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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE

A PEOPLE OF WHOLENESS?

Let's just say that we're skeptical about rushing in to fix things.

We Unitarian Universalists understand the urge to restore what once was. Nothing is more human. Who doesn't want to reverse the damage? Who doesn't hold on to the humpty dumpty hope that all can be put back together again? But our faith teaches us that this is just not how the world works. Transition and change rule the flow of life. There is no going back. The current of time is just too strong.

And so the wholeness offered us is not that returning our lives to their original state but working with what remains to make something new. The shards are not pieces of a puzzle that needs put perfectly back together, but building blocks waiting to be molded into a yet to be imagined form. To be made whole again is to be reorganized, not restored.

Another way to put this is to say that there is freedom in the breaking. The cracks make room for creativity. That's not to minimize the pain. And it's certainly not a way of justifying tragedy as "part of God's plan." Rather, it's a call for us to perceive the broken pieces of our lives as more than just a pile of worthless and ruined rubble. "Look closer," says our faith, "that ash, if worked with, can give birth to a Phoenix."

So, what piles of rubble in your life need revisited? What longing for what was needs let go so a new wholeness can emerge?

And how might you break open even further? Because that's part of this too, isn't it? "Your broken pieces are more than rubble" is not the only counterintuitive thing our faith tells us about wholeness. It also urges us to "Crack wider!"

As odd as it sounds, we were meant to be broken, broken open to be exact. Over and over again, our faith reminds us that protecting our personal wholeness is only half the game. The equally important part of life's journey is about letting in the wholeness of world!

It's about cultivating cracks on purpose. It's about becoming intentionally exposed. As Leonard Cohen famously put it, "Cracks are how the light gets in."

Broken hearts hurt but they also let in and allow us to connect with the pain of others. Protected hearts may seem safe, but our armor only ends up being a prison. It's one of the most important but paradoxical spiritual truths there is: Broken people end up bigger people.

So, in the end, maybe that's our most important "wholeness question": How are your cracks inviting you to become larger?



APRIL 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

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

APRIL 7 "THE WHOLENESS OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE, EVEN THE HARD AND PAINFUL PARTS"

Fellowship member Barbara Bascom shares reflections. Watch for further details in weekly email announcements, on Tuesday afternoon. Convener is Terry Hardley at tfregapane@gmail.com.

APRIL 14 "JOURNEY TOWARDS WHOLENESS: A HUMAN RIGHTS STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone presents this service. A traditional practice, particularly in Catholic churches and at this season, stations of the cross encourage reflection on the sufferings of Jesus. This morning, we will consider a different viewpoint of suffering. How might the suffering in the push for human rights--from Selma to Stonewall and much more--inspire and integrate our own journey towards wholeness? Our convener is Scott Tanona at 785 317-2593 or stanona@sbcglobal.net.

APRIL 21 "CONSIDER THE LILIES OF THE FIELD"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks in this *SERVICE FOR ALL AGES*. Easter this year is closely followed by Earth Day. Most UU's don't identify as Christian, but do see the value of celebrating the Earth and committing to keeping it a safe home for us all. Plus, Easter remains for us a time we remember the renewal of Earth and rebirth of the flowers and fields. Jesus had something to say about that, and may have lessons for us yet. Convener is Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 or rkdelong@gmail.com.

APRIL 28 "WHOLENESS: NOT PERFECTION OR PERMANENCE"

Perfection has been named as a characteristic of white supremacy. What would it mean to give up on the illusion of perfection and instead take a more Buddhist approach of recognizing change and impermanence, as we move toward wholeness? How might we integrate the various facets of ourselves and of our world into a more coherent imperfect whole? Perhaps the Japanese concept of wabi-sabi has lessons for us. Our convener is Katie Kingery-Page at 785 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com.

*Voting Fellowship members are urged to attend our 2019 **ANNUAL MEETING**, following the service on Sunday, April 28. Matters to be voted on include the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and candidates standing for Board positions. There will be discussion of options for growth which various working groups have explored in the past year. Non-voting friends are invited to attend and observe. Details on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.*



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COMING UP ...

Dress in your rainbow finery for the **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE and FESTIVAL**, on Saturday, **APRIL 13**. Learn more on pages 5 and 6.

Don't miss our annual **EASTER POTLUCK BRUNCH** and **EGG HUNT**, on Sunday, **APRIL 21**. More on pages 4 and 5.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** gathers following the Sunday service, on **APRIL 28**. Review details on pages 7 and 8.

