

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
April 28, 2009

Sunday, May 3

9:15 Service: Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful

Guest minister Rev. Kalen Fristad will be focusing on the history and significance of the teaching of universalism and how the teaching of eternal damnation is not merely a harmless untruth that we might appropriately ignore and allow to stand, but it has serious consequences. It leads to the possibility, perhaps even the inevitability, of wars, bigotry, oppression and abuse. On the other hand, the teaching of universalism leads to equality, respect, love and dignity for all.

Kalen Fristad is an ordained United Methodist Minister. After serving churches in Iowa for 27 years he embarked upon an independent ministry. He conducted this ministry full time from 2003-2006. It consisted of traveling around the country with his wife, Darlene, accepting invitations to speak to churches and other groups, countering the teaching that many people will suffer for eternity in hell and instead, proclaiming the hopeful message of universalism. He went back to the parish ministry in July 2006. As of January 2008, while continuing to serve churches in Iowa part-time, he has resumed his traveling ministry, spending half time on the road speaking on the subject of universalism.

Kalen has written a book, entitled; **DESTINED FOR SALVATION: God's Promise to Save Everyone**, and a Study Book with the same title. His books, CDs and DVDs will be available for purchase after the service.

10:15 Coffee and Conversation— UFL Committee Fair

10:45 Program: *Sabbaths of Hope for Depression: Moving Back into the Light*

Sue Lewis and Eva Edmands will share personal stories and strategies for coping with, recovering from, and moving beyond depression in this, our second annual observance of Sabbaths of Hope.

11:45 Coffee and Conversation—UFL Committee Fair

Wednesday, April 30 at the Fellowship!!

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

Everyone's Invited!



5:30 -6:30

PASTA!

Rotini with Turkey, Ham and Beans in a light cream sauce
Macaroni and Cheese
Plus
Rice and Vegetable Casserole
Hot Dogs, PB&J, Salad, Relish
Tray with hummus and dip, rolls, 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

UFL Committee Fair May 3

Find out more about UFL committees and what they do at the UFL Committee Fair, May 3, in Founders Hall after the service and the program. Bring your coffee, stroll around the tables. Talk to representatives of this year's committees. Find out their current projects and goals. Discuss your ideas, enjoy the refreshments and sign up for 2009-2010 committee membership. If you are currently a committee member and wish to continue with it next year, please affirm that by signing up again.

Pledges pass \$85,000 for 09-10 Operations Funding

Operating Fund Campaign continues, with 68 pledges received and 20 still waiting to be received. The total pledged to date is \$85,045 toward our goal of \$99,000. We encourage the remaining households to turn them in this week. Please contact Graham Kreicker at 842-2332 with any questions.

Camp StarTrail – Rates Go up May 1st

Looking for an affordable vacation for yourself or your family? At Camp StarTrail, you'll enjoy stimulating presentations, workshops, fun activities, good food, and lots of UU conversation in a beautiful nature setting. There will be children's programs, time to relax and plenty of porch space to sit and read or visit with new friends.

Register now --cost goes up by \$30 a person on May 1. More info at www.uufl.net.

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

The Ministerial Search Committee has selected Reverend Jill Jarvis as their recommended candidate for the UFL half-time ministerial contract for 2009-2010 and the Executive Board has approved their recommendation.

On Sunday, May 10 (Ceremony Sunday), a brief congregational meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. between the service and program for 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. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Ceremony Sunday

On Sunday, May 10, at 10:45, we will celebrate milestones in our Fellowship, including welcoming new members, dedicating infants and young children, and recognizing youth and Sunday School teachers, among others. If you have a child you would like to include in the child dedication ceremony, please contact Lynne Bodle or the UFL office.

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.

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 in Founders' Hall. Please donate your unused glasses before the Lions' sorting and shipping date on June 1st.

Open Meetings Dealing with 2009-2010 Budget

The budget setting process has started. Committee Chairs have submitted their individual budgets. Last Saturday Board and Committee Chairs in an open meeting considered the budget and came to consensus on a proposed budget for 2009-10. Next there will be a series of budget meetings all of which are open to all members.

- Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. -- Budget presented to the Board for review; meeting open to all.
- Sunday, May 10 – 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Open Q & A session for members to discuss proposed budget
- Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. – Open Q & A session for members to discuss proposed budget
- Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. – Annual meeting; congregational votes taken on budget and election of officers.

