

AUGUST 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

AUGUST 4 "SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS"

We accompany Fellowship members Kathleen Tanona, Sarah Desmet, and Susan Adamchak on their renderings of their personal (spiritual) journeys. They will consider their values and beliefs and how they developed, their theologies (or lack thereof), and what made them decide to become UUs. Our convener is Elke Lorenz at 785 218-4014 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

AUGUST 11 "BEING AND BECOMING UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. What does it mean to be Unitarian Universalist? Many of us made a deliberate choice that these were our people. Others grew up in a tradition that has always been theirs. Today, we will honor three recent high school graduates moving on their journeys. In that context, we'll consider what growing up UU means and what growing as a UU means through our whole lives. Our convener is Michael Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

August 18 "Kansas to Khasi Hills"

Fellowship member Molly McGaughey shares her experience sponsoring a student in the Khasi Hills of India through the UU Partner Church program. Molly attended the 10th anniversary of the Annie Margaret Barr Children's Village. Being welcomed into a matriarchal culture and the strong Unitarian community of Mawsynjri was powerful. Join us to learn more about how a group of nine UUs from the US prepared for, celebrated, and reflected on this pilgrimage. Our convener is Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu.

AUGUST 25 "GOOD NEWS! UU EVANGELISM"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone leads this service. "Evangelism" is a word most of us aren't too fond of. Yet, many of us wish we had heard about Unitarian Universalism sooner than we did. We'll consider the case of nineteenth century Universalist evangelist Quillen Shinn, and how we live out our faith so that others want to know who we are. Our convener is Sarah Desmet at 785 477-7673 or sarah.e.desmet@gmail.com.



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COMING UP ...

Start making plans now for the 18th annual UUFM **MUSICALE** celebration, coming on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 29!
Learn more on page 4 of this newsletter.

Save the dates for a **NEXT STEPS WEEKEND,** SEPTEMBER 20 thru 22. Learn more on page 4.

Almost every week, I see something that reminds me that religious affiliation in the US is consistently and rapidly dropping. Nearly as many people identify as unaffiliated (22.8%) as Evangelical Protestant (25.4%), the largest group. Most who identify as "nones," that is, having no religious affiliation, have questioned the particular beliefs taught by religion and/or the social and political positions espoused by religious groups.

Unitarian Universalists have no argument with these "nones." We, too, have questioned both the beliefs and ideology of religious groups, especially those most prominent in the US. That may be reasons enough that our religious affiliation continues to matter in this time of decline for



religion. We actually can provide a place where those who question can belong.

Still, there's something else I think we as Unitarian Universalists do uniquely well. And it's something the world desperately needs. Not only do we

appreciate each other's talents and flairs, we value one another's thoughts, beliefs and opinions--even when they differ from our own.

I remember sitting in a covenant group (like our Chalice Circles) in a former church, listening as people shared their ideas about what is ultimate. Some used the word "God," but not everyone did. I remember the comment that came from an octogenarian, a devout humanist who didn't have use for God. He leaned forward from his armchair and spoke slowly, "I am coming to understand that what some of you mean by 'God' may be what I call 'mystery."

We don't share the same vocabulary, but that doesn't mean we cannot share our hearts and minds. A convinced atheist regularly attended a class I offered on spirituality, though he wasn't quite sure what the word meant. But he thought the class helped him to become more conscious in the way he lived, and he valued consciousness. In return, the coteacher of the class and I modified the vocabulary of questions and discussion points, adding words about consciousness to our language of connection with Spirit. We all grew from our willingness to bring his perspective to the table.

As we welcome people moving to our community over the next couple of months, let's remember how we value both what we share and what we differ on. May we come together in the spirit of unity and find new ways of moving in the world by listening to and learning from one another.

Jonalu

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

PRINTED REFLECTION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Dear Friends, I am aware that a few people find hearing difficult, even using the assisted listening devices. I have experimented with printing the text of my reflection, making it available to a few people,

I am committed to making a text version of my reflection available each time I am speaking at a service. It will be on the card table outside the sanctuary. I want to balance the goal of being ecologically sustainable, so *please honor that these copies are for those who have difficulty hearing* what is being said. There will be only a few copies available.

