

# JULY 2022 SUNDAY SERVICES

Our theme in July and August explores **Rejuvenation** 

#### JULY 3 "O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE"

As the US celebrates the Day of Independence, the time we review a history that makes bright claims to define freedom for all, let's contemplate UU convictions of freedom and civic rights, our fights for justice and equity, and our demonstrations of compassion in human relations that remind us everything belongs, that civil rights are human rights and inalienable worldwide.

#### JULY 10 "REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE"

Polls open July 13 to determine whether the Kansas Constitution should be amended to ban abortion rights. As UUs, how do we make good on our moral and theological commitment to bodily autonomy? We'll explore how to practice solidarity with those most harmed by restricted access to reproductive healthcare, engaging in the struggle for justice with care and compassion for ourselves and others, with Pastor Isabel Call and our convener, Les Loschky.

#### JULY 17 "EARTH MINISTRY"

UUFM presents the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth *Get Rooted, Get Ready!* Earth Day worship livestream recorded April 22, 2022. UU Ministry for Earth is based in Portland, Oregon. Their mission is to be a wellspring of spiritual and educational grounding and practical support for bold, accountable action for environmental and climate justice, and the flourishing of all life.

#### JULY 24 "THANK GOODNESS OUR HOPE IS CONSTANT"

Rev Joe Rettenmaier is a UU minister in Seattle, Washington. He was born, raised, and educated in Kansas ... [His] affinities for developing beloved community experiences continue to influence his ministry of liberating Earth from climate change, cultural oppression, racial supremacy, and more.

#### JULY 31 "SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS: HEALING AND SOLACE"

In changing times, we need timeless words, music, therapies, and touchstones. UUFM members and friends share what brings them healing and solace. Our spiritual journeys tradition allows us to deepen our knowledge of each other and learn from the life paths of others. Join us for this rejuvenating service.

**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.

We continue to offer a virtual option, for those who prefer to join us remotely, at <u>https://zoom.us/j/92604313401?pwd=OXlyeW1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TlZqdz09</u>, at 10:30 am. The meeting ID is 926 0431 3401 and the password is zeandale.



#### 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/i/92604313401?pwd=OXlye W1RQ0I4U1cxQ1FpU0x2TIZqdz09

or, join us at **481 ZEANDALE ROAD**.

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## COMING UP ...

Join us to view the powerful documentary **DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: STOLEN LANDS, STRONG HEARTS**, on Sunday, **JULY 24**. More on page 5.

We're conducting an audit of the **UUFM web site**. Share your thoughts. More on page 5.

## REJUVENATION

Our summer theme is Rejuvenation. When asked mid-June to reflect on what their personal themes were this summer, the Sunday Service conveners shared these words:

## Healing, Recovery, Renewal, Hope, Rest, Setting intentions, Becoming, Self-care

When we came upon the word REJUVENATION, we shared a sigh of relief. We want the summer to be an opportunity to pause--not just to catch up on to-do lists, but to catch up with our own callings and enthusiasm for life. Especially as we integrate the lessons of the past two+ years of COVID and 6+ years of political chaos, let's take the opportunity of hot weather and calmer schedules to remember what's most important. And then, come fall, we will be refreshed enough to share our new energy and start new projects--together!

Since I joined you in October, it's been a joyous rush of information and new relationships. I've been shaping my schedule around Sunday Services and meetings with your leaders. The rhythm offers an almost-steady beat to my weeks and months, but now that summer has arrived, I could definitely use a breather. Our other fabulous staff members and leaders do, too. So we're calming the schedule down a bit, taking some time off and blessing Renea for her parental leave starting mid-July. I'll be less involved in Sunday Services this summer, but Sarah Desmet, our conveners, and an all-star line-up of volunteer musicians are putting together some beautiful Services. I'll be focusing on pastoral visits and visioning. I'll also take a couple weeks of study leave to deepen my writing practice. Come mid-August, we will welcome families back to the school year and invite everyone into a rejuvenated community. We may even have a new sound system!

There continue to be great opportunities to connect, including those shared in this newsletter and our weekly announcements. Please stay particularly tuned-in to the upcoming event organized by the Racial Justice Team *[learn more on page 5]*. I'll also be putting out an invitation to mobilize for Vote No on the attack on reproductive freedom. I'm currently tapping into guidance from state and national organizers and other Kansas UUs for how we can "UU the vote" on this crucial decision.

