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MAY 2012 PROGRAMS

MAY 6 "HOW NOT TO FIT IN"

In this Welcoming Congregation service, Fellowship member Slawomir Dobrzanski shares insights gained from living a life true to one's convictions shaped by living as a minority within a minority. His life lessons help us to celebrate our status as a congregation that welcomes diversity, including LGBT people who often find themselves unintentionally and intentionally marginalized in this conservative region of the country. Contact/convener is Michael Nelson at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

*Following the May 6 service, UUA consultant Mary Gleason hosts an **OPEN FORUM** to share observations and recommendations gleaned during her assessment visit. A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available. We encourage all to stay for this 90-minute conversation.*

MAY 13 "MOTHER'S LOVE"

Reverend Michael Nelson muses, "The mothering spirit provides a basis for raising children who grow up with a healthy sense of purpose in life. The same quality of care helps communities and nations set good boundaries, supple enough to provide illegal immigrants, the homeless, and neglected children the love that makes it possible for them to survive. On this day we celebrate the power of that love!" Contact Michael at 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net

MAY 20 "WHITHER THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION?"

Graham Kreicker, member of the Lawrence Unitarian Fellowship and our representative on the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Directors, highlights several big changes underway as the UUA begins its second 50 years of existence. Graham welcomes our comments, criticisms, questions, and, possibly, a compliment or two. Contact/convener is Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu

MAY 27 "REFLECTIONS AND RECOLLECTIONS"

One often hears that memories make us who we are. While it is true that our experiences shape our lives, we also have some choice as to what those experiences will be and how we will remember them. Fellowship members share memories of heroes both real and mythical, and of events both momentous and mundane. They reflect upon how those memories not only helped make them who they are, but how who they are helped make their memories. Contact/convener is Scott Tanona who may be reached at 537-6208 or stanona@sbcglobal.net

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WELCOME UUA CONSULTANT

Our Executive Board has invited UUA Consultant Mary Gleason to visit our congregation to conduct an Assessment Visit. Mary will be with us May 4 thru 6. She will meet with congregational leaders, and conduct a **WORKSHOP** on Saturday, MAY 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, for all members and friends who wish to participate in this growth process. Following the Sunday service on MAY 6, Mary hosts an **OPEN FORUM** to share her observations and recommendations. A light lunch and childcare will be provided. More on page 4 of this newsletter.



**UUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

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

Unitarian John Adams, the second president of the United States, labored for religious liberty until his death at ninety. His home state of Massachusetts prohibited Jews or Catholics



from running for elective office until 1833. Religious bigotry and ignorance dominate the civic conversation of this country. The progressive and conservative divide and its dogma obstruct our

ability to care for those most in need. Promoting ideological justifications for indifference to those who suffer grinds against the grain of what our founding fathers wrought. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams political perspectives often differed. They believed in the Unitarian's call to use reason in their private and public discourse. This perhaps is most evident in the letters they exchanged until they both died on July 4, 1826. They shared an expansive vision of what this country was and could be. Their approaches to help this country achieve the best for its people and nation sometimes diverged, but they devoted much of their genius to understanding and promoting what advanced excellence in this country. They sacrificed much of their private lives and wealth to give life to a vision where demagoguery did not oppress the people.

I am deeply saddened that the Manhattan Day Care facility has closed. One more service for children, often poor, shut down. The repeal of the human rights ordinance protecting LGBT people in housing and the work force still alarms me. The Manhattan Art's Center cuts programs so they can keep their doors open. There are moments when it feels as if we have slipped into a nightmare--some surreal version of the dark ages. The foundation for encouraging the best in a person, family, community, and civilization requires that people's basic human needs for food, shelter, and good health care must be a priority. Equal opportunity for excellent education naturally follows, as does the acceptance of diversity.

There are small victories for gay youth at Manhattan High School and our Fellowship remains a beacon and sanctuary for progressive action, universal discourse and the practice

of inclusion. We celebrate what is best in humanity and the possibilities for a better world. With the upcoming visit of Mary Gleason, the Unitarian Universalist Stewardship Consultant, the first weekend in May, we have a tremendous opportunity to examine what we do, how we do it, what works well, what doesn't and how we might do it with more power and shared vision!

We need to open our doors wide--doors of perception, compassion, and good works. Lifting up the best in life becomes increasingly important. We have the capacity and the will, but we need a vision that elevates us into the realm of profound commitment to those values of friendship, as with Adams and Jefferson, that guide us to see and live beyond those differences that sharply polarize. We can all learn to give ourselves more fully to work synergistically to do what we can to make this a country a haven where equality and the pursuit of happiness brings love and good works to all its people.

