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JANUARY 2016 PROGRAMS

JANUARY 3 "NOTABLE DEATHS OF 2015"

Each year we devote a Sunday service to remembering the famous--and not-so-famous--people who died during the past year. Several UUFM members share reflections on the contributions of acquaintances and strangers whose lives touched them. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

JANUARY 10 "WHO DO WE SERVE?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone reflects, "Cicero said, 'Not for us alone are we born; our country, our friends, have a share in us.' If we're not careful, we can feel torn by the many calls from the various people and causes that draw us. How do we prioritize? How do we find who we serve--as individuals, but also as a congregational community?" Contact/convener is Kelly Richardson-McBee at 262 357-4534 or richardson.kelly.a@gmail.com.

JANUARY 17 "DR KING'S LIFE STILL MATTERS:

AN EXPLORATION OF THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF RACE"

Rev Johnstone considers, "With all the attention to #Black Lives Matter in recent months, we must recognize that racial disparities still exist. How did Dr King give us guidance for these difficult times, and what has changed since his assassination?" Contact/convener is Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

JANUARY 24 KANSAS PULPIT EXCHANGE: REV DAVID CARTER

Rev David Carter, of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Wichita, joins us as we continue a regular pulpit exchange between Kansas UU congregations. Contact/convener is Tom Phillips at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@k-state.edu. *Read about an exciting opportunity for Kansas UUs to join together in Social Justice work, originating with this exchange of ideas, in BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY, on page 2 of this newsletter.*

JANUARY 31 VISION SERIES: "A SAFE HAVEN"

Jonalu Johnstone introduces this exploration of UUFM's Vision Statement, "Each service will tackle one part of the vision statement, beginning with 'a safe haven.' What would it take for us to truly embody a safe haven, not only for those of us already here, but for those who might find Unitarian Universalism helpful? How do we need to engage to create safe space for others, as well as ourselves?" Contact/convener is Mark Clarke at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com. *[Review the full UUFM VISION STATEMENT on page 8.]*

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UPCOMING EVENTS ...

On Saturday, *January 23*, join us for **OWNING YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST**, a one-day workshop. Learn more on page 6.

Jonalu leads **PATH TO MEMBERSHIP**, a three-session class, beginning Sunday, *January 31*. Learn more on page 6.

On Saturday, *February 6*, participate in **BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE**, a gathering of Kansas UUs. More on page 5.



UUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION
 Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the
hungry, to release the prisoners, to rebuild the
nations, to bring peace among the [siblings], to
make music in the heart.*

These words from African American minister Howard Thurman challenge us to move from December to January, from the Christmas season to constructive work to make the world more like we long for it to be. The Gandhi-King-



Gyatso Season for Non-violence doesn't begin until the end of the month, but the Unitarian Universalist "30 Days of Love" kick off on January 16, with racial justice being this year's theme.

The problem of realizing social justice is so huge that working at it can discourage us. My reaction often is, "Haven't I already done this?" Feeding the hungry, healing the sick, ministering to the imprisoned--all of these are literally endless tasks. Even making significant social change--agitating for civil rights for all people without regard for race, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; working for the elimination of poverty through living wages and adequate social supports; creating support systems to help people escape domestic violence, sexual slavery, or addiction--so many of these efforts seem to be two steps forward, one step back, demanding continual attention to hold onto any small gains achieved. How do we maintain our commitment to making a difference?

There are some ways to diminish discouragement. One is to do the work together. Together, we have more ideas and more power. We support one another, reassure each other in times of failure, celebrate together in times of victory, and strategize together in times of confusion. The work--and it is work--is much easier with more hands. Another strategy is to recognize the difficult changes that have already come. Same sex marriage, once unimaginable, is now legal. Women and people of color, though still without economic parity, have many more opportunities than even fifty years ago. Voting rights, though under attack, are more universal than they once were. Environmental awareness has increased, as pollution as decreased, even if we still find

ourselves overly dependent on fossil fuels. When we can see ourselves as part of a long line of people striving for justice, then we can find a confidence that our modest efforts, in the long run, are worth it.

We aren't all able to have an earth-shattering impact. But our small daily efforts matter. Maybe it's educating our children about equality, offering kindness to a stranger, writing a small check, or volunteering a few hours. As we move into the New Year, perhaps our resolutions can focus not only on personal improvements, but also on how we want to make a difference in the world.

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.

