



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

A COMMUNITY OF PRESENCE?

Spiritually, presence can mean two radically different things. On the one hand, contemplatives talk of “being present.” Presence from this perspective is all about awareness and remembering to “live in the moment,” or “be mindful.” Presence, in this sense, contrasts with mindlessness, a state where we rely on habit or stay reactive to anxiety. Mindlessness can fuel addiction, block authentic relationship, and leave us feeling empty. The alternative is bringing deliberate presence into our lives.

In the second spiritual meaning, theologians tend to come at presence from the perspective of “otherness.” Their concern is not just that we pay attention to the present moment, but that we notice a transcendent Presence that is woven through all moments. What is this Presence? Some call it the Ground of Being, Spirit, or God. Others decline to give it a name, focusing on its mysterious nature and letting it be.

This month, we refuse to take sides. Attentiveness or otherness? Who says we have to choose? Isn't it true that, more often than not, they dance together more than they compete? Isn't it true that when we are most present, a powerful Presence emerges? Pay attention to your child and slowly a confidence and unique self unfolds. Pay attention to the flow of your breathing or the flow of the ocean and something bigger than yourself enters the scene. Pay attention to a piece of art or immerse in a work of music, and it seems as if something is speaking. Look for a long time at a singular tree and eventually it presents itself to you as a world unto itself.

The underlying message here is that the world is full of unnoticed gifts and grace. It's a message perfectly fit for this month that so often celebrates presents over presence. In the face of commercials and billboards that tell us our lives will finally be complete if we stuff them with a few more shiny objects or plastic gadgets, our spiritual traditions come along and remind us that our lives are already complete. Their message: The greatest gift of the holidays is noticing the many gifts that have been sitting there all along.

So how will you engage this dance? What powerful and meaningful presence is waiting for you to be present to it? What gift is waiting and wanting to emerge? What will your awareness bring into being this month?



DECEMBER 2016 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN DECEMBER EXPLORES
"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF **PRESENCE**?"

DECEMBER 4 "PRESENCE OR PRESENTS?"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone speaks. As the holidays approach, we consider our life choices. How do we give of ourselves, versus giving "stuff?" How do we search for true connection--with our families, our communities, our universe, ourselves, even the Holy--instead of the false promises of the latest gadgets? Katie Kingery-Page, at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com, convenes.

*Please join us following the December 4 service, at 12:15 pm, for a **FEEDBACK CIRCLE**, to discuss the service and other things on your mind. More on page 2.*

DECEMBER 11 "THE COMFORTING PRESENCE OF MUSIC"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone reflects on music. For many of us, music brings comfort and consolation, especially in a busy season. What role does music play in our lives and in our celebrations? We'll have special holiday music, including both serious and playful music from the choir, as well as an instrumental piece, in addition to thoughtful reflection. Convener is Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

*Please join us following the December 11 service, for our annual **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**. Learn more on page 5.*

DECEMBER 18 "PRESENCE IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Something about the Jewish prophet Jesus so captured his followers' imagination that they felt his presence even after his death. How did this humble Nazarene come to be the leader of a religious movement? How did the stories and memories of this man inspire people for more than two thousand years? Even if, like Jefferson, we reject the miracles, or call them monstrous, as Emerson did, can we find what animated Jesus' presence? Convener is Tom Phillips, at (405) 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

*Members are encouraged to attend a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following the service, exploring a statement of principle regarding Native American mascots in USD 383 schools. Please review material on page 7, before the meeting.*

DECEMBER 24 "LIGHTING THE LIGHTS FOR HANUKKAH AND CHRISTMAS"

Join Rev Jonalu Johnstone for this **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**, AT **7 PM**. As Hanukkah begins, we'll light the menorah and tell of the story of Hanukkah, as well as tell the Christmas story. We'll sing carols, share readings, and light candles with the traditional singing of "Silent Night." If you'd like to read a favorite of your own, or an assigned reading, contact Jonalu, at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, no later than December 15. Bring cookies to share after the service.

