

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
May 5, 2009

**Sunday, May 10**

**9:15 Service:** 9:15 - "*We Are the Village*" by Rev. Jill Jarvis

It takes a village to raise a child, says the African proverb. Our multigenerational religious community is such a village, sharing the joys and challenges of teaching our young ones the power of love, the ideal of justice, and the meaning of faith. Join us for this joyous and profound celebration of the many ways we spiritually nurture the young lives entrusted to our care.

**10:15 Coffee and Conversation**

**10:30 Ratification of Results of Minister Search (see page 2)**

**10:45 Program - Ceremony Sunday--***Our annual "Ceremony Sunday" program of recognitions and celebrations.*

We will commemorate various rites of passage from welcoming infants to adult new members; graduations from OWL (Our Whole Lives) classes to High School; and recognizing RE teachers and others with special awards and honors. (*See page 2 for more information.*)

**11:45 Coffee and Conversation—** Please join us after the Program for a **wine-and-cheese** celebration in the lobby/social hall. We'll provide the wine. We encourage everyone to bring finger foods to share.

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**Wednesday, May 6 at the Fellowship!!**

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

**Wednesday at the Fellowship**

Everyone's Invited!

**This Week: Dinner and a Movie**



(It's a Date!)

5:30 -6:30

**Dinner**

Meatball and Veggie Ball Subs  
Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Dogs, PB&J,  
Pasta Salad, Green Salad, Relish Tray with Hummus & Dips, Rolls, Fruit & Cookies.  
Suggested donation \$5    Children under 10 free  
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30

## Movie

"Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out of Balance"

*Until now, you've never really seen the world you live in*

The title is a Hopi Indian word meaning "life out of balance." Created between 1975 and 1982, the film is an apocalyptic vision of the collision of two different worlds -- urban life and technology versus the environment. Koyaanisqatsi contrasts the tranquil beauty of nature with the frenzied hum of contemporary urban society. Uniting breathtaking imagery with a hauntingly evocative, award-winning score, it is original and fascinating.

7:30

Board Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### **Ceremony Sunday May 10**

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.

***It is time to honor our youngsters!*** Do you have a young person who has made a significant passage this year, such as graduating from high school or college? It is our tradition to recognize our graduates but I do not always know who they are, so I need your help. Please let me know if you would like your special someone to be recognized during our Ceremony Sunday Program. This year's Our Whole Lives participants will be recognized as will all Religious Education volunteers, new members, and . I hope to see you there! - Sherry Warren [ufldre@sunflower.com](mailto:ufldre@sunflower.com) 785-594-3993. Thank you!

### **A Special Request from the Program Committee and the Spiritual Celebration Team:**

This Sunday, May 10, will be a very special morning at our Fellowship. The 9:15 Service will explore the critical role that a religious community plays in the lives of children and youth. We will hear the voices of parents, young people, and adults reflect on their experiences at the Fellowship. Minister Jill Jarvis and RE Director Sherry Warren will address the challenges, successes, and dreams for the future of this all-important aspect of Fellowship life. There will be special music, mementos for the children (who may remain after the Children's Story, or go to their classrooms), and flowers in honor of Mothers Day for all our female nurturers/attendees.

The 10:45 Program will follow with formal recognitions of teachers, graduating seniors, OWL participants, new members and others.

Our request: Please be there! This is a morning-long celebration of multigenerational community, and we hope many from all generations will participate—children, youth, parents, grandparents, and especially those without personally related children at the Fellowship. Your supportive presence is a symbol of your care and teaches by example.

### **Announcement of Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2009-2010**

The Fellowship Nominating Committee (Carol Eades Delnevo, Richard Johnston, Mary Miller, Barbara Schowen, and Judy Wilson) is pleased to present its slate of officers and board members-at-large for the coming year. This slate will be announced for the next two weeks and presented to the membership for vote at our Annual Meeting on May 17.