When we looked at the July 11 Sunday Services topic, Reproductive Justice, one convener pointed out that abortion rights didn't seem like a very "rejuvenating" topic. Someone else spoke up: Having these rights protected gives her great peace of mind. Sometimes, rejuvenation requires defensive action and support from allies. That's the case right now. Prioritize self-care this summer. AND, keep your heart open to a call to action.

# Pastor Isa

Contact Pastor Isabel at <u>pastor@uufm.net</u>, or call or text 785 748-2533. Schedule Zoom, in-person or phone meetings at <u>calendly.com/pastorisa</u>. Pastor Isa will be away from the office July 1 thru 5, July 9, July 13 thru 19, and July 25 thru 31.



#### **DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: STOLEN LANDS AND STRONG HEARTS** - SUNDAY, JULY 24

Join us at the Fellowship or on Zoom, on Sunday, JULY 24, at 4 pm, to view a powerful documentary, featuring indepth interviews and discussions with First Nations Canadian citizens. Learn more and find a link to sign in on Zoom on page 5.

## **OUTDOOR FUN** FOR EVERYONE - EVERY SATURDAY, 1 TO 3 PM

We gather each Saturday from 1 to 3 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. It's been pretty hot so let me know if you'd rather meet at the pool.



#### SUMMER WORLD TRAVELERS

It's Summer and time for the UU World Travelers program. Our RE students travel around the world, learning new skills along the way, without ever leaving Kansas. Every week a new host from the Fellowship takes them on a "tour" of a far-away place, new skill, imaginary or reallife destination. We're hoping to have an overnight backyard camping trip, canoeing (an annual favorite), and more.

Do you have a passion you'd like to share? There are lots of open Sundays and we'd love to have you join us for a morning. Do you cook? Have you been on a cruise? Contact Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or <u>dre@uufm.net</u> for details on the summer program.

# OUTDOOR FUN FOR EVERYONE 2021

LAST YEAR WE LEARNED HOW TO HAMMER, BUILT BIRDHOUSES, AND HELPED IN THE WONDER WORKSHOP GARDEN.



## PARENT NIGHT OUT / KID NIGHT IN - JULY 8, 6:30 PM

Parents, are you interested in a night out? Kids, are you interested in a night in? The second Friday this month, Friday, JULY 8, from 6:30 to 9 pm, is the event you've been waiting for! Parent Night Out (Kid Night In) is for children from 3-12 years old who can toilet on their own with minimal assistance. We watch a movie, have some snacks, and games and art projects are available. A \$5 per child contribution helps us cover expenses. *Dinner is NOT served*. Please be sure your kids are fed before arriving. *Remember: this is an <u>RSVP event</u>* and space is limited. Please RSVP to Sandy, at <u>dre@uufm.net</u>, no later than Thursday, July 7.

#### **REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)**

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2022/ 2023 school year. Registration forms are available at http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160.

#### 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.

## 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 mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets Friday, JULY 29, at 10 am. For this month's title and a Zoom invitation, contact Susan Adamchak at <u>sadamchak@kansas.net</u>.

#### BEER AND THEOLOGY

Beer and Theology gathers on the first Friday of each month. In July, join us in Elke Lorenz's backyard, 315 Valley Drive, on Friday, JULY 1, at 7 pm. Please bring a chair and a beverage of your choice. Learn more from Elke at <u>elkelorenz9@gmail.com</u>.

#### ACTION WEDNESDAY

Our Action Wednesday MEETING ON ZOOM takes a break over the summer while we reorganize our use of this special meeting time. If you have ideas or suggestions for activities, meetings, or discussions you'd like to see at Action Wednesday, please contact Pastor Isa at <u>pastor@uufm.net</u>.

## FIREFLY OPEN CIRCLE

In 2022, the Firefly Open Circle will be exploring religious and seasonal celebrations from cultures around the world. The circle has plans to meet at Tuttle Creek in July, and will return to the Fellowship in August. Watch weekly email announcements for more details as they become available. Learn more from Miria at sparkofdrakaina@yahoo.com.

