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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

A COMMUNITY OF TRANSFORMATION?

Let mystery have its place in you; do not be always turning up your whole soil with the plowshare of self-examination, but leave a little fallow corner in your heart ready for any seed the winds may bring, and reserve a nook of shadow for the passing bird; keep a place in your heart for the unexpected guests, an altar for an unknown God. -- Henri-Frederic Ariel

Make a bit of room. Leave a little space. That may not sound like anything radical or revolutionary. But it turns out that it is one of Life's favorite ways to make us into something new.

Be cautious with those cultural messages about aggressively tilling and turning up your whole soil. Watch out for all the heroic talk about striving and perfecting, struggle and control. Much of the time, transformation is a much subtler art. It's about stillness, listening and waiting to be led, not fighting with yourself and others to make sure you are in the lead.

In short, when it comes to transformation, the message of spirituality is "Be careful with what you've been taught and told because much of it takes us in exactly the wrong direction." Our challenge as a community of transformation is to remind each other to take a different tack. More often than not, it's about breathing rather than becoming better; patience not perfection; depth not dominance; attention not improvement; seeing things from a different perspective, not pushing forward our current one.

That part about attention instead of improvement is especially important. It's so easy to get transformation mixed up with fixing. And fixing is transformation's biggest foe. Fixing brings technical change--replacing version 2.0 with version 2.1. Transformation is adaptive change, growing into a whole new reality; one we cannot even imagine when we start. Trying to purify or prove ourselves is the surest way to stay stuck in the old reality. The pursuit of purity focuses us on our inadequacy and inferiority, causing us to overlook those unexpected guests that Henri-Frederic speaks of.

And, friends, we don't want to miss those unexpected guests! Those seeds brought by the wind and those passing birds are the partners that make transformation possible. They help us notice new paths. They invite us to walk with a new step. They awaken in us new songs. They remind us that transformation is not something we do alone. They assure us that transformation doesn't have to be a long and lonely struggle, but instead can be more like learning a new dance with a new friend. All we have to do is trust, take the hand of that "unknown God" and follow its lead.

So, friends, this month, leave some room on that dance floor of yours. Keep your eyes peeled. And when that unexpected guest reaches out its hand, don't be afraid.



APRIL 2017 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN APRIL EXPLORES

"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF **TRANSFORMATION**?"

APRIL 2 "QUESTION BOX SUNDAY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone introduces a new format. To kick off our month on transformation, we are transforming the substance of the service. Instead of one central reflection about a topic or theme, Rev Jonalu will answer YOUR questions. In order to organize (and maybe even research a bit!), we'd like to have those questions by *Friday March 31*. Email questions to jonalu@sbcglobal.net or ibyte64@gmail.com (Mark Clarke), or put them in the box in the narthex. Convener is Mark Clarke at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com.

APRIL 9 "WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A COMMUNITY OF TRANSFORMATION?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Transformation is central to the religious experience, whatever tradition you come from. Our intent is to always become better people than we were. How does a community work to transform its members? How do we support transformation in one another and how do we overcome our own resistance to transformation? What might we be able to transform our Fellowship into? Convener is Emily Fraser at 517 231-5504 or emily.jeanne.fraser@gmail.com.

Stay for **CHALICE CIRCLE LIGHT** following the service. Learn more on page 3.

APRIL 16 "TRANSFORMING TRADITIONAL STORIES"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads this service. Easter and Passover coincide this year, two holidays deeply related, but with radically different messages. Many of us have rejected the traditional messages, but there is something in the stories of freedom and resurrection that will not let us go. How do we transform traditional stories with new readings that may have meaning for contemporary Unitarian Universalists? Convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

Stay for our **EASTER POTLUCK** brunch following the service. Learn more on page 5.

APRIL 23 "WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO TRANSFORM SOCIETY?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. Unitarian and Universalists have a history of both Utopianism, founding communities apart from society that worked to live out our values, and social action to remake the world we live in. We'll look at how our history of idealism and activism may serve and inspire us in today's troubled world to do what we can to transform society. Dave Lambert, at 587-8750 or david.k.lambert@gmail.com, convenes.