Please participate in helping us to clarify and empower our highest aspirations.

Michael

REV MICHAEL NELSON'S SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday,	May 1 -	3 to 5 pm
Friday,	May 4 -	3 to 5 pm
Monday,	May 7 -	2:30 to 4:30 pm
Thursday,	May 10 -	5 to 7 pm
Monday,	May 14 -	2:30 to 4:30 pm
Tuesday,	May 15 -	3 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	May 23 -	12 to 2 pm
Wednesday,	May 30 -	3 to 5 pm

During office hours, Michael may be contacted at the Fellowship at 537-2349. To arrange meetings, please call and leave a message or email minister@uufm.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGARDING RE - CORY ZELLER, DRE, APRIL 24, 2012

April showers usually bring May flowers, but this year they are bringing to the RE program a vegetable garden and big changes to the Neptune (stage) room. Our Family Fun activity in April was to plant a vegetable garden at the Fellowship and sell starter plants to Fellowship members. Throughout the summer the kids will water and tend to their garden, and eat their harvest! During March and April, Tom Manney, Mark Moser, Kim Belanger, and Stephen Simmons (with the help of Monta Manney, Dick Beeman, Shirley Hobrock, Gene Sievers, and more) worked dutifully on the stage renovation. They added walls, table storage, a bench for sitting, and a warm orange paint color! In the month of May, the RE program will finish what they started. On May 19th we will meet at the Fellowship to finish painting and add final touches. It's going to look so good!

On May 4th, we will also have a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Parents' Night Out. We will go on a jolly holiday, doing art projects, playing games, eating a picnic snack, and watching *Mary Poppins*!

In our RE classes this month, the K-8th graders finish their study of the Judeo-Christian roots of Unitarian Universalism. They have learned so much about the characters, settings, tensions, and morals of Bible stories this semester. They are now well equipped to speak intelligently about the Bible and have the confidence to engage in discussion about it with their peers. The preschoolers finish their *Chalice Children* curriculum, having gained a deeper appreciation for Unitarian Universalism, our Fellowship, our rituals, and our members. The infants and toddlers finish their month of themes, learning about seasons, senses, and celebrations. You can hear about all of the kids' winter/spring classes on May 20th when the preschoolers, K-2nd, and 3rd-8th share what they have learned. I hope you will be in attendance that day!

Our school year may be coming to an end this month, but the fun is just beginning. This summer the RE kids will travel around the world, learning new skills along the way, without ever leaving Kansas! Every week a new host from the Fellowship will take them on a tour of a foreign land or foreign skill. So far we know the kids will learn about nature, cooking, canoeing, Germany, London, Egypt, and more. It promises to be a great summer! Because the Summer Olympics begin in August, we will end our World Travelers program with our own Olympics. Go Team UUFM!

If you would like to help out with our World Travelers program this summer by hosting a tour or serving as an extra adult in the room, please let me know. We still have slots to fill and always welcome volunteers!

Cory

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'S SCHEDULE

In May, Cory will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS** from **1:15 TO 5:15 PM**.

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

MAY FAMILY FUN !!!

Bring the kids for **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT** on the first Friday of each month. On

MAY 4, drop the kids off at 6:30, and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll have a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious evening as we go on a jolly holiday, doing art projects, playing games, eating a picnic snack, and watching *Mary Poppins*! Suggested contribution is \$5 per child, to help us cover expenses.

Hope to see you there! *Learn more from Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net*



Join us on Saturday, **MAY 19**, at 9 am, when we meet at the Fellowship to finish painting and adding final touches to the Neptune room (backstage) remodeling project. It's going to look so good!

To learn more about all youth and family activities at the Fellowship, please talk to Director of Religious Education Cory Zeller following Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net



RESPECT FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP HOME

Let's all set a good example through our own actions. We can each make an effort to clean up after ourselves, as much as we each are able. Please remember to put away all toys, supplies, and equipment. Food, drinks, and dirty dishes should be returned to the kitchen. *Let's make this a welcoming home for everyone!!!*



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - events are open to all interested people ...

