

What Does It Mean to Be a People of **BECOMING**? (from Soul Matters, adapted for UUFM)

It's become popular in our society to talk about spiritual journeys as a process of living into your full or true self, of letting the authentic seed inside you unfold. We UU's agree. We even enshrined it in our principles that celebrate each of our unique seeds (inherent worth) and unique journeys (a free and responsible search).

At the same time, there's something deep within UUism that pushes in the opposite direction. Historically, we've been "leavers"--people who struggled not so much to find ourselves but to untangle ourselves from the religious identities we were given. Our spiritual journeys did not begin with a blank slate; they began with the hunger to wipe that slate clean and begin anew.

So we have this important awareness that spiritual journeys are not simply about unfolding your true self, but also about untangling from your old self. We agree with Albert Schweitzer who wrote:

"The path of awakening is not about becoming who you are. Rather it is about unbecoming who you are not."

Which means we are also sensitive to the fact that most spiritual journeys begin with a goodbye--a separation, a decision to walk away. We know that the first step is often laced with mourning, difficult endings and, all too often, isolation. We know that "unbecoming" is not easy work.

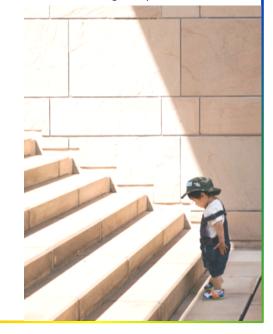
We also know that it isn't a one-time thing. We find ourselves routinely tempted into and thus tangled up in all kinds

of identities and journeys that aren't truly ours. "Unbecoming who you are not" is a journey we walk every day, over and over again.

So what does all this mean for us this month? Well, first, it's an important reminder that we're not just here to help each other hold steady and persevere on our current paths. Often our primary gift is to help each other find and take the exit ramps.

It also means remembering that being a people of becoming involves tenderness. We are here not just to make room for each other's unique stories; we are also here to make room for each other's pain. Again, "unbecoming who you are not" involves bravely walking away, enduring isolation and navigating grief. And so, if we are going to complete our journeys of unbecoming and becoming anew, we're definitely going to need pit stops of kindness and tenderness along the way.

May this month be a time of pulling into one of those pit stops, together. Let the unraveling begin!



# **APRIL 2021 SUNDAY SERVICES**

Our Soul Matters theme in April explores
"What does it mean to be a people of **Becoming?**"

#### **APRIL 4 "BECOMING AWAKENED TO EASTER"**

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Each year, Easter invites us to awaken from the cave of death to the resurrected life. The imagery may not fit every theological perspective. This year, however, being called from death to life may be exactly what we need. What will it take to awaken to the life of Easter after a year of COVID-inspired fear of death? What might a renewed life hold for us? Our convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or <a href="mailto:twp1@ksu.edu">twp1@ksu.edu</a>.

## APRIL 11 "BECOMING IN COMMUNITY: CLAIMING RELATIONAL POWER"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. We do not become anything in isolation. We do not make ourselves. Rather, from before our birth, we are shaped by relationships. At the same time, we shape others. Too often, people have been coerced by the power others hold over them to be in particular ways. Relational power invites us, instead, to share power with others and to become together in relation to them, in community. How do we claim and use the relational power we have responsibly? Our convener is Jessica Sievers at 785 532-8471 or <a href="mailto:sieversi@amail.com">sieversi@amail.com</a>.

## APRIL 18 "BECOMING A RENEWED EARTH"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. As we approach another Earth Day, we are aware of the toll that climate change is taking on us. At the same time, spring reminds us of the resilience of our Earth. If we can imagine ourselves in relation to the Earth, as part of it, how might that transform our relationship so that we can create a renewed Earth? Our convener is Kathleen Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

#### APRIL 25 "LOVED INTO BEING"

Faith in Unitarian Universalism isn't just an intellectual exercise: it's "heart" work. The UUA generously has provided this service to all UU congregations, featuring a sermon by UUA President Rev Susan Frederick-Gray, with vibrant music, storytelling, and other worship elements that will help us to grow in spirit, in courage, and in generosity. Our convener is Jessica Sievers at 785 532-8471 or <a href="mailto:sieversj@gmail.com">sieversj@gmail.com</a>.