DECEMBER 25 "THE GIFT OF THE MAGI"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone offers a laidback informal service. We'll look at O Henry's famous Christmas story and its roots in the gifts from the wise men. No RE, but children are welcome in the service, where there will be special activities for them.

At the end of the day: do others feel loved in your presence? This is the spiritual bottom line.

... Masin Kipp



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

*This is the first, the wildest and
the wisest thing I know: that the
soul exists and is built entirely out
of attentiveness.*

... Mary Oliver

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COMING UP THIS MONTH ...

Members vote on a statement of principle concerning Native American mascots at a **CONGREGATIONAL MTG**, Sunday, **DECEMBER 18**. More on page 7.

Find last minute gifts and treats at our **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**, Sunday, **DECEMBER 11**. More on page 5.

Share your thoughts about the morning service during a **FEEDBACK CIRCLE**, Sunday, **DECEMBER 4**. More on page 2.

My favorite Christmas song is an obscure one--"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the words. The narrator tells of hearing the bells ringing on Christmas Day, repeating the refrain of "Peace on



Earth, Goodwill to All" (yes, yes, the original says "men," so I update the language). The narrator gets upset, seeing how the world makes a mockery of such wishes "for hate is strong."

Many of us identify with that narrator to this day.

Hate continues to be strong. Even as Confederate flags disappear from official places, racism has reasserted itself on-line and sneaked out of private places into the public realm. A two-tiered system of criminal justice allows black men to die and be incarcerated at stunning rates. Despite increasing acceptance of same-sex marriage, BGLTQ people--especially those who are transgender--encounter open hostility. At least 21 transgender people, many of them people of color, have been killed violently so far this year, according to the Human Rights Campaign. The Southern Poverty Law Center reports 892 hate groups across the country, an uptick last year for the first time since 2011, near double the number of groups as they counted in 1999. In the wake of the election, haters seem emboldened. Swastikas have reappeared as graffiti, and hijab-wearing women have been confronted with threats. Yes, the words "Peace on Earth" are being mocked.

Longfellow, in the song, hears the bell peel again, louder and deeper, asserting that God is not dead, so "the wrong shall fail, the right prevail." While that speaks to me, I recognize that those who dismiss or struggle with the idea of such a God may not be encouraged. However, one need not embrace theism to trust a moral arc of the universe that bends towards justice. When Longfellow wrote the song in 1863, slavery had not yet been vanquished from this continent. Women were subservient to men legally and in practice in their daily lives. People who did not conform to expected roles of gender and sexual orientation were invisible. A Civil War raged, taking hundreds of thousands of lives, about 2 percent of the population. As bleak as it looks today in the battle of love versus hate, 1863 was far worse. Steven Pinker, whose book *The Angels of Our Better Nature* explores the incidence of violence through history, asserts that despite blips like the Syrian war and IS terrorism, we are far more safe than we have been in the past, and that that trend holds true across the world--less homicide, less war,

less genocide. If we look at the large scale, we are more peaceful.

The world keeps turning. You may or may not feel a presence that reassures you, but I hope in this season of striving towards peace and goodwill, you find encouragement and inspiration.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

Talk to Rev Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net with your inspirations and concerns. Check out Jonalu's blog at uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/

FEEDBACK CIRCLE

The Sunday Services Committee invites everyone to join us following the morning service on Sunday, DECEMBER 4, for a *Feedback Circle* in the sanctuary, beginning at 12:15 pm, and lasting about an hour. The focus is feedback on that morning's service, but the conversation will range widely, and more general feedback will be included. Questions are open-ended, and you'll get to hear what other people think as well. Snacks will be provided. Your input will help to continue to improve our Sunday mornings. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Saturday,	Dec	3 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	Dec	6 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Dec	7 - 3 to 5 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Dec	8 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	13 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Dec	14 - 11 am to 1 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Dec	15 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	20 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	Dec	21 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	Dec	22 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Dec	29 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday,	Dec	30 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Bakehouse

During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours--at Radina's Bakehouse in Blue Earth Plaza, or Radina's in Aggieville--drop in to share your thoughts and a cup of coffee. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email revjonalu@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Your children need your presence more than your presents.

