

OUR MAY SOUL MATTERS THEME EXPLORES NURTURING BEAUTY

- Beauty. We appreciate it. How could we not? We wonder at it.
- Get absorbed in it. Analyze it, if it's got a frame around it.
 - We make it.
 - Grow it.
 - Point at it.
 - Collect it.
 - Share it.
 - Save it.

But how often do we listen to it?

How often do we ask, "What is it trying to get me to hear?" Rather than, "Do I like it or not?"

> It's just so hard to step outside our mangled view of the world that sees everything in the light of consumption. Not everything is here for our possession. Not everything is here to entertain us. Not everything is meant to be put to use, even you.

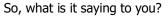
We must find our way back, to those questions that were once alive but now are buried deep: "What if beauty is here to make us wise?" "What if beauty is the way the sacred speaks?"

Yes! Yes! It does so much more than decorate. It demands. It calls. It asks for commitment. It doesn't just say "Love and appreciate me." It says "Protect me! Fight for me!" It steps out in front of us and points to a precious world that needs our help. It paints a picture of new ways of living and declares, "Follow me there!"

It says, "Even in hell holes I find a way to grow."

It sings, "This world was made for more than work." It whispers, "Use me to heal."

It pleads, "Nurture a new relationship with me. One that allows me to talk!"





MAY 2022 SUNDAY SERVICES

Our Soul Matters theme in May explores NURTURING BEAUTY

MAY 1 "DANCING THROUGH THE REVOLUTION"

Let's wake up and not sleep through the revolution! But it doesn't have to be a battle. Instead, let's think of the revolution as a dance, and learn to take our turn leading and following. Pastor Isabel Call speaks. Our convener is Dick Beeman.

MAY 8 "MOMS ARE PEOPLE TOO"

Today we'll honor not just the beauty but the humanity of moms, with thoughtful remembrances by several of our members. Pastor Isabel and Ana Franklin guide this service.

MAY 15 "NURTURING BEAUTY BY REIMAGINING DEATH"

We reimagine the choices available to us when someone dies with Sara Crews. By reclaiming the tradition of caring for our own loved ones at death in creative, life affirming, and ecologically sustainable ways, we participate in a final act of love for the departed and a first step toward healing. Our convener is Tom Phillips.

MAY 22 "ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE"

The Lord's Prayer and the Al-Fatiha: these two prayers are common supplications in Christianity and Islam, respectively. Through poetry, Aisha Sharif explores how these two prayers connect, allowing a deeper understanding of how people of different faiths can unite and, ultimately, together, access the divine. Our convener is Marisa Larson.

MAY 29 "BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY IN THE FLINT HILLS"

Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity Director Josh Brewer speaks. Habitat for Humanity is committed to building Dr King's Beloved Community here in the Flint Hills of Kansas. Dr King gave us a blueprint for that building bridges between communities, paths to opportunity, and stability through shelter. As we join together, we will explore how to use that blueprint to build homes, community and hope. Our convener is Katie Kingery-Page.

> **HIGH-QUALITY MASKS**, SUCH AS A **KN95** or **N95**, ARE REQUIRED in the Fellowship building for everyone age 4 and older, regardless of vaccination status.



UUFM is a WELCOMING CONGREGATION

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES begin at 10:45 AM at https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlye W1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TIZqdz09

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

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COMING UP ...

Considering joining UUFM? Join us for a 2-class series, **WHO ARE UU? MAY 8** and **MAY 30**. More on page 6.

Join us on Zoom for **ACTION WEDNESDAY** (AWed), Wednesday, **MAY 11**. More on page 5.

Come to the Fellowship for **Spring WORK DAY**, Saturday, **MAY 14**. More on page 5.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I've been with you all now for six months and I'm feeling like I'm getting to know you! From Sunday Services, Action Wednesday, and one-on-one conversations, I'm learning your stories, your hopes, your dreams, and ... your names! I know a lot of people dread it, but I personally enjoy the cognitive challenge of recollecting people's names ... especially in a community where there is so much patience and grace if I come up with the wrong name, or no name at all.