LGBT ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

As many of you are probably aware, a group of local ministers, including our own Jonalu Johnstone, has written the Manhattan City Commission asking for restoration of the ordinance forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment and public accommodation. You can read the full text of the letter on the minister's blog on our website at www.uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/. A *Procedural Justice Focus Group* conducted on behalf of the RCPD will meet in the sanctuary on Sunday, JANUARY 10. Learn more on page 4.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

This month, Jonalu will be available on:

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| Tuesday, | Jan | 5 - 1 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Wednesday, | Jan | 6 - 10 am to 12 pm, | Radina's Aggieville |
| Saturday, | Jan | 9 - 10 am to 12 pm, | UUFM office |
| Tuesday, | Jan | 12 - 1:30 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Wednesday, | Jan | 13 - 4:30 to 6 pm, | Radina's Aggieville |
| Thursday, | Jan | 14 - 1 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Tuesday, | Jan | 19 - 1 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Thursday, | Jan | 21 - 1 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Friday, | Jan | 22 - 3 to 5 pm, | Radina's Bakehouse |
| Tuesday, | Jan | 26 - 1:30 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Thursday, | Jan | 28 - 1 to 5 pm, | UUFM office |
| Saturday, | Jan | 30 - 10 am to 12 pm, | Radina's Bakehouse |

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



STUDENTS MADE ICE CANDLES
IN DECEMBER.

RE NEWS

Last month we took a little break from regular Sunday school classes and had some holiday fun. (Making ice candles was a big hit.) In January, the Kindergarten to 2nd grade class is starting a four-week unit on the globe with Dan Swenson.

Topics include: north, south, east, west, day, night, spring, summer, autumn, winter, and the moon.

See you soon, *Sandy*

Remember: all children must be registered for the 2015-2016 year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at www.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



JANUARY FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE!)

Don't miss our January Family Fun event! The date has yet to be determined, but we'll meet at the City Park Ice Rink for some cool, winter fun. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Watch for announcements in the Sunday program

guide, in weekly email announcements, and in RE announcements, delivered to Fellowship families. If you are not receiving Religious Education announcements, please contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

DRE's SCHEDULE

In January, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, 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

There will be *NO PARENT NIGHT OUT in January*. Join us for our next event on Friday, *February 5*. 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, February 4*, so that Sandy Nelson can gather supplies and arrange volunteers. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) CLASSES

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for those in Kindergarten and 1st grade starts in January and runs through mid-March. The K-1 program supports parents in educating children about birth, babies, bodies and families. The weekly one-hour sessions engage children with stories, songs, and activities and include a weekly HomeLink--a homework project for parents and children to do together. If you have questions about this nationally acclaimed curriculum, or if you intend to sign up your child(ren) for the class, please attend a *PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING* on Sunday, *JANUARY 3*, **or** Sunday, *JANUARY 10*, after the morning service. Of course, you can always contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net with questions.



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

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on **JANUARY 1**, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville for fun and fellowship. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

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

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets **EVERY WEDNESDAY**, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). 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, **JANUARY 6**. 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 to meet. All are encouraged to attend meetings that may interest you. There are also social activities for all ages. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, **JANUARY 8**, 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 UUFM **CAMPUS LUNCH** meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 12 noon. We'll gather this month on **JANUARY 14**, at a *location to be announced*. If you would like to be added to the Campus Lunch email announcement/reminder list, please contact Sue Pray at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.

Join us at the Fellowship on the third Wednesday of each month for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. This month, we gather on Wednesday, **JANUARY 20**, 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.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, **JANUARY 29**, at 10 am, at the Janke residence. Please watch the Sunday morning program guide and weekly email announcements for the title. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 410-9379 or ahjanke@cox.net.

WINTERFEST DINNER

The pleasure of your presence is requested Saturday, **FEBRUARY 6**, for UUFM's annual WinterFest Dinner. Bring the whole family, and join us for food, merriment, and fellowship with a Mardi Gras theme. Cost is \$7/adults; \$3/youth ages 6 thru 12; and free/children age 5 and younger. Learn more, and make your reservations, by contacting Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com.



