



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

A COMMUNITY OF STORY?

"The universe is made of stories, not atoms." -- Muriel Rukeyser

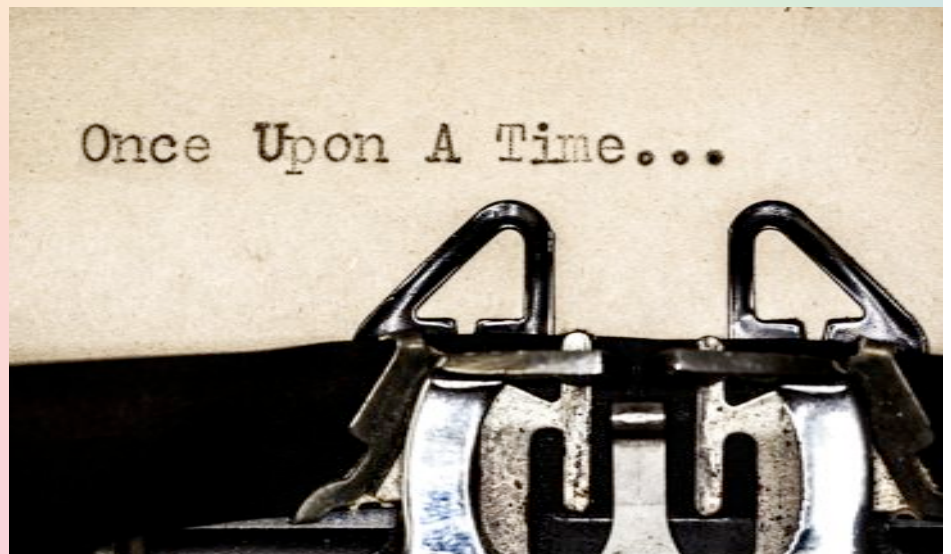
The human brain seems to be calibrated to make sense of the world through stories. Every culture tells stories--to explain the ways the world works, to entertain, to express group membership and personal identity. We read novels, watch movies, and go to plays to suspend reality and experience stories. Fiction in all its forms allows us to encounter profound truths disguised as enjoyment. We remember information better when it comes through story. Some people even use stories as mnemonic devices for lists or recipes. Where would we be without those truths from literature not to mention the true stories: news stories, stories of how we met our spouse, stories of our life journey? Stories add sense and meaning, plotline and color to the facts and figures.

Our lives are not just made up of stories; they are also *made by* stories. From Bible stories to Star Wars to the Wizard of Oz, stories shape us. We identify with particular characters, then find ourselves acting more like them. We look for parallels in our own lives, think of occasions when a light saber would come in handy or compare people in our circle to the Scarecrow or Cowardly Lion. Big stories--whether religious or not--become the myths we live into.

History, too, is arranged in story. The best history teachers weave a narrative of how things came to be as they are. Of course, we've often heard that it's the winners who write the history, so we recognize that the way the story is told has a long-term effect. The truth is there are always different perspectives of what happened, varying narratives.

We can become trapped in a story--whether a personal story that restricts us to a particular role, or a larger historical story that colors our view of who is the hero and who the villain, or a mythic story that shapes our assumptions about how the world operates.

What are your stories? How do they affect your worldview? Are you an actor conforming to the scripts handed to you? Or have you found your own way of becoming a director, a screenwriter, an author? How are you struggling right now to regain control of the storyline of your life? How are you and your friends working to regain control of the storyline of our community? Our country? Plenty to explore together this month.



NOVEMBER 2016 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN NOVEMBER EXPLORES
 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF **STORY**?"

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am, Sunday, November 6. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 5.

NOVEMBER 6 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF STORY?"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone speaks. "The universe is made of stories, not atoms," said poet Muriel Ruykeyser. The human mind seems made to make sense of things through stories, even more than through reason or emotion. Sometimes stories tell a deeper truth, and other times, they trap us in a plot-line we need to free ourselves from. We'll explore story from a variety of perspectives. Convener is Marisa Larson at (240) 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 13 "FOCUSING ON OUR STORY--YOURS, MINE AND OURS"

How did we come to be in this place? Each of us has a story, uniquely our own. We come together and forge a new story, one that we share. We'll hear some of the stories of our fellowship and consider how our stories always rewrite themselves. Our UUA regional staff member, Dori Davenport Thexton, will be with us and lead a workshop following the service. Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Convener is Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

Please join us following the November 13 service, at 12:15 pm, for a workshop exploring **WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY**. Learn more on page 5.

