

SEPTEMBER 2015 PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 6 "SOLIDARITY FOREVER? WHAT DOES LABOR DAY CELEBRATE?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone reflects, "Many of us think little about Labor Day except as the formal end to summer. Yet, work takes up a tremendous amount of our time and energy. How might Labor Day inspire us to consider what work means to us? Is our own work about earning a living or creating meaning for ourselves? And how do we relate to the work of others, those whose work makes our lives easier and those whose work we fail to even notice? How might we make common cause?" Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

SEPTEMBER 13 UUFM MUSICALE XIV

Members and friends will entertain--even dazzle--the Fellowship with our annual display of remarkable vocal and instrumental talents. *Learn more on pages 4 and 8* of this newsletter, or contact Music Committee chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Come share your hopes and dreams for our newly launched Developmental Ministry with Jonalu Johnstone, at a **Start-Up Workshop**, following the Musicale on September 13. Learn more on page 4.

SEPTEMBER 20 "PAGAN CHAPLAINS IN THE MILITARY: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY" Fellowship member Steffan McBee shares his continuing journey toward becoming a Pagan military chaplain. Contact/convener is Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 27 "INNER AND OUTER; SPIRIT AND ACTION"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone considers, "Spirituality and social justice are often presented as two entirely separate ways to engage with religious life, looking either at the inner life or at the outer expression of our values. What if we tried to integrate the two, if inner and outer life contributed to one another, if spirit and action interfused one another? How might it change how we do the work of social justice? How might it deepen our spirit?" Contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



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New in September ...

Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides a threepart class, **PATH TO MEMBERSHIP**, following Sunday services *SEPTEMBER 20*, *27*, and *OCTOBER 4*. Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter.

Stay for an hour after our Musicale on *SEPTEMBER 13*, for a **START-UP WORK-SHOP**. Come share your hopes and dreams. Learn more on page 4.

JONALU'S JOURNAL -- REV JONALU JOHNSTONE



There are so many things I want to share with you! I struggled to come up with what my first newsletter column should address. We have much to share to really get to know one another and to find the ways to work best together.

Upon reflection, it seems fitting to start with the Top Ten Reasons I wanted to come to UUFM:

- 10) The chance to return to my fellowship roots. My first UU membership (other than the Church of the Larger Fellowship--if you don't know about it, check it out; it's the UUA "church without walls") was in the Bull Run UU's, a lay-led start-up group that formed in Manassas, Virginia, in the 1980's. Later, I joined the UU Fellowship of Greater Cumberland (Maryland), the congregation that ultimately ordained me in 1993. The first congregation I joined that had a full-time minister (James Reeb UU Congregation), *I* was the minister.
- 9) The demographic growth in Manhattan brings great opportunities for expansion.
- 8) The university provides a chance to offer vital campus ministry.
- The Flint Hills. As I told a friend, "I'll be living in the part of Kansas that *isn't* flat."
- 6) The beautiful building and grounds. I remembered the loveliness of the place, especially the circle chalice window and the walk up the hill, from preaching here once in 2011.
- 5) The very balanced age breakdown within the congregation, a good ratio of children to adults and a variety of adult generations in leadership.
- The commitment to doing things well that shows in attitudes about process, in the new video, in the building, and in so many other ways.
- The history of positive relationships with ministers and the overwhelming backing for the move to full-time ministry, including the willingness to support it financially.
- 2) The readiness to consider the role of spirituality in the life of the fellowship and of its members.

1) The focus on the minister's role in outreach and justice work in the community.

These factors create a most opportune connection between the fellowship and me, between *you* and me. I am as pleased to be here as you seem to be to have me. Thanks to all for the wonderful welcome I have received. My hopes are high for our work together.

In faith and freedom, Jonalu

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns.

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

Balancing the need to be available with the need to prioritize, I'm establishing a trial schedule of office hours for the month of September. Because I want to honor the charge to be out in the community, I will try to do that, while also being accessible in a timely way to the members, friends and other staff of the congregation. I plan to be in the office at the fellowship on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-5 pm. I will be experimenting with some coffee hours at Radina's at Aggieville; I'll post those on the listserv and the UUFM Coffee and Conversations Facebook page. And of course, I'm open to setting appointments at other times and even places. Friday will be my writing day on weeks I am in the pulpit, while Mondays will be my day off.

