



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

## **A PEOPLE OF HOPE?**

*Faith, wherever it develops into hope, causes not rest but unrest, not patience but impatience. It does not calm the unquiet heart, but is itself this unquiet heart in [all of us]. Those who hope ... can no longer put up with reality as it is, but begin to suffer under it, to contradict it. [True hope] means conflict with the world, for the goad of the promised future stabs inexorably into the flesh of every unfulfilled present.*

--Jürgen Moltmann, Theologian

It's not always easy to hear well this time of year, especially when it comes to hope. The dominant messages are about hope offering us calm: "The light will come." "A new day is on its way." "Justice and joy are growing in the womb and will soon be born." Hope, from this point of view, is a voice that reassures. It's a welcomed whisper that says, "Yes, the sky may be dark now. Yes, the road you're on at this moment may be hard. But trust me, just over that horizon, there's a new world waiting for us all."

This soothing message comes to us as a gift. During dark days, we all get tired. The fruits of our efforts are hard to see. We feel alone. The promise that things will change offers us relief. We are released from the burden of believing that "it is all up to me" or that it all must be solved now.

It's a beautiful and needed message. But, as Moltmann and others remind us, it's also only half of what hope is trying to say. Hope doesn't just whisper "It *will* be different," it also shouts "It *should* be different" and "It *can* be different." Yes, it speaks soothing words about trusting and waiting, but it also takes the form of a holy impatience that declares, "Enough is enough. The time is now!" As Moltmann puts it, hope is not just that which calms the unquiet heart; it also *is* the unquiet heart.

In other words, hope doesn't just promise us that change will come in the future; it also changes who we are in the present. When we believe that a new day is dawning, we don't just sit down and wait. We get up and go out to meet the light. When hope convinces us that there are unseen forces working for the good, we begin to look around more closely, and in doing so we notice that darkness and pain are not all that is there. When hope's holy impatience gets into our bones, we start acting as if we deserve that new day now. Which in turn changes others by convincing them that we all have waited long enough.

Bottom line: listening fully to hope makes you dangerous, not just soothed! It doesn't relieve us of duty as much as it reminds us that wind is at our back and unseen reinforcements are at our side. Yes, hope reassures, but it also emboldens. It doesn't just offer us a promise; it gives us a push.

But all of this only happens if we listen fully. Maybe the most important question this month is: "Are we listening to everything hope has to say?"

Spiritual abundance is waiting for us friends.

May this be the month we choose it.



## DECEMBER 2017 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN DECEMBER EXPLORES  
 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEOPLE OF **HOPE**?"

### DECEMBER 3 "FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: RADICAL REVERSAL"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone speaks. True hope, theologically speaking, runs much deeper than "I hope you have a happy holiday." Hope aims for more than a specific wish or simply glossing over troubles. We don't need hope when times are good. How, though, do we find it when we do need it--in the depths of despair? Can we banish deep sadness and helplessness by rediscovering hope? Special music, as well as words, will help trace the ways. Convener is Dick Beeman at 539-9369 or rbeeman@cox.net.

### DECEMBER 10 KANSAS PULPIT EXCHANGE

Rev Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka, will join us this morning. Jessica Sievers convenes, and may be reached at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

*During the December 10 service, UUFM Board Chair Courtney Albin and Board officers will report on our **DEVELOPMENTAL MINISTRY** and progress toward our developmental goals. Learn more on pages 3 and 7.*

*Following the December 10 service, stay for the fun at our **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**. Learn more on page 5.*

### DECEMBER 17 "LONGING IN THE DARKNESS FOR HOPE"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone guides this service. This Holiday Music Sunday will feature "I Heard the Bells," "No Time to Diet," and the perennial favorite, "December's Keep," as we continue to explore our longings for hope in the darkest season of the year. Convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

### DECEMBER 24 "CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE MORNING"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. There will be *no evening* Christmas Eve this year, so we'll celebrate Christmas Eve in the morning. A multi-generational celebration, we'll sing the songs the children have learned during December, offer seasonal readings and inspiration, and light candles for "Silent Night." Bring cookies to share after the service. Convener is Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elklorenz9@gmail.com.

### DECEMBER 31 "HONORING THOSE WHO DIED IN 2017"

Several members will present remembrances of friends and public figures--some famous persons and others whose contributions to the arts, public policy, sports, etc., will long outlive them. Michael Oldfather, who can be reached at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu, coordinates the service.

