



AUGUST 2021 SUNDAY SERVICES

JULY 4 TO SEPTEMBER 5, WE SHARE A SERIES OF SERVICES WITH OUR UU NEIGHBORS.

AUGUST 1 "I KNOW THIS LOTUS WILL OPEN"

Rev Shelley Page, of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lawrence, joins us. Stunning lotus blooming in Lawrence offers inspiration for exploring the Buddhist teaching of "No Mud, No Lotus" and how that vulnerable, messy mud is so necessary for beautiful transformational growth for us all. Our convener is Sarah Desmet at 785 477-7673 or sarah.e.desmet@gmail.com.

AUGUST 8 "DARWIN'S MISTAKE"

Rev Rose Maldonado Schwab of Shawnee Mission UU Church in Lenexa, joins us. As the earth blooms and blossoms around us, please join us for a service to redefine human nature, lift up our inherent goodness, and reconnect us with the interdependent web of all life.

AUGUST 15 "WHO IS HUMAN AND HOW CAN YOU TELL?"

The Reverend Lynnda White is retired from her position at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Peoria, Illinois. How can we celebrate the quest for justice, equality, and human rights without determining what we mean by human and deciding if some people are more human than others or are more entitled to more rights than others? Apparently, the answers aren't as simple as we think. Our convener is Larry Weaver at 785 539-3176 or lweaver@phys.ksu.edu.

AUGUST 22 "NAVIGATING THE EXILE OF UNKNOWING"

Rev Jill Jarvis serves the UU Congregation of Lawrence, and is now semi-retired. As we tentatively emerge from our individual and collective wildernesses, we long to return to the comfort of beloved religious community. How can we honor our well-earned need for what feels safe and familiar, and still summon the courage to venture into unexplored territory? (Maps may prove unreliable!) Our convener is Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

AUGUST 29 "BRING YOUR CARES THROUGH THE DOOR"

Rev Kent McKusick serves the UU Fellowship of Ames, Iowa. We journey together through the portals of virtual sacred community to (re)discover beloved, established, and new doorways of gathering. We carry complex layers of the pandemic experience: pain, sorrow, joy, faith, and hope. We explore the intersections of adversity, possibility, and gratitude. Our convener is Ken Embers at kenembers@yahoo.com.

*We meet in the sanctuary of the Fellowship, at 10:45 am.
A synchronous service is hosted on Zoom. **MASKING IS REQUIRED** for everyone older than 4 inside the building, regardless of vaccination status.*

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at **10:45 AM** at
<https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZgdz09>

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COMING UP ...

Chair Judy Nickelson offers a **REPORT FROM THE BOARD** on page 2 of this newsletter.

The UUFM **RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM** recommends resources to educate yourself about race and justice. See page 4.



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

BOARD REPORT, FROM OUR CHAIR JUDY NICKELSON

Dear UU Friends,

We have tearfully and joyfully bid Jonalu goodbye and here we are, on our own again, at least temporarily. I will be communicating with you all regularly in the monthly newsletter, and via emails when there is a need. I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns that you have about the day-to-day business of the Fellowship at judynickelson@gmail.com or 785 304-0086.

BUILDING RE-OPENING POLICY: Due to the much-welcomed input from our membership, the Board has altered its original decision on re-opening policy. Until further notice, masks will be required to be worn by all persons over the age of 4 when attending events at the Fellowship building sponsored by UUFM. Persons or organizations renting or using the Fellowship building will decide whether mask-wearing is required at their events. All other building usage/rental policies will be as they were pre-COVID.

LEADERSHIP: Sue and Sandy continue to do what they do. Thank you, ladies!

Lindsay Smith is our Building person. Direct any questions or concerns about the building to him at lindsaysmith1959@gmail.com.

Mark Mayfield is our Grounds person. You can contact him at ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com. Sylvia Beeman and helpers continue to work on our landscaping. They welcome any and all help. Contact Sylvia at sbeewoman@hotmail.com.

Kathy Swenson (swenson.home@gmail.com) and Deirdre Greeley (saffyrr@gmail.com) are chairing the Social Action Team. If you have ideas about things we need to be involved in or want to join in, please contact one of them. The Racial Justice Team is lacking a chair, but I believe we will continue to meet. Starting in September, we will meet on every first Sunday at 4 pm.

The Finance Committee is in need of a Chair (and more members would be welcomed). Financial decisions need to be made and planning for the budget and the pledge drive will be upon us before we know it. If you have interest or skills in finance, please let me know.

Kathleen Oldfather (kjoldfather@gmail.com) is the leader of the Care Team. She can help you when an important life event happens: a birth, illness, death in the family. The Care Team can organize a "meal train" when meals would be appreciated, help with a memorial service, do hospital/care home visits, and contact our stand-in minister as needed.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH: We have had a couple of nibbles on our ministerial search line but candidates have found other opportunities that have better fit their needs. There has been

some discussion about changing the position we are filling from 3/4 time to full time. The Board believes that this is an option but we will need the approval of the congregation to increase the budget to cover the increase in salary. We will be bringing this before you in due time.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Jonalu, Sandy Nelson, Rob Morrison and I were your delegates to General Assembly this year. The business of the greater church was conducted including electing new Trustees. The UUA is also conducting an assessment of Article II of the UUA Bylaws which contains our Principles and Sources, the bedrock of our denomination. They welcome the input of individual members and congregations. More information on the Article II Study Commission can be found at www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission.

Don't forget to let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Best, *Judy Nickelson*, UUFM Board Chair

PS: Look for our advertisement in the new UFM catalog coming out in September!

