

AUGUST 2018 SUNDAY SERVICES

AUGUST 5 "GETTING TO KNOW UU: WHO WE ARE"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. "We are co-creating the faith we long for," says The Rev Meg Riley, Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, a UU congregation without walls. If that's true, then it matters deeply who we are. A motley crew of theists, humanists, feminists, people of all ages, many backgrounds and many beliefs--some that contradict each other. What's our common ground? Who are we? Convener for this service is Rob Morrison at 480 861-1732 or william.robert.morrison@gmail.com.

AUGUST 12 "GETTING TO KNOW UU: 450 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM"

Jonalu Johnstone considers our history. In 1568, King John Sigismund of Transylvania proclaimed religious freedom for his kingdom. So began the Unitarian commitment to free thought that continues to this day. As we celebrate 450 years of religious freedom, what can we learn from the history we have lived? Marisa Larson, at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com, convenes.

AUGUST 19 "GETTING TO KNOW UU: DEEDS, NOT CREEDS"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone reflects, "With the commitment to religious freedom came the commitment to action on this earth during our lives to make a difference. While it matters what we believe, it matters more what we do--how we live our lives as people, as parents, as partners, as workers, as citizens. We'll consider the legacy and future of living out a Unitarian Universalist faith." Convener is Larry Weaver at 539-3176 or lweaver@phys.ksu.edu.

AUGUST 26 "GETTING TO KNOW UU:

ADAPTING TO A CHANGING WORLD WITH A CHANGING SELF"

Our third principle calls for "acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations." We expect that our ideas and perspectives with grow, deepen and even change. Our commitment begins in childhood, where we choose to encourage our children's curiosity and questions, rather than indoctrinating them. It continues lifelong, as we respond to developments in the world with flexibility and lifelong learning. Convener is Elke Lorenz at 785 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.



UUFM IS A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at <u>www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program</u> **UU FELLOWSHIP OF MANHATTAN**

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COMING UP ...

Join us for a **FAMILY YOGA CLASS** at the library, on Saturday **AUGUST 25**. Learn more on page 3.

Can you help staff our table at **PURPLE POWERPLAY** in the park, on Thursday, and Friday, **August 30** and **31**? More on pages 4 and 5. Why are you a Unitarian Universalist? (assuming you are!) Maybe you came for religious education for your children. Maybe the social activism drew you in. Maybe you were looking for a community of support after a difficult time in your life.

I stumbled onto Unitarian Universalism forty years ago when the Southern Baptist theology I grew up with no longer worked for me, but I still loved church. I continue to love the idea that people can come together to support one another and make a difference in the world. That's one story, but only one. Everyone has their own particular story. Together, we are writing a new story that includes us all.

"We are co-creating the faith we long for," says Rev Meg Riley, Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, a UU church without walls, primarily on the web (<u>https://www.questformeaning.org/clfuu/</u>). Most religions say, "Here is our tradition, and here's how you can fit it." We say something different. We invite each person to start from where they are. It's not that we don't have a tradition--we do. Our rich history extends back hundreds of years. But we are not tied to that tradition in a rigid way. We look more towards the future than towards the past. Yes, we are co-creating something.

Specifically, we UU's here in Manhattan are co-creating the UU Fellowship of Manhattan. Yes, people before us established it, bought a building, hired staff and looked toward a future. We are forever grateful to them, and to everyone who has shaped UUFM through the last sixtyone years. There's no way they could know who would be here now, or what their needs might be. Much less who will be here in another sixty years and what their needs might be. The only way we can make sure that needs keep being met is to continue the co-creation. UUFM doesn't look like what it did fifty years ago, and will not look the same as it does now in another fifty years. If it did, then we would be failing at the continuing cocreation.

During August, when newcomers tend to arrive in Manhattan, we'll be talking about our UUism and what it means. We'll have testimonials from some of our members, along with sharing our core values through our history, religious education, and activism. If you know someone who you think ought to be a Unitarian Universalist, this is a perfect time for them to visit with us on a Sunday morning. Pick up a postcard from the Visitors' Table in the narthex to share with them.

In the meantime, think about why you are a Unitarian Universalist. I hope that it brings something rich to your life.

In faith and freedom,

Ionalu

Talk to Rev Jonalu Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact her at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. Read Jonalu's blog at <u>uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/</u>



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ACT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AT THE 1568 SESSION OF THE TRANSYLVANIAN DIET, BY ALADÁR KÖRÖSFŐI KRIESCH, 1896

Rev Jonalu Johnstone's Schedule

Thursday, Aug	gust 2 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Saturday, Aug	gust 4 ·	- 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse			
Tuesday, Aug	gust 7 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Wednesday, Aug	gust 8 ·	- 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville			
Tuesday, Aug	gust 14 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Wednesday, Aug	gust 15 ·	- 1 to 3 pm, Radina's Aggieville			
Thursday, Aug	gust 16 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Tuesday, Aug	gust 21 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Wednesday, Aug	gust 22 ·	- 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's on the Hill			
Thursday, Au	gust 23 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Tuesday, Aug	gust 28 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
Wednesday, Aug	gust 29 ·	- 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville			
Thursday, Au	gust 30 ·	- 1 to 5 pm			
During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at					

537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. During "out-of-office" hours drop into Radina's to share a cup of coffee.

