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APRIL 2016 PROGRAMS

APRIL 3 "HUMANISM: ITS SHADES AND SHADOWS"

Most UUs--both atheists and theists--identify as humanist, that is, they focus on the worth and priorities of human beings and value reason over dogma. A thoroughly positive message. What, though, does humanism mean? Where did it come from? What are the various ways it's been used through the ages? And, what do we need to be careful of? Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. Convener is Austin Roberts at 485-2254 or austin451921@gmail.com.

*Following the April 3 service, our Sunday Services Committee hosts a **FEEDBACK CIRCLE** in the sanctuary. Learn more on page 2 of this newsletter.*

APRIL 10 "THE WILL TO MUTUALITY"

Building on our Kansas Pulpit Exchange theme of "Connecting with Community to Create Change," guest minister Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan considers the effectiveness of non-violent resistance (NVR) and non-violent communication, and the wide range of creative strategies employed with an invitation for folks to begin to think about how they are willing to engage NVR. Because it takes only 3.5% of the people to engage in NVR to make a significant change. Sometimes less ... from the personal to the collective, from our churches to the public square. Convener is Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net.

APRIL 17 "CIRCLES MANHATTAN: A WAY OUT OF POVERTY"

Poverty digs a deep ditch for those who find themselves caught in it. How can people move to find prosperity? What supports allow emergence from poverty? How can societies, institutions and communities support them? What do relationships have to do with it? Jayme Morris-Hardeman, our speaker, is the Coach for Circles Manhattan, an innovative program designed to end poverty by building relationships and environments that empower families and communities to thrive. Grace MacMillan, 221-6275 or cgracemacmillan@gmail.com, convenes.

APRIL 24 "FOLLOWING MOSES"

The celebration of Passover brings Seders and matzo. The message of Passover, though, runs much deeper, providing inspiration for movements as diverse as the English Civil War, abolition, the civil rights movement, and liberation theology. From South Africa to South America, Exodus has symbolized freedom from oppression. What is this story and why does it evoke such passion and motivation? Contact Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

*Following the April 24 service, our **2016 ANNUAL MEETING** gathers in the sanctuary. Members are urged to participate. Learn more on page 6 of this newsletter.*

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APRIL NOTES ...

Friday, April 22, is **GROW GREEN MATCH DAY** at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. Learn how you can support the Fellowship on page 7.

The **I-70 UU CHOIR** performs Saturday, April 16, at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence. More on page 4.

Voting members are encouraged to attend UUFM's 2016 **ANNUAL MEETING** following the service on April 24. Learn more on page 6.



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

Strategic. Planning. Committee.

Three words that people may find it hard to get excited about. Yet they're very important to our future. We have



an outstanding group of people looking at where we've been, where we are, and how we need to move to become the best UU Fellowship we can be.

Strategic planning requires an ability to set large goals and the interim goals to get there,

but to be nimble in completing them. The committee recently brainstormed a list of things we might do that inspired and excited me. We can't do it all, though! The strategy part comes in as we assess which particular actions are most likely to lead us closest to where we want to be. We'll have to consider resources that might be available and the context of the community in which we find ourselves. We'll have to think about whom we include and whom we might include. Strategic planning offers the next step of building on the vision statement that we have spent time thinking about over the last couple months. How do we become the safe haven, the incubator of the next generation of UU's, the builders of bridges, the visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning? How do we embrace and live out our values?

The questions may seem irrelevant to individual UU's. But, really, each person has a role in this. Our fellowship does nothing independent of the members who comprise it. As the fellowship reflects on how it lives out Unitarian Universalism, you might ask yourself how you do the same task. How does inherent worth and dignity influence your choices? How about the interdependent web of life of which we are a part? How do you embody tolerance and compassion? What do you do to grow spiritually and help your children to?

I often tell people that Unitarian Universalism is not an easy religion. We don't offer definitive answers. Instead, we encourage and nurture the questions and the search for the answers. You have to do the search yourself.

