

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
April 21, 2009

**Sunday, April 26**

**9:15 Service:** *The Mythology of Invulnerability*

We live in a culture that values autonomy and self-reliance. Though we're born completely dependent on others for our very survival, we soon learn to hide our vulnerability in order to feel secure in the world. Acknowledging our shared emotional vulnerability is essential not only to spiritual growth, but also to creating a world of compassion and justice. As individuals, as communities, and as nations, we strengthen our relationships as well as our security when we tear down our walls in order to build bridges – *Rev. Jill Jarvis*

**10:15 Coffee and Conversation**

**10:45 Program:** *Health care for the medically underserved*

A discussion of local health care needs and how they are being met by three local agencies: Health Care Access, the Heartland Health Clinic and the Douglas County Dental Care Clinic.

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**Wednesday, April 29 at the Fellowship!!**

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

5:30 -6:30

**Sandwich and Salad Bar**



Salad and Sandwich Bar  
Macaroni and Cheese • Hot Dogs • PB&J  
Fruit and Cookies  
Suggested donation \$5    Children under 10 free  
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30

**Play Board Games, Socialize,  
or Join the Class:**

History of Religion in the US  
Facilitated by John Brewer

7:30

**Choir Practice**

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**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.

### **Ministerial Search Committee Recommends Candidate, Board approves, Membership Ratification Vote Scheduled May 10**

Last Friday, the Ministerial Search Committee met and selected Reverend Jill Jarvis as their recommended candidate for the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence half-time ministerial contract for 2009-2010. On Sunday, the Executive Board met and approved the Ministerial Search Committee recommendation.

On Sunday, May 10 (Ceremony Sunday), a brief congregational meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. between the service and the program to conduct a vote to ratify the candidate selection, and to have a recognition ceremony for Rev. Jarvis' agreement to serve as our part-time minister for 2009-2010.

The Board also gave its unanimous expression of gratitude to the Ministerial Search Committee for its extensive work in conducting the ministerial search process, from the ministerial search survey to position description to application and interview process for the position.

### **Open Meetings Dealing with 2009-2010 Budget**

The budget setting process has started. Committee Chairs have submitted their individual budgets; the Finance Committee is compiling these. There will next be a series of meetings all of which are open to all members.

- Saturday April 25 at 9:00 a.m. – Meeting with Board and Committee Chairs to discuss the budget and arrive at a consensus. Open meeting.
- Saturday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m. – Continuation meeting (only held if needed--open).
- Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. -- Budget presented to the Board for adoption. Open to all.
- Sunday, May 10 – 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Open Q & A session to discuss the budget
- Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Open Q & A session to discuss the budget
- Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. – Annual meeting; congregational vote on budget

### **2009 Auction Great Fun and a Smashing Success**

About 75 members joined in the fun at last Saturday night's auction, browsing the silent auction while listening to music, eating delicious Middle Eastern hors d'oeuvres, and sipping wine, coffee or soft drinks. There was something for everyone, treasures for every size pocketbook. The tables in the Founder's Hall were overflowing with goods and services donated from members and from local businesses. And there were wonderful supplemental auction items donated to both auctions in the last day or two, pleasant surprises for bidders.

Immediately after the silent auction closed, the live auction began. We were richly entertained by auctioneer Jeremy Taylor and his able assistant, our own Susan Crain Lewis. Prize drawings were

interspersed through the live auction bidding action. In a win-win “happening”, bidding for development of a web site became a collaborative rather than competitive action when we learned that Meals on Wheels does not have a web site and might be able to use it: several UFL members contributed together to offer the web site.

In addition to enjoying the entertainment and socializing, participants raised over \$7,000 to support the Fellowship. Meanwhile, nearly fifteen children participated in games and activities indoors and outdoors, and every one took home a prize from the evening.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this auction a colossal success, including all who attended and were part of this good time, everyone who donated items, and everyone who bid. It also includes the auction committee and volunteers—those who started the ball rolling and those who kept it going—who chose the theme, developed a creative “silent movie” promotion, flyers and other publicity, collected donations, solicited donations from local businesses, prepared the auction book and bidding cards, registered bidders, kept track of bids, collected payments, oversaw the prize drawings, planned and conducted the children’s auction, prepared or served the fabulous hors d’oeuvres and beverages, played music, ran the AV system, set up and took down tables, arranged the auction displays, cleaned up, and other auction activities. A special thank you to Susan Rickman, who coordinated these activities at critical times.

**Auction Questions:** Bidders or donators who have questions about their items, events or tally sheets may contact the office by email (or phone). They then will receive an answer from the appropriate respondent.

### **Pledges Pass \$85,000 for 09-10 Operations Funding!**

As of Sunday afternoon 68 households had returned their pledge cards and the total amount pledged was \$85,045. We urge the 20 households that have not yet returned their pledge certificates to mail them today or bring them on Sunday. If you have misplaced your pledge packet, please call Graham Kreicker at 842-2332 for a replacement. And, thanks again to all who have already pledged so generously!

