

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

9:15 am Service: Not Even Debatable? : Acceptance vs. the Line in the Sand

President-elect Obama's choice of evangelical pastor Rick Warren to deliver the inaugural benediction has set off a flurry of controversy among liberals, including many Unitarian Universalists. Should a commitment to inclusiveness and outreach embrace those whose public stances violate our most cherished values about human dignity? Join Consulting Minister Rev. Jill Jarvis in exploring this dilemma of democracy, when being principled and being pragmatic seem mutually exclusive options. Who knows? We may even discover insights that apply to Fellowship life. This service will include a time for community dialogue.

10:45 am Program: Judaism: A Personal Perspective.

In the first of a planned series on different religions, Hilda Enoch, a self-described Jewnitarian, will share with us her views of Judaism. Perhaps we will find similarities with our own UU traditions as she speaks.

WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Wednesday evening is here again and we are starting classes at 6:30. Dinner will begin at 5:30 and, as always, the suggested donation for adults and children over 10 is \$5.00. We have child care from 6:30 to 8:30, so bring the kids. Most classes run about one hour. The choir will practice at 7:30.

The classes for this time are: *Evensong for Adults*; the *PBS course on the Supreme Court*; *Articulating Your UU Faith*; and, at 4:00, *Organizing your Life* will be repeated. Pysanka, the Ukrainian art of decorating eggs, will be postponed until later in the spring. If you are still interested in joining a group, call Judy Wilson at 887-223 or by e-mail at jwilson@sunflower.com.

The menu for this week will be Chili, both vegetarian and meat, Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Dogs, PB&J, Salad, Relish Tray, "Welcome Back" cake and cookies with fruit for dessert.

Come join the fun. No class commitment necessary for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Summary--details on page 2)

RE "Souper Bowl" Sunday Food Drive on Feb. 1

Small Steps: Another way to Volunteer for Fellowship Activities

Bookcases needed for the new library

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

Operating Fund Campaign Kick-Off Set--March 7

Strategic Planning Task Force Team meeting Sunday February 8 at noon. More info in next newsletter.

Nominations Sought for 2009-2010 Officers and Board Members.

Ministerial Search Committee--questionnaire (page 3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Details)

Religious Education “Souper Bowl” Sunday Food Drive

On Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1, the Religious Education Committee, in collaboration with the Social Action Committee, will be organizing our second annual food drive as the morning activity for children. Our event last year was very successful, with several grocery carts of food collected and valuable lessons learned by participating children.

This year we will gather at 9:15 and drive in caravan to Dillons on 23rd street. Several adults from the Religious Education Committee will be driving and supervising, but we ask that parents of children younger than five years accompany their children. Nursery care will be available for families who prefer to remain at the Fellowship. Additional adult volunteers are welcome to join us. At Dillons, children will hand out a Just Food list of high priority items to shoppers as they enter the store. The items can then be donated to the children as shoppers exit the store.

We will return to the Fellowship around 11:00 or parents may pick their children up at Dillons. Donations will be delivered to ECKAN on Monday. Two churches will be joining our “Souper Bowl” event this year; Trinity Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran at Dillons and Hy-Vee on Clinton Parkway.

Please support our children’s efforts to contribute to their community! Contact Carol Eades Delnevo at askeades@aol.com with questions or to volunteer.

Small Steps: Another way to Volunteer for Fellowship Activities

Have you wanted to volunteer at the Fellowship but have sporadic availability, or an unusual schedule? Or are you a committee chair or project leader who has a need for one-time or short-term volunteer assistance? If so, there’s a new initiative to match those needs with volunteer interest.

There’s now a section of our new bulletin board marked “Small Steps.” Committee chairs and project leaders can post 3 x 5 cards with descriptions of a task needing to be done on a one-time or short-term basis, and include their contact information. Potential volunteers can put their names and contact information on the back of the card and drop it into the “Small Steps” envelope in the rack under the bulletin board—or contact the person needing volunteers directly. Committee chairs and leaders can check the envelopes for responses.

For questions, comments, suggestions about the “Small Steps” approach, please contact Valerie Roper.

The library committee is looking for bookcases to rebuild our library in the basement of Founders' Hall. We need at least 4 or 5-shelf cases and can use three or four to fill our space. If you have one or more to donate let Judy Wilson know at 887-6223. Thanks. We hope to have the library running again in a few weeks.

Operating Fund Campaign Kick-Off Set--March 7

Saturday evening, March 7th will see our new facilities transformed into an extra attractive venue for an evening of fine food, fine music and fine conversation, including a short and sweet request that you continue our tradition of generous support of our Fellowship! Expect some wacky skits and a glass or two of wine. There will be a special kids dinner and child care will be provided. Tentative time 5:30 social; 6:15 dinner.

Nominations Sought for 2009-2010 Officers and Board Members

Your suggestions are welcome for 2009-2010 officers (Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer) and Board Members at large (three positions). Please contact members of the Nominating Committee: Carol Eades Delnevo, Richard Johnston, Mary Miller, Barbara Schowen, Judy Wilson with your thoughts.

Thanks from the Cordley School PTA

We at Cordley Elementary would like to extend a huge "thank you" to to the wonderful individuals at your church who contributed to our Holiday Families. We had 21 families this year and could not have made such a big difference without your help. Everyone was so generous with their donations. Thank You!
Sincerely, Sarah Schutte, Cordley PTA

Community Connections

The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund is our primary January Community Connection. The Fund was created to provide emergency assistance to women needing pregnancy terminations. Make checks out to UFL with "2nd Chance Fund" on the memo line.

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 a.m. Fellowship car pool gathering will be at **Hy-Vee** on 6th St. at 8:15 a.m., near the gas pumps. Contact Graham Kreicker, 842-2332 or Forrest Swall, 843-6319.

INVITATION--Della Hadley's 80th birthday celebration: Saturday January 24, 2-5 p.m. at the Fellowship. Please RSVP to Kathleen Taylor 830-8074 or kathtaylor@sunflower.com.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lawrence High School's production of "Guys and Dolls" is this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (Jan. 22, 23, 24). at 7:30PM. Our nursery attendant, Sarah Bodle, is one of the "Hot Box Girls" in the musical.

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

Ministerial Search Committee--please fill out the questionnaire

The ministerial search committee has assembled a questionnaire, which we encourage everyone to fill out. 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: ufloffice@sunflower.com or 785-842-3339.

Inclement Weather Policy Notice

In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please check the Fellowship website (<http://uufi.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.

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Fair Trade Coffee - Triple Good to the Last Drop!

On Sunday morning, Fair Trade Coffee supplied by the UU Service Committee is on sale after the service and the program. “Fellowship Blend” is \$8.00 per pound and decaf is \$9.00. Two pound bags of French Roast Organic whole beans are \$18.00 (All lower than store prices.)

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*

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 21	<i>Wed night dinner 5:30; classes resume 6:30</i>
Sunday, January 25	<i>Board and Committee Chair Roundtable, noon</i>
Sunday, February 1	<i>RE Souper Bowl Food Collection</i>
Saturday, March 7	<i>Operating Fund Campaign Kickoff Event</i>
Sunday, February 8	<i>Strategic Planning Task Force Team meeting, noon</i>

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

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