SWING DANCING FOR COUPLES class continues EACH TUESDAY evening, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. *The current session is full; however, if sufficient interest is expressed, additional classes will be scheduled in the future.* Learn more from Drew Vennum at 785 236-8802 or drewvennum@gmail.com

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a desire for spirited conversation and a sack lunch for yourself. Learn more from Jack Warren at 539-4073 or jomega@ksu.edu

UUFM's **PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** gathers at the Fellowship on Saturday, MAY 5, for a celebration of Beltane, a joyful celebration of the beginning of summer and the fertility of the Earth. We'll meet at 6 pm for snacks and discussion. The ritual begins promptly at 7 pm, and all are welcome! Learn more from Sarah Burns at (218) 387-4273 or adelamae@gmail.com

The **WOMEN'S LUNCH** group meets Wednesday, MAY 9, at 11:30 am, at the Green Tea Japanese restaurant, 1120 Laramie, in Manhattan. Come for lively discussion and great company. 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, MAY 11, at 7 pm, around the Fellowship fire circle (or inside in case of inclement weather). UUFM members, friends, and the community, and those of all ages are welcome. Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Pat Embers, 539-2819 or embers1@cox.netcom

On MAY 17, immediately preceding Third Thursday Supper at 5:30 pm, Mark Moser leads a **TAI CHI**-based meditation session in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more from Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com

THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER gathers on MAY 17, at 6 pm, in the Inez Alsop room. We welcome food brought to share, but if you aren't able to bring a dish, just bring your smile, family, and friends and join us for good food and great company! Tell Cory Zeller at 537-2349 or dre@uufm.net if your kids will attend, so she can plan children's activities. Learn more from Sue Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net

UUFM **YOUNG ADULTS** gather for a potluck BBQ/Picnic, on Saturday, MAY 19, at 12:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, and join us at the City Park shelter near Poyntz Avenue and the volleyball courts. Contact Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbel@ksu.edu, or Amy Hilgendorf at (608) 712 5950 or amy.hilgendorf@gmail.com to learn more.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** gathers at 7 pm, on Wednesday, MAY 30. Watch Sunday bulletins, and the UUFM email list for title and location. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net

PARTICIPATE IN UUFM'S FUTURE !!!

As we work to determine options for our future, we have invited Mary Gleason to spend May 4 through 6 with us to conduct an Assessment Visit. Mary is a consultant with Unitarian Universalist Association Congregational Stewardship Services. There are three Assessment Visit goals:

- 1) Mary will gather enough information to gain a clear sense of who we are, and where we would like to go.
- 2) She will offer specific observations and recommendations to help us on our journey, and
- 3) She will explain how the UUA can offer guidance and coaching as we move into the future.

Mary will meet with congregational leaders. On Saturday, **MAY 5**, she will conduct a **WORKSHOP** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, for all who would like to participate. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Mary will attend our worship service on Sunday, **MAY 6**. After the service, she will hold an **OPEN FORUM** to share her observations and recommendations. A light lunch will be provided, childcare will be available, and we encourage all to stay for this 90 minute conversation. *Please join us in welcoming Mary to our congregation.*

SPIRITUAL GROWTH ACTIVITIES

On Monday, MAY 7 and 14, from 1 to 2:30 pm, Michael Nelson continues **MAKING DECISIONS FOR THE END OF YOUR LIFE**. The class is currently full. Watch for future adult education opportunities at the Fellowship.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, MAY 6, at 9:30 am, in the Main Sanctuary. Learn more about participation in vocal music at the Fellowship from music director Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



THE UUFM SINGERS GRACE A RECENT SUNDAY SERVICE WITH SONG

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

This month's Meadowlark Hills UUFM service meets Wednesday, **MAY 23**, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark Hill's main building. Dick Beeman and Michael Nelson explore the wonderful world of insects! What irrational fears do you have about these creatures that do so much to clean-up after messy humans? Learn more from Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this is a great way to get acquainted, and it's an easy way to give to the Fellowship with a minimal investment of time--only three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Elke Lorenz, 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, MAY 4 and 18, from 7:30 to 9 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed to occasionally fill in.* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. Freewill donations are welcome. Contact Jennifer Bryan at 537-0057 or snowbird@violinifer.com

MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

Donate your aluminum cans to benefit the Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc (MESI), at Howie's Recycling, 625 S 10th Street. Funds generated from recycled aluminum will be put in a designated account benefiting the shelter.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee will meet in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room at 5:30 pm, on Wednesday, MAY 9. All those interested in Social Justice are invited. Contact Social Action Committee chair Stacey Broughman at 410-9413 or socialaction@uufm.net

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

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



SOCIAL ACTION IN DAILY LIVING

Did you know that Hastings Book Stores provide health insurance coverage for domestic partners, which enables LGBT couples to have health insurance? We can show our support of progressive employment practices by patronizing businesses with enlightened policies.

