

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
June 9, 2009

Sunday, June 14

9:15 Service: *Gifts of Love and Freedom: Our Flower Communion*-- Rev. Jill Jarvis

The Flower Communion, celebrated in our congregations throughout the world, is uniquely Unitarian in both history and meaning. This lovely and meaningful ritual celebrates the special gifts we each contribute to, and take from, a vibrant and diverse free religious community. Join us for our annual Flower Communion service, as we remember its Unitarian founder Norbert Capek martyred for his commitment to a free faith, and as we celebrate the many precious and diverse gifts that sustain our Fellowship. Please bring a flower to contribute to the community bouquet (or a flower will be provided at the door.)

10:45 Program: *The Single-Payer Argument: Villains, Neutrals and Moderates.*

Mary Lindsay, a social worker who works to untangle the problems which the current health insurance system, or lack thereof, creates for families, will discuss the proposed single-payer system.

Wednesday Evening

Come on June 17 for a cookout with entertainment at UFL.

Come join with your friends for an evening of food and entertainment on Wednesday, June 17 at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence. We will begin serving a hamburger, hot dog, and brats cookout at 5:30. The suggested donation is \$5.00 for adults with children under 10 eating free. There will be softball practice, outdoor fun for the kids, and also games in the social hall. At 6:30 we will have entertainment in the form of Scandinavian Dance Music from the Ingevalds Spelmon Band. Some of the instruments used by this band include the regular fiddle and the hardanger fiddle. Others are a dulcimer-type instrument and a willow-bark flute. There are many other Scandinavian instruments and to hear some of them go to the following link: <http://ingevald.wordpress.com> and go to the audio music links. This is worth a listen. The group will have a donation box available that evening. Bryon Wiley is the head of this group here in Lawrence. Come eat and enjoy the evening.

Needed:

The Wednesday Evening Team is in need of two outdoor charcoal grills, on loan, for Wednesday, June 17. Please contact Judy Wilson if you can lend yours for the evening. We can pick it up and deliver it back if you have no way of getting it to UFL. The e-mail is jwilson@sunflower.com. Thanks in advance for the help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

New Administrative Assistant

We are pleased to welcome Devin Waugh, our new administrative assistant, to the UFL staff. His office hours will be Mondays 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays 8 a.m. to noon, and Fridays from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Born in 1965 in McPherson, Kansas, Devin was adopted and relocated to Lawrence in 1967. Upon graduation from Lawrence High School in 1984 he entered into the United States Marine Corps. During his tenure in the Marines, Devin worked as a logistics and air delivery operation specialist, a position he took up again during the first Persian Gulf War for the Army Reserve. While working as a purchasing agent after the war, Devin attended Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and received his Bachelor's degree in Organizational Development. After 9/11, Devin began his Master's Program in International Studies at Kansas University. Devin has been married to his wife, Erica Myers, for 19 years, and they have a 17-year old son, Aidan, who attends Lawrence High School. Devin's interests are in community development, foreign policy and photography.

Board Meeting Scheduled for this Wednesday Evening

The June Board meeting will be held in Founders Hall Wednesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. Agenda items will include a report from the Pastoral Care Study Task Force, absentee voting for the next UUA President (a four year term), and discussion of a conflict resolution policy. Meetings are open to all members.

Women's "Final Friday" Night

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the June Final Friday Women's Group on Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM. Bring a yummy and leave your cares and children at home for a no stress evening out at UFL.

Final Friday Hostesses sought:

Are you bored? Do you feel like you don't have any friends? Are you looking for a higher purpose in life?

HERE IS THE ANSWER TO ALL YOUR PROBLEMS:

HOST a UFL Final Friday Ladies Night. Still not convinced? Read on...

When: Final Friday of each month (usually)

Where: At your house

How: Lock up the attack dog. Put out a bottle of water and some soda crackers

What Happens: The most amazing women in the universe come knocking at your door. They bring gifts of wine, cheese, and scrumptious hors d'oeuvres. They then proceed to entertain you all evening long with laughter, camaraderie and scintillating conversation. If this sounds too good to be true (and you're not a guy) please email Amerika Grewal at amerikag@gmail.com to sign up to host a future UFL Final Friday.

Softball

The UFL Coed Softball team continued their season with a scrumptious cookout before their doubleheader Sunday night. We had a great turnout for both games, but the second game was called on account of lightning. Everyone is welcome to join us this Sunday, June 14 for another doubleheader beginning at 4:00 PM on Field 4 of the Clinton Lake Softball Complex, 5101 Speicher Road, 66047. Our next practice will be Wednesday, June 17 at UFL at 6:30.

