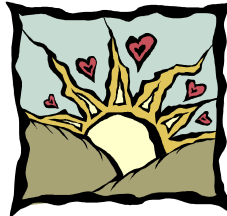


Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
April 7, 2009

**Sunday, April 12**

## **Easter Sunday**

The first in our new sanctuary/meeting room



**6:30 -7:00 Our first ever Sunrise Service**

Come watch the sun rise, and experience a beautiful lay-led service of song, music, poetry and readings.

**7:30 We'll share a special Easter Breakfast**

**9:15 Spiritual Celebration Service**

with Rev. Jill Jarvis and the UFL Choir

The gospel stories of Jesus present a “young and fearless prophet” refusing to surrender his ideals in the face of powers that ruled through fear. There is much wisdom to be found in ancient legends. How might this story of resistance and the resilience of beloved community prove meaningful to our own 21st century lives?

**10:15 Coffee and Conversation**

**10:45 Program of special music and readings**

**Easter Egg Hunt for the Children (time TBD)**

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**Wednesday, April 8 at the Fellowship!!**

Food, Friends, Fodder for the Mind    Come One, Come All

**This Week: Dining, Dancing, and DVD**

5:30 -6:30

**Italian Fest!**

Courtesy of Sherry Warren and our Fellowship Youth



Spaghetti and Meatballs                  Pasta with a variety of sauces

Salad and Garlic Bread

Fruit and Cookies for dessert

Suggested donation \$5    Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 – 8:30

6:30



## It's MOVIE NIGHT!

### **The Real Dirt on Farmer John**

2005 award winning documentary

Meet maverick farmer **John Peterson, operator of Angelic Organics.**

Or join the

## **BARN DANCE!**



with caller UFL's own **Jim Williams**

accompanied by "Prairie Acre"

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## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS AND REMINDERS**

### **Your Treasures Will Make our Auction Book Complete!**

Auction volunteers are standing by—and will for a few more days! What'll it be? Creating a fresh flower bouquet once a month for a year? Sharing your favorite ethnic meal with a group of 8 or 10? Cleaning windows or houses? Mulching a garden? Helping someone to navigate the world of clip art? Making a craft to order or offering one you've already made? Downsizing and looking for a good home for your special treasures? Is homemade bread your specialty? A weeklong or a weekend getaway? A day at the lake? A picnic with friends?

Whatever your talent or treasure—*NOW* is the time to offer it—the date for getting auction donations into the auction book is *April 10*.

Then come to the auction on *April 18*. Enjoy the *children's auction (4:30-5:00 p.m.)*, nosh on snacks and beverages as you bid at the *silent auction (5-6 p.m.)*, and then join the great entertainment and bid on treasures you'll find at the *Great Hope Emporium from 6-8 p.m.* You'll also be able to contribute for the chance to go home with special bounty generously provided by local businesses. You won't want to miss this unique uplifting evening.

### **2009-2010 Operating Fund Campaign Progress**

The 2009-10 Operating Fund Campaign goal is getting closer. We can now report 59 pledge cards and \$75,605. We have 42% of our goal in terms of pledging households and 76% of our goal in terms of pledged dollars for operating funds. We are very grateful for the support of our members and friends.

*If you have not already done so, please mail in your pledge card this week, or bring it on Sunday, and be as generous as your budget permits to help us meet our \$99,000 goal.*

*It is important that we know where we are before the budget-setting process begins later this month.*

**Small-group facilitator training--April 11.** We have very recently learned of a session at All Souls UU Church in Kansas City this Saturday, April 11, from 10 a.m. -12 noon. There are a few spaces open for this training. If you are interested in this training and/or in facilitating small-group sessions at the Fellowship, please contact Jill Jarvis (816-853-6530, [jjarvis1@kc.rr.net](mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.net)). If there is enough interest among those who are not available to go on Saturday, there may be a possibility of arranging for another training session here later this spring.

**Emerson Society Lecture--April 26:** The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence is a sponsor of an upcoming lecture by theologian and author Peter Gomes. He will speak at the Lied Center on April 26 at 2:00 on "Transformation and Non-conformity: A New Christian Identity" as part of our ongoing Emerson Society Lecture Series. The Emerson Society is a group formerly known as the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Johnson County. When ending their Unitarian Universalist Association formal affiliation, they distributed their treasury to area UU congregations, including the Lawrence Fellowship. We have dedicated a portion of the funds we received for this lecture series, to honor the Emerson Society's continuing humanist tradition.

**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. Check our Fellowship website, [www.uufl.net](http://www.uufl.net) for more info.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

(from the Social Action Committee)

### **Community Connection for April: Douglas County AIDS Project (DCAP)**

For more info, see <http://www.douglascountyaidproject.org>. *Contributions to DCAP may be made by writing a check to the Fellowship with DCAP on the memo line.*

**DCAP AIDS Walk 2009.** Join the Social Action Committee Team Saturday, April 11 for the annual fund raiser to serve people with AIDS. The event begins at Maceli's 1031 New Hampshire; registration is 7:30 to 8:30 and the walk begins at 8:30. Breakfast after the walk is sponsored by NetworkQ. Persons can register on line at [www.douglascountyaidproject.com](http://www.douglascountyaidproject.com).

