

MAY 2008 PROGRAMS

MAY 4 "SERVICE IN THE PEACE CORPS"

Fellowship member Mark Moser and other Peace Corps volunteers reflect on their experiences. Contact *Mark* at *537-5028* or mark@grapeviner.com

MAY 11 "HOLY SYNERGY!"

Rev Ted Tollefson, minister of the UU Society of River Falls, Wisconsin, reflects on how 1+1 sometimes = 3 with some help from Ruth Benedict, Abraham Maslow and the Beatles. He asks, "What do an ancient heresy, micro-loans, and winning teams have in common? How can we move through our lives with effortless power, original grace?" Contact *Scott Tanona* at *537-6208* or stanona@sbcglobal.net

MAY 18 "IN THE BEGINNING"

Rev Michael Nelson, Pat Embers, Pat Weisenburger, and Dick Beeman will present creation stories from four different traditions. The service features four anthems performed by the UUFM Singers. Contact *Michael* at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

MAY 25 "TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES"

Doreen Shanteau and Reverend Michael Nelson share their reflections on dying and the importance of pondering one's own death. How one dies can be greatly impacted by one's preparation for the inevitable. Being mindful can transform fear into peace. Contact *Michael* at *(913) 961-2626* or minister@uufm.net

POTLUCK picnic. If weather permits, we'll eat outside. Please bring a favorite dish, salad, bread, fruit, or dessert to share, if you are able to do so. For more information, or to volunteer your assistance with set up and clean up, contact Social Committee chair *Shirley Hobrock* at *776-3175* or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !!!

Please join us Sunday, **MAY 18**, as we formally welcome new members. We are so pleased to have with us Jo and Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson, Rachelle Santiago, Ann Root, Don McKee, and Courtney Markle. At the start of the service on that morning, we will invite our new members and their children to come to the front and be recognized. New members, THANK YOU for becoming part of our Unitarian Universalist family. *Learn more about becoming a member of UUFM on page 8 of this newsletter.*



The charcoal hills now spurt green. In the morning mist, the charred cedars rise like ghosts. This mix of death and rebirth smudges and stings with its beauty; feeds the roots that reach deep into the earth. My father, Vivian Justus Nelson (he prefers to be called V.J.), who

hangs out in limbo-land with his complex of comorbidities likes to know what time it is when his mind surfaces. When I say, "It's three o'clock," he asks, "Night or day?" He often asks about the weather. The farmer in him still does not rest. He likes to hear about the ringneck dove that eats the stray grain on the ground the starlings from the bird feeders scatter. If only we could hear them sing above the machines that mutter and beep in his hospital room. There a wedding picture of his mother and father taken in 1902, his grandson Justin, now in Iraq, and his great-grandson Justus bring the presence of his family to him when no one is there to tell him the time, to hold his unbroken hand ...

One of the gifts of maturing is seeing how what I wanted from my father as a child, teenager, and young adult ends up not being as important as what he has given and continues to give. Wanting something often obscures other available gifts. Many people reach death still wanting something from their parents, a spouse, partner, friend ... that they were not given. While some of that wanting may be unavoidable and even a good thing, if it overshadows the available lessons sweet and bitter, then we lose the possible benefits we might gain in the evolution of our character.

As Universalists we are finally asked not to judge the worthiness of others. Moving into wholeness and its wisdom requires forgiveness and acceptance that goes beyond our comfort zone. As Pema Chödron, the Tibetan Buddhist abbess, teaches--the people we find the most offensive, those we despise the most offer the juiciest possibilities for personal growth, because we can see without obscuration what causes hatred in us. Here's where we can really work with ourselves, but we all know how easy it is to hold onto our patterns of mean spiritedness. To stay stuck in a narrow vision of others narrows and constricts our own wisdom. It is often easier to hold onto a perceived injustice than it is to let it

go, but the accumulated burden of all that we hold onto can make us like an overloaded boat--susceptible to big waves, sinking, and a cold death.

My father once told me that he thinks of his parents, Sophie and Walter, every day. He said that neither ever left the house without kissing. I hold this image of my grandparents who had lost so much in their lives, who had so little material wealth, and yet who often had twenty people at the dinner table on a Sunday afternoon. There was always room for one more. They never lost their ability to share what they had, even when it was only love. In the end there is no better inheritance.

As the prairie chickens boom and perform their flying dance, let us rise from what dies into what will be born.

Michael

Sadly, the Fellowship has received word of the passing of

Mr V J Nelson

on Friday, April 25, 2008

Visitation will be Sunday evening, April 27, and funeral service will be Monday, April 28, 2008, at 2 pm, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 224 South Main Street, Lindsborg, Kansas

The Fellowship offers our sincere condolences to the entire Nelson family.

