



ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR SUNDAY SERVICES TEAM

CONCERNING PLANS FOR SERVICES IN SUMMER AND FALL 2020

In accordance with the recommendation of the UUA, we will continue to come together each Sunday by Zoom, **ONLINE ONLY**, through Fall of 2020 [*find new link at uufm.net/zoom*]. We will also continue to meet and find fellowship through online Chalice Circles and other small groups.

UUA recommends that congregations remain remote in their operations through the entire 2020-21 year. UUUFM will reevaluate based upon local, state, and federal conditions and guidelines in January of 2021. We might need to extend this approach through Spring of 2021.

SUMMER SERVICES 2020

Summer Services will be hosted on the Zoom platform and will be drawn from other UU congregations. This will be a chance to learn how other congregations conduct Sunday services online. Each week will still have a UUUFM convener, Joys and Concerns, and opportunity for coffee and conversation among our community members. The shared service approach will occur throughout July and August. Our congregation will contribute a custom-made service August 23.

If you are interested in contributing to Sunday Services through a reading, by convening, or through special music, we encourage you to step up during this difficult time and contact either Katie Kingery-Page (kingerypage@gmail.com) or Les Loschky (loschky@gmail.com) to register your interest. We always welcome new conveners, and you can tailor your commitment to your time. Convening once a quarter is welcomed, as is convening once a year! It takes many to create our Sunday Services. It is only when we come together as a community that we can maintain a vibrant spiritual life during this turbulent time.

AS WE ENTER SUMMER, THE SUNDAY SERVICES COMMITTEE WANTS TO THANK ALL OUR 2019-20 YEAR CONVENERS!

These conveners work with many other great UUs to make services happen:

Susan Adamchak
Chris Bailey
Diane Barker
Dick Beeman
Mark Clarke
Sarah Desmet
Pat Embers
Ana Franklin
Emily Fraser
Terri Hardley
Cathy Hedge
Harriette Janke

[Learn more about Sunday services and the work of the Sunday Services Team from Katie Kingery-Page at 785 341-5650 or kingerypage@gmail.com.]

JULY 2020 SUNDAY SERVICES

JULY 5 "WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?"

We are all responsible for what happens next, as we reflect on the American experiment in democracy and the historical brutality and denial that has been woven into it. Are we willing to redeem the promises of our founding vision, even at the cost of comfort, in this moment of critical opportunity? Rev Kendyl Gibbons, of All Souls UU Church, in Kansas City, Missouri, considers some classic texts from black writers reflecting on being American, assisted by Worship Arts and Music Director Anthony Edwards. Our convener is Les Loschky at 785 317-2226 or loschky@gmail.com.

JULY 12 "TRAGEDY + TIME"

Scholars of healing have given us a road-map of how both individuals and communities heal from trauma and tragedy. What are the stops on the way, and what paths should we avoid? Where do we go from here? The Rev Dr Matthew Johnson is Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church, in Rockford, Illinois. He's joined in leading this service by Tim Anderson, Music Director at the Rockford church. Our convener is Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

JULY 19 "THE JOURNEY FOR A BETTER WORLD CONTINUES ..."

Forty years ago, James Baldwin said, "The world is scarcely habitable for the conscious young." He followed with "What shall we do? How shall we begin it? How can it be accomplished?" How can one invest others with some hope?" We will walk with Baldwin and others as we find inspiration to continue the journey for a better world. Rev Dr Marian Stewart serves as Senior Minister of the First UU Church in Columbus, Ohio. She will be joined by First UU ministerial, Religious Exploration, and music staff. Our convener is Michael Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

JULY 26 "THE POETICS OF THE WORLD"

2020 has been quite a year, and there is still more to go. It has shifted how and perhaps why we do congregational life. How can we reflect on the events of the last seven months with a theological angle? What would it mean to think theologically or spiritually as Unitarian Universalists in this time in our society? How can we make sense of it all? Rev Aaron Stockwell served as the Interim Minister of the UU Congregation of Lawrence. By the time of this service, he will have just begun as Senior Minister of First Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts. Aaron will be joined by staff and lay members of UUCL for this service. Our convener is Sarah Desmet at 785 477-7673 or sarah.e.desmet@gmail.com.