I've also been learning your names for *me*. I personally like "Pastor Isa" (pronounced Izza), because of the rhythm--I've



never used a nickname, but "Pastor Isabel" is a mouthful. When I arrived, I offered other options: Dr. Isa, Isabel, or some variation. Variations are pretty common. Some people pronounce it with an "ee" like Pastor Easter Bunny or with a hard

"I" like Pastor Ice Cream. Some people just call me Isa, with a range of pronunciations, which I wasn't expecting. And several people are tentative when it comes to saying my name, as if they're unsure of how to do it, even though we talk together pretty often.

When I was ordained, my mentor explained that although people use "Reverend" as a title for ordained ministers, it's actually an honorific. Since then, I've been curious about what it feels like when I call a colleague "Rev. So-and-so." I've noticed that by offering them my reverence, I also give myself and the other people around me more respect. I appreciate and welcome being called "Rev. Call," but I typically don't refer to myself that way. I intentionally gave you other options in case reverence is not the default posture you want to take in relation to me.

I think of myself as "Pastor" because it's descriptive of my key role here: to support and care for you. My goal is for every facet of my ministry to be a form of pastoral care: listening compassionately, reflecting back what I'm hearing and seeing, connecting and healing even through mundane tasks. This is a spiritual practice and a form of reverence. I appreciate when you use a designator like Pastor because it reminds me of my responsibility and my capacity to hold space for you and the community. I introduce myself as Pastor Isabel Call and sign my notes Pastor Isa primarily to remind *myself* of who I am called to be here.

Growing up, I called my parents' siblings by their first names, copying my parents. I always felt awkward using the word "Aunt" or "Uncle" in front of their names. But more recently I've started doing it out of respect for their life experience and joy in having them in my life. I've also gotten more intentional about calling doctors "Dr. So-andso," because it reminds me of their professional training and invites me to trust in their care. Especially now that more of our professional helpers are young women, I think it's important to convey the same respect that men in those positions have always received.

I'm sharing these notes to keep the conversation alive and to invite you into continued reflection. Words matter. Choosing them can be a spiritual practice. Feel free to try it out on me.

With gratitude,

Pastor Isa

Contact Pastor Isabel at <u>pastor@uufm.net</u>, or call or text 785 748-2533. To schedule a Zoom meeting with Isabel, go to <u>calendly.com/pastorisa</u>. If available times don't work for you, please contact Isabel to arrange a better time.

HELP US IMPROVE UUFM.NET

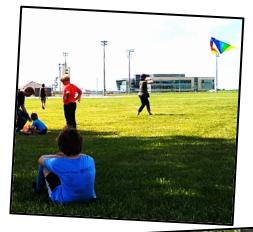
We're auditing the UUFM website. We want to make sure our website is easy to navigate, has information people need that is easily accessible, is current, and inclusive. If you have comments or suggestions about our website, please share with Marisa Larson, <u>marisa.larson@gmail.com</u>.

Rev. Call's schedule in May

To schedule an in-person, phone, or Zoom meeting with Pastor Isabel Call, go to <u>calendly.com/pastorisa</u>. If available times listed don't work for you, email Pastor Isa at <u>pastor@uufm.net</u>, or text Isa at 785 748-2533, to arrange a better time. *Note: Pastor Isa will be on vacation May 10-17*, visiting a new baby in California! If you are having a pastoral emergency, please reach out to Kathleen Oldfather at 785 477-0898. She'll be glad to listen, offer support, and connect you to another minister if the situation calls for deeper support

OUTDOOR FUN! -- EVERY SATURDAY, 3 TO 5 PM

Over the past two years we discovered that we like meeting outside. So, let's continue this new tradition this summer and gathering at the park. All are welcome! We gather each Saturday from 3 to 5 pm at CICO PARK! The playground is great, there's a big field for knocking a ball around or flying kites, and parking is easy. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join the fun.



OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADES

We anticipate offering the OWL 5/6 class next winter (January through March 2023). If you've got a student in that grade range and are interested in participating, please let Sandy know so that planning can begin. Contact Sandy at 785 341-0135 or <u>dre@uufm.net</u>.

OUTDOOR FUN

UUFM STUDENTS AND ADULTS ENJOY KITES, GARDENING, AND BUILDING BIRDHOUSES IN 2020 AND 2021.



REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

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

DRE's SCHEDULE

Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson 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.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Do you have someone graduating from high school in your household? Please let us know so we may honor them in June.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS - EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL

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 <u>kjoldfather@gmail.com</u>.

The **UU Coffee Group** meets on Zoom THURSDAYS, at 9:30 am. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Contact Jane Pelletier for an invitation at 785 537-0954 or <u>mjanepelletier@gmail.com</u>.

The UUFM **Book Discussion Group** meets Friday, MAY 27, at 10 am. To request a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at <u>sadamchak@kansas.net</u>.

Considering **JOINING UUFM**? Join us for two classes MAY 8 and MAY 30. Learn more on page 6 of this newsletter.

ACTION WEDNESDAY ON ZOOM - WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

We're gathering for Action Wednesday (formerly, the AWed potluck), now MEETING ON ZOOM, on the second Wednesday of each month, from 6 to 8 pm. On MAY 11, we begin at 6 pm, with music curated around our monthly Soul Matters theme, *Nurturing Beauty*. Listen while cooking and eating dinner. For a shared food experience, you may want to try the communal recipe, at <u>uufm.net/awed-gathering</u>. Please *register* at <u>tinyurl.com/AWedUUFM</u>.

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FIREFLY OPEN CIRCLE -- SATURDAY, MAY 28

In 2022, the Firefly Open Circle will be exploring religious and seasonal celebrations from cultures around the world. We meet around the Fellowship fire circle from 5 to 8 pm, beginning with a potluck dinner, followed by ritual. On Saturday, MAY 28, we'll conduct a MEDICINE WHEEL CEREMONY, to celebrate the ancestors and to ask for blessings/healing and to give thanks. Please bring a drum, rattle, or other instrument to sing in the circle. Learn more from Mandy at <u>sparkofdrakaina@yahoo.com</u>.

RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM -- SUNDAY, MAY 15

Pastor Isabel invites all to participate in the UUFM Racial Justice Team. We'll be meeting on Zoom, Sunday, MAY 15, at 4 pm, and all are invited. Join the meeting at https://tinyurl.com/UUFMRacialJustice. The passcode is 483641. Learn more from Pastor Isa at pastor@uufm.net.

SPRING WORK DAY -- SATURDAY, MAY 14

Join us, at 9 am at the Fellowship, Saturday, MAY 14, to help maintain our shared building and grounds. Bring snacks and beverages, and we'll finish with lunch at noon. There will be coffee and bottled water. Plan to work outside except for some window cleaning. Learn more from Facilities Chair Lindsay Smith at 785 776-9224 or <u>lindsaysmith1959@gmail.com</u>.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

HELPING HANDS

In MAY, Helping Hands contributions will be gathered for the **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** of Manhattan, whose mission is to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. Learn more at www.bgclubmanhattan.com/.

In April, Fellowship members and friends contributed Sunday morning collections to the Fairy Godmothers' Fund. THANK YOU all for your generous donations! Donate on-line to Helping Hands, or give to UUFM's General Operating fund, at <u>uufm.net/donate/</u>.

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 <u>anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net</u>.

Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (<u>uusc.org</u>), 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 children's and youth books, contact Doug at <u>kbsi@cox.net</u>. Or, drop by Wonder Workshop, at 506 S 4th Street, and stock the boxes with your items. Please remember, *financial support is vital to maintain a regular stock of staples*. You can donate funds to help support the boxes at <u>uufm.net/donate/</u>.

