

AUGUST 2010 PROGRAMS

AUGUST 1 "THE ETHICS OF A HERETIC"

Rev Ron Knapp, Minister Emeritus of First Unitarian Church in Omaha, says this about his sermon, "It is based on a chapter in Walter Kaufman's The Faith of a Heretic. Kaufman was a philosopher who spent his academic career at Princeton; he is perhaps best known for his translations of Nietzche and of Martin Buber's I and Thou. I am intrigued by Kaufman's ethics, which will be the focus of my sermon." Contact/convener is Brice Hobrock at 776-3175 or hobrock@ksu.edu

AUGUST 8 "JOY, JOY, JOY"

What are some of the natural endorphin lifters that we use to make life bearable? Cathy Hedge will share readings, music, poetry, and ask us to discuss what brings us joy. Contact Cathy at cjhedgewriter@yahoo.ca or 537-1101

AUGUST 15 "THE CROSS EXAMINATION OF GOD"

Rev Michael Nelson asks, "Is it reasonable to believe in God? A detached inquiry into the nature of existence supplies its own kind of views. For those confronted with elemental difficulties--starving, incurable disease, the brutality of poverty, war--their questions often do not rely on rational or metaphorical answers. How does UUism bridge this reasoned guest for ultimate truths?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

AUGUST 22 "HOW UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM SAVES US FROM EVIL"

Rev Michael Nelson reflects, " A strong desire for harmony and justice for all life stretches the small mind into an expanded being that allows us to know thy neighbor as thyself. Full aliveness requires us to seek salvation today and not when it is too late. Facing the complex realities of our world with an open mind and heart, working and celebrating with others, affirms life's goodness." Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

AUGUST 8 NINTH ANNUAL UUFM MUSICALE

Members and friends share their musical talents for the enjoyment and entertainment of us all. Michael Nelson opens the celebration, providing just the right touch before turning the proceedings over to an eclectic mix of music, movement, and acts that resist categorization. Learn more from Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



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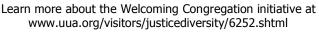
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NINTH ANNUAL UUFM MUSICALE

Join us for our 9th annual Musicale celebration on Sunday, August 29. Singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and all artists with a musical inclination are

encouraged to volunwhile slots are still

available. Learn more from Music Committee Chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



Last week Barbara, my brother-in-law's sister, told her



husband, a doctor, to catch her because she was about to faint. Those were her last words. An embolism in her heart killed her. Charles and I have just returned from her Southern Baptist funeral. The multiple calls to accept Christ as my savior so that I will be permitted into heaven

made me extremely uncomfortable. Unitarian and Universalist history reveals that there was an attempt to start a Universalist Church in McPherson. I wished with all of my heart that this had happened and that we had been sitting in a sanctuary where I was able to mourn this sudden and tragic loss without feeling oppressed by religious propaganda. Instead, I would be invited into a theology of love that saves all people.

A good sabbatical does not stop. My interest in the Kansas history of the Unitarian and Universalist movement in the 19th Century expands as it deepens. My sleuthing recently took me to the Riley County Historical Museum looking for information on Miss Lizzie R Cox and Wirt S Meyers, citizens of Manhattan, who attended a Kansas Universalist Conference in the 1880's. I wonder if any of their letters or diaries exist and whether they might illuminate why these folks sought a liberal religious option not available in Manhattan. As I travel to historical societies and investigate special collections at our state universities, it gives me the chance to talk about progressive religion and culture. Sometimes I help archivists correctly reclassify documents attributed to Congregationalists or Presbyterians to Unitarians or Universalists of the same time period.

At our UU General Assembly I instigated the formation of a board of PSD ministers to work on assisting emerging and small UU congregations in our district. The Reverends Phil Lund, Wendy Jerome, Brian Eslinger (former PSD president), Ted Tollefson, Jill Jarvis and Lisa Friedman (whose church in Mankato, Minnesota, was designated a Breakthrough Congregation) and I, are planning a conference for PSD small (under 150 members) and emerging UU societies in the fall of 2011. As we develop the conference we will examine the best ways to help smaller congregations grow in quality and quantity. We share a zest for bringing progressive religious values to conservative areas of our district which, as it turns out, parallels the missionary efforts in the Kansas Conference of the American Universalist Association, Western Conference, in the 19th Century.