There will be <u>NO in-person attendance</u> at Sunday services at this time. Find a link and instructions to join us for lively and well-attended **VIRTUAL SERVICES** on Zoom at <u>uufm.net/zoom</u>.



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Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at <u>www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program</u>

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at 10:45 AM at https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlye W1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09

Watch weekly announcements as our COVID-19 response evolves.

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# COMING UP ...

The **RACIAL JUSTICE** team gathers Sunday, **APRIL 4** and **18**. Learn more on page 6.

The 2021 UUFM **ANNUAL MEETING** gathers on Zoom, Sunday, **APRIL 25**. Review details on page 7.

Members and friends are invited to join in our annual Spring **WORK DAY**, Saturday, **MAY 1**. More on page 5.

Across cultures, religions and traditions, human beings celebrate.

We have seen many holiday opportunities pass without our traditional celebrations in the last year. As vaccinations increase, we may be peaking out and trying to do it a little differently, with small, safe family groupings. Still not what we are used to--but improving.

This month, three significant religious celebrations occur. Jews are wrapping up Passover on the 4th, while Christians sing Alleluia for Easter. And Muslims begin their fast for Ramadan on April 12. Each holiday has its unique features while all reflect the human need to come together and celebrate.



Interestingly, all three celebrations have their aspects of shared meals. For Passover, of course, the meal--the Seder--is central. Families and friends gather and read a *Haggadah*, remembering the story of the Hebrews' escape

from slavery in Egypt. Though Easter does not religiously require a particular type of meal, many Christians observe some kind of fast during Lent prior to Easter, so Easter marks a moment of returning to favorite foods that have been missed. And for many families--and our own fellowship--Easter has often been a time to gather for a large meal of ham, boiled eggs, and all the fixings. Fasting is the focus of Ramadan. While that would seem contrary to the spirit of shared food, it's not! The fast only lasts until sunset, and the breaking of the fast (*iftar*) is often a big party.

Each holiday, though, has its particularities. Too often, Christians view the Jewish Passover as only a preface to Easter, thinking of it as Jesus' celebration of the Last Supper. Jews, though, see Passover as an affirmation as their particular identity, as people who have overcome oppression and look together towards the future ("Next year in Jerusalem" is the closing toast). The tensions between these two religious peoples have fueled anti-Semitism and still influence our nation's foreign policy.

Ramadan marks the revelation of the Qur'an to Mohammad. The Qur'an is not just a book to Muslims, not even just a scripture. For Muslims, the Qur'an is more like Jesus is to Christians, than it is like the New Testament. Mohammad is only a messenger, less significant than the book he brought to being. So celebration of receiving the Qur'an matters a great deal. For Christians, of course, Easter hails the

resurrection of Jesus from the dead, a concept that most UU's doubt. Much of the cultural celebration remains for many of us, though, as we rejoice in the spring and hunt Easter eggs. It is a reminder of our roots in Christianity.

So, even though we may not be able to do it closely or in person, we wish our neighbors and friends:

Chag Pesach Sameach – Happy Passover Festival Ramadan Mubarak – Blessed Ramadan And of course: Happy Easter.

May all our festivals be true celebrations this year and always!

# Jonalu

Contact Jonalu at 405 627-3859 or <a href="mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net">revjonalu@uufm.net</a>. Read Jonalu's blog at <a href="mailto:uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/">uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/</a>

# **GROWGREEN MATCH DAY**

Grow Green is a program to help organizations develop an endowment. This year, the first \$1,000 of any Grow Green donation to the Fellowship will be matched with a 50% grant to our endowment at Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. This is an easy way for us to grow our finances. Thursday, April 22, go to <a href="www.growgreenmanhattan.com/">www.growgreenmanhattan.com/</a>, to make your contribution. Learn more and find links at <a href="uufm.net/calendar/growgreen-match/">uufm.net/calendar/growgreen-match/</a>.

# REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Rev Jonalu Johnstone will be available during virtual office hours from 3 to 5 pm, on Tuesday, APRIL 6, 13, and 27 and Thursday, APRIL 1, 8, 15, and 29. Log in at



https://uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824?pwd= WjNTUldoci9VWjNtMFNsNjBsMlZTZz09. Find a link at uufm.net/contact-us. Or you can phone in by calling 669 900 6833. When you hear the recorded voice say, "Welcome to Zoom. Please enter your meeting ID followed by pound" dial 979 740 0824#. Contact Jonalu at 405 627-3859 or revjonalu@uufm.net (emergencies only April 19 through 26).

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

# **ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION**

Did you know we're still collecting aluminum cans? Over the years, aluminum can collection has generated over \$100 that has been donated to various entities (usually the animal shelter). Lately, we've been using the money collected from the cans to help stock the UU Blessing Box at Wonder Workshop. If you have aluminum cans to recycle, please consider donating them to UUFM. Contact me for more information about how to deliver or ask for a pickup. See you soon!

# Sandy Nelson

Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

## POST ON UUFM'S BELOVED COMMUNITY PAGE

Here's a project that I hope you'll enjoy ... making connection with our beloved community. It's as simple as sharing a comment or a picture. We'd love to hear from you about 1) your favorite local spot, 2) your favorite COVID activity, 3) your favorite UU principle. Here's a link where it's all happening: <a href="http://bit.ly/3sMq5oR">http://bit.ly/3sMq5oR</a>. If you have difficulty posting, feel free to contact <a href="mailto:Sandy">Sandy</a> and she'll post for you.

# **ZOOM INTO RE!**

# **OUTDOOR FUN**

At last. Spring has arrived and we can comfortably gather outside again. As long as it's not pouring rain. We gather EACH SATURDAY from 3 to 5 pm at the south end of the K-State Intramural Fields (corner of Denison and Kimball). Watch your email for alternative meeting space if weather interferes. Or contact me for current details. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join the fun. Masks and distancing required.

# REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2020/2021 school year. Registration forms are available at <a href="http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160">http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160</a>.



# **OUTDOOR FUN RETURNS!**

JOIN SANDY AND FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS AND FRIENDS EVERY SATURDAY. LEARN MORE AT uufm.net/april-2021/.

#### **DRE's SCHEDULE**

Sandy will be available on Zoom during virtual office hours **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Call or text Sandy at 785 341-0135 to arrange a video chat.

# **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL**

The **Women's Coffee** group meets on Zoom Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 am. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Jane Pelletier at 785 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@qmail.com, for an invitation.

Join UUFM members and friends for **DINNER HOUR CONVERSATION** on Zoom, THURSDAYS, from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. For more information, contact Sue Turner at 785 537-2349 or <a href="mailto:office@uufm.net">office@uufm.net</a>.

The **Men's Lunch** group meets virtually EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon. If you would like an invitation to this Zoom gathering, please contact Kathleen Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

The UUFM **Book Discussion Group** meets Friday, APRIL 30, at 10 am. Currently we are meeting on Zoom, and we welcome new members. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 785 539-7883 or <a href="mailto:lmcross@kansas.net">lmcross@kansas.net</a>. To request a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at <a href="mailto:sadamchak@kansas.net">sadamchak@kansas.net</a>.

# **2021 UUFM ANNUAL MEETING**

Voting Fellowship members are urged to attend our 2021 **Annual Meeting**, which meets virtually on Zoom, following the service on Sunday, APRIL 25. Matters to be voted on include the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and candidates standing for Board positions. Details on page 7 of this newsletter. Non-voting friends are invited to attend and observe. <u>Members must sign in</u>, before the meeting begins, at <u>forms.qle/qZFXxqrmnYdAvt2HA</u>.

