

MAY 2011 PROGRAMS

MAY 1 "FACETS OF WELLNESS"

Kate Cashman works to make the world a better place to live one body at a time. In Manhattan she has taught exercise for 25 years, practiced massage therapy for 20 and JinSin-Jitsu, a gentle art of healing, for 13. She will explore with us how to bring wellness to many aspects of living. Contact/convener is Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

MAY 8 "THE GREAT MOTHER"

Reverend Michael Nelson reflects, "The Tao claims she is empty yet inex-haustible; gives birth to infinite worlds. She is always present within you and you can use it any way you want. How does this vision of the eternal help us to understand motherhood from its most exhausting to exhilarating and the tension between?" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

MAY 15 "LIFE, THE UNIVERSE, AND EVERYTHING"

Over the last ten or fifteen years we have learned quite a lot about the universe that is really new. This has led to a now "standard model" of the evolution of the universe. This talk is a quick survey of what this current picture is and how it has--or has not--changed the way we think about life, the universe, and everything. Contact Larry at 539-3176 or lweaver@uufm.net

MAY 22 "KÄTHE LUTHER"

Fellowship member Jennifer Askey will explore the overlooked role of Käthe Luther, wife of Martin Luther, in the Protestant Reformation. Contact Jennifer at 317-5920 or jda127@gmail.com

MAY 29 "61st Assault Helicopter Library/Learning Center"

Fellowship member Ken Embers discusses the library/learning center that he and his helicopter pilot friends, crewmembers, families, and friends are building in Bong Son, Vietnam, a small village near LZ English, a Landing Zone where helicopters and men of the 173 Airborne Brigade were stationed during the Vietnam War. The theme is how to "get over it" and get on with life by breaking the cycle of revenge. Contact Ken at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net



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Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at www.uua.org/visitors/justicediversity/6252.shtml

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

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BON VOYAGE PARTY AND POTLUCK!!!

Following the **JUNE 5** Sunday service, we'll gather to see RE students off on their *UU World Travelers* adventures

with a fun and fabulous Bon Voyage Party. There will be a potluck meal, so bring a dish to share, and join us for the fun and games! If you have a place or adventure to share with students, ask Sandy Nelson how you can help, at 341-0135 or RE@uufm.net



In the 100+ newsletter articles I have written, about eleven years worth, I don't recall quoting from the Bible. As I prepare for a Unitarian Universalist version of Easter, I have reread Luke and find myself fully engaged with these lines, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great."

To move closer to loving my enemies is one of my spiritual goals. There are moments when love maneuvers through my anger, its resentment and hatred, to a place where I feel and recognize another person's humanity; a person whose choices I normally find repugnant. But lending to my enemies without expecting anything in return has not fallen within the sphere of my altruism.

Raising that razor wire around my capacity to love keeps the greatest reward at a distance. Ultimately it is an unselfish love that creates the most promising culture for goodness. The prudent "I" balks at the request to lend to an enemy who will never repay their debt. Yet something in me yearns for a love that transcends all boundaries and lives without conditions.

My mind resists this maxim. I know it is something I rarely practice without qualifications. Yet I remember working for people who were violent. Once, a raging alcoholic woman attacked me with a wine bottle. It whizzed by my right ear. A Vietnam vet, suffering from post-traumatic stress, had the shortest fuse I have encountered. One morning he threatened to kill me. He could have lifted me up by the neck and destroyed me. (This was in my marathon training days when I was rail thin. I know, hard to imagine.) I can't say that I loved either of these people with their ravaged lives. Once the danger passed my compassion overcame my fear

and I continued to serve them. It guided me towards an understanding that allowed me to not see them as my enemy, although I was always cautious in their presence.

What distinguishes a business from a religious community? Love? I believe this can be true. I'd rather ignore the challenges of unconditional love, but I know, for me, it probably gives life its most profound meaning. I hope to have the courage to evolve.

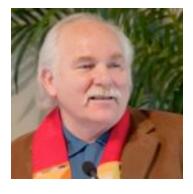
May, May bring you peace ... Michael

MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, May 3 - 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, May 4 - 2 to 4 pm Monday, May 9 - 5 to 7 pm Wednesday, May 11 - 12 to 2 pm Thursday, May 12 - 5 to 7 pm

During office hours, Michael may be contacted at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To chat or arrange meetings, contact him at (785) 765-3650 or minister@uufm.net. May 16 thru 30, Michael will be using some vacation time. During this time, please contact the Fellowship office, 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, with urgent matters.



