



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE
A COMMUNITY OF COVENANT?

Covenant is one of those words that can initially sound kind of stuffy, academic and out-of-date. But when you unpack its meaning and its practices, covenant holds a whole vision for how to live in this complicated, beautiful and broken world. It is a vision that says we are most human when we bind ourselves in relationship. But not just any relationship--relationships of trust, mutual accountability and continual return.

This is not what our culture teaches us. Our culture teaches us that what it means to be human is to be an individual--self-defined, self-determined, separate even. But our UU covenantal theology affirms that being human comes down to the commitments we make to and with each other--the relationships we keep. We become human through our promises to and with each other.

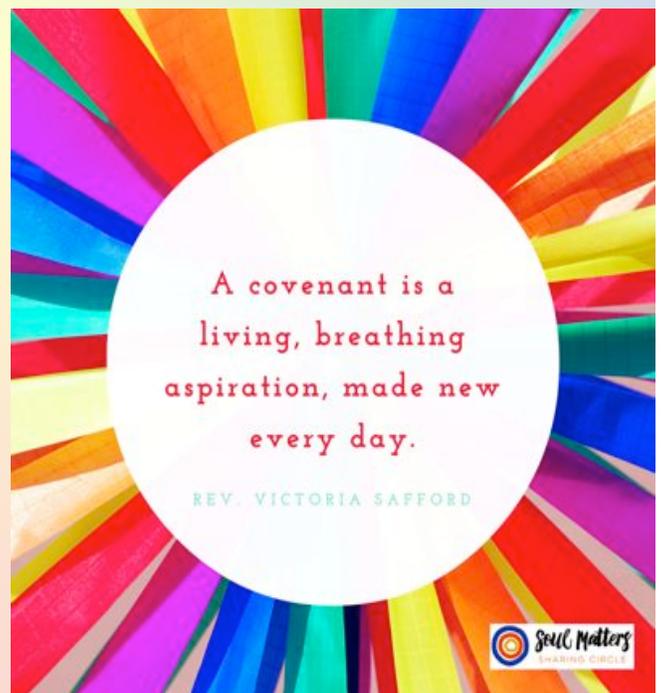
And even more than that: covenantal theology doesn't just say that we become human through our promising, but also when we break those promises, and yet somehow find ways to reconnect and begin again--when we repair the relationship because we know we need each other, even when we think the other isn't doing enough, even when the other is annoying us, or isn't listening well, or isn't doing things the way we want them done--even then. When we realize right then, that we are still connected, and we can't give up--and so we return, and begin again. This beginning again, says our faith, is when the holy and the human meet.

Let me tell you right now, sometime in the next year, maybe in the next few minutes, the people you most believe in and care about are going to disappoint you. Your church is going to disappoint you. This world is surely going to disappoint you. Like, all the time. We all are walking wounded and weary from the way this world can--and does--break our hearts.

And what our faith asks of us, what our faith imagines for us, is that somehow, right at that moment when our hearts break, we will find our way to see through that heartbreak. We will stay put--not close off, not run away, not hurt back--but keep on being in relationship, doing what we can to repair the world and each other, keep on opening our hearts with greater love. And, right then, our covenantal faith says--we will feel not only most human, but also most whole and most at home.

Rev Gretchen Haley

*Senior minister of our Soul Matters partner congregation,
Foothills Unitarian, in Fort Collins, Colorado*



SEPTEMBER 2016 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN SEPTEMBER EXPLORES
 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF COVENANT?"

SEPTEMBER 4 "WHAT DOES LABOR EARN?"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone speaks. As we begin our look at covenant, what do we owe people whose work we benefit from? What do our UU values call us to in these days of wealth and income inequality? In 2014, the UU General Assembly passed a Congregational Study/Action Issue on "Escalating Inequality" (www.uua.org/economic/escalatinginequality). The situation isn't improving. We'll consider what we need to know and what we might be able to do. Convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

SEPTEMBER 11 15TH ANNUAL UUFM MUSICALE !!!

Our practice is to re-gather our community each fall with music we share among ourselves. The talent of the congregation amazes us every year. What better way to lift our spirits and remind us of our strengths as a community. Convener is Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

SEPTEMBER 18 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEOPLE OF COVENANT?"

