

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

A PEOPLE OF MYSTERY?

Unitarian Universalists love puzzles. Yes, we UU's love questions and questioning. Sometimes, though, answers are elusive. Mystery can't be figured out.

What if mystery is also something to be listened to? Being a people of mystery isn't just about engaging life as a marvelous puzzle. It's also about allowing yourself to be spoken to by life's wonder. One of the most elegant articulations of this comes from the poet Mary Oliver, a much-loved poet of Unitarian Universalists. In her poem, Wild Geese, she writes, "Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,/ the world offers itself to your imagination,/ calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—/ over and over announcing your place in the family of things."

Oliver's call to listen for life's announcements implies a letting go. Mystery is funny this way. You can't make it speak. Indeed, the more you pursue the answers to life's mysteries; the more distant they become. If we want mystery to speak, it seems we have to be willing to be caught off guard. UU humanist minister and poet, David Breeden, captures this beautifully when he writes,

I dug and dug
Deeper into the earth
Looking for blue heaven
Choking always
On piles of dust rising
Then once
At midnight
I slipped
And fell into the sky

Slipping, and then falling into the sky. Is there a better way to describe our dance with mystery? Isn't this what all the great mystics have been trying to tell us from the start? That sitting at the heart of mystery is not the unknown, but unity. We fall into mystery and it falls into us. Its voice is one that whispers, "I am you and you are

me." Mystery doesn't put up barriers; it dissolves them. Haven't all of us faced the wonder and mystery of a sunset, the stars, a baby's first cry or a lover's wet kiss and thought to ourselves, "Who I am does not end at the barrier of my skin"?

So friends, this month, let's let ourselves fall in and open up.

What does it mean to be a People of Mystery? That we can live with uncertainty. And that we know that facts don't explain everything-including the holidays we celebrate this season.



DECEMBER 2018 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN DECEMBER EXPLORES
"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEOPLE OF MYSTERY?"

DECEMBER 2 "LEAVING ROOM FOR MYSTERY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. The limits of certainty--about the universe and about ourselves--do not doom us. The unknowable and inexplicable are always with us. Though reason may fail in the face of mystery, we can come to see it as a gift. Drawing on the insights of Transcendentalists and mystical scientists, we consider how we find comfort in what is beyond our knowing. How do leave room for mystery? Elke Lorenz at 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com, convenes.

DECEMBER 9 "EMERGING OUT OF MYSTERY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this reflection. Where do we come from? We come from the stars. "Each night a child is born is a holy night," wrote UU religious educator Sophia Lyon Fahs. We come from mystery. How do we reawaken our connections with the mystery from which we proceed? Convener is Katie Kingery-Page at 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 16 "LISTENING FOR CHRISTMAS"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone shares. Each year the magic of the holidays comes to us in a different way--in the music, or in the starlight; in the smile on a child's face or in the peace of falling snow; in a traditional story or a reconnection with family and friends. Where do you find Christmas spirit this year? Convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

DECEMBER 23 "THINGS LOOK DIFFERENT IN THE DARK"

Join Rev Jonalu Johnstone to consider the darkness. Our culture, reliant on visual cues, often privileges the light. The shadows of darkness open us to metaphor and poetry, to storytelling and dreaming. Mystery is alive in the dark. At this solstice time of year, we consider the gifts of darkness. Convener is Christian Gilbert at 785 802-9464 or kansasgilbert@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 7 pm, on Monday, December 24. We often sing "We Three Kings" at the holidays--but who were the three kings, the magi? On Christmas Eve, we will playfully explore the legend of the magi through an adaptation of a script developed by UU minister Erika Hewitt, reimagining the story to include their wives, who also make the journey to Bethlehem. All ages are welcome.

DECEMBER 30 "THE HUMAN MYSTERY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone guides this exploration. Perhaps the universe is too big a mystery to grasp. What about our human existence? Mind, body and spirit combine in marvelous unexpected ways to make us who we are. We'll consider the human mystery in the midst of the larger mystery. Convener is Jimmy Bridges at 928 298-0447 or jimmybridges8@gmail.com.



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

COMING UP ...

Fill out your holiday list at our **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE** on Sunday, **DECEMBER 9**. Learn more on page 7.

