



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

## **A COMMUNITY OF *IDENTITY*?**

*Afraid that our inner light will be extinguished or our inner darkness exposed, we hide our true identities from each other. In the process, we become separated from our own souls. We end up living divided lives, so far removed from the truth we hold within that we cannot know the "integrity that comes from being what you are."*

-- Parker Palmer

*Do I contradict myself? Very well, then I contradict myself, I am large, I contain multitudes.*

-- Walt Whitman

It's one thing for a religion to offer you an identity; it's quite another for a religion to celebrate your identity. At our best, we UUs seek both.

Our entire Soul Matters program is about UU identity. Each month, we lift up a unique value or human quality that our faith calls us to live and lean into. Together, our themes tell us who UUs uniquely are. But that's only half of the equation. In addition to "UU identity," there's also "your identity." And our faith communities are just as committed to that.

These days, identity has become charged in our larger society. As we work to break down sexism, racism, heterosexism, ableism and other systems of oppression and discrimination, we are called to examine our identities and how those identities intersect and play out with others in our world.

Unitarian Universalism and UUUFM welcome your various identities. Don't hide yourself--we want your whole self, even in all its contradictions. We agree with Parker Palmer that our society has separated us from our souls. Indeed, the only relevant religions today are the ones that take this seriously. Hell certainly exists; it's the state of having to hide ourselves. And we also cheer on Walt Whitman's celebration of messiness and contradiction. We don't just want people to be honest about their contradictions; we want them to see those contradictions as great gifts! Bottom line: we want our congregations to be places where you don't have to pretend.

And it's not just the pressure to pretend that breaks our hearts. Our faith also worries about the way our culture urges us to live small. As social critic, Courtney Martin points out, "It's never been more asked of us to show up as only slices of ourselves." The risk of this, of course, is that if we live too long only in our "slices," they become all that we are. There is no greater spiritual warning than one Kurt Vonnegut lifted up: "We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be." Friends, this identity work isn't a game or merely a pastime. It's unquestionably life and death stuff.

And here's the kicker: our faith wants you to stop hiding and live fully, not just for *your* sake, but for *our* sake as well. We are all struggling to escape our slices and connect to our hidden wholeness. Seeing you be real gives us permission to be let our true self out of the dark! Your brave honesty about your contradictions, allows us to proudly strut around in our multitudes! We save each other by being true to ourselves.

So this month, maybe these signs need hung on your own personal doors: Hidden Parts Allowed Out in the Open! Contradictions Welcome! No More Pretending! For all of our sakes.



## FEBRUARY 2017 SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### FEBRUARY 5 "IDENTITY: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Early in our lives, people tell us who we are. Our parents name us and teach us who we are in our families. Over time, we accept or reject the identities we're given, and slowly find our own. Yet, through our lives, the question "Who am I?" remains fundamental. Of course, we never quite get past "Who do I think I am?" How do we learn who we are? How do we become our fullest, most integrated, most authentic self? And what do we do with an identity when we get there? Convener is Marisa Larson, at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

*A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to consider the adoption of a statement of principle on the use of Native American mascots in local public schools meets following the February 5 service. Learn more on page 7 of this newsletter.*

### FEBRUARY 12 "SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS"

Periodically, we invite some of our members to share their journey with us. In this service, we'll learn more about the journeys and identities of some of our newer members: Matt Ebersole, Michelle Hill, and Shannon Skelton. We will also welcome new members during the service and hear from the UUFM Singers. Convener is Mark Clarke at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com.

*All are invited to HISTORY OF UU THEOLOGY, following the February 12 service, at 12:15 pm. Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter.*

### FEBRUARY 19 "LOVE, IDENTITY, AND THE DANGER OF DIFFERENTNESS"

Rev Jill Jarvis, of the UU Congregation of Lawrence, joins us. Who does and doesn't belong in our personal, political, and religious worlds? All of us long to belong, to feel loved and accepted for our true selves. Most of our identities include unequal parts of privilege and oppression ... [H]ow can we resist our all-too-human need to exclude and separate in order to preserve our own specialness? Convener is Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

### FEBRUARY 26 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF IDENTITY?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. So often individualism and community are held up as opposites. What if we held them instead as complementary, more like yin and yang, than as opposites? We welcome individual identities within the community, and don't expect a lockstep march; however, we have to have some cohesion to keep us together. How do we create a balance of supporting individual identities while nurturing our connections? The UUFM Singers will perform. Michaela Sievers, at 410-7775 or sieversm@ksu.edu, convenes.