REV MICHAEL NELSON OPENS THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2011.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

UUFM is hiring a new Director of Religious Education (DRE) for 2011-2012 and invites applications from self-motivated individuals with a familiarity with UUFM values and the needs of a Religious Education (RE) program. The DRE will be a professional focused on developing children's RE programs, fostering communication within the fellowship and outreach to families whose needs could be served by UUFM RE, and creating successful intergenerational interactions within the UUFM fellowship.

The DRE will be part-time (about 1/3 time) term position starting in June or July 2011 through May 2012, with possibility of renewal and growth in the position.

Candidates should submit cover letter, a CV or resume clearly indicating educational, communications, or outreach experience, and the names of three references (attn: DRE Search Chair) to office@uufm.net, or by mail to Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan, PO Box 910, Manhattan, KS 66505. Electronic submissions are highly encouraged. Deadline May 15, 2011.

Members and friends of the Fellowship are welcome to apply, and members should feel free to extend the invitation to people whom they think are uniquely qualified.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent RE Town Hall meetings. Input from the congregation is a key component to a thriving RE program. With the passing of the 2011/2012 budget we now move forward. Sandy Nelson (341-0135, RE@uufm.net) and Kathleen Tanona, 2011/12 Religious Education Committee co-chairs.

KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

Thank you everyone, for making sure all matches are secured following use, safely out of reach of small, curious fingers. Kids, please tell an adult about any matches you find. Let's all stay safe!

UU WORLD TRAVELERS

Our youth are finishing out the school year with a World Religions curriculum, but summer is just around the corner and that means we're looking for "tour

guides" for the much-beloved **UU World TRAVELERS** curriculum.

This is a one time, one morning commitment. We have lots of information and guidance to offer. All tour guides will be joined by an adult assistant in the classroom. Have you been somewhere that you'd like share with our students? Do you want to learn more about a place? This is a great way to share your interest. Our program sets sail with the traditional Bon Voyage Party on June 5 so come join the fun. If you have ideas, or would like to learn more, please contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or RE@uufm.net

RE NEEDS YOU

It takes a village to raise a child, and our children need all of us to share our knowledge, experience, time and love. There are openings in all areas, including nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten thru 2nd grade, and 3rd grade and up. Teach a single class, a series of classes a semester or a year. Be an occasional helper in Sunday classes, facilitate fun and discussion at movie nights, help keep RE rooms clean and organized, train as an OWL instructor, or join our RE Committee. Committee members do not need to be teachers. We need more members of all ages, to participate in our children's growth. Learn more from RE co-chair Sandy Nelson at 341-0135, or RE@uufm.net

YOUTH CHOIR

All children who love to sing are invited to join our UUFM Children's Choir. Learn more from Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3738 or nusswarr@gmail.com

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

The **Women's Lunch** group meets Wednesday, May 11, at 11:30 am, at Carlos O'Kelly's, in Manhattan Town Center mall. Join us for 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@sbcqlobal.net

The group discussing Bill McKibben's new book *EAARTH, MAKING A LIFE ON A TOUGH NEW PLANET* will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 7 pm, in the Fellowship's large RE room. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

The **UUFM DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, MAY 13, at 7 pm, around the Fellowship fire circle (inside in case of rain). UUFM members, friends, and the community, beginners and regulars, and those of all ages are welcome. All multi-cultural forms of drumming are welcome. We love learning new songs. Bring your favorite rhythm instrument, or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net

On May 19, at 5:30 pm, immediately preceding Third Thursday Supper, Mark Moser leads a **TAI CHI**, movement-based meditation session in the Main Sanctuary. Contact Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on MAY 19, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. We welcome food you bring to share, but it is not required. Just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for good food and great company! Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

Following Third Thursday Supper on MAY 19, Fellowship member Diane Barker hosts **Going to the Movies Is More Than Picking Your Seat**. Films are selected based on respect, humor, an uplifting level of truth, and artistry. Learn more from Diane at 539-9163 or dogsbodyd@yahoo.com

The UUFM **Book Discussion** group gathers in the Meadowlark Hills dining room, 2121 Meadowlark Road, at 5:15 pm, on Wednesday, May 25, for a "Dine and Discuss" dinner. We'll then adjourn upstairs at 7 pm to the Janke residence to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, by Helen Simonson. Please reserve a copy for yourself at the Public Library. Come to one or both events. Contact Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net

CASA SUMMER TRAINING

Volunteer to be the difference between abuse and hope. Become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system. Summer training will begin with an orientation session on Monday, June 6, at 6 pm at First Lutheran Church located at 930 Poyntz Avenue. Training continues on Monday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks (June 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 30) from 6 to 9 pm. There is a child waiting for your voice! Contact CASA at bridget@sunflowercasa.org, 537-6367, or visit http://casa.manhattanks.org to learn more.