NOVEMBER 20 "RETHINKING THE THANKSGIVING STORY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this reflection. What lessons did we learn from the traditional Thanksgiving story? How do we reconfigure the story? How do we acknowledge our part in the pain of others? How do we maintain gratitude in the face of complexity? Michaela Sievers, who may be reached at 410-7775 or sieversm@ksu.edu, convenes.

NOVEMBER 27 "GRATITUDE"

Popular culture encourages us to "just feel grateful" as a panacea for discontent. But how do we move past the everyday upheavals of life to find a meaningful practice of gratitude? Join us to hear fellow members reflect upon the experience of gratitude and for the opportunity to add your own reflection. Co-conveners are Katie Kingery-Page, at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com, and Dick Beeman, at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net.

Please join us following the November 27 service for our annual **After-Thanksgiving Soup Potluck lunch**. Come for good food and great company.

There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.

... Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*



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**SUNDAY SERVICES begin at 10:45 AM
 at 481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

*Stories make us more alive, more
 human, more courageous, more
 loving.*

... Madeleine L'Engle

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COMING UP THIS MONTH ...

UUA staffer Dori Davenport Thexton leads a workshop exploring of **WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY**, following the service on Sunday, **NOVEMBER 13**. Learn more on page 5.

The **UU CAMPUS LUNCH** is reforming, each month on the second Thursday, **NOVEMBER 10**. Learn more on page 5.

When a group of us gathered for the Strategic Planning Workshop in late September, Katie Kingery-Page led us in a story-telling exercise. Small groups were invited to come up



with and share with the whole group stories of the fellowship building that had stuck with people. The most popular story came up a few times--the story of the wedding of Michael Nelson and Charles Dedmon. Michael was my immediate predecessor, serving as part-

time minister of this fellowship for ten years. Their wedding was a long awaited joyous occasion. Apparently, every space was filled with happy celebrants--family, friends, and fellowship members. The food excelled, the dancing swept people up. Generations mixed easily inside and outdoors. The building played a character in a jubilant drama, shaping and being shaped by the experience.

I've heard a lot of the stories of this congregation in the last year or so. One that struck me particularly deeply is the story of how the fellowship came to reside on Zeandale Road. Some of you reading this know the story much better than I do, and I may get some of the details wrong, but it's a significant passage to reflect on as we look towards the future in our planning. In the 1980's only a few committed members were left in the fellowship, meeting then in a house on Bluemont. All the children had grown up, and members wondered if the fellowship would survive.

So they took a great risk. They bought a small building owned by the school district out on Zeandale Road. It needed work if it was to be usable by fall, so members spent the summer with renovations. They planned for including children and took out ads saying they had religious education. By the time fall came and services started, there were still ladders up and the work was almost, but not quite, done. The feeling of excitement raised everyone's spirit and rubbed off on the new people who came with their children.

At that time, the Alsop Room served as the sanctuary, and the group didn't yet have so much of the lovely space we enjoy now. That handful of families, though, made possible what we have today. Their vision led them to take risks and to leave a legacy of the safe haven and visible beacon that we still strive to grow into. It's a story to provide inspiration as we go forward with our strategic planning.

Today's leadership made a key decision to assess our current site to determine potential for future growth. You'll

hear more about the process and results over the next few months.

In the meantime, in keeping with this month's theme, I invite you to recognize how our stories play into our understanding of our past, present and future.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday services, 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/

CHALICE CIRCLES ...