*There is no scheduled **COFFEE AND GREETING** team on December 31. Please make a point to notice new visitors and help them feel welcome. After the service, check to see how you can help in the kitchen.*

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

*The Sun will rise and set regardless. What we choose to do with the light while it's here is up to us. Journey wisely.*

... Alexandra Elle

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### COMING UP ...

An **INTERFAITH HOLIDAY PARTY** for youth and teens will be held Sunday, **DECEMBER 10**. More pages 4 and 7.

Don't miss our **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE** on Sunday, **DECEMBER 10**. Learn more on page 5.

Members are encouraged to attend a **CONGREGATIONAL MTG** on continuation of our Developmental Ministry contract with Rev Johnstone Sunday, **JANUARY 7**. Learn more on pages 3 and 7.



UUFM is a  
**WELCOMING CONGREGATION**  
 Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at  
[www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program](http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program)

We're in the midst of what has come to be known as "the holiday season," sometime between Thanksgiving and New Years. Perhaps no time of year brings higher expectations and anxiety. Some of the expectations come from outside ourselves--the in-laws who want to include you on "the" day, the children with their list of presents, the work place parties that feel required, whether they are or not. Other expectations are internal--the need for an outdoor light display, special cookies, or standards around the wrapping of gifts.



Then, there are the layers of discomfort around religion. Even as we set aside the ridiculous notion of a war against Christmas, we can't help but notice that Christmas is a *religious*

holiday, and as UU's, we can chafe against some of the theology around it. We may be able to accept it as a celebration of the birth of Jesus, particularly as he represents the birth of the divine in every child, but we may not accept him as Lord and King, or God. Those Christmas carols, then, even when we love them, can irritate or trouble us.

Extended family, too, can create conundrums. Scheduling who to be with when, dodging the religious fervor of people we love, compromising on ideas of the right foods and activities--all add stress to a time that is supposed to "merry and bright."

Acknowledging the challenges is the first step. Then, we have to make plans according to our immediate family's needs and wants. Here are some suggestions:

1. Talk with family members about what each person thinks is the most important holiday tradition. Maybe walking through the Festival of Lights, frying potato latkes, or singing carols around the piano. Be sure this season to do what each family member thinks is most important, but let go of traditions that no longer hold excitement for anyone.
2. Find weekend day or weeknight evening during the holidays to just be together as a family at home. Play games, bake cookies, or take a walk. Keep the TV and computers off, and let the voicemail get the phones.
3. Think of something to do for someone else. Pick a child to shop for who might not get gifts otherwise, visit a relative you don't normally see, take some food to the Food Bank, or decide as a family to forgo one gift each

to make a donation to a good cause that matches your values.

4. Reflect together on your year. What were your favorite times? What do you wish had been different? Consider setting goals for the coming year.

The holiday season can be full of expectations. If we consciously decide how we choose to spend those holidays rather than being at the mercy of internal and external expectations, we may find the holidays a reward rather than a hassle.

Happy Holidays,

*Jonalu*

*Talk to Rev Jonalu Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net) with your thoughts, inspirations and concerns. Read Jonalu's blog at [uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/](http://uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/)*

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**CALL TO MEETING - JANUARY 7, 2018**

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Following the Sunday morning service on JANUARY 7, members are encouraged to attend a congregational meeting to vote on the *extension of our Developmental Ministry contract with Rev Jonalu Johnstone*. Information regarding developmental ministry and our progress toward our developmental goals is included in this issue of the newsletter in the Message from the Chair [page 7] and will be presented at the Sunday service, on December 10. For more information, contact Board Chair Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or [courtney.albin@gmail.com](mailto:courtney.albin@gmail.com).

**REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE**

Tuesday,	Dec 5 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Dec 7 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday,	Dec 8 - 2:30 to 4:30 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	Dec 12 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Dec 13 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday,	Dec 19 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Dec 20 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's on the Hill
Thursday,	Dec 21 - 1 to 5 pm

Jonalu will be out of the office December 25 thru January 2. While away, she'll be available by cell phone or email. During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours drop into Radina's to share your thoughts and a cup of coffee. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### CLASSES

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In December, students join together for some Christmas fun.