JUSTICE FOCUS GROUP

Please join us in the main sanctuary following the service at 12:15 pm, on Sunday, **JANUARY 10**, for a Procedural Justice Focus Group, led by the K-State Social Work Department on behalf of the Riley County Police Department. Now is the time to share your feelings and experiences with the RCPD. Learn more from Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com, Molly McGaughey at 341-9960 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com, or Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

WELCOMING SOCIAL

The UUFM Social Committee invites members and friends who are new to the Fellowship to join us for a Welcoming Social with food, drink, and lively conversation, Friday, **JANUARY 15**, at 5:30 pm, at the home of Brice and Shirley Hobrock, 4009 Snowy Reach, in Manhattan. Please RSVP to Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **JANUARY 10** and **17**. 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 next Meadowlark service will be held on Wednesday, **JANUARY 27**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents *Without a Home: The Refugee Crisis*. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, JANUARY 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **UUFM PROJECT EXCELL**, providing a college-like experience to developmentally delayed adults. Learn more about this program at www.tryufm.org/excell.html.

On December 13, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection toward a holiday shopping trip for two families adopted by the Fellowship, living at the Manhattan Emergency shelter. *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 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

The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, JANUARY 6, 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.

BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

Our Kansas pulpit exchange is leading towards more effective social justice collaboration, particularly in legislative advocacy. Kansas UU congregations have organized a gathering to plan our justice work together in 2016. Join us on Saturday, FEBRUARY 6, 9 am to 4:30 pm, at the UU Fellowship of Topeka. 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 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! Learn more on FaceBook at *Building the Beloved Community: Social Justice Conference*, or ask Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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), chair of our **COMMUNICATIONS** Committee, seeks help, suggestions, and inspiration with publicity and communications activities. 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 **FOUNDATIONS** 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. 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

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, JANUARY 8 and 22, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Two new volunteers are needed on January 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FROM OUR TREASURER

UUFM's financial year is half over. As of November 30, our income was \$73,647. But we know that during the first part of the year we received a Chalice Lighter's Grant of \$12,000 and numerous extra gifts for the ministerial transition years, so the second half of the year will be tougher. Please make a pledge if you have not, and continue to give, as you are able. Expenses as of November 30 were \$71,634. Expenses are very close to what was budgeted last spring. We expect expenses the last six months to be greater than the first six months as our ministerial time, services, RE, social action and other programs grow.

Thank you for all your gifts during 2015. We've accomplished a lot together. I will send out notices of all contributions during the past year in early January.

-- *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

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
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."



Path to Membership

Rev Jonalu Johnstone offers a three-session class, following the morning services on Sunday, **January 31, February 7, and 14** at **12:15 pm**

If you are considering membership, or just want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and how the Fellowship works, and you could fit in, attend as many of the sessions as you can. We'll explore UU history and theology, consider what membership means, and learn about Fellowship activities. Snacks will be provided.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Please talk to Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net, if you'll need childcare during classes.

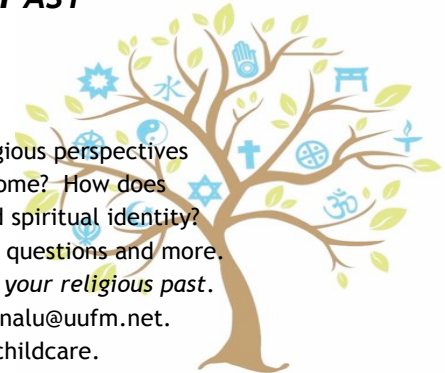
OWNING YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST

Saturday, **January 23**,
from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm**,
at the Fellowship.

Who are you religiously? What have your past religious perspectives and experiences been? Who do you hope to become? How does Unitarian Universalism figure into your religious and spiritual identity? This workshop will be an opportunity to explore these questions and more. *Bring a brown-bag lunch and a token or symbol from your religious past.*

Please register with Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Don't forget to let us know if you'll need childcare.



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What Moves Us: Unitarian Universalist Theology

meets on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month from **9:30 to 10:30 am**, in the Inez Alsop room, beginning Sunday, **February 7**.

Each week we will encounter a different historic or contemporary UU theologian to consider a theological turning point in their life. Among the people we'll learn about are Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Margaret Fuller, James Luther Adams, and Forrest Church. Come to as many, or as few sessions as work for you; each will stand alone.

No need to register, unless you will need childcare.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



Jan 3: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, and Larry Weaver
Jan 10: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, Sarah Hoyt
Jan 17: Carrie and Austin Roberts, Kay Ediger, and Colleen Riley
Jan 24: Linda Kroeger, Marisa Larson, and Colina Stanton
Jan 31: Cathy Hedge, Sabrina Bowker, and Jessica Sievers

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

Monday, Jan 4 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Jan 5 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Jan 7 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Jan 11 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Jan 12 - 4 to 7 pm
Thursday, Jan 14 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Jan 18 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Jan 19 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Jan 21 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Jan 28 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, Jan 30 - 11 am to 6 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.