Didn't get a chance to sign up for Chalice Circles? Chalice Circles are a group of 5 to 8 people engaging in deepening practices around our monthly themes and meeting to explore together. Chalice Circles increase our connections with other members and friends of the congregation and contribute to our personal and spiritual growth. We still have 2 groups with openings:

† Michaela Sievers' group meets on a Saturday once a month from 10 am to noon. Contact Michaela at sieversm@ksu.edu, if you're interested.

† An additional group is forming that will meet one Sunday a month 2 to 4 pm. Contact Jonalu at jonalu@sbcglobal.net, if you're interested.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Nov 1 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday, Nov 2 - 3 to 5 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday, Nov 8 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday, Nov 9 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday, Nov 10 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Nov 15 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday, Nov 17 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday, Nov 18 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday, Nov 29 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday, Nov 30 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville

Jonalu will be on vacation out of town, November 21 thru November 28. She may be reached in an emergency by cell phone, 405 627-3859, or email jonalu@uufm.net. During office hours, call Jonalu at the Fellowship at 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours--at Radina's Bakehouse in Blue Earth Plaza, or 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 NEWS

REFLECTIONS

Students are enjoying explorations of world religions as well as tackling our seven principles. A big thank you to everyone who has offered Matt Sayre music suggestions. It adds a whole new perspective to the class.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for our young teens will be wrapping up at the beginning of December. Please go out of your way to thank Molly McGaughey and Matt and Jen Campbell for the commitment they have made in leading this class. It's a huge undertaking, and our teens are definitely reaping the benefits.

Toward the end of November, some classes are taking a short break from the regular curriculum and focusing on "Holidays and Holy days" as well the UUSC service project "Guest At Your Table." We'll loosen up, do lots of art, maybe find time for play acting, and cross our fingers for some early snow.

See you soon, *sandy*

Talk with our Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net

Stories you read when you're the right age never quite leave you. You may forget who wrote them or what the story was called. Sometimes you'll forget precisely what happened, but if a story touches you it will stay with you.

... Neil Gaiman, M Is for Magic

DRE'S SCHEDULE

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

PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN

Our next Parent Night Out gathers on Friday, NOVEMBER 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. *Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) has been re-designed for children from 3 to 12 years old who can toilet on their own with minimal assistance. We watch a movie, have some popcorn, and games and art projects are available. A \$5 per child contribution helps us cover expenses. Dinner is NOT served at Parent Night Out. Please be sure your kids are fed before arriving. This is an RSVP event and space is limited. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, November 3, so that Sandy can gather supplies and make plans.*

Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

NOVEMBER FUN FAMILY FUN -- FOR EVERYONE

Following the Sunday service on NOVEMBER 27, we hope everyone can join us for our annual **STONE SOUP POTLUCK!** Bring a dish to share and come for good food and great company. Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@gmail.com.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

We're in the beginning stages of planning the winter Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes to be held mid-January through mid-March. Our intent is to offer the 4th to 6th grade curriculum. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children within those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, please contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

You can catch up on all RE activities by visiting the **RE BLOG** on our website at uufm.net/topic/re-blog.

*All children must be registered for the 2016-2017 year. **REGISTRATION FORMS** are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway, as well as online at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.*

Learn more about all family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS – *EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE*

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a lunch for yourself and come ready for spirited conversation. Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Please join us for our next ACTION WEDNESDAY (**AWed**) **POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 2. Following dinner at 6 pm, there are social activities for all ages, and those attending are invited to join in any of the scheduled committee meetings that interest them. Learn more from Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@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.

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

The UU **CAMPUS LUNCH** begins meeting again, on the second Thursday of each month. Join us on Thursday, NOVEMBER 10, at 12 noon. We'll gather in the K-State Student Union Food Court. Learn more from Sue Pray at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, NOVEMBER 11, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. UUFM members, friends, and the wider community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Bring your favorite 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, NOVEMBER 16, 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** takes a break in November, to avoid conflicts with holiday plans. Watch for announcements of our next meeting. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHOP

Join us following the Sunday service on **NOVEMBER 13**, at 12:15 pm, for a workshop focused on Welcoming and Hospitality. How were you welcomed into Unitarian Universalism and our fellowship? One of our three developmental goals is about growing our congregation. To do that, we need to extend radical hospitality to others. We have to become as conscious of outsiders as we are of insiders. Our regional staff person from the UUA, Dori Davenport Thexton leads us in exploring dimensions of hospitality and welcome to help us extend ourselves to others. Finger foods will be provided. Please let us know ahead of time if you'll require childcare during the workshop. Learn more from Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



UUFM SINGERS

The **UUFM SINGERS** rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, NOVEMBER 6. The Music Committee hopes to offer special music--either the choir or an alternative presentation by soloists or small groups--as often as possible. Anyone who wishes to perform or nominate others may contact Music Committee Chair, Michael Oldfather, at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu, or any of our Committee members--Pat Embers, Dick Beeman, Marisa Larson, Michaela Sievers, Renea Reasoner, Cathy Hedge, and Jim Shanteau.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service will be on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 30, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service exploring "Story," our November theme. All are invited. Bring your friends. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale is coming up on Sunday, DECEMBER 11. This is a one-day event immediately following the Holiday service. Everyone is encouraged to bring homemade/homegrown food items or handmade items to sell. It is a fantastic opportunity to find special holiday foods or unique gift items. Donors bring their sale items on the morning of the sale and are asked to set the price for their items. Cash, checks and credit/ debit cards are accepted. All proceeds benefit the Fellowship's general operations. Learn more, and *find out how you can help*, from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Manhattan Ministerial Alliance's ecumenical Thanksgiving service is going interfaith this year! All are invited to attend, on Sunday, NOVEMBER 20, at 7 pm, at the First Christian Church across from the Riley County Courthouse.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, NOVEMBER 11 and 25, 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? 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. Jen Campbell, **SOCIAL** Committee chair (jgcampbell4@hotmail.com), sometimes needs help setting up, or cleaning up after a party or meal. Sylvia Beeman, **GROUNDS** chair, (sbeewoman@hotmail.com) can always use help watering and with occasional projects around our grounds. Do you enjoy connecting with new friends? Ask our **WELCOMING** Committee chair Shirley Hobrock (shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com), 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

The reason for evil in the world is that people are not able to tell their stories.

... Carl Jung

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, NOVEMBER 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **RILEY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**, a no-kill animal rescue organization dedicated to the welfare of animals. Learn more at www.rchsk.org.

On October 9, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to The Crisis Center. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!!! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available for purchase. To learn more, or to purchase fair trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.



GI RIGHTS HOTLINE

UUFM 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* in many capacities. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) human rights work. For over 40 years, Guest at Your Table has raised millions of dollars for human rights projects that have made a real difference in people's lives. The program introduces you to grassroots leaders around the world who are advancing human rights. As you gather together with your family and friends to take part in Guest at Your Table, we figuratively invite those leaders into your community--to your table--through sharing their stories. We think of these leaders as our "guests." Learn more at www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners/.

UUFM will be participating in Guest at Your Table again this year beginning November 20, and running through the holiday season, with help from our RE students. Learn more, and find out how you can help from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyr@gmail.com.

ALL ABOUT US

The Fellowship mourns the loss of two long-time members.

JACK WARREN passed on October 5. Jack joined the Fellowship in 1957, our congregation's founding year. Among his many contributions, Jack was one of the original organizers of our weekly Men's Lunch gathering, where he will be remembered for his spirited and thoughtful conversation. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Stockwell. A memorial service was held at the Fellowship on Saturday, October 29.

Long-time member **BARBARA HACKER** passed on October 26. She and her husband David joined the Fellowship in 1978, and were deeply involved in our move from Bluemont Avenue to our current home on Zeandale Road. After several years in Michigan, Barbara and David returned to Manhattan and our Fellowship in the late 1990s. A memorial service has been scheduled on Friday, November 11, at 3 pm, at the First Congregational Church.