Jonalu reflects. Covenant has a long, rich religious history. Among UUs, we have no shared set of beliefs (creed), so we rely on our commitments and promises to one another. Organizing around covenant, rather than creed, has the promise of deepening our relationships and supporting our diversity. Tom Phillips, at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, convenes.

SEPTEMBER 25 "BROADENING OUR COVENANT: DEFYING HATE"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone leads the service. Covenant within our community is not enough. We have to consider what we promise the larger world. How do we resist the temptation to divide the world into them and us? We'll look at the example of Unitarians Rev Waitstill and Martha Sharp, featured in the recent Ken Burns documentary, who defied hate by rescuing people from Nazism (www.defyingthenazis.org). Convener is Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

It is covenant that brings us out of isolation, covenant that brings us out of selfish concerns, out of individualism, to join ourselves to something greater, to become a part of a community that is working to practice love, to dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge and wisdom together, to find better ways to live our lives and live in the world.

... Rev Susan Frederick-Gray



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

*To seek the truth in love means
 that even when we stumble, we
 continue to love. Even when we
 flail, we stay in relationship.*

... Rev Anne Mason

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COMING UP THIS MONTH ...

Don't miss our annual End-of-the-Summer **POTLUCK LUNCH**, following the Sunday service on **SEPTEMBER 2**. Learn more on page 5.

The UUFM Strategic Planning Committee hosts a special workshop Saturday, **September 24**. In **YOUR VOICE, OUR FUTURE** we seek your input on the pressing needs of our community. Learn more on page 5.

You'll notice some changes in this newsletter. Things aren't in their usual places, and there's new stuff ... from somewhere else.



Welcome to theme-based ministry!

Each month we'll focus on a broad theme that has resonance for Unitarian Universalists in our personal and spiritual lives. You can read about the theme in the newsletter, hear about it

during Sunday services, and experience it in religious education. What's more, we'll be starting small groups to explore the themes at a deeper level.

Why make this change in our programming? The main goal is to deepen our experience together. We've been very good at breadth--many different activities for different interests. We have been so good at breadth that depth may have suffered. While choice is good and variety the spice of life, transformation requires focused attention. Our religion is not a hodgepodge of liberal feel-goodism, but a tool to enrich our lives so we become better people, prepared to create real change in our larger world.

How do we come to understand the values and ideals championed by our religious tradition of Unitarian Universalism? How do we live into these values and ideals to become the people we wish to be?

Other UUs have been exploring these questions and have come up with the Soul Matters program, from which we will be drawing. It doesn't dictate how we look at the themes or what we do on Sunday mornings, but provides resources to support our explorations. Plus, we're engaging with these themes along with about 200 other UU congregations, including a few here in Kansas.

As you see, our first theme considers what it means to be a community of covenant. I remind you that our members developed a covenant, which you can find on our website (www.uufm.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Covenant-right-relations.pdf).

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/

THEME-BASED CHALICE CIRCLES ...

Coming in October! Rebecca Parker has said, "There is a quality of listening that is possible among a circle of human beings, who by their attentiveness to one another create a space in which each person is able to give voice to the truth of his or her life." This is the quality we will strive for in our Chalice Circles. Sign-ups begin in late September. If you are interested in deepening your relationship with the themes we are exploring and deepening relationships with other UUs, Chalice Circles are for you! Meetings will be monthly; some groups will meet in members' homes, while others take place at the Fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a Chalice Circle facilitator, contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, and let her know if you can attend training on Sunday, September 11, from 3 to 5 pm, at the fellowship.

DEFYING THE NAZIS

We hope to organize a watch party, to view the Ken Burns documentary *Defying the Nazis*, which airs on PBS on Tuesday, September 20, at 8 pm. It tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who left their children in the care of their parish to carry out life-threatening missions in Europe. Over two years they helped save hundreds of political dissidents and Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation. Learn more at www.defyingthenazis.org.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday,	Sept 6 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Sept 8 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday,	Sept 9 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	Sept 13 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Sept 14 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Sept 15 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Sept 20 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Sept 21 - 9 to 11 am, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Sept 22 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Sept 27 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Sept 28 - 9 to 11 am, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Sept 29 - 1 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact 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

THANKS

What a fun summer. We "traveled" to Italy, Finland, Iceland, Japan, the Galapagos Islands, the Florida Keys, and ancient Rome. And we explored bouncy things, insects, bug hotels, puzzles, and maps. We even squeezed in a canoe trip to Pillsbury Crossing.