In February, our theme was trust. Have you noticed how the themes move into one another? We went from trust, to journey in March and to wholeness for this month. We need trust to make the journey. We need to journey to reach wholeness. As we strive for wholeness, I thought it might be a good time to revisit what it is that we trust.

During our Service for All Ages in February, everyone was invited to complete a link in the chain of trust that became our central art piece. Each person wrote a word or words about what they trust. As we disassembled the piece, I took note of different categories of trust. Many people noted family members or friends, either generically or by name. A few specified UUFM members, or the fellowship as a whole,



as people they trusted. Some named other particular categories of people--bridge partners or Vietnam vet buddies. Some named people they work with, customers, students, clients, even bosses. A number of people named themselves as

who they trust. Several people mentioned children or youth. Someone named the group Funds for Wildlife. There were a few interesting people who got unique mentions: people in need, the people who trust me, the people who give us confidence, and "anyone when I need help."

Then there were people-oriented answers that didn't relate to specific people. Among us, we have trust in the basic goodness of people, in civilization joining together for mutual benefit, in kindness, in fruits of human cooperation, and in the good will of others.

Values figured strongly for some: justice, empathy, growth, education, and even "our common values." One person paired empathy with spirit. Methodologies came up in answers like questioning, gut, "the process," intuition, reason, and logic. Several mentioned science or the scientific method in particular. At least one person trusted facts.

A few trusted particular assertions. "The sun comes up every morning with a fresh new day." "Life is full of opportunities." "There is good in the world." "We will have clean water to drink." "Things will turn out alright in the end." "Change will happen." In fact, change and growth received other endorsements.

Finally, one listed their dog as trustworthy.

Overall, our humanism came out strongly. Our connections with people, with one another, matter deeply and are a key place we turn to in need and in celebration. As we move forward together as a congregation, considering questions that will shape the future for Unitarian Universalism in Manhattan, may we remember who and what we trust and find ways to engage what matters most to us.

In faith and freedom, *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/

WE NEED COFFEE CUPS !

Our supply of reusable coffee cups in the Fellowship kitchen is low. It's time to sort through your cupboards and gather up those old PBS mugs and logo cups that have been collecting dust at the back of the shelf. Rinse them off and bring them to the Fellowship. We'll use them on Sunday mornings, and during meetings and events to avoid the waste of disposable cups. Thanks so much for your help to keep our Fellowship green!

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday,	April	2 - 11 am to 1:30 pm, 3:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	3 - 2 to 4 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday,	April	9 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	10 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Aggieville
Tuesday,	April	16 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	April	18 - 1 to 5 pm
Saturday,	April	20 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	April	23 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	April	24 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's on the Hill
Thursday,	April	25 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	April	30 - 1 to 5 pm

During office hours, Jonalu may be reached 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

APRIL FAMILY FUN

Join us following the Sunday morning service on APRIL 21, for the Fellowship's annual **EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK BRUNCH**. Kids are invited to eat first and then gather in the Jupiter room for the start of 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 egg grab. Instead, each plastic egg has a letter sticker on it and kids hunt for the secret word (SPRING). Once they've found their six eggs they exchange them for a wide selection of fun Easter trinkets. Each age group has a specific area in which 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.

For the potluck brunch bring your favorite quiche, salad, side dish, casserole, yummy cinnamon rolls, fruit, pie, or whatever. *We'll need a few extra helpers for the clean up crew, so please contact Sandy Nelson if you are willing to help. IT IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN PLACE-SETTINGS TO THIS MEAL AS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY LIGHTENS THE LOAD FOR THOSE WHO RUN THE DISHWASHER.*

Please join us for the 10th Annual **LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE** and Festival, on Saturday, APRIL 13. 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 colorful crepe paper streamers to decorate bikes, trikes, wagons, and strollers. Gather at the parking lot next to Dillard's at 11:30 am. The parade starts at noon. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and colorful clothing as we walk to City Park. Bring your friends. The more the merrier!

