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*WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE*

## ***A PEOPLE OF EMERGENCE?***

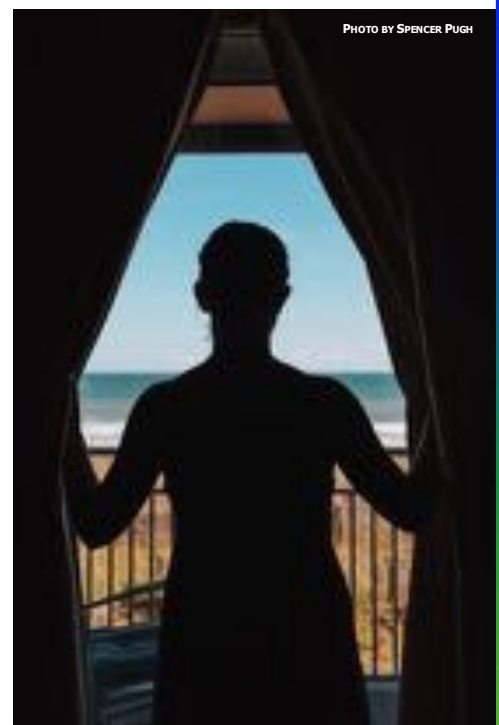
During this time of year, it's not just farmers but us all who turn to the work of "tilling and turning up our whole soil." All around us, the culture shouts its heroic talk about striving and perfecting. Struggle is the dominant metaphor of the day. We talk of "fighting" to become all we can be. Images of sprouts breaking through concrete start showing up everywhere. Yet, we need to be careful because, more often than not, emergence and transformation is a much subtler art. It's about stillness, listening and waiting to be led, not conquering, struggle and taking charge.

In other words, when it comes to emerging into something new, the message of spirituality is "Be careful with what you've been taught and told because much of it takes us in exactly the wrong direction." As a people of emergence, we are called to take a different tack. We've been entrusted with the wisdom that emergence is most often about breathing rather than becoming better, patience not perfection, depth not dominance; acceptance not striving, attention not constant improvement.

That part about attention instead of improvement is especially important. It's so easy to get transformation mixed up with fixing. And fixing is emergence's biggest foe. Trying to perfect or prove ourselves is the surest way to stay stuck. The pursuit of constant improvement and perfection focuses us on our inadequacy and inferiority, causing us to overlook those unexpected guests that Henri-Frederic speaks of.

And, friends, we don't want to miss those unexpected guests! Those seeds brought by the wind and those passing birds are the partners that make emergence possible. They help us notice new paths. They invite us to walk with a new step. They awaken in us new songs. They remind us that new life is not something we do alone. They assure us that transformation doesn't have to be a long and lonely struggle, but instead can be more like learning a new dance with a new friend. All we have to do is trust, take the hand of that "unknown God" and follow its lead.

So, this month, make a bit of room. Leave a little space. Keep your eyes peeled, on the lookout for the unexpected. These directions may not sound like anything radical or revolutionary. But it turns out that these are often Life's favorite ways to help us emerge into something new. And when that unexpected guest reaches out its hand, make sure you're ready to take hold.



## APRIL 2018 SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### APRIL 1 "JESUS AND ELVIS: IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. There are lots of parallels between Jesus and Elvis--both were called Kings. Many people claim to have seen them after their deaths. And they share many of the same followers. No disrespect intended; I love them both. Into every culture emerges the images, icons, heroes and saviors people need. Happy April Fools' Day/Easter. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### APRIL 8 "HAITI MEDICAL MISSION"

Maeve and Kathleen Tanona talk about their experiences in Haiti, where they traveled for a week with Manhattan Medical Missions at the end of February. Convener is Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### APRIL 15 "GAIA, MOTHER EARTH AND THE ONENESS OF EVERYTHING"