*Join us for CHALICE CIRCLE LIGHT, following the February 26 service. Learn more on page 2 of this newsletter.*

*We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be.*

... Kurt Vonnegut



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*There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.*

... Ernest Hemingway

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### COMING UP...

We discuss a statement of principle concerning Native American mascots at a *rescheduled CONGREGATIONAL MTG*, Sunday, **FEBRUARY 5**. More on page 7.

This year's **WINTER DINNER** gathers on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 18**. Learn more on page 7.

**BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**, a UU Social Justice conference gathers in Lawrence on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 4**. More on page 5.

Who are you? The simple answer is to respond with a name. Even that has complications--first name or last? Nickname? That name was probably given to you before you had any idea who you were, so how can it really repre-



sent your identity? Your name may have changed during your life. You may have adopted an alias or changed your name when you married or went through a personal transition.

My name has never changed. Named after my father John

and grandfather Lou, I never had a middle name, which caused some consternation as I was growing up. But with a name like mine, there's hardly a reason for a middle name.

People formed impressions of me based on my name, often erroneous impressions. One person told me, "I thought you'd be a tall black woman." When my name came up repeatedly in a conversation many years ago that I wasn't part of, someone interrupted and asked, "Who is this John Lu, this Chinese fellow, you keep mentioning?" Yet, I was not confused about my race, gender or height.

Our identities are a complex mix of facts, experiences, characteristics, hopes and dreams. Basic identifying information such as birthplace, family name, gender, gender identity, and race may carry richer meaning and implications than we imagine. Certainly, simply stating them doesn't begin to disentangle what they mean.

Pieces of our identity may be in our awareness constantly, while we forget or reject other pieces entirely. Our identities may be fragmented or integrated, fully embraced or have pinches of discomfort. My name, for instance, I hated when I was growing up. I wished to be Susan or Jane or Michelle--something normal. But I grew into Jonalu, and let go of the discomfort of it. Though if waitstaff in a restaurant ask me name, I tell them "JJ" for simplicity.

Always, identity is in a context where others are reading who we are and forming their own opinions about who we are, which may or may not coincide with what we believe to be true about ourselves. Sometimes, those observations by others may change how we see our own identity. Sometimes, our identity evolves with our experiences.

Any way you look at it, "Who am I?" is one of the most basic questions we have to answer about ourselves. And the answer may never be complete.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

*Talk to Rev Jonalu Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net) with your thoughts, inspirations and concerns. Check out Jonalu's blog at [uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/](http://uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/)*

### CHALICE CIRCLES

If you missed the chance to sign up for Chalice Circles, some of our groups are welcoming new members. For two hours once a month, each Chalice Circle gathers and members discuss their experience with the theme of the month, based on a packet members have reviewed, including practices for deepening and questions about the theme. Contact Jonalu to find out if one of our groups fits your schedule.

If you want to try out a group without making a commitment, we're going to start offering a monthly **CHALICE CIRCLE LIGHT**, a one-time, one-hour version, where whoever is interested can drop in. February's Chalice Circle Light will be FEBRUARY 26, following the service (about 12:15 pm), in the sanctuary. Michaela Sievers facilitates. No need to preregister; just show up! But, if you will need childcare, please contact Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or [dre@uufm.net](mailto:dre@uufm.net).

### REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb	1 - 3:30 to 5:30 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday, Feb	7 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday, Feb	9 - 1 to 5 pm
Friday, Feb	10 - 3 to 5 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday, Feb	14 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Thursday, Feb	16 - 1 to 5 pm
Saturday, Feb	18 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday, Feb	21 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday, Feb	22 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday, Feb	23 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Feb	28 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday, March	1 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville

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](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## REFLECTIONS

Love is in the air! The Religious Education program is full of love this February. Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes have begun for 5th and 6th graders, continue through the month, and end in mid-March. Many thanks to Carolyn Ferguson and Christopher Renner for leading this class, which meets each Sunday after the service.

On Souper Bowl Sunday (February 5) we'll be feeling the love for the Flint Hills Breadbasket as we collect and count all the donations for the food pantry. Be sure to bring a contribution.

Parent Night Out (February 3) will be chock full of Valentine crafting so we can gift our creations to the Caring Committee to share with folks at Meadowlark and elsewhere. We may have to have a mushy movie in honor of the heart holiday. The Princess Bride perhaps?

