

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
May 26 2009

Sunday, May 31

9:15 - Marriage, Both Spiritual and Legal

Recent changes in marriage laws in a few states allow homosexuals to marry legally. If you would like to participate- -sharing your own thoughts and experiences, doing readings or the chalice lighting-- please contact Lara Wilson; lara@sunflower.com.

10:45 – Share Your Pleasures.

Come and learn what makes Della Hadley, George Worth, Ted Wilson, Jennifer Dropkin, and Amerika Grewal happy. You may or may not share their pleasures, but you will enjoy discovering these facets of their lives!

Wednesday Evening Summer Schedule

There will be no dinners served on Wednesday evening until a cookout on June 17. We will meet monthly this summer. Thanks to all for coming and joining in the fun on Wednesday evenings this year. Watch the newsletter and this space for updates. We will be back in the fall for a new year of classes, chow and conversation.

--Wednesday Evening Team.

Note: The last session of John Brewer's class, History of Religion in the United States will meet at the Fellowship on May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Multiple Tasks Accomplished at Workday!

At least 15 turned out for the Spring Workday last Saturday. Lara and Judy Wilson continued organizing the library in the new basement location. Earl Nehring washed windows in the R.E. Wing while Sherry Warren, Mary Beth Musick, Carole & John Boulton, Partrick Totaro & Frederika Edgington-Giordano weeded and planted in the shade garden by the Peace Pole. John Roper vacuumed all the horizontal slats in the sanctuary and reception hall. He and Bob Harper cleaned the vestibule of Founders' Hall and Bob cleaned the back stairway walls . Graham Kreicker took care of trash, swept walks and removed marks from the floor of Founders' Hall. Meanwhile, Susan Crain Lewis, Betty Baron and Valerie Roper interviewed applicants for the administrative assistant position. On Friday Joe Gant painted the soffit and repaired the downspout on the south side of Founders' Hall. Our thanks to all who pitched in!

Founders' Hall Floor Refinished!

Something that has been on our "to do" list for ten years has finally been accomplished. Homestead Hardwoods has repaired and sanded the floor in Founders' Hall and will apply the third and final coat of polyurethane on Tuesday, May 26th! Be sure to check out this rejuvenated space.

The Library is looking for a few good books

If you have any books on spiritual or religious topics, from Paganism to Catholicism and everything in between, we welcome them. Just drop them off in the basement. Children's books are also welcome as we're starting a Children's Library. Please also peruse your personal collections for any books from the UFL that you may have had out for over two months. We are missing several. If you would like to recheck them, please simply sign the card again. If you have any books in mind for the UFL to purchase please contact lara@sunflower.com. Finally, if you are a published author, we'd love to have you donate a copy of your books for a special section in the Library. Any and all topics are welcome to celebrate the creativity of our congregation!

Youth Performance Opportunity

In the 9:15 Spiritual Celebration Services this summer, we will highlight the talents of our UFL children. Contact Susan Harper about performance and scheduling opportunities

Lichtwardt Woods bird walk

A walk led by Steve Roels, Saturday, May 30th, 9 to 10 a.m. From west 6th street in Lawrence, head north on Folks Road for 3/4 mile. Parking will be on the left (west), just south of Peterson Road. This walk is sponsored by the Kansas Land Trust, and is free and open to the public. (www.klt.org)

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 Friday evening, May 29 at 6 p.m. 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!

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.

New Sight With Old Glasses:

The Lions Club is conducting their annual used eyeglass collection for the needy. Lion's 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.

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 Sun. afternoons/evenings. The first game is on Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 PM at the Clinton Parkway fields (K-10, exit at YSI fields, turn right).

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

Wednesday June 10, 7:30 p.m *Board Meeting* *All members welcome!*

Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Evening Cookout* *Food and fun for all!*

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