Michael Nelson's Schedule

In May, Michael will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Monday, May 5 - 2 to 4 pm Tuesday, May 6 - 3 to 5 pm Tuesday, May 13 - 4 to 6 pm Thursday, May 15 - 4 to 7 pm Monday, May 19 - 2 to 4 pm Tuesday, May 20 - 2 to 4 pm Thursday, May 29 - 2 to 4 pm Friday, May 30 - 3 to 5 pm

During office hours, call Michael at the Fellowship at 537-2349. Meetings may be arranged at times other than posted office hours. Contact Michael at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net to make arrangements.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

UUFM Religious Education chair Sandy Nelson shares some thoughts: "As we wrap up the 2007/2008 Religious Education program, I just want to say thanks to everyone for making it so successful. The list of volunteers and mentors is huge. Please take a moment to personally thank Dale Askey, Jennifer Askey, Barbara Bascom, Kris Cervantes, Anne Cowan, Ana Franklin, Monta Manney, Tom Manney, Mark Mayfield, Mark Moser, Phoebe Samelson, Scott Tanona, and Sue Turner. Special thanks go out to our ever-growing list of teachers for volunteering their time week after week after week: Emily Ragan and Molly McGaughey (pre-K), Courtney Markle and Larry Weaver (K-2), Carolyn Ferguson and Sarah Nuss-Warren (3-4), and Colina Stanton, Jay Ham, and Eric Banner (5-8), plus our OWL educators Christopher Renner and Carolyn Ferguson. The DRE Task Force deserves extra thanks for helping to further the vision: Anne Cowan, Dale Askey, Cathy Hedge, and Kathleen Tanona. Additional thanks to Rev Michael Nelson for his ongoing encouragement. He inspires me in untold ways to create an always better program (which, in theory, inspires everyone else). But most important, thanks to all our young people for their participation and to the parents and friends who bring them. (Apologies to anyone I've missed.)"

To learn more about how you can contribute to our youth activities talk to Sandy Nelson at *341-0135* or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

SUMMER 2008 ...



Summer is just around the corner and we'll once again combine classes for the always successful summer program "UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WORLD TRAVELERS." This year there will be a special twist to address the need for nurturing a UU identity in

our youth. Our spectacular Bon Voyage party will be the first Sunday in June, students then "tour" a different UU related "location" each Sunday throughout the summer. With the help of "tour guides" the children learn about that location's culture, religions, and UU history; and engage in related activities.

This summer the itinerary includes "trips" to Transylvania; Boston; Walden Pond; Monticello; the home of John and Abigail Adams; Berkeley, California; and more. **We Need You** to help lead us on a virtual tour of these special places. It's easy! We have materials to walk you through an entire presentation. If you can donate your time for one Sunday morning this summer, contact RE Committee chair Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com. Tour guides never go solo. They always have at least one other teacher on the trip.

Youth Choir

The UUFM Youth Choir, directed by Sarah Nuss-Warren and Kris Cervantes, rehearses before the morning service on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 10:15 to 10:40 am, in the old sanctuary. This month, the choir practices on Sunday, May 4 and May 18. All kids and youth are invited to join in our song. Learn more from *Sarah* at *537-3586* or nusswarr@gmail.com

STUDENT ART

Over the past several weeks, Fellowship members, friends, and visitors have been treated to a colorful and ever-changing exhibit of art work, created by our own RE students. Take a stroll down the hallway in front of the RE rooms to view the current, vivid display of student artwork.

The **EAT 'N' WRITE** memoir-writing workshop meets Monday, MAY 5, and MAY 19, at 11:30 am in the old sanctuary. Bring your lunch and your writing tools! Learn more from Barbara Bascom at 537-1132 or bbbascom@sbcglobal.net

The **Men's Lunch** meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the old sanctuary. Bring a desire for stimulating conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Contact Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu, or Charley Kempthorne at 539-0910 or charley@thelifestoryinstitute.com

The **UU Drum CIRCLE** meets on Friday, MAY 9, at 7 pm, around the fire pit given dry weather. If not, we will meet in the new sanctuary, which is also a good drumming space. Last month we had a wonderful initiation ceremony for the newly made drums and rattles of several participants. If you have an instrument(s) that you would like honored at the drumming, please bring it and we will give time to recognizing it's life giveaway in our drum community. All ages and your guests are welcomed. Plenty of instruments are available. To learn more, contact Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

The **ADULT DISCUSSION** forum meets on Sunday, MAY 11 and MAY 25, at 9:30 am, in the large RE room. All are welcome to join in this varied discussion. Contact Jim Bascom at 537-1132 or jfbascom@sbcglobal.net for more information.