Religious Education News

AUGUST FAMILY FUN !!!

On Saturday, AUGUST 25, kids *and* their adult caregivers are invited to the Manhattan Public Library at 10 am for a **FAMILY YOGA CLASS** led by our friends at First Congregational Church. Storytime at the library will follow at 11 am. Learn more from Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN

We're taking a break over the summer. Our next Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) gathers on Friday, SEPTEMBER 7. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

LOOKING FOR RE TEACHERS

To keep the education program running smoothly, we need about a dozen folks to help as classroom leaders. Class plans are provided. Older teens are encouraged to offer their time as well as adults. (High School volunteer hours will be given.) With 12 helpers, the commitment is only two Sundays per year. *Please consider this important role*. Learn more from Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

> FISHING AT ROCKY FORD WITH ROB AND SAM DELONG





DRE'S SCHEDULE

In August, look for Sandy in the Fellowship office on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Talk with Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings before or after the service, or contact her at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

3RD SUNDAY TEEN LUNCH

Teen Lunch starts up again on Sunday, AUGUST 19. All teens (7th grade and up) are invited to gather for lunch (usually pizza) after the service, on the third Sunday of each month. Bring a friend in August! Learn more from Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

UU WORLD TRAVELERS !!!

During our summer program all students meet together for class where guest "tour guides" from the congregation lead students on all kinds of adventures. So far, tours have been wide ranging: tour of tie dye, canoe tour of Pillsbury Crossing, the Brothers Grimm, Machu Picchu, a tour of Washington, DC ...

In August, we're sailing to the Caribbean with tours of Haiti and Cuba.

If you have an idea or inspiration for a future tour, contact Sandy at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net. She's happy to help you make plans for a fun morning with the kids.

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, *AUGUST 1*. Bring a dish to share, then, following dinner at 6 pm, those attending are invited to join committee meetings of interest. Learn more from Mark Mayfield at 776-6495 or ferguson.mayfield@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. Learn more from Jane Pelletier at 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on *AUGUST 3*, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

The UUFM **Book Discussion** Group meets Friday, *August 31*, at 10 am, at the Cattell residence. We'll discuss *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle. Learn more from Judy Cattell at 320-5470 or catlark1@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or Imcross@kansas.net.

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Start making your plans for our annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale *COMING IN DECEMBER*! This is a fabulous opportunity to fill out your holiday list with fine handcrafted gifts and baked goods. Learn how you can donate your handcrafted work, holiday food treats, and re-giftable items *(no clothing please)*; and find out how you can help, from Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our next Meadowlark Hills service gathers on Wednesday, *AUGUST 22*, at 3 pm, in the Manhattan Room, in Meadowlark's main building at 2121 Meadowlark Road. Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides the service. All are welcome. Invite your friends. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

GET READY FOR MUSICALE XVII !!!

The seventeenth annual UUFM Musicale will be held Sunday, *SEPTEMBER 16*, 2018. Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, drummers, et al, are invited to join in this opportunity to share their talents with the congregation. There is plenty of room to accommodate individual performers and small groups wishing to strut their stuff for the rest of us. Volunteers of all ages, at every stage of

development, are encouraged to join in as performers. Learn more from Music Director Renea Brown at 785 209-2886 or reneareasoner@gmail.com



PURPLE POWER PLAY IN THE PARK

We're going to have a table at Purple Power Play in the Park to let people know about our wonderful Fellowship, on Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, from 5 to 9 pm, both days. We'd like to offer something interactive for people to do, so if you have ideas and/or are willing to do something, please send your ideas. We could have games for kids to do, face painting, etc ... *We can't do this without your help.* If you're able to fill a 1-hour shift at our table, or have ideas for interactive activities, please talk to Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers will rehearse on Sunday, *August 19 and 26*. Learn more about participation in our choir, and all musical opportunities from Music Director Renea Brown at 785 209-2886 or reneareasoner@gmail.com

UUFM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Have you filled out your **SERVICE SHEET**, which allows members to choose small jobs they might be willing to help out with? We encourage everyone to fill out your forms, and return them to any Board member, or mail them to the Fellowship in the self-addressed envelope provided. Friends who did not receive a pledge packet in the mail may request a service sheet from Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.
- This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** ON Friday, AUGUST 3 and 17, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *Volunteers are needed for regular teams, about once every six weeks, or as substitutes, two or three times each year.* Learn more from Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 rkdelong@gmail.com.

