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MARCH 2016 PROGRAMS

MARCH 6 VISION SERIES: "BOLD MODEL OF LOVE, COMPASSION, SOCIAL ACTION AND JUSTICE"

We continue this series of reflections arising from the words of the Fellowship's vision statement (*full text of vision statement on page 8*). Our guest will be Dr Stan Ward, Coordinator of Grants and Compliance, Teaching and Learning, Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. If we are to be a bold model of love and compassion, we need to know what is going on in our community so we can work to make the changes our values call us to. Dr Ward shares what he has learned about the increase in poverty in the Manhattan area. We'll hear about some ways that we are addressing that concern and ways we might address it in the future. Convener is Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

MARCH 13 VISION SERIES: "BUILDERS OF BRIDGES ACROSS FAITHS AND BOUNDARIES"

Jonalu reflects, "The 19th century Universalist Hosea Ballou proclaimed, "If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury; but if we do not, there is no agreement that can do us any good." That theological statement underlies our commitment to building bridges, regardless of the differences between ourselves and others. We are too small a group to do all that we would do in the world, so we are challenged to work with others, to find our common values and recognize our shared humanity." Convener is Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com.

MARCH 20 VISION SERIES: "VISIBLE BEACON OF LIBERAL RELIGIOUS MESSAGES OF HOPE AND MEANING"

Continuing our exploration of the UUFM Vision Statement (*see page 8*), Rev Johnstone reflects, "What are the liberal religious messages of hope and meaning that we have to share with the world? What makes our beacon fire burn? What are we signaling to our community? In this final of the series about our vision, we'll summarize the vision and pull the parts into a whole." Michaela Sievers, at 410-7775 or sieversm@ksu.edu, convenes.

MARCH 27 "CHOCOLATE CROSSES AND OTHER CULTURAL ODDITIES"

Rev Johnstone muses, "Traditional Christians celebrate Easter as the resurrection of Jesus, even though the holiday is named for a pagan goddess. We'll explore connections between fertility and resurrection, learn the formula for scheduling Easter, and reflect on how chocolate crosses follow in the tradition of hot cross buns." Convener is Kelly Richardson-McBee at 262 357-4534 or richardson.kelly.a@gmail.com.

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MARCH NOTES ...

Spring forward into **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** March 13. Set clocks forward 1 hour, before bed Saturday, March 12.

Our **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH** and **EGG HUNT** gathers following the service on *March 27*. Learn more on page 6.

On Sunday, *March 13*, a **WELCOMING BREAKFAST** will be served for new members and friends. Learn more on page 4.



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

When I lived in Wisconsin, I was told it was bad luck to say farewell to winter, because it could always come back. As I write, the day is beautiful and sunny. By the time you read this, there's no telling. Could be spring breezes. Could be snowstorms. The Farmers' Almanac tells me the average last frost date here is April 20. We can't expect this time of balance, of equinox, to go smoothly. It would be nice if each day were just a tad warmer and we could ease gently from winter to summer. But that's not how it works. Think of the year as a see-saw: in winter, there is a pause as one end touches the ground; when the other end touches down, it is summer. Spring, like fall, arrives when both ends are in mid-air. No one pauses there, unless they're making trouble. Ironically, the point of balance is the most transitory, the most unstable point that there is. No wonder the weather fluctuates. Spring exists only as an in-between point.



In spring, we live in the midst of transition. That's what transition is like--we know something's changing, but can't quite yet see the shape of what is to become. The time of transition may be a time we have felt the presence of death or depression, or when we have recognized a bad habit but not yet changed it. It can be falling in love or preparing to give birth. In transitions, we don't know what to expect. Hope and fear compete for our attention. Our feelings bounce around unexpectedly, outside our control.

Like being in spring, all we can do is prepare ourselves for what may come, keep checking the environment to see if we need a coat or a T-shirt, an ice scraper or sunscreen. And enjoy what may come, as much as possible.

The 17th century Japanese poet Matsuo Basho wrote:

*Long conversations
beside blooming irises –
joys of life on the road.*

May your spring be full of joys of life on the road, along with the deep appreciation of them.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday programming, or contact her at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns. Check out Jonalu's blog at uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/

SUNDAY SERVICES: VISION SERIES

As we engage in the vision series of services, where we examine the Vision Statement of UUFM (view full text of the UUFM Vision Statement on page 8), Jonalu invites comments on each section of the vision. A week prior to each service, she will post on the UUFM *Coffee and Conversation* Facebook group, inviting comments on the upcoming phrase to find out how you connect with the vision. If you are not a part of that Facebook group, contact Jonalu or Aimee Fowler to be added. If you don't participate in Facebook, send your comments directly to Jonalu by email, phone, note, carrier pigeon, or any other way you regularly communicate. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. Aimee Fowler may be reached at aimee.mae@gmail.com.