This social action column is new and your input and suggestions are welcome. Please send to Betty Banner at bettybanner@gmail.com

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

Each month on the second Sunday, our Social Action Committee selects a non-profit agency or organization to receive the morning offering. On Sunday, MAY 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **AUTISM SPECTRUM SUMMER CAMP**. This program provides a fun, safe, structured, and developmentally appropriate summer experience promoting academic, communication, and social goals for elementary-aged children with autism or autism-spectrum disorders.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR UUSC

This Mother's Day, give a gift that supports and celebrates women's rights--choose Prosperity Candles from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's online store, at http://uusc.org/store/prosperity_candle. The candles are produced by women refugees living in the United States. Between now and May 9, you can order a three-candle gift set made especially for Mother's Day. Each candle tin is decorated with one of the following three quotes from a powerful woman leader:

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

"Strong women lead to strong nations." -- Zainab Salbi

"The future is completely open, and we are writing it moment to moment." -- Pema Chödrön

The candles are made with high-quality soy-blend wax and an all-natural cotton wick. Each candle has one of three scents: tea infusion, lemon-grass sage, or sandalwood. Written on each candle is the name of the woman refugee who made it. You can go to Prosperity Candle's website to read her story and send a message of encouragement. The set of three candles will arrive in a gift box, ready to be given to your loved one. But don't wait--these handmade candles are in limited supply! Order yours by Wednesday, May 9, to ensure you receive your gift by Mother's Day! Net proceeds from all items sold in UUSC's online store support human rights around the world. Learn more about the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee at www.uusc.org

ALL ABOUT US

Our new member **STEPHEN SIMMONS** first came to our Fellowship because of an extreme dissatisfaction with society's current path and felt, "There has to be something better!" He keeps coming back because of the people, attitudes, and materials provided within our Fellowship. Stephen was born in Fort Pierce, Florida and spent his teen years in West Virginia. He is a skilled outdoorsman. He is currently in the Army where he is an Engineer Officer working with process improvement within the garrison. Eventually, he would like to be a lawyer. Stephen shared that he enjoys amateur boxing. Every two years or so, he participates in a tournament in his hometown. He has been runner up six times. Stephen likes to do it because, "It keeps me civilized." Welcome, Stephen. It's a joy to have you and **ESTHER** with us.

Congratulations to **BLAKE BELANGER**, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, who received the 2012 Excellence in Design Studio Teaching at the Junior Level award from the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture at its annual meeting. Blake joined the department at KSU in 2007 after completing a dual master of landscape architecture and urban design degree from University of Colorado Denver in 2006.

Word has been received that former member **RACHEL MELIS** became engaged this month. Rachel moved to Saint Joseph, Minnesota, to teach Art at the College of St Benedict/St John's University. She has earned tenure in the last year and loves her job. No word yet on the date.

SARA BANNER accepted a new position as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Kansas University Medical Center, beginning April 16. She is excited about moving from Salina to Kansas City. Sara's Dad, **CHRIS BANNER**, recently celebrated his 70th birthday! Congratulations.

ABIGAIL CONRAD reports that her son, Zachary Conrad, married Máire Abraham in West Field, New Jersey, on April 14. Máire Conrad is a second year Resident in pediatric gastroenterology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Zachary works for the biofuel company Butamax.

Please, if you have news--milestones or millstones--to share, send it to Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com

"WHO'S THE UU?" CAN YOU GUESS?

- ~ This UU couple met at People's Grocery Cooperative, where he was manager and she was a volunteer.
- ~ This UU took full advantage of the 5-year pass he got on his 18th birthday allowing him to fly anytime and anywhere on TWA.

Find answers on page 8 of this newsletter.