I have been asked to join the PSD Heritage and Historical Society. After looking at their work on their website I replied that "I may not be a good candidate for your board. Your website is mostly concerned with individual UU Church histories." These histories are valuable, I agree but what I want to uncover are the connections that helped to establish UUism in the PSD and why sometimes those efforts withered and died. Fortunately, this was also the board's current interest. I have joined. Our work will help find a way to tell the story of the history of liberal religion in our region. My hope is that it will help us grow today.

I appreciate how the gift of my sabbatical invigorates my ministry today. May we share our gifts in ways that replace despair with hope.

Michael

REVEREND MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, August 11 - 2 to 4 pm Thursday, August 12 - 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, August 18 - 2 to 4 pm Thursday, August 19 - 4 to 7 pm Wednesday, August 25 - 12 to 2 pm Thursday, August 26 - 2 to 4 pm

Michael will be taking a brief study leave thru August 9. During office hours, he may be contacted at the Fellowship at 537-2349. At other times, you may reach him at (785) 765-3650 or minister@uufm.net to arrange meetings, talk, or make appts for other gettogethers.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The UUFM Executive Board meets on Thursday, **AUGUST 12**, at 7 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). Interested members and friends are invited to attend and observe the proceedings. Learn more from Board Chair Larry Weaver at 539-3176 or lweaver@uufm.net

REFLECTIONS - MARIA SNYDER, DRE, JULY 23, 2010

We had a great time in July. We danced and made fireworks



and totem poles. We are looking forward to more great adventures on our August tours. We will visit the Galapagos Islands, do some yoga and have a very musical month. We will be making musical instruments before the Annual Musicale, and we will need folks to *bring empty toilet*

paper and paper towel rolls, empty tissue boxes and oatmeal boxes, and anything else we might make an instrument out of.

Our teens have chosen Tuesday as the new Movie Night [Popcorn Theology] and we skipped July due to vacations, but we will be starting back up on August 3 with American Pastime, which tells the story of a Japanese Internment Camp during WW II.

We are working on redefining the work of the RE committee and we need new folks to join the team [see article below]. You won't need to be teacher or work in the classrooms. We just need people who are interested in where we go from here. Find me if you are interested!

Maria

Contact Maria during office hours, seen at right, at 537-2349, or contact her anytime at dre@uufm.net

RE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!

The Fellowship has worked with a DRE for two years, which has brought about lots of changes in the way that the RE committee functions. Now it's time for a makeover. It is time to redefine the structure and the work the committee does. We need new people with new ideas to join the team and help with this important transition. We are looking for people who are interested in Religious Education and how it shapes congregational life. We need people with good imaginations who can help organize a support system for the DRE and other important matters as they relate to Religious Education. It is time for change and a new direction. We invite you to join us. Help us set the stage for an exciting venture. Learn more from RE Committee co-chairs Kathleen Tanona at 537-6208 or kmtanona@hotmail.com, or Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

TEENS - POPCORN THEOLOGY

Teens, tweens, and parents are invited to join us for Popcorn Theology on scheduled Tuesday evenings. Movies are contemporary selections, evoking introspective thought, and stimulating discussion. Recently viewed films have included *Willow, The Fellowship of the Ring,* and *Defending Your Life.* This month, we continue our theme of Racial Justice.

We meet at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room (old sanctuary). On Tuesday, **August 3**, we'll view a film about Japanese internment during WW II, *American Pastime*. Invite your friends! Learn more from Maria Snyder at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net

MARIA SNYDER'S SCHEDULE

This month, Maria will be available in the Fellowship office on:

Tuesday, August 3 - 3 to 6 pm
Friday, August 6 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 10 - 2 to 5 pm
Friday, August 13 - 2 to 5 pm
Friday, August 17 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 20 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 24 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 27 - 2 to 5 pm
Friday, August 31 - 2 to 5 pm

During office hours, call Maria at 537-2349, or drop by the Fellowship building. Contact Maria by email at anytime at dre@uufm.net

YOUTH CHOIR

The UUFM Youth Choir's August schedule had not been determined as the newsletter went to press. Watch for announcements on the Fellowship's list serv and in Sunday bulletins. Learn more from UUFM Singers director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