Chair-elect: Betty Baron  
Secretary: Ellie Unruh  
Treasurer: Laura Wilson  
Member-at-Large (2009-2012): Marcia Johnston  
Member-at-Large (2009-2011): Heather Coffman  
Member-at-Large (2009-2010): Steve Lee

[*Note: Our new bylaws call for five Board Members-at-Large; those currently serving who will remain on the Board to fill out their present terms are Jake Kipp (until 2010) and Tom Cravens (until 2011).*]

### **Resignation of our 2008-2009 Chair-Elect**

It is with regret that the Board announces the resignation of the Fellowship's 2008-2009 Chair-Elect Norm White. Because of new and increased responsibilities at his place of work, Norm believes that he cannot carry out the duties of his Fellowship office at this time. The Board, and the entire membership, wishes to thank Norm for his fine work and valued contributions this past year. How best to fill Norm's position in accordance with the bylaws is a Board Meeting agenda item for this Wednesday, May 6 (7:30 pm).

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

The budget setting process has started. Committee Chairs have submitted their individual budgets. Last week there was an open meeting with Board and Committee Chairs to discuss the budget and work toward a budget consensus. There will next be a series of meetings all of which are open to members.

-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

**Men's Night at Dilawar Grewal's**—Friday, May 8. Bring your food and drink of choice and enjoy an all male night of poker, billiards, and video games. Friday, May 8, 7:00 PM, 2205 Riviera Drive. Questions? Call Dilawar at 1(979)220-3927 or email [dr.d.grewal@gmail.com](mailto:dr.d.grewal@gmail.com)

### **LINK --urgent appeal for more help this Saturday!**

UFL serves again *Saturday, May 9. We need additional meat casseroles plus serving and clean-up help.* Please sign up this Wednesday and/or contact Ellen Sward [esward@ku.edu](mailto:esward@ku.edu) and let her know what you will be bringing or how you can help.

### **Ministerial Search Ratification Vote Scheduled May 10**

On Sunday, May 10 (Ceremony Sunday), a brief congregational meeting is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. between the service and program. The meeting will be held for a vote to ratify the ministerial search committee selection and Board approval for Rev. Jill Jarvis to be our part-time minister for 2009-2010. ***Please plan to attend this important meeting.*** If you cannot be there, please obtain a proxy (see article below), so that you can be represented in the vote.

There will be a recognition ceremony for Rev. Jarvis during the Ceremony Sunday 10:45 program.

### **Background for the ministerial search process**

- September 21, 2008: Nancy Heege, Prairie Star District Executive, spoke to the Fellowship. She outlined the distinction between calling a minister and contracting for a minister and the differences in search process between the two, described the Ministerial Fellowship Committee's advisory role in a

minister's career, explained the inside candidate rule, and discussed the reasons for confidentiality in the search committee's process.

- October 5, 2008: The Fellowship opted to proceed with a contract, not to exceed two years, for a minister who would serve half-time for UFL. Members also opted to have a search committee composed of three elected and two appointed members.

- November 9, 2008: The Fellowship voted by acclamation to approve Chris Brown, Helen Gilles and Ellen Reid Gold to be ministerial search committee members. Two days later, the Board appointed Mark O'Lear and Donna Swall to complete the committee.

- Through the winter, the Ministerial Search Committee conducted a ministerial search survey of the Fellowship, developed a ministerial job description for the contract, contacted Rev. Jarvis, learning that she would be an inside candidate interested in the position, evaluated her application, and selected her as their candidate. The Board was informed of the committee's selection and met to approve it. - Though district guidelines do not suggest a need for Fellowship ratification of Board approval for a ministerial contract (since contracts are for a shorter, finite term than calling a minister), the UFL Board opted to have a membership ratification vote for this landmark, celebratory event.

**Proxy Voting for the May 10 Meeting**--If you *cannot* attend the May 10 meeting, vote by proxy by giving a signed note identifying your proxy either to that person, to Valerie Roper or to Ellie Unruh before the meeting. Please be sure your proxy will attend the meeting, and remember that each attendee may hold only one proxy.

### **A new 3-week Exploring Membership course begins Wednesday, May 13**

6:30-8:00 pm. Offered by Rebecca Gant and Nicole Goodwin, it is designed for individuals new to **Unitarian Universalism (UU)**, those considering membership, or new members of the Fellowship. It will acquaint you with the Fellowship community and answer your questions about UU. Come at 5:30 for dinner, or join us at 6:30 for the class only. Child-care will be provided. Interested? Contact Rebecca Gant, [rkgant@hotmail.com](mailto:rkgant@hotmail.com), 832-1030, or Nicole Goodwin, [nicolelgoodwin@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolelgoodwin@yahoo.com), 760-0789.

