

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
March 17, 2009

Sunday, March 22

9:15 am Service: *Nature, Humanity, and Spiritual Connection*

From our heritage of the Transcendentalists and Walden Pond, to spiritual teachings which instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature, we are called to respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. It's ironic then that we often draw an imaginary line between "humanity" and "nature," as if disavowing our oneness. Yet even Thoreau came back from the woods to re-engage with society. By honoring ourselves as fully part of the natural world, we can find spiritual renewal as well as inspiration to nurture our planet and all its inhabitants. -- *Rev. Jill Jarvis*

10:45 am Program: *Fighting Nature Deficit Disorder and other Environmental Ills.*

Dana Atwood-Blaine will give a presentation about the proposed Lawrence Community Environmental School. Come and learn about the ideas behind the proposal and the possible benefits of such a school to our children and our community.

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Wednesday, March 18 at the Fellowship!!

Food, Friends, Fodder for the Mind

5:30

Buffet Dinner

. Brisket * Vegetarian Burritos,
Scalloped Potatoes * Macaroni and Cheese
Hot Dogs * PB&J
Salad * Relish Tray with Hummus
Fruits and Cookies

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30

Hang out and socialize

Play some board games

or

Join one of our new classes

Evensong (in the Sanctuary)

John Brewer's "Religious History in America" (in Founders Hall)

Sign up sheets are on clip boards under the lobby bulletin board

6:30 Youth Group (Grades 7 - 12)

7:30 Choir Practice

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS (from the Social Action Committee)

Community Connection for March: Health Care Access the. There are 12 thousand citizens in Douglas County without health insurance 1,800 are served by HCA. 96 % of all funds contributed are used for client services with only 4% for administrative costs. Over 80% of HCA patients are gainfully employed but lack access to health care coverage either because they cannot afford to purchase health insurance for themselves and their family members, or are not offered health insurance coverage by their employers, or do not qualify for government-subsidized or sponsored health insurance.

The HCA display in the Gathering Area of the Fellowship will continue through March. More elaborate displays are in the Peoples Bank at Sixth Street and Wakarusa. *Contributions to HCA may be made by writing a check to the Fellowship with HCA on the memo line.*

The Next Candidate Forum is scheduled for March 18, 7 to 9 pm, this week, in the City Commission Room at the Lawrence City hall. School Board Candidates will be featured 7 to 8 pm; the City Commission Candidates 8-9 pm. plan to attend and participate in this important community election. **City Commission and School Board Elections April 7.**

Kansas Advocates for Better Care (KABC) Annual Meeting & Caregiver Training April 3rd at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, 2nd floor auditorium, from 1 to 4 p.m. Please join the **KABC** board, members, and staff on for the annual membership meeting and training. **"Building Blocks for Caregiving"** training is made possible through the *Harriet Nehring Education Fund at KABC*. Light refreshments will be provided. The focus of the meeting is to train family and friends who are dedicated to caring for a frail elderly loved one at home or in a nursing home. The training will build practical skills for those doing hands-on care giving. Presentations will cover "Understanding Older Adults and Medications" with Tammy Willits of QualiCare Pharmacy; and "The Basics of Life: Food & Drink" Heather Generali with Meadowlark Hills. There will be opportunity to ask questions specific to your needs. Cost to attend: \$10 donation per person. Limited number of scholarships is available. **RSVP by March 27th** to: Kansas Advocates for Better Care. Phone: 842-3088; email: info@kabc.org.

Equal Rights Amendment considered. The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee heard SCR 1608. A proposal to put an equal rights amendment in the Kansas Constitution will provide fundamental protections for women. The resolution states:
"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state or any of its political or taxing subdivisions on account of sex."

Kansas Equality Coalition (KEC) chapter of Douglas County is calling for the city commission to add "transgender" to the city's nondiscrimination ordinance. Maggie Childs is president of KEC and is leading the effort.

Clean Energy Day II March 19th Topeka, KS. Stand with the Governor and hundreds of fellow Kansans to ask for a clean vote on clean energy.

Peace Events. The Vigils continue from noon to 1 pm each Saturday at the Court House on Massachusetts Street. **Peace with Justice Group** at Ecumenical Christian Ministries in collaboration with the Hiroshima peace Memorial Museum in Japan is hosting an exhibit at Nunemaker Center on the KU campus March 8 through the 15th. The exhibit includes large posters with photographs and information sent by the Hiroshima Peace memorial Museum along with books and videos. Nunemaker Center is located at 1506 Engle Road and is open 8 am to 10 pm Monday through Thursday.

Heartland Men's Chorus Spring Performance, "And Justice For All" Saturday March 28, 8 pm and Sunday, the 29, 4 pm., at the Folly Theater in Kansas City. A preview and description can be found on line at: <http://www.hmckc.org/promo/Justice.aspx>. Forrest and Donna Swall have room for five people to join them for the 4 pm performance on Sunday afternoon, and have room for four or five additional people.

Camp StarTrail: Registration is **now open** for Camp StarTrail, our new Prairie Star District summer camp for all ages, held August 2-9, 2009, in the beautiful rolling hills of the Platte River Valley between Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska. Brochures in the racks under the bulletin board or check our Fellowship website, www.uufl.net for more info.

AUCTION COMING SOON—Donations Sought: An evening of Eastern splendor, UFL bargains and old fashioned H\$pes. The auction crew is **looking for your items now to include** in this year's annual auction night, "A Night of a Thousand and One H\$pes." Building on last year's success, we will hold the **auction April 18**, 4:30 to 8:00PM. There'll be a children's auction (4:30 to 5:00PM), a silent auction with wine, cheese, and other goodies (5 to 6PM), and then the Great Hope Emporium (6-8PM). Auction donation forms for items to be auctioned will be available shortly in paper and electronically. Your generosity will make this evening a success. POC for the auction is Marie Wilson. (E-mail: nmariewilson@yahoo.com)

09-10 Operating Fund Campaign In High Gear

Thanks to all who mailed in their Fellowship feedback forms and pledge certificates already. If you have not sent in your Fellowship feedback responses and pledge certificates, please do so now, or call Graham Kreicker at 842-2332 for a pick-up. Please be sure to return both the responses and your certificate. We will compile your responses for a Fellowship report. Those who missed the gala kick-off event will be contacted shortly with an opportunity to respond and pledge.

FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Sat., Apr 18: *Annual Fundraising Auction*

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