**Lawrence Community Nursery School** (The Little Red Schoolhouse) is having a race/fundraiser on May 9. Michelle Iwig-Harmon will have flyers at the Social Action display at the Fellowship. The **Lawrence Community Nursery** will be the **Community Connection** for the month of May. Pick up a flyer and for more information contact Michelle.

### **A world free from nuclear weapons is possible: Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial**

**Exhibit.** The Opening was Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. The Exhibit runs from March 29<sup>th</sup> - April 29<sup>th</sup> during regular library hours. Presented by the Ecumenical Christian Ministries With help from the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice Sponsored by the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Museum. The public is invited to view the exhibition, a compelling reminder of the enormous evil nature of nuclear weapons.

**Earth Day Parade - Saturday, April 18th.** The Lawrence Coalition of Peace and Justice (LCPJ) will have its *War is Not Healthy for Children and Other Living Things* float in the Earth Day Parade. If you have children, grandchildren, or neighbor children who would like to be in the Earth Day parade, contact the organizers at [info@lcpj.org](mailto:info@lcpj.org) with PARADE in the subject line.

**Earth Day Speak Out.** Last year's **Read-Out, Sing-Out, Speak-Out, Act-Out, Dance-Out for Earthcare** was a tremendous success. Oread Friends Meeting along with KU Environs, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, and the Haskell Student Wetlands Preservation Organization will do it again. For our second annual event celebrating all of those in our community working for a sustainable environment, we are joining the planners of Earth Day for the Read-Out. Speak Out begins at 8:00, Saturday morning, April 18, in the western half of South Park, and continues until 8:00 pm. Anyone—old and young, alone or in groups—is invited to read, sing, speak, act, dance, make music, or perform in any way to sign up for a 10-minute slot in this 12-hour, marathon event on Earthcare.

You are encouraged to read from any work related to the environment, sing any song related to the environment, speak, dance, act, or perform about any aspect of the environment which concerns you. We hope that you will act alone or organize your friends, family, or members of your community to perform. Please contact the organizers at [info@lcpj.org](mailto:info@lcpj.org) for information about participating. Even if you do not want to perform, please come to Earth Day on April 18 at any time during the day to listen or to observe!

**Family Promise.** Donna Eades reports that twenty members of the Fellowship participated in Sunday's conversation with Stacie Lamb from First Baptist. At Stacie's invitation several of us will visit First Baptist church one evening this week and get more of a hands-on feel for becoming a support congregation. A special thanks to all who participated in the discussion.

**Peace Vigil.** The Vigils is now located at Ninth & Massachusetts Street from noon to 1 pm each Saturday. Even though many peace advocates believe that with the election of Barack Obama our nation has "turned the corner" there is still far too much emphasis on war, use of the military to solve the problems of international relations, too little on peace oriented strategies directed at solving the problems in Afghanistan, even in Iraq. Some believe there is too little effort by even our new leadership to address the conditions of hunger, poverty, air pollution, global warming that especially effect the world's poor. Peace is still an issue and the Saturday Peace Vigils continues to speak to these fundamental issues.

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## **MEMBERS COMMENT ON FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Participants at the 2009-10 Operating Fund Campaign Kick-off Dinner were invited to reflect on two questions, and those who received pledge materials by mail also have had an opportunity to respond to these questions.

For the next few weeks, we will print member responses to those questions. Where names are included, we have obtained permission to print them.

The questions and this week's responses are:

**1. What are the things that you most value in the Fellowship, perhaps that brought you to the Fellowship or that sustain you here?**

- The diversity of the group

Open mindedness  
 Cooperation of people with different opinions and points of view  
 We enjoy the music program, the informative talks.  
 We like Wednesday Evenings!  
 We enjoy the dinners for 8 – one gets to know different people.  
 We enjoy the interactions between children—young people—middle age—older people.  
 We enjoy the barn dances.  
 The Exploring Membership sessions were worthwhile! Thank you! Keep those going.  
***Bruce and Silke Johanning***

- Wednesday nights  
 Great childcare in the nursery  
 Commitment to social justice  
 \*Sense of community\*  
 Tolerance of/openness to members’ personal needs and views (just one example:  
     I am a Christian and on some level that’s important to me—and  
     I feel welcome here. If I didn’t, I wouldn’t come, so that’s important.)  
 Open and affirming ***Jordinn Nelson Long***

**2. What are the things that you would like to have happen in the near future at the Fellowship?  
 What can we do to continue to build on our successes?**

- More Music! We have many who can perform. Let’s use them.  
 Movies—Have one day a month (Not Wednesday) where we can see movies  
***Bruce and Silke Johanning***
- More/continued opportunities for young families to connect with each other  
 (i.e., Evensong). ***Jordinn Nelson Long***

**Newsletter Deadlines:** Announcements are due on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. and Newsletter articles are due on Monday at noon.

**FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

- Wed., Apr 8:** *Barn Dance/Movie Night/Board Meeting Night*  
**Sat., Apr 18:** *Annual Fundraising Auction*  
**Sat., Apr 25:** *Board and Committee Chair Budget Meeting*  
**Sun., Apr 26:** *Emerson Society Lecture, Peter Gomes, Lied Center, 2 p.m.*  
**Sun., May 3:** *Committee Job Fair*

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***A Welcoming Congregation***

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