### **Committee Job Fair May 3**

Curious about UFL committees and what they do? Come find out more at the Committee Job Fair on May 3 in the Founders Hall after both the service and the program. Bring your coffee and stroll around the tables set up there. You’ll be able to talk to representatives of this year’s committees to get an idea of what they do, and what their current projects and goals are. You can discuss ideas for their committee if you wish, enjoy the refreshments provided there, and sign up for 2009-2010 committees that you may be interested in. If you are currently a committee member and wish to continue with it next year, please affirm that by signing up again.

### **Please Review Lost Items and Unpurchased Auction Donations**

Items from Lost and Found are currently on the credenza/buffet in Founder's Hall. Items donated to the auction but not sold are on a table in Founders' Hall. All unclaimed by June 1st will be placed in the UFL garage sale.

**Cleaning out your garden shed** to prepare your own garden? If you run across tools that are smaller in nature, the children would gladly accept them for use in their Monarch Waystation this Spring and Summer. See Sherry Warren and the next newsletter for details.

**Women's Retreat Planning:** Want to stay abreast of the planning for the Women's Retreat on July 10-12 in Bonner Springs? Let Sherry Warren know and she will add you to the list of people who want emails about the planning process. We are still looking for people to assist Betty Baron and Aileen Dingus with Programming and Logistics. Let's make some memories together!

-*Aileen* - Logistics: daziechane@gmail.com

-*Betty* - Program Task Force: baronbetty@yahoo.com

-*Sherry* - Communications to all interested parties: ufldre@sunflower.com

### **New Sight With Old Glasses**

The Lions Club is conducting their annual used eye glass collection for the needy. Lions member, Sue Lewis, has placed a collection box on the Social Action table upstairs in Founders' Hall. Please donate your unused glasses before the Lions' sorting and shipping date on June 1st.

### **Register for Camp StarTrail Now; Rates go up May 1**

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.

### **Pastoral Care Training Opportunity**

The Pastoral Care Planning Task Force has been looking into training options for Fellowship members interested in providing support for members with various needs. One training option is a course in "Mental Health First Aid" offered by Bert Nash Mental Health Center with the next series of four, 3-hour sessions to be held May 4, 11, 18, June 1 from 4-7 p.m. at 200 Maine. The course is free, with donations encouraged. If you are interested in attending with other Fellowship members, please let Alexis know at [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com). More information is available at the Bert Nash website: <http://www.bertnash.org/services/MentalHealthFirstAid.html>

### **Bean, Drip and Percolator Coffees Available**

Responding to customer requests, our Fair Trade Coffee offerings now include both regular and decaf in your choice of whole bean, drip grind and percolator grind. The organic Fair Trade dark and milk chocolate, also requested by customers, are proving to be popular.—*Graham Kreicker*

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

(from the Social Action Committee)

### **- Douglas Count AIDS Project: DCAP is the Community Connection for April.**

Contributions may be made by check, or cash, to the Fellowship with DCAP noted on the memo line.

**- 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.

- **Peace Vigil:** Ninth & Massachusetts Street from noon to 1 pm on Saturdays. Lawrencians opposed to war are always welcome to be part of the event.

- A world free from nuclear weapons is possible **Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial Exhibit:** The Opening was Friday April 3rd from 6-8 pm at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. The Exhibit runs through April 29th 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.

- **The 2009 Tom and Anne Moore Peace Award** will be presented at an evening of pot luck and music, Thurs 6 p.m., April 23rd at the Old Train Station, 402 N. 2nd, in North Lawrence. The Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice will give the 2009 Tom and Ann Moore Peace and Justice Award to Rebecca Woodman, an attorney with the Kansas Capital Appellate Defender Office, and KU's peace and conflict studies program. The award recognizes community members for their efforts to promote peace and justice on a local, national or international level. Rebecca Woodman is one of the state's biggest death penalty critics and an attorney with the Kansas University program dedicated to resolving human conflict among world cultures.

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**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**

**Sat., Apr 25:** *Board and Committee Chair Budget Meeting, 9a.m. – 12:00noon*

**Sun., Apr 26:** *Emerson Society Lecture, Peter Gomes, Lied Center, 2 p.m.*

**Sat., May 2:** *Continuation of Board and Committee Chair Budget Meeting (if needed)*

**Sun., May 3:** *Committee Job Fair, after 9:15 service and 10:45 program*

**Wed, May 6:** *Executive Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.*

**Sun., May 10:** *Ceremony Sunday; Congregational Vote to Ratify Minister Selection, 10:30 a.m.;*  
*Budget Discussion Session, 12:15 p.m.*

**Wed, May 13:** *Budget Discussion Session, 6:30 p.m.*

**Sun., May 18:** *UFL Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m.*

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***A Welcoming Congregation***

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