Following the April 23 service, our **2017 ANNUAL MEETING** gathers in the sanctuary. Members are urged to participate. Learn more on page 7 of this newsletter.

APRIL 30 "IMMIGRATION: FREEDOM AND SANCTUARY, LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY"

Fellowship members Michael Oldfather and Christopher Renner speak. The topic of immigration inflames political passions and touches real lives. The ACLU has proposed Freedom Cities, and the UUA is working on a New Sanctuary Movement. We'll consider the economics of immigration, the local impact, and what actions we might take to live out our values. Besides in-house speakers, others knowledgeable about local immigration issues may participate. Mark Clarke, at 341-7308 or ibyte64@gmail.com, convenes.

Prayer does not change God; it changes the one who offers it. ... Kierkegaard



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Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
<http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program>

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at **10:45 AM**

at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**

*It is not the strongest of the
species that survives, nor the
most intelligent, but the one most
responsive to change.*

... Charles Darwin

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COMING UP ...

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** gathers following the Sunday service, on **APRIL 23**. Review details on page 7.

Don't miss our **EASTER POTLUCK**

BRUNCH on Sunday, **APRIL 16**. Learn more on page 5.

Join us in joyous support of the LGBTQ community at the 8th annual **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE**, on Saturday, **APRIL 22**. More on page 4.

Nothing remains as it was. If you know this, you can begin again, with pure joy in the uprooting. ... Judith Minty

Here at the intersection of risk (March's theme) and transformation (April's theme), I pause to observe our context.

Our fellowship has committed itself to being a visible beacon of liberal religious messages of hope and meaning in our local community. That means taking risks to create transformation.



The first requirement when we speak about transformation is letting go of the idea that we know what we will look like ten years from now. If we knew, we wouldn't be welcoming real transformation.

At a recent service, we invited consideration of various ways the congregation could change. Some probably make you nervous. Some feel unthinkable. What if the congregation were only virtual? What if it met sometime other than on Sunday? Such ideas are improbable. Others, though, are more feasible--and more immediate--than some might think.

If we are to have the capacity to grow in the ways that the congregation has agreed to, change is required. Our parking lot is full most Sundays; that keeps other people from joining us. At least three-quarters of the time, we are more than three-quarters full in the sanctuary. That also discourages people from joining us. Our children and youth, especially the teens, have makeshift space, rather than a place of their own.

Our Strategic Planning Committee continues to look at long-term options in terms of expansion of our building or moving to a new location. But we need change sooner than that can be accomplished.

The Executive Board has agreed on the appointment of a task force to look at moving to two services. This would be a huge step that would affect many aspects of our community, including religious education, music, greeting, fellowship, and more. We will be careful and strategic about how to proceed. But if we wish to grow in the ways the congregation has committed itself to, we have to make some changes.

In the meantime, if you can park across the street at the nursery on Sunday mornings, please do. If you're willing to

sit towards the front the sanctuary, that's great too. Help us leave room for others.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

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

WEEKLY MEDITATION CIRCLE

Everyone is welcome to join us for meditation at 4 PM, on SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, in the sanctuary. No experience necessary! We'll have time to reflect with guided and silent meditation and to share our experience with meditation. Each week will be different, and we'll see what patterns emerge. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or just drop in!

CHALICE CIRCLE LIGHT

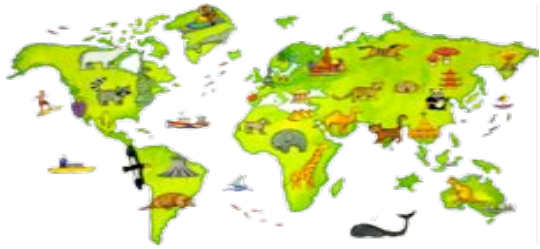
Chalice Circle Light gives people a chance to sample the Chalice Circle process without making a commitment to a group. Michaela Sievers leads a Chalice Circle Light following the service, on APRIL 9, at 12:15 pm, in the sanctuary, for about an hour. All are welcome. Learn more from Michaela at 410-7775 or sieversm@ksu.edu.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday,	April 4	- 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April 5	- 1 to 3 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday,	April 11	- 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April 12	- 11 am to 1 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	April 13	- 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April 18	- 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	April 20	- 1 to 5 pm
Friday,	April 21	- 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April 25	- 1 to 5 pm