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*There will be **NO in-person attendance** at Sunday services, at this time. Watch for announcements as circumstances develop. Learn how to join us and find the **NEW LINK** for **VIRTUAL SUNDAY SERVICES** at uufm.net/zoom.*

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at **10:45 AM** at
<https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXIyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09>

*Watch weekly announcements
as our COVID-19 response evolves.*

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COMING UP ...

The UUFM **SUNDAY SERVICES TEAM** outlines plans for Summer and Fall as we adapt to changing circumstances. Learn more on page 1.

The UUFM Racial Justice team concludes our discussion of **HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST**, by Ibram X Kendi, on Sunday, July 5. Learn more on page 5.

Share your photos and story from **BEFORE WE CAME TO UUFM**. Learn more on page 6 of this newsletter.



UUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program

Amidst the intensity of national and world events, I don't always know how to respond, or even what is going on. The reactions to the murder of George Floyd and the on-going violence against Black lives have intensified ... In the midst of a pandemic and economic crisis. Our world today is a sad, scary, intense place to live.



Yet, I have sensed a shift, a long-awaited change, in White people's reactions and responses. People who seem not to have noticed before suddenly recognize the long tenure of racism. Or, maybe, they have finally decided to act, or at

least to learn. The streets have filled--even 2000 protesters here in Manhattan. Confederate and corporate symbols that seemed untouchable disappear. Citizens are demanding police accountability in a wide variety of ways. Conversations about race are sprouting up everywhere. Check out local conversations being posted at Community Conversations on Race and Reconciliation

(www.facebook.com/manhattankConversations/) and Community Conversations for Change

(www.facebook.com/SEGMediaCollective/videos/699544987547874/?eid=ARAC5kltyfVK5ivi3Ypb74FJF4N5xLbAgYFr4-7aunNOTg-GV48ldh7PMrqXZbjrMDVvxVH5DADLg2xh).

The New York Times best-seller list is full of books about race and racism. We have a solid group of members and non-members reading and discussing *How to Be an Antiracist*. Change feels inevitable.

And change brings uncertainty and anxiety. We don't know how policing or race relations are going to evolve, exactly as we do not know how the pandemic or the economic disruption will change us. We live in times of rapidly shifting winds. We can only search for our grounding and respond to what comes.

At the same time, the fellowship is evolving. Restricted to virtual services for awhile longer, we're also figuring out what that means for how we relate with one another. We're exploring what we can safely do in person and what has to be on-line. Also, after five years as your fulltime developmental minister, I will be moving to 3/4 time. That means I will not be as present with you as I have been. As I ease towards retirement, you will be learning how 3/4 time is different from fulltime ministry. My plan is to be off one

week a month. That will keep me from over-functioning (which is my tendency) and allow clear parameters so that everyone understands when I am available. Beginning this month, I will have a week off toward the end of the month. Though it's a more complicated this month because I will also have two weeks earned vacation.

Change isn't easy in the best of times. Sometimes, though, there is no other way. And that is the time we are in now.

May you find comfort despite the challenges, and nourishment in the learning that inevitably comes as circumstance swirls around us.

In faith and freedom, *Jonalu*

You can contact Jonalu at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. Read Jonalu's blog at uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Rev Jonalu Johnstone will be available during drop-in office hours, from 3 to 5 pm, on Thursday, July 2, Tuesday, July 21, and Thursday, July 23. You can log in anytime during office hours, at <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824?pwd=WjNTUldoci9VWjNtMFNsNjBsMlZTZz09>. If you're asked for a password, use *zeandale*. Or you can phone in by calling 669 900 6833. When you hear the recorded voice say, "Welcome to Zoom. Please enter your meeting ID followed by pound" dial 979 740 0824#.

Jonalu will be on vacation July 6 thru 20, and off July 27 thru 31. During those times, she can be reached by phone or email in case of emergency at 405 627-3859 or revjonalu@uufm.net.



SUMMER RE PLANS

SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY HERE and we're making the most of it. Each Saturday, from 4 – 6 pm, we gather at the K-State Intramural Fields (corner of Denison and Kimball). The fields provide a lovely opportunity for kids to run off energy, fly kites, or explore for bugs while maintaining good distance. Extremely good distance!

Here are pictures of a gathering in June. Lots of distance between families!



Every other week or so there will be a new exploratory kit for each family which will include a variety of activities and projects. There will be kites, wind chimes, nails & wood, bug jars & magnifying glasses, art projects, and more. In addition to being available each Saturday at the fields, new kits will be available for pick-up from the front porch at my house during the week.