Besides contacting me when I am at the office, feel free to call at home (785 473-7746) or on my cell (405 627-3859; texting fine too). On my day off, please limit phone calls to emergencies, and understand I will probably not answer emails until Tuesday. This month, I will be out of town September 9-12 to help my partner Jane move here to join me on the 12th.

I look forward to hearing from you!

JONALU REQUESTS YOUR INPUT ...

Early in October, I will be preaching about *Religious Language We Love to Hate.* Please send any religious words or short phrases, along with a one-sentence explanation of why they bother you, for consideration as part of the sermon to revjonalu@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE News

We had a great summer with "travels" to Germany, Ecuador, Australia, Turkey, the many countries of Africa, and the Pacific Ocean. And who could forget our real trips to Pillsbury Crossing and the Manney homestead! We also explored light, had some physics "phun" with pH testing, and made our own kites--that actually fly!

What a glorious summer it has been. We'll top it off with a welcome back party and some music during the September Musicale (you still have time to share your talent).

Many thanks to all our summer tour guides: Brice & Shirley Hobrock, Lily Colburn, Elke Lorenz, Jessica Long, Susan Adamchak, Ellie Sayre, Tom and Monta Manney, Kristan Corwin and Brian Washburn, Dan Swenson--and all the parents who went canoeing. Your enthusiasm and participation in the religious education program is much appreciated.

Now the school year is upon us, and we've got plans for just as many interesting adventures. Formal classes begin Sunday, September 20 with a "getting to know you" introduction. As part of our three-year rotation, this year we are focusing on "Our Judeo Christian Heritage." All classes are taught from a "fun and friendly" perspective and include teachable moments for all kinds of learning which will help our children learn to be religiously mature.

Using age appropriate curriculum, all classes will spend time looking at the Christian Bible as literature so that:

- 1) our children may be informed decision makers in their own spiritual development.
- 2) they become comfortable with the stories that pervade our culture and form the roots of our own UU faith.
- they understand more about the circumstances and events around the world involving Jewish and Christian peoples.
- 4) they see the tales from the Bible as sources of inspiration and insight.

The teens will also add a "Neighboring Faiths" component and visit some places of worship around the area.

Remember: all children must be registered for the 2015-2016 year and registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160.

I'm looking forward to a great year!

Sandy

Learn more about all family and youth activities at the Fellowship from Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In September, Sandy Nelson will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. *You can also speak to Sandy most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net*

PARENT NIGHT OUT

Bring the kids for Parent Night Out on the first Friday of each month. On **SEPTEMBER 4** drop the kids off at 6:30 and pick them up at 9:30 pm. We'll play games, create some art, watch a movie, and snack on popcorn. A \$5 per child voluntary contribution helps us cover our expenses. *Please RSVP no later than Thursday, September 3*, so that Sandy Nelson can gather supplies and arrange volunteers. Contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

FALL CLASSES

Our **Nursery** is for children from 0-3 years old. Look for a variety of activities in a safe, child friendly, supervised environment. Toys, books, games, age appropriate activities, and free play are provided. Please remember: children <u>must be signed in and out</u> of the Nursery by a parent or guardian.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PRE-K) is for children who are generally 3 or 4 years old. Sandy Nelson leads this group in the Mercury Room. Children learn through direct experience. The *Celebrating Me and My World* curriculum nurtures spiritual growth, creativity, and connection to our UU community through imaginative activities and handson rituals.

KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE (K-2) students meet in the Jupiter Room. Kathleen Oldfather leads with the curriculum *Picture Book Bible Tales* by Kate Tweedie Covey. Children are introduced to classic Bible tales so that they can become wise and informed decision makers in their journey toward spiritual maturity.

3RD - 6TH GRADE (3-6) students meet in the Alsop Room. Matt Sayre leads this group using a variety of resources (including the King James Bible) to acquaint students with tales that are part of our culture and tie them to our seven Unitarian Universalist principals.

Students in **7TH GRADE AND UP (7 & UP)** meet in the Neptune Room. Molly McGaughey leads the teens through exploration of the stories looking for universal messages of inspiration and hope. They'll also take an occasional field trip to other places of worship.