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. Jonalu will be out of town for the UU MidAmerica Regional Assembly and ministers' meeting, April 26 through April 30. She can be reached by cell phone and email. To arrange meetings at other times, please call or email revjonalu@uufm.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



SUMMER PLANNING

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING! THE SUMMER PROGRAM IS COMING!

Once again our RE students will travel around the world, learning new skills along the way, without ever leaving Kansas. Every week a new host from the Fellowship will take them on a "tour" of a far-away place, new skill, imaginary or real life destination. UUFM World Travelers are looking for you. Our students would love to visit with you on a Sunday morning and learn all about one of your passions. Do you enjoy bird watching? Share your passion! Do you love to cook? Share your passion! Have you been on a cruise? Share the adventure with our children! A sampling of past "journeys" include: a trip through the Milky Way Galaxy, a search through the Amazon, a journey to Laos complete with Laos "bingo" as a learning tool, exploration of cave art, the world of bees, a tour of PIZZA! Got a seed of an idea? Tell me and together we'll turn it into a whole program. It's easy--just ask a few of the folks who have done it in the past: Tom and Monta Manney, Dick Beeman, Larry Weaver, Ken Embers, Charley Kempthorne, Sylvia Beeman, Mike Bonella, Brice Hobrock, Scott Tanona, Lily Colburn, Matt Campbell, Susan Adamchak ... Let's add your name to the list! If you'd like to host a "tour" or just help out as an extra adult in the room, please let me know. We have lots of slots to fill and always welcome volunteers.

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

You cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad.

... C S Lewis

DRE's SCHEDULE

In April, 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, APRIL 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. *Parent Night Out is 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. Supper is NOT served at Parent Night Out so please be sure your kids are fed before arriving. This is an RSVP event and space is limited. Please *RSVP no later than Thursday, April 6*, so that supplies and volunteers can be gathered. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

FAMILY FUN (FOR EVERYONE)

Join us following the Sunday morning service on **APRIL 16**, for the Fellowship's annual **EASTER POTLUCK** Brunch, and **EASTER EGG HUNT**. Kids are invited to eat first and then gather in the Jupiter room to begin egg hunting at about 12:15 pm. If you've never seen the egg hunt--we do things a little different. The hunt is not a free-for-all. Instead, each plastic egg has a letter sticker and kids hunt for the secret word (SPRING). Once they've found their six eggs they're exchanged for a wide selection of fun Easter trinkets. Each age group has an area to search. Older kids have to really hunt for their eggs all the way up the hill. Younger kids have an easier time of it around the flat areas. Teens are encouraged to assist the younger children. It's always fun and no one goes home disappointed.

Please join us for the 8th annual **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE**, on Saturday, **APRIL 22**. Let's show the greater community that UUFM is here and supports the LGBTQ community! MARCH WITH UUFM: *Be a beacon* ... We need kids to help hold signs, ride bikes, and be colorful. We'll have lots of crepe paper streamers to decorate bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Parade details are still coming together, but we'll gather at a soon-to-be-designated location at about 10 am. The parade starts at 10:30 am. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and colorful clothing. WATCH AND CHEER: Those who prefer to show their support by cheering for those marching can gather at City Park along 11th Street, near Johnny Kaw. Bring your folding chairs and line the street at 10:45 am. After the parade passes you can join it and march toward the pavilion or catch a ride for the final festivities. I'll be shuttling anyone who wants a ride so give me a call and we can coordinate. Bring your friends. The more the merrier!