Please let me know if you have an idea for an exploratory kit or want something specific to be included.

We park at the south end of the fields where we can set up our own lawn chairs and blankets in the shade. It's social, yet feels safe. All ages are welcome.

I hope you'll join us!

Sandy Nelson

SUMMER

Our summer program is going to be a series of "Kits for Kids" which will include a variety of activities and projects. There will be kites, wind chimes, nails and wood, bug jars and magnifying glasses, and more. Kid Kits will either be delivered to your doorstep or available for pick-up from Sandy's house (you choose). Additionally, we'll be gathering at the K-State Intramural fields on Saturdays, from 4 to 6 pm. Learn more from Sandy at 785 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

BOOK AND VIDEO LENDING CONTINUES

Sandy has made her book and video collection available to us. If you're tired of digital media and the library is still not easily accessible, Sandy's got some to lend. View the list at <https://bit.ly/2S89QBL>.

DRE'S SCHEDULE

Sandy will be available on Zoom during virtual office hours on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Find a link to join Sandy during office hours at uufm.net/contact-us. Need 15 minutes to yourself? Have the kids join her for a little conversation.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2020/2021 school year. Registration forms are available online at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS -

EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets on Zoom, EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon. If you would like an invitation to this Zoom gathering, please contact Kathleen Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or kjoldfather@gmail.com.

The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets on Zoom MONDAYS and THURSDAYS at 9:30 am. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Jane Pelletier at 785 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com, for an invitation.

Join Elke Lorenz for **DINNER HOUR CONVERSATION** on Zoom, on THURSDAYS, from 5:30 to 6:45 pm. If you'd like to attend, contact Elke at 785 341-8997 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com. *Please note: Dinner Hour will NOT meet on July 2.* We'll resume regular meetings on JULY 9.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets Friday, JULY 31, at 10 am. Currently we are meeting via Zoom. We read widely, including history, fiction, natural sciences and biography. We welcome new members. For information, contact Lorrie Cross at 785 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. To request a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at sadamchak@kansas.net.

SHARE YOUR MUSIC!

MUSICALE XIX IS COMING, SEPTEMBER 27

UUFM Music Director Renea Brown invites Fellowship musicians, vocalists, and musical families to share their music during our upcoming virtual Musicales celebration, or anytime on Sunday morning services. Ask Renea how you can share your music at 785 209-2886 or reneareasoner@gmail.com.

HELPING HANDS

In JULY, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the the **GUARDIAN ANGELS**, providing funds for men with immediate and urgent needs that are not met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at www.gafund.org.

In June, Fellowship members and friends contributed Sunday morning collections to Shepherd's Crossing. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!

While we are meeting virtually, our Helping Hands recipients still need the annual contributions they've come to rely on from our congregation. You can donate on-line to Helping Hands, or give to UUFM's General Operating fund, at uufm.net/donate. 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, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are still available for purchase. Contact Anne Cowan at 785 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Sourced directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.

HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST

The UUFM Racial Justice Team invites everyone to join us on Zoom as we conclude our discussion of *How to Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X Kendi, on Sunday, JULY 5, at 4 pm. Find a link to join the meeting at uufm.net/social-action-july-2020. Learn more from Jonalu at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net, or Judy Nickelson at 785 304-0086 or judynickelson@gmail.com.

UUFM friend, and member of First Universalist Church of Norway, Maine,
Bernice Martin invites us to join in a variety of
Zoom Circles, including:
Community Caring Choir, Mondays, at 3 pm,
Time for All Ages (stories and songs), Tuesdays, at 1 pm,
Drumming Circle, Fridays, at 5:30 pm,
Community Sharing Circle, Saturdays, at 5:30 pm,
and **Evening Prayer Services**, Sundays, at 5:30 pm.
Find information, and links, on our calendar
at uufm.net/calendar.

WATCH SUNDAY SERVICES ON YOUTUBE

Our edited recorded services are now available on our YouTube channel. Thank you to Dan Swenson for doing the editing, and to Doug Walter for coordinating and recording. You can subscribe to the channel, or watch previous services at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0yUrY9yC_1nm_78qH72N6A

COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS

The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) will hold its Annual Meeting via Zoom on July 25, at 12 pm Central time. You must be a member of the national organization to vote. To register for the meeting go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9GcQIXig5.../tZcrf-ygqDopG9WY0I3CIRU-9GcQIXig5...> After registering, a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting will be sent one week prior to the meeting.

UUFM REPRESENTED

AT 2020 UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The UUA General Assembly met virtually June 24 thru 28, when our Fellowship joined together on Sunday morning to view the GA Sunday Morning Worship service. Our Fellowship was represented at the business meeting by delegates Mark Mayfield, Sandy Nelson, Rev Jonalu Johnstone, and Judy Nickelson. Find links to view the inspiring Sunday service, hear speakers, and learn more about the business conducted this year at uua.org/ga.



Share photos of yourself from

Before We Came to UUFM

Tell us about your life,
your passions, your work,
your joys, from before we had
the chance to get to know you.

Learn more from Susan Turner
at office@uufm.net.



BUILDING USE

Currently, the Fellowship building is not available for large gatherings. Those entering the building are asked to follow guidelines posted at all entrances, and make use of masks and hand sanitizer provided. Watch weekly email announcements for updates in our building use policy, as circumstances evolve. Please check with Susan Turner to pre-reserve future dates when the building may be open again. Contact Susan at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the July edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Wednesday, **JULY 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. *If your group is meeting in a new way during the pandemic, please let us know* so that we can pass this information on to other members and friends who may want to participate. Send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

ADMINISTRATOR'S VIRTUAL HOURS

Office Administrator Susan Turner will be available during virtual office hours from 3 to 5 pm, on SATURDAYS in July. If you haven't already, download Zoom at <https://zoom.us>, then log in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85495266852> any time between 3 and 5 pm. The meeting ID is 854 9526 6825. Contact Susan at any time at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 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 automatic monthly contributions offer a simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. Learn more from Fellowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or sandralounelson@yahoo.com. You can also make pledge payments, contribute to our General Operating fund, or give to our Helping Hands recipient directly, at uufm.net/donate. *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 slides displayed before virtual Sunday morning services, from 10:30 to 10:45 am.

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Providing support to one another is one of the most important things we do as religious community. Our Caring Team is ready to support you, or help you in supporting others. If you're sick and could use someone to do errands, or can use any kind of assistance or support, please let us know at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Join us from home to participate in virtual Sunday services. We begin announcements at 10:30 am. The service follows at 10:45 am. First, download Zoom at <https://zoom.us>, then click into the Sunday service at <https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXIyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09>. Or call 346 248 7799 to listen on your phone. The meeting ID is 926 0431 3401. Find helpful hints and links at uufm.net/zoom/.

JULY 2020 at UUFM

Sunday

Monday

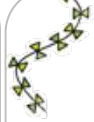
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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**12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH**
Kathleen Oldfather
kjoldfather@gmail.com

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**9:30 AM
WOMEN'S COFFEE**
Jane Pelletier
**3 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE**
**3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON**
uufm.net/contact-us

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**3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER**
uufm.net/contact-us
4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING
KSU Intramural Fields
Denison and Kimball

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
*Foolish Hope: None of Us
Is Free Until We All Are Free*
uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824

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9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE
Jane Pelletier
mjanepelletier@gmail.com

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**3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON**
uufm.net/contact-us

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**3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON**
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**3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER**
uufm.net/contact-us
4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING
KSU Intramural Fields
Denison and Kimball

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Jesus as Liberator
uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824

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9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE
Jane Pelletier
mjanepelletier@gmail.com

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**3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON**
uufm.net/contact-us
7 PM BOARD MEETING
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**12 NOON
MEN'S LUNCH**
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**LAST MINUTE
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE
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**3:30 TO 4:30 PM
SANDY NELSON**
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**3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER**
uufm.net/contact-us
4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING
KSU Intramural Fields
Denison and Kimball

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
Personal Spiritual Journeys
uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824

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9:30 AM WOMEN'S COFFEE
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**3 TO 5 PM
JONALU JOHNSTONE**
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**3 TO 5 PM
SUSAN TURNER**
uufm.net/contact-us
4 TO 6 PM RE GATHERING
KSU Intramural Fields
Denison and Kimball

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10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE
*Surrender as a Tool for
Liberation in the Time
of Coronavirus*
uuma.zoom.us/j/9797400824

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