We welcome UU musician Jim Scott to help us celebrate the earth with his original songs, readings, and personal reflections on the idea of Mother Earth or "Gaia" as one living organism. Our "spiritual response" in word and action is so timely now, as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Jim's uplifting songs provide the balance, leaving us inspiration to take the healing into our own hands. From his work with the Paul Winter Consort, Jim has long been an activist for peace and the earth with his music. Former Co-Chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the "Green Sanctuary" program. Convener is Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### APRIL 22 "TODAY'S ANOTHER EARTH DAY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. As we watch plants emerge from the earth, we remember how reliant we are on the planet itself. Forty-eight years ago when Earth Day was initiated, proponents saw the state of the Earth as a crisis. Act or die, they said. How has the Earth changed since then? How have we changed? How does the idea of emergence help us think about our relationship with the environment? How do we create the space for Earth to heal itself? Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### APRIL 29 "INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE"

Our guest is Harold Schlechtweg, Advocacy Coordinator of International Rescue Committee, Wichita. IRC responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises helping people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered survive, recover, and control their future, by providing humanitarian care, and assisting refugees to resettle. In 2017 IRC helped resettle 365 refugees in Kansas--about half as many as IRC resettled here in 2016. Harold joins us to share their stories, and to warn that America's formerly robust support for refugees is threatened now as never before, bringing us hope that with our help a new day for refugees can dawn again. Convener is Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

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

*Do you already know your existence--who and how you are--is in and of itself a contribution to the people and place around you?*  
 ... Adrienne Maree Brown

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### COMING UP ...

Guitarist/composer Jim Scott performs a **PETE SEEGER SONGFEST**, Saturday, **APRIL 14**. More on pages 5 and 8.

On Saturday, **APRIL 21**, we gather with the UUFM Singers to celebrate **21 YEARS OF FAVORITE ANTHEMS** with retiring UUFM Choral Director Michael Oldfather. More on page 5.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** gathers following the Sunday service, on **APRIL 22**. Review details on page 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)

What might UUFM emerge into?

The world of religion today is different from the world many of us grew up with. Church--or any religious institution--feels optional to most people. More and more people define themselves as "spiritual but not religious," or as "nones," having no particular affiliation. A lot of people find themselves moving from one religious group to another, sometimes in very wide jumps--Methodist to Mormon to Muslim, Baptist to Buddhist to Baha'i; often with stretches of nothing at all in between, or as the final destination. And many people decide they don't need or



want a religious home, preferring to explore at their own pace, or not at all. On top of that, people are skeptical of religious organizations, afraid they are after their money or have some hidden agenda.

So, religious communities are increasingly finding themselves floundering. Numbers like attendance and new members flag. Volunteers are stretched so thin in their lives that it's hard to find time to help out. And, congregations are notoriously slow to adapt to new technologies.

We UU's may be unsure of what to do with these societal trends, but we like skeptics. Many of the spiritual explorers out there could find connection and community within Unitarian Universalism, if we are open and inviting to them. That also means fearlessly stepping outside of old patterns and approaches and finding new ways to connect.

The Soul Matters packets this month emphasize how emergence doesn't come by force but by leaving the space to allow a natural opening up. We can watch that in plants that grow out of the ground. They need to have enough space and protection to push their heads up out of the earth.

How does that apply to where our fellowship is? We have been in discussions about the potential of moving from our current building. We are exploring possibilities for two different styles of worship services. Our leadership is considering how to reorganize to move away from unwieldy committee structures that no longer work well in a digital world. We are keeping our eyes open for what may come. And trying to change with it. We can't rush to decisions but have to allow what is right to emerge.

I can't imagine what UUFM will look like twenty years from now. What I know is, that something different from how we look today will emerge. It must, if we intend to thrive as the future evolves.

In faith and freedom,

*Jonalu*

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

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#### **NEXT STEPS IN MANHATTAN INTERFAITH COOPERATION**

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Join us on Wednesday, MARCH 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, 904 Sunset Avenue, in Manhattan. Anyone interested is invited to join in this collaborative initiative as we formulate plans on how to connect diverse religious communities within Manhattan. There are some great ideas out there--from outside speakers to intimate conversations. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

#### **REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE**

Tuesday,	April	3 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	April	5 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday,	April	6 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April	10 - 1 to 5 pm
Saturday,	April	14 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April	17 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	18 - 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	April	19 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April	24 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	25 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's on the Hill