The **Men's Lunch** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Fellowship's large RE room. Bring a desire for lively conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu, or Charley Kempthorne at 564-1118 or charleykempthorne@dishmail.net

The **Women's Lunch** group meets Wednesday, August 11, at 11:30 am, at the Early Edition Restaurant, 3210 Kimball Avenue, in Manhattan. Join us for a lively discussion of current events in local, national, and international news. All are invited. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865, 410-9379 (cell), or ahjanke@sbcglobal.net

The **UUFM Drum Circle** gathers on Friday, August 13, at 7 pm, around the Fellowship's fire circle, or inside in case of inclement weather. UUFM members, guests, beginners and regulars, and those of all ages are welcome. Bring your favorite rhythm instrument, or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER returns on AUGUST 19, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop all-purpose room (old sanctuary). We'll serve a chilled soup if hot weather continues. This is not a potluck. We welcome food you bring to share, but it is not required. Just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for supper and great conversation! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, AUGUST 25. Location and title will be announced on the Fellowship list serv, and in Sunday morning bulletins. Learn more from Anne Marchin at 539-3026 or annemarchin22@hotmail.com



FOOD! FUN! FELLOWSHIP! GAMES!

Join on Saturday, AUGUST 28, for our annual **SUMMER POTLUCK PICNIC** in Manhattan City Park. We'll gather at about 5:30 pm, at the City Park Pavilion on Poyntz Avenue. Beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to share, plates and silverware, lawn chairs, musical instruments, your smiles, your family and guests, and come for a wonderful meal shared with friends. A grill, charcoal, and starter will be available if you would like to grill. Learn more from Cybil Perkins at 587-8750 or cybila@yahoo.com, or Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or bjhacker@networksplus.net

UUFM SINGERS

The Choir rehearses this month on Saturday, **August 28**, from 1:30 to 3 pm, and Sunday, **August 29**, at 9:30 am, both in the new sanctuary. Learn more about choral opportunities at UUFM from UUFM Singers director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's UUFM Service at Meadowlark meets on Wednesday, AUGUST 25, at 3 pm in the Wroten House Library. In this program, Rev Michael Nelson asks, "WHAT WORK, WORKED BEST?" as those attending examine which jobs gave them the most satisfaction, and why. Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com



PSD SOUTHERN CLUSTER CAMPOUT

Rev Thea Nietfeld facilitates a weekend focused on Everyday Peacemaking during this year's UU Southern Cluster Campout at White Memorial Campground, at Council Grove Lake, on Friday, OCTOBER 1, thru Sunday, OCTOBER 3, 2010. Thea comments, " ... we will open ourselves to stories and songs, poems and prayers, games and dances about peacemaking. If each family or individual brings one such gift, we will return home rich with resources." Michael Nelson offers a happy note to those who will be tent camping: the grass is tall, and will not be cut this year. Learn more from Thea at 323-7177 or thean@uufm.net

VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunflower **CASA PROJECT** offers independent study training this summer. There is a neglected child in the court system, waiting for your concern as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Be a voice for a foster child's needs and best interests. Contact Bridget to learn more at 537-6367 or bridget@sunflowercasa.org

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS** on Friday, AUGUST 13 and 27, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to occasionally fill in for regular helpers. The meal is free and all are invited to join us for good food and fellowship. Donations are welcome. Learn more from Ana Franklin at 341-9908 or yogaconnection@gmail.com

The Manhattan Emergency Shelter needs our help! Many small items are needed, such as disposable razors, individual soaps and shampoos, deodorant, ibuprofen, pacifiers, kids' socks, nail clippers, and nonperishable food. Please note: we are unable to accept clothing donations. Contributions may be placed in the box decorated by RE students in the southwest corner of the narthex. Learn more from Pat Weisenburger at 539-4711.