Thank you, Jonalu

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug 6 - 1 to 5 pm

Wednesday, Aug 7 - 9 to 11 am, Radina's Aggieville

Tuesday, Aug 13 - 1 to 5 pm Thursday, Aug 15 - 1 to 5 pm

Friday, Aug 16 - 10 am to 12 pm, Radina's Bakehouse

Tuesday, Aug 20 - 1 to 5 pm

Wednesday, Aug 21 - 1:30 to 3:30 pm, Radina's Aggieville

Thursday, Aug 22 - 1 to 5 pm Tuesday, Aug 27 - 1 to 5 pm

Wednesday, Aug 28 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm, Radina's on the Hill

Thursday, Aug 29 - 1 to 5 pm

During office hours, Jonalu may be reached at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. During "out-of-office" hours, drop into Radina's for a cup of coffee and a chat.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

LOOKING FOR TEACHERS

To keep the education program running smoothly, we need about a dozen folks to help as classroom leaders. Class plans are provided. Older teens are encouraged to offer their time as well as adults. (High School volunteer hours can be given.) With 12 helpers, the commitment is only two Sundays per year. Please consider this important role. Learn more from Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

WE'RE HIRING !!!

Are you someone who would like to spend a couple of hours with our youngest UUs? We need NURSERY ATTENDANTS. If a constant gig is too much, consider just once a month. Or maybe you know someone who is looking for just a few hours a week, \$12 per hour, 2 hours per Sunday.



It's time to renew your registration: Please update your child's information by completing a registration form at http://form.iotform.us/form/51486475507160.

UU WORLD TRAVELERS

During our summer program all students meet together for class where guest "tour guides" from the congregation lead students on all kinds of adventures. This month, we have some exciting adventures scheduled:

August 4: Magical Mystery Tour

with Sandy Nelson

August 11: **Tour of Mount Whitney**

with Clara and Mark Mayfield

August 18: **Tour Inside Our Bodies**

with Jennifer Thomsen

August 25: **Tour of The Gambia**

with Lily Colburn

Learn more about all youth and family activities from Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

TEEN LUNCH -- THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Teen Lunch starts up again August 18. All teens (7th grade and up) are invited to gather for lunch after the service, on the third Sunday of each month. Molly McGaughey is the speaker in the service on this day so ALL TEENS are encouraged to come and stay in the service to support Molly. She'll be speaking about her trip to India. Afterwards, we'll do lunch at AJ's Pizza on Poyntz Avenue. Bring a friend! Learn more from Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

Talk with Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings before or after the service, or contact her at 785 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

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

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 August 2, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 785 341-8997 or meadbailey@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 785 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

There will be **NO** (**AWed**) **POTLUCK** over the Summer. Please watch for announcements in September.

The UUFM **Book Discussion Group** gathers on Friday, August 30, at 10 am, at the Cattell residence. We'll discuss *Darius The Great Is Not Okay*, by Adib Khorram. Learn more from Susan Adamchak at 785 477-4407 or sadamchak@kansas.net.

GET READY FOR MUSICALE XVIII!!!

The 18th annual UUFM Musicale is coming September 29! Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, drummers, et al, are invited to join in this opportunity to share their talents with the congregation. There's plenty of room for individual performers and small groups to strut their stuff for the rest of us. Volunteers of all ages, at every stage of their development, are encouraged

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



SAVE THE DATES -- NEXT STEPS WEEKEND VISIT -- SEPTEMBER 20 TO 22

Our Fellowship has been considering the purchase of a different building. Though several questions and concerns about that remain, one stands out. How would we pay for it--both in terms of purchase and on-going expenses? To help us address these questions, our Board has invited a consultant to help us in financial planning. Barry Finkelstein will spend Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 20 thru 22, with us to conduct a Next Steps Weekend program. He hopes to accomplish three goals during the visit: 1) gather enough information to gain a clear sense of who we are and where we would like to go; 2) generate specific observations and recommendations to help us on our journey; and 3) explain how the Stewardship for Us Team can offer guidance and coaching as we move into the future. Barry will meet with congregational leaders on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon, he'll conduct an open workshop for everyone. On Sunday, he will hold an open forum to share his observations and recommendations. These sessions will be engaging, energetic, and informative. We'll provide snacks and childcare will be available. We encourage all to attend.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Join us for our next discussion-based service at Meadowlark Hills Wednesday, AUGUST 28, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Flint Hills room. Invite your friends! Learn more from Rev Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