It's not an easy religion, but if you put in the time and effort, it is a rewarding one.

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 -- FEEDBACK CIRCLE

The Sunday Services Committee wants your feedback. Following the service on **APRIL 3**, we will host a Feedback Circle in the sanctuary, beginning at 12:15 pm, and lasting about an hour. The focus will be feedback on the service we've just held, but the conversation will range widely, and more general feedback will be included. Questions are open-ended, and you'll get to hear what other people think as well. Snacks will be provided. Your input will help to continue to improve our Sunday mornings. If you'll need childcare, please tell Jonalu, or DRE Sandy Nelson. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ON DEATH AND DYING

The initial Conversation on Death and Dying was so well-received that we are continuing the conversation on Thursday, **MAY 5**, from 6 to 8 pm! You don't need to have attended the first session to get in on this one. Chris Bailey, an attorney in the congregation, will update us on the legal issues. We'll have opportunities for participants to talk about their own thoughts and priorities. If you did not attend the first session, plan to stay until 8 pm to view the excellent PowerPoint that Linda Kroeger has prepared on the medical issues. Those who attended the first session may wish to leave at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

This month, Jonalu will be available on:

Tuesday,	April 5 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	April 8 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April 12 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Wednesday,	April 13 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	April 14 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Tuesday,	April 19 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Thursday,	April 21 - 1 to 5 pm, UUFM office
Friday,	April 22 - 4 to 6 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April 26 - 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.

Jonalu will be attending the MidAmerica UUA Regional Assembly and UU Ministers' Association Meeting in St. Paul April 27 thru 29. She may be contacted during this time by email or cell phone, (405) 627-3859.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE NEWS

APRIL FAMILY FUN - Saturday, APRIL 16 - *PRIDE PARADE*
Please join us for the 7th annual Little Apple Pride Parade. Let's show the greater community that UUFM is here and supports the LGBTQ community!

MARCH WITH UUFM: *Be a beacon ...* We need kids to help hold signs, ride bikes, and be colorful. We'll have lots of colorful crepe paper streamers to decorate bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Parade details are still coming together, but we'll gather at a soon-to-be-designated location at about 1:30 pm. The parade starts at 2 pm. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and colorful clothing.

WATCH AND CHEER: Those who prefer to show their support by cheering on the marchers can gather at City Park along 11th Street, near the pavilion. Bring your folding chairs and line the street at 2 pm. After the parade passes you can join it and march toward Aggieville or catch a ride to the final festivities. I'll be shuttling anyone who wants a ride so give me a call and we can coordinate. Bring your friends. The more the merrier!

See you soon, *Sandy*

YOUTH GROUP FORMING !

Save Wednesday evenings for Youth Group! We've got a lot of 7th to 12th graders and they're *LOOKING FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADERS*. Are you hip? Do you relate well with teens? We need you! Give Sandy a call today if you think this would be fun (or if you have an idea of someone else who should volunteer).

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In April, 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, APRIL 1. Parent Night Out gathers from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution helps us cover expenses. Remember: *parents must physically bring children into the building and come inside to pick them up. Please RSVP no later than the preceding Thursday, March 31, 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.



IN FEBRUARY, STUDENTS AND ADULTS DECORATED PILLOWCASES FOR #GIVE REFUGEES REST, A CAMPAIGN BY THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION (FOR-USA) TO END ISLAMOPHOBIA AND WELCOME REFUGEES.



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 ...*

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on **APRIL 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, **APRIL 6**. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. The Social Action Committee is scheduled to meet following dinner. Anyone with an interest in Social Justice activities is encouraged to join us in the meeting. 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, **APRIL 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. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

Join us at the Fellowship on the third Wednesday each month for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. We gather on Wednesday, **APRIL 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, **APRIL 29**, at 10 am, in Meadowlark Hill's Manhattan Room. We'll be discussing *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, by John Berendt. Learn more from Margene Moss at 410-0562 or genie1940@yahoo.com, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

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 April, at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.