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



### ***COMING THIS SUMMER !!!***

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IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING! THE SUMMER PROGRAM IS COMING! Once again our RE students will travel around the world, learning new skills along the way, without ever leaving Kansas. Every week a new host from the Fellowship will take them on a "tour" of a far-away place, new skill, imaginary or real life destination. Our UUFM World Travelers would love to visit with you on a Sunday morning and learn all about one of your passions. Do you enjoy bird watching? Do you love to cook? Have you been on a cruise? Share your passion with our children! A sampling of past "journeys" include: the Milky Way Galaxy, searching the Amazon, a journey to Laos with Laos "bingo" as a learning tool, exploration of cave art, the world of bees, a tour of PIZZA! We've been to the International Space Station! Got a seed of an idea? Tell me and together we'll turn it into a whole program. It's easy--just ask a few of the folks who have done it in the past: Tom and Monta Manney, Dick Beeman, Larry Weaver, Ken Embers, Sylvia Beeman, Mark Clarke, Brice Hobrock, Scott Tanona, Lily Colburn, Matt Campbell, Susan Adamchak ... Let's add your name to the list! If you'd like to host a "tour" or just help out as an extra adult in the room, please let me know. We have lots of slots to fill and always welcome volunteers.

### ***FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE)***

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Join us following the Sunday morning service on APRIL 1, for the Fellowship's annual **EASTER POTLUCK** and **EASTER EGG HUNT**. Kids are invited to eat first, then gather in the Jupiter room to start egg hunting about 12:15 pm. The hunt is not a free-for-all egg grab. Instead, we hide a *set of 6 eggs* for each child. Each different colored egg has a letter sticker and kids hunt for all six colors and the secret word (SPRING). Once each child finds six eggs, they're exchanged for a selection of fun Easter treats and trinkets. Each age group has a specific area in which to search. Teens are encouraged to help younger students. It's always fun and no one goes home disappointed.

### **DRE'S SCHEDULE**

In April, 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.*

### **PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN**

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Our next Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) gathers on Friday, APRIL 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Parent Night Out is designed for children from 3 to 12 years old who can toilet on their own with minimal assistance. We watch a movie and have some popcorn. 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 children are fed before arriving. *Remember: this is an RSVP event* and space is limited. *Please RSVP no later than Thursday, April 5.* Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

### **OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)**

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Our Whole Lives is over for our K-2 kids but continues April 8 through 29, for the 7th-9th grade group. If your family would like to participate in a future OWL course, please contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

### **STUDENT REGISTRATION**

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Remember: All children must be registered for the year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board, at the end of the hallway, as well as online at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.

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

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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.

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, APRIL 4. 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.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on APRIL 6, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers on Friday, APRIL 27, at 10 am, at the Cattell residence. We'll be discussing *Dessert Queen*, by Janet Wallach. For further information contact Majke Janowiak at 320-4916 or mjanko1@cox.net, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.



### ***EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH***

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Don't miss our annual Easter Brunch following the Sunday morning service on APRIL 1. *Bring your favorite Easter dish to share*, if you are able, and join us for good food and great company. Parents, ask Sandy Nelson or any RE teacher, about the Easter egg

hunt, which follows brunch! Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@gmail.com.

### ***A MUSICAL MONTH AT UUFM***

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It's a big month for music at UUFM! **JIM SCOTT**, a talented UU composer and performer, will be here Saturday, APRIL 14, and Sunday, APRIL 15, to share his music and talent with us. Learn more on pages 2 and 8 of this newsletter.

The UUFM Singers, **SOPRANOS** and **ALTOS REHEARSE** Sunday, APRIL 1, at 9 am. They'll be singing a lovely anthem, Eugene Butler's *Pavane For Spring*, which they will perform at the Easter service later that morning.

The **FULL CHOIR MEETS** Saturday, APRIL 7, at 1:30 pm, to rehearse eight of the director's favorite anthems in preparation for a special concert later in April.

*We gather for a **SPECIAL CONCERT** on Saturday, APRIL 21, at 1:30 pm. As many know, after 21 years as the leader of the UUFM Singers and Chair of our Music Committee, Michael Oldfather will retire from both positions effective June 1, 2018. To mark the occasion, he will lead the choir's performances of eight of his favorite anthems referenced above. A brief reception follows the concert.*

Later on Saturday, APRIL 21, 4 pm, the Music Committee again hosts the **SPRING RECITAL** of Professor Slawomir Dobrzanski's piano students in preparation for their final exam. Members and friends are invited to attend.

Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

## ***TRY CHALICE CIRCLES***

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*Chalice Circle experiences are life enriching! The background materials provided always address the theme in ways I never would have thought about. The questions and practices invite us to live our lives more consciously and purposefully. Sharing with group members each month helps to form a bond that is very special. Far from being a typical small group experience, Chalice Circle moves us from analyzing other people's ideas to energizing our own daily living. Chalice Circle doesn't ask, "What do you think?" It asks, "How do you want to live?" I look forward to our meeting every month!*  
*#enriching #stimulating #enjoyable #challenging #fun*

These are Jane Pelletier's words about Chalice Circles. If you'd like to join one of the circles, talk to a facilitator--Jane, Jessica Sievers, Colleen Riley, Susan Adamchak or Rev Jonalu. Any of us can help you find a group that will work for you. Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### ***UU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 IN KC!***

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The UUA General Assembly is coming to Kansas City, JUNE 20 to 24. This is an unparalleled opportunity to connect with UUs from around the country. This year's theme is *All Are Called*. Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. *Registration and housing reservations are now open, at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).*

### ***MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE***

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Join us on Wednesday, APRIL 25, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Manhattan room. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Unitarian Universalist Young Adults of MidAmerica present



June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at Circle Pines Center

8650 Mullen Rd, Delton MI 49046

*Opus is the only continental Unitarian Universalist Young Adult summer retreat!*

Join us for workshops, contemporary worship, social justice, and good food with old & new friends. So find a carpool, make sure to bring comfy and cozy overnight gear, and the snacks you can't live without.

This event is open to individuals ages 18-35. Meals are provided, and we love to accommodate our vegetarian and vegan friends! Participants may sleep in cabins or bring their own tents.

This event is a safe space, where the identities of our queer, trans, and POC friends are celebrated and protected.

#### Registration fees:

Earlybird - \$235 - January 31st through March 15th

On-time - \$265 - March 16th through April 30th

Late - \$295 - May 1st through May 31st

#### More information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/715540915311643/>

or search 'OPUS 2018'



*Need financial assistance? Scholarships are available!*

## HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the service on Sunday, APRIL 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **THE FAIRY GODMOTHERS' FUND**, making grants to meet the immediate and critical needs of local women that are not being met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at [www.fgfund.org/](http://www.fgfund.org/).

On March 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed \$759 gathered in our morning collection to Wonder Workshop. *THANK YOU all for your generous donations!* Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or [dixie.moreau53@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net).

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

## UUFM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help us care for our members and friends by volunteering for occasional tasks with our **CARING COMMITTEE** ... writing cards, organizing food delivery, home and hospital visits--so many ways to help! Learn more from Susan at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net).

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, APRIL 13 and 27, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *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](mailto:twp1@ksu.edu), or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 [rkdelong@gmail.com](mailto:rkdelong@gmail.com).

There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this 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](mailto:harriettejanke@gmail.com).

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING: A PARTICIPATORY FORUM

Join us on Thursday, April 12, from 7 to 9 pm, for a participatory forum: *What's Your Story? Community Solutions to Affordable Housing*. If you have a personal story about housing, especially safe and affordable housing (or the lack thereof!), the community needs to hear from you. Whether you are a renter, homeowner, or landlord, your story matters as Manhattan sorts through how to increase accessibility of safe and affordable housing. Arrive by 6:30 for refreshments. Childcare is also available. Registration is required at [www.k-state.edu/cccd/events](http://www.k-state.edu/cccd/events).



Through April, UUFM continues to collect

## Toiletries and Personal Care Products

for **The Crisis Center** and **Manhattan Emergency Shelter**

Bring in your unopened sample and travel packages of shampoo, deodorant, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, razors, etc.

A collection box will be provided in the narthex.

Learn more from Susan Turner at 539-3272 or [office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net).