Valentine's Day may feel overly commercial these days, but who doesn't need a little loving in their lives? I love each and every parent for sharing their children with our Fellowship. Seeing those young faces makes my heart overflow with warmth. Those tiny melting smiles are filling buckets all over the Fellowship. Let's show the love! Be a bucket filler this month. Remember ... we are the church of the open mind, the helping hands, and the warm heart.

Happy Valentine's Day! *Sandy*

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

*The nitrogen in our DNA, the calcium in our teeth, the iron in our blood, the carbon in our apple pies were made in the interiors of collapsing stars. We are made of stardust.*

... Carl Sagan

## DRE'S SCHEDULE

In February, 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, FEBRUARY 3, 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. In February, we'll watch a romantic movie and dive into Valentine's Day crafts for our Caring Committee to share. 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, February 2*, so that Sandy can gather supplies and make plans. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

*I am difficult, but I promise I am worth it.*

... Unknown

## FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE)

On Saturday, FEBRUARY 18, at 6 pm, the Social Committee hosts our annual **WINTER DINNER**, to raise funds for the Fellowship's General Operations Fund. This year, our theme will be a *Chili Feast*. Chili toppings, drinks, and dessert will be provided for a variety of chilies, created by members and friends. Consider bringing a pot of your favorite chili to share and enter in the friendly competition. Learn more from Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@gmail.com.

## OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL)

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes for 4th through 6th graders will be held through mid-March. OWL is a respected UU sexual education program, where children learn in an accurate and age appropriate way about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Classes meet Sunday afternoons on:

January 29, 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
February 5, 12:30 to 2:15 pm  
February 12, *no class*  
February 19, 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
February 26, 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
March 5, 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
March 12, 12:30 to 2:30 pm

*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, FEBRUARY 1. 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 FEBRUARY 3, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Jessica Sievers at 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com.

The UU **CAMPUS LUNCH** gathers on the second Thursday of each month. Join us on Thursday, FEBRUARY 9, at 12 noon. We'll meet 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, FEBRUARY 10, 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, FEBRUARY 15, 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** meets on Friday, FEBRUARY 24, at 10 am, at the home of Judy and Dick Cattell. We'll explore *Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie. Learn more from Judy Cattell at 320-5470 or catlark1@gmail.com.

*There are your fog people and your sun people, he said. I said I wasn't sure which kind I was. He nodded. Fog'll do that to you, he said.*

... Brian Andreas

### HISTORY OF UU THEOLOGY

Join us for a special opportunity for a quick romp through UU history and theology. From the Radical Reformation in Europe and the Transylvanian king to the US founders (can YOU name the Unitarian Presidents?) to the feminist roots of UU Paganism, we'll blast through the high-points (and occasional lows). We'll meet from 12:15 to 1:15 pm, following the morning service, on FEBRUARY 12. No pre-registration required, but if you'll need childcare, please let Sandy Nelson know at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

### UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse Sunday, FEBRUARY 12 and 26, at 9 am, in the sanctuary. Learn more about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from choir director Michael Oldfather, at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

### CONCERTO CONTEST

The UUFM Music Committee hosts the Manhattan Area Music Teachers Concerto Contest on Saturday, FEBRUARY 11, from 8:30 am to 5:30 PM. Contestants will perform on the Yamaha, while their teachers simulate the orchestra on the piano normally residing in the Alsop room. Interested members are welcome to attend to observe the serious efforts of young students performing great piano music.

### MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service will be on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 22, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service exploring "Identity," our February theme. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



*a Unitarian Universalist  
Social Justice Conference*

Save the date for this upcoming Social Justice conference, scheduled on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 4**, from 8:30 am to 4 pm, at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence. As people of conscience seeking the transformation of our world, we can easily burn out trying to do everything or feel overwhelmed by not knowing where to start. In the meantime, we sometimes do more harm than good if we fail to examine our own hearts. How can we ground our activism in our spirituality? How can we build relationships of trust and accountability with other communities? How have privilege and marginalization shaped our experiences and our complex identities? What creative strategies can we use to foster the deep-rooted changes we want to see in our state? We'll explore these and other questions together as we dream and scheme for social justice in our state. Contact Rev Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan at 720 339-6779 or sarah.oglesby@uufm.org to learn more and register.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, FEBRUARY 3 and 17, 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, 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.

**FACILITIES** Committee chair, Mark Mayfield (ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com), seeks a few volunteers to help with snow removal from the sidewalks around the Fellowship. Jen Campbell, (jgcampbell4@hotmail.com),

**SOCIAL** Committee chair, 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 Shirley Hobrock (shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com), our **WELCOMING** Committee chair, about opportunities to help with a welcoming and greeting event, held roughly every three months.