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, APRIL 5. Following dinner at 6 pm, there are social activities for all ages. The Social Action Committee will meet to make decisions about the coming year's Helping Hands recipients. 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 APRIL 7, 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, APRIL 13, 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 UU **DRUM CIRCLE** gathers on Friday, APRIL 14, at 7 pm, at the Fellowship. UU **FM** 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, APRIL 19, 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 UU **FM** **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, APRIL 28, at 10 am, at the home of Lorrie Cross. We'll be reading and discussing *Please Look After Mom*, by Kyung-sook Shin. Learn more from Lorrie at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced.

... James Baldwin



EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH

Don't miss our annual Easter Brunch following the Sunday morning service on **APRIL 16**.

Bring your favorite Easter dish to share, if you are able, and join us for good food and great company. Parents, ask Sandy Nelson or any RE teacher, about the Easter egg hunt, which follows brunch! Learn more, and find out how you can help, from Jen Campbell at 640-3828 or jgcampbell4@gmail.com.

KANSAS UU YOUTH CLUSTER

This Spring, youth in 7th to 12th grades from around the area are invited to attend an overnight gathering at our Fellowship in Manhattan on Friday, MAY 12, through Saturday, MAY 13. This is a chaperoned event to encourage UU youth from around Kansas to get to know one another. There will be food, drumming, food, games, food, stargazing, food, movies, food, and more! Planning is in the early stages so watch for email updates. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

UUFM SINGERS

The UU **FM** Singers rehearse Sunday, APRIL 16 and 23, 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.

INDIVISIBLE MANHATTANKS

Indivisible ManhattanKS will hold a membership meeting on Saturday, APRIL 8, at 2 pm, at the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. The focus of the meeting is an effort to make Manhattan a "Freedom City." Freedom Cities is a campaign by the ACLU. This national campaign is to ensure immigrants are not targets of police harassment ... tak[ing] the fight to the local level. View the ACLU webinar at [youtube.com/watch?v=8mR449w4Qmo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mR449w4Qmo), or talk to Christopher Renner at 341-9459 or renner1974@gmail.com.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service will be on Wednesday, APRIL 19, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in the main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service exploring TRANSFORMATION, our April theme. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** on Friday, APRIL 14 and 28, 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 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 harriettejanke@gmail.com.

If you see what needs to be repaired and how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that God has left for you to complete. But if you only see what is wrong and what is ugly in the world, then it is you yourself that needs repair.

... Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn

Spiritual transformation is a death as well as a birth. The teachers who help us to grow know that it can't happen without this pain. They don't save us from it--in fact, what they do usually intensifies it.

... Rev Amy Zucker Morgenstern

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, APRIL 9, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **THE FAIRY GODMOTHERS' FUND**, making grants to meet the immediate and critical needs of local women that are not being met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at www.fgfund.org/.

On March 12, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to the Wonder Workshop Children's Museum. 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.

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.



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The UUFM Social Action Committee will be collecting

## Toiletries and Personal Care Products

for clients (men, women, and children) of

**The Crisis Center**

and **Manhattan Emergency Shelter**

all month in April.

If you plan to travel during Spring Break, or anytime in April, remember to collect unopened travel packages of shampoo, deodorant, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, etc, and place in the box provided in the narthex, all through April.

Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com).

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 23**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (June 1, 2017 thru May 31, 2018). Please review the information provided below, to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