OUR WHOLE LIVES

Our Whole Lives concludes this month for our 4th-6th grade students. Many thanks to all the families for your participation in this important program! If your family would like to participate in a future OWL course, please contact Sandy at 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

SUMMER PLANNING - UUFM WORLD TRAVELERS

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING! THE SUMMER PROGRAM IS COMING! Once again, our Religious Education students 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 Sandy 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, Sylvia Beeman, Mark Clarke, 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 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>.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

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

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 3. Following dinner at 6 pm, we'll share information on opportunities being explored purchase property in town. Learn more from Mark Mayfield at 785 776-6495 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. Jane Pelletier at 785 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on APRIL 5, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 785 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on Friday, APRIL 26, at 10 am, at the Cattell residence. We'll discuss *The Strange One*, by Fred Bodsworth. Learn more from Harriette Janke at 785 410-2150 or harriettejanke@gmail.com, or Lorrie Cross at 785 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net.

THEMES IN UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

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.*

APRIL 14 – FEMINISM

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

MAY 5 – UNITARIANISM

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

JUNE 2 – UNIVERSALISM

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

LITTLE APPLE PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL

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MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Join us on Wednesday, APRIL 24, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Tranquility room for our monthly service at Meadowlark Hills. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

UUFM SINGERS

The UUFM Singers rehearse on Sunday, APRIL 14 and 21, 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

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 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or Mark at 785 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com.

Don't miss our annual

Easter Potluck Brunch

following the morning service
on Sunday, April 21.

Bring a dish to share and join us
for good food, and great company.
Parents, ask Sandy Nelson, or any RE teacher,
about the **Easter egg hunt**.

Learn more and find out how you can help from
Sandy Nelson at 341-0135 or drc@uufm.net.



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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.

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** 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, or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 rkdelong@gmail.com.*

HELPING HANDS SUNDAY

During Sunday morning services in April, collection contributions not marked specifically "for UUFM" will go to **THE FAIRY GODMOTHERS' FUND**, which makes 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/

In March, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collections to Wonder Workshop. THANK YOU all for your generous donations! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 785 477-8188 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 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, APRIL 14, 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.

The Fellowship 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.

Bring in your unopened sample and travel packages of shampoo, **deodorant**, soaps, lotion, toothbrushes, **razors**, etc. Some often overlooked needs include **diapers**, **laundry detergent**, **trash bags**, **pillows**, and **cleaning supplies**. A box will be provided in the narthex. Learn more from Betty Banner at 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following the Sunday service on **APRIL 28**. Members are urged to take this opportunity to participate in the future of our Fellowship, as we discuss our hopes for fiscal year 2019/2020 (June 1, 2019 thru May 31, 2020). Please review the information provided on the next 2 pages, to familiarize yourself with items to be discussed and voted upon.

PROPOSED FY 2019/2020 UUFM BUDGET

UUFM BUDGET	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	% CHANGE
INCOME			
Contributions-Cash	3,000	3,000	0.0
Contributions-Non-pledge	4,000	4,000	0.0
Contributions-Pledges	130,000	150,000	15.4
Fund Raising	4,000	4,000	0.0
Other Income	2,000	2,000	0.0
TOTAL INCOME	143,000	163,000	14.0
EXPENSE			
Administration	3,000	3,000	0.0
Building Contingency Fund	0	0	
Caring	100	100	0.0
Communications/Publicity	3,000	3,500	16.7
Developmental Ministry Consulting	0	0	
UUA Contribution	9,718	10,420	7.2
Facilities	8,205	6,230	- 24.1
Green Sanctuary	100	100	0.0
Insurance	4,350	4,000	- 8.0
Leadership Development	0	1,771	
Legal Fees	40	40	0.0
Membership	450	600	33.3
Minister's Discretionary Fund	300	300	0.0
Music	360	360	0.0
Payroll	139,514	140,341	0.6
Religious Education	1,960	3,460	76.5
Sitter	400	400	0.0
Social	840	840	0.0
Social Action	2,700	2,800	3.7
Stewardship	200	200	0.0
Sunday Services	1,100	1,100	0.0
Utilities	6,500	6,825	5.0
Welcoming Congregation	100	100	0.0
TOTAL EXPENSE	182,937	186,487	1.9
NET INCOME	- 39,937	- 23,487	- 41.2

BOARD OFFICER NOMINEES Executive Board candidates standing for election appear in **BOLD ITALICS**. Officers continuing their terms from the previous year appear in plain text:

Chair - Mark Mayfield
Chair-Elect - ROB MORRISON
 Treasurer - Eli Martinson
Secretary - CATHY HEDGE
 Member-at-Large - Lily Colburn
Member-at-Large - LES LOSCHKY
 Past Chair - Jessica Sievers

NOTES ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET

The Finance Committee, after reviewing UUA salary guidelines, and inline with our values and goals, recommended a 2% salary increase for the Minister, RE Director, Music Director, Administrator, and Janitor positions.

