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## *WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE*

### ***A PEOPLE OF JOURNEY?***

We UUs love to tell our journey stories. And hear each other's journey stories. Rather than asking people to recite common beliefs, we invite each other to talk about how our way is like no other. We'll have a service doing that on March 24, where three of our newer members will share their journeys.

It's a curious thing when you think about it. We welcome people to our fold not by asking them to commit to thinking exactly as the group does, but by having them declare how their journey is not like anybody else in the group. It's about being together, not being alike. We bind ourselves to one other not by sharing the same journey but by offering each other the room to discover the unique journey that fits us. It's about making room for people to write their own stories.

Or maybe it's about making room for people to **re-write** their stories.

It's become popular in our society to talk about spiritual journeys as a process of living into your full or true self. That's a helpful frame. And yet there's something deep within UUism that resists it. Historically, we've been the people that struggled not so much to find ourselves but to untangle ourselves from the religious identities we were given. Our spiritual journeys did not begin with a blank slate; they began with the hunger to wipe the slate clean and begin anew.

So we have this important awareness that spiritual journeys are not simply about finding your true self, but also about untangling from your old self. We agree with Albert Schweitzer who wrote:

*"The path of awakening is not about becoming who you are. Rather it is about unbecoming who you are not."*

Which means we are also sensitive to the fact that most spiritual journeys begin with a leaving, a separation, a decision to walk away. We know that the first step is often laced with mourning and isolation. We know that "unbecoming" is not easy work.

We also know that it isn't a one-time thing. We find ourselves routinely tangled up in all kinds of identities and journeys that aren't truly ours. "Unbecoming who you are not" is a journey we walk every day.

So what does all this mean for us this month? Well, first, it's an important reminder that we're not just here to help each other hold steady and persevere on our current paths; often our primary gift is to help each other find the exit ramps.

It also means remembering that being a people of journey involves tenderness. We are here not just to make room for each other's unique stories; we are also here to make room for each other's pain. Again, "unbecoming who you are not" involves bravely walking away, isolation and mourning. And so, if we are going to complete our journeys of unbecoming and becoming anew, we're definitely going to need pitstops of kindness and tenderness along the way.



## MARCH 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN MARCH EXPLORES  
*"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEOPLE OF JOURNEY?"*

### MARCH 3 "BRINGING PILGRIMAGE MIND TO LIFE'S JOURNEY"

Reverend Jonalu Johnstone speaks. In 2011, Jonalu made a pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, walking more than 500 miles in a little over a month. From that experience come spiritual lessons and deeper understanding of life as a journey. On a pilgrimage, meditative mindset leads to lack of attachment to outcomes or results. The same mindset can bring benefits to our daily lives at home. Convener is Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

### MARCH 10 "PACKING FOR THE JOURNEY"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks in this *SERVICE FOR ALL AGES*. There are at least three ways to be pack for a journey. You can take everything you might possibly need. You can plan carefully to make sure you have exactly what you need. Or you can go with the confidence that whatever you need, you'll be able to make do. The same thing may be true of life. What do we need to know to prepare? And what mode of preparation is right for the time? Convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

### MARCH 17 "FROM KONZA PRAIRIE TO NATURAL SYSTEMS AGRICULTURE"

Wes Jackson, founder and CEO Emeritus of The Land Institute in Salina, Kansas, has often graced our pulpit over the years. For more than 50 years, his books, his lectures, and especially his leadership of The Land Institute have influenced the commitment of thousands of students, scholars, farmers, et al, to dedicate their lives to saving the planet. Our convener is Lily Colburn at 785 236-0053 or lilycolburn@gmail.com.

### MARCH 24 "SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS"

Fellowship members Jimmy Bridges, Madilena Mendiola, and Judy Nickelson share their personal spiritual journeys. Convener is Elke Lorenz at 785 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

### MARCH 31 "INTO THE WILDERNESS"

We're joined by Rev Oscar Sinclair, from the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. There are times when our journey takes us to inhospitable places. While we often want to get back to lands of plenty quickly, what does it mean to spend time in the wilderness? As the season of Lent begins, what do we gain by letting go? Convener is Rob Morrison at 480 861-1732 or william.robert.morrison@gmail.com.

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### COMING UP ...

Get out your green wardrobe, and join us for the **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**, on Saturday, **MARCH 9**. Learn more on page 5.