### PROPOSED FY 2017/2018 UUFM BUDGET

| UUFM Budget                            | FY 17/18 Budget |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                          |                 |
| Ministerial Transition                 | <b>6,000</b>    |
| Contributions-Cash                     | <b>3,000</b>    |
| Contributions-Non-pledge               | <b>4,000</b>    |
| Contributions-Pledges                  | <b>125,000</b>  |
| Fund Raising                           | <b>4,000</b>    |
| Interest                               | <b>0</b>        |
| UUA Common Endowment Distribution      | <b>500</b>      |
| Other Income (mostly rental)           | <b>1,000</b>    |
| Total Income                           | <b>143,500</b>  |
| <b>Expense</b>                         |                 |
| Administration                         | <b>2,800</b>    |
| Building Contingency Fund              | <b>0</b>        |
| Caring                                 | <b>100</b>      |
| Communications/Publicity               | <b>3,000</b>    |
| Developmental Ministry Consulting      | <b>500</b>      |
| Dues (based on 112 members)            | <b>9,632</b>    |
| Facilities                             | <b>9,205</b>    |
| Green Sanctuary                        | <b>100</b>      |
| Insurance                              | <b>4,200</b>    |
| Leadership Development                 | <b>0</b>        |
| Legal Fees                             | <b>40</b>       |
| Membership                             | <b>450</b>      |
| Minister's Discretionary Fund          | <b>300</b>      |
| Music                                  | <b>620</b>      |
| Payroll                                | <b>131,593</b>  |
| Religious Education                    | <b>1,960</b>    |
| Sitter                                 | <b>400</b>      |
| Social                                 | <b>840</b>      |
| Social Action                          | <b>2,720</b>    |
| Stewardship                            | <b>200</b>      |
| Sunday Services                        | <b>900</b>      |
| Utilities                              | <b>7,000</b>    |
| Welcoming Congregation                 | <b>100</b>      |
| Total Expense                          | <b>176,660</b>  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                      | <b>(33,160)</b> |
| Transfer of Ministerial Trans. Savings | <b>33,160</b>   |
| <b>Net Income after Transfer</b>       | <b>0</b>        |

### BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES

Katie Kingery-Page, Nominating Committee chair, and committee members present the slate of Executive Board officers. Candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

Chair - Courtney Albin  
 Chair-Elect - **JESSICA SIEVERS**  
 Treasurer - Kathleen Oldfather  
 Secretary - **CHRIS BAILEY**  
 Member-at-Large - **ELI MARTINSON**  
 Member-at-Large - Linda Kroeger  
 Past Chair - Matthew Campbell

### NOTES ON PROPOSED 2017/2018 BUDGET

The UUFM Board recommends this budget for your approval. Various committees and individuals submitted budget requests based on the Congregation's vision and plans for the coming year. Total expenses are estimated to be \$176,660. This is an increase of 2.16% over last year's approved budget of \$172,930.

Payroll makes up almost 75% of our budget, or \$131,593. The Board included a \$1000 raise for Rev Johnstone in this budget to bring her in line with UUA recommendations. It includes small raises for our other dedicated staff.

The Lay Leadership line has been reduced to zero for this year because we have access to some funds from the Lay Leadership Fund at the Community Foundation. We also reduced the Building Contingency Fund to zero for this year because the Facilities Committee has doubled its budget request to make a possible change to the Jupiter Room to increase the number of RE rooms available. This, frankly, is still under discussion, but we wanted to plan for it. Last, Facilities is also proposing to make electrical improvements in the Alsop room so we can plug in more coffee pots! These are the major changes in the budget.

How to pay for this? Give generously. We hope to increase pledged money by about 20% through new pledges and increases. Previous pledges to help with the ministerial transition are still expected this coming year. Favorite fund raising activities will continue. And the deficit will be covered using funds set aside in a ministerial transition savings account two years ago. Thank you for your continued support.

Contact Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer, with questions, or for clarification, on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018. Kathleen can be reached at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com).

*Nature does not ask permission. Neither do you have to. Blossom and birth whenever you feel like it.*

... Clarissa Pinkola Estés

The UUUFM Aesthetics Committee announces  
a call for all artists to submit

# Original Art



for the next in our series of  
**Art Exhibitions**  
at the



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Manhattan

**Deadline** for submissions is Sunday, April 9

We invite Fellowship artists of *ANY AGE* to submit their work!

This is a mixed show, and all works suitable for hanging--including photographs, paintings, drawings, fiber art, collage, etc--are solicited from our many talented members and friends. Art may be submitted to any Aesthetics Committee member:

Kim Belanger, Harriette Janke, Anne Marchin or Lorrie Cross, at 539-7883 or [lmcross@kansas.net](mailto:lmcross@kansas.net). Or, bring in your work during Susan Turner's office hours, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 6 pm, and Saturdays, from 2 to 5 pm.

*Please include a note with artist's name, contact information, media/type of art, price (if for sale), and title.*



Please join us at the Fellowship on

**Saturday, April 8**

beginning at 9 am  
for our annual



## Spring Work Day



It's time to get together to clean and maintain our Fellowship building and grounds. This is a one-day activity, so come out to enjoy the season, and that satisfying feeling of a job well done.