... Jesse Jackson

REFLECTIONS

Our Whole Lives (OWL) for our young teens wraps up with a celebration on December 11. Please go out of your way to thank Molly McGaughey and Matt and Jen Campbell for the commitment they have made in leading this class. It's a huge undertaking, and our teens are definitely reaping the benefits.

Classes in December will include a focus on the UUSC service project Guest at your Table. *There will be no Sunday school classes and no nursery care during the Christmas Day service.* Instead, there will be a station in the sanctuary with quiet activities for children who attend.

See you soon, *sandy*

Talk with our Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net

It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?

... Dr Suess

DRE'S SCHEDULE

In December, Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson will be in the Fellowship office **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. *Talk with Sandy most Sunday mornings, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.*

PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN

Our next Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. *Parent Night Out is designed for children from 3 to 12 years old_who can toilet on their own with minimal assistance.* We watch a movie, have some popcorn, and games and art projects are available. A \$5 per child contribution helps us cover expenses. Dinner is NOT served at Parent Night Out. *Please be sure your kids are fed before arriving. This is an RSVP event and space is limited.* Please RSVP no later than Thursday, December 1, so that Sandy can gather supplies and make plans.

Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

DECEMBER FAMILY FUN -- FOR EVERYONE

Join us for **HOLIDAY CRAFTING AND COOKIE DECORATING**, on Saturday, DECEMBER 10, from 1 to 3 pm, at the Fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We'll have several projects for a variety of ages. It's a great opportunity to create memories with your child, grandchild, neighbor child, spirit child ... but all the glitter stays at the Fellowship and isn't ground into your carpets. Want to craft but don't have a child? Come anyway! We'll have lots of fun and there's always someone who needs an extra hand. *Please RSVP to Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.*

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes will be held mid-January through mid-March. OWL is a respected UU sexual education program. Children learn in an accurate and age appropriate way about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. The core values are self worth, sexual health, responsibility, and justice, and inclusivity. We expect to offer the 4th through 6th grade curriculum. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children within those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net as soon as possible.

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.

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). Bring a lunch for yourself and come ready for spirited conversation. Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Please join us for our next ACTION WEDNESDAY (**AWed**) **POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, DECEMBER 7. Following dinner at 6 pm, there are social activities for all ages, and those attending are invited to join in any of the scheduled committee meetings that might interest them. Learn more from Courtney Albin at 317-8157 or courtney.albin@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.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on DECEMBER 2, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UU **CAMPUS LUNCH** begins meeting again, on the second Thursday of each month. Join us on Thursday, DECEMBER 8, at 12 noon. We'll gather in the K-State Student Union Food Court. Learn more from Sue Pray at 313-3158 or suepray@ksu.edu.

The UUFM **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 9, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. UUFM members, friends, and the wider community, those of all ages, and experienced or beginning drummers are welcome. Bring your favorite rhythm instrument, or borrow one of ours. Learn more from Pat Embers at 539-2819 or embers1@cox.net.

Join us at the Fellowship on the third Wednesday each month for our regular **GAME NIGHT**. We gather on Wednesday, DECEMBER 21, 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 Carrie Roberts at 785 485-2254 or clh8888@ksu.edu.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** takes a break in December, to avoid conflicts with holiday plans. Watch for announcements of our next meeting. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

Please join us following the morning service on
Sunday, December 11



for our **Holiday**
Craft and Bake Sale

benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fund



Find the perfect, handcrafted gifts to fill out your Holiday list.

Please give some consideration to crafts and baked goods
that you might want to donate to the sale.