Many, many thanks to all our summer tour guides: Sylvia and Dick Beeman (bug hotels); Tom Phillips (insects); Mark Clarke (Iceland); Sabrina Bowker (Japan); Dan Swenson, Brent Garrison, and Larry Weaver (Pillsbury Crossing); Eli and Kim Martinson (maps); Brice and Shirley Hobrock (ancient Rome); Christopher Renner (Italy); Ellen Meyer and Ari Jumpponen (Finland); Diane Barker (Galapagos); and Deirdre Greeley (Florida Keys). Your enthusiasm and participation in the religious education program is much appreciated.

We finish out the summer with a welcome home party and potluck on September 4 and then some music during the September Musicale the following Sunday [September 11].

THIS FALL

Formal classes begin Sunday, September 18 with a "getting to know you" introduction. We're trying something a little new this year: themes. Each month the RE program will introduce the same theme that the rest of the congregation is exploring. Classes will use the theme as they explore the curriculum. The fall curriculum focuses on world religions. (If you have an interest in a particular religion, please let me know. I'd love to have you share your interest with our students.)

OWL CLASSES

We're very excited to be offering the Our Whole Lives curriculum for teens this fall. Our trained facilitators are Jen and Matt Campbell, and Molly McGaughey. Classes will be Sundays from 12:30-2:30 pm and begin September 11. We understand that students won't be able to make every class, but we hope they can attend most. If you have a student in 8th-12th grade and would like them to attend, let Sandy know. She's happy to answer questions about the OWL program. There's also great information at www.uua.org/re/owl.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In September, 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

Join us for our next Parent Night Out gathering on Friday, SEPTEMBER 2. 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 Thursday, September 1, so that Sandy can gather supplies and arrange volunteers.*

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

The ancient question, "Who am I?" inevitably leads to a deeper one: "Whose am I?"--because there is not identity outside of relationship. You cannot be a person by yourself.

... Douglas Steer, Quaker teacher



STUDENTS ENJOYED A TOGA PARTY WITH BRICE AND SHIRLEY HOBROCK, AND ITALIAN PASTRY WITH CHRISTOPHER RENNER IN AUGUST.



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*

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on **SEPTEMBER 2**, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

Our annual End-of-Summer **POTLUCK LUNCH** gathers following the morning service on Sunday, September 4. Bring a dish to share and join us for good food and great company. This is also a **WELCOME HOME PARTY** for our UU World Travelers. Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Jen Campbell at 785 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@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). 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, **SEPTEMBER 7**. 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 may them. Learn more from Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@gmail.com.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** meets on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 16**, for *10 BILLION BEATS*, in collaboration with Wonder Workshop, at 506 South 4th Street in Manhattan. It is timed from 7 to 8 pm. This global event travels around the world, from time zone to time zone, for 24 hours. Drums are provided or you may bring your own! 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, **SEPTEMBER 21**, 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, **SEPTEMBER 30**, at 10 am, at the Cross residence. We'll discuss *The Chaperone*, by Laurie Moriarty. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

YOUR VOICE, OUR FUTURE !!!

The Strategic Planning Committee invites Fellowship members and friends to join us for *Your Voice, Our Future* on Saturday, **SEPTEMBER 24**, from 10 am to 12 noon. The mission focuses on short, medium and long terms goals for UUFM. This is a fluid process and goals can and will shift as our needs change. The goal is to assess needs, and provide support for in-reach and outreach into our beloved community. Through reading, and participation in planning and vision sessions, the committee has quickly focused in on the pressing needs of our Facilities! How do we make our facilities reflect our vision of being a visible beacon, a bold model of love and a builder of bridges in our community? *Your input in this process is both needed and appreciated!* Learn more from committee members Brice Hobrock, Mark Clarke, Molly McGaughey, Jonathon Mahorney, Nathan Albin, Sylvia Beeman, or committee chair Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or kmtona@hotmail.com.



PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

What does it mean to be a member of a UU congregation? How is this Fellowship like and different from other religious options in the community? What is Unitarian Universalism anyway? How can I get involved? How do I join? If you have any of these questions, you might want to attend our Path to Membership classes offered by Rev Jonalu Johnstone. A series of 3 one-hour sessions follows Sunday services on **SEPTEMBER 11, 18, and 25**. You can attend whether or not you plan to join, and participants are encouraged to attend as many sessions as you are able. *Please let us know as early as possible if you need childcare during classes.* Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

WELCOMING BRUNCH

The Welcoming Committee hosts a brunch at 10 am, on Sunday, **OCTOBER 2**, to welcome new members and friends. Later that morning, during the Sunday service, a brief recognition ceremony will be held for new members. Learn more about becoming a member of UUFM from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com. Please RSVP to Shirley, if you (and your family) will be attending the brunch.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service will be on Wednesday, **SEPTEMBER 28**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service. All are welcome. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers will rehearse at 9 am, on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 25**. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 2, 16 and 30**, 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, **GROUND**s 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

Personal and sample size **TOILETRIES** will be collected for **THE CRISIS CENTER** and the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER (MESI)**, in September. Bring in your unopened sample and travel packages of shampoo, deodorant, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, etc. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the Sunday service on **SEPTEMBER 11**, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **CASA** (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), with the belief that every child has the right to a safe, permanent home. Unlike attorneys and social workers, the CASA volunteer speaks exclusively for the child's best interests. Learn more about CASA at www.kansascasa.org/program/district-2-21, or contact 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.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

The UUFM Social Action Committee is offering support to older teens or young adults from our Fellowship, who would like to travel to an experience in another culture, attend leadership training, actively advocate for social justice, or be part of a humanitarian project. Check out action/service-learning opportunities at UUSC.org (UU Service Committee), UUCSJ.org (the UU College of Social Justice), or UUA.org. Learn more from Grace MacMillan at (785) 221-6275 or cgracemacmillan@gmail.com. Youth are encouraged share any Social Justice experience that interests them.

*Out
of a great need
we are all holding hands and climbing.
Not loving is a letting go. Listen,
the terrain around here
is
far too
dangerous
for
that.*

... Hafiz

A covenant is a living, breathing aspiration, made new every day. It can't be enforced by consequences but it may be reinforced by forgiveness and by grace, when we stumble, when we forget, when we mess up.

... Rev Victoria Safford

FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial update as of July 31, 2016:

Year-to-Date Income \$20,976
Year-to-Date Expenses 26,319
Net \$-5,343

If you have not made your pledge for the year, please do so *as soon as possible* so the Board can plan for the rest of the year. If you need help, contact Scott Tanona, Stewardship Chair, at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net or Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer, at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

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.

THEMES FOR THE COMING YEAR

Our 2016/2017 themes in the coming months explore:

What does it mean to be a community of ...

SEPTEMBER: *Covenant*

OCTOBER: *Healing*

NOVEMBER: *Story*

DECEMBER: *Presence*

JANUARY: *Prophecy*

FEBRUARY: *Identity*

MARCH: *Risk*

APRIL: *Transformation*

MAY: *Embodiment*

JUNE: *Zest*

Chalice Circles to explore these themes begin meeting in October. Learn more on page 2 of this newsletter.

ALL ABOUT US

In this column, we introduce new members, and pass along joys and sorrows shared by members and friends.

The family of **EDITH HINRICHS** has scheduled a Celebration of Edith's Life at the Fellowship, during the afternoon of Saturday, OCTOBER 1. Exact timing has not yet been determined, but this information will be provided in weekly announcements, as it becomes available. Edith, who passed on July 28 at the home of her son Steve, in Manhattan, had been a member of the Fellowship since she and her husband Carl joined in 1966. As Fellowship Chair for two years, in 1984 and 1985, she oversaw the move into our current home on Zeandale Road. Although Edith and Carl made a permanent move to Fairhope, Alabama, following Carl's retirement in 2004, and attended the Gulf Shores UU Fellowship there, she maintained her membership at UUFM in Manhattan, returning at least twice each year to visit family and friends in the area. In April of this year, Edith moved back to Manhattan to be nearer her children and grandchildren, and as her health allowed, she'd recently attended Sunday services and UU women's coffee gatherings. Edith is survived by her sons Aaron and Steve, Steve's wife Jada, granddaughters Misty and Ashley, and great grandson Cameron of Manhattan, son Ray of Wichita, and daughter Lydia of Virginia.