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

- The MEN'S LUNCH group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Come ready for spirited conversation and bring a lunch for yourself. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.
- Join us for our Action Wednesday (AWed) Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2. Dinner begins at 6 pm, and committee meetings and social activities follow at 7 pm. Childcare is provided, and there are special activities planned for all ages. Learn more from Matt Campbell at (913) 709-4693 or mcampbell725@gmail.com.
- The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Barbara Hacker at 587-8002 or barbaradhacker@vahoo.com.
- Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on SEPTEMBER 4, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville for fun and fellowship. Learn more from Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.
- Join us at the Fellowship on the third Thursday of each month. In September, **GAME NIGHT** meets on Thursday, SEPTEMBER 17, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship's Inez Alsop room. Bring family, friends, games, and/or non-messy finger foods to share. Learn more from Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.
- The Drum Circle gathers on Friday, September 18, at the Wonder Workshop Museum, 506 S 4th, in Manhattan. We'll join in the international 10 Billion Beats drumming event, as the beat is passed from time zone to time zone, around the world in 24 hours. Please arrive at 6:45 pm, so that we can begin immediately at 7 pm. Find out more at <u>www.10billionbeats.com</u>. Bring your own drum or borrow one of ours. Contact Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.
- The UUFM BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 30, at 7 pm, at the Lorenz residence. We'll discuss This I Believe, by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman. Learn more from Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or ellorenz@uufm.net; or Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

14TH ANNUAL UUFM MUSICALE CELEBRATION

On Sunday, SEPTEMBER 13, we will once again showcase the musical talents of Fel-lowship members and friends for the delight and amazement of all. Make a note of the date on your calendar and to plan to arrive early enough to be certain of finding a seat. Musicians and vocalists who would like to practice Saturday afternoon, September 12, or Sunday morning, September 13, should contact Michael Oldfather to reserve a time. Michael may be reached at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu



START-UP WORKSHOP

The whole congregation and friends of the Fellowship are invited to stay for an hour after the Musicale on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 13 to discuss hopes and dreams for our Developmental Ministry over the coming three to five years. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Nancy Heege of the UU Mid-America Region facilitates the workshop. Learn more from Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com

PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

- + What does it mean to be a member of a UU congregation?
- + How is this fellowship like and different from other religious options in the community?
- + What is Unitarian Universalism anvwav?
- + How can I get involved?
- + How do I join?

If you have any of these questions, you might want to attend our Path to Membership classes offered by Rev Jonalu Johnstone. A series of 3 onehour sessions follows Sunday services SEPTEMBER 20, 27, and OCTOBER 4. You can attend whether or not you plan to join, but we will invite all participants to join the fellowship if you wish. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our Meadowlark Hills service is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Join us on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 23, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's K-State Classroom, 2121 Meadowlark Road. Learn more at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

UU CAMPUS LUNCH

The UUFM Campus group meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 12 noon. We gather this month on SEPTEMBER 10, at the K-State Union Food Court. Of course, all are welcome, so invite your friends. Contact Molly McGaughey at 776-4543 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com.

GROWTH WORKSHOP

One of the motivations for fulltime ministry is to grow our fellowship. In order to consider what it will take to increase our membership and commitment, plan to attend a workshop, Wednesday evening, OCTOBER 21. All are welcome. Watch for details!

SOCIAL ACTION AT UUFM

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the Sunday service on SEPTEMBER 13, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **CASA** (Court-Appointed Special Advocates). CASA is based on the belief that every child has the right to a safe, permanent home. Unlike attorneys and social workers, the CASA volunteer speaks exclusively for the child's best interests. Learn more at www.kansascasa.org/program/district-2-21

On August 9, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to the Flint Hills Community Clinic. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!!! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE



Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available

for purchase. To learn more, or to purchase fair trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Fair Trade display in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net.

Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. They source goods directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The UUFM Social Action Committee meets following the Awed Potluck dinner, on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2, at 7 pm. All members and friends with an interest in Social Justice are encouraged to attend. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net.

Workshop on Transgender Issues

The UUFM Social Action Committee co-sponsors *TransKansas III*, a workshop on Transgender Issues, Friday, SEPTEMBER 11, and Saturday, SEPTEMBER 12, at the First Congregational Church, on the corner of Juliette and Poyntz Avenues, in Manhattan. Registration is \$10/person, or \$5/student. To register, and for full information on workshop sessions and speakers, please visit <u>www.transkansas.com</u>. There will be four workshops at any one time including: educational research, history and present studies, relationships with parents, transitioning on a budget, jail sensitivity to transgender, transgender faith, transgender persons of color, trans family members forum, language to advance equality and acceptance, transitioning children, Kansas legislative session, Federal policy, and many more. For more information contact Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or acowan@uufm.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? Many of our committees welcome one-time volunteers. Courtney Albin, Social Committee chair (social@uufm.net), sometimes needs help setting up, or cleaning up after a party or meal. Our stalwart **GROUNDS** chair, Sylvia Beeman (sbeewoman@hotmail.com) always needs folks who can fill in watering or help with a project. Do you enjoy connecting with new friends? Ask Shirley Hobrock (welcome@uufm.net), our WELCOMING Committee chair, or Jessica Sievers (sieversj@gmail.net), about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months. Linda Kroeger (caring@uufm.net), CARING Committee chair, arranges rides, makes home visits, sends flowers and cards to members experiencing joyous or difficult life events, and will happily find a way you can help just one morning or afternoon.