Learn more from **BETTY BANNER** at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com

UUFM SINGERS

The **UUFM SINGERS** rehearse Saturday, DECEMBER 10, at 1 pm, Sunday, DECEMBER 11, at 9 am, and Saturday, DECEMBER 18, at 9 am. Choir members should consult Michael Oldfather, at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu, to determine if your presence is required on specific dates, as there are some small groups rehearsing.

The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribably magnificent world in itself.

... Henry Miller

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service will be on Wednesday, DECEMBER 28, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service exploring "Presence," our December theme. All are invited. Bring your friends. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net

Learn me slowly; be patient with my pages.

... Pavana

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, DECEMBER 9 and 23, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. 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. Learn more from Jennifer Bryan at 760-6933 or snowbird@violinifer.com.

Can you offer assistance for one event, or just an occasional hour or two? Many of our committees welcome one-time volunteers. Marisa Larson (marisa.larson@gmail.com), chair of our **COMMUNICATIONS** Committee, seeks help, suggestions, and inspiration with publicity and communications activities. Jen Campbell, **SOCIAL** Committee chair (jgcampbell4@hotmail.com), sometimes needs help setting up, or cleaning up after a party or meal. Sylvia Beeman, **GROUNDS** chair, (sbeewoman@hotmail.com) can always use help watering and with occasional projects around our grounds. Do you enjoy connecting with new friends? Ask our **WELCOMING** Committee chair Shirley Hobrock (shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com), about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months. All committee leaders 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

Presence is removing judgment, walls and masks so as to create a true and deep connection with people or experiences.

... Amy Cuddy

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, DECEMBER 11, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for adopted families living at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** (MESI). Fellowship volunteers shop for toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted families.

On November 13, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to The Riley County Humane Society. 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 anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.



GI RIGHTS HOTLINE

UUFM sponsors the GI Rights Kansas Unit, accepting calls and emails from GIs and families for assistance with military regulations and options concerning AWOL, psychological problems, discharges, conscientious objection and much more. *WE NEED VOLUNTEERS* in many capacities. Learn more from Anne Cowan at 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) human rights work. Learn more at www.uusc.org/guest-at-your-table-for-beginners/. UUFM will be participating in Guest at Your Table again this year, running through the holiday season, with help from our RE students. Pick up a Guest at Your Table collection can in the Fellowship's narthex on Sundays. Learn more, and find out how you can participate, from Deirdre Greeley at (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com.

FIT CLOSET COLLECTION

Fellowship member Deirdre Greeley is organizing a collection for USD 383's FIT (Families in Transition) Closet, through the end of the year. Bring your contributions of winter clothing, coats, school supplies, shoes, hygiene products, and laundry supplies, to the Fellowship. Large and XL clothing, shoes, and coats are particularly needed, right now. Ask Deirdre at (580) 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com.



When you love someone, the best thing you can offer is your presence. How can you love if you are not there? The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.

... Thich Nhat Hanh

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

UUFM will hold a congregational meeting on DECEMBER 18, following the Sunday service, to discuss and vote upon a resolution regarding ending the use of Native American mascots in our community schools. This issue is not new, but has been the focus of dedicated work by the ReImageMHK group and is currently under consideration by the School Board. Many UUFM members and Rev Johnstone have been active in the movement to change the mascot, which is currently an "Indian." In November, ReImage MHK approached Rev Jonalu Johnstone to ask if the Fellowship would publicly support changing the MHS mascot. In accordance with our Bylaws, the congregation must first discuss and vote on whether UUFM should issue a public statement of support. To learn more about the ReImageMHK movement, and for more resources about the use of Native American people as mascots, visit www.reimagemhk.wordpress.com.