The **Women's Lunch** meets Wednesday, MAY 14, at 12 noon, at Happy Valley Restaurant, 112 Laramie Street, in Manhattan's Aggieville. All interested Fellowship women and their guests are invited. Contact Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or bjhacker@networksplus.net, to learn more.

MEDITATION practice meets in the new sanctuary on the first and third Thursday of each month. *In May, there will be only one session,* on Thursday, MAY 15, from 5:30 to 6 pm, before Third Thursday Supper. Learn more from Jay Ham at 539-5118 or jm.3554@gmail.com

Join us for **THIRD THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER** on MAY 15, at 6 pm, in the old sanctuary. Jay Ham leads a brief meditation session beginning at 5:30 pm, in the new sanctuary. Attend one, or both, events. You may bring food to share, but it's not required. Bring your smile, family, friends, and guests, and let Michael Nelson and Susan Turner take care of dinner! Contact Susan at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

Join us for **GAME NIGHT** on Friday, MAY 16, at 7:30 pm, in the old sanctuary. Fun and games for all ages are provided, or bring your family's favorite games to share. Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

The **Book Discussion** will meet on Wednesday, MAY 28. This month's title and location will be announced in the Sunday program guide. All members and friends interested in reading and discussion are invited. Contact Gwen Gieselman at 776-4505 to learn more.

The Fellowship celebrates Memorial weekend with our annual potluck picnic, following the Sunday morning service on MAY 25. Bring a favorite dish, bread, fruit, salad, or dessert to share, if you are able, or just join us for food and fellowship. Weather permitting, we'll eat outside among the beautiful gardens maintained by our Grounds Committee, and work day volunteers. To learn more, please contact our Social Committee chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com



MOMS AGAINST THE WAR

Julia's Voice--a group dedicated to reclaiming Mothers Day as it was intended by Unitarian Julia Ward Howe--is guided by Howe's vision to establish a day to promote peace and speak out against war. On MAY 11, 2008, an event will be held to honor the work of mothers to teach, in Howe's words, "patience, charity and mercy." The event, Moms Against the War, will stand for peace along the public sidewalk at 3 pm, in Overland Park, on 95th Street between Nieman and Ouivera, rain or shine. All mothers, and children of mothers, are invited to add their voice for peace. Sponsors of this event include the Shawnee Mission UU Church, True Blue Women of Kansas, Iraq Veterans Against the War, All Souls UU Church, and the American Friends Service Committee of Kansas City.

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COM-MUNITY BREAKFAST**S on Friday, MAY 2, MAY 16, and MAY 30, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are Needed*. The meal is free and all are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Of course, donations are welcome. Contact Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or yvcq67lacy@sbcglobal.net

Fellowship volunteers periodically deliver government food commodities to individuals unable to pick them up from **FLINT-HILLS BREADBASKET**. If you can share two hours of your time during an upcoming delivery, it would make a world of difference to someone. For more information, contact Pat Weisenburger at 539-4711 or patw@ksu.edu

GREETERS share a smile as folks arrive on Sunday morning, encourage visitors to sign our guest book, answer questions, and help to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at UUFM. Contact Welcoming Committee co-chairs Mary Westfall at 539-5397 or westyks@hotmail.com, or Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca

Could you share your travel adventures with our youth this summer? Volunteer "Tour Guides" are being scheduled for this summer's RE curriculum, "UU World Travelers." The theme of the tours this year will be Unitarian and Universalist destinations. This is a one-morning commitment, and our RE teachers have lots of help and guidance to offer. Contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

The Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice (MAPJ) continues weekly **ANTI-WAR DEMON-STRATIONS** on Wednesday afternoons, from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, in Triangle Park, at the corner of Bluemont and Manhattan Avenue, in Aggieville. Please contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net to learn more.

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY



On MAY 11, our Helping Hands Sunday beneficiary will be the ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND, a US-based nonprofit environmental advocacy group, known for its work on issues including global warming, ecosystem

restoration, oceans, and human health. It is non-partisan, and its work often advocates market-based solutions to environmental problems. Learn more at www.edf.org

All cash contributions and checks placed in the offering basket on the second Sunday of the month will go to the Helping Hands Sunday beneficiary, unless otherwise indicated. Write "UUFM" on the memo line of your check to indicate contributions NOT intended for the beneficiary. All checks should be made out to UUFM.