There are always openings for volunteers on our Sunday morning **COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS**. New members and friends find this 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.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the UUFM table at



in Manhattan City Park, Thursday, **August 30**, and Friday, **August 31**, from 5 to 9 pm.

Volunteers are now being recruited for one-hour shifts. Our table is covered and we'll have a fan going to stay cool. Come help the community learn about all our Fellowship does! We'd like to offer something interactive, so if you have ideas and/or are willing to do something, please share your inspirations. We could have games for kids, face painting, etc. We can't do this without your help! Learn more from Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the service on Sunday, AUGUST 12, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY CLINIC**, providing basic health care for families and individuals in our area without health care coverage. Learn more at www.flinthillscommunityclinic.org/.

On July 8, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection to the Guardian Angels. 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 Equal Exchange kiosk 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). Sourced directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.

OFFICE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

In September, Susan Turner, UUFM's office administrator, will be using some of her accumulating vacation hours. While she is out of the office, September 5 through 20, volunteers are needed to cover a variety of tasks. Can you help by printing Sunday orders of service, or folding them, or sending out weekly announcements to The Mercury? Learn more from Susan at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

ONE-TIME COFFEE AND GREETING TEAM

We're seeking a team of three or four volunteers to serve one Sunday only, sometime in September. Our yearly schedule was shifted by one week in early June, and now, every week, our regular coffee and greeting teams are surprised to learn that their turn is coming up one week early. If you've ever considered joining a team, this is a great opportunity to find out how it works. We also need at least one experienced volunteer. Contact Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net to learn more.

UUFM ART SUBMISSION FORM

Name
Phone
Email
Title of Work
Medium
Soul Matters Themes / Artwork Category: (circle all that apply)

VisionSanctuaryMemoryMysteryPossibilityTrustUndecided

Do you give the Aesthetics Committee permission to change categories should we have a need to fill? Yes / No

Please attach this form to your artwork entry.

Call for Artwork!



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> UUFM is updating the artwork in the Narthex, and we would love to display **your** artwork. With new members and new energy, we are trying something a bit different. We would love for artwork to coordinate with the upcoming Soul Matters themes for the Sunday Services, and these include: vision, sanctuary, memory, mystery, possibility, and trust. Even if you don't think your artwork fits these themes--submit it! We may be able to find a place for it. In titling your artwork for the exhibit, try to emphasize the theme you think it fits best with.

Artwork must **be accompanied by a submission form** attached to the artwork **by August 24**. Artwork **must be framed or mounted** to be eligible for the exhibit and can be given to Sue at UUFM during her office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 1-6 pm, or Sat 2-5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Morrison, 480 861-1732 or <u>william.robert.morrison@gmail.com</u>.



coming in December!

Learn how you can donate your handcrafted work, holiday food treats, and re-giftable items *(no clothing please)*; and find out how you can help, from **Dixie MOREAU** at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

> The UUFM Music Committee invites members, friends, and guests to the 17th annual UUFM

Musicale

Sunday, September 16, at 10:45 am



Come join in our celebration, as Fellowship members and friends share some of our many musical talents!

> Schedule your performance, and learn more from UUFM Music Director Renea Reasoner at 785 209-2886 or <u>reneareasoner@gmail.com</u>



- Aug 5: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster, Chris Bailey, and Deirdre Greeley
- Aug 12: Judy Exdell, Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan
- Aug 19: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Ken and Pat Embers
- Aug 26: Emily Trube, Emily Fraser, Rob Morrison, and Jane Houghton

If you'd like to volunteer to serve on a one-time, trail basis, please contact Harriette Janke at 539-0865 or harriettejanke@gmail.com.

NEED A NEW NAME TAG ?

If any member would like a new magnetic badge, contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com. The cost is \$5.50.

Administrator's Schedule

Thursday,	August	2 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	August	4 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	August	6 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	August	7 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	August	9 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	August	11 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	August	13 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	August	14 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	August	16 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	August	18 -	2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	August	21 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	August	23 -	1 to 6 pm
Saturday,	August	25 -	2 to 5 pm
Monday,	August	27 -	1 to 6 pm
Tuesday,	August	28 -	1 to 6 pm
Thursday,	August	30 -	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 Welcoming 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 reading challenges. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at <u>www.uuworld.org</u>.
- Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last-minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.
- Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the Inez Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance or support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact us at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and schedule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the *The UUFM Voice* will be Wednesday, **August 15**. *Those with news, announcements, meetings or events for inclusion are asked to send in submissions as early as possible this month.* Please send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net