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.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the February edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **JANUARY 24**. 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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU ...

We are pleased to welcome one of our newer members, **AUSTIN ROBERTS**. You'll find him on Sundays running the sound system, along with Doug Walters. Austin was born in Overland Park, Kansas, and grew up in Merriam/Eudora. He graduated from KSU with a degree in mechanical engineering and now works in the Physics Department. He and his wife Carrie discovered the Fellowship in a unique way. When they were planning their wedding, they looked for wedding vows. They found Unitarian ones, and thought, "That lines up perfectly! Why didn't we know about this place?" When they came to our services for the first time, most of the members were in Topeka for an event, so the attendance was sparse. That was nice because they were not overwhelmed from the beginning. Austin liked what he heard and returned. He and Carrie joined for a chance to build a community and to, "Be more than just ourselves." Austin appreciates the opportunities we have here to better ourselves. He also feels very welcomed and has set a personal goal to be welcoming toward others. *We are so glad that you and Carrie are with us, Austin!*

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

UUFM DIRECTORY UPDATE

There has been some discussion about adding updated pages to our current Directory. There are about 20 new members and friends who are not pictured in the last Directory (winter of 2014).

We'll try to use pictures we have already taken of new members. If you were not in the last Directory and would like to be included please contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com.

You don't need to be a member to be included in the Directory. We will also include your address, preferred phone contact, and email address. We hope to put it all together in January.

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.



UUFM Vision Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, rooted in living tradition, embraces diversity in all its forms as it expands our thinking and our sense of community.

We are:

- † A safe haven for spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth through honest self-examination, provocative dialogue, enriching experiences, and ever-deepening connections ...
- † An incubator for the next generation of UUs, fostering spiritual and ethical exploration tailored to age and stage and promoting intergenerational unity ...
- † Vibrant, open, and inspirational in what we say and do ...
- † A bold model of love, compassion, social action, and justice for ourselves, our society, and our planet ...
- † Builders of bridges across faiths and boundaries to honor our shared humanity and common values ...
- † A visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community.

Get involved
in our Fellowship's campaign for the national
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) program,

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

running thru January 17, encouraging
our families to help those who are most in need.

This year, *Guest at Your Table* is devoted to helping refugees
worldwide.

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Calendar

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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | |
| 27 <u>In the Waning of the Year</u> 10:45-12:00 pm | 28 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm | 29 <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 | 30 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 10:00-12:00 pm <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:15 pm | 31 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm | 1 <u>Beer and Theology</u> 7:00-9:00 pm | 2 | |
| 3 <u>Notable Deaths of 2015</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>OWL Parents' mtg</u> 12:15-1:15 pm | 4 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm | 5 <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 | 6 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 10:00-12:00 pm <u>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm | 7 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm | 8 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-9:00 pm | 9 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 10:00-12:00 pm | |
| 10 <u>Singers Rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Who Do We Serve?</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Helping Hands - Project EXCELL</u> 11:00-11:00 am <u>Justice Focus Group</u> 12:15-1:30 pm <u>OWL Parents' mtg</u> 12:15-1:15 pm | 11 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm | 12 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:30-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm | 13 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 4:30-6:00 pm | 14 <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 | 15 <u>Welcoming Social</u> 5:30-7:00 pm | 16 | |
| 17 <u>Singers Rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Dr King's Life Still Matters</u> 10:45-12:00 pm | 18 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 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 | 20 <u>Game Night</u> 6:30-9:30 pm | 21 <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 | 22 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 3:00-5:00 pm | 23 <u>Owning Your Religious Past</u> 9:30-3:30 pm | |
| 24 <u>KS Pulpit Exchange - Rev David Carter</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Private event</u> 1:00-5:00 pm | 25 | 26 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:30-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm | 27 <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:30 pm | 28 <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 | 29 <u>Book Discussion</u> 10:00-12:00 pm | 30 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 10:00-12:00 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm | |
| 31 <u>A Safe Haven</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Path to Membership</u> 12:15-1:15 pm | 1 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm | 2 <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 | 3 <u>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm | 4 <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 | 5 <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 | 6 <u>Building the Beloved Community</u> 9:00-4:30 pm | |

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