**DECEMBER 3:** Dan and Kathy Swenson share their artistic talents as we make a variety of **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**. Parents are encouraged to join us after the service and create with their children since there won't be a Saturday craft day this year.

**DECEMBER 10 AND 17:** Carolyn Ferguson shares her knowledge of **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**. Did you know Jingle Bells was written by a Unitarian? We'll learn all kinds of Christmas carol trivia.

**DECEMBER 24:** Everyone is invited to a multi-generational **CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE MORNING** service. There will be no childcare or Sunday school classes.

**DECEMBER 31: PAJAMA DAY!** We say goodbye to 2017 in our pajamas with hot chocolate and New Year's resolutions.

Remember: All children must be registered for the 2017-2018 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>.

See you soon, *Sandy*

### OWL IS COMING !!!

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Our Whole Lives (OWL) will be offered for teens in 7th-9th grades in the winter and spring (mid-January to May). Our trained facilitators are Molly McGaughey, and Jen and Matt Campbell. A schedule is still being created, but classes will likely be after regular Sunday school from 12:30-3:30. We understand that students won't be able to make every class, but we hope they can attend most.

We also intend to offer the OWL curriculum for Kindergarten-2nd graders in the winter (mid-January to mid-March). Classes will be after regular Sunday school from about 12:30-1:30.

If you have a student in 7th-9th grade or K-2nd grade and would like them to attend, please let Sandy know. She's happy to answer questions about the OWL program, and there's great information at <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>.

### DRE'S SCHEDULE

In December, Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

*Talk with Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings before or after the service, or contact her at 341-0135 or [dre@uufm.net](mailto:dre@uufm.net).*

### SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS PARADE

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On Friday, **DECEMBER 1**--instead of Parent Night Out / Kid Night In--everyone is encouraged to attend the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade. The parade begins at 5:30 pm, on Poyntz Avenue, travels through downtown Manhattan, and ends at City Park. After the parade, gather in Aggieville's Triangle Park for the annual tree-lighting ceremony.

### INTERFAITH HOLIDAY PARTY FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

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UU teens in 7th to 12th grade and youth leaders have been invited to bake cookies with teens and leaders from the Manhattan Mennonite Church, the Manhattan Jewish Congregation, and First Congregational Church. There'll be music, games, food, and fun, Sunday, **DECEMBER 10**, from 3 to 5 pm, at the Mennonite Church, 1000 Fremont Street.

*Hope is a touch of graceful humor, no matter what's occurring. The ability to laugh, the ability to see the ridiculous, the ability not to tense up too much, when things become impossible, just to face them anyhow. A touch of humor. Let's say laughter through the flame ... That's hope: Humor, guts, and courage, no matter the odds.*

... Charles Bukowski

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

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 1, at 10 am, at the Cross residence. We'll discuss Tracy Chevalier's *Falling Angels*. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on DECEMBER 1, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@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. Learn more from Jane Pelletier at 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to join us for **MEDITATION CIRCLES**, ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, at 4 PM, in the sanctuary. In December, we'll meet on DECEMBER 3, 10, and 17. *There will be no meditation December 24 or 31.* Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or just drop in!

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, DECEMBER 6. Following dinner at 6 pm. Those attending are invited to join committee meetings of interest. Learn more from Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers for a winter drumming Friday, DECEMBER 8, 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 following the morning service on  
Sunday, December 10  
for our annual



**Holiday**  
**Craft and Bake Sale**

*This is a fun and fabulous way to find the perfect handcrafted gifts to fill out your Holiday list, while supporting our Fellowship.*

Learn how you can donate crafts, holiday food treats, or re-giftable items (no clothing please); and find out how you can help, from DIXIE MOREAU, 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

## UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 IN KC!

UU General Assembly is coming to Kansas City, June 20 to 24. Here's a way you can register for GA for FREE! If you can commit to volunteer for 18 hours during the 5 days, your registration fee of \$395 will be waived and you can enjoy most of GA for free. We need 21 volunteers to welcome people to the convention center, answer questions about what to do and how to get around Kansas City, and help them find events within Bartle Hall Conference Center. Interested UUs may contact Bob Miller at [treegnomebob@gmail.com](mailto:treegnomebob@gmail.com) by January 30 to learn more. You will need to register for the conference when registration opens on March 1, but getting your name to Bob now gets you priority on the list of volunteers to serve as local ambassadors.

## UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse on Sunday, DECEMBER 3 and 17, at 9 am. Special music on December 10 features solos by Helen and Clara Mayfield, with Renea Reasoner providing accompaniment for Helen on flute and Clara's soprano voice. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Michael Oldfather, at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

*I still value hope, but I see it as only part of what's required, a starting point. Think of it as the match but not the tinder or the blaze. To matter, to change the world, you also need devotion and will and you need to act. Hope is only where it begins*

... Rebecca Solnit  
from *The Case for Hope*

## MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Watch for announcements concerning a Meadowlark Hills service in December. And be sure to join us on Wednesday, JANUARY 24, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Manhattan room. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

## INVITATION FROM INDIVISIBLEMHK

Indivisible ManhattanKS invites our Fellowship to a book discussion of Nancy Isenberg's *White Trash: The 400-year Untold Story of Class in America*, on Tuesday, JANUARY 23, at 6:30 pm, in the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. In her groundbreaking history of the class system in America, Nancy Isenberg takes on our comforting myths about equality. The wretched and landless poor have existed from the time of the earliest British colonial settlement to today ... They were alternately known as "waste people," "offals," "rubbish," "lazy lubbers," and "crackers." Marginalized as a class, white trash have always been at or near the center of major political debates over the character of the American identity. Learn more from Christopher Renner at 341-9459 or renner1974@gmail.com.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, DECEMBER 8 and 22, 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. *Volunteers are needed for regular teams, about once every six weeks, or as substitutes, two or three times each year.* Learn more from Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 rkdelong@gmail.com.

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 harriettejanke@gmail.com.

## HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the Sunday service on DECEMBER 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for adopted families living at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER (MESI)**. Fellowship volunteers shop for toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted families.

*On November 12, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection to the Riley County Humane Society. Thank you all for your generous gifts!!!* 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 Equal Exchange kiosk in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or anne\_cowan@sbcglobal.net.



*Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). They source goods directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.*

*Hope has to be seen to be believed. It has to be made visible. It has to be something we can feel and touch. We are called to be per-sons who embody hope for one another. We have to be each other's partners in hope.*

... Paul Wadell, theologian

## KPA RALLY -- KANSAS PEOPLE'S AGENDA 2018

Once again, the Kansas People's Agenda calls for a People's Rally at the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka on January 10, the day after the governor's State of the State address. Learn more, and register, at [www.kansaspeoplesagenda.org](http://www.kansaspeoplesagenda.org), or visit the FB event page Kansas People's Agenda 2018 for details--we'll post an event website, contacts, and logistics details. You can learn more about the agenda there, order a t-shirt, and invite more people. More information will be forthcoming about transportation and local coordination.



**TREASURER'S REPORT - 1ST FIVE MONTHS OF FY 2017/18 (JUNE THRU OCTOBER)**

	2017/18 Budget	YTD	% of Budget	% of Year
Income	\$143,500	\$ 59,651	42%	42%
Expenses	176,660	68,401	39%	42%
Transfer of Savings	34,160	- 0 -	--	--
Net after Transfer	- 0 -	- 8,750	--	--

*THANK YOU for your ongoing support and pledges. Learn more about Fellowship finances, make your pledge, or set up a convenient automatic payment option. Learn more from Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com).*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Over the last several months, the developmental ministry evaluation committee and I have been gathering information to determine our progress towards our three developmental ministry goals to decide the best plan of action to take at the end of our three-year contract with Rev. Jonalu Johnstone. The committee chose to evaluate our progress by administering a congregational survey, interviewing a sample of UUFM lay-leaders and members, reviewing monthly reports submitted by Rev. Johnstone, and analyzing membership and financial numbers from the last two years.

After reviewing the information gathered from these four processes, the committee determined that we have made progress towards our goals, but still have work to do. We have made significant progress toward our first goal of becoming a strong, visible and socially active presence in the community. However, comments from the congregational survey and in-person interviews showed the members feel that we can still do more. The committee did feel that we have attained our second goal by successfully moving to a full-time ministerial leader

ship model. However, while we have seen some growth in the last couple of years, it is not yet enough to sustain full-time ministry long-term.