THE CONVERSATION ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

UUFM Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger and Rev Jonalu Johnstone co-facilitate *The Conversation About Dying*, on Thursday, March 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. Jonalu reflects, "Everyone who lives will die. It's best to face it with preparation. Join us for a chance to examine our own attitudes, learn how best to protect our wishes and those of our loved ones, and to prepare in real ways for the transitions we know will come." Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

This month, Jonalu will be available on:

Tuesday,	March 1 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	March 4 -	4 to 6 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	March 8 -	1:30 to 3:30 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	March 9 -	4:30 to 6:30 pm, Radina's
Thursday,	March 10 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Tuesday,	March 15 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Thursday,	March 17 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Saturday,	March 19 -	9 to 11 am, Radina's
Tuesday,	March 22 -	1:30 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	March 23 -	10 to 11:30 am, Radina's
Thursday,	March 24 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Tuesday,	March 29 -	1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	March 30 -	10 am to 12 pm, Radina's
Thursday,	March 31 -	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--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

We've been having such a terrific time in RE classes that I've lost track of time. It's March already! Many thanks to Dan and Kathy Swenson for their special February lessons for the K-2 class on the Earth, Moon, and seasons. Plus the bonus lesson on building thumb pianos! It gave me a sneak peek at all the possibilities for this coming summer. If you've got an idea to share a learning experience with our UU kids, please let me know. I'm ready to start lining up the summer schedule.

Thanks also go out to Courtney Albin and Aimee Fowler who have been leading the Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for Kindergarten and first grade students. This winter there are nine youngsters in the class and they're all having a great time. Next winter we plan to offer the OWL 4-6 class, so if you have a student in that age group, let me know and I'll get information to you.

See you soon, *Sandy*



MARCH FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE!)

Join us in Aggieville for the 38th annual St Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, MARCH 12. The parade starts at 2 pm ... but first ... we'll do a *REVERSE PARADE*. At 1:15 pm we'll gather at the northeast entrance to the City Park, and we'll walk while the parade stands still. Find us under the rainbow umbrella! After our viewing, we'll gather near Radina's to watch the parade in motion. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Road Races, too. Learn more at: <https://letsgoruncom.rsupartner.com/StPats>

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In March, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office **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

Join us for our next Parent Night Out gathering on Friday, MARCH 4. 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, March 3*, so that Sandy Nelson can gather supplies and arrange volunteers.

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS!! Can you volunteer one time this year? We need your help to be able to continue this much-loved program. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT

Join us following the Sunday morning service, MARCH 27, for the Fellowship's annual Easter Potluck Brunch, and Easter Egg Hunt. Kids are invited to eat first and then gather for egg hunting at about 12:15. If you've never seen the egg hunt--we do things a little different. Each plastic egg has a letter sticker on it and kids hunt for the secret word (SPRING). Once they've found their six eggs they exchange them for a wide selection of fun Easter trinkets. Older kids have to really hunt for their eggs. Younger kids have an easier time of it in their own area. It's always fun and no one goes home disappointed.



Remember: all RE students must be registered for the 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

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

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

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). 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, MARCH 2. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. The Social Action and Sunday Service Committees are scheduled to meet following dinner. Anyone with an interest in these activities is encouraged to attend. There are social 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 MARCH 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 **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers at 7 pm, on Friday, MARCH 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. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, MARCH 18, at 10 am, at the Adamchak home. We'll be discussing *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Learn more from Susan Adamchak at 320-7358 or sadamchak@kansas.net, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

Join us at the Fellowship on the fourth Wednesday this month for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. We gather on Wednesday, MARCH 23, 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.

Don't miss the annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH** and **EASTER EGG HUNT** following the morning service on Sunday, March 27. Learn more on pages 3 and 6 in this newsletter, or contact Amanda Mansfield at 785 844-3023 or mansfieldam97@gmail.com.

The UUFM **CAMPUS LUNCH** is currently seeking a home while the K-State Union Foodcourt and seating are being remodeled. Contact Sue Pray if you can offer space, and to learn where the group will meet in March, at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND WELCOMING BREAKFAST

During the morning service on Sunday, MARCH 13, we will recognize and welcome members who have recently joined the Fellowship. Come early, before the March 13 service at 9:30 am, for a get-acquainted breakfast for new friends and members and their families. (*Remember, Daylight Savings begins on the 13th, so set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.*) If you would like to attend and get acquainted, contact Shirley Hobrock. Fellowship friends interested in membership can learn more from Welcoming Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or Reverend Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday, from 9:30 to 10:30 am, in the Alsop Room. Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads **WHAT MOVES US?** We'll explore personal experiences of significant Unitarian, Universalist, and UU thinkers, past and present. A narrative and experiential way to get more acquainted with UU theology and history. Attend as many, or as few, sessions as you wish.