# **SPRING WORK DAY**

Once again, Fellowship members and friends will gather together to complete needed maintenance and chores around the Fellowship building

and grounds. Join us on Saturday, May 1 (rain date is Saturday, May 8), at 9 am, at the Fellowship. Although we won't hold our usual potluck lunch at 12 noon, participants are invited to bring a sack lunch or snack, which we can



enjoy together after a morn-ing of accomplishments. Bring your work gloves *AND MASK*. We'll maintain social distancing. Contact Sylvia Beeman at 785 317-2897 or <a href="mailto:sbeewoman@hotmail.com">sbeewoman@hotmail.com</a>, to learn more.

# **SOCIAL ACTION NEWS**

# HELPING HANDS

In April, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **Fairy Godmothers Fund**, which makes grants to meet the immediate and critical needs of local women that are not being met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at <a href="https://www.fgfund.org">www.fgfund.org</a>.

In March, Fellowship members and friends gave Sunday morning collections to Wonder Workshop. THANK YOU for your generous donations!

Our Helping Hands recipients rely on the annual contributions our congregation provides more than ever. Donate on-line to Helping Hands, or give to UUFM's General Operating fund, at <a href="mailto:uufm.net/donate/"><u>uufm.net/donate/</u></a>.

# FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, and chocolate and tea are still available for purchase from Anne Cowan, who has stock available at home. Contact Anne at 785 537-2025 or anne cowan@sbcqlobal.net.

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



# **UUFM BLESSING BOX**

UUFM is sponsoring a **BLESSING BOX** and **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** at
Wonder Workshop. Doug Walter
reports our box has received notably increasing demand, especial-

ly in the past few weeks. To contribute shelf-stable food, cleaning and hygiene products, or childrens' and youth books, contact Doug at <a href="mailto:kbsi@cox.net">kbsi@cox.net</a>. Or, drop by Wonder Workshop, at 506 S 4th Street, and stock the boxes with your items. The boxes are for people to take what they need and leave what they can. You can donate funds to help support the boxes at <a href="mailto:uufm.net/donate/">uufm.net/donate/</a>.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE / ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Check out the new list of social justice/anti-racism resources at <a href="mailto:uufm.net/social-action-2/social-action-2/social-action-resources/">uufm.net/social-action-2/social-action-resources/</a>. If you would like to suggest resources to add to the list, or have questions, please contact Marisa Larson at <a href="mailto:marisa.larson@gmail.com">marisa.larson@gmail.com</a>.

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#### **UUFM BOARD CHAIR'S UPDATE**

Dear UUFM members,

We're living in unprecedented times. For the past year, we've all been living through an era of pandemic, which has required us to reconceptualize how we gather and support each other. In that time, we gracefully transitioned to meeting virtually, as Sunday Services helped us to meet the challenge of the moment. We have trained our membership in how to use zoom, and taught conveners a whole new skillset while requiring an extra layer of behind-the-scenes tech support that helps our Sundays flow seamlessly.

Meanwhile, we have come together more than ever as a spiritual community. In the fall, we passed a renewed mission for UUFM, while also affirming the UU Statement of Immediate Witness in Support of the Black Lives Matter Movement. Our fellowship has historically taken few communal stands in its history. The fact that we seem to be able to more easily agree on core positions taken together with the work that I know many of the great people in our fellowship are doing on social and racial justice in our fellowship gives me hope both for the future of our fellowship and the prospect for change in the greater Manhattan community.

There have also been some marked joys, including nominating and learning that our very own Rev Jonalu was chosen as one of the recipients for this year's Spirit of Martin Luther King Community Service Award. I believe this represents a well-deserved capstone to Rev Jonalu's outstanding and outsized positive influence on the Manhattan community on behalf of all of us here at UUFM.