Join us for **PATH TO MEMBERSHIP** on Sunday, **MARCH 24**. More on page 5.

The **EMPTY BOWLS 2019** Soup Luncheon gathers on Saturday, **MARCH 30**. Learn more on page 9.

Want to train as an **OWL FACILITATOR**? Learn more on page 4.



UUFM is a  
**WELCOMING CONGREGATION**  
 Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at  
[www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program](http://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program)

In the last year, UUFM has had a sudden uptick in membership. Currently, more than a quarter of our membership is new in the last year. That's a tremendous amount of change for everyone.

This congregation does well with change. When we've experimented with how we worship and with how we organize



ourselves, people have been positive and willing to go along. Members and friends have consistently looked for the good in what happens.

Welcoming so many people in such a short time, though, would challenge any group,

so it might help for us to be thoughtful about what we are doing. It takes a lot more than the greeters, the Membership Committee, and me to make everyone feel welcome and a part of things.

If you've been around for a while, here are a few suggestions to help us better integrate our new members:

1. If you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. Learn about our new members--they are all fascinating people. You'll enjoy getting to know them.
2. If you are responsible for something around the fellowship, ask new people to help out. If you want to find someone with particular interests, ask our administrator Sue or me or a Board member about who you might connect with. We'll happily provide information about who has expressed interest in your area.
3. Help us make space in the sanctuary by sitting closer to the front.
4. Help us make space in the parking lot. If you are able to safely cross the street, park in the Greenhouse lot. Otherwise, be sure that as you park, you not leave a lot of extra space between cars, unless you need it. And, as our new Visitor Parking spaces are designated, please respect them.
5. Recognize that with new people, our congregation changes and evolves. Approach the changes with curiosity.

And if you're one of those new in the last year, or even in recent years, here are some recommendations:

1. Get to know some of our long-term members. They're pretty fascinating, too.
2. Join a Chalice Circle. It's a once a month commitment that provides support and deeper thinking about our monthly theme. Contact me, Jessica Sievers, Jane Pelletier, or Susan Adamchak for more information.
3. Find a way to get involved. If you haven't completed a volunteer service sheet (categories of Beacon / Safe Haven / Incubator / Builder), then please do. You can get one from administrator Sue or from me. Try different things. And if there's something you want to do, step forward.
4. Show up. The more we see you, the more we'll get to know you and you us. It's a great UU adventure to be on. We are glad you are here.

*Jonalu*

*Talk to Jonalu after most Sunday services, or contact her at [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net) or 537-2349. Read Jonalu's blog at [uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/](http://uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/)*

### ***NEW CHALICE CIRCLE FORMING***

Our current Chalice Circles are nearly full, and continuing interest means that *a new Chalice Circle is now forming*. We meet once each month for deeper exploration and discussion of Soul Matters themes. Get to know other Fellowship members and friends in an open and thoughtful setting. Learn more from Rev Jonalu Johnstone at [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

### **REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, March 5 - 1 to 5 pm  
Wednesday, March 6 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Aggieville  
Thursday, March 7 - 1 to 5 pm  
Tuesday, March 12 - 1:30 to 5 pm  
Friday, March 15 - 2:30 to 4:30 am, Radina's Bakehouse  
Tuesday, March 19 - 1 to 5 pm  
Wednesday, March 20 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's on the Hill  
Thursday, March 21 - 1 to 5 pm

Jonalu is away on study leave March 25 through 29. During office hours, she may be reached at [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net) or 537-2349. During "out-of-office" hours, drop into Radina's for a cup of coffee and a chat.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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### YOGA + DONUTS

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Yoga+Donuts, for kids age 3 through 6th grade, happens on the FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH at First Congregational church at 700 Poyntz. Winter is a great time to practice mindfulness, make new friends, and enjoy healthy physical activity indoors. Classes are led by a team of trained teachers and are free and open to the public. Donations to defray the cost of this public service are welcome. Care-givers are welcome to stay to observe or drop their kids off and enjoy a free hour. More information, schedule and registration available at [www.shininglightmhk.com](http://www.shininglightmhk.com) or from Sandy Nelson.

### MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY

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This quarter is the time when elementary classes begin a focus on world religions in addition to the monthly themes. We hope to explore Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, and more.

