

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
June 16 2009

Sunday, June 21

9:15 Service: "Becoming Father"

Come join in a celebration of "becoming" a father. What does it mean to become a father? It is certainly more than meeting a young one for the first time who comes to know another as their father. Every father has a different experience, like any parent, caretaker or guardian, with their younger one, the family, and our community as our lives unfold. With so many perspectives, what should we celebrate on June 21st? Fathers from our Fellowship are gearing up to reflect on this, and together with hymns and readings, we will explore this topic and get to know each other, and ourselves, all the more. See you at the Fellowship on Father's Day!

10:45 Program: Charles Gruber: "Zen Buddhism, Sufism, and More."

Charlie Gruber was born into a Jewish family and was Bar Mitzvahed at age 15. In 1971 he was on a school busload of 65 hippies when the bus ran out of gas in Lawrence. They were well treated by Lawrence kindred souls and he decided he wanted to make his home in Lawrence. A month later he moved here and has been here ever since (except time to study Sufism in New York.) He is also a member of the Oread Friends Meeting and is a real estate salesman in his spare time. Mr. Gruber will speak to us about Zen Buddhism and Sufism. Unitarians --don't miss this program--it could be one of the most fascinating you will experience! -- *Janney Burgess*

Food, Fun, and Friendship, June 17

Wednesday at the Fellowship

It's a Cookout.....and More!!



Join us this Wednesday, June 17 starting at 5:30 for hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and vegetarian options.
Suggested donation: \$5 per adult Children under 10 eat free



Softball Practice, Outdoor Fun for the Kids, and Games in the Social Hall

BE ENTERTAINED



Starting at 6:30, the Ingevalds Spelmon Band will delight us with Scandinavian Dance Music played on the standard and hardanger fiddles, the willow-bark flute, a version of the dulcimer and other Scandinavian instruments.

More on Scandinavian music: to hear the Scandinavian instruments that will be featured on Wednesday evening (and other instruments, too), go to the following link: <http://ingevald.wordpress.com> and go to the audio music links. Bryon Wiley is the head of this group here in Lawrence. Donations will be accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

No more glass

Please! No more glass for recycling, except glass generated by events within UFL. Glass has a low payback in terms of energy saved. In addition with the possible hazard of broken glass, each jar or bottle must be handled slowly and carefully. --*Mark Larson*

Scrip Sales Challenge -- Progress report

In May the Scrip team challenged the Fellowship to push our Scrip sales total for the year over \$125,000. We have made substantial progress, but we are still about \$8,500 short of that goal. We have just 2 sales Sundays left in the fiscal year, so this is our last chance!

In May, our Fellowship members bought \$11,740 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 \$677.90.

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)*

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

Final Friday Hostesses sought. If you're interested in hosting the women of Final Friday in your home later this year, please let Amerika Grewal know at amerikag@gmail.com

Softball

The UFL Coed Softball team needs you! Vacation and other commitments have impacted our roster. We had just enough players for our game last week, and would love to have you at our next doubleheader on Sunday, June 21 for another doubleheader beginning at 6:00 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.

Registration materials are at the Fellowship. Please return by June 28.

Also, 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!

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 Community Shelter is the Community Connection for June. The mission of the Lawrence Community Shelter, one of the many local organizations supported by our Fellowship, is to provide safe shelter and comprehensive support services and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk of homelessness. Loring Henderson, Director, was with us last Sunday morning sharing information about the Shelter's efforts to bring compassion and justice to our larger community, to answer questions, and to request our ongoing support.

The shelter 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 the Lawrence Community Shelter. 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 "Community Shelter" 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 St., 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 17, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Cookout

Food and fun for all!

Friday, July 3

LINK

Please sign up or contact Ellen Sward

Saturday, July 18

Board and Committee Chair Retreat

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