The resolution to be considered:

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan (UUFM) stands with ReImageMHK to support removing Native American ("Indian") mascots from our community schools. UUFM feels the evidence that such mascots harm youth, including the documented fact that they lead our youth to hold over-simplified and erroneous ideas about present day native people, present a moral dilemma that can only be resolved by phasing out the use of Native American mascots in our community's schools. UUFM understands that this transition may take time, but nonetheless asserts that the decision must be made, now, to end the use of Native American mascots in our community schools.

Please contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or Katie Kingery-Page (immediate Past Board Chair), at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com, with any questions or concerns.

Perhaps the most characteristic element of Christmas is what we call the Christmas spirit, its joy, its reassessment of life as good. This persistent presence is difficult to explain, but no one questions its genuineness. ... Unknown

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



Dec 4: Shirley and Brice Hobrock,
and Larry Weaver
Dec 11: Elke Lorenz, Fred Reynolds, and
Sue Pray
Dec 18: Carrie and Austin Roberts, Kay
Ediger and Colleen Riley
Dec 25: **POTLUCK REFRESHMENTS**
Everyone is a greeter! Bring treats.

THANK YOU to all of our coffee and greet-
ing team volunteers. 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
llkroeger@gmail.com.

OVERFLOW PARKING

Kaw Valley Greenhouse has given permis-
sion 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

Thursday,	Dec	1 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Dec	3 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Dec	5 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	6 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Dec	8 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Dec	10 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Dec	12 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	13 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Dec	15 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Dec	17 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	Dec	19 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	20 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Dec	22 -	1 to 6 pm
Monday,	Dec	26 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	Dec	27 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	Dec	29 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	Dec	31 -	2 to 5 pm

Call office administrator Susan Turner at
537-2349 during office hours, or drop into
the office. She may be reached 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 ADDRESS, PHONE, or EMAIL**, or to
CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION to this newsletter. You may also contact
Susan to learn how to join our private **COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS**
FACEBOOK group.

If you have been considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, ask Welcom-
ing chair Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com,
or Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, to learn more.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost.

An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision or read-
ing 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 Fel-
lowship 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 announce-
ments 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 Com-
mittee chair Linda Kroeger at 565-9645 or llkroeger@gmail.com, 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 sche-
dule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or
office@uufm.net.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the January edition of *The UUFM Voice* is
Sunday, **DECEMBER 18**. Submissions received later will not be included
in the newsletter. Send your submissions to Susan Turner at 539-3272
or office@uufm.net. *Committee chairs and activity organizers*, please let
Susan know about your activities and volunteer needs.

DECEMBER 2016 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	2 6:30 TO 9:30 PM PARENT NIGHT OUT!!! Sandy Nelson, 341-0135 7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY Auntie Mae's Parlor	3 2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
4 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Presence or Presents?</i> 12:15 PM FEEDBACK CIRCLE	5 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	6 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	7 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH 3 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's, (405) 627-3859 6 PM AWED POTLUCK Courtney Albin, 317-8157	8 12 PM CAMPUS LUNCH Student Union Food Court 1 TO 6 PM S TURNER 1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	9 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church 7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE Pat Embers, 410-3627	10 2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
11 9 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Comforting Presence of Music</i> HELPING HANDS SUNDAY MESI Adopt a Family 12:15 PM HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE	12 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	13 1 TO 6 PM S TURNER 1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349 7 PM BOARD MEETING M Campbell, 913 709-4693	14 11 AM TO 1 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's, (405) 627-3859 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH M Oldfather, 537-3738	15 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	16	17 2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
18 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Presence in Ministry of Jesus</i> 12:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL MTG <i>last minute</i> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	20 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	21 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH 2 TO 4 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's, (405) 627-3859 6:30 PM GAME NIGHT Carrie Roberts, 313-3236	22 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	23 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333	24 7 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
25 9 AM UUFM SINGERS rehearse 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Gift of the Magi</i> POTLUCK COFFEE AND GREETING	26 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	27 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	28 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH 3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE	29 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	30 2 TO 4 AM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's, (405) 627-3859	31 2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349