See you soon, *Sandy*

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 2019-2020 year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at: <https://form.jotform.com/51486475507160>.*

### MUSICAL KIDS

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UUFM is looking for musical kids to play quiet music from 10:35 to 10:45 am, prior to the Sunday service, as people are entering the building and mingling. This is a perfect opportunity for young musicians to practice performing in a low pressure, supportive environment. Contact Renea Brown at 209-2886 or [reneareasoner@gmail.com](mailto:reneareasoner@gmail.com), or Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net, if you're interested.

### OUR WHOLE LIVES

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The Our Whole Lives (OWL) program for 4th - 6th grade students is in full swing. On Sunday mornings before the service we have a class of seven 5th and 6th graders. After the service we have a class of ten 4th graders. Seventeen kids in all! Classes continue through April 7. Next winter we plan to offer the OWL class for students in Kindergarten and 1st grade. If you have a student in that age group let me know and I'll get preliminary information to you. There's also a lot of great information at <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>.

### OWL TEACHER TRAINING EVENT

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We're very excited to be hosting an OWL teacher-training event this coming June 28-30. It will be for the elementary curriculum (K-1 and 4-6) and funding is available through UUFM for registration. I've heard from several who are interested in participating in the 3-day training, but if you haven't mentioned it to me, please let me know. Also, we'd like to be able to offer out-of-town participants in the training home hospitality (since hotels can get expensive). If you have a spare bedroom that you would be willing to offer that weekend, please let me know. Learn more from Sandy at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.



### DRE'S SCHEDULE

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This month, Sandy will be in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.



## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE

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Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on MARCH 1, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 341-8997 or meadbailey@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.

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, MARCH 6. Following dinner at 6 pm, members and friends interested in *Social Justice action* at the Fellowship are encouraged to join us. We'll meet at 7 pm, to discuss plans and organization for Social Justice, including participation in the Little Apple Pride Parade and Festival on April 13, and plans and budget for the upcoming year. Learn more from Mark Mayfield at 776-6495 or ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, MARCH 29, at 10 am, at the Cattell residence. We'll discuss *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen. This book was recommended by Barbara Bascom, at 505 603-2956 or barbeebas@gmail.com. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

### THEMES IN UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

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We meet *BEFORE THE SUNDAY SERVICE*, at 9:30 am (dates vary, as outlined below). All are welcome to any session. 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. *Please let us know in advance (by the Wednesday before) if you'll need childcare during class.*

#### 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

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Join us on Wednesday, MARCH 20, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Tranquility room for our monthly service at Meadowlark Hills. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### STUDENT RECITAL

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Join us at the Fellowship for Slawomir Dobrzanski's Students' Recital on Sunday, MARCH 31, at 4 pm. His students' wonderful performances are always a treat. Questions about the event may be directed to Michael Oldfather, at 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

### UUFM SINGERS

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The UUFM Singers rehearse on Sunday, MARCH 10, at 9 am. Whether you like singing on center stage or just singing in the shower, *we need you!* The UUFM choir is looking to bolster our ranks. Learn about all musical opportunities at the Fellowship from Music Director Renea Brown at 785 209-2886 or reneareasoner@gmail.com.

### TAI CHI

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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. 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.

### PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

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On Sunday, MARCH 24, following the service, we'll offer our Path to Membership class, focused membership, its rights and responsibilities, and how to get involved with the fellowship. If you're ready to join, or just curious about membership, please attend. The Membership Committee will provide snacks. Learn more from Jonalu, at 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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This year's St Patrick's Day Parade will be on Saturday, MARCH 9, beginning at 1 pm. Meet us at 12:15 pm, at the northeast entrance to Manhattan City Park for a reverse parade, where we tour the floats before the parade begins. Wear your green, and come out to watch the fun. There will also be a 10k race, and a 2-mile fun run/walk, earlier that morning. Register to participate in the races at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/45570>. Learn more from Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

The UUFM Racial Justice Team  
invites Fellowship members and friends to join them in  
the K-State Student Union's Bluemont Room,

on Thursday, **March 21**,  
from 5:30 to 7 pm, for

## **BlacKkKlansman:** **A Response to the Resurgence** **of Overt Racism in America Today** a talk by Kevin Willmott

Acclaimed Kansas-based filmmaker Kevin Willmott  
co-wrote the film *BlacKkKlansman* with director Spike Lee.  
In this talk, Willmott will discuss how the film explores  
and exemplifies our time under the Trump administration,  
including the rise of racism, Charlottesville, the Muslim travel ban,  
and the government shutdown over funding for the wall.