I-70 UU CHOIR PERFORMS

On Saturday, **APRIL 16**, at 2 pm, at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, the combined choirs of the UU Fellowship of Manhattan, the Shawnee Mission UU Church, and the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence present nine selections in styles ranging from rhythms driven by djembe and electric guitar, to melodies that are more reflective and tranquil, with plenty of stops in between! There is no admission charge, but proceeds from a free will offering will benefit Kansas Interfaith Action, a statewide, multi-faith, issue-advocacy organization that "puts faith into action" by educating, engaging and advocating on critical social, economic, and environmental justice issues. Learn more from UUFM Choir Director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.



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 experiences of significant Unitarian, Universalist, and UU thinkers, past and present. Attend as many, or as few, sessions as you wish.

APRIL 3 -- For more than 80 years, *SOPHIA LYON FAHS* used her Theology of Religious Naturalism to show religious educators how to discover and nurture the emotional foundations of liberal faith. More than anyone else, she shaped Unitarian religious education through the 20th century.

APRIL 17 -- The foremost Unitarian of the 20th century, *JAMES LUTHER ADAMS* found beliefs through deeds rather than creeds. His activism led him from fighting Nazism to promoting civil rights and shaping generations of Unitarian ministers. His Five Smooth Stones define religious liberalism.

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 Saturday, **APRIL 9**, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, and Sunday, **APRIL 24**, at 9 am. 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, **APRIL 20**, 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, APRIL 1, 15, and 29, 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 **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. 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, APRIL 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FAIRY GODMOTHERS FUND**, which makes grants to meet the immediate and critical needs of local women that are not being met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at www.fgfund.org.

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, APRIL 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.

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.

TOILETRIES COLLECTION FOR MESI AND THE CRISIS CENTER

The UUFM Social Action Committee will collect toiletries and personal care products for The Crisis Center and the Manhattan Emergency Shelter (MESI) all month in April. Bring unopened sample and 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.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 24**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2016/2017 (June 1, 2016 thru May 31, 2017). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

PROPOSED FY 2016/2017 UUFM BUDGET

	FY 15/16 Budget	PROPOSED FY 16/17 BUDGET	YEAR TO YEAR CHANGE ACTUAL PERCENT	
EXPENSES				
Administration	2,250	2,700	450	+20%
Building Contingency Fund	1,000	2,000	1,000	+100%
Caring	100	100		
Communications/Publicity	4,760	4,500	(260)	-5.5%
Dues	9,240	9,435	195	+2.1%
Facilities	5,075	4,565	(510)	-10%
Green Sanctuary	100	100		
Insurance	3,900	3,700	(200)	-5.1%
Leadership Development	1,000	1,000		
Legal Fees	40	40		
Membership	435	450	15	+3.4%
Minister's Discretionary Fund	250	250		
Music	500	610	110	+22%
Payroll	122,927	128,860	5,933	+4.8%
Religious Education	1,960	1,960		
Sitter	260	400	140	+53.8%
Social	840	840		
Social Action	1,500	2,720	1,220	+81.3%
Sunday Services	2,350	900	(1,450)	-61.7%
Utilities	7,500	7,000	(500)	-6.6%
Welcoming Congregation	250	100	(150)	-60%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$166,537	\$172,930	6,393	+3.8%
INCOME				
Ministerial Transition funds	n/a	6,400		
Contributions - Pledges	118,000	125,000	7,000	+5.9%
Contributions - Cash	2,500	3,000	500	+20%
Contributions - Non-pledge	2,000	3,000	1,000	+50%
Fundraising	6,000	4,000	(2,000)	-33.3%
Interest	5	5		
UUA Common Endowment Distrib.	n/a	500		
Other Income (mostly rental)	600	500	(100)	-16.6%
TOTAL INCOME	\$129,105	\$142,405	13,300	+10.3%
NET INCOME		(30,525)		
Transfer of Ministerial Transition savings		30,525		
NET INCOME AFTER TRANSFER		-0-		

BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

Kathleen Tanona, Nominating Committee chair, and committee members Jane Pelletier and Shirley Hobrock, present the slate of Executive Board officers. Candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

- Chair - Matthew Campbell
- Chair-Elect - **COURTNEY ALBIN**
- Treasurer - **KATHLEEN OLDFATHER**
- Secretary - Jessica Sievers
- Member-at-Large - Chris Bailey
- Member-at-Large - **LINDA KROEGER**
- Past Chair - Katie Kingery-Page

NOTES ON PROPOSED 2016/2017 BUDGET

The UUFM Board recently recommended this budget for your approval. Various committees and individuals submitted budget requests based on the Congregation's vision and plans for the coming year while mindful of current costs. Total expenses are estimated to be \$172,930. This is an increase over last year's approved budget of \$166,537.

Payroll makes up about 75% of our budget, or \$128,860. This includes our Developmental Minister, for the entire 12 months this year. The rest of the staff of DRE, Office Administrator, Janitor, Pianists, and Sitters is included in this number. It also includes \$1,800 toward some new Classroom Coordinators to help with RE. The service our staff provides is essential to carry out our mission every day of the week.

Social Action is requesting an increase of \$1,220 to provide increased monetary support to the Happy Kitchen breakfast project--now requesting \$100 a month rather than \$30. In addition it would like to provide more support to other community projects.

Music Committee, in coordination with the minister, has requested an increase of \$1,350 to provide more special music and increase pianists' hours and rates. But Sunday Services Committee, formerly known as the Program Committee, is actually requesting \$1,450 less in funds, since having a full time minister reduces the cost to pay outside ministers and speakers.

How to pay for this? Give generously. We hope to increase pledged money by about 14%, through new pledges and increases. Previous pledges to help with the ministerial transition are still expected over the next two years. Favorite fundraising activities will continue. And the deficit will be covered using funds set aside, at last year's Annual Meeting, in a ministerial transition savings account.

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather with questions, or for clarification, on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016/17 (June 1, 2016 thru May 31, 2017). Kathleen may be reached at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

\$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 everytime 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 raised \$677 for the Wonder Workshop, during our Helping Hands Sunday collection on March 13. Fellowship members Cybil Perkins and Dave Lambert donated and arranged installation of a new dishwasher in the Fellowship kitchen, to help us continue to provide a welcoming environment. *Thank you all for your generous contributions* of time, talent, materials, and financial support.

GROWGREEN MATCH DAY -- APRIL 22 !!!

Once again the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation is holding a matching day to donate to endowments of local charities and organizations. GMCF holds UUFM's permanent endowments (which are only a portion of our total endowment). Every donation between \$25 and \$1000 to our permanent endowment on Friday, APRIL 22, generates an additional 50% match that goes directly to UUFM (not into the endowment). If you wish to give to UUFM in a way that will help the Fellowship long-term, consider donating during this event and making your contributions go further. Money donated will stay in the endowment untouched and UUFM will have access only to the earnings. Learn more at www.growgreenmanhattan.com/index.cfm. More details will be shared in Sunday bulletins and on the email list and Facebook. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our UUFM representative at GROWGreen, Betty Banner, at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com, or Stewardship Chair Scott Tanona at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net.

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

Hello, Beloved UU Community. As I near the end of my term as Board Chair, I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead of us, as well as reflecting on what we, as a community, have accomplished in the past year.

Our first year with Rev Jonalu Johnstone as a full time minister has brought about many new links to the broader UU and social justice community locally and regionally. We feel this firsthand through the pulpit exchange with Wichita, Topeka, and Lawrence congregations.