On Sunday, April 13, we raised \$453.30 as we passed the plate for the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund. The Social Action Committee heartily thanks members and friends for your generous contributions!!! To learn more, contact our Social Action Committee chair Barbara Bascom at 537-1132 or bbbascom@sbcglobal.net

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE

Fair Trade coffee, providing fair prices for small cooperatives and growers, is offered for purchase following Sunday programs. Regular, decaf, whole bean, and ground coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are available. Special orders can be taken. If you have questions, or wish to purchase Fair Trade products, contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net or ask her on Sunday mornings. Learn more at www.equalexchange.com

NEWS FROM SCORE

Fellowship Chair-elect Elke Lorenz, our UUFM SCORE (Southern Cluster OutReach & Extension) Board representative, reports on the inaugural service of the UU Fellowship of Hutchinson, Kansas.

"The public worship service held at the almost established Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Hutchinson on Sunday, April 20, was a great success. SCORE minister Jill Jarvis led this up-beat service. Our own Aaron Ford sang two beautiful solos, and representatives from all Cluster Fellowships (Lawrence, Manhattan, Topeka, Salina, and Wichita) attended the event in support of the new congregation. UUFH will need our help with regular services starting in the fall. It is a great joy to witness UU growth in Kansas!"

Learn more about the Hutchinson congregation at www.hutchuu.org

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR



This month, I write my last column as Chair at UUFM. It's something of a blessing to be able to stand down as my family grows and calls for more of my time. It's even more of a blessing to have been able to serve. I was overwhelmed by your decision two years ago to support me as Chair, in spite of my youth. It has been a great privilege and pleasure to be able to work with all of our dedicated lay leaders, our minister, our staff, our members and friends during this time of immense

transition and growth. In the last two years our membership has grown, our budgets have grown, our religious education program has grown, and our debts have shrunk. We've strengthened our leadership, we've strengthened our outreach, we've strengthened our UU identity, and we've strengthened our community. I cannot claim credit for much of this, but you most certainly can.

Together we have started down a road that ensures our vitality for many years to come, through improved financial management, improved communications, and willingness to address challenges directly with each other, through our willingness to question why and how we come together in community. As a UU congregation, we'll never be a bastion of complete agreement, but we can, and are, being leaders when it comes to building community where it is safe to disagree, and where our disagreements never get in the way of seeing our shared values and common humanity. These changes were possible because of the hard work of our members and friends. And they set the stage for even better years to come.

I want to individually thank all the people who have helped make this possible, but I realize now, I cannot. The list is too long and the newsletter too short. So rather than leave anyone out, let me just extend my thanks to everyone who has been so helpful to me, so dedicated to this congregation, so willing to step up when called and so committed in service. Without their work nothing I could have said or done would mean anything. Thank you to all of you.

And now, it is time for me to turn over the reigns to a new leader, Elke Lorenz. Last year I was asked to write a letter of support as she applied to go to the UU Leadership School in Beloit, Wisconsin. It was the easiest letter I've ever had to write. Over the last year Elke has worked tirelessly on behalf of this congregation, meeting with our lay and professional leaders to help strengthen our congregation. As she steps up and I step down, I am confident that we are in good hands. I'll be doing all I can to support her in her new role, and I know you will, too. Thank you, Elke, for your willingness to take on this demanding new role. We'll all be here for you.

In Faith, Eric Banner, UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Eric at 776-7649 or banner.eric@gmail.com

REV WILLIAM G SINKFORD TO VISIT KANSAS IN MAY

UUA President
Reverend William
Sinkford travels to
Kansas on Sunday,
MAY 18, to join in
the celebration of



the 140th anniversary of the founding of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4501 Walnut, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Reverend Sinkford will deliver both the 8:45 and 11:15 am services at All Souls on Sunday, May 18.
Later that afternoon, at 4 pm, Rev Sinkford speaks in the commons area of Lawrence High School, in Lawrence, Kansas. The Lawrence High commons area features as it's central display a bell that was cast in Boston and smuggled through pro-slavery territory to be hung in the original Lawrence Unitarian Church in about 1856.

The UU I-70 Chorus, which includes singers from Manhattan, Lawrence, and Shawnee Mission UU congregations, will perform.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, MAY 13, at 7 pm in the old sanctuary. Members and friends of the Fellowship are always welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Executive Board Chair Eric Banner at 776-7649 or banner.eric@gmail.com

CLICK ON THIS

BY CHARLEY KEMPTHORNE, FELLOWSHIP HISTORIAN

"According to those who were there at the time, Millie Katz started it all. She had two sons in the local schools, and believed that they needed a religious point of reference. There was also the immediate problem that children and young people were considered weird if they didn't go to a Sunday School somewhere. Millie had attended a Unitarian church during her college years, and had found their religious philosophy appealing. There was no Unitarian society in town. Why not organize one?