AFGHAN FAMILY FUND

We have set up a fund at the Fellowship to help refugee families coming to Manhattan from Afghanistan. You can make out a check to UUFM and note [in the memo line] that it is for the Afghan Refugee Fund. Or, donate electronically at <u>uufm.net/donate</u>.

WHO ARE UU? - MAY 8 AND MAY 30

Are you considering joining UUFM? Or would you like a refresh on Unitarian Universalism and the history and practices of UUFM? If so, please join Pastor Isa and Shirley Hobrock for two classes and conversations this month. Ideally, you would attend both. *Please let us know you're coming by Tuesday, May 3* (with dietary preferences and childcare needs) by emailing <u>pastor@uufm.net</u>. We'll gather on Sunday, MAY 8, from 12 to 2 pm (lunch provided), and on Monday, MAY 30, from 6 to 8 pm (dinner provided). Both gatherings are at the Fellowship. If you'd like to help prepare food, please let Pastor Isa know!

UUFM COVID Resources

In an effort to keep our beloved UUFM community safe and informed in this time of COVID 19 SARS CoV-2 the following links to reputable sources have been compiled. Topics include testing, vaccine availability, isolation and quarantine as well as actions to take to help prevent the spread of the COVID virus.

CDC - COVID INFORMATION

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-gettingsick/prevention.html

LOCAL CASE RATES RILEY, GEARY, POTTAWATOMIE

https://www.covidactnow.org/us/metro/manhattan ks/?s=27181605

LOCAL TESTING RESOURCES

https://www.rileycountyks.gov/1869/Get-Tested

CDC - How Do I FIND A COVID-19 VACCINE?

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/How-Do-I-Geta-COVID-19-Vaccine.html

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantineisolation.html

UUFM COVENANT OF RIGHT RELATIONS AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS <u>https://uufm.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Covenant-right-relations.pdf</u>

UUFM SINGERS

For the next choir piece, there will be two rehearsals. We meet Sunday, MAY 1, and Sunday, MAY 8, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship sanctuary. We'll be performing May 8 during the Mother's Day service. We are in desperate need of SPECIAL MUSIC, especially non-vocal music. Please email music director Renea Brown, at <u>reneareasoner@gmail.com</u>, to sign-up for a Sunday if you are interested, or to learn how you can become part of the UUFM Singers, our wonderful choir.

BOARD REPORT - APRIL 2022, JUDY NICKELSON, BOARD CHAIR

Thank you to all who participated in the UUFM Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 10. We elected Emily Fraser as Chair-Elect for 2022-23. Dan Swenson was elected to a second term as Treasurer, and Ruddy Benavides was elected to her first full term as member-at-large.

We approved a budget for 2022-23 of \$192,341. We appreciate all your help in funding the budget over the coming year. Pledge cards will be sent out soon.

Some rather lengthy committee reports were given at the meeting. There are links to the reports in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, at <u>tinyurl.com/AnnualMtgMinutes2022</u>. The new budget can be seen in the Treasurer's report, at <u>tinyurl.com/TreasurersReport2022</u>.

The Board met on Tuesday, April 12. After debriefing the Annual Meeting, we agreed to streamline the structure of the meeting and to utilize two alternative ways to get information from committees to the congregation. The agreements are as follows and will be implemented in the coming year.

- At the Annual Meeting committee chairs present a 2-minute (no longer) report on one PowerPoint slide. Their full reports will be submitted and made available to all.
- Direct staff to safely improve communications channels so that information about teams, the board, church business and meeting minutes are more accessible.
- Direct Sunday Services to invite committee chairs to participate in Sunday Services planning at least once a year.

We have appointed delegates to represent you at both the UUA regional and national annual meetings.

Emily Fraser will represent UUFM at the UUA General Assembly, June 22 - 26. We need two more delegates! If you are interested, please get in touch with Pastor Isabel or one of the Board members.