Our Welcoming and Membership Committee is seeking a few volunteers to help Sunday REFRESHMENT AND GREETING TEAMS. This is an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three Sundays each year. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com

JUNE HELPING HANDS

The July 11 Helping Hands collection for the Flint Hills Community Clinic was \$566.30. *Thank you for your generous contributions.*

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee selects an agency or organization to receive the morning offering on the second Sunday. On Sunday, **August 8**, the ATA (Area Transportation Agency) will be the recipient of our Helping Hands collection. This agency provides transportation throughout Riley County and is in the process of expanding service. Currently there are no fixed routes and riders call to schedule their rides. In town rides cost \$2 each way and outside of city limits the cost is \$4 each way. Our collection will purchase rider cards for low-income riders. Learn more at www.rileycountyks.gov--click on Departments, and then ATA.

All cash contributions and checks placed in the offering basket on the second Sunday of the month go to the Helping Hands Sunday beneficiary unless otherwise indicated, and should be made out to UUFM. Write "for UUFM" in the memo line if you wish your contribution to benefit the Fellowship. Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE AND CFL SALES

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS are offered for purchase at the Fellowship following Sunday programs. Whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate, and tea are available. To learn more, or purchase Fair Trade products, ask Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net or talk to Anne on Sunday mornings.

Anne also coordinates the sale of **COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS** (CFLs) on Sunday mornings, in support of the Fellowship's efforts to encourage green living. Bulbs are \$4, and may be purchased for your own use, or donated to families seeking help from Shepherd's Crossing.

LIVING WAGE EVENT

The UUFM Social Action Committee invites UUFM members and friends to join them on Labor Day for LaborFest, an event sponsored by the Manhattan Living Wage Coalition. *Learn more on page 8* of this newsletter, or ask any Social Action Committee member.



Eat at **SIRLOIN STOCKADE** on the *Third Tuesday* each month. Sirloin Stockade will donate a generous part of the cost of your meal to Shepherd's Crossing to assist families with rent, utilities, or prescription medication. Give this coupon and your receipt to the cashier at Sirloin Stockade on Tuesday any time after 11 am.

WHAT ABOUT GOD?

We have had several wonderful programs recently that explicitly raised this question. The humanist response



was, roughly, that science helps us understand the natural world, and that our ethical values are human creations tested by millennia of social living. The theist response was, again roughly, that many of us have trans-

cendent experiences that are easily understood as a unity of ourselves with something outside ourselves. Obviously theists can recognize the role science plays in understanding the world, and humanists can have transcendent experiences--the two camps just prefer to talk in different ways about their life-experience.

These differences could divide us, but they can also unite us: we UUs revel in diversity because a diverse world is so much more fun. (I know, there are a lot of more serious reasons we embrace much diversity.) So theistically we are Pagan and Humanist and Jewish and Christian and Atheist and all the shadings in between, and many of us slide back-and-forth between these and other possibilities. But all of us are people of good will. Let us not tear our neighbor down but instead focus on our shared experiences and values.

And we can learn from each other. The theist can say, "You show me that I do not *have* to believe in god, but please notice that I *may* believe in god." And the humanist can say, "You stress that religious faith has inspired many people to live exemplary lives, but please notice that this is possible *without* such a faith." So let us celebrate our diverging views, and let that celebration help us live and act so that this is yet another way we learn to live together.

Larry Weaver

UUFM Executive Board Chair

Contact Larry at 539-3176 or lweaver@uufm.net

SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR UU VITALITY

excerpted from the July 2010 issue of Interconnections, a PSD-UUA congregational leadership publication

One document that was developed by participants at the UUA Growth Consultation, held May 5–7 in Colorado, was a list called "The Seven Principles for UU Vitality." The Rev Thom Belote, a participant, and minister of Shawnee Mission UU Church in Overland Park, Kansas, notes, "This document was produced using a process of brainstorming, the grouping of emerging themes, and reflection on our own experiences."

Here are the Seven Principles for UU Congregational Vitality. More description of each is on Belote's blog, http://RevThom.blogspot.com/2010/05/seven-priciples-of-vital-uu.html

- The congregation has a clear and powerful purpose and mission.
- The congregation is aware of, and responsive to, the world around it.
- There is vital worship and a vital Sunday experience for all ages.
- Church is done well.
- The congregation cultivates religious community.
- The congregation builds skills to lead and nurtures gifts to serve.
- Strong ministerial leadership supports the fulfillment of the previous six principles.