*At 12 noon, we'll break for a **potluck lunch!***

Even if you aren't able to work that morning, bring a dish to share and join us for a good meal, and great company!

Learn more from Facilities chair Mark Mayfield at 776-6495 or [ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com](mailto:ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com), or Grounds chair Sylvia Beeman at 539-9369 or [sbeewoman@hotmail.com](mailto:sbeewoman@hotmail.com).

### CHILD DEDICATION

Mothers Day, Sunday, MAY 14, is a lovely day for a child dedication. In Unitarian Universalism, we do not baptize children. However, it can be meaningful to do a dedication. Rather than washing away sin or dedicating the child to a religion they do not have the chance to choose, we dedicate ourselves (parents, sometimes other family members or sponsors, and the entire congregation) to helping the child grow up with meaning, freedom, truth and love. If you have children under 2 who have not yet been dedicated and you would like to have such a ceremony on Mothers Day (or another day for that matter!), please contact Rev Jonalu at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

*We are the first generation to feel the sting of climate change, and we are the last generation that can do something about it.*

... Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington

### GROWGREEN MATCH DAY -- APRIL 21

Once again the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) is holding Grow Green Match Day on Friday, April 21. You must stop by Colony Square Atrium between 7 am and 7 pm. (Online gifts can be made between 12 am and 11:59 pm.) UUUFM's permanent endowments are held at GMCF. This year, your donations will go toward the Lay Leadership Fund. *Every donation between \$25 and \$1,000 made to this fund generates a 50% match that goes directly to UUUFM.* Money donated will stay in the endowment long term. UUUFM has access to a certain percent each year. Learn more at [www.growgreenmanhattan.com/index.cfm](http://www.growgreenmanhattan.com/index.cfm). If you have questions, talk to Scott Tanona, Stewardship Chair; Chris Bailey, Board Member; Betty Banner; or Kathleen Oldfather, Treasurer, at 537-3738 or [kjoldfather@gmail.com](mailto:kjoldfather@gmail.com).

## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- April 2: Dave Lambert, Pat Embers,  
and Larry Weaver
- April 9: Elke Lorenz, Fred Reynolds,  
and Sue Pray
- April 16: **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH**  
*Social Committee, volunteers*
- April 23: Carrie and Austin Roberts, and  
Kay Ediger and Colleen Riley
- April 30: Linda Kroeger, Marisa Larson,  
and Susan Gormely

Learn more about coffee and greeting  
teams from Harriette Janke at 539-0865  
or harriettejanke@gmail.com.

### 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.

*Always be a work in progress.*

... Emily Lillian

### Administrator's Schedule

|                 |                |
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| Saturday, April | 1 - 2 to 5 pm  |
| Monday, April   | 3 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Tuesday, April  | 4 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Thursday, April | 6 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Saturday, April | 8 - 2 to 5 pm  |
| Monday, April   | 10 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday, April  | 11 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, April | 13 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, April | 15 - 2 to 5 pm |
| Monday, April   | 17 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday, April  | 18 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, April | 20 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, April | 22 - 2 to 5 pm |
| Monday, April   | 24 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday, April  | 25 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, April | 27 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, April | 29 - 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](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.

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.

### MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - NEW DEADLINE!

Beginning in May, we're moving to a new e-newsletter format. To coordi-  
nate postings across our multiple media outlets, the deadline for submis-  
sions to the *The UUFM Voice* will be Saturday, **APRIL 15**. Submissions  
received later will not be included in the newsletter. Send your submis-  
sions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