### **Play Softball**

-Come on out and have some fun this summer! Several Fellowship members and friends have formed a softball team! If you are interested in joining our co-ed softball team, please see Susan Rickman or Amerika Grewal. Games will (likely) be held on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

-Softball sign-ups are still open. A lot of people will be traveling over the summer, so please consider signing up even if you can only play a couple of games. It is \$10 per person to play, or \$15 per household, with all members over 16 able to participate in games. Games are on Sunday afternoons May 21 through July 12.

-Anyone wishing to support the softball team is encouraged to order a softball t-shirt for \$10. The ink color will be blue, and it can be printed on the t-shirt color of your choice, or on a gray shirt that matches the softball team jersey. There are three other designs available for t-shirts as well. These shirts are a limited run and can be preordered for \$20 each and printed on the t-shirt color of your choice. Questions? Please contact Amerika Grewal.

### **Urgent Request for Help--Pianists!**

There is an urgent need for pianists this summer. For some time, there has been a four person piano rotation for the Spiritual Service. This will drop to a two person rotation for some of the summer, resulting in at least two Sundays a month without a pianist. This means there will be some Sundays without accompaniment for congregational singing. Although it is wonderful if a pianist would also be willing to play the prelude, that music is less problematic, as other special instrumental, vocal or

recorded music can fill that void. The pianist will have input on selection of hymns to ensure that all are comfortable with the selection. For more information, please contact Susan Harper, music director. 785-843-8487 or sbharper@sbcglobal.net.

### **Pledges over \$86,000 for 09-10 Operations Funding**

The Operating Fund Campaign continues, with 73 pledges received and 15 still waiting to be received. The total pledged to date is \$86,129 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. Thanks to all who have pledged for the coming fiscal year.

### **Scrip Sales Challenge** -- Let's buy \$125,000 and earn over \$7,000 for the Fellowship!!

In April, our Fellowship members bought \$7,640 worth of grocery cards and coupons for Checkers, Dillons, Hy-Vee, and The Merc through our Scrip program. The net profit to the Fellowship was \$433.90. So far this fiscal year (July 2008 through April 2009), total sales have been \$100,740 with net profit of \$5683.40. We have seen remarkably broad support of the Scrip program with 58 of our Fellowship households participating. Thanks to all of you who have helped!!

Let's finish off the last two months of the fiscal year (May and June) by bringing our total to \$125,000 (\$7050 net). We can approach this by having two \$12,000 months. This is well within reach, since we bought that much last August and again in February.

For those of you have not participated, please consider joining the effort. Here's how it works: stop by the Scrip sales table in the lobby on Sunday and buy gift cards or paper certificates issued by the participating merchants. The Fellowship gets the scrip at a discount (5% or 6%). You buy at face value and spend at face value. So if you plan to spend \$100 at Dillons, for example, you can do it with Scrip and earn \$6.00 for the Fellowship. Scrip can be used to buy anything at the participating stores, even gasoline. Since you are going to eat and drive anyway, this is a painless way to raise money for the Fellowship.--*The Scrip team (Joe Gant, Chris Redford, Marcel Harmon, John Roper)*

### **A Call to Free Thinkers and Free Wheelers:**

The 16th of May is Downtown Lawrence's most wacky day! Come participate in Art Tougeau, Lawrence's wackiest, wheeliest parade of mobile art. Everyone is invited to participate! Bikes, trikes, skates--who knows what you'll bring to it this year? Members are assembling a group of UFL participants for the parade. If you'd like to know more, talk to Aileen Dingus or go online to [www.arttoungeau.org](http://www.arttoungeau.org)

### **Missing**

The copy of the architecture magazine Space with the photos of our new addition. If you know where it is or happen to see it, please return it to the shelf in the lobby or to Barbara Schowen. Thanks!