The Fellowship's biggest fundraiser, the annual UUFM Garage Sale, will be held on Friday, APRIL 29, from 4 to 7 pm, and Saturday, APRIL 30, from 7

am to 12 noon. There are always lots of great items available at reasonable prices, and it all goes to support our Fellowship community. *We need volunteers* to pick up, sort, and price donations, and organize and staff the sale. Contact Sarah Nuss-Warren at 537-3586 or nusswarr@gmail.com

UUFM SINGERS

The choir rehearses Eric Whitacre's setting of Rudyard Kipling's poem, "The Seal Lullaby," on Sunday, MAY 8, at 9:30 am, and perform at the 10:45 am service later that morning. Learn more about vocal music at the Fellowship from music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's UUFM Meadowlark Hills Service meets on Wednesday, May 11 at 3 pm, in Wroten House Library. Rev Michael Nelson leads an exploration of *The Story Behind the Picture*. Bring a photo or photos that tell a story you would like to share. Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

UUFM T-SHIRTS

Get decked out in a UUFM T-shirt. The shirts are available in youth and adult sizes, in both standard crew and womens crew style, in a choice of colors. Orders must be pre-paid and placed by May 23. It will take about 2 weeks for the order to be filled. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com. See order form on page 6 of this newsletter.

UUFM VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Our **Religious Education** team needs your enthusiasm. Teachers, substitutes, and occasional volunteers are needed, as well as RE Committee members, and individuals to train to teach next year's scheduled OWL classes. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or RE@uufm.net

The UUFM **COMMUNICATIONS** Committee seeks members and friends with skills or an interest in Social Networking, Web design and maintenance, or ideas to increase our visibility in the larger community. Learn more from Dan Swenson at 537-4733 or web@uufm.net

The Social, Welcoming and Membership

Committee seeks a co-chair to assist with important welcoming activities. New or long-time members interested in this opportunity to foster an open and hospitable atmosphere at our Fellowship can learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

Currently, there are two unstaffed committees at UUFM--GREEN SANCTUARY, formed to identify ways to minimize our environmental impact, and complete the UUA goals to become a certified Green Sanctuary Congregation and Welcoming Congregation, coordinating activities to welcome and support LGBTQ members, friends, visitors, and families. If you have a commitment to either of these vital goals, consider volunteering to chair one of these committees. Support and guidance will be provided. Learn more from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers will prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, MAY 6 and 20, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* The meal is free and open to all, providing a good meal for many community members who might otherwise go without. Donations are welcome. Ana Franklin at 341-9908 or yoqaconnection@gmail.com

Find more exciting, volunteer opportunities on the **HELP WANTED** bulletin board in the Fellowship's narthex.

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering on the second Sunday of the month. On Sunday, May 8, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND**, which assists low-income women with abortion funding. More information is available at www.pbscf.org. Learn more from our Helping Hands coordinator Betty Banner at bettybanner@gmail.com or 776-1887.

On April 10, Helping Hands funds totaling \$427 were collected for the Manhattan Boys & Girls Club. Thank you for your generous contributions, which will provide summer scholarships for lowincome children.

FAIR TRADE 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.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFLs) are also offered on Sunday mornings, supporting the Fellowship's efforts to encourage environmentally conscious living. Purchase bulbs for yourself, or for families seeking help from Shepherd's Crossing.

FAIR TRADE SALES TO BECOME A FUNDRAISER -- The sale of Fair Trade coffee and chocolate turns over quite a bit of money with almost all of it going to the product cost and sales tax. The Fair Trade sub-committee has determined that the sales could be a real fundraiser for the UUFM; therefore, we have raised the price of each item by twenty-five cents with the added income benefiting the UUFM General Operations fund, enhancing fundraising without the need for additional volunteer hours.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the UUFM Social Action Committee will be on Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. All Fellowship members and friends interested in Social Justice issues are invited to attend and learn more. Contact Social Action Committee chair Yvonne Lacy at socialjustice@uufm.net or 539-4404 for more information.

UUFM T-SHIRT ORDER

All shirts will be printed with white ink. The design is the Flaming Chalice, just like the big window in the narthex. The words around the chalice are:

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan

And below the chalice:

Nurture your spirit / Help heal our world

All orders are prepaid. Youth / Adult (Sm-XL) - \$15, Adult XXL - \$17, and XXXL - \$18.



INDICATE DESIRED STYLE, SIZE, AND COLOR. THIS WILL HELP INSURE YOUR ORDER IS CORRECT.

