

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
May 19 2009

Sunday, May 24

9:15 - A Service of Loss and Remembrance

On Sunday May 24, our 9:15 service will be a special Service of Loss and Remembrance, led by our minister Rev. Jill Jarvis, as we remember those who have once been part of our lives. Remembering and mourning our dead is an intensely personal act, but also a communal matter as we bear witness to each other's memories. You are invited to bring a photo or symbol of a loved one to be remembered, to add to a "Table of Remembrance" as part of the service. There will be special music, reflections, and readings on loss and remembrance.

10:45 – Picnic

There will be no regular 10:45AM program Sunday. Instead, come, relax, and enjoy our traditional Memorial Day potluck picnic with other Fellowship members and friends. Bring a dish to share, a blanket or lawn chair, and a readiness to socialize. Table service, drinks, and ice cream bars will be provided. If all goes well, we will be outside enjoying our new picnic area; if the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll be inside.

Sunday May 31 will be a "Share Your Pleasures" program. Please see Lynne Bodle if you have something which gives you pleasure that you would be willing to share with us. This is the adult version of "Show and Tell," and all manner of pastimes are welcome, from your trusty pocket knife to your love of opera to math games or gourmet cooking.

Food, Fun, and Friendship

Wednesday May 20 at the Fellowship

Everyone's Invited!



5:30 -6:30

FIESTA TIME!

Bean Burritos
Mexican Casserole with Cornbread Topping
Chips and Salsa,
Hot Dogs, PB&J,
Salad, Relish Tray with dips,
Fruit and dessert
Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

This is the last meal service until mid-June.
Watch for news of Wednesday Evening picnic suppers this summer!

6:30 Class: History of Religion in the United States
(the final session and last class will be next week)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Fellowship Members Elect Officers, Pass Annual Budget

At the annual meeting last Sunday, with a quorum present, Fellowship members elected officers and approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The slate of officers was voted in by acclamation. These officers are:

Chair-elect: Betty Baron

Secretary: Ellie Unruh

Treasurer: Laura Wilson

Board member (to 2012): Marcia Johnston

Board member (to 2011): Heather Coffman

Board member (to 2010): Steve Lee

Nominations were accepted from the floor for the 2009-2010 nominating committee. The following members were elected to the nominating committee: Valerie Roper, Norm White, Helen Gilles, Aileen Dingus, Jake Kipp

The budget for 2009-2010 was discussed and voted upon. After discussion and consideration of some amendments, the proposed budget in the May 7 letter to members was approved. A proviso amendment was passed which requires the Board to determine what the appropriate "in lieu of taxes" amount would be and to propose to the Fellowship an amount for the following year's budget within our fiscal limits.

Stimulating reports on this year's activities were provided by the chairs of the Adult Education/Adult RE, Religious Education, Membership, and Social Actions committees, as well as the Fellowship chair. This clearly has been an active year, with many successful initiatives. Thanks to all who have participated in making this a dynamic, successful Fellowship year.

First Spring Cleaning in Our New Facilities

In the past seven months we've enjoyed many inspiring inaugural events in our new addition. On Saturday, May 23rd at 9:00 a.m., we'll have the first Spring Cleaning! We ask gardeners to volunteer for a couple of hours to get the grounds in shape for Sunday's picnic. Rain or shine, we'll have interior walls to be dusted, doors and stairs to be washed, some light carpentry, painting, etc. Coffee's ready at 9:00, with cool drinks to follow. A task list will be on the bulletin board and the B&G team will provide guidance. Many hands make light work, and this is our chance to keep our award winning facility looking bright and new. (If you have noticed an item or area that needs attention, please e-mail Bob Harper: jrobertharper@sbcglobal.net)

RE Volunteers and RE families, save the date

To honor our volunteers in Religious Education, we're having a party! If you volunteered with any RE activity this year or have children or youth in RE, please join us to celebrate another wonderful year on Fri eve, May 29. We'll grill outdoors at the Fellowship, let the children run wild, and enjoy ourselves together for the evening. If you'd like to camp out, bring your tent and sleep under the stars!

Exploring Membership class postponed

Due to a limited number of participants, the Exploring Membership class has been postponed until fall. Watch for information about the next session in the newsletter and on the website. Questions? Contact Rebecca Gant or Nicole Goodwin.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka (UUFT) Building Dedication June 21

Members of the Lawrence Fellowship have been invited to attend UUFT's celebration of their new building addition June 21. There will be a slideshow of the building process at 3:00 p.m., followed by a service of dedication at 3:30 p.m. There will be a reception with cake and hors d'oeuvres following the service. The I-70 choir, including UFL choir members will perform at the service.

Spiritual Celebration Team looking for a few good men!

Our SC Team is a group of creative, talented members who work together with our minister to plan and lead our Sunday morning 9:15 services. We come together to find themes that will be inspirational, meaningful, thoughtful and moving, and have discovered that this is a shared spiritual exercise in itself and a lot of fun besides! Our Team has several openings for next year and we hope to recruit new members soon. But we've hit a major snag in achieving the diversity we need to be representative of UFL: Our Team is almost entirely female! So we're looking for a few good men--young, old, in-between, single, partnered, straight, gay, humanist, theist, pagan.--we need your creative ideas and your team spirit! (No, you don't have to give reflections or sermons if that's not your interest.) We'd love to tell you more about this great opportunity to share your intellect and your spirit.

If you might be interested, sign up on the Spiritual Celebration Team sheet and we'll contact you to discuss the details.

Scrip Sales Challenge:

So far this FY (Jul 08 – Apr 09), total scrip sales are \$100,740, gaining UFL \$5,683. With \$12,000 months in May and June, we can bring our total to \$125,000 (\$7,050 to UFL). We can use scrip to buy anything at participating stores, even gasoline. Since we're going to eat and drive anyway, it's a painless way to raise money for the Fellowship. For more info, see The Scrip team (*Joe Gant, Chris Redford, Marcel Harmon, John Roper*)

Camp Star Trail:

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

Play Softball:

Come on out and have some fun this summer! Several UFL members and friends have formed a coed softball team! Interested in playing? See Susan Rickman or Amerika Grewal. Games probably Sunday afternoons/evenings.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

(from the Social Action Committee)

Lawrence Community Nursery School (LCNS or The Little Red Schoolhouse)

LCNS is the Community Connection for May. Contributions may be made by check, or cash, to the Fellowship with LCNS on the memo line.

Family Promise

This spring several UFL members attended training about volunteering in Family Promise, an interdenominational initiative to provide temporary housing for homeless families in area churches. Our next opportunity to participate and learn will be the last week of June, when First Baptist serves as host church. Anyone interested in cooking, donating supplies, or being onsite with families, please contact Donna Eades or Janney Burgess .

Help Needed at the Community Shelter

Sometime in June, LCS will have a second night shelter for those displaced by the closing of the Salvation Army's night shelter, probably in downtown Lawrence, with capacity for about 45 people. LCS is looking for individuals or groups that could take on the task of preparing dinner for this location. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in helping, Dianne Huggins, LCS Staff, asks that you/they call her at 766-3357. Though no moving date is set, she'd like to start reserving dates for specific groups. She is grateful for consideration of this request.

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.

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 24 *Annual Picnic*

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