### **Participate in PSD On-line Workshop—Stewardship in Difficult Economic Times**

The Prairie Star District will be offering an online workshop entitled "Ten Best Stewardship Practices for Difficult Times," led by Wayne Clark on Tuesday evening, May 5 *or* Thursday evening, May 14 from 7:00 – 8:15. We would like to have a group of interested people participate in this workshop together at the Fellowship, and then conduct a brief discussion afterward. We will project the Internet slides onto the screen, and run the audio through the sound system. We tested this approach last Thursday, and it appears to work. If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please contact Valerie Roper, who will forward reference reading materials for the workshop. The Prairie Star District workshops have been on topics of general interest to congregations and technically well presented. This is the Fellowship's first effort to participate in a workshop with a group approach. If it works well, we'll use this approach for future district workshops as well.

## 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.

### **Family Promise**

To further explore how the UFL might participate in the Family Promise program, several UUs attended a training session on April 7 and 8. Volunteers from First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, and other congregations across the city gathered to learn about the role volunteers play in Family Promise, an interdenominational initiative to provide temporary housing for homeless families in area churches. A few things we learned:

On any given day there may be 80 homeless families with more than 100 children in Lawrence. Lawrence service providers estimate that they serve about 375 homeless families each year. There are homeless children in every school in Lawrence.

In Lawrence, the program depends on the service of over 800 volunteers from more than 25 congregations. Host congregations, with the help of support congregations, provide transformative hospitality for people in need—a safe place to sleep, home-cooked meals, and an atmosphere of supportive fellowship. Nationwide, the vast majority of families who participate in the program never face homelessness again.

Our next opportunity to participate and learn more will be the last week of June, when First Baptist will serve as host church. Anyone interested in cooking, donating supplies, or being onsite with families, please contact Donna Eades or Janney Burgess for more information. -*Forrest Swall*

## SUMMARIES

### **Dec. 14, 2008 10:45 a.m. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Lara Wilson** sang (“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”), along with **Dave Fullerton** (“Light One Candle”), as did the **UFL Choir** (“For So the Children Come,” directed by **Susan Harper**). We heard stories of holidays in different cultures, and we watched the mitten tree grow resplendent with the gloves, mittens, hats, underwear and socks that were flung onto it. (Later, they were donated to those in need.) But the coolest part was **Peter Graham’s** reading of #616 in *Singing the Living Tradition*. Now, those words by the Unitarian minister Sophia Lyon Fahs illuminated a Unitarian approach to Christmas. “For so the children come... Always in the same way they come, born of the seed of man and woman. No angels herald their beginnings. No prophets predict their future courses... Yet each

night a child is born is a holy night. Fathers and mothers, sitting beside their children's cribs, feel glory in the sight of a new life beginning. Each night a child is born is a holy night, A time for singing, a time for wondering, a time for worshipping." —*Summary by Jean Dirks*

**Jan. 4, 2009 10:45 a.m. THE GHOST OF MOZART**--Fellowship member Masha Kipp, a retired K.U. professor of Russian Theatre, spoke about the legend of Mozart and Salieri. After Mozart's death from influenza in 1791, slanderous rumors circulated in Vienna that he had been poisoned by his supposed rival, court composer Antonio Salieri. The rumors ruined Salieri's life and career. He ended up in an asylum. On his deathbed in 1825, Salieri actually claimed he had murdered Mozart. The first dramatic version of the legend of Mozart and Salieri came from Russia. In 1829, Aleksandr Pushkin wrote a one-act Romantic drama in verse, "Mozart and Salieri," which contrasted the divine nature of free genius and inspiration (Romanticism) with the calculated craft of Classicism. "Mozart and Salieri" became a cultural metaphor in Russia and, with Peter Shaffer's 1980 play Amadeus, a Postmodern version of Mozart and Salieri, also in the West. Both Amadeus the play and, especially, Amadeus the film (Forman, 1984) develop Pushkin's idea that Salieri's conflict is not with Mozart, but rather with God. The last laugh is, of course, on God.

With Forman's Amadeus, the legend of Mozart and Salieri returns to Russia and proves controversial. A number of plays and essays in defense of Salieri appear. But, in keeping with rising nationalism and anti-Semitism, a startlingly anti-Semitic essay by Lev Gunin claims Mozart was a victim of a Jewish-Masonic conspiracy. --*Summary by Masha Kipp*

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## **Deadlines**

Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin: Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com)

Articles for the Newsletter: Monday at noon: [ufl\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com)

## **FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

**Sat, May 9:** *LINK*

*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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