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

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

The Fellowship is collecting for the Souper Bowl Sunday food drive, benefiting the Flint Hills Breadbasket. As after-holiday donations slow to a trickle, please bring soup and other canned goods to assist families in our community. Particularly needed are cold cereal, shelf-stable canned or bottled juice, boxed mac and cheese, condiments (catsup, salad dressing, etc), vegetable soup, and spaghetti sauce.

*If you will think of yourself as coming out of the earth, rather than having been thrown in here from somewhere else, you see that we are the earth, we are the consciousness of the earth. These are the eyes of the earth. And this is the voice of the earth.*

... Joseph Campbell

## 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, FEBRUARY 12, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **PEGGY BOWMAN SECOND CHANCE FUND**, providing funds for reproductive health care, including abortions, to low-income women in Kansas. Learn more at [www.secondchancefund.net/](http://www.secondchancefund.net/).

*On January 8, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to UFM's Project Excell. 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](mailto:anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net).



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

## KPA RALLY -- KANSAS PEOPLE'S AGENDA 2017



UUFM MEMBERS AND ALLIES FROM MANHATTAN GATHER AT THE KANSAS PEOPLE'S AGENDA RALLY, AT THE STATEHOUSE IN TOPEKA, ON JANUARY 11.



The pleasure of your presence is requested  
on Saturday, **FEBRUARY 18**, at 6 pm,

for UUFM's annual

# WINTER DINNER

benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fund

This year's family-centered theme is a **CHILI TASTING**.

The Social Committee will provide chili toppings, dessert and drinks.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

*Those attending are encouraged to bring a pot of your favorite chili to share, for entry in a friendly competition.*

Tickets are available following Sunday services, or at the door.

Learn more from Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or [jgcampbell4@gmail.com](mailto:jgcampbell4@gmail.com).

## NEWS FROM THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

*Strategic Planning Committee chair Kathleen Tanona (537-6208 or [kmtanona@hotmail.com](mailto:kmtanona@hotmail.com)), offers this report:*

I wanted to update you on where our committee is with our exploration into facilities. I wrote last month that we had received a site assessment and expansion plan from Bowman and Associates. We recently received a cost analysis for building additions, parking renovations and landscape. This includes addressing our drainage issues within the landscape that continue to plague our upper lot and driveway. It is very exciting to see and I hope to share these drawings and plans in the near future. Our committee also decided to look at options that would give us a space in town, either with a new building, land to build or even a small UU house/meeting space. One avenue of exploration we are looking into is a shared space for both worship and social justice. The Mennonite congregation has purchased the lot at Poyntz and 9th, an ideal location. A couple of our members and Reverend Jonalu met with Pastor Barb Gehring and a couple of their members to discuss what they have planned and if there was any common ground to be explored. We were delighted to list many common goals of our congregations and we had a longer list of "pros" in comparison to "cons." The Mennonites are a Christian based religion, they do not have a creed and their symbol is a dove with an olive branch, not a cross. Peace and social justice are at the core of their beliefs. The ministers have agreed to a pulpit exchange this upcoming Spring as a next step. The Strategic Planning committee will be preparing a report to present to the Board and then we hope to be talking with the larger congregation. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

In Faith, *Kathleen Tanona*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

BUDGETING TIME! It is time to begin planning for next year. Each committee chair has been asked to submit a budget for the next fiscal year beginning June 1. With input from the Finance Committee, I will put it together to present to the Board on February 14. The Board will make final changes to prepare the budget for the Annual meeting in April. *PLEASE SEND ME YOUR BUDGET REQUESTS BY FEBRUARY 7.* If you have any questions or concerns contact me.

*Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer*

*Learn more about Fellowship finances, make your pledge, or set up a convenient automatic payment option. Contact Fellowship Treasurer Kathleen Oldfather at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com).*

## NEW MEMBER SOUP SOCIAL

New members and friends are invited to a Soup Social on Friday, FEBRUARY 10, at 6 pm, at Shirley and Brice Hobrock's, 4009 Snowy Reach, in Manhattan. This is an opportunity to get acquainted in an informal setting. Please RSVP to Shirley at 776-3175 or [shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com). There will be a brief, New Member Recognition ceremony during the service on Sunday, February 12. If you would like to commit to becoming a member and be included in this event please talk to Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or [shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com).



Members are encouraged to attend a

## Congregational Meeting

on Sunday, **February 5**,  
following the morning service,

to discuss and vote upon a resolution regarding ending the use of Native American mascots in our community schools. This meeting has been rescheduled from the original date of December 18, when frigid weather prevented the gathering of a quorum. Many UUFM members and Rev Johnstone have been active in the movement to change the mascot, currently an "Indian." ReImageMHK approached Rev 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. Learn more and find resources about the use of Native American people as mascots, at

<https://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.*

## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



Feb 5: Margene Moss, Catherine Crites,  
Terri Franz, and Belle Federman  
Feb 12: Harriette Janke, Tom Phillips,  
and Susan Adamchak  
Feb 19: Betty Banner, Deirdre Greeley,  
Chris Bailey, and Enell Foerster  
Feb 26: Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, and  
Gail Ragan

Learn more about coffee and greeting  
teams 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.

*I can tell a lot about a person by what  
they choose to see in me.*

... Unknown

## Administrator's Schedule

Thursday, February	2 - 1 to 6 pm
Saturday, February	4 - 2 to 5 pm
Monday, February	6 - 1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, February	7 - 1 to 6 pm
Thursday, February	9 - 1 to 6 pm
Saturday, February	11 - 2 to 5 pm
Monday, February	13 - 1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, February	14 - 1 to 6 pm
Thursday, February	16 - 1 to 6 pm
Saturday, February	18 - 2 to 5 pm
Monday, February	20 - 1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, February	21 - 1 to 6 pm
Thursday, February	23 - 1 to 6 pm
Saturday, February	25 - 2 to 5 pm
Monday, February	27 - 1 to 6 pm
Tuesday, February	28 - 1 to 6 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](http://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.

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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.

## MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the March edition of *The UUFM Voice* is  
Sunday, **FEBRUARY 19**. 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.



# **FEBRUARY 2017** at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH  3:30 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's Bakehouse 6 PM AWED POTLUCK <i>Social Action, Sunday Services, Facilities Cmte</i>	<b>2</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church  6:30 TO 9:30 PM <b>PARENT NIGHT OUT!!!</b> Sandy Nelson, 341-0135 7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY Auntie Mae's Parlor	<b>4</b> 9 AM TO 4 PM <b>BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY</b> UU Congregation of Lawrence <i>page 5 of newsletter</i> 2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>5</b> 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Who Do You Think You Are?</i> 12:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL MTG Native American Mascots	<b>6</b>  1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>7</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>8</b>  12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room	<b>9</b> 12 PM <b>UU CAMPUS LUNCH</b> Student Union Food Court 1 TO 6 PM S TURNER 1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>10</b> 3 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE at Radina's Bakehouse 405 627-3859 5 PM SOUP SOCIAL Shirley Hobrock, 776-3175 7 PM UU DRUM CIRCLE Pat Embers, 539-2819	<b>11</b> 8 AM TO 5 PM <b>MHK MUSIC TEACHERS CONCERTO CONTEST</b>  2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>12</b> 9 AM SINGERS REHEARSE 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Spiritual Journeys</i> <b>HELPING HANDS SUNDAY</b> Peggy Bowman Fund 12:15 PM UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY	<b>13</b>  1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>14</b> 1 TO 6 PM S TURNER 1:30 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349 7 PM BOARD MEETING Matt Campbell (913) 709-4693	<b>15</b> 12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH Jupiter room  6:30 PM GAME NIGHT Carrie Roberts, 313-3236	<b>16</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>17</b> 7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church Jennifer Bryan, 537-0333	<b>18</b> 10 AM TO 12 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's in Aggieville 2 TO 5 PM S TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 6 PM <b>WINTER DINNER</b> <i>CHILI COOK OFF</i> <i>page 7 of newsletter</i>
<b>19</b> 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>Love, Identity, and the Danger of Differentness</i>  LAST MINUTE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>20</b>  1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>21</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>22</b> 10 AM TO 12 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's in Aggieville  12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH 3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE	<b>23</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>24</b>  10 AM BOOK DISCUSSION Judy Cattell, 320-5470	<b>25</b> 12 TO 5 PM PRIVATE EVENT Alsop and Jupiter rooms  2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>26</b> 9 AM SINGERS REHEARSE 10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE <i>What Does It Mean to Be a Community of Identity?</i> 12:15 PM CHALICE CIRCLE LIGHT - All are invited!	<b>27</b>  1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>28</b> 1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1:30 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349				