LINK on Friday, July 3:

For the second summer in a row, the Fellowship will be serving a LINK meal in July. This year, we have been asked to serve on FRIDAY, July 3, which is holiday time since July 4 falls on a Saturday. I know a lot of people may be out of town or celebrating with family, but I hope you can spare a couple

of hours out of your holiday to cook a casserole or help serve or clean up. Please get this on your calendars now! I'll have sign-up sheets at the Fellowship by Sun, June 14. Or contact me at 842-3078 or esward@ku.edu If you can help, either by cooking, serving or cleaning up, **PLEASE** sign up or **let me know** by phone or email! *I need to be sure we have enough food and help, so I need to know if you're planning to participate!* - Ellen Sward

UFL Women's Retreat: Honoring the Wise Woman Within July 10-12, 2009

The retreat will include inspirational and recreational activities that focus on honoring the Wise Women in our past, nurturing the Wise Women we are, and preparing ourselves to be Wise Women role models for women who come after us.

The weekend will begin at 7 PM on Friday, July 10, and run through 11 AM on Sunday, July 12. It will be held at the Hollis Renewal Center in Bonner Springs, KS. You have the option of attending for the whole weekend or just driving in for the day. Child Care will be available at the Fellowship from 7:30 AM-5:00 PM on Saturday.

The Lodge, a large building offers a room for meetings and sleeping, as well as restroom facilities. Sixteen cots are available in the air-conditioned large room. Attached to that room is a sleeping porch, which is not air-conditioned. It could accommodate about 8 air mattresses, which attendees would have to supply. The Hideaway is a small cabin with five beds and a restroom. (The beds can hold 8 sleepers if people are willing to share them). Priority for bed reservations will be given to those with physical needs. Then we will assign any remaining beds on a first-come/first-served basis. A camping area is available for no charge.

More information to come, including cost. If you'd like to assist with logistics during the retreat (cooking etc) please contact Aileen Dingus at aileen@flyingdingii.com.

Suggest a Class for Wednesday nights this Fall!--Have you read a book about which you are enthusiastic? Do you want to share a creative skill such as cooking, writing, or photography? Are you a storyteller? A magician? A peacekeeper? Is there a spiritual practice that you find meaningful? Let us know your ideas for classes for our Wednesday night programs at the fellowship.

Willing to facilitate but don't know what topic? Check out the UUA's website for the Tapestry of Faith curricula. There you'll find fully developed programs on various topics that you can download, use, and modify as needed. Link:

<http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/index.shtml>

Contact Rebecca Gant (rkgant@hotmail.com) or Michelle Iwig-Harmon (miwigharmon@sunflower.com) with your ideas. Thanks!

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

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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

(from the Social Action Committee)

The Lawrence Open Shelter (LOS) is the Community Connection for June.

The need for support of people who are homeless is critical! The Salvation Army shelter will close soon. The staff and board of LOS are working overtime to find space to provide our homeless residents safe, warm shelter at night. The media has reported on possible developments, but these are being protested. UFL members are encouraged to be informed and to lend support.

LOS needs individuals or groups that could take on the task of preparing dinner for the new 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.

Our contributions in June will support LOS services. The Social Action Committee will continue to monitor and support positive opportunities in support of our most vulnerable residents. Contributions are invited; checks should be made out to the Fellowship with LOS on the memo line.

Family Promise

Host week for First Baptist church is June 28 – July 5. They have asked for our help with supplies for the week and have suggested the following items:

- Graham crackers, chocolate bars, and marshmallows for s'mores
- Inexpensive Tupperware containers for leftovers in lunches
- \$20 for milk
- \$20 for lunch supplies
- Games/puzzles (no small parts)
- Wading pool/outdoor toys
- Balls of any sort (squishy Nerf-type balls especially)
- Small book shelf
- Books suitable for 2nd-5th grade readers

Whatever we can provide would be put to good use and greatly appreciated. Items do not need to be new. If you have something you would like to donate, please bring it to the Fellowship by June 20.

They are also looking for 1-2 people who would be willing to prepare a main course/potatoes to serve 15-16 people. Popular meals in the past have included fried chicken, mac & cheese, chicken noodles, ham, pork roast (simple, single-ingredient, comfort food goes over big with kids and adults alike).

Meals can be delivered hot and ready to serve, or cold for the church volunteers to heat and serve. One

guest has a serious food allergy, so no onions or peppers of any sort, please (including onion powder in ingredients, etc.).

Anyone who is interested in a host shift onsite at First Baptist, please contact Donna Eades to schedule a time. Questions? Contact Donna Eades or Janney Burgess.

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

<i>Wednesday June 10, 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>All members welcome!</i>
<i>Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Wednesday Evening Cookout</i>	<i>Food and fun for all!</i>
<i>Friday, July 3</i>	<i>LINK</i>	<i>Please sign up or contact Ellen Sward</i>

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