CALL FOR ARTISTS' SUBMISSIONS

The UUFM Aesthetics Committee announces a call for all artists to submit original artwork for the next in our series of Art Exhibitions at the Fellowship. *Deadline for submission is Sunday, May 13.* We invite all members and friends of any age to submit work! This is a mixed-media show, and all pieces suitable for hanging are solicited from our many talented artists. Art may be submitted following Sunday services on May 6 and 13, or bring in your submission during Susan Turner and Cory Zeller's office hours, Monday from 3 to 5 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 5:15 pm. Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, media/type of art, price (if for sale), and title. Learn more from Kim Belanger at 587-8107 or kgardenbelanger@yahoo.com or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. Or talk to any Aesthetics Committee member--Lorrie Cross, Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, or Anne Marchin. *If you have an interest in participating in the Fellowship's aesthetic displays, contact the committee. New members are always welcome.*

\$SHOP \$MART GROCERY CERTIFICATES

UUFM is selling grocery certificates and gift cards as a fundraising activity, following Sunday services. The certificates spend just like cash and never expire. Certificates are available from Dillons, Ray's Apple Market, and HyVee. The certificates are purchased from the Fellowship at face value, and UUFM earns 4% of all certificates purchased! It costs purchasers no more than they would normally spend on food, prescriptions, etc, while UUFM benefits with every purchase! Buy certificates from Sandy Nelson in the Mercury Room (preschool RE room), following Sunday services, or contact her at 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com

SHIRLEY HOBROCK
AND GWEN GEISELMAN
SERVE LUNCH



DICK BEEMAN AND JIM
BASCOM PREPARE TO
WASH WINDOWS

2012 SPRING WORK DAY



TOM MANNEY AND
GENE SIEVERS REMODEL
THE NEPTUNE ROOM



JUSTICE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012

Focused on Immigration Justice issues, General Assembly (GA) 2012 will be a gathering with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice, and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations.

Attend workshops, inspiring services, and connect with UUs from around the country who share your passion for Justice in this world.

Registration will remain open through the beginning of the Assembly; *however, early bird rates end April 30!* Learn more about activities and events before, during, and after General Assembly at the Unitarian Universalist Association web site, www.uua.org. Register online at www.uua.org/ga/registration

MIDWEST LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

MidWest Leadership School (MWLS), a part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's nationwide network of leadership schools, will be held Sunday thru Saturday, July 15 thru 21, 2012, on the campus of Beloit College in southeastern Wisconsin. MidWest Leadership School is sponsored by the Central MidWest District, in collaboration with Heartland District and Prairie Star District of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

MidWest Leadership School develops lay leaders in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) community. The week-long intense program includes leadership, group and system dynamics, UU history and theology, and elements of worship. The program is designed to provide insights, confidence, and enrichment for each participant's congregation, work, and personal life.

Led by lay and ordained staff with a deep understanding of UU congregations, a combination of lectures and small group encounters heightens understanding and the ability of lay leaders to navigate group process. Registration is open to applicants age 18 and older, from member congregations in the three sponsoring districts (Central MidWest, Heartland, and Prairie Star). Learn more about this incredible opportunity at www.mwls.org. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Rev Michael Nelson, 537-2349 or minister@uufm.net



A MOMENT OF QUIET
FELLOWSHIP AT
CAMP STARTRAIL

UU CAMP STARTRAIL

Come to **CAMP STARTRAIL** (between Omaha and Lincoln) from July 29 to August 3 for a grand adventure/retreat for UUs of all ages. Past activities have included bead-making; dream analysis; painting; quilting; survival skills; Amazing Race; sock hop; talent show; barn dance; camp fire (with s'mores); challenge courses; OWL for adults; swimming, nature hikes; ad hoc writers' group; bridge games and lots more. The Prairie Star District of the Unitarian Universalist Association sponsors Camp StarTrail. Connect with UU adults and families from around the region. Learn more and register at www.psduua.org/Camps/CampStarTrail2012



COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- May 6: Harriette Janke, Tom Phillips,
Ruth Friedmann, and Stacey
Broughman
- May 13: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster,
Kelly Neel, and Dan Marcus
- May 20: Abigail Conrad, Judy Exdell,
Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan
- May 27: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and
Sam and Cory Zeller

Coffee and greeting teams sign up for only three Sundays each year. *Volunteering to serve on a team is a great way to give to the Fellowship with a minimum investment of time.* Ask Elke Lorenz at 539-3527 or ellorenz@uufm.net

WHO'S THE UU? questions on page 6 ...

~ **MIKE BONELLA** was worried about asking Laura out because he didn't want to risk losing such a great volunteer. He enlisted a friend to let her know he was interested, leading to a date and their engagement six weeks later!

~ Son of a career TWA employee, **CHARLES DEDMON** could walk onto any TWA flight. A cash-strapped college student, he visited exotic locations, and used first class seats on international flights for study sessions. They were quiet, offered few distractions, and the gourmet meals were a real treat!

