

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
February 3, 2009

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**9:15 am Service:** *A Song of Love and a Rose in the Wintertime*

Come sing a song, dream a dream, and share a rose with us as we celebrate the many ways love is manifested in our lives. This second annual homage to the spirit of Valentine's Day is filled with special music, poetry, song, humor, and tributes to the power of Love. We'll end by sharing a song of love and a rose communion. -- *Rev. Jill Jarvis*

**10:45 am Program:** *The Homeless Among Us*

David Tucker, outreach worker for the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center, Valerie Miller, director of Family Promise, and Dennis "Boog" Highberger, city commissioner, will explore with us the current situation with homeless members of our community and the ramifications of the destruction of their camping area by order of city officials.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FOR EVERYONE!**

**February 4: dinner: 5:30**

**Menu:** Sauerkraut and apples, Ham, Vegetarian Lasagna, (or a veggie noodle dish like lasagna) Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Dogs, PB&J, Salad, a Relish Tray with Hummus, Bread, Fruit and cookies for dessert.

**Suggested donation:** \$5.00; Children age 10 and under eat for free

**Classes: 6:30 to 8:30. Choir Practice: 7:30.** Childcare will be available

There will be games for adults who aren't in a class but want to visit and play.

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**Next week, February 11: dinner: 5:30**

Dinner is followed by your choice of a movie or a barn dance. There will be no classes or choir that night.

**Barndance in the old meeting hall (Founders' Hall) from 6:30-8:30pm**

**Movie Night – Featuring “King Corn” in the New Building, 6:30-8:30**

**Board Meeting 7:30 in the Wollstonecraft room**

**Come, join us--we are the place to be.** Call Judy Wilson at 887-6223 for more information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Summary)**

- **Work Day Next Saturday, February 7, 9:00 A.M - 12:30 P.M**
- **Strategic Planning Update Session Sunday, February 8, at noon**
- **New UFL Task Force Study Group to Seek Input from Members on Pastoral Care Needs**
- **Capital Campaign Climax**
- **“Souper” Bowl Sunday a Success**
- **Reminders (pages 4 and 5)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Details)**

**WORK DAY NEXT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 9:00 A.M to-12:30 P.M..** You may have noticed that our original building, both Founder's Hall and the old Social Hall downstairs has accumulated even

more odds and ends of "stuff" over the past several months. There are Board-approved plans for the configuration of these spaces but settling into the new building has taken priority. We, the members of the Buildings Uses Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee, have decided that it is now time to get this done. We need to clear out furniture and other items, give both upstairs and downstairs a good scrub, organize the office to be shared by the minister and DRE, and set up the library downstairs. So we are asking for volunteers--you--to help with these tasks. Here is an opportunity to get some exercise, scarf down a donut or two, and help us make ready these spaces for ongoing use. We propose to convene at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th. If you are able to join us, please let Bob Smith (rjsmith@ku.edu) or Ted Wilson (taw@ku.edu) know by Friday, the 6th.

### **Everyone's Invited to the Strategic Planning Update Session**

#### **Next Sunday, February 8, at noon**

Our Project Teams will report their progress, celebrate successes and share areas of concern. Where to go from here? Your input, perspectives, and new ideas are encouraged!

#### **UFL Project Teams:**

- Fostering a Welcoming and Inclusive Environment
- Website Update
- Wednesday Evening Programming
- Integrating Social Justice into Fellowship Life
- Public Outreach/External Communications

Fruit and Dessert will be provided, and you're invited to bring a sack lunch.

### **New Task Force Study Group to Seek Input from Fellowship Members on Pastoral Care Needs**

Over the past several years, Fellowship members have periodically surfaced a need for a lay led pastoral care "ministry" to supplement and support a Fellowship minister. Last November, this need was the subject of an extended discussion during the Social Action committee meeting, and it was raised again at the December Executive Board meeting.

Meeting in January as a follow-up to the Board discussion, an ad hoc group including the Fellowship Chair, the UFL consulting minister and others expressing interest in this issue agreed that a formal recommendation to begin a study should be presented to the Board. The Social Actions Committee chair was asked to draft it. The recommendation for a Pastoral Care Study Task Force was reviewed and approved at the January Board meeting, with the Chair directed to appoint task force members. Text of the recommendation is presented below.

Pastoral Care Study Task Force members named by the Chair include Janney Burgess, Nicole Goodwin, Nancy Jorn, Donna Swall, Forrest Swall, Roxie Warren, and Norman White. As they begin work, they will consult Fellowship members with knowledge and skills that will be helpful to them in carrying out the study, and they will invite all members to contribute information that may be of value in assessing Fellowship pastoral care needs and suggesting approaches to meet those needs.

The approved 5-part recommendation is that:

- A. The Executive Board establish a Pastoral Care Study Task Force (of 5 to 7 members) for the purpose of:
  1. identifying categories of need of members of the Fellowship, and
  2. identifying resources within the Fellowship and the larger community. This would include, but not be limited to, Fellowship members with professional training and/or experience that could be called on as well as agencies and resources in the community.
- B. In addition the Study Task Force identify

1. models of pastoral care that have demonstrated effective service and adaptable to our Fellowship
  2. other factors and issues important for establishing a pastoral care program consistent with the unique needs of our membership.
- C. It is further recommended that the Study Task Force call on members in the Fellowship with knowledge and skills that would be useful in completing the study.
- D. The Study Task Force should report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board no later than May 2009.
- E. Finally, that the Fellowship Chair inform the membership of the Study and invite members to contribute information that may be of value in the completion of their work.