Support UUFM or march with us in the SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS **LIGHTED PARADE**, on **DECEMBER 7**, at 5:30 pm. More on pages 4 and 5.

Join us for **THEMES IN UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY** beginning before the service, on Sunday, **DECEMBER 2**. More on page 5.

UUFM co-sponsors **SUSTAINING ACTI- VISM FOR THE LONG HAUL**, on Friday, **DECEMBER 14**. More on page 6.

As I write, we still don't know how many people were killed in the California wildfires, though more than a thousand are unaccounted for. Nor are the Camp Fire and Woolsey Fire yet fully contained. Environmental devastation on this scale is hard to imagine, much less comprehend.

At the same time, on the other coast, wintry weather is bearing down early, leaving a chain of power outages and traffic accidents.

By the time you read this, we may well be on to other disasters, deaths, and plain inconveniences.

We live in a world where the natural disasters and regular old weather have grown in strength, frequency, and devastating effects. We know that climate change has multiplied the effects we feel, yet we are doing little to address the change.

This isn't really new, though. People have always been slow to react to large shifts. We get used to how things have been and think--for whatever misguided reason!--that those circumstances and conditions will continue indefinitely. First, we deny the changes. Then, we explain them away, as minor blips. By the time we grudgingly accept their reality, a full new normal has set in and we are scurrying to keep up.

In ancient times, the Hebrew prophets woke people up with their proclamations about change and doom. Early Christians recast these proclamations to relate to the birth, life, and death of a man named Jesus. The prophets, though, had the ability to see what others couldn't because they took a long view--a God's-eye view, if you will--and refused to accept what everyone else saw as given.

This time of the year, as we face the December holiday rush, may be a good time to consider a longer view, to nurture



our prophetic selves. We might take time to find inspiration in darkness and even gloom. We might set aside the question, "What do the kids want for Christmas?" to ponder, "What do the kids need to prepare them to live a good life in uncertain times?" We

might ask what really matters to us this season, what really matters to us in life, and what is better to let go of.

We can't all be prophets. We can't guess what might come. We can't account for all the forces that affect us. We can do

what we can do, and strive to be a little more grounded as we face the forces. If we take the time for some reflection and contemplation, we can have a little more perspective and a little better decision-making.

Whatever we can do, we ought to do.

Jonalu

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

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE -- UUSC

From the Northern Triangle of Central America, to deserts of Mexico and Arizona, to detention centers in the United States, the road away from danger is paved with injustices. Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) addresses root causes of injustice, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum. Support UUSC via Guest at Your Table. Make your donations using the containers created by our youth. It is a great tool to start a family discussion at your dinner table. Donate online at www.uusc.org/resources/ congregations/guest-at-your-table/. Remember to identify your congregation, the UU Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, or Deirdre Greeley at 580 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec 4 - 1 to 5 pm

Wednesday, Dec 5 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse

Thursday, Dec 6 - 1 to 5 pm Tuesday, Dec 11 - 1 to 5 pm Thursday, Dec 13 - 1 to 5 pm

Saturday, Dec 15 - 1 to 3 pm, Radina's Aggieville

Tuesday, Dec 18 - 1 to 5 pm

Wednesday, Dec 19 - 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Radina's Aggieville

Thursday, Dec 20 - 1 to 5 pm Thursday, Dec 27 - 1 to 5 pm

During office hours, contact Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. During "out-of-office" hours drop into Radina's for a cup of coffee and a chat.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

THIS MONTH IN RE

Classes in December include a focus on the UUSC service project "Guest at your Table." [More about Guest at Your Table on page 3 of this newsletter.] We'll also discuss mystery, have some holiday crafting fun, and then say good bye to 2018 in our pajamas.

DECEMBER 2 – A People of Mystery
DECEMBER 9 – Holiday Crafting
DECEMBER 16 – Holiday Crafting
DECEMBER 23 – A People of Mystery

DECEMBER 30 - Hot Chocolate Pajama Party!