There were 17 participants in the consultation, including nine parish ministers, plus religious educators and UUA staff. The consultation was charged with developing a growth plan for the UUA. A list of the participants, a description of what the group attempted to do, and commentary about the process, is all available [at] http://RevThom.blogspot.com/2010/05/seven-priciples-of-vital-uu.html. A program called Leap of Faith is being developed as a result of the conference. More information on it will be available this fall.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Aug 1: Yvonne Lacy, Marolyn Caldwell, Steve Mull, and Pat Weisenburger
- Aug 8: Colina and Stew Stanton, Laura Bonella, and Brett Amidon
- Aug 15: June and Charley Kempthorne, Jack Warren, and Anne Cowan
- Aug 22: Barbara Hacker, Terri Franz, Sam Lacy, and Gwen Geiselman
- Aug 29: Harriette Janke, Anne Marchin, Tom Phillips, and Dick Pannbacker

Coffee and greeting teams consist of one leader/coordinator, and three or four helpers to provide Sunday morning greeting and refreshments. Teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL IN OCCASSIONALLY WITH ESTABLISHED COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyihobrock@hotmail.com

THANKS to everyone who has already volunteered for one of our teams! Coffee and greeting teams are vital to the welcoming atmosphere of Fellowship life, helping visitors get acquainted, and providing a comfortable setting for after service conversation.

Administrator's Schedule

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

Monday, August 2 - 3 to 5 pm

Tuesday, August 3 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, August 5 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, August 9 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 10 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, August 12 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday, August 16 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, August 17 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, August 19 - 4 to 9 pm
Thursday, August 26 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, August 28 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, August 30 - 3 to 5 pm

Call Susan at *537-2349* during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at any time by email at office@uufm.net

Tuesday, August 31 - 12 to 5 pm

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 (seen at bottom left) at 537-2349.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, please ask our Membership / Social Committee co-chairs Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson at 477-2759 or welcome@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive the UUA magazine **UU WORLD**, without cost. *UU World* is available on audiotape, for those with visual or reading difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at www.uuworld.org

Join in email discussions of interest to Fellowship members and friends on our **LIST SERV**. List serv members may choose to receive each message individually; as one daily "digest;" or check messages by logging into our list serv web site. Contact list serv moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

UUFM bookkeeper Sandy Nelson would be happy to help you set up **ELECTRONIC PAYMENT** of your pledge contributions. If you wish, pledge installments can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. There is no cost for this service. Ask Sandy at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com, or pick up literature and a form from the information table in our narthex.

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. Check the bulletin each week for important 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 co-chairs Yvonne Lacy at 539-4404 or yvcq67lacy@sbcglobal.net, or Barbara Hacker at 587-8002, or let us know at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for **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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the September edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **August 15**. Please send news, meetings, announcements, and events to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

LABORFEST - A LIVING WAGE COALITION EVENT

On Sunday, **September 5**, the Manhattan Living Wage Coalition hosts a Labor Day celebration honoring all workers. The event will be held at the Manhattan City Park Pavilion, in the northeast corner of the park, from 12 noon to 2 pm. All are welcome to join in the celebration. There will be free food and beverages, music, and speakers. The UUFM Social Action Committee supports and endorses the work of the Manhattan Living Wage Coalition. Learn more from Social Action Committee member Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Long-time Fellowship members Bernd and Enell Foerster will be celebrating 60 years of happy marriage and Enell's 80th birthday. Your greetings and good wishes are welcomed by email at kfoerster1@mac.com; by postal mail c/o Kent and Beth Foerster, 1801 Crystal Drive, Apt 503, Arlington, VA 22202; or, in person on Saturday, **September 4**, from 1:30 to 4 pm, in the Meadowlark Hills Community Room, at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Please NO gifts. If desired, a contribution may be made in Bernd and Enell's honor to the Kansas Preservation Alliance or any other charity of your choice. If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to Kent and Beth

Foerster, at the address given above, or fill out the RSVP form provided at https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHduS0tOWEhWcUxOSjROWTRrcUxHUWc6MQ

Men's Lunch Group Honors Chris Banner

In July, Jack Warren, representing the UUFM Men's Lunch Group, presented long-time Fellowship friend Chris Banner with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of the many outstanding book reviews submitted by Chris to The Manhattan Mercury. Chris's contributions to our Fellowship and to our wider community over the years are indeed noteworthy.