Learn more at [https://events.k-state.edu/event/  
blacKkKlansman-a-response-to-the-resurgence-  
of-overt-racism-in-america-today-talk-by-kevin-willmott](https://events.k-state.edu/event/blacKkKlansman-a-response-to-the-resurgence-of-overt-racism-in-america-today-talk-by-kevin-willmott)

Or ask Jonalu Johnstone, at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

### **UUFM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@uufm.net).

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** EVERY FRIDAY MORNING, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *If you'd like to learn more, or you're ready to join one of our Happy Kitchen teams*, contact Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or [twp1@ksu.edu](mailto:twp1@ksu.edu), or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 [rkdelong@gmail.com](mailto:rkdelong@gmail.com).

### **HELPING HANDS SUNDAY**

During the service on Sunday, MARCH 10, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **WONDER WORKSHOP**, providing opportunities for growth and learning to area children. Learn more at [www.wonderworkshop.org](http://www.wonderworkshop.org)

*On February 10, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collection to the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund.*

*THANK YOU all for your generous donations!* Learn more Moreau at 477-8188 or [dixie.moreau53@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net).



*Equal Exchange is sourced directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.*

### **RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING**

Rev Jonalu Johnstone and the UUFM Racial Justice team meet on Sunday, MARCH 3, at 4 pm, at the Fellowship. Members and friends interested in this learning and action experience are urged to join us. More from Jonalu at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net).

### **REVERSE OFFERING REPORT**

You probably know that on January 20, UUFM held a reverse offering. Instead of collecting money for the fellowship during the offering, a total of \$2,500 was given out to the congregation in envelopes containing anywhere from \$5 to \$100. The congregation was charged with giving it away to someone or some cause or to use it them-selves if they needed it. The money was donated by five generous members of the congregation and supplemented a little by some social justice funds marked for outreach. The donors channeled their giving through us, and together we expressed our values and our commitment to do good in the world, in community.

We received information about what people did with about half of the envelopes as of mid-February. Many supplemented their reverse offering with their own funds, and the funds together went to a wide range of uses. Some were personal: making a meal for the emergency shelter, materials for donated quilt projects, helping out a friend or a stranger. Several people helped a family whose father was deported by ICE. Some donations went to help the local community, through the FIT Closet, Flint Hills Bread Basket, Fairy Godmothers, Green Apple Bikes, or local schools. Others went to national or international causes, such as Nature Conservancy, Doctors without Borders, or small microloans through Kiva. View the full report on our web site at <http://uufm.net/reverse-offering-report/>.

## NEW MEMBER PROFILES

### Meet **JUDY NICKELSON**:



#### 1) WHAT DREW YOU TO UUFM?

*I have long felt that UU theology and faith traditions are a good match for my own. So, when I moved here, I visited UUFM thinking I would join if the people there were friendly and accepting. I was very pleased with the reception I got as a visitor and the immediate follow-up with emails and information.*

#### 2) IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE MANHATTAN AREA, WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?

*I most recently lived in Topeka, KS.*

#### 3) WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 HOBBIES? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?

*I like to read and to stay informed about the workings of the world. I love listening to audiobooks and podcasts. I enjoy gardening and also growing indoor plants. I like staying in touch with old friends and making new ones. I enjoy yoga and other contemplative practices.*

#### 4) WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH?

*I tend to be involved with whatever peace and justice issue that grabs my attention or needs my help.*

#### 5) WHAT IS ONE THING ABOUT YOU THAT YOU'D LIKE THE UUFM COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

*I am a lifelong learner and my main focus now is how we can prepare for the effects of climate change. To that end, I recently became certified as a Permaculture designer.*



### Meet **JIMMY BRIDGES**

(w/wife Sarah Bridges and daughter Joan):

#### 1) WHAT DREW YOU TO UUFM?

*Initially, I became interested in UU by learning of its inclusiveness to diverse thought and spiritual, religious, and a-religious identities. This sounded exciting to me and I felt that this kind of environ-*

*ment would foster the type of growth I was interested in pursuing as a spiritual and religious person. I was introduced to UU by multiple people in the last 5 years but only recently decided to dive in once I realized my previous religious community made no room for a person like me.*

#### 2) IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE MANHATTAN AREA, WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?