DECEMBER FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Parade--our Family Fun event on Friday, December 7, from about 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We'll supply LED candles to hold for those riding on the float and for those walking alongside. Lights are important so go ahead and adorn yourself with battery operated lights! We'll start lining up in the mall parking lot at 5:15 p.m. The parade begins at 5:30 pm, on Poyntz Avenue, travels through downtown Manhattan, and ends at City Park. After the parade, gather in Aggieville's Triangle Park for the annual tree-lighting ceremony. Contact Molly McGaughey at 341-9960 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com, for last minute details, and to LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP CREATE OUR LIGHTED FLOAT.

Our entry fee for the parade is a contribution to Mayor's Holiday Tree food collection, for the *FLINT HILLS BREADBASKET*. A collection box will be provided in the narthex on Sunday, December 2, or contact Molly to drop off your donation or have it collected.

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.

Remember: all children must be registered for the 2018-2019 year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at: http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160.

OUR WHOLE LIVES

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

DRE's SCHEDULE

This month, Sandy will be out of the office December 4 thru 11. She'll be in the Fellowship office on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, with the exception of Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25.

PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN

Our next Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) gathers on Friday, DECEMBER 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Parent Night Out is designed for children from 3 to 12 years old. *In December only, younger kids are also invited!* We watch a movie and have some popcorn. Games and art projects are available. A \$5 per child contribution helps us cover expenses. Dinner is NOT served at Parent Night Out. Please be sure your children are fed before arriving.

Remember: this is an RSVP event and space is limited. Please RSVP as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, December 13. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

The **Men's Lunch** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a lunch for yourself and come ready for spirited conversation. Michael Oldfather at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Please join us for our next ACTION WEDNESDAY (**AWed**) **POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday, DECEMBER 5. 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.

Following the dinner at our next AWed Potluck on Wednesday, DECEMBER 5.

Those not attending a meeting are invited to join the **KNITTING CIRCLE**.

Bring your projects to share, or come learn about the craft from our experienced knitters. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@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. 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 DECEMBER 7, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

The UUFM **Book Discussion Group** will NOT MEET IN DECEMBER, to accommodate busy holiday schedules. Join us for our next gathering on Friday, JANUARY 25. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or Imcross@kansas.net.

THEMES IN UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

Join us for a new adult RE series. We'll meet before the Sunday service, once a month, at 9:30 am (dates vary, as outlined below). All are welcome to any session. We combine presentation with participation. Each session stands on its own, and covers a particular concept in our UU tradition, along with consideration of the concept's place in our present movement. Let us know in advance (by the Wednesday before) if you'll need childcare during any class.

DECEMBER 2 - FREEDOM OF THOUGHT

Individual human beings can and must figure out for themselves what has meaning.

JANUARY 6 - ON-GOING REVELATION

Revelation is not sealed. We have no standard "truth" we look back to. Evolution of thought defines us.

FEBRUARY 3 - THE POWER OF NATURE

Nature stands out as a UU influence. Paganism and environmentalism are strong strains in our tradition.

MARCH 31 - FEMINISM

Find out about interesting women who have shaped who we are, and the men who supported and stood by them.

APRIL 14 - UNITARIANISM

Unitarianism began as a repudiation of the idea of the Trinity and an embrace of the goodness of humanity.

MAY 5 - UNIVERSALISM

Universalism started as the idea of universal salvation, centered on a loving God.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, DECEMBER 5, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Tranquility room. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse on Sunday, DECEMBER 9 and 16, at 9 am. Learn about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Director Renea Brown at 785 209-2886 or reneareasoner@gmail.com.

TAI CHI

Curious about Tai Chi? Join Mark Moser, Jonalu Johnstone and other interested folks to practice some easy Chi Gung warm-ups, and learn Wu and Yang styles of Tai Chi. We welcome anyone of any skill level, whatever you know or don't know about this kind of spiritual movement. We meet at 9 am, on Saturday mornings. Contact Jonalu, at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or Mark at 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com.

SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS LIGHTED PARADE

Join us in the Mayor's Spirit of the Holidays Lighted Parade, on Friday, DECEMBER 7, from about 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We'll have LED candles for those riding on the float and walking alongside. Bring your own battery-operated lights to adorn yourself! We'll start lining up in the mall parking lot at 5:15 pm. The parade begins at 5:30 pm, on Poyntz, ending at City Park. Afterward, gather in Aggieville's Triangle Park for the tree-lighting ceremony. Contact Molly McGaughey at 341-9960 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com, to LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP CREATE OUR LIGHTED FLOAT. The entry fee for our float is a contribution to Mayor's Holiday Tree food collection, for the FLINT HILLS BREADBASKET. A collection box will be provided in the narthex on Sunday, December 2, or contact Molly to drop off your donation or have it collected.

Guest at Your Table is a fundraising event sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) to support work that assists people impacted by human rights violations. This year the focus of the collection will be to raise funds to support work with those affected by violence in Central America. The fundraising campaign runs through December 16. Our youth have made collection containers which you can use for your donation. Or, donate at www.uusc.org/resources/ congregations/guest-at-your-table/. Remember to identify your congregation, the UU Fellowship of Manhattan, Kansas.. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com, or Deirdre Greeley at 580 919-9834 or saffyrr@gmail.com.

UUFM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help build the UUFM Float, for the **SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS LIGHTED PARADE**, on Friday, DECEMBER 7. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS offer a great way to get acquainted and get involved, and each team serves only three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

Members will have received a pledge packet at our Annual Meeting, or in the mail in early May. In the packet is a "SERVICE SHEET" allowing 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, DECEMBER 7 and 21, 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.

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During the service on Sunday, DECEMBER 11, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for adopted families living at the **Manhattan Emergency Shelter** (MESI). Fellowship volunteers shop for toys and gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted families.

On November 11, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection to the Riley County Humane Society. THANK YOU all for your generous donations! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, an 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 340-5001 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.

SUSTAINING ACTIVISM FOR THE LONG HAUL

On Friday, December 14, from 5:30 to 9 pm, join First Congregational UCC, the Manhattan Mennonite Church, and the UU Fellowship of Manhattan for Sustaining Activism for the Long Haul: Connecting to Your Deep Purpose. How do we connect to what is ours to do in this world? What can we hold on to while the world swirls around us? How do we stay engaged in advocating for justice for the long haul ... without burning out? How might we find joy in the work? We will engage these and similar questions. We begin the evening with a simple supper and use group work and individual reflection to help each participant connect to their sense of deep purpose. This event is appropriate for people of all faiths and for those who do not claim faith. Learn more at www.facebook.com/events/314907819109558/. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-1r2x- GN43ErdGeuXuT-K DTL8MuiJUkHC0pa99O5VvZSUw/viewform. If you need childcare or have any dietary restrictions, please let us know. Learn more from Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING

Rev Jonalu Johnstone and the UUFM Racial Justice team meet on Sunday, DECEMBER 2, at 4 pm, at the Fellowship. They invite anyone interested in pursuing this vital work to grow our own understanding and plan effective action to join them. Learn more from Jonalu at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Manhattan Community Christmas Dinner

Peace Lutheran Church, which hosts the only free holiday dinner in Manhattan, has reached out to us for help in continuing this important community meal.

Food contributions and volunteers are needed.

Learn how you can help from volunteer coordinator Kathleen Jones at kathleenhj@cox.net.

We hope everyone will be able to join us



on Sunday, December 9

benefiting the Fellowship's General Operations Fund



What a fun way to find the perfect, handcrafted gifts to fill out your Holiday list. Learn how you can donate your crafts or baked goods, or offer other assistance, ask DIXIE MOREAU at 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.



MESI'S Home Cooked Meal Program

provides guests an effortless, warm, and nutritious meal from community members. Volunteers may choose to bring a home cooked meal once and/or at their convenience throughout the year! The Home Cooked Meal Program serves an average of 30 individuals and/or families residing at the shelter.

If you would like to provide a home cooked meal, donations are accepted 7 days a week, between 8 am and 8 pm. Volunteers who have prepared a meal are not required to call in advance before bringing the meal.

If you have questions regarding Home Cooked Meals, contact Amy at info@mesikansas.org or call 785 537-3113.



Join UUFM to march or ride our float, or cheer us on from the sidelines. Bring your battery-powered lights and come dressed in seasonal costumes. (Sarry, no Santas!)