Administrator's Schedule

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

Tuesday, May	1 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, May	3 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, May	7 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, May	8 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, May	10 - 4 to 7 pm
Monday, May	14 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, May	15 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, May	17 - 4 to 9 pm
Thursday, May	24 - 12 to 5 pm
Saturday, May	26 - 11 am to 6 pm
Monday, May	28 - 3 to 5 pm
Tuesday, May	29 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, May	31 - 12 to 5 pm

Call Susan at 537-2349 during office hours, or drop by the office. She may be reached at other times 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 Welcoming and Membership Committee 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.

This fall, consider signing up for **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a recurring basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service bulletin.

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you 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 Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or caring@uufm.net, 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 Tuesday, **MAY 15**. *Committee chairs, please let the newsletter editor know about your upcoming activities, and volunteer opportunities.* Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net

MAY 2012 at UUFM

Sunday



6 9 AM UUFM SINGERS
Main Sanctuary
M Oldfather, 537-3738
10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ *Slawomir Dobrzanski*
12:15 PM OPEN FORUM
UUA Consultant Mary Gleason
shares observations and
recommendations

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ *Rev Michael Nelson*
HELPING HANDS SUNDAY
Autism Spectrum Camp

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
w/ *Graham Kreicker*

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Reflections / Recollections

PENTECOST - Christian

Monday

MAY 1
BELTANE - Pagan / Wiccan
MAY DAY - secular

7 1 PM **END OF LIFE DECISIONS** - Michael Nelson, 537-2349
2:30 TO 4:30 PM
MICHAEL NELSON
3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

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28 3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
ASCENSION OF BAHU'U'LLAH
Baha'i - Remembrance of death of the founder begins at sundown

Tuesday

1 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM COUPLES SWING DANCE

8 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM
COUPLES SWING DANCE
Inez Alsop room

15 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM COUPLES SWING DANCE

22 1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM
COUPLES SWING DANCE
Inez Alsop room
LAST MINUTE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

29 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM
COUPLES SWING DANCE
Inez Alsop room

Wednesday

2 12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room - Jack Warren at 539-4073
TWELFTH DAY OF RIDVAN - Baha'i commemoration of Baha'u'llah

9 11:30 AM **WOMEN'S LUNCH** - Green Tea
12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room
5:30 PM SOCIAL ACTION MTG - Inez Alsop room

16 12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room - Jack Warren at 539-4073

23 12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jupiter room - Jack Warren at 539-4073
12 TO 2 PM M NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE - Manhattan rm K Oldfather, 537-3728

30 12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH
Jack Warren at 539-4073
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday

3 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Interfaith

10 1:15 TO 5:15 PM **C ZELLER**
4 TO 7 PM S TURNER
5 TO 7 PM M NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
7 PM BOARD MEETING
Inez Alsop room. Anne Cowan, 537-2025

17 5:30 PM **TAI CHI**
6 PM THIRD THURSDAY SUPPER Alsop room
Susan Turner, 537-2349
ASCENSION OF CHRIST Christian

24 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349
DECLARATION OF THE BAB - Baha'i Observance of religious unity

31 12 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER
1:15 TO 5:15 PM
CORY ZELLER at Fellowship, 537-2349

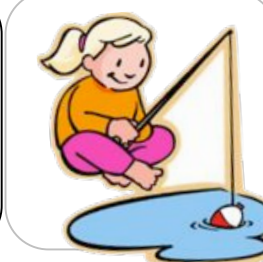
Friday

4 7:30 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
Jennifer Bryan, 537-0057
3 TO 5 PM
MICHAEL NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349
6:30 TO 9:30 PM
PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!!
Cory Zeller, 537-2349

11 7 PM **UU DRUM CIRCLE**
Pat Embers, 410-3627
LAG B'OMER - Jewish begins at sundown, May 10

18 7:30 AM **HAPPY KITCHEN** breakfast
St Paul's Episcopal Church
601 Poyntz Avenue.
Jennifer Bryan, 537-0057

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Saturday

5 1:30 PM **WORKSHOP W/MARY GLEASON**
UUA Consultant
6 PM PAGAN FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
Beltane ritual - Sarah Burns, (218) 387-4273

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19 9 AM **FAMILY FUN DAY**
Painting Neptune room
Cory Zeller, 537-2349
12:30 PM YOUNG ADULT BBQ/PICNIC POTLUCK
Manhattan City Park

26 11 AM TO 6 PM
SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