Contact Board Chair Judy Nickelson at 785 304-0086 or judynickelson@gmail.com.



FOLLOWING CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL
AT THE 2021 UUFM ANNUAL MEETING,
THE FELLOWSHIP HAS INSTALLED A BLM BANNER
IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GATHERING IN-PERSON

We continue our low-key religious education classes through August. We talk. We paint. We play. We have fun. That's what summer is about.

More structured classes begin in September and we've begun looking for volunteer teachers. Classroom teachers are given a complete curriculum to follow which makes leading a class very easy. It's a wonderful opportunity for both you and our students. Please contact me (dre@uufm.net) if you have an interest.

A reminder that masks must be worn in the building by anyone 4 and older--regardless of vaccination status.

See you soon, *Sandy Nelson*

Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

NURSERY STAFF

Are you or someone you know looking for a part-time position? We are looking for one or two people to help staff the nursery. It's just two hours a week each Sunday. Please contact Sandy for details, at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

FALL CLASSES

Do you have an interest in engaging with our youth in a new way? Leading a class is a wonderful opportunity for both you and them! Please contact me so we can start a conversation. Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2021/2022 school year. Registration forms are available at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.

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OVER THE PANDEMIC MONTHS ...



DRE'S SCHEDULE

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

Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL

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.

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets virtually 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 UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets Friday, AUGUST 27, at 10 am. Currently we are meeting on Zoom. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 785 539-7883 or lmcross@kansas.net. To request a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at sadamchak@kansas.net.

BEER AND THEOLOGY

Join us for Beer and Theology, on Friday, AUGUST 6, at 7 pm. Our usual host, Chris Bailey, is out of town, and Scott and Kathleen Tanona have stepped in to host this month. Contact Scott for location and more information at 785 317-2593 or stanona@sbcglobal.net.

JUNE 2021 HELPING HANDS CONTRIBUTIONS

In June, our Helping Hands recipient was [Shepherd's Crossing](#). Members' and friends' gifts to our Sunday offertory collection during June totaled \$930! *THANK YOU EVERYONE*, for your support of local and regional non-profits through the UUFM Helping Hands program. This month in August, you can give to our current Helping Hands organization, the [Flint Hills Community Clinic](#), at uufm.net/donate/. (Learn more in "Helping Hands," top right on this page.)

THE RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM RECOMMENDS ...

Each month, the UUFM Racial Justice Team recommends books, movies, podcasts and other resources to educate yourself about race and justice.

- Our August recommendation: [Learning for Justice](#)
Learning for Justice provides resources for classrooms, but it's also useful for adults who want to educate themselves on racial justice issues. There are articles, podcasts, and other resources about race and ethnicity, gender and sexual identity, ability, religion, class, immigration and bullying and bias. This group is part of the Southern Poverty Law Center.
- View the team's July recommendations at uufm.net/social-action-july-2021/

If you have a recommendation, you can send it to Marisa Larson at marisa.larson@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

HELPING HANDS

In AUGUST, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for the **FLINT HILLS COMMUNITY 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 Sunday morning collections to The Guardians. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!

Our Helping Hands recipients rely on our annual support. Please give on Sunday mornings. Or, you can donate on-line to Helping Hands, or give to UUFM's General Operating fund at uufm.net/donate/.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, and chocolate and tea are available for purchase from Anne Cowan, who has stock at home, and at the Fellowship. Contact Anne at 785 340-5001 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

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



UUFM BLESSING BOX

UUFM is sponsoring a **BLESSING BOX** and **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** at Wonder Workshop. Doug Walter reports our box has received notably increasing demand, especially in the past few weeks. To contribute shelf-stable food, cleaning and hygiene products, or childrens' and youth books, contact Doug at kbsi@cox.net. Or, drop by Wonder Workshop, at 506 S 4th Street, and stock the boxes with your items. The boxes are for people to take what they need and leave what they can. You can donate funds to help support the boxes at uufm.net/donate/.

SOCIAL JUSTICE / ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Find a list of social justice and anti-racism resources at uufm.net/social-action-2/social-action-resources/. If you would like to suggest resources to add to the list, or have questions, please contact Marisa Larson at marisa.larson@gmail.com.

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

Aug 1: Lorn Clement, Lynn Ewanow,
and Livia Olsen
Aug 8: Mark Clarke, Anne Cowan,
and Marisa Larson
Aug 15: Jane Pelletier, Mary Beth Reese,
and Christopher Renner
Aug 22: Cathy Hedge, Tom Phillips,
and Karen Hummel
Aug 29: Mark Mayfield, Susan Adamchak,
and Pat Embers

As we resume in-person attendance at Sunday services, our coffee and greeting teams are springing back into action. Learn more about coffee and greeting volunteers from Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyhobrock2@gmail.com.

BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

The UUFM building is now available to reserve, with limited group size, length of use, and the expectation that those using the building will practice reasonable social distancing and cleaning following use. Please contact Susan Turner to schedule your meeting space, at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

Administrator's Schedule

Monday, Aug 2 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Aug 3 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Aug 5 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Aug 9 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Aug 10 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Aug 12 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Aug 16 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Aug 17 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday, Aug 23 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday, Aug 24 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday, Aug 26 - 12 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 785 537-2349 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 are considering **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, learn more from our Welcoming chair Shirley Hobrock at shirleyhobrock@hotmail.com or 785 776-3175.

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. Everyone can read *UU World* articles 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 Susan Turner at office@uufm.net 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 our virtual Sunday morning service begins at 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.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the August edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **AUGUST 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. *If your group is beginning in-person meeting, now that vaccinations are widely available, 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.

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