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 22**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 (June 1, 2018 thru May 31, 2019). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

**PROPOSED FY 2018/2019 UUFM BUDGET**

<b>UUFM Budget</b>	<b>FY 18/19 Budget</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Contributions – Cash	\$ 3,000
Contributions – Non-Pledge	4,000
Contributions – Pledges	130,000
Find Raising	4,000
Other Income	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$143,000</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration	\$ 3,000
Building Contingency Fund	- 0 -
Caring	100
Communications / Publicity	3,000
Developmental Ministry Consulting	- 0 -
Dues (based on 113 members)	9,718
Facilities	8,205
Green Sanctuary	100
Insurance	4,350
Leadership Development	GMCF
Legal Fees	40
Membership	450
Minister’s Discretionary Fund	300
Music	360
Payroll	139,514
Religious Education	1,960
Sitter	400
Social	840
Social Action	2,700
Stewardship	200
Sunday Services	1,100
Utilities	6,500
Welcoming Congregation	<u>100</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$182,937</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	- 39,937
Transfer of Ministerial Trans. Savings	<u>39,937</u>
<b>Net Income after Transfer</b>	<u>- 0 -</u>

**BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES**

Matt Campbell, Nominating Committee chair, presents the slate of Executive Board officers for Fiscal Year 2018/19. Candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

- Chair - Jessica Sievers
- Chair-Elect - **TBA**
- Treasurer - **ELI MARTINSON**
- Secretary - Chris Bailey
- Member-at-Large - **KATHLEEN OLDFATHER (ONE YEAR TERM)**
- Member-at-Large - **LILY COLBURN (TWO YEAR TERM)**
- Past Chair - Courtney Albin

**TREASURER’S NOTES ON PROPOSED 2018/2019 BUDGET**

In January 2018, the Congregation voted to extend Rev Jonalu Johnstone’s contract for three more years. This measure was approved knowing that, at this time, the number of members and pledging levels could not fully support a full-time minister. The Board has the authority to use up to 5% of expendable endowment funds to fill the gap until such time as we could fully support the ministry.

In addition, UUFM’s longtime volunteer music director, Michael Oldfather, is retiring. The Board recommends we hire Renea Reasoner on a quarter time (10 hours per week) basis to fill this position. She has been one of our pianists for five years. Renea has a degree in music from KSU, teaches private lessons, and is active in other music activities. Her compensation will increase by approximately \$6,800. The planned Classroom Coordinator positions were never filled, and it was agreed to eliminate that budget item at this time.

The Facilities Committee has made a request to upgrade the audio-visual equipment for the Sanctuary. This will include a projector mounted on the back wall, a laptop, and other items necessary to make video presentations better and allow the AV team to operate it from the video/sound corner. The AV team gets requests for video presentations for 3 of 4 Sundays now. The cost is estimated to be \$5000.

With these major items included and budget requests from various other committees, the UUFM Board recommends this budget for your approval. Total expenses are estimated to be \$182,937. This is an increase of 3.5% over last year’s approved budget of \$176,660.

Payroll is almost 76% of our budget, or \$139,514. The Board recommends raises of approximately 2% this year for our dedicated staff and minister. Note: this is half of what the UUA recommended this year, but we felt that in our environment and situation, this was more appropriate.

A pledge drive is forthcoming. You will be contacted again to see if you can increase your level of giving. In addition, we need to expand our base of support and share the great experience we have being a part of this congregation. Have you told your friends about UUFM? Have you invited them to come see what we’re about? Have you told them about our children’s program? We have a great thing here and we need to share it.

Contact Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer, with questions, or for clarification, on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. Kathleen can be reached at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

# Pete Seeger Songfest



## Jim Scott

Saturday, April 14

Potluck at 6 pm

Concert at 7 pm

Urbain Universal Fellowship of Manhattan, 481 Riverside Road  
\$10 to \$15 sliding scale for adults; children under 12 FREE

Graduated with the Paul Robeson Concert, Jim Scott knew Pete Seeger well and collaborated on many projects with him. We'll raise our voices for the causes Pete championed and remember the great contributions to our American heritage Pete made in his 74 years of life.

See Jim during the morning service of the UU Fellowship of Manhattan on Sunday, April 15, at 10:45 am. Learn more from [afford@uufm.net](mailto:afford@uufm.net)

Don't miss our annual

## Easter Potluck Brunch

following the Sunday service on April 1.

Bring a dish to share  
and join us for good food, and great company.

Parents, ask Sandy Nelson, or any RE teacher  
about the **Easter egg hunt**.