Communications has requested a \$500 increase to support more outreach activities.

Our recent spike in growth led Membership to request an additional \$150 to cover expenses for additional Pathways to Membership classes and new member socials, as well as new member packets.

RE requested an additional \$1,500 to sponsor an OWL training class for new facilitators.

The Facilities budget request is \$1,975 less than last year. However, there are two capital projects (brick spalling repairs and upper parking lot improvements) for which we will need to identify funding sources when proposed.

Our annual contribution to the UUA--which includes our contribution to the region--is increasing. This will be the first year using the new Annual Program Fund formula under which contributions are based on our expenses rather than membership numbers.

These changes led to an overall increase in expenses of 1.9%, or \$3,550, for a total of \$186,487.

To cover these expenses, we will rely on generous giving and endowment funds. With our membership increases this year, we are looking for a strong pledge drive to bring in \$150,000. Other fund raisers, income, and contributions are projected to make up another \$13,000 of revenue, leaving \$23,487. The \$1,771 for Leadership Development will come from money available to us from our permanent Greater Manhattan Community Foundation endowment. The plan for the remaining \$21,716 is to use returns on our expendable endowment investments at Vanguard.

While on the topic of giving, don't forget the Grow Green Match Day with Greater Manhattan Community Foundation on April 22. Please visit growgreenmanhattan.com for additional information.

Contact Fellowship Treasurer Eli Martinson at 785 564-7603 or elias.martinson@gmail.com, with questions about Fellowship finances and for help with your pledge.

Board Chair Jessica Sievers offers information and reflections, concerning items for discussion at the upcoming UUFM Annual Meeting, following the Sunday service, on APRIL 28. Please contact Jessica at 785 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com, with your questions.

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear UU Friends and Family,

I hope you and yours are well. We have exciting things coming up at our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28, at 12:15 pm. In addition to voting on next fiscal year's budget and new board members, I invite you into a conversation about the future of our UUFM. While growth to sustain full-time ministry has been the main goal for several years, the time has come to make accommodations. We have grown to 131 members, a record high!

GROWTH - Overall attendance on Sundays has also increased, and studies show when seating approaches 80% of capacity, the room feels full and less welcoming. We do not want to deter guests--and members--from joining us, and if our sanctuary feels crowded, one can conclude there is no more space in our parking lot. Thus, the trend after a peak in attendance is a subsequent decline, because people feel crowded out, or think they will not be missed.

TWO SERVICES - In answer to this, the Sunday Services Committee is moving towards implementation of two Sunday services, possibly as soon as this Fall. This is one recommendation from the task force appointed a few years ago. They also advised services be one hour and of varying formats, perhaps one traditional service, and the other significantly different. Two services would distribute attendance, open up space in the sanctuary and parking lot, and provide the option of an alternative service format; however, it does come with challenges.

Feasibly, Religious Education for our youth could only be offered during one service, the other service might be multigenerational, or childcare may be provided without the educational aspect. Coffee time would likely be between the two services. Choir and other musical performances will be different. The need for conveners, speakers, and greeting teams will double. Assuredly, there are more unforeseen factors to a change like this.

RELOCATE ? - Another option has presented itself: First Christian Church is for sale, just west of the Courthouse at 115 Courthouse Plaza, on the corner of 5th and Humboldt, located in the heart of downtown. Built in the early 1900s, with additions in the 1950s and 60s, the appraised value is \$1.28 million. One elevator accesses three of the four levels. The fourth level consists of six rooms out of 22 classrooms/offices throughout the building. There is double the sanctuary occupancy, which would allow us to keep to one service, a large fellowship hall and kitchen, 10 restrooms, and abundant storage space. Parking on Sundays is available on the street, at the Courthouse and UMB Bank, and in the public lot.

THE BIG PICTURE - The current status on sharing space with the Mennonites is on hold as they are focusing other issues at this time. That being said, we have important decisions to make. Two services at UUFM is inevitable, unless/until we make alternate arrangements. The task force advised against investing in a \$3.5 million € on to our current site, as we would still have inadequate parking and not be located in town. It is hard to come by real estate in town. So we must ask ourselves: How do we want to grow? In what ways do we commit to sustaining full-time ministry? How do we live out our values and mission? And what does the future of UUFM look like?

With Hope and Love,

Jessica Sievers, Board Chair



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Themes in UU History and Theology

Join us on Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 am,

to consider **Feminism**

Rev Jonalu Johnstone describes this session, "Find out about
interesting women who have shaped who we are,
and the men who supported and stood by them."

