



OUR OCTOBER SOUL MATTERS THEME EXPLORES

CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIP ...

Pandemic time is teaching us so many things about relationships.

It's undone our assumptions about work, calling into question the worth of "going into the office" and exposing how we pass most of the economic pain down to those on the so-called lowest rungs of the ladder.

It's clarifying that there is no real replacement for in-person connection, and certainly reminding us how precious human touch really is.

Our friendships were weeded out and realigned, inviting us to now prioritize those that are essential over those that are instrumental.

We noticed how much costuming is required of us, not just making it clear how sweats are so much more comfortable than suits and fashionable heels, but also helping us notice how insidiously our "required gear" ranks us and separates us from each other.

Routines once forsaken were welcomed back in and suddenly the sacredness of unhurried habits like sit-down dinners, dog walks and making our own bread reasserted themselves.

The promise and precariousness of the common good has been placed center stage, reminding us that when people aren't willing to make small sacrifices for the larger whole, pandemics don't end.

We've learned and are learning all this because Covid brought so much to a halt. It put on the brakes and made us pause. We've had time to look around. To notice.

And maybe that's the most important thing we've learned about cultivating relationships, the central thing we need to remember when we are finally able to move on: To go slow.

How long has it been friends since we carefully considered our relationship to speed? A slower pace. A quieter way of moving. A more careful way of dancing with each other. It's the secret so rarely mentioned, and so often overlooked. Simply put, relationships are really hard to build and care for when we are running.

May this month help us hold on to that. May it be one of the lessons we remember most. May we all be blessed by the sacredness of moving at a snail's pace.



OCTOBER 2021 SUNDAY SERVICES

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CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIP

OCTOBER 3 "ZMAN SIMCHATEINU--SEASON OF OUR HAPPINESS"

The onset of autumn coincides with the season of Jewish holidays, including Sukkot (the festival of booths) which has just concluded. This time of year, and these holidays, remind us of the impermanence of life, and the beauty that can come from recognizing and accepting that impermanence. Rabbi Moti Rieber reflects on the melancholy joy of this time of year, and the lessons from it we can take into our spiritual lives, our relationships, and our engagement with the world. Our convener is Rob Morrison at william.robert.morrison@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 10 "FINDING OUR BREATH"

Rev Christian Watkins of the Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) at K-State joins us. She will use the book by Valarie Kaur, *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, as her reference text to explore the ways in which we might consider hope in the midst of exhaustion and transition. Our convener is Emily Fraser at emily.jeane.fraser@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 17 "CULTIVATING BELOVED COMMUNITY: AN EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVE"

Rev Jill Jarvis, of the UU Congregation of Lawrence, joins us. As individuals or congregations, as religious movements or countries, there is one undeniable truth: Change is constant. We embrace this reality as Unitarian Universalists in being a "Living Tradition" without static dogmas or creeds. But there is no change without loss, sometimes of cherished traditions and ways of being. How do we stay true to who we are, even as we embrace what is unfamiliar? Or maybe even unwanted? Larry Weaver, at lweaver@phys.ksu.edu, convenes.

OCTOBER 24 UNITED NATIONS SUNDAY

United Church of Christ minister Myles Alexander speaks about relationships, individuality, and the interdependent web of all existence. (This is subject to adjustment based on where the spirit leads him.) It is also United Nations Sunday. Our convener is Marisa Larson at marisa.larson@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 31 THE JOURNEY AND THE DESTINATION

This morning, we welcome Rev Dr Isabel Call into our congregation. As we orbit the sun and careen through joy and sorrow, is anything permanent? Which ideas, habits, places, and relationships provide the stability we need in order to adapt and thrive? Pastor Isabel reflects on cultivating relationships as she makes a home with us in Manhattan after years of journeying. Our convener is Rob Morrison at william.robert.morrison@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at **10:45 AM** at
<https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlveW1ROQ014U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09>

or, join us at the Fellowship building,
at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD.**

MASKS ARE REQUIRED for everyone older
than 4, regardless of vaccination status.

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COMING UP ...

Dress up and decorate your vehicle for **TRUNK OR TREAT**, after the service Sunday, **OCTOBER 31**. More page 4.

Our **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE**, is coming, Sunday, **DECEMBER 12**. More on page 6 of this newsletter.

Join a **CHALICE CIRCLE** to explore our monthly themes more deeply. Learn more on page 5.