STAFF SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

As UUFM strives to maintain Fair Employment standards set by the UUA, and in order to remain compliant with changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), which go into effect on December 1, the Fellowship will no longer be able to accept voluntary hours in excess of hours already approved for some staff positions in our office. Members of our staff are seeking volunteers to help with small tasks which can be accomplished with a minimum contribution of time by any one volunteer. Some opportunities include:

- *Maintenance of bulletin boards.* The most important part of this position is to keep bulletin board postings up-to-date. One volunteer could complete this job in an hour or two each week, depending on your decorative predisposition, or, several volunteers could take one bulletin board each.
- *Fold and assemble order of service bulletins.* One person can complete this in an hour and a half or less, or, two people could complete this in 45 minutes. Arrive early, before the morning service, or come in Saturday evening.
- *Light mid-week cleaning/picking up.* Our custodian, Social Committee, and Coffee and Greeting teams do a great job cleaning before and after Sunday services and events, but the building often gets a little disheveled during the week.
- *Mailing newsletters.* This occurs at the end of each month. We still send out 10 to 15 newsletters by postal mail each month.

Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

Stories--individual stories, family stories, national stories--are what stitch together the disparate elements of human existence into a coherent whole. We are story animals.

... Yann Martel

FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial update as of September 30, 2016:

Year-to-Date Income	\$ 40,492
+ Transfer of savings	10,000 (ministerial transition)
Year-to-Date Expenses	<u>57,764</u>
Net	<u>\$ -7,272</u>

November is our sixth month of the fiscal year. I will be sending out pledge updates sometime in November. If you have any questions about giving or where you stand, let me know.

Kathleen Oldfather

Learn more about Fellowship finances, make your pledge, or set up a convenient automatic payment option. Contact Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

REMNANT TRUST LECTURE SERIES

Rev Jonalu Johnstone will be speaking on "Torah and Abraham's Co-venant: A Foundation of Abrahamic Faiths," as part of the Remnant Trust Lecture Series in connection with Hale Library's rare books exhibit, on NOVEMBER 9, at Hale Library in the Hemisphere Room. The Torah made Judaism what it is. The physical scrolls and the spiritual inspiration shaped Jewish identity through the Diaspora. What's more, the covenant with Abraham sprouted at least three separate but related religious traditions--Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Others speaking at that time on other religiously oriented rare books from the collection will be Rev Kati Collins from First Presbyterian Church on Hilde-gard of Bingen and Syed Haroon Bin Farrukh on the Qur'an. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



Nov 6: Anne Marchin, Jim Shanteau, and Ronette Gehring
Nov 13: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, and Ana Franklin
Nov 20: Gene Sievers, Mark Clarke, and Wayne Clark
Nov 27: **STONE SOUP POTLUCK**
UUFM 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

Tuesday,	Nov 1 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Nov 3 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Nov 5 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Nov 7 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Nov 8 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Nov 10 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Nov 12 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Nov 14 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Nov 15 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Nov 17 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Nov 19 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Nov 21 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Nov 22 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Nov 24 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Nov 26 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Nov 28 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Nov 29 -	1 to 6 pm

Call office administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop into the office. She may be reached 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 ADDRESS, 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.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the November edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **NOVEMBER 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.

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

Wow! Everything seems so ... tumultuous: the looming presidential election, global conflicts and terrorism, social and racial injustices, and everything we each experience in our busy personal lives. Certainly feelings of animosity, grievance and hopelessness can take hold quickly. Rest assured UUFM is the place for reconciliation. A place to seek the greater good, where we can find peace with the world around us, where we can meet others with whom we can enjoy fellowship, where we can work together to make our community, country and world we live in more just, joyous and free. It is important for us to keep perspective, to return to the places and people that give us passion, hope and meaning, to remind us the true value of UUFM. This is what drives us to take action, to offer our time, talents and treasure to our beloved community.

The purpose of this letter is to inform the congregation what action the UUFM Board is currently taking to support of the vision we have communally created and uphold the beloved community we hold dear.

1. We are actively pursuing and tracking the Developmental Ministry goals we set as a congregation: 1) Turn our vision of being a strong, visible, and socially active presence in the community into strategic action; 2) Transition to full-time ministry model; 3) Grow in ways needed to support both 1 and 2. We have been in contact with the Mid-America Region UUA and will be holding a workshop November 13 [see page 5 of newsletter] with focus on welcoming, membership, stewardship and organizational structure.
2. We have initiated and supported the re-formation of the Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Long Range Planning Committee). We have approved a request for funds for a professional site assessment.
3. We continue to manage assorted administrative and financial issues.

