

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
January 13, 2009

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

9:15 am Service: Civil Rights- so what's left?

An intergenerational celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Kids of all ages are encouraged to come and participate as we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the 9:15 service on Sunday, January 18. This is one of our intergenerational services this year, and we look forward to seeing all our families there!

10:45 am Program: Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The celebration will focus on the timeless values Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us through his example -- the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, service and peace that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. At this time of remembrance, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25-- 10:45 Program: More Alike than Different:

Hilda Enoch, a self-described "Jewnitarian" will compare the practices and tenets of the Jewish Faith with our UU values.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Summary)

Introducing the term "Community Connections"

January **Community Connection: The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund** (Page 2)

JUST FOOD Sunday January 18. Each month we collect food, other needed items, or monetary contributions to support this Lawrence food distribution organization. Remember to bring non-perishable food items. Consider also toilet paper, baby diapers, and feminine products. Financial contributions in place of or in addition to food are welcome. Checks should be made out to the Fellowship with JUST FOOD on the memo line.

Wednesday evening dinners and activities resume January 14 at 5:30 p.m. (Page 3)

We will be serving at 5:30. The menu this week is: Turkey and Rice Casserole, a vegetarian dish, Macaroni and Cheese, hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly, a relish tray and a salad. For dessert we will have cookies and fruit. A \$5.00 donation is much appreciated. Children ten and under eat free.

How does a Fellowship Talk about Money? Panel discussion January 14 at 6:30 p.m. (Page 4)
Board Meeting January 14 at 7:30

Wednesday evening classes: sign up sheets for new classes are available Sundays until January 18 at coffee hour in the reception area. (Page 3)

Board and Committee Chair Roundtable Sunday, January 25, at noon in the new sanctuary/meeting hall.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Details)

Community Connections

The Social Action Committee considered a suggestion to use the phrase “Community Connections” in place of “Agency-of-the-Month.” We realized that “Agency-of-the-Month” didn’t accurately reflect the various activities of the Fellowship or the Social Action Committee, and that not all of the organizations and causes we support are “agencies,” thus the change. Because of the numerous events and activities happening in the community, even beyond the Fellowship, the Social Action Committee will include announcements beyond its own activities from time to time as part of **Community Connections**.

January Community Connection: The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund. Sylvie Rueff who has been a long-time volunteer with the Second Chance Fund spoke briefly at the Fellowship on Sunday and visited with members over coffee. Sylvie explained that the Fund has helped over 1,500 women in Kansas referred by professionals in the medical and helping professions. All of the money goes to help women based on financial need. She also complimented members of the Fellowship for having been the first organization to join in support of the program after its founding in 1997. Contributions for the Second Chance Fund will be received through January. Make checks out to the Fellowship with Second Chance Fund on the memo line.

January 22 is the anniversary celebration of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortions. There will be a major event at the State House in Topeka on that day sponsored by Planned Parenthood and advocates for reproductive health care for women. The Fellowship’s Social Action Committee will organize transportation to and from the day’s event for Fellowship members. Watch for further announcements.

LINK Update. The Fellowship served 125 guests and 190 meals this past Saturday. Ellen Sward, our LINK Coordinator points out that the larger number is evidence of the quality of the food prepared by members of the Fellowship resulting in numerous seconds. LINK stands for “Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen.” This past Saturday thirty members of the Fellowship, including twelve of our children, brought food, served and cleaned up! A special thanks to all who work to make this event a successful service to people who are hungry.

Ministerial Search Committee

The ministerial search committee has assembled a questionnaire, which we encourage everyone to fill out. The questionnaire will be available in the foyer on Sunday, January 18. Copies will also be available at the Wednesday night supper, January 14. The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out how members of the Fellowship think the minister should spend his/her time. A minister can make a variety of contributions to a Fellowship, such as personal counseling, visits to hospitalized members, Sunday morning services, assisting with fund raising, working to promote growth in the Fellowship, etc. Since our new minister will be only half time, the search committee feels we should prioritize our expectations so that the new minister can accomplish our goals in a 20-hour workweek. Thus we are asking members to assist us by identifying how they think the minister could best spend his/her time and energy. The questionnaire also has space for any additional comments. Also, feel free to contact members of the search committee: Ellen Reid Gold, Helen Gilles, Chris Brown, Mark O’Lear and Donna Swall. If you wish us to mail a copy to you, please contact Alexis at the office: uflooffice@sunflower.com.