With these results in mind, the developmental ministry evaluation committee has recommended to the UUFM Board that we extend Rev. Johnstone developmental ministry contract, so that we can continue to work toward our goals, and in particular our growth.

The Board strongly agreed with the recommendation and is confident that we will be able to cover the gap between our income and our expenses while we continue to work towards our goal of sustaining a full-time minister.

I look forward to discussing this recommendation with you at the congregational meeting on January 7.

With gratitude and hope, *Courtney Albin*, UUFM Board Chair



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Dec 3: Anne Cowan, Christopher Renner, Marisa Larson, and Susan Gormely
- Dec 10: Cathy Hedge, Sabrina Bowker, and Jessica Sievers
- Dec 17: Laura Bonella, Jane Pelletier, Laura Roberson and Jayci Hamm
- Dec 24: Ashley Fulps and William Mitchell, and Betty Banner
- Dec 31: **POTLUCK COFFEE TIME**  
*Remember to welcome visitors*

Learn more about coffee and greeting teams from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or harriettejanke@gmail.com.

### **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.

### **Administrator's Schedule**

Saturday, December	2 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, December	4 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, December	5 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	7 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, December	9 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, December	11 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, December	12 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	14 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, December	16 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, December	18 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, December	19 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	21 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, December	23 -	2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, December	26 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, December	28 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, December	30 -	2 to 5 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](http://www.uuworld.org).

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

### **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service bulletin.

### **CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

If you need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or llkroeger@gmail.com, or let us know at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

### **BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING**

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

### **JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

To coordinate postings across our multiple media outlets, the deadline for submissions to the *The UUFM Voice* will be Friday, **DECEMBER 15**. Submissions received later will not be included in the newsletter. Please send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

# DECEMBER 2017 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



**3** 9 AM  
SINGERS REHEARSE  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*From Despair to Hope:  
Radical Reversal*  
**4 PM MEDITATION CIRCLE**  
Rev Jonalu, 537-2349

**4** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

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

**6** 12 NOON  
MEN'S LUNCH  
**6 PM AWED POTLUCK**

**7** 1 TO 5 PM  
JONALU JOHNSTONE  
1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**8** 7 AM HAPPY  
KITCHEN breakfast  
St Paul's Episcopal Church  
**2:30 TO 4:30 PM**  
JONALU JOHNSTONE at  
Radina's Bakehouse,  
(405) 627-3859  
**7 PM DRUM CIRCLE**  
Pat Embers, 410-3627

**9** 2 TO 5 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**10** 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE  
*Rev Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan*  
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY  
MESI Gifts  
**12:15 PM CRAFT SALE**  
**4 PM MEDITATION CIRCLE**

**11** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349  
DECEMBER 10  
**3 TO 5 PM INTERFAITH  
HOLIDAY PARTY FOR YOUTH**  
*Mennonite Church  
1000 Fremont Street*

**12** 1 TO 6 PM S TURNER  
1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349  
**7 PM BOARD MEETING**  
Courtney Albin, 317-8157

**13** 10 AM TO 12 PM  
JONALU JOHNSTONE at  
Radina's in Aggieville,  
(405) 627-3859  
**12 NOON  
MEN'S LUNCH**  
Jupiter room

**14** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**15**  
*last minute  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE*

**16** 2 TO 5 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**17** 9 AM  
SINGERS REHEARSE  
**10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*Longing in the Darkness  
for Hope*  
**4 PM MEDITATION CIRCLE**

**18** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**19** 1 TO 5 PM  
JONALU JOHNSTONE  
1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**20** 12 NOON  
MEN'S LUNCH  
**2 TO 4 PM**  
JONALU JOHNSTONE at  
Radina's on the Hill

**21** 1 TO 5 PM  
JONALU JOHNSTONE  
1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**22** 7 AM HAPPY  
KITCHEN breakfast  
St Paul's Episcopal Church

**23** 2 TO 5 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**24** 10:45 AM SERVICE  
*Xmas Eve in the Morning*

**25**

**26** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**27** 12 NOON  
MEN'S LUNCH  
Jupiter room

**28** 1 TO 6 PM  
SUSAN TURNER  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
SANDY NELSON at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**29**

**30** 2 TO 5 PM  
SUSAN TURNER at  
Fellowship, 537-2349

**31** 10:45 AM SERVICE  
*Honoring Those Who Died  
in 2017*