MARCH 6 -- Unitarian minister *WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING* celebrated human nature as divine, while at the same time engaging in a struggle to gain control and mastery of his emotions, believing struggle to be the route to moral perfection.

MARCH 20 -- Transcendentalist *MARGARET FULLER* personally discovered an uplifting religion of the heart that turned her into a liberal religious champion for human rights for all people, everywhere.

Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. *Please let us know in advance if you will need childcare.*

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **MARCH 13** and **27**. 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, **MARCH 23**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads the service. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved! Volunteers are needed to continue **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS**. This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on Friday, MARCH 4 and 18, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. All are invited, and free will donations help us continue this service. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? 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. Committee leaders will happily find a way to 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

CIRCLES FIGHTING POVERTY

Fellowship Communications Committee chair Marisa Larson draws our attention to Circles, working in Manhattan to help end poverty, one relationship at a time. They are in need of allies and volunteers. To learn more, visit www.circlesmanhattan.com/join-us.html or contact Jayme Morris-Hardeman (who presents our Sunday service on April 17) at circlesmanhattan2@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, MARCH 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **WONDER WORKSHOP**, providing opportunities for growth and learning to local children. Visit www.facebook.com/TheWonderWorkshop/.

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.



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, MARCH 3, 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.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The UUFM Social Action Committee is offering support to a young person from our Fellowship, who would like to travel to an experience in another culture, attend leadership training, actively advocate for social justice, or be part of a humanitarian project. Check out UUA.org, UUSC.org (UU Service Committee), or UUCSJ.org (the UU College of Social Justice), for available action/exploration opportunities available. Older teens and young adults may contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net. We hope you'll tell us about other Social Justice experiences that interest you.

SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL TO SPEAK IN MANHATTAN

Sister Simone Campbell, religious leader, attorney, poet, and advocate for systemic change, speaks in Manhattan on Tuesday, March 8:

2:30 pm

MOVEMENTS THAT MATTER--SOCIAL ACTIVISM IN CHANGING TIMES

KSU Union Room 227

7 pm

BRIDGE THE DIVIDES: MAKING A NATION FOR THE 100%

First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue

A recipient of the Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, Sister Simone's appearance is sponsored by the Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice, and co-sponsored by The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, K-State Philosophy Club, Kansas Interfaith Action, Micah Society; St Paul Episcopal, 1st Congregational UCC, 1st Christian, Seven Dolores, and 1st United Methodist Churches. Contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

GI RIGHTS HOTLINE

The UU Fellowship of Manhattan sponsors the GI Rights Kansas Unit, accepting calls and emails from GIs and families for assistance with military regulations and options concerning AWOL, psychological problems, discharges, conscientious objection and much more.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS 1) to receive a few months of training to become a counselor; 2) to do intake interviews for clients with minimal training for actual interview, and some online training to work with human subjects; and 3) certified therapists, psychiatrists, and clinical social workers to do evaluations over the phone. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net, or talk with her on Sundays.

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

SIGN UP, OR **RE-REGISTER** YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD FOR 2016! Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to UUFM to earn money for the Fellowship when you use your card at Dillons. There's no cost to you. Here's how ...

1. Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in OR create a new account. (Forget your login information? Call 866 221-4141.)
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."

GIVING FROM THE HEART AT UUFM

Last month, we contributed \$915 to the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund, during our Helping Hands Sunday collection. Several boxes of warm mittens, gloves, hats, and shoes were collected for refugees, and shipped to UU minister Rev Jane Dwinell, working in Lesvos, Greece. In January and February, \$379 was collected for the UU Service Committee's Guest at Your Table program, focusing on the world's refugee population. *Thank you all for your generosity* of time, talent, materials, and financial support.



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Easter Potluck Brunch
 following the Sunday morning service
 on **March 27**
 Bring a dish to share and join us
 for good food, and great company.
 Ask Sandy Nelson, 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net
 about the Easter egg hunt!
 Learn more, and find out how you can help from
 Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com

The UUFM Social Action Committee collects
Toiletries and Personal Care Products

for
The Crisis Center
 and **Manhattan Emergency Shelter**
 all month in April.