The idea appealed to others also, and in due course, letters were exchanged between Millie and the Fellowship Office of the American Unitarian Association. As a result, Mr Munro Husbands, Fellowship Coordinator of the AUA, came to Manhattan in November 1956, to discuss the possibility of forming a Unitarian Fellowship in Manhattan.

The initial meeting was held on the second floor of the Wareham Hotel ..."

And so begins Brock Dale's elegant and chatty history of our Manhattan Fellowship, now posted on our website, www.uufm.net, click on "Documents," then click on UUFM History. The photos aren't quite as sharp as in the original printed book that my wife June and I edited, laid out and produced in 2002, but they'll have to do until we print some more copies.

The book is called *The First Forty Years: The History of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan from 1957 to 1997.* In three parts and seventy pages long, the comb-bound book consists first and foremost of Brock's narrative essay; second, lists of all members through the years, committee chairs, and so on--painstakingly assembled by Brock--and finally a photographic essay showing the contemporary (in 2002 or thereabouts) life of the Fellowship.

Brock is emeritus professor of physics at KSU. He has been chair of the Fellowship several times, chair and member of many of the Fellowship committees, and is still a frequent violin soloist for our programs. On Wednesdays he nearly always can be found eating lunch at the UU Men's Group in the old sanctuary where he is a lively part of their lively conversation. Now 89, he is our most senior active member.



BROCK DALE ON VIOLIN, ACCOMPANIED BY MAROLYN CALDWELL SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Check your newsletter each month for future installments of UUFM Historian Charley Kempthorne's "Voice of the Past" column, highlighting the people and events that have shaped our congregation through the years.

"Voice of the Past" will also be posted on the UUFM website at www.uufm.net. Click the "Documents" button, then look for the links under "UUFM History."



SUNDAY COFFEE PROVIDERS

May 4: Jason and Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson gluten-free snacks!!!

May 11: Barbara Hacker/ Marian Quinlan

May 18: Harriette Janke / Elke Lorenz

May 25: Memorial Weekend POTLUCK

THANKYOU to our refreshment providers! Volunteers make coffee, serve a simple snack, and clean up afterwards. A sign up sheet is available, and there is always help at hand in the kitchen. To learn more, contact Gwen Geiselman at 776-4505, or Bobette McGaughey at 539-6872 or kbmcgoy@ksu.edu

Administrator's Schedule

In May, Susan Turner will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Thursday, May 1 - 12 to 5 pm Friday, May 2 - 4 to 6 pm Monday, May 5 - 3 to 5 pm Tuesday, May 6 - 12 to 5 pm 8 - 12 to 5 pm Thursday, May Monday, May 12 - 3 to 5 pm Tuesday, May 13 - 4 to 7 pm Thursday, May 15 - 4 to 9 pm Thursday, May 22 - 12 to 5 pm Saturday, May 24 - 11 am to 6 pm Monday, May 26 - 4 to 6 pm Tuesday, May 27 - 12 to 5 pm

Thursday, May 29 - 12 to 5 pm

Contact *Sue* at *537-2349* during office hours, or just drop in. She may also be reached at office@uufm.net at anytime.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING**, **PHONE**, or **EMAIL** information, or to cancel your subscription to this newsletter. Members and friends may also reach Susan during her posted office hours (see below) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please contact our Welcoming and Membership Committee co-chairs, Mary Westfall at 539-5397 or westyks@hotmail.com, or Cathy Hedge at 537-1101 or cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive the UUA magazine **UU WORLD**, without cost. Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net. UU World may be viewed online at **www.uuworld.org**

Join in email discussions of interest to Fellowship members and friends on our **EMAIL LIST SERV**. List serv members may choose to receive each message individually as it is sent out to the list serv; receive one daily Contact list serv moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Marolyn Caldwell at 776-4862 or marolync@flinthills.com by 12 noon, on Friday, with announcements of interest to Fellowship members and friends for inclusion in the Sunday program guide. Remember to check the program guide each week for announcements of upcoming activities and events.

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges, and would appreciate assistance, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Barbara Hacker at 587-8002, or contact Reverend Michael Nelson at (913) 961-2626 or minister@uufm.net

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for committee meetings, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. The building is available for Fellowship-sponsored activities without cost. Members and friends may schedule private events for a small fee, which includes a refundable deposit. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or to learn more, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the June newsletter will be Thursday, **MAY 15**. Please send news, meetings, announcements, and events to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net