Learn more and find out how you can help from  
Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or [jgcampbell4@gmail.com](mailto:jgcampbell4@gmail.com).



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Join us on Wednesday, MARCH 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, 904 Sunset Avenue, for the **NEXT STEPS IN MANHATTAN INTERFAITH COOPERATION**. Anyone interested is invited to join in this collaborative initiative as we formulate plans on how to connect diverse religious communities within Manhattan. There are some great ideas out there--from outside speakers to intimate conversations. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

Join us on Thursday, APRIL 12, from 7 to 9 pm, for a participatory forum: **WHAT'S YOUR STORY? COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**. If you have a personal story about housing, especially safe and affordable housing (or the lack thereof!), the community needs to hear from you. Whether you are a renter, homeowner, or landlord, your story matters as Manhattan sorts through how to increase accessibility of safe and affordable housing. Arrive by 6:30 for refreshments. Childcare is also available. Registration is required at [www.k-state.edu/cccd/events](http://www.k-state.edu/cccd/events).





## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- April 1: **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**  
*Social Committee and volunteers*
- April 8: Laura Bonella, Jane Pelletier,  
Laura Roberson and Jayci Hamm
- April 15: Belle Federman, Rob DeLong,  
and Ashley Mitchell
- April 22: Harriette Janke, Tom Phillips,  
and Susan Adamchak
- April 29: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster,  
Chris Bailey and Deirdre Greeley

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

### NEED A NEW NAME TAG ?

The Fellowship is currently having name tags printed. If any member would like a new magnetic badge, email Shirley Hobrock at shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex. The cost is \$5.50.

### Administrator's Schedule

Monday, April	2 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, April	3 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, April	5 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, April	7 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, April	9 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, April	10 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, April	12 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, April	14 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, April	16 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, April	17 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, April	19 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, April	21 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, April	23 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, April	24 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday, April	26 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday, April	28 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday, April	30 -	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](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 us at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

### BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

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

### MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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



# APRIL 2018 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 AM SINGERS sopranos and altos <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Jesus and Elvis: Is This Some Kind of Joke?</i> <b>12:15 PM EASTER POTLUCK</b> and EGG HUNT	<b>2</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>3</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>4</b> <b>12 NOON</b> <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room <b>6 PM AWED POTLUCK</b> Jessica Sievers, 532-8471	<b>5</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>6</b> <b>10 AM TO 12 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's Bakehouse, 405 627-3859 <b>6:30 TO 9:30 PM</b> <b>PARENT NIGHT OUT</b> <b>7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY</b> Auntie Mae's Parlor	<b>7</b> <b>1:30 PM UUFM SINGERS</b> rehearse, M Oldfather 537-3738 <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>8</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Haiti Medical Mission</i> <b>HELPING HANDS SUNDAY</b> Fairy Godmothers' Fund	<b>9</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>10</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM BOARD MEETING</b> Courtney Albin, 317-8157	<b>11</b> <b>12 NOON</b> <b>MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room	<b>12</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM AFFORDABLE</b> <b>HOUSING INITIATIVE</b> <a href="http://k-state.edu/cccd/events">k-state.edu/cccd/events</a>	<b>13</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b> <b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal	<b>14</b> <b>10 AM TO 12 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's Bakehouse <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>6 PM</b> <b>PETE SEEGER SONGFEST</b> w/ Jim Scott
<b>15</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything</i> with Jim Scott <i>last minute</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>17</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>18</b> <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room <b>1:30 TO 3:30 PM</b> <b>J JOHNSTONE</b> at Radinas Aggieville, 405 627-3859	<b>19</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> <b>CHORAL CONCERT</b> marking Michael Oldfather's retirement. <i>Reception follows.</i> <b>2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>4 PM PIANO RECITAL</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Today's Another Earth Day</i> <b>12:15 PM ANNUAL MTG</b> details on pg 7 of April newsletter	<b>23</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>24</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>25</b> <b>12:30 TO 2:30 PM</b> <b>J JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's on the Hill, 405 627-3859 <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b> <b>3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE</b>	<b>26</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>27</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b> <b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal <b>10 AM BOOK DISCUSSION</b> Lorrie Cross, 539-7883	<b>28</b> <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>29</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>International</i> Rescue Committee	<b>30</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349					