

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
February 10, 2009

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

**9:15 am Service:** *"Thank God for Evolution"*

This year represents the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin (12 February 1809) and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work *On the Origin of Species* in 1859. This backdrop provides a rich opportunity to demonstrate that religion and science have much to offer one another. Please join us and congregations all around the world in celebrating Evolution Weekend 2009!

*Heather Coffman; Chair-Spiritual Celebration Team*

**10:45 am Program:** *"The Human Side of Darwin"*.

Hal Orel, long-time Fellowship member and editor of "Charles Darwin, Interviews and Recollections" , will draw on his knowledge to explore Darwin, the person.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FOR EVERYONE!**

**February 11: dinner: 5:30**

**Menu:** Mexican Buffet to serve everyone, macaroni and cheese, vegetarian selections

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

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

**Barn dance—Featuring “Prairie Acre” 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.

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## **DETAILS**

### **08-09 Operating Fund Drive Nears Goal**

Our campaign to raise \$90,000 for this fiscal year's operation has entered the home stretch. Pledges received to date have passed the \$88,000 mark with five months left to go. If you have not yet made a contribution of record, please contact Della Hadley (749-5164) or Graham Kreicker (842-2332). Our budget is very tight and we do need to make our goal. And, thanks to all who have pledged and are on target to complete them! –*Graham Kreicker*

### **Fundraising Income from Amazon.com**

The Fellowship has received its first return (\$24.66) from Amazon.com through our new fundraising initiative. Anyone who accesses Amazon.com from the icon on the UFL Virtual Bookstore page will have a percentage of their total purchase returned to the Fellowship. We have learned that this initiative applies not only to purchases of books, but to *any item offered through Amazon*, including third party vendors. It is an easy, painless way for web shoppers to assist UFL fundraising efforts.

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.*

### **Organizing Class Postponed**

"Introduction to Organizing 101" has been rescheduled for the month of April.

### **January Scrip Report**

In January, our Fellowship members bought \$10,555 worth of grocery cards and coupons for Checkers, Dillons, Hy Vee, and The Merc through our Scrip program. The net profit to the Fellowship was \$597.30. Remember: Scrip can be used to buy anything at the participating stores, even gasoline! Since you are going to eat and drive anyway, this is a painless way to raise money for the Fellowship!

*The Scrip team (Joe Gant, Chris Redford, Marcel Harmon, John Roper)*

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS** (from the Social Action Committee)

### **Parents As Teachers is the Community Connection for the month of February**

Parents As Teachers is our "In-lieu-of-Taxes" educational program. \$1,500 is designated from the budget. Our objective is to contribute \$2,000 with \$500 from additional member contributions. Every dollar contributed by the Fellowship results in an additional dollar in matching funds from the state.

*Checks should be made out to the Fellowship with PAT on the memo line.*

**Contributions to the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund**, our Community Connection for January has now totaled \$400. We send special thanks to Fellowship members who generously support reproductive health care services for women.

**People Who Are Homeless** is an immediate concern of the Social Action committee. Last Sunday's 10:45 Program provided added insight into the challenges of people who are homeless. Presenters were City Commissioner Boog Highberger, Outreach Worker David Tucker and Family Promise Director Valerie Miller. Committee members will be attending the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the Community Commission on Homelessness. The meeting is open to the public at the City Commission Rom in the City Hall Tuesday afternoon, 3 pm.

**“What's Morally Wrong with Homosexuality?”** February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hashinger Hall Theater. Dr. John Corvino will be the speaker. Dr. Corvino is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. The Department of Student Housing sponsors this event.

**Film and Public Forum on Darfur** February 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

*The Devil Came on Horseback*; a film by Annie Sundberg and Ricki Stern will be shown at the Lawrence Public Library. It is free to the Public.

### **City Commission and School Board Elections April 7.**

Watch the paper and announcements for scheduled meetings with City Commission and School Board candidates. The next Candidate Forum is Monday, **February 16** at the City Commission Room, City Hall; 7-8 pm School Board Candidates; 8-9 pm City Commission Candidates. Consider attending and participating in this important community election.

### **Upcoming National Conference--save the date**

Allies for Racial Equity Annual Conference

A meeting dealing with a critical, timely and significant issue, one which fits what UUs are all about. March 13-15 at All Soul's in Kansas City

## **FROM OUR MEMBERS**

### **What the Fellowship Means to Me:**

Two and a half years ago when our family moved to Lawrence, UFL was one of the first places I went. Having been a member of a Unitarian Universalist church in California, I thought I had a pretty good idea of what I would find. In fact, I found much more than I expected! Having two distinct Sunday morning programs is one of the unique pleasures of our community. Joining UFL during this time of transition, not just from the original building to our new space but also from a lay-led group to the current dynamic combination of lay and professional leadership, has been stimulating and engaging. And of course, the children's religious education program means a great deal to me. When my children are adults, wherever they are, they will always know that there is a place for them at their local UU church or fellowship. Their interactions with the all-caring adults at the fellowship mean a lot now and for their future. Sherry Warren, our DRE, is a special person. Not only is she able to engage with children and youth in an effective way, she also has a wonderful creative energy for developing fun and meaningful activities for everyone. And because as a Fellowship, we have made the commitment to provide resources for children's religious education, we have been able to develop programs that require financial investment. As I observe the skill and dedication of the adults facilitating the *Our Whole Lives* series currently underway for upper elementary and just starting for senior high, I know that the investment is worth every penny. These are just some of the many reasons I pledge my financial support to UFL.

*Carol Eades Delnevo, Chair Religious Education Committee*

## **REMINDERS**

There is a **Lost and Found** box located on the buffet in Founders Hall. [*Note: After recommendation by the Building-Use Committee, the Board approved the name Founders Hall for our former meeting hall upstairs in the old part of the building.*]

## **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, and Judy Wilson with your thoughts.

## **Use of Accessible Parking Spaces**

Please 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 accessible spaces unusable for lift vans.

## **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.

## **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**

### **2-1-2009 10:45 a.m. PIANO MUSIC BY NATHANAEL MAY**

Nathanael May, who will receive his Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) in piano performance on May 17, 2009, gave us a taste of his piano prowess. Nathanael studies at the University of Kansas with Jack Winerock. A Doctorate of Musical Arts (DMA) degree is similar in requirements and difficulty to a Ph. D. in other academic areas. Nathanael introduced Sonata in E-flat Major, *Quasi una fantasia*, op. 27 no 1., with a history of the piece, the technique, and Ludwig van Beethoven's

thoughts as he composed the piece. Prepared mentally, we enjoyed the music, as its author would have wished. The program continued with Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's Fantasy in F-sharp Minor (*Sonata ecoisse*) op.28; *Hommage a Rameau* by Claude Debussy; and Rain Tree Sketch II, by Toru Takemitsu. Each piece was introduced orally by Mr. May who then played each to the great enjoyment of us all. We wish him the best, and feel assured he will succeed in his career. The performance was recorded. --Summary by Dave Hiebert

## **ADDITIONAL REMINDERS**

### **Inclement Weather Policy Notice**

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

### **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>Wednesday Feb 11</b>	<i>Barn dance in Founders Hall 6:30-8:30pm</i>
	<i>Movie night "King Corn" 6:30-8:30pm</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://uufll.net/calendar.htm>.*

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