## Calendar

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| <u>26</u><br><a href="#">Singers Rehearse</a><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><a href="#">Sunday Service</a><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">Meditation Circle</a><br>4:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                                                    | <u>27</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm | <u>28</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                               | <u>29</u><br><a href="#">Men's Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm                                                                                                      | <u>30</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                     | <u>31</u><br><a href="#">Happy Kitchen</a><br>7:00-8:30 am<br><a href="#">Book Discussion</a><br>10:00-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">Jonalu at Radina's</a><br>11:00-1:00 pm | <u>1</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>2:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                              |    |
| <u>2</u><br><a href="#">Singers Rehearse</a><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><a href="#">Sunday Service</a><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">Meditation Circle</a><br>4:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                                                     | <u>3</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm  | <u>4</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                | <u>5</u><br><a href="#">Men's Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">Jonalu at Radina's</a><br>1:00-3:00 pm<br><a href="#">AWeD Potluck</a><br>6:00-9:00 pm | <u>6</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                                          | <u>7</u><br><a href="#">Parent Night Out</a><br>6:30-9:30 pm<br><a href="#">Beer and Theology</a><br>7:00-9:00 pm                                                      | <u>8</u><br><a href="#">Spring WORK DAY!!!</a><br>9:00-2:00 pm<br><a href="#">Indivisible MHK mtg</a><br>2:00-4:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>2:00-5:00 pm |    |
| <u>9</u><br><a href="#">Art Exhibit Deadline</a><br>12:00-12:00 am<br><a href="#">Sunday Service</a><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">Helping Hands - Fairy Godmothers</a><br>11:00-11:00 am<br><a href="#">Chalice Circle Light</a><br>12:15-1:15 pm<br><a href="#">Meditation Circle</a><br>4:00-5:00 pm | <u>10</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm | <u>11</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:30-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm<br><a href="#">Board Mtg</a><br>7:00-9:00 pm                  | <u>12</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu at Radina's</a><br>11:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">Men's Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm                                               | <u>13</u><br><a href="#">UU Campus Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm | <u>14</u><br><a href="#">Happy Kitchen</a><br>7:00-8:30 am<br><a href="#">Drum Circle</a><br>7:00-9:00 pm                                                              | <u>15</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>2:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Newsletter DEADLINE</a><br>11:00-11:00 pm                                                    |    |
| <u>16</u><br><a href="#">Singers Rehearse</a><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><a href="#">Sunday Service</a><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">Easter Brunch / Egg Hunt</a><br>12:15-2:00 pm<br><a href="#">Meditation Circle</a><br>4:00-5:00 pm                                                                       | <u>17</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm | <u>18</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm<br><a href="#">3rd Tuesday Chalice Circle</a><br>6:30-8:00 pm | <u>19</u><br><a href="#">Men's Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">Meadowlark Service</a><br>3:00-4:00 pm<br><a href="#">Game Night</a><br>6:30-9:30 pm  | <u>20</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                     | <u>21</u><br><a href="#">GrowGreen Match Day</a><br>12:00-12:00 am<br><a href="#">Jonalu at Radina's</a><br>2:00-4:00 pm                                               | <u>22</u><br><a href="#">Little Apple Pride Parade</a><br>10:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>2:00-5:00 pm                                               |    |
| <u>23</u><br><a href="#">Singers Rehearse</a><br>9:00-10:30 am<br><a href="#">Sunday Service</a><br>10:45-12:00 pm<br><a href="#">2017 UUUFM Annual Meeting</a><br>12:15-2:00 pm<br><a href="#">Meditation Circle</a><br>4:00-5:00 pm                                                                      | <u>24</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm | <u>25</u><br><a href="#">Jonalu Johnstone</a><br>1:00-5:00 pm<br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                               | <u>26</u><br><a href="#">Men's Lunch</a><br>12:00-1:00 pm<br><a href="#">4th Wednesday Chalice Circle</a><br>6:00-8:00 pm                                      | <u>27</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>1:00-6:00 pm<br><a href="#">Sandy Nelson</a><br>3:30-4:30 pm                                                                                                         | <u>28</u><br><a href="#">Happy Kitchen</a><br>7:00-8:30 am<br><a href="#">Book Discussion</a><br>10:00-12:00 pm                                                        | <u>29</u><br><a href="#">Susan Turner</a><br>2:00-5:00 pm                                                                                                             |    |
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Please contact Sue Turner ([office@uufm.net](mailto:office@uufm.net)) to have an event added to the calendar.