This has also been a period where we prepare ourselves for transition in anticipation of Rev Jonalu's retirement, and the hiring of a new minister. The [Ministerial] search committee, led by Jessica Sievers, has put together a wonderful application on behalf of our fellowship and submitted it to UUA for consideration by searching ministers. UUA let us know that 60+ ministers were applying to just 21 positions in this settled search cycle, meaning that there will be many qualified candidates left to consider our application. Further progress on the search is expected in the next months, so keep your eyes open for communications from the search committee.

As Dan Swenson, the current Treasurer, will cover, you'll notice that we have stayed within budget this year thanks in part to the generous support of each of our members, as well as above average performance by the craft and bake sale, small business loan (grant) from the pandemic, and other factors. We owe each

of our members a debt of gratitude in helping us to get through this difficult period in UUFM's history with financial aplomb.

As vaccinations pick up in Riley County, the UUFM Board of Directors and Sunday Services Committee is closely paying attention to important triggers that will allow us to come back and gather in community for in-person services in a phased process that ensures we remain safe, follow CDC guidelines, while continuing to pro-vide a virtual option for those that cannot attend in person for whatever reason. We appear to be on the cusp where we may consider this in the not-too-distant future. Another strong reason for hope as we emerge to spring sounds from our long winter.

Thanks for being a part of our community, and I hope you will join us at our Annual Meeting on April 25 at noon. Thanks, and see you there!

Best, Rob Morrison, UUFM Board Chair

Contact Rob at 480 861-1732 or william.robert.morrison@gmail.com.

#### FEBRUARY 2021 HELPING HANDS CONTRIBUTIONS

In February, our Helping Hands recipient was the <u>Kansas Abortion Fund</u>. Members' and friends' gifts to our Sunday offertory collection during February totaled \$530. *Thank YOU EVERYONE*, for your support of local and regional non-profits through the UUFM Helping Hands program. In May, our Helping Hands recipient will be the <u>Boys and Girls Club of Manhattan</u>. You can give to the current Helping Hands organization at any time, at <u>uufm.net/donate/</u>.

# **UUFM RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM**

The UUFM Racial Justice Team has committed itself to studying the UUA Commission on Institutional Change's final report, *Widening the Circle of Concern*. We welcome anyone in the congregation to join us. We meet at 4 pm on Sundays, on scheduled dates seen below.

APRIL 4 – Session 9, Restoration and Reparations

APRIL 18 - Session 10, Accountability and Resources

May 2 - Session 11, Where Do we Go from Here?

We meet on Zoom. Log in at <a href="https://www.nus/j/9797400824?pwd">uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824?pwd=</a>
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The meeting ID is 979 740 0824. The password is <a href="mailto:zeandale">zeandale</a>. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at <a href="mailto:zeandale">zevijonalu@uufm.net</a>.
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Our **Annual Meeting** will be held following the Sunday service on **April 25**, at 12 noon. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2021/2022 (June 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2022). Please review the information provided to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

# PROPOSED FY 2021/2022 UUFM BUDGET

UUFM BUDGET	FY	FY	%
OOT IT BODGET	20/21	21/22	CHANGE
INCOME			
Contributions-Cash	500	500	0.0
Contributions-Non-pledge	2,000	3,000	50.0
Contributions-Pledges	137,852	145,000	5.2
Fund Raising	2,000	2,000	0.0
Other Income	2,500	1,000	- 60.0
Endowment Distribution	24,038	22,311	- 7.2
TOTAL INCOME	168,890	173,811	2.9
Expenses			
Administration	3,000	3,150	5.0
Caring	100	100	0.0
Communications/Publicity	3,500	3,500	0.0
UUA Contribution	9,950	9,950	0.0
Facilities	5,865	10,655	81.7
Green Sanctuary	100	100	0.0
Insurance	3,250	3,412	5.0
Leadership Development	2,000	2,000	0.0
Legal Fees	40	50	25.0
Membership	400	400	0.0
Minister's Discretionary Fund	300	300	0.0
Music	350	350	0.0
Payroll	128,175	127,284	- 0.7
Religious Education	1,960	1,960	0.0
Sitter	200	200	0.0
Social	700	700	0.0
Social Action	2,200	2,500	13.6
Stewardship	200	200	0.0
Sunday Services	1,100	1,500	36.4
Utilities	5,500	5,500	0.0
TOTAL EXPENSE	168,890	173,811	2.9

**BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES** Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in *BOLD ITALICS*. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

Chair - Judy Nickelson

Chair-Elect - Amy BETZ

Treasurer - Dan Swenson

Secretary - CATHY HEDGE (2nd, 2-year term)

Member-at-Large - Deidre Greeley

Member-at-Large - Marisa Larson

Past Chair - Rob Morrison

#### **APPROVAL OF DRAFT 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Voting members are asked to review these meeting minutes at <a href="https://www.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020AnnualMtq.pdf">uufm.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020AnnualMtq.pdf</a>.

# PROPOSED FY 2021/22 BUDGET AND PLEDGE DRIVE

This is the time of year when we are planning for next year. Part of that is preparing a budget for our Annual Meeting and having a pledge drive. Our fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31. This past fiscal year Rev Jonalu Johnstone has had a 3/4-time appointment to help bring expenses more in line with income. We expect that end-of year expenses will be slightly below budget and that income will be above budget. The FY 20/21 budget assumed a withdrawal of \$24,000 from the endowment. But because of the Payment Protection Plan grant of \$21,950, we will probably not have to withdraw from the endowment. I hope to cover this in more detail at the Annual Meeting.

In our proposed FY 21/22 budget, we continue with a 3/4-time minister, we use Marta's Cleaning service, and the staff (excluding the minister) have a 5% raise. We should note that in the past years, the staff had actually been falling behind the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The 5% raise brings them just slightly ahead of COLA. To balance income and expenses, we anticipate a transfer of \$22,000 from the endowment.

That brings us to the pledge drive. We know that this past year has been financially difficult for some members, so we hope that members who have been more fortunate can increase their pledge. We are still struggling with the need to withdraw from the endowment to cover the difference between income and expenses. In addition, we would hope to eventually support a full-time minister. In the next few weeks a volunteer will be contacting you either by phone, email, or in person. Or you can contact Sandy Nelson (<a href="mailto:sandralounelson@yahoo.com">sandralounelson@yahoo.com</a>) or Daniel Swenson (<a href="mailto:swenson.home@gmail.com">swenson.home@gmail.com</a>).

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Dan Swenson at 785 341-1973 or <a href="mailto:swenson.home@gmail.com">swenson.home@gmail.com</a>, with questions about Fellowship finances and for help with your pledge.

## **BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING**

The UUFM building is now available to reserve, with limited group size, length of use, and the expectation that those using the building will practice reasonable social distancing and cleaning following use. Please contact Susan Turner to schedule your meeting space, at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

# **MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Thursday, **APRIL 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. *If your group is meeting in a new way during the pandemic, please let us know* so that we can pass this information on to other members and friends who may want to participate. Send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

# **ADMINISTRATOR'S VIRTUAL HOURS**

Office Administrator Susan Turner will be available during virtual office hours from 3 to 5 pm, on SATURDAYS in April. If you haven't already done so, download Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us">https://zoom.us</a>, then log in at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/85495266852">https://zoom.us</a>, then log in at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85495266852">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85495266852</a> any time between 3 and 5 pm. The meeting ID is 854 9526 6825. Contact Susan at any time at 785 537-2349 or <a href="ffice@uufm.net">office@uufm.net</a>.