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 June 8, 15, 22 and 29. at 200 Maine. The course is free, with donations encouraged. If you are interested in attending with other Fellowship members, please contact Graham Kreicker at 842-2332 or kreicker@sunflower.com.

More info 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. Organic Fair Trade dark and milk chocolate, also requested by customers, are proving to be popular. —*Graham Kreicker*

First Friday Women's Group:

The next meeting will be held Friday, May 1 at the Fellowship, 6:00 p.m. We only have one thing on our agenda, getting to know each other better, and letting the conversation flow! Promptness is not a requirement, but we'll wrap up around 9 o'clock. Contact Susan Rickman or Amerika Grewal for more information! Come for conversation and fun!

Cleaning out your garden shed

If you run across tools that are smaller in nature, the children would gladly accept them for use in their Monarch Waystation. See Sherry Warren for details.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

(from the Social Action Committee)

Lawrence Community Nursery School: (The Little Red Schoolhouse) is our Community Connection for the Month of May. Children of Fellowship families over the years have begun their school experiences at "The Little Red schoolhouse." Parents have contributed as volunteers and active supporters. On May 9 the nursery school is having a race/fundraiser in which walkers and runners are invited to participate. The event also includes a pancake feed, silent auction and children's activities, so non-runners are also invited to participate. Michelle Iwig-Harmon will have red flyers at the Social Action display at the fellowship. The Little Red Schoolhouse was one of the early preschool programs and the first integrated preschool in Lawrence. Contributions from the Fellowship will go to the Foundation which provides scholarship assistance for low income families. Pick up a flyer and for more information contact Michelle. Checks should be made out to the Fellowship with Community Nursery School on the memo line.

Peace Vigil: Ninth & Massachusetts Street from noon to 1 pm each Saturday. Lawrencians opposed to war are always welcome to join the vigil.

Hiroshima Memorial Peace display: The Exhibit ends April 29th, Wednesday. A special thanks to the Ecumenical Christian Ministries and the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice and the Hiroshima Memorial Peace Museum. The display is a stark reminder of the enormity of the horrors of nuclear war.

The Fellowship's turn to serve at LINK is Saturday, May 9, 2009.

We have been serving a lot of people at LINK lately, and need to be sure we have plenty of food and help. We need 18 large meat casseroles (to serve 14-16 people each), two Vegetarian casseroles and one Vegan casserole. Members also contribute homemade desserts. We need at least eight servers, and about six people for cleanup, including people to scrape plates and run the dishwasher while the meal is being served. A signup sheet (two pages) can be found in the reception area at the Fellowship. We serve from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Food and helpers should be at the LINK kitchen (in the basement of the First

Christian Church at 10th & Vermont) no later than 12:30 p.m., and cleanup helpers will be done by around 3:00. We're always looking for first-time volunteers -- you are welcome, and you can find guidelines for LINK volunteers on the UFL web site, or you can contact the LINK coordinator, Ellen Sward, at esward@ku.edu or 842-3078.

SUMMARIES

April 26, 2009, 10:45 a.m. THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AMONG US

Previously, health services for the poor in Lawrence focused on the uninsured, and these people are served for free by Health Care Access. But there are also many people who are not uninsured, but are instead underinsured, or “medically underserved.” These people have insurance which is limited, or else they simply cannot afford medical services anyway. And those “underserved” people are the people that Leo Center is designed to serve.

Jon Stewart, executive director of the Leo Center and Heartland Clinic, described those agencies’ services. They include a food pantry, medical care (on a sliding fee scale), on-site pharmacy, emergency pregnancy services, some cash assistance, and a diabetes support group (which motivates diabetics to actually carry out the exercise and healthy eating regimens). The Leo Center is named for Leo Beurman, a deaf and nearly blind man who repaired watches and sold pencils, candy and magazines in Lawrence in the 1960’s and 1970’s. It was Leo’s dream to use his earnings to help others in need. If Leo – who had so little – could help the “underserved,” shouldn’t we too strive to do the same?! –*Summary by Jean Dirks*

Deadlines:

Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin: Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. uflooffice@sunflower.com
Articles for the Newsletter: Monday at noon: ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Sun., May 3:** *UFL Committee Fair, after 9:15 service and after 10:45 program*
Sat, May 9: *LINK Saturday
LCNS Fundraiser*
Wed, May 6: *Executive Board Meeting, 7:30*
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 17: *UFL Annual Meeting, 10:00 a.m.*

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