INVITATION--Della Hadley's 80th birthday celebration: Saturday January 24, 2-5 p.m.



WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FOR EVERYONE!

We want YOU for Wednesday evenings.

New classes

Here is a partial list of our class offerings beginning January 21. Dinner is at 5:30 with classes for one hour following at 6:30. We meet weekly with the exception of board-meeting nights. Some classes choose to meet at 6:30 during choir practice on that evening. That is decided by the individual group.

1. John Brewer is offering a class based on a PBS documentary on the Supreme Court (a DVD will be used). The four sessions will be divided into at least eight classes. They are One Nation Under Law; A New Kind of Justice; A Nation of Liberties; and The Rehnquist Revolution. This is an 8-week commitment. There will be downloads if you have to miss a session so you don't get behind.
2. We will be offering another Evensong, this one for adults. Some of the topics covered will be Religious and Spiritual Experiences, The Divine, The Human, and many others. The facilitator for this is Lara Wilson. She would love to have someone join her in this position. This class will not meet on the second Wednesday because of choir practice.
3. Marilyn Roy will lead a book club on a once-a-month basis. This will be pleasure reading and will involve a new book each month. The group will choose which night to meet, as well as, the book to read and discuss.
4. Judy Wilson will conduct a five-week class entitled, Articulating Your UU Faith. This is for all of you

who don't know what to say in answer to the question, "What is a Unitarian?" This class will not meet on the second Wednesday because of the board meeting.

5. Ross Duffy will continue his group on Science and Culture. See him or e-mail him for further discussion about joining that class.

6. In addition, there will be special once-month discussions led by Forrest Swall and the Social Justice Committee and these dates will be announced the week before, along with the topic for discussion.

7. **New Class Alert!** The Wednesday Evening Team has added a class to its upcoming schedule. Lisa Hallberg and Aileen Dingus will be offering a class in Pysanka. This is the art of Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating. Come find out more about it or for information contact Aileen. This looks like a fun class with a great ornament to take home for Easter.

Watch this space for more five to eight week programs. Sign up sheets will be available every Sunday through January 18.

Please help out on Wednesday evenings by signing up to bring food. The only thing you need to do is fix something and have it at UFL by 5:15. We have the following categories: Main course, either Vegetarian or with meat or chicken to feed about 30 people; salad for a crowd; fruit and cookies or some other dessert for lots of people. Remember we have kids to feed, too. They seem to like dessert best. All cooks are reimbursed for items used, just bring you receipts. This is a fun way to get involved. We also need cleanup help from 6:30 to when we are finished; the more who volunteer the faster you get out. We have a dishwasher that handles some of the work. Call or e-mail Judy Wilson if you can help us. Thanks.

How does a Fellowship Talk about Money? January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Come this Wednesday to explore with panelists Carol Delnevo and Lynne Bodle our attitudes about service, money and the Fellowship. Among the questions---How do we wish to be informed and approached about finances in the Fellowship? How do we recognize achievement and celebrate our contributions of service and money? What are hot button terms and approaches to financial topics? What are our concerns about money in the current economic environment? What have been our previous experiences with money and religious organizations?

Please come and bring your questions, comments, experiences and concerns to add to this discussion. The discussion will be after the Wednesday night dinner;

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Roe v. Wade 36th Annual Celebration January 22. This will be held at the Statehouse in Topeka. The Social Action Committee is arranging transportation for members and friends who wish to participate in the daylong event. Consider being a part of the **Rally and Legislative visits following the 12:00 pm Buffet Luncheon with Legislators.** Registration begins at 9 am. Fellowship car pool gathering will be at **Hy-Vee** on 6th St. at 8:15 a.m., near the gas pumps. Contacts: Graham Kreicker, 842-2332 or Forrest Swall, 843-6319.