# **HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or <a href="mailto:office@uufm.net">office@uufm.net</a> 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've considered **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, ask Welcoming chair Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or <a href="mailto:shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirley!shirl

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# **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or <a href="mailto:office@uufm.net">office@uufm.net</a>, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in slides displayed before virtual Sunday morning services, from 10:30 to 10:45 am.

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

Providing support to one another is one of the most important things we do as religious community. Our Caring Team is ready to support you, or help you in supporting others. If you're sick and could use someone to do errands, or can use any kind of assistance or support, please let us know at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

# PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Join us from home to participate in virtual Sunday services. We begin announcements at 10:30 am. The service follows at 10:45 am. First, download Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TIZ">https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TIZ</a> <a href="qdz09">qdz09</a>. Or call 346 248 7799 to listen on your phone. Meeting ID is 926 0431 3401, and the passcode is *zeandale*. Find helpful hints and clickable links at uufm.net/zoom/.

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Tuesday Wednesday Sunday Monday Thursday Friday Saturday 9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE 3 TO 5 PM 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON SUSAN TURNER uufm.net/contact-us uufm.net/contact-us 5:30 PM 4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING **DINNER CONVERSATION** KSU Intramural Fields Denison and Kimball office@uufm.net 10 AM 9:30 AM **ZOOM INTO RE WOMEN'S COFFEE** 3 PM Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net 9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE SUNDAY SERVICES CMTE 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE Jane Pelletier kingervpage@gmail.com 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE 3 TO 5 PM 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON mianepelletier@gmail.com **12** NOON Becoming Awakened to Easter uufm.net/contact-us **3** TO **5 PM SUSAN TURNER JONALU JOHNSTONE** MEN'S LUNCH uufm.net/contact-us 3:30 TO 4:30 PM Kathleen Oldfather 4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE mtg 5:30 PM kioldfather@gmail.com 4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING SANDY NELSON uufm.net/social-action-april-2021 **DINNER CONVERSATION** uufm.net/contact-us KSU Intramural Fields office@uufm.net Denison and Kimball 9:30 AM 10 AM 14 **WOMEN'S COFFEE** ZOOM INTO RE Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3 TO 5 PM 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON Jane Pelletier 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON **SUSAN TURNER** 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE **12** NOON uufm.net/contact-us mianepelletier@amail.com uufm.net/contact-us uufm.net/contact-us Becoming in Community: **MEN'S LUNCH** 5:30 PM Claiming Relational Power 7 PM BOARD MEETING Kathleen Oldfather **DINNER CONVERSATION** 4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING kioldfather@gmail.com Rob Morrison office@uufm.net KSU Intramural Fields villiam.robert.morrison@gmail.com Denison and Kimball NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:30 AM 8 10 AM ZOOM INTO RE 10 AM 20 9 **WOMEN'S COFFEE** ALL DAY Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net 9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE 3 TO 5 PM **GROWGREEN MATCH DAY** Jane Pelletier 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE **SUSAN TURNER** All contributions matched 50%. mjanepelletier@gmail.com **12** NOON Becoming a Renewed Earth uufm.net/contact-us www.growgrreenmanhattan.com MEN'S LUNCH 3:30 TO 4:30 PM Kathleen Oldfather 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON SANDY NELSON 4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE mta 4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING kjoldfather@gmail.com uufm.net/contact-us 5:30 PM uufm.net/social-action-april-2021 KSU Intramural Fields **DINNER CONVERSATION** Denison and Kimball 26 28 9:30 AM 10 AM **WOMEN'S COFFEE** ZOOM INTO RE Sandy Nelson, dre@uufm.net **10 AM BOOK DISCUSSION** 9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE Jane Pelletier Susan Adamchak 3 TO 5 PM 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON mianepelletier@gmail.com **12** NOON sadamchak@kansas.net **JONALU JOHNSTONE** uufm.net/contact-us Loved into Being MEN'S LUNCH 3:30 TO 4:30 PM 12 NOON

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