>7:00-9:00 pm</p> | <p>10</p> <p><u>Campus Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:00 pm</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p> | <p>11</p> <p><u>Happy Kitchen</u><br/>7:00-8:30 am</p> <p><u>Parent Night Out</u><br/>6:30-9:30 pm</p> <p><u>Drum Circle</u><br/>7:00-9:00 pm</p>           | <p>12</p>   |    |
| <p>13</p> <p><u>Singers Rehearse</u><br/>9:00-10:30 am</p> <p><u>Holiday Music Service</u><br/>10:45-12:00 pm</p> <p><u>Helping Hands - Xmas for MESI Families</u><br/>11:00-11:00 am</p> <p><u>Craft and Bake Sale</u><br/>12:15-2:00 pm</p> | <p>14</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>3:00-5:00 pm</p> | <p>15</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p>  | <p>16</p> <p><u>Men's Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:15 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu at Radina's</u><br/>4:00-6:00 pm</p>   | <p>17</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p> <p><u>Game Night</u><br/>6:30-9:30 pm</p>    | <p>18</p>   | <p>19</p>   |    |
| <p>20</p> <p><u>What's Jesus Got to Do with It?</u><br/>10:45-12:00 pm</p> <p><u>Newsletter DEADLINE</u><br/>11:00-11:00 pm</p>   | <p>21</p>   | <p>22</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p>   | <p>23</p> <p><u>Men's Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:15 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu at Radina's</u><br/>4:00-6:00 pm</p>   | <p>24</p> <p><u>Christmas Eve Service</u><br/>7:00-9:00 pm</p>  | <p>25</p> <p><u>Happy Kitchen</u><br/>7:00-8:30 am</p>  | <p>26</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>11:00-6:00 pm</p>                |    |
| <p>27</p> <p><u>In the Waning of the Year</u><br/>10:45-12:00 pm</p>  | <p>28</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>3:00-5:00 pm</p> | <p>29</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Jonalu Johnstone</u><br/>1:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p>  | <p>30</p> <p><u>Jonalu at Radina's</u><br/>10:00-12:00 pm</p> <p><u>Men's Lunch</u><br/>12:00-1:15 pm</p>   | <p>31</p> <p><u>Susan Turner</u><br/>12:00-5:00 pm</p> <p><u>Sandy Nelson</u><br/>3:30-4:30 pm</p>  | <p>1</p> <p><u>Parent Night Out</u><br/>6:30-9:30 pm</p>  | <p>2</p>  |    |

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