Judy Nickelson, Emily Fraser, and Betty Banner represent UUFM at the MidAmerica Regional Assembly on April 30.

This event, held on March 6 and March 12 at UUFM, was a partnership between Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) and the UUFM Grounds Committee.

ABOUT ECM: ECM believes individuals in a com-munity are not required to believe or act the same way.

Programming at ECM builds off of that ethos by centering students' passions and questions. Students are involved as participants, leaders, teachers, and program designers. Learn more at <u>www.ecmatkstate.org</u>

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL: The invasive species removal project was a part of ECM's biannual Sustainability Retreat, a 3-day long dive into what it means to care for ourselves, our communities, and the Earth ... projects have often been included in the retreat as a way to learn in action. The Invasive Species Removal was one such project. Learn more about ECM's Sustainability Retreat at www.ecmatkstate.org/sustainability-retreat.html.

SHOUT-OUTS: The ECM Sustainability Retreat is organized and envisioned by an incredible team of students. The retreat wouldn't be possible without their bold vision and vibrant passion. The UUFM Grounds Committee was essential for coordinating this project and Grounds Committee chair Mark Mayfield graciously shared his plant wisdom with the students.

The students removed large amounts of persistent nonnative plants from UUFM grounds including a great deal of invasive honeysuckle.

We will be loading and hauling away these piles, along with other maintenance and cleaning projects at UUFM's annual **SPRING WORK DAY**, on Saturday, MAY 14, beginning at 9 am. Join us to care for our shared building and grounds. Learn more from Facilities chair Lindsay Smith at 785 776-9224 or lindsaysmith1959@gmail.com.



STUDENTS FROM THE ECUMENICAL CAMPUS MINISTRY REMOVE INVASIVE PLANTS ON THE HILL BEHIND UUFM.







UUFM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS PITCH IN DURING A PREVIOUS SPRING WORK DAY.



GREETING TEAMS

- May 1: Tom Phillips, Karen Hummel, and Cathy Hedge
- May 8: Mark Mayfield, Pat Embers, and Susan Adamchak
- May 15: Harriette Janke, Les Loschky, and Diane Barker
- May 22: Betty Banner, Judy Exdell, and Chris Bailey
- May 29: Sylvia and Dick Beeman, and Lindsay Smith

Our coffee and greeting teams have sprung back into action creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere on Sunday mornings. Learn more about coffee and greeting team 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,	May 2 - 12 to	5 pm
Tuesday,	May 3 - 12 to	5 pm
Thursday,	May 5 - 12 to	5 pm
Monday,	May 9 - 12 to	5 pm
Tuesday,	May 10 - 12 to	5 pm
Thursday,	May 12 - 12 to	5 pm
Monday,	May 16 - 12 to	5 pm
Tuesday,	May 17 - 12 to	5 pm
Thursday,	May 19 - 12 to	5 pm
Monday,	May 23 - 12 to	5 pm
Tuesday,	May 24 - 12 to	5 pm
Thursday,	May 26 - 12 to	5 pm
Tuesday,	May 31 - 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 <u>office@uufm.net</u>.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

- Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or <u>office@uufm.net</u> 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 <u>shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com</u> 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 <u>office@uufm.net</u>. Everyone can read *UU World* articles online at <u>www.uuworld.org</u>.
- 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 <u>office@uufm.net</u> 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 <u>sandralounelson@yahoo.com</u>. You can also make pledge payments, contribute to our General Operating fund, or give to our Helping Hands recipient directly, at <u>uufm.net/donate</u>. *Thank you!*

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or <u>office@uufm.net</u>, *NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MORNING* with announcements and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of service, and Sunday announcement slides.

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.

JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the June 2022 edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Sunday, **May 15**. Submissions received later may not be included in the newsletter. Send your newsletter contributions to Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or <u>office@uufm.net</u>. *If you cannot get your submission in by the May 15 deadline, please contact Susan to arrange a deadline extension*.

MAY 2022 at UUFM