### **Capital Campaign Climax**

All members and friends will be delighted to know we anticipate total donations of \$855,000 for our Capital Campaign! That's an amazing \$205,000 over the original goal of \$650,000! Equally impressive, we have already received over \$802,000, which greatly reduced the interest we had to pay on our construction loan and will further reduce our mortgage interest expenses. From what our members tell us, we expect at least \$25,000 more will be received before we convert from a construction loan to a mortgage sometime in the next few weeks. And, nearly all pledges are scheduled to be fulfilled before December 31st. Thanks to all who have participated in this record-breaking endeavor! —*Graham Kreicker*

### **“Souper” Bowl Sunday a Success**

On Feb. 1, ten children and a handful of adults spent the morning at Dillon’s soliciting non-perishable donations for ECKAN. Although the day was cold, the sun was shining and shoppers were feeling generous in anticipation of their Super bowl parties later in the day. We collected two very full grocery carts of non-perishable items which were delivered to ECKAN on Monday. Two churches, Trinity Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran, participated in the event as well, with an additional six full grocery carts delivered to ECKAN and Ballard Community Center. Everyone involved had fun and felt good about helping to feed the hungry in our community. Way to go kids! —*Carol Eades Delnevo*

### **Community Connections (from the Social Action Committee)**

**Parents as Teachers (PAT) is our Community Connection for the month of February.** PAT is also the Fellowship’s “in-lieu-of-taxes” recipient. The value of investing in children and families, especially families with young pre-school children has been demonstrated in numerous ways.

The contribution of the Fellowship to PAT is matched dollar for dollar with state funds. Thus a contribution of \$2,000 from the Fellowship results in a benefit of \$4,000. With the severe state budget cuts the continued level of funding is uncertain, making our contribution all the more important.

The Social Action Committee's funding goal for PAT is \$2,000. The total SAC budget for the year is \$2,000 and \$1,500 has been designated for PAT. To reach our objective of \$2,000 for PAT calls for contributions of \$500.

An article in the Lawrence Journal World, on September 23, 2008 provides a description of PAT and what the program actually accomplishes. Go to the following web page and see the short video as well as the article. [http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2008/sep/23/lawrence\\_parents\\_teachers\\_hits\\_state\\_quality\\_stand/](http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2008/sep/23/lawrence_parents_teachers_hits_state_quality_stand/)

## **January Connection Report: The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund**

A special thanks to Fellowship members for contributing generously to the Peggy Bowman Fund this past month. A total of \$375 in contributions has been received. Thank you one and all! --*The SAC*

## **REMINDERS**

There is a **Lost and Found** box located in the Fellowship Hall.

### **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.

### **Use of Accessible Parking Spaces**

On some meeting days recently, all of the accessible parking spaces have been full, or someone has parked a car in the striped access aisles, precluding their use for vans with lifts. It may be that we do not have enough accessible spaces, and we will monitor use of the spaces and listen to your feedback to develop a plan for that if needed. In the meantime, I ask your assistance to give priority to those who require lift vans or use wheelchairs or other rolling assistance aids, particularly if they are the drivers of vehicles. Also, please do not park in or block the striped access aisles at any time, as that makes the accessible spaces unusable for lift vans. I know UFL members have strong values about inclusivity generally, and have worked hard to make our new facility accessible (including creation of our paved spaces). With your help we can continue to assure that all are able to reach and fully participate in the Fellowship. (A personal note--John and I became sensitive to this issue when my best grade school friend, a quadriplegic, called on our wedding day [at the Fellowship, before paved spaces], canceling her attendance because of rain, explaining that mud in her wheelchair wheels would be too difficult to deal with.)--*Valerie Roper*

### **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.

### **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: [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com) or 785-842-3339.

### **Annual Fellowship Auction April 18**

Saturday April 18 is our date for this display of Unitarian creativity. Start thinking about what services/goods you might offer for this auction. Jeremy Taylor, our droll auctioneer, will again cajole

bidders in supporting the Fellowship. If you wish to preview Jeremy's eloquent British accent, you may hear him on KLWN from 9-11 daily

### **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.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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](mailto:ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com)

### **SUMMARIES**

#### **Jan. 18, 2009 10:45 a.m. THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Martin Luther King Jr. was a person of courage and vision with an obsession for peace, justice, and fairness, an unrelenting advocate for civil and equal rights for ALL. He was deeply committed to non-violence, and the vision of the Beloved Community. Forrest Swall arranged today's program, using Web sources, including the UUA's website, and King's own words. Our intergenerational panel of Kate Dingus, Dot Nary, Richard Johnston, Beth Chao and Susan Cooper read these sources, as they traced his life and his profound belief in social justice.

Later, the audience talked in small groups of how Martin Luther King Jr. influenced us, and Unitarian Universalism. One group said Martin Luther King, Jr. challenged us to actively reach out toward each other across cultural divisions, rather than wait for problems to come to us. Another group noted that his actions and words were very divisive to American society. A third group recognized that although he focused on ending racism against African Americans, his words and actions have been successfully referenced and used by other oppressed groups working toward equal rights. The presentation ended with a call for us to commit ourselves more completely to working for social justice locally and globally, while keeping in mind Dr. King's thoughts and deeds. —*Summary by Susan Cooper and Lisa Braun*

### **ADDITIONAL 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.

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Bookstore page, go to <http://uufi.net>; click on "UU books." Or go directly to <http://uufi.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 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](mailto:ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com)

## **FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

<b>Saturday, February 7</b>	<i>Work day, 9:00 A.M - 12:30 P.M</i>
<b>Sunday, February 8</b>	<i>Strategic Planning Task Force Team meeting, noon</i>
<b>Wednesday Feb 11</b>	<i>Barn dance in Founders Hall 6:30-8:30pm</i>
	<i>Movie night at the UFL "King Corn"</i>
<b>Saturday, March 7</b>	<i>Operating Fund Campaign Kickoff Event</i>
<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	<i>Annual fundraising Auction</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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