Our entry fee is a contribution to the Mayor's Holiday Tree food collection, for the Flint Hills Breadbasket. Bring your donations to the Fellowship on Sunday, December 2, or, contact Molly McGaughey, at 341-9960 or molly mcgaughey@hotmail.com, to arrange drop off or pick up.

Want to help build our float? Talk to Molly or Sandy Nelson, at 341-0135 or <u>dre@uufm.net</u>, to learn how you (and your family) can get involved.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Dec 2: Judy Exdell, Catherine Crites, Diane Barker, Gail Ragan
- Dec 9: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Pat and Ken Embers
- Dec 16: Emily Trube, Rob Morrison,
 Emily Fraser, and Deirdre Greeley
- Dec 23: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert, Ana Franklin, and Lois Sauer
- Dec 30: Gene Sievers, Mark Clarke, and Justin Harms

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

NEED A NEW NAME TAG?

If any member would like a new magnetic name tag, please contact Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or add your name to the list in the narthex. The cost is \$6 (new members receive name tags at no cost).

Administrator's Schedule

Saturday, December 1 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, December 3 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, December 4 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, December 6 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, December 8 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, December 10 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, December 11 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, December 13 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, December 15 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, December 17 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, December 18 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, December 20 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, December 22 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, December 24 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, December 27 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, December 29 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, December 31 - 1 to 6 pm

Susan Turner may be reached during office hours at 537-2349. She may be reached at any time 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 difficulties. Subscribe by contacting Susan Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at www.uuworld.org.

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events, and last-minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**. Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information carousel in the 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.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the December edition of *The UUFM Voice* will be Saturday, **December 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. Please send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

DECEMBER 2018 at UUFM

Sunday Monday

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday A Friday

Saturday

9 AM TAI CHI at the Fellowship Mark Moser, 537-5028

2 TO 5 PM **SUSAN TURNER** at Fellowship, 537-2349

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2 TO 5 PM

9:30 AM **UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY** Freedom of Thought

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE Leaving Room for Mystery

4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE mtg

1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 4

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER** 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Fellowship, 537-2349

5 10 AM TO 12 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's Bakehouse **12** NOON MEN'S LUNCH 3 PM **MEADOWLARK SERVICE**

6 PM AWED POTLUCK

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER** 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Fellowship, 537-2349

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7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church 5:15 PM LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE

Mall parking lot **7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY**

SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

9 AM **SINGERS** rehearse

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE Emerging Out of Mystery

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY MESI Adopted Families 12:15 PM

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

10

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER** at Fellowship, 537-2349

1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Fellowship, 537-2349

7 PM BOARD MEETING Jessica Sievers, 532-8471

12 NOON **MEN'S LUNCH** Jupiter room

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER** 1 TO 5 PM **JONALU JOHNSTONE** 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349

5:30 TO 9 PM SUSTAINING ACTIVISM FOR THE LONG HAUL UCC, 700 Poyntz Ave Jonalu Johnstone, 537-2349

> 6:30 TO 9:30 PM **PARENT NIGHT OUT**

9 AM TAI CHI 1 TO 3 PM **JONALU JOHNSTONE** at Radina's Aggieville 2 TO 5 PM

SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349 LAST MINUTE **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

9 ам SINGERS rehearse

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE Listening for Christmas

12:15 PM TEEN LUNCH

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER** at Fellowship, 537-2349

 $8_{1 \text{ to 6 PM}}$ **SUSAN TURNER** 1 TO 5 PM **JONALU JOHNSTONE** 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349

12 NOON **MEN'S LUNCH** Jupiter room

1:30 TO 3:30 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's Aggieville (405) 627-3859

1 TO 6 PM SUSAN TURNER 1 TO 5 PM **JONALU JOHNSTONE** 3:30 TO 4:30 PM SANDY NELSON at Fellowship, 537-2349

7:30 AM HAPPY KITCHEN breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church

✓ 9 AM TAI CHI at the Fellowship Mark Moser, 537-5028

2 TO 5 PM SUSAN TURNER at Fellowship, 537-2349

23 10:45 AM SERVICE Things Look Different in the Dark

10:45 AM SERVICE The Human Mystery

1 TO 6 PM **SUSAN TURNER 7** PM **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

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