

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
February 24, 2009

Sunday, March 1

9:15 am Service: Religion and the Radical Feminists of the 19th Century:

Angelina Grimké [Weld] and Frances Willard--*Ellen Reid Gold and Jane Robson Graham.*

These reflections select representative anecdotes from the lives of **Angelina Grimké** and **Frances Willard** to illustrate the ways in which religion has shaped progressive forces in American culture--for Grimké, abolition and women's rights and for Willard, the education of women. Both women drew from their religious upbringing and language to promote their causes, even though their ideas often conflicted with those of established religious institutions. They felt, however, that the Bible and their heavenly Father were mindful of the need for change and they were only following His teachings.

10:45 am Program: Shaffia Laue will share impressions from her recent trip to Israel and Palestine.

Wednesday, February 25

Everyone's Invited

This Wednesday at the Fellowship

Food for the body, mind, and spirit

5:30 - 6:30

Buffet Dinner is served

Hamburger, Cheese and Noodle Bake

Vegetarian Mostaccioli

Macaroni and Cheese

Hot Dogs, PB&J

Salad, Relish Tray with Hummus

Italian Bread

Fruit and Cookies

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30

Socialize, play board games,

Or join an ongoing class:

(see www.uufl.net for details)

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

YOUTH GROUP (Grades 7 - 12)

7:30

Choir Practice

Announcements and Reminders

March 7: Fabulous Fellowship Follies

Join us for a fascinating fun-raising night featuring the ever festive UFL chorus at our 2009-10 *operating fund kick-off event*. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6:15. Celebrate with fellowship, friends, food and fun! RSVP to uflooffice@sunflower.com or call 842-3339. Be sure to include your name, the number of people in your party including number and ages of any children, any vegan or vegetarian food preference, whether you need or can offer a ride. Thanks and we'll see you there!

Help Wanted for the Follies

While it may "take a village to raise a child" it also takes lots of volunteers to run a smooth dinner for the campaign kickoff or Fellowship Follies on March 7. The dinner will be served so I need at least 6 wait persons (teenagers encouraged to apply), four prep people by 3:00 to help prepare and plate food, three or four on cleanup. This is a minimum. I know there is an important game but for those who aren't basketball fans, this is your opportunity to help your Fellowship. Please contact **Judy Wilson** if you can help. Thanks.

Decorations Assistance for the Fellowship Follies

The Fellowship Follies team is seeking bud vases for decorations. If you have single bud vases you're willing to lend/give to the Fellowship, please bring them this Wednesday, February 25 or next Sunday, March 1. All shapes, sizes, colors welcome. If you wish to have them returned, please put tape on the bottom and write your name on it. Thanks!

March 13-15: Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equity Annual Conference

All Souls-Kansas City. (See February 14 UFL Weekly News for details.)
contact Sherry Warren, Forrest Swall, *or* Jill Jarvis, *for more information..*

March 14: Lawrence Interfaith Nutritional Kitchen (LINK). This date falls at the start of the Spring Break period. Please assist with this need by delivering food or helping in the kitchen. Sign-up sheets will be available or contact Ellen Sward.

Community Connections for February: Parents as Teachers (PAT)

PAT is our "In-lieu-of-Taxes" educational program. \$1,500 is designated from the budget. Our February objective is \$500 to add to the \$1,500 for a total of \$2,000. 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.*

Wednesday Evening Classes Changing

As we are winding down this term of classes and beginning to plan for the next term, please let me know if you have any thoughts on programming you would like to have happen. We can begin as early as March 18, if we have programs. Right now we have one firm session, to begin in March. This is Religion in America and is offered by John Brewer. An Organizing Your Life class will begin in April. We do need more classes to make this a success. Look for sign up sheets on the bulletin board beginning Sunday, March 1. The current Evensong group will continue until the end of March. Articulating Your UU Faith will conclude this week. If others are interested in a repeat of this contact --*Judy Wilson*

April 18: Annual Fellowship Auction

This date we display our Unitarian talent. Please consider what services/goods you might offer for this auction. In other years, baked goods, hauling & other services have been popular. Last year we auctioned a truck! Watch for more information.

Camp StarTrail August 2-9

Registration is now open for Camp StarTrail, our new Prairie Star District summer camp for all ages, held August 2-9, 2009. Check our Fellowship website, www.uufl.net for more info. The camp is at a beautiful location in Nebraska. Swimming, boating, classes, crafts. Fun for children and adults of all ages. Programs, activities, or just relax. Accommodations vary from hotel to cabins to tents. Contact Barbara Schowen if you would like hard-copy information.

More Community Connections:

Interfaith Dialogue Opportunity March 5: The Faith Club groups of Lawrence have invited UFL to a gathering at the Islamic Center on Thursday, March 5. There will be a presentation on Islam and other activities. For more information about the event and about mosque etiquette, check the flyers on the bulletin board at the Fellowship on Sunday. RSVPs to dsampson@sunflower.com are required by Feb 26 due to space limitations.

Candidate Forum March 18th. School Board Candidates will be speaking 7 to 8 pm; City Commission Candidates 8-9 pm. April 7 is the date for City Co-Board Elections. Watch the paper and announcements for additional scheduled meetings with City Commission and School Board candidates.

Seven Conversations in 7 Days: In support of National Freedom to Marry Week, the UUA's Advocacy and Witness blog, Inspired Faith, Effective Action highlights the "7 Conversations in 7 Days" to support the freedom to marry for all persons. For more information go to: <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issues/bgltequality/marriageequality/128963.shtml>

How to Support National Single-Payer Health Insurance

Janet Parker, a disabled member of Health Care for All will be going to Washington to lobby for a single-payer system. You can help: write a short letter supporting national single payer health insurance by Sunday March 1st. Bring your letter to Mark Larson, who will give it to Janet Parker. She will hand deliver letters to Congressional: Moore, Jenkins, Brownback, and Roberts.

Plastic bags: The recycling center, 12th and Haskell, no longer will accept plastic bags, and other flexible plastic. The recycling of nearly everything has slowed greatly. HOWEVER, if you wish to save plastic grocery bags and clean plastic bags from the produce department, I'm willing to store them in my garage until spring. Then I can take them to Farmers' Market, where vendors will use them. Or, if you go to Farmers Market you can accumulate them at home, and give a vendor you like your accumulation of useable bags--*Mark Larson*

Peace Vigils Continue--at the Douglas County Court House, Saturdays at noon.

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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