Fellowship administrator **SUSAN TURNER** wishes to express her deep gratitude and sincere appreciation for the caring and support offered by our Fellowship family, following the passing of her mother, **DONIS VAUGHN**, on August 16. Donis was well known by many Fellowship members and friends, through her attentive service as an insurance professional at Charlson-Wilson Insurance Agency in Manhattan. She had provided insurance advice and coverage to the Fellowship since the early 1980s, when we first purchased the building on Zeandale Road, until shortly before her retirement in 2011. Since moving to Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, Donis had regularly attended our monthly Meadowlark Hills services, finding great pleasure and satisfaction in the topics considered and the opportunity to discuss each program with the thoughtful and intelligent members and friends of the Fellowship who joined her there.

A covenant is not a definition of a relationship; it is the framework for our relating. A covenant leaves room for chance and change. It claims: I will abide with you in this common endeavor, be present as best as I can in our becoming.

... Lisa Ward

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Sept 4: Cathy Hedge, Sabrina Bowker, and Jessica Sievers
Sept 11: Laura and Mike Bonella, and Jane Pelletier
Sept 18: Anne Cowan, Amanda Mansfield, and Christopher Renner
Sept 25: Barbara Hacker, Margene Moss, Terri Franz, and Catherine Crites

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

Thursday, Sept	1 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Sept	5 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept	6 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Sept	8 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Sept	12 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept	13 - 4 to 7 pm
Thursday, Sept	15 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Sept	22 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, Sept	24 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, Sept	26 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Sept	27 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Sept	29 - 12 to 5 pm

Call office administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop into 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 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.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the October edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 18**. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2016 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

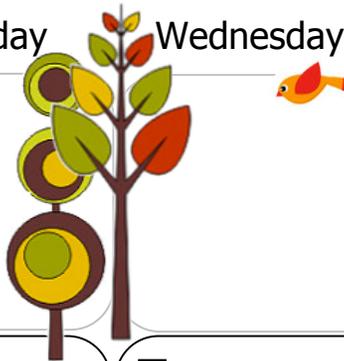
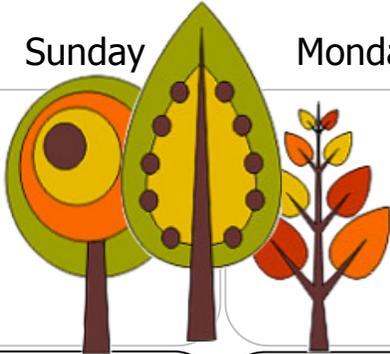
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



4
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
What Does Labor Earn?
12:15 PM
POTLUCK BRUNCH
Alsop Room
OWL PARENT MTG
Jupiter Room

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

6 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

7 **12 NOON**
MEN'S LUNCH
6 PM AWED POTLUCK
 Kathleen Tanona
 537-6208

8 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

9
2 TO 4 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859

10

11
10:45 AM MUSICALE XV
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
 CASA
12:15 PM
PATH TO MEMBERSHIP
3 PM CHALICE CIRCLE
FACILITATOR TRAINING

12
3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

13
1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON
4 TO 7 PM S TURNER
 at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOARD MEETING
 K Kingery-Page, 341-5650

14
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
 M Oldfather, 537-3738
2 TO 4 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859

15 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

16 **7:30 AM HAPPY**
KITCHEN breakfast
 St Paul's Episcopal Church
 Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333
7 PM 10 BILLION BEATS
DRUMMING
Wonder Workshop

17
9 AM FALL WORK DAY
Help maintain our
Fellowship home!

18
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
... A People of Covenant
12:15 PM
PATH TO MEMBERSHIP
last minute
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

19

20
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

21 **9 TO 11 AM**
JONALU JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
6:30 PM GAME NIGHT
 Carrie Roberts, 313-3236

22 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

23

24
10 AM TO 12 NOON
YOUR VOICE, OUR FUTURE
 more on page 5
11 AM TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

25 **9 AM UUFM**
SINGERS rehearse
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
... Defying Hate
12:15 PM
PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

26
3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

27 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1:30 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

28 **9 TO 11 AM**
JONALU JOHNSTONE at
 Radina's, (405) 627-3859
12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE

29 **12 TO 5 PM**
SUSAN TURNER
1 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE
3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON at
 Fellowship, 537-2349

30 **7:30 AM HAPPY**
KITCHEN breakfast
 St Paul's Episcopal Church
 Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333
10 AM BOOK DISCUSSION
 Lorrie Cross, 539-7883