- 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--three or four Sundays each year. Ask Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net
- This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, SEPTEMBER 4 and 18, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Two new volunteers are needed on September 4!* Breakfast is free and open to the community, providing a good meal for many who might otherwise go without. All are invited, and free will donations help us continue this service. Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

ALL ABOUT US

Please welcome our new member, **MICHAELA SIEVERS.** Michaela is happy to be a member of our UU Fellowship. Born in Manhattan, Michaela was raised in Zeandale and Wamego. She graduated from Wamego High School and is currently attending KSU, where she is a junior in biology. Michaela spent 2 weeks this summer shadowing veterinarians in New Hampshire, but is not sure what her career will be. Michaela discovered us through her dad when she was still in middle school. After trying a few churches in the area, they, "Stumbled here and stayed." She decided to join as an adult because when she was busy with other activities, she missed our community. Her father and sister, **GENE** and **JESSICA** are also members. Gene says, "They're [his daughters] both different but very special." Michaela wants you all to know, "The family and community here is important to me." *We are so glad you are with us, Michaela!*

Please send your milestones, significant events, or news to Caring chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or caring@uufm.net. We can't share it if we don't know!

\$HOP \$MART GROCERY PROGRAM

REGISTER YOUR DILLONS SHOPPER CARD! Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to UUFM and earn money for the Fellowship every time you use your shopper card at Dillons. Tell friends or family who might also want to register their cards. Here's what you need to do ...

- 1. Visit www.dillons.com/communityrewards
- 2. Sign in OR create a new account.
- 3. Click "enroll now."
- Enter UU or the 5-digit account number for the Fellowship, which is 84269, and search.
- 5. Select the fully named entry (UUF of MANHATTAN) and click "enroll."

Learn more from Sandy Nelson on Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net if you need help to get your Shopper Card registered!

TOWARD RIGHT RELATIONSHIP ...

UUFM Social Action Committee member Diane Barker offers the following report on a workshop co-sponsored by our Social Action Committee and the Manhattan Friends Meeting on Tuesday, August 25:

Not sure what they'd gotten themselves into, 28 brave souls stood on blankets covering the floor in the middle of the sanctuary. The blankets represented Turtle Island, what is now called the United States, and these participants were about to experience the Doctrine of Discovery from the Native perspective. The Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right *Relationship with Native Peoples* workshop was a terrific success. What some people call a play or enactment, Paula Palmer, author of the script and workshop facilitator, calls an exercise. Five hundred years of loss for the Native Peoples and gain for the followers of the Doctrine of Discovery unfolded in 45 minutes. Four readers gave voice to a large cast of characters including: Pope Nicholas V, Taminend (Chief of the Lenni Lenape), William Penn, Colonel Chivington, Cornplanter (Seneca) and Walter Echo-Hawk (Pawnee). As disease, battles, massacres, residential schools, broken treaties, starvation, removal marches, reservations, and shrinking reservations reduced the Native population, participants were directed to leave the blankets and go back to their seats. When the history ended three people were left clustered together with Turtle Island rolled tightly up to their feet. Then there was silent time to reflect on the experience. After the reflective time people who wanted to talk were given the microphone. After the formal workshop people stayed for lively discussions in the Narthex and Alsop Room over coffee and refreshments. The intention of this Toward Right Relationship workshop, from the Boulder Friends Meeting, is not to get people to rush out and DO something. It was designed to help people deepen their understanding of the unspeakable pain and damage created by the Doctrine of Discovery. Only with a deep understanding can healing and a better way be found. An understanding of the agony and destruction we continue to cause due to this Doctrine is our only hope of moving toward right relationship with Native peoples, the earth, and ourselves.

A huge *Thank You* to those who attended, baked cookies, set up coffee and refreshments, set up the sound, read, sat at the registration table, made a donation, and stayed to clean up. And a big Thank You to the Manhattan Friends Meeting and Carol Barta for co-sponsoring with the UUFM Social Action Committee. Thank you Paula Palmer and Gutherie for bringing the Toward Right Relationship workshop to our community.



- COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS
- Sept 6: Anne Marchin, Jim Shanteau, and Larry Weaver Sept 13: Elke Lorenz, Sue Pray, and Sarah Hoyt
- Sept 20: Carrie and Austin Roberts, Kay Ediger, and Colleen Riley
- Sept 27: Linda Kroeger, Marisa Larson, and Colina Stanton

A huge *THANK YOU* goes out to all of our coffee and greeting team volunteers. Serving on a Coffee and Greeting team is an easy way to give to the Fellowship, with a minimal investment of your time. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or ahjanke@cox.net

NEED A RIDE TO THE FELLOWSHIP ?

The Caring Committee has organized a group of volunteer drivers to help folks get to our Sunday morning services. Contact Linda Kroeger at 565-5645 or caring@uufm.net.

OVERFLOW PARKING

Kaw Valley Greenhouse has given permission for Fellowship members and friends to park in their lot, across Zeandale Road, when our parking is full. Be considerate of those unable to walk distances, if you are able to walk from the Greenhouse.

Administrator's Schedule

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

Tuesday,	Sept	1 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Sept	3 -	12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Sept	7 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Sept	8 -	4 to 7 pm
Thursday,	Sept	10 -	12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Sept	14 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Sept	15 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Sept	17 -	12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Sept	24 -	12 to 5 pm
Saturday,	Sept	26 -	11 am to 6 pm
Monday,	Sept	28 -	3 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Sept	29 -	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, for information and assistance.
- Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision 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.
- Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular 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 need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact Caring Committee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 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.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the September edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 15**. Contact Susan Turner at office@uufm.net or 539-3272. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

Mark Clarke, our webmaster extraordinaire, offers this report on the recent web site update:

I wanted to pass the word along to everyone that our new (totally awesome!) UUFM video has been posted to YouTube and is embedded into our web page. If you haven't been to the website recently, open it up (<u>uufm.net</u>) and you'll be redirected to a page containing the video. This redirection will only happen the first time you visit the site, so you can also get there directly by going to <u>uufm.net/intro</u>. There's a link on the video page to go to the home page. I think you'll all agree that it's a wonderful production and captures who we are as a community very well ...

Kathleen Tanona was the go-to person for this project. It was her leadership and her direct hands-on approach that got the ball rolling and kept it rolling through the final cut of the video--what you'll see today.

Kim Belanger used her artistic talents and experience in helping decide who the target audience was and what the overall look and feel would be.

The eminently talented Colin MacMillan and his company, Imagemakers (<u>www.imagemakers-inc.com/</u>), is the man behind the cameras. His talent and energies shine through brilliantly!

And last, but certainly not least, a gigantic THANK YOU to Sarah Lott and Alex Stinson. These two crazy kids donated the money to pay for the video. Yes, they know they're leaving for Vermont in September (unless we can convince them to stay), but that's the kind of people they are and we're lucky to have them as our friends and benefactors. *Thank you both!*

And, of course, thank you Mark Clarke for your time, effort, and hard work to make all these exciting innovations happen. If you have ideas, thoughts, or suggestions about UUFM's web presence, let Mark know at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS

The date has been set for the fourteenth annual UUFM Musicale celebration, on Sunday, September 13. Singers, dancers, instrumentalists, and entertainers whose artistry defies categorization are are preparing for this special performance. Those who wish to practice Saturday afternoon, September 12, or Sunday morning, September 13, should contact Music Committee Chair Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or music@uufm.net.

TOILETRIES COLLECTION

The Social Action Committee collects *toiletries and personal care products* for The Crisis Center and Manhattan Emergency Shelter all month in September. Bring your unopened travel packages of shampoo, deodorant, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, razors, etc, and place in the box provided in the narthex. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

2015 UUFM CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

It's not too early to begin planning for our annual Craft and Bake Sale, which will be held following the Sunday service on **DECEMBER 13**. This has been one of our most successful fundraisers and is always fun for all. Now is the time for fabric/fiber artists, painters, crafters and artisans of all media to begin working on items to put in the sale. Bakers and candy makers may just be dreaming of sugarplums right now but will make delicious items later. If you are new to the Fellowship and have any questions about this wonderful annual event just ask. To find out how you can donate your crafts or baked goods, or to offer other assistance, talk to Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

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