Beyond these actions that are two issues we feel should be shared with the congregation. We are in the process of creating a Gun Policy and appropriate signage that would prohibit all firearms at the UUFM. Also, we are in the process of creating a Trans-friendly restroom policy including gender-neutral restrooms. Please contact a Board member if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Our first year of Developmental Ministry has been exciting! We are reaping the benefits of an energetic and dedicated full-time minister with quality and consistency of our Sunday services, a heightened presence in our community, organizational structure and more small group opportunities. All of this is action and change is transforming the UUFM to a place that represents our vision. Change is hard but necessary. When executed with intention and passion change is positive, meaningful and rewarding. We are truly grateful for such an active, supportive and generous congregation. We deeply appreciate the willingness to adapt and manage changes to our fellowship. We urge you to stay the course and keep our vision in mind. We are excited for what is to come as we embark on our second year of Developmental Ministry and cultivate our beloved community.

Matt Campbell - UUFM Board Chair

Contact Matt at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.com.

The world isn't just the way it is. It is how we understand it, no? And in understanding something, we bring something to it, no? Doesn't that make life a story?

... Yann Martel, *Life of Pi*

AFTER-THANKSGIVING SOUP POTLUCK

Following the morning service on Sunday, NOVEMBER 27, everyone is Invited to join in our annual After-Thanksgiving Soup Potluck. Bring a pot of your favorite soup, bread, fruit, a salad, dessert, or any dish you'd like to share! Come share good food, and great company.

Our Social Committee will be in charge of setting up, serving, and cleaning up during this community meal, but one time volunteers are needed and most welcome. Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Social Committee chair Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@gmail.com

We who make stories know ... we owe it to our readers to build them as best we can. Because somewhere out there is someone who needs that story. Someone who will grow up with a different landscape, who without that story will be a different person. And who with that story may have hope, or wisdom, or kindness, or comfort.

... Neil Gaiman, *The Graveyard Book*

NOVEMBER 2016 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

2
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room
3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859
6 PM AWED POTLUCK
 Courtney Albin, 317-8157

3
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

4
6:30 TO 9:30 PM
PARENT NIGHT OUT
7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY
 Auntie Mae's Parlor

5
2 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

6
9 AM SINGERS
 rehearse
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
*What Does It Mean to Be
 a Community of Story?*
1:30 TO 4:30 PM
PRIVATE EVENT

7
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

8
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:30 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON
 at Fellowship, 537-2349

9
10 AM TO 12 PM
J JOHNSTONE at Radina's,
 (405) 627-3859
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room

10
12 PM
CAMPUS LUNCH
 Student Union Food Court
1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE
1 TO 6 PM S TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

11
7:30 AM HAPPY
KITCHEN breakfast
 St Paul's Episcopal Church
7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE
 Pat Embers, 410-3627

12
10 AM BOARD MEETING
 Matt Campbell
 (913) 709-4693
2 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

13
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
*Focusing On Our Story--
 Yours, Mine and Ours*
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
 Riley Co Humane Society
12:15 PM WELCOME AND
HOSPITALITY WORKSHOP

14
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

15
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

16
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room
6:30 PM GAME NIGHT
 Carrie Roberts, 485-2254

17
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

18
2 TO 4 PM JONALU at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859

19
2 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

20
10:45 AM SERVICE
*Rethinking the
 Thanksgiving Story*
7 PM INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 First Christian Church
LAST MINUTE
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

21
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

22
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

23
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
 Jupiter room

24
7:30 AM HAPPY
KITCHEN breakfast
 Jennifer Bryan, 537-0057

26
1 TO 3 PM UUFM
SINGERS rehearse
 M Oldfather, 537-3738
2 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

27
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Gratitude
12:15 PM
AFTER-THANKSGIVING
POTLUCK

28
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

29
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
1 TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

30
10 AM TO 12 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE