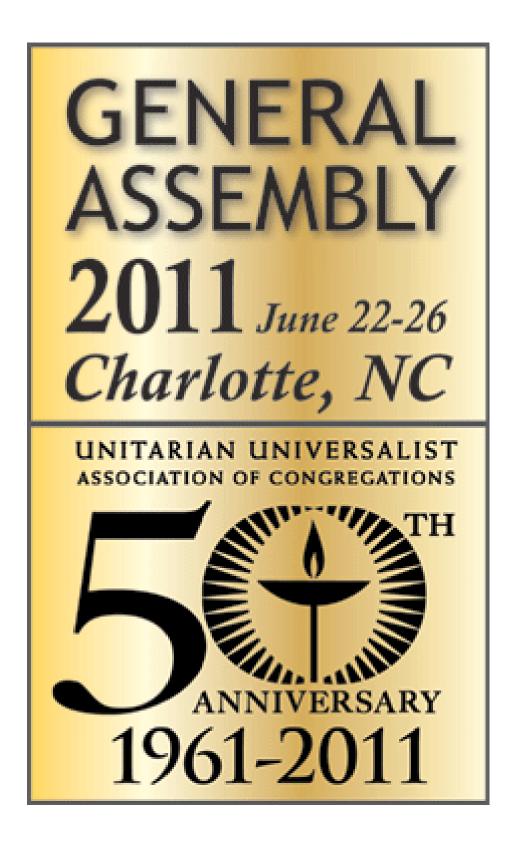
ONE ORDER SHEET PER SHIRT

Style desired: Regular crew T-shirt Ladies cut crew shirt
Size: Youth Sm Youth Med Youth Lg
Adult: Sm Med Lg XL XXL XXXL
If you need a larger shirt ask us.
Color: Charcoal Forest (dark green) Jade (med green) Purple
Red Rose (Heliconia) Carolina blue (med/sky blue) Royal blue
NAME
PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL ADDRESS
AMOUNT PAID: CASH #
Total number of shirts ordered for this household

It will take approximately 2 weeks for shirts to be made. We need to have at least 15 shirts ordered to make this a go. If there are not 15 orders your money will be returned.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MAY 23

Return completed form to Betty Banner, 776-1887, or Stacey Broughman, 410-9413.



General Assembly (GA) 2011 in Charlotte will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we remember the persons and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination's relevant achievements and struggles since then, and to chart new aspirations for the future we are determined to shape.

Experience wonderful and uplifting worship services--morning and nightled by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages.

Participate in our democratic process. General Assembly is the way that our faith does business, bringing together the distinctive character of our individual congregations.

Hear terrific speakers. There will be hundreds of dynamic, entertaining programs and informative workshops.

Connect with craftspeople and artisans, social action groups, professional and educational resources, theological schools, UUA organizations and staff, Beacon Press, and the UUA Bookstore in the General Assembly Exhibit Hall.

Network with other congregation leaders, share best practices, and learn from one another. Return to your congregation reinvigorated and inspired to put your values to work.

Witness for our faith in moving and exciting ways as we look forward to and prepare for a special "Justice" General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona in 2012.

Fellowship members planning to attend should ask Anne Cowan about delegate credentials.

View a schedule of events and register at www.uua.org/ga

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- May 1: Jo and Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson, Enell Foerster, and Kelly Neel
- May 8: June and Charley Kempthorne, Jack Warren, and Anne Cowan
- May 15: Dick and Sylvia Beeman, Cory and Sam Zeller
- May 22: Ana Franklin, Jim Shanteau, Ken and Pat Embers
- May 29: Cybil Perkins and Dave Lambert, Betty Banner, and Dan Marcus

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. This is a great way to give to the Fellowship with a minimum investment of time. Learn more from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net

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

Monday, May 2 - 3 to 5 pm

Tuesday, May 3 - 12 to 5 pm

Thursday, May 5 - 12 to 5 pm

Monday, May 9 - 3 to 5 pm

Tuesday, May 10, 12 to 5 pm

Tuesday, May 10 - 12 to 5 pm

Thursday, May 12 - 4 to 7 pm Monday, May 16 - 3 to 5 pm

Tuesday, May 17 - 12 to 5 pm

Thursday, May 19 - 4 to 9 pm

Thursday, May 26 - 12 to 5 pm

Saturday, May 28 - 11 am to 6 pm

Tuesday, May 31 - 12 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

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-chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or welcome@uufm.net, or Rev Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net, for information and assistance.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, 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 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.

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 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

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the June edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **MAY 15**. *Committee chairs and activity coordinators, let Sue know about volunteer openings* in your group, for inclusion in announcements! Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net