

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
February 17, 2009

**Sunday, February 22nd**

**9:15 am Service: Rev. Jill Jarvis: WWHMD (What Would Horace Mann Do?)**

Unitarians have an historical connection to public education in America, starting with its establishment in New England. Public schooling was meant to promote democratic values and build the common good. Yet our nation's educational system is alarmingly unequal, with woefully inadequate urban and rural schools, wealthy suburban schools, and families with resources increasingly opting out of the public schools altogether. There is even a growing network of Unitarian Universalist homeschoolers. Committed to democratic values, the common good, and our own children, what's a parent to do? Is Horace Mann turning over in his grave?

**10:45 am Program: *The Case for Early Childhood Education:***

A panel consisting of representatives of the early childhood education organizations we support (*Helen Gilles, MD*, Lawrence Community Nursery School; *Nancy Jorn*, Success by Six; and *Gayle Anderson*, Parents As Teachers) will discuss the importance of educational enrichment in the years before a child begins elementary school. Our community connection for February is Parents as Teachers.

**Everyone's Invited**  
**This Wednesday at the Fellowship**  
Food for the body, mind, and spirit

5:30 - 6:30      Buffet Dinner is served



- BYOC (Bring Your Own Chopsticks)
- Sweet and Sour Chicken
- Roasted Root Vegetables with Rice
- Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Dogs, Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Relish tray with Hummus
- Fruit and Cookies
- Suggested donation \$5      Children under 10 free

- Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30 Socialize, play board games, or join a class:

- EVENSONG FOR ADULTS
- ARTICULATING YOUR UU FAITH
- THE SUPREME COURT
- PYSANKA (Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating)

### **Youth Group (Grades 7 - 12)**

7:30 Choir Practice

#### **Community Connections for February: Parents as Teachers (PAT)**

**PAT** is our “In-lieu-of-taxes” educational program. \$1500 from the budget is designated; our objective is \$2000 with \$500 from additional member contributions. Every dollar the Fellowship gives brings a matching dollar from the State. If we make our \$2000 objective, PAT will receive \$4000. Checks should be made out to the UFL with PAT on the memo line. More info is at the Social Justice Table in the Founders’ Room.

#### **Other Social Justice Concerns**

**People Who Are Homeless.** We sent a letter to the members of the City Commission as well as to the Community Commission on Homelessness. Please send letters to City Commission members encouraging their support to meet needs of homeless people in Lawrence. More info is at the Social Justice Table.

**Kansas Equality Coalition (KEC) Annual Chapter meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 7pm at Maceli’s Restaurant.** The agenda includes a Legislative Update and a showing of the Harvey Milk documentary. The meeting will focus on building momentum for a state- wide non-discrimination law and state-wide hospital visitation rights, preventing legislative attacks on the Domestic Partnership Registry in Lawrence and the right to adopt children. People who are LGBT and allies are invited; join or renew memberships. Check the KEC website at:

<http://www.kansasequalitycoalition.org/viewevent.php?e=2617>

**LINK, Lawrence Interfaith Nutritional Kitchen.** Saturday March 14. This date falls in the Spring Recess period. Those of us who will be in the community need to respond to meet the challenge of our quality service to our guests for lunch.

#### **Budget Update**

The February budget-versus-actual financial report has been posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact UFL Treasurer Susan Harper. If you want a copy of the balance sheet, please ask Susan who will be happy to provide it.

**LOST-** Mary Miller lost her scrip certificates from Dillon's. If anyone found it, please contact Mary.

**Operating Fund Campaign Kick-Off Dinner-March 7<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday evening March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will see our new hall transformed into an attractive social setting for the annual Kick-Off dinner. Fantastic food, lovely dinner music and brilliant conversations will help make the evening sparkle. Musical skits and a glass or two of wine will highlight the festivities along with a short and sweet invitation to continue our glorious tradition of generous support to our Fellowship.

**Annual Fellowship Auction**

Saturday, April 18, 2009 is the date for this display of Unitarian talent. Please consider what services/goods you might offer for this auction. In the past, dinners, baked goods, hauling and other services have proved popular. Last year we auctioned off a truck!



A **national** Unitarian Universalist conference to be in Kansas City in mid March!

This is an opportunity for Lawrence Unitarian Universalists to attend a national UU conference close to home. If you can't make it to General Assembly, here's your chance to participate in workshops by nationally known speakers, meet fellow UUs from just about everywhere in a multi-generational setting, attend Sunday services and paint the town with them on Saturday night!

UUs from across the country will attend the Allies for Racial Equity 2009 Conference, held for the first time at All Souls. Our goal is to have 15-25 attendees from UFL, so we're making it easy! Read on:

Unitarian Universalist  
**Allies for Racial Equity**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
March 13-15  
All Souls-Kansas City

**Allies**  
FOR  
**Racial**  
**Equity**

***Even better news:*** It's not expensive – the conference fee is only \$110, and \$75 for students. Still too much? Scholarships are available from ARE, and the UFL Social Action Committee is offering subsidies as well. Young adults are especially encouraged to attend. UFL Religious Education will cover conference fees for any youth attending. There's home hospitality available in KC for those who want to party late! Or daily carpooling from Lawrence with Sherry Warren.

***The most important news of all:*** This conference teaches UUs how to serve as allies to people of color in both multi-cultural and all-white settings.

**CHECK OUT THE BROCHURE ON THE SOCIAL ACTION TABLE** in Founders force and represent our Fellowship! Hall (the former meeting room.). *If you plan to go*

*or are interested, please contact Sherry Warren, Forrest Swall, or Jill Jarvis, especially in regard to scholarships. Let's turn out in full.*

**Greetings from Henry Remple!**

Emeritus member, Henry Remple, recently celebrated his 100th birthday and we sent flowers. Henry and his daughter, Lucy MacAlister, sent us a thank-you note expressing their appreciation and wishing us well in our newly expanded facilities. They enclosed photos that are placed on the bulletin board with the card.

**Annual "IRS letters" are in the mail**

Letters to support tax deductions claimed by members and friends have been mailed. Remember, they cover donations made in 2008, which may have applied to our 07-08 fiscal year or our current 08-09 fiscal year. If you have questions, please contact Susan Harper or John Brewer. And, remember we are still seeking pledges and donations in order to meet our fund raising goal for this fiscal year.

**Use of Founders' Hall on Sunday mornings:** Founder's Hall temperature level will now be controlled on Sunday mornings, so that it will be more comfortably available for use on Sunday mornings before and after both the 9:15 service and the 10:45 program. Also, a new art show is scheduled for display in March. So if you're looking for a quiet spot to have coffee, consider finding a comfortable chair in the Founders' Hall and enjoy the view.

**FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

**Saturday, March 7**    *Operating Fund Campaign Kickoff Event*

**Saturday, March 14**    *Serve at LINK*

**Saturday, April 18**    *Annual fundraising Auction*

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