MUSIC AT THE FELLOWSHIP

The UUFM Singers take a break over the summer, as our Music Director prepares for the Annual Musicale on September 29. 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, in Manhattan City Park, between the rose Garden and the stage. Learn more from Jonalu, at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or Mark at 785 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com.

THE POWER OF WE-- GA 2019

The UUA General Assembly 2019 concluded on June 23. Find reports and learn more about this annual gathering of UUs at www.uua.org/ga/. You can watch GA events that were videotaped at www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2019, and see coverage of GA from UU World magazine at www.uuworld.org/ga.

HELPING HANDS

During Sunday morning services in August, collection contributions not marked specifically "for UUFM" will go to the **FLINT HILLS COM-MUNITY CLINIC**, providing basic health care for families and individuals in our area without health care coverage. Learn more at www.flinthillscommunityclinic.org/.

In July, Fellowship members and friends contributed the morning's collection to the Guardian Angels. Thank you all for your generous donations! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 785 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.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.

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 iike 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 or rkdelong@gmail.com.

If you are creative, visually oriented, attentive to detail, and work well on your own, consider volunteering to maintain our UUFM **BULLETIN BOARDS.** You'll serve the mission of UUFM by keeping people informed and keeping our space attractive and inviting. We'll provide the information. You make choices about format, design, and when you'll do it. Contact Sue Turner at 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, or Jonalu Johnstone at revjonalu@uufm.net to learn more.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING

Rev Jonalu Johnstone and the UUFM Racial Justice team meet on Sunday, August 11, 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.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Aug 4: Austin Roberts, Madilena Mendiola, Matt Brown, and Jeff Brown
- Aug 11: Anne Cowan, Christopher Renner, Marisa Larson, and Susan Gormely
- Aug 18: Cathy Hedge, Sabrina Bowker,
 Jessica Sievers, and Kim Martinson
- Aug 25: Laura Bonella, Jane Pelletier, and Sarah Desmet

Learn more about coffee and greeting teams from Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com.

NEED A NEW NAME TAG?

If any member would like a new magnetic name tag, contact Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com. The cost is \$6 (new members receive name tags at no cost).

Administrator's Schedule

Thursday, Aug 1 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Aug 3 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, Aug 5 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, Aug 6 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, Aug 8 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Aug 10 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, Aug 12 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, Aug 13 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, Aug 15 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Aug 17 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, Aug 19 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, Aug 20 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, Aug 22 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Aug 24 - 2 to 5 pm Monday, Aug 26 - 1 to 6 pm Tuesday, Aug 27 - 1 to 6 pm Thursday, Aug 29 - 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Aug 31 - 2 to 5 pm

Drop in at the Fellowship during Susan Turner's office hours, or call 785 537-2349. She may be reached at any time at office@uufm.net.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 539-3272 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 considered **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, ask Welcoming chair Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Fellowship members may receive **UU World** MAGAZINE, without cost. An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision or reading difficulties. To subscribe, contact Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 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 785 341-0135, 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 785 537-2349 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 785 537-2349 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 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the September edition of *The UUFM Voice* will be Thursday, **August 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. Please send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 785 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

AUGUST 2019 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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Friday

Saturday





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

7 AM HAPPY **KITCHEN** breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church

7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY Auntie Mae's Parlor

9 AM TAI CHI Manhattan City Park Mark Moser, 537-5028

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

10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE Spiritual Journeys

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

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

9 TO 11 PM JONALU JOHNSTONE at Radina's Aggieville (405) 627-3859

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7 AM HAPPY **KITCHEN** breakfast St Paul's Episcopal Church

9 AM TAI CHI Manhattan City Park

9 AM BOARD RETREAT Mark Mayfield, 776-6495

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