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

BOARD REPORT, FROM CHAIR JUDY NICKELSON

The big news this month is that we have hired a new minister. Rev Dr Isabel Call will be joining us in October, first remotely and then in person towards the end of the month. She was unanimously approved first by the Search Committee and the Board and then by the congregation during a meeting on September 12. Rev Isa is single but will be joined in Manhattan by her cat, Intuit.

If you were unable to join us for the September 12 service, we talked a lot about new possibilities for the Fellowship. Part of the text of the reflection follows. Of course, the best thing is our new minister, but we are also restructuring and repopulating the committees and asking for folks to participate in RE, Sunday Services, music, etc. Please fill out the poll at <https://forms.gle/U8JDYGfLyfjuPkko6> to register your interest in serving/volunteering at UUFM.

Over the past year and a half, we have been experiencing what we now fondly refer to as unprecedented times. I am not going to focus on COVID or even pre-COVID times other than to say that I am proud of this fellowship and the way that everyone stepped up, made adjustments, and kept the fellowship on track for the duration.

What we are focusing on is the future--the possibilities that exist for this fellowship in both the near and not-to-distant future.

The Board got together for some visioning and goal setting about a month ago. We set down some goals that we think would be good to strive for--but we need everyone's help to re-boot or re-create this fellowship and hopefully take it to the next level.

I will introduce a few of those goals, how we will attempt to reach those goals, and how the entire congregation can/must/will be involved. If, at any time, you have any ideas about anything regarding the Fellowship, please send me a message at JUDYNICKELSON@GMAIL.COM or call me at 785 304-0086.

POST-COVID REBUILDING OF THE CONGREGATION, RE, ETC.

- We want to host some events that will bring people back together. What those events are and how they are carried out will largely be up to you, the membership.
- Rebuild Sunday Service attendance to ~ 70 per Sunday. This should be doable with a new minister and the multi-platform services that we are kicking off today.
- Make sure people know we exist and what we stand for. Participate as a congregation in social action--be seen at community events--identify as members of UUFM with t-shirts, buttons, bumper stickers, etc. Any boards or committees you serve on, identify as a member of UUFM.

Marisa is putting together a t-shirt design that will be available at Threads in Aggieville. You can have it printed on the shirt of your choice.

- Bring in new members (how?) Why do people come to UUFM? Why did you come to UUFM?
 - Expand reach and visibility to new members of the community
- Continue to work on making the Fellowship diverse and welcoming.

HOW DO WE STRUCTURE OUR ORGANIZATION CONSIDERING GENERATIONAL SHIFTS AND TECHNOLOGY SHIFTS?

- Committee restructuring - Make and fill standing committees to be determined by Board and have them report to the Board regularly. Re-engage old volunteers and recruit new ones. Engage members from all age-groups and backgrounds.
- Create ministries that address the issues of our aging membership, as well as our children, youth and young families.
- Develop new leaders who are willing and excited to carry the UUFM mission forward.

HOW DOES THE BUILDING SERVE OUR MISSION AND VISION?

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

There is some building repair that we are aware of and are addressing. But there are some other things we can do to address these questions.

- Create a to-do list of things that would make the Fellowship building more inviting. Let me know if you think of something.
- Continue to investigate options for when we outgrow the building, making sure it meets our vision/mission.
- Investigate how we might expand at our current location.
- Offer presentations/recitals at the Fellowship building to draw people who might not otherwise know about us. Suggest this to others in the community.

OTHER WORTHY GOALS

- Bring the adoption of the 8th principle to a vote by the congregation. Organize a study group about Article II in preparation.
<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission>
- Present a proposal for a Native American land acknowledgment to the congregation for approval (Diane Barker and Pat Embers are working on this)

This is your Fellowship! Let's all work together to make it the best it can be.

TRUNK or TREAT



Sunday, October 31

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(UUFM lower parking lot)

Costume parade: 12:10 p.m.
Games! Prizes! Pizza!

Fun for everyone –
young or old.



Enjoy coffee hour outside on the 31st!
Everyone is encouraged to decorate their
car trunks and distribute Halloween trinkets to the kids.

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 Sandy so we can start a conversation, 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>.

TRUNK OR TREAT 2016



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 **UU COFFEE GROUP** meets on Zoom 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 Wednesday **LUUNCH BUUNCH** 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, OCTOBER 29, 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, OCTOBER 1, at 7 pm. Chris Bailey hosts an outdoor event, and invites you to bring your chairs and your attitude. Contact Chris for location and more information at 785 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

CHALICE CIRCLES ARE FORMING!