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UUFM's 2019

## Annual Meeting

gathers on Sunday, April 28,  
*following the morning service.*



All voting members are encouraged to attend  
and participate in this vital discussion exploring  
the growth of our Fellowship life and vision.  
Watch for details of the Annual Meeting agenda  
in the April 2019 edition of *The UUFM Voice*.  
Learn more on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter,  
or ask UUFM Board Chair Jessica Sievers  
at 532-8471 or [sieversj@gmail.com](mailto:sieversj@gmail.com).

## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



April 7: Gene Sievers, Mark Clarke,  
and Justin Harms  
April 14: Shirley Hobrock, Livia Olsen,  
Larry Weaver, and Taryn Cipra  
April 21: Elke Lorenz, Becky Sorensen,  
Fred Reynolds, and Lily Colburn  
April 28: Austin Roberts, Matt Brown,  
Jeff Brown, Madilena Mendiola  
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

Monday, April 1 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 2 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, April 4 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, April 6 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 8 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 9 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, April 11 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, April 13 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 15 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 16 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, April 18 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, April 20 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 22 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 23 - 1 to 6 pm  
Thursday, April 25 - 1 to 6 pm  
Saturday, April 27 - 2 to 5 pm  
Monday, April 29 - 1 to 6 pm  
Tuesday, April 30 - 1 to 6 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.

### MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the May edition of *The UUFM Voice* will be  
Monday, **APRIL 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.

# APRIL 2019 at UUFM

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                            | <b>2</b> <b>11 AM TO 1:30 PM</b><br><b>J JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>3:30 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>3</b> <b>12 NOON</b><br><b>MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room<br><br><b>2 TO 4 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at<br>Radina's Aggieville<br><b>6 PM AWED POTLUCK</b>                | <b>4</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                          | <b>5</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b><br><b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal Church<br><br><b>7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY</b><br>Auntie Mae's           | <b>6</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                              |
| <b>7</b><br><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Wholeness of the<br/>Human Experience</i>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>8</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                            | <b>9</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b><br><b>1:30 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON</b><br>at Fellowship, 537-2349<br><br><b>7 PM BOARD MEETING</b><br>Jessica Sievers, 532-8471                               | <b>10</b> <b>10 AM TO 12 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at<br>Radina's Aggieville<br><br><b>12 NOON</b><br><b>MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room                                      | <b>11</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                         | <b>12</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b><br><b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal Church                                                               | <b>13</b> <b>11:30 AM LITTLE APPLE</b><br><b>PRIDE PARADE and</b><br><b>FESTIVAL</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349  |
| <b>14</b> <b>9 AM</b><br><b>SINGERS REHEARSE</b><br><b>9:30 AM UU HISTORY AND</b><br><b>THEOLOGY</b> <i>Feminism</i><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Human Rights</i><br><i>Stations of the Cross</i><br><b>HELPING HANDS</b> ←<br>Fairy Godmothers' Fund | <b>15</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349<br><br><i>SUNDAY, APRIL 14</i><br><b>4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE MTG</b> | <b>16</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                    | <b>17</b><br><br><b>12 NOON</b><br><b>MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room                                                                                                                 | <b>18</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>19</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b><br><b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal Church                                                               | <b>20</b> <b>12:30 TO 2:30 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at<br>Radina's Bakehouse<br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349 |
| <b>21</b> <b>9 AM</b><br><b>SINGERS REHEARSE</b><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Consider the Lilies<br/>of the Field</i><br><b>12:15 PM</b><br><b>EASTER POTLUCK/EGG HUNT</b>                                                                            | <b>22</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                           | <b>23</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1:30 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                 | <b>24</b> <b>12 NOON</b><br><b>MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room<br><br><b>12:30 TO 2:30 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at<br>Radina's on the Hill<br><b>3 PM MEADOWLARK SERVICE</b> | <b>25</b> <b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>26</b> <b>7 AM HAPPY</b><br><b>KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal Church<br><br><b>10 AM BOOK DISCUSSION</b><br>Judy Cattell, 320-5470 | <b>27</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                             |
| <b>28</b><br><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Wholeness: Not Perfection<br/>or Permanence</i><br><b>12:15 PM</b><br><b>2019 ANNUAL MEETING</b>                                                                                                            | <b>29</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                           | <b>30</b><br><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at<br>Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                 |