#### **DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: STOLEN LANDS AND STRONG HEARTS** ON ZOOM AND IN-PERSON, SUNDAY, JULY 24

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# **SOCIAL ACTION NEWS**

## HELPING HANDS

In JULY, Helping Hands contributions will be gathered for **THE GUARDIANS**, providing funds for men with immediate and urgent needs that are not met by traditional funding sources. Learn more at <u>www.qafund.org</u>.

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

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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.



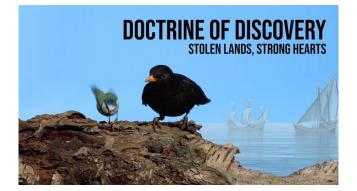
## UUFM **BLESSING BOX**

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 Family Fund. Or, donate electronically at <u>uufm.net/donate</u>.

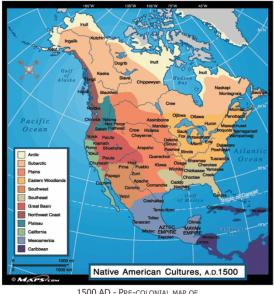


## DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: STOLEN LANDS, STRONG HEARTS

See the free showing of this important documentary film on challenges of justice for indigenous people, on Sunday, JULY 24, at 4 pm, in person at the Fellowship, 481 Zeandale Road, or on Zoom at <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98994825313?pwd=U2dJSmY0TUc0eEdIRTVDeldBNVdkdz09">https://zoom.us/j/98994825313?pwd=U2dJSmY0TUc0eEdIRTVDeldBNVdkdz09</a>. The Zoom meeting ID is 989 9482 5313

and the pass code is 481502.

All those interested from the UUFM congregation, the community area, and from anywhere on Zoom are invited to attend this 2019 documentary film created by the Anglican Church of Canada. During its length of 1 hour and 6 minutes, it consists solely of in-depth interviews and discussions with indigenous, Canadian residents. All of them are tribal members who are lawyers, administrators, teachers, other professionals, laborers, elders, youth, mothers, fathers, and clergy.



1500 AD - PRE-COLONIAL MAP OF North America's Indigenous Turtle Island

They describe how their tribal ancestors have been, today's tribal residents still are, and their descendants will be adversely affected in their daily lives by the Vatican Papal Bulls Doctrine of Discovery issued by Pope Alexander VI 500 years ago. He ruled that all the lands they explored in the world without Christian people were "empty lands" and that Indigenous inhabitants were "non-human."

The ancient Doctrine of Discovery was the pre-cursor to the eventual Manifest Destiny in 1845 which justified the US control of all land from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Indigenous people were deprived of their original land by force and by colonial land treaties. These treaties were often unfairly regulated and at times resulted in massacres and genocide as documented in historical records.

A discussion with participants will follow the film in person and on Zoom till 5:30 or longer with the option of departing when needed. Discussion expanding on the film's message and participants' follow-up ideas are welcome.

The purpose of showing this documentary is to help provide education, understanding, and insight of the oppression brought to indigenous people. It is also for the purpose of opening a path towards inter-racial harmony among all people regarding their human rights and their equitable legal rights.

## RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM -- TUESDAY, JULY 19, 5:30 PM

All are invited to participate in the UUFM Racial Justice Team. We'll be meeting on Zoom, Tuesday, JULY 19, at 5:30 pm, and all are invited. Join the meeting at tinyurl.com/UUFMRacialJustice. The passcode is 483641. Learn more from Amelia Richter at shartuga@gmail.com.

## 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, marisa.larson@gmail.com.

## **GREETING TEAMS**

- July 3: Kathy and Dan Swenson, and Livia Olsen
- July 10: Mark Clarke, Anne Cowan, and Marisa Larson
- July 17: Jane Pelletier, Mary Beth Reese, and Christopher Renner
- July 24: Tom Phillips, Karen Hummel, and Cathy Hedge
- July 31: Mark Mayfield, Susan Adamchak, and Pat Embers

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

Tuesday,	July	5 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	July	7 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	July	11 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	July	12 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	July	14 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	July	18 - 12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	July	19 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	July	21 - 12 to 5 pm
Monday,	July	25 -12 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	July	26 - 12 to 5 pm
Thursday,	July	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 <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>shirleyhobrock2@gmail.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.

## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for submissions to the August 2022 edition of *The UUFM Voice* is Friday, **JULY 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 July 15 deadline, please contact Susan to arrange a deadline extension*.