Let us know about community events that would be of interest to UFL newsletter readers. We will include them in the UFL Weekly News as space permits. -- ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Policy Notice

In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please check the Fellowship website (<http://ufl.net>) for cancellation notice or call the Fellowship at 842-3339, where the answering machine message will indicate whether Fellowship events have been cancelled. In the event of cancellation, notices or phone messages will be posted at least an hour prior to the event. For other committee meetings or small group activities, please contact the chair or host of the event.

Our UFL Virtual Bookstore web page is open for business—if you're an Amazon.com customer, you can earn money for UFL while you shop online. Simply access Amazon.com through the link on the ufl.net Virtual Bookstore page, and a portion of your total purchase is returned to UFL. To see the Virtual Bookstore page, go to <http://ufl.net>; click on "UU books." Or go directly to <http://ufl.net/books.html>. Your friends, neighbors, and relatives may also use the site and help UFL.

Fair Trade Coffee - Triple Good to the Last Drop!

On Sunday morning, Fair Trade Coffee is on sale after the service and the program. "Fellowship Blend" is \$8.00 per pound and decaf is \$8.50 (lower than store price.)

No Salt Or De-icer on New Concrete

To prevent our new concrete surfaces from spalling and crumbling, we must strictly refrain from using any salt or de-icer on them this first winter. Please observe this important precaution. And, if necessary, please assist the B&G crew as they work hard to assure our safety this winter. - *Graham Kreicker*
(**Spall**: to break up or reduce by or as if by chipping with a hammer: to break off chips, scales or slabs.)

Using our New Sanctuary/Meeting Hall

Chairs: The fire code specifies that we must maintain aisles four feet wide along the sides and in the center. The chairs are aligned with that in mind. From front to back the rows are arranged so that a vacuum cleaner may be run between them.

Hymnals: Hymnals are placed in the bookrack under the back of every other chair, starting in the center aisle and working to the outsides. So, each row has four hymnals on the left side (as you face the front) and three hymnals on the right side. Please replace the hymnals after you remove the order of service or program. The paper should be deposited in the basket near the door on your way out. Those in the very front row should place the hymnals under their seats, as there is no row in front of them. All others should place the hymnals under the chair in front of them.--*Graham Kreicker*

Recycling Opportunity

Help Slow Climate Change - Recycle Aluminum and Plastic

Thanks to Mark Larson and the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, UFL has a convenient place to recycle all plastics (including plastic bags, clamshell plastic containers, plastic packaging, Styrofoam, plastic toys, etc.) and all aluminum (including cans, pie plates, aluminum foil, etc.). Specially marked recycling containers, one for aluminum and one for plastic, are now beside the yellow dumpster. When recycling, please keep aluminum and plastic recyclables separate—with plastic bags separated from other plastics. Contact Mark with any questions about recycling an item. He notes 95% of the energy used to make aluminum, and 65% of the energy used to make plastic can be recovered by recycling. This is a great "green" opportunity and the aluminum recycling will be a modest fundraiser for the Fellowship. You can also take aluminum and plastics to 12th and Haskell for recycling. Then, if you want to contribute money from aluminum to UFL, write on the ticket: "donation to Unitarian Fellowship", and save the yellow copy for me. - *Mark Larson*

The UU Historical Society has announced an award for an original historical essay written by youth ages 12-19. Deadline is Feb 1, 2009. Details at their website: <http://www25.uua.org/uuhs/>

Peace vigils continue at the Douglas County Court House on Saturdays at noon.

UFL Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Newsletter Items Wanted: The deadline for submission is noon Monday

Send your articles for the Newsletter to ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Wednesday, January 14	<i>Wed night dinners resume 5:30 Panel Discussion, "How Does a Fellowship Talk about Money? Board meeting 7:30</i>
Wednesday, January 21	<i>Wed night dinner 5:30; classes resume 6:30</i>
Sunday, January 25	<i>Board and Committee Chair Roundtable, noon</i>

For a more detailed listing of Fellowship events, please see the calendar on our website at <http://ufl.net/calendar.htm>.

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