*Originally, I come from western Massachusetts in a small rural farming village called Northfield. My paternal ancestors settled just a few minutes' drive from where I grew up and date back to 1632.*

#### 3) WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 HOBBIES? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?

*Graduate school has taken almost all the free time I used to have. Reading, however, continues to be a hobby I enjoy. I hope to get back to my other hobbies which have been playing guitar and banjo, photography, ceramics, skateboarding, and blacksmithing.*

#### 4) WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH?

*n/a*

#### 5) WHAT IS ONE THING ABOUT YOU THAT YOU'D LIKE THE UUFM COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

*I feel at home at UU. It could be the New England pride talking, but I feel I have returned home in more ways than I could have imagined. Thank you UUFM, for being the community that you are.*

New member profiles continue on page 8 of this newsletter ...

## NEW MEMBER PROFILES (CONTINUED)

Meet **SARAH DESMET**:

1) WHAT DREW YOU TO UUFM?

*I grew up with Pat, Ken and Sheila Embers, friends of my parents, Barbara and Jay Nelson. I see UUFM as a safe, progressive community that challenges me to meet people in a public space and talk to them. That is, my spiritual growth was looking for new material.*



2) IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE MANHATTAN AREA, WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?

*I've lived in Manhattan for the past 10 years. I came from a place called San Francisco, via New Haven, Connecticut, Los Angeles, and Olsburg, Kansas.*

3) WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 HOBBIES? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?

*I offer tax, credit and financial services to the unemployed, under-employed, and those emotionally crippled wage earners erroneously convinced they are hopelessly broke. I do not teach. I do yoga. And practice Vipassana meditation. I cook, creatively, prodigiously.*

*I am an omnilegent bibliophile. (Melville's The Confidence Man: His Masquerade remains the greatest work of non-fiction ever penned. This is a fact, not my opinion.) Obviously, I collect fibrous format only with the aim to exceed the size and quality of Bill Gates' library. I'm in the running, and, like the tortoise, have insouciant confidence I will prevail.*

4) WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH?

*I work to end food insecurity, food waste, and promote ugly produce rescue. I am active in mental health recovery, serving as a public information officer and web-site administrator to connect people with support services statewide.*

5) WHAT IS ONE THING ABOUT YOU THAT YOU'D LIKE THE UUFM COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

*At age 51 I qualified for the international plein air sunbathing team. In 2018 I awarded myself honors for number of new freckles formed and quality of strategic sunscreen application.*

Meet **DAKOTA SANTIAGO**:

1) WHAT DREW YOU TO UUFM?

*I was looking for a faith community without strict codes and remembered going to it as a kid. I always enjoyed the atmosphere and the things I learned about myself and the world around me. The services consistently give me something to think about and consider in regards to the kind of person I aspire to be. It feels like, to me, a place where everyone is willing to try to see the best in others. Also, the bathroom explicitly being gender neutral was pretty cool*

2) IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE MANHATTAN AREA, WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?

*I've been out of town for most of the past 3 years but I'm from Manhattan!*

3) WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 HOBBIES? HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR FREE TIME?

*I like to hike (when it's not below freezing), read, craft, hang out with friends, and (unfortunately, ha ha) spend entirely too much time on my phone*

4) WHAT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH?

*I try to attend various UUFM meetings before and after Sunday services as I'm available, volunteer on a small farm, take UFM classes occasionally, and attend roller derby boot camp with hopes of joining the team.*

5) WHAT IS ONE THING ABOUT YOU THAT YOU'D LIKE THE UUFM COMMUNITY TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

*I am not very available outside of Sundays and evenings right now (and may not be for a long time) but I'm planning to stay in Manhattan long-term so I hope to be able to participate/contribute more eventually!*

Newer members who would like to introduce themselves to our Fellowship family should talk to Marisa Larson at (240) 305-0895 or [marisa.larson@gmail.com](mailto:marisa.larson@gmail.com).





## Little Apple Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, April 13, stepping off at 11:45 am,  
from the parking lot opposite Dillard's.

We need volunteers to participate in the parade  
or staff our UUFM table at the festival.

We're also seeking volunteers to help with the parade itself.

Learn how you can get involved  
from Jonalu Johnstone at 537-2349 or [revjonalu@uufm.net](mailto:revjonalu@uufm.net),  
or Laura Lott at 410-3695 or [lott.laura@yahoo.com](mailto:lott.laura@yahoo.com).



The Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc.,

# MESI.



has reached out to us with an urgent call  
for new and gently used **TOWELS**.

A box is provided in the narthex for your donations.  
Learn more from Betty Banner, at 776-1887 or [bettybanner@gmail.com](mailto:bettybanner@gmail.com).

## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



March 3: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster,  
Kim Ewing, and Chris Bailey  
March 10: Catherine Crites, Judy Exdell,  
Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan  
March 17: Dick and Sylvia Beeman,  
and Pat and Ken Embers  
March 24: Emily Trube, Rob Morrison,  
Emily Fraser, Deirdre Greeley  
March 31: Cybil Perkins, Dave Lambert,  
and Ana Franklin  
Learn more about coffee and greeting  
teams from Shirley Hobrock at 776-3175  
or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.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.  
The cost is \$6 (new members receive name  
tags at no cost).

### Administrator's Schedule

Saturday, March 2 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, March 4 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, March 5 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, March 7 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, March 9 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, March 11 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, March 12 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, March 14 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, March 16 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, March 18 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, March 19 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, March 21 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, March 23 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, March 25 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, March 26 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, March 28 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, March 30 - 2 to 5 pm

Drop in at the Fellowship during Susan  
Turner's office hours, or call 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've 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 read-  
ing difficulties. To subscribe, contact 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 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 us at 537-2349  
or office@uufm.net.

### BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING


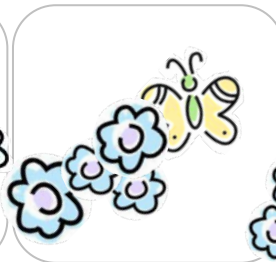
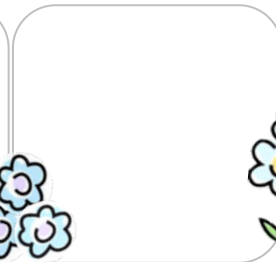


Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available  
before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including  
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be  
held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and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

### APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the April edition of *The UUFM Voice* will  
be Friday, **MARCH 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.



# MARCH 2019 at UUFM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church  <b>7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY</b> Auntie Mae's Parlor	<b>2</b>  <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>3</b>  <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Into the Wilderness</i>  <b>4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE</b> mtg	<b>4</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>5</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>6</b> <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b> <b>2 TO 4 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's in Aggieville, (405) 627-3859 <b>6 PM AWED POTLUCK</b> Social Justice mtg	<b>7</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>8</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church  <b>2:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's Bakehouse (405) 627-3859 <i>last minute</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>9</b> <b>12:15 PM</b> <b>ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE</b> NE entrance, City Park  <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>10</b> <b>9 AM SINGERS</b> rehearse <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Packing for the Journey</i> <b>HELPING HANDS SUNDAY</b> Wonder Workshop	<b>11</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>12</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b> <b>1:30 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>7 PM BOARD MEETING</b> Jessica Sievers, 532-8471	<b>13</b>  <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b> Jupiter room	<b>14</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>15</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast  <b>2:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's Bakehouse (405) 627-3859 <i>last minute</i> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>17</b> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>From Konza Prairie to Natural Systems</i> Wes Jackson	<b>18</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>19</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>20</b> <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b> <b>12:30 TO 2:30 AM</b> <b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's KSU on the Hill (405) 627-3859 <b>3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE</b>	<b>21</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b> <b>1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 <b>5:30 PM BLACKKLANSMAN</b> talk by Kevin Willmott Bluemont Rm, KSU Union	<b>22</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church	<b>23</b>  <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>24</b> <b>10:45 AM SERVICE</b> <i>Spiritual Journeys</i> <b>12:15 PM</b> <b>PATH TO MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>26</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>27</b>  <b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>1 TO 6 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> <b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b> <b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349	<b>29</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church  <b>10 AM</b> <b>BOOK DISCUSSION</b> Lorrie Cross, 539-7883	<b>30</b> <b>11 AM TO 2 PM EMPTY BOWLS SOUP LUNCHEON</b> 1st Congregational UCC 700 Poyntz Avenue <b>2 TO 5 PM</b> <b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349
<b>31</b> <b>9:30 AM UU HISTORY</b> <i>Feminism</i> <b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b> <i>Bringing Pilgrimage Mind to Life's Journey</i>						