Would you like to explore our monthly themes more deeply? Would you like to get to know a small group of UU's more closely? Perhaps, you'd like to explore our themes through a lens of racial justice.

Chalice Circles give an opportunity to grow in both intimacy and ultimacy, connecting with individual people so you know them and are known by them, and connecting with what is most ultimate, most holy in your own life. Chalice Circles are small groups (up to 8 or 9 people) who meet together, at this point via Zoom, once a month, exploring the same themes that we are highlighting during worship. There's a packet that everyone is given that they engage with on their own prior to the meeting (we understand that everyone has lives and limited time to devote!). Included are spiritual exercises and questions that we talk about, listening deeply to one another's experience.

Groups meet once each month.

If you'd like to know more or want to sign up, contact Taryn Warner, at 785 410-4040 or trw5556@gmail.com.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

HELPING HANDS

In OCTOBER, Helping Hands contributions will be collected for **THE CRISIS CENTER**, serving victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Clay, Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, and Riley Counties. Learn more at www.thecrisiscenterinc.org.

In September, Fellowship members and friends contributed Sunday morning collections to the Sunflower CASA Project. THANK YOU all for your generous donations!

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 at the Fellowship on Sundays. Learn more from Anne Cowan 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.

FIREFLY PAGAN CIRCLE

On Saturday, OCTOBER 30, following a long break to accommodate COVID precautions, UUFM and the Firefly Pagan Circle renew our happy association. The Circle will meet at the Fellowship building from 12 noon to 8 pm, and invites all interested Fellowship friends to join them from noon to 2:30 pm for a dumb supper (ancestral ritual; this will be a *potluck meal*). From 2:30 to 4 pm, there will be set up for the party that evening, and from 4 to 7 pm, there will be a masquerade/costume party, followed by clean up from 7 to 8 pm. Learn more from Mandy Ryan at miriamale41@gmail.com.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FELLOWSHIP

If you've been considering becoming a member of UUFM, you may wish to view a list of readings and videos to expand your knowledge and understanding of Unitarian Universalism and our Fellowship. Visit uufm.net/exploring-membership, to find links, and information of interest to all. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about membership, contact Membership Chair Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyhobrock2@gmail.com.

It's time to start planning for
our annual
Holiday
Craft and Bake Sale



Sunday, December 12,
at UUFM.



Learn how you can donate your crafts
and holiday food treats,
or find out how you can help in other ways,
from Betty Banner at bettybanner@gmail.com.

AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT

Judy Nickelson offers this update on the arrival of Afghan refugees in Manhattan:

Just an update. The first Afghani refugee family will be in Manhattan by Saturday [October 2]. They are a married couple in their late 20's with 3 little girls, aged 5, 4 and 6 weeks old. We have secured temporary housing for them and have their immediate needs met.

We have a critical need for free or affordable housing. We might have a house for the family but it is not secured. Please think about how you could help in this way.

You might also want to start gathering household items for the family and for the other refugees that will be arriving soon. We expect 23 young women to arrive in the not too distant future. They are former members of the Afghan National Army.

One thing that will be a necessity in each household is a teapot and cups. And tea. It seems that green tea, chai and spiced blends are popular in Afghanistan. It would be so lovely to greet each new arrival with a cup of tea.

Thank you, my UUFM family. You are the best! *Judy*

There is a community-wide effort to help resettle the Afghan refugees coming to Manhattan. They will need everything to set up housekeeping as they come with nothing. If you have something to donate, or can pledge some financial help, or provide any other service, please fill out this form, at <https://forms.gle/yJmEbsiWqmskbknG8>

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS

- Oct 3: Shirley Hobrock, Sarah Desmet,
and Kathy Swenson
Oct 10: Kathleen and Michael Oldfather,
and Ana Franklin
Oct 17: Elke Lorenz, Susan Gormely,
and Ed Olson
Oct 24: Lorn Clement, Lynn Ewanow,
and Livia Olsen
Oct 31: Mark Clarke, Anne Cowan,
and Marisa Larson

Our coffee and greeting teams are springing back into action creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere on Sunday mornings. 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,	Oct	4 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Oct	5 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Oct	7 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Oct	11 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Oct	12 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Oct	14 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Oct	18 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Oct	19 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Oct	21 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	Oct	25 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	Oct	26 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	Oct	28 - 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.




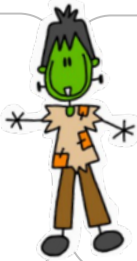

CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the August edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Friday, **OCTOBER 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.

OCTOBER 2021 at UU FM

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