Jonalu has a high profile presence in Manhattan that is helping raise awareness of UUFM! She's building coalition with other faiths to help us work on the issues that matter to us, such as fairness in policing and protecting all people from discrimination. I am grateful, too, for her thoughtful and moving reflections on Sundays.

Our Sunday services and RE classes are consistently full. We are reaching the 80% of sanctuary capacity that most organizations use as a benchmark for evaluating use of facilities. As a result of this very (pardon my enthusiasm!) *awesome* trend in Sunday attendance, the committee formerly known as long term planning has been re-activated as a strategic planning committee under the able leadership of Kathleen Tanona. This committee is examining our short, medium, and long term needs as we pursue our bold vision. Stay tuned for requests from this committee for your input and feedback.

I also look back with gratitude for all that our minister emeritus, Michael Nelson, along with lay leaders, did to prepare us for change. We were ready for a full time minister's leadership, and as a result, we are seeing great momentum in our vision to be a visible beacon and a bold model of love.

I am proud of this energy and momentum. Please attend the UUFM Annual Meeting on April 24, right after the Sunday service, when we will discuss important congregational business. Join me in keeping the momentum going ... we all have a part to play!

And 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



- April 3: Anne Marchin, Jim Shanteau, Illya Engle, and Mayumi Saito
- April 10: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, and Ana Franklin
- April 17: Gene Sievers, Mark Clarke, and *other volunteers?*
- April 24: Shirley and Brice Hobrock, and Larry Weaver

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

- Monday, April 4 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April 5 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April 7 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, April 11 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April 12 - 4 to 7 pm
Thursday, April 14 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April 21 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, April 23 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, April 25 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, April 26 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, April 28 - 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.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **APRIL 17**. 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.

Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
27 Singers Rehearse 9:00-10:30 am Chocolate Crosses and Other Cultural Oddities 10:45-12:00 pm Easter Brunch / Egg Hunt 12:15-2:00 pm	28 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	29 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	30 Jonalu at Radina's 10:00-12:00 pm Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	31 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	1 Happy Kitchen 7:00-8:30 am Parent Night Out 6:30-9:30 pm Beer and Theology 7:00-9:00 pm	2	
3 What Moves Us? 9:30-10:30 am Humanism: Its Shades and Shadows 10:45-12:00 pm Sunday Service Feedback Circle 12:15-1:15 pm	4 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	5 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	6 Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm AWeD Potluck 6:00-9:00 pm	7 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	8 Jonalu at Radina's 10:00-12:00 pm Drum Circle 7:00-9:00 pm	9 Singers Rehearse 2:30-4:30 pm Private event 4:30-9:00 pm	
10 The Will to Mutuality 10:45-12:00 pm	11 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	12 Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm Susan Turner 4:00-7:00 pm Board Mtg 7:00-9:00 pm	13 Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm Jonalu at Radina's 4:00-6:00 pm	14 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	15 Happy Kitchen 7:00-8:30 am	16 Little Apple Pride Parade 1:30-3:00 pm I-70 UU Chorus 2:00-4:30 pm	
17 What Moves Us? 9:30-10:30 am Circles Manhattan: A Way Out of Poverty 10:45-12:00 pm Private event 1:30-5:00 pm	18	19 Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	20 Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm Meadowlark Service 3:00-4:00 pm Game Night 6:30-9:30 pm	21 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	22 GrowGreen Match Day 12:00-12:00 am Jonalu at Radina's 4:00-6:00 pm	23 Susan Turner 11:00-6:00 pm	
24 Singers Rehearse 9:00-10:30 am Following Moses 10:45-12:00 pm 2016 UUFM Annual Meeting 12:15-2:00 pm	25 Susan Turner 3:00-5:00 pm	26 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Jonalu Johnstone 1:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	27 Men's Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	28 Susan Turner 12:00-5:00 pm Sandy Nelson 3:30-4:30 pm	29 Happy Kitchen 7:00-8:30 am Book Discussion 10:00-12:00 pm	30	

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