If you plan to travel during Spring Break, or anytime in March, remember to collect unopened travel packages of shampoo, deodorant, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, etc, and place in the box provided in the narthex. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

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COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



March 6: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, and Chris Bailey

March 13: Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, Gail Ragan, and Victoria Martin

March 20: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Pat and Ken Embers

March 27: **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**
Social Committee

THANK YOU 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 March, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesday, March 1 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March 3 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, March 7 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March 8 - 4 to 7 pm
Thursday, March 10 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, March 14 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March 15 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March 17 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March 24 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, March 26 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, March 28 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, March 29 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, March 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**, or to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. You may also contact Susan to learn how to join our private **COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS FACEBOOK** group.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, ask Welcoming chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, 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.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **MARCH 20**. Submissions received later will not be included in the newsletter. Send your submissions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather updates us on the current state of Fellowship finances:

End of year and beginning of year income was very strong. Expenses were in line with budgeted amounts. At the end of January, UUFM was positive \$12,583 for the fiscal year. I project a year-end deficit of over \$20,000, as expected. The ministerial transition gifts have really made this a successful financial year. Without these ministerial transition funds, we would not be able to have a full time minister focusing on growth, adult religious education, and greater community action and presence. To date, about \$31,000 has been received for our ministerial transition from about thirty members. We also have some Endowment funds earmarked for this use, if needed, in future years.

Thanks to Harriette Janke for drawing my attention to QCDs, qualified charitable distributions from individual retirement accounts (IRAs). If you are over 70 1/2 and have IRAs, you can designate your IRA Trustee or Custodian to send contributions *directly* to a qualified charity, like the Fellowship. Money *cannot* go to you or an account of yours first. You avoid paying income tax on the money and all the other implications of a higher AGI and get the charitable donation. Ask your IRA Trustee or Custodian and/or tax accountant about whether it is right for you.

To learn more about Fellowship finances, or to discuss setting up a giving plan, talk to UUFM Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

ALL ABOUT US ...

Please welcome our member, **SUSAN ADAMCHAK**. Susan was born and raised in New Jersey. She went to a progressive all-girls Catholic high school during an exciting period of change. This nurturing environment was empowering and awakened her interest in women's issues. She went on to graduate from Southern Connecticut State, earned a masters at Bowling Green, and her doctorate from Brown University in Providence, R.I. Her focus was sociology and international health. Susan continued her study of women's issues as she worked and travelled internationally. Her first husband was a faculty member at KSU. Susan was reluctant to leave her travels, so the two made a compromise. They lived in Zimbabwe for two years and often went adventuring during their marriage. After Adam passed away, Susan met her current husband, so she is still in Kansas. When Susan could no longer feel part of her original religion, she still wanted a community and spiritual connection. She had several dear friends in the Fellowship and had attended some events, so she began to feel more comfortable. She found, "...the tenets to be gratifying and intellectually satisfying." She joined us when she realized, "I don't feel the need to go searching." *We are glad you have found a spiritual community here with us, Susan!*

Fellowship friend **JULIE IVY**, 31, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, in Manhattan. A memorial service held at the Fellowship on Saturday, February 27, was well attended by family and friends. Julie will be missed.

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.

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
28 <u>Singers Rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Kansas Pulpit Exchange</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	29 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	1 <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	2 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>AWeD Potluck</u> 6:00-9:00 pm	3 <u>Susan Turner</u> 12:00-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	4 <u>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am <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	5	
6 <u>What Moves Us?</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Bold Model of Love, Compassion, Social Action and Justice</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	7 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	8 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:30-3:30 pm <u>Sister Simone Campbell</u> 2:30-7:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm <u>Susan Turner</u> 4:00-7:00 pm <u>Board Mtg</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	9 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 4:30-6:30 pm	10 <u>Conversation About Death & Dying</u> 9:30-11:30 am <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	11 <u>Drum Circle</u> 7:00-9:00 pm	12 <u>Family Fun - St Patrick's Day Parade</u> 1:15-4:00 pm	
13 <u>Singers Rehearse</u> 9:00-10:30 am <u>Welcoming Breakfast</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Builders of Bridges Across Faiths and Boundaries</u> 10:45-12:00 pm <u>Helping Hands - Wonder Workshop</u> 11:00-11:00 am	14 <u>Susan Turner</u> 3:00-5:00 pm	15 <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	16 <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 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>Happy Kitchen</u> 7:00-8:30 am <u>Book Discussion</u> 10:00-12:00 pm	19 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 9:00-11:00 am	
20 <u>What Moves Us?</u> 9:30-10:30 am <u>Visible Beacon of Liberal Religious Messages of Hope and Meaning</u> 10:45-12:00 pm	21	22 <u>Jonalu Johnstone</u> 1:30-5:00 pm <u>Sandy Nelson</u> 3:30-4:30 pm	23 <u>Jonalu at Radina's</u> 10:00-11:30 am <u>Men's Lunch</u> 12:00-1:00 pm <u>Meadowlark Service</u> 3:00-4:30 pm <u>Game Night</u> 6:30-9:30 pm	24 <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	25	26 <u>Susan Turner</u> 11:00-6:00 pm	
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