

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
June 23, 2009

Sunday, June 28

9:15 Service: Patrick Totaro, "Tolerance vs. Acceptance--the Difference"

Tolerance and acceptance are important to us as Americans and UU's, but what are these terms and can we really live up to these ideals? Can we tolerate those who do not tolerate? There will be some time put aside at the end of the service for people to share thoughts.

10:45 Program: Allan Hanson, "Culture Against Society: Why We Can't All Get Along"

Allan Hanson is a professor of Anthropology and active member of the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice. He has often presented a program at our Fellowship. This time he will share some of his thoughts on the reasons for the current culture of fear and mistrust in our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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. 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!* Sign-up sheets are at the Fellowship or contact me at 842-3078 or esward@ku.edu - *Ellen Sward*

Steering Committee's Charge Completed

The Steering Committee was formed at the time of the fall 2005 adoption of the Fellowship's 2005-2010 Long Range Plan. It was first led by Pat Eddishaw, then Judy Wilson, and, since July 2007 by Barbara Schowen.

The mission of the committee was to implement much of the Plan, with particular emphasis on the new addition project which included acquisition of the needed land, developing and coordinating the plans for the new addition, and the remodeling of the older space and grounds, along with working on the financial aspects. The New Building Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee were integral parts of the mission of the Steering Committee, as was the work of the Finance Committee.

The land was duly purchased and the Capital Campaign was a major success. The building was designed and built, remodeling of the old building and work on the grounds was carried out, and the new spaces inside and out are now being enjoyed. The mortgage was signed in April. At the last Board meeting, it was recommended that the current Steering Committee be disbanded and that the Fellowship consider the drafting of another 5-year plan to run from 2010 to 2015.

Recognition of Bob Harper, Joe Hollowell, and Graham Kreicker for Service to the Fellowship and to the Steering, Building and Finance Committees

The labor, vision, attention to detail, and "above-the-call" service of these three individuals was of inestimable value and absolutely crucial to the success of the building project.

Joe's careful, incredibly-accurate financial analyses and projections, plus his clear understanding of construction loans, bridge loans, and anticipated future costs, kept the project going, costs down, and helped us end up with a much lower-than expected mortgage.

Bob's engineering expertise and problem-solving ability were vital; they both prevented and solved countless problems. His wonderful sound system and his and Susan's beautiful lectern and chalice table, hand-built and original in design, have a moment-to-moment impact on our enjoyment of our beautiful space every Sunday morning.

Graham's fund-raising genius and his work with Della Hadley had enormous impact. Most of all we are indebted to Graham for his can-do ability, his forethought and planning, his knack for getting things done and seeing things through, and for being the inspiration and idea-man behind so much of what has resulted in the space we now enjoy so much.

Get Your Coffee Sunday!

Be sure to stock up for the summer as we wind up coffee sales for this fiscal year! With both regular and decaf in whole beans, drip grind and percolator grinds, you have a wide selection at prices lower than uptown. And, a portion of every sale goes to help the UU Service Committee's important work.

Lost and Found.

Please check out the new location for Lost and Found. *The box is overflowing with unclaimed items.* It has been moved to the basement, along with lost items that do not fit in the box, such as clothing, umbrellas, vases, casserole dishes, etc.

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 to the possible hazard of broken glass, each jar or bottle must be handled slowly and carefully. --*Mark Larson*

Women's "Final Friday" Night

Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM. This is a great way to beat the heat and economically socialize. Bring a yummy and leave your cares and children at home for a no stress evening out at UFL.

Do you have a great idea for a Women's Final Friday theme? If so, contact Amerika Grewal (amerikag@gmail.com) about hosting the next Final Friday in your home.

Softball

The UFL Coed Softball team needs you! Vacation and other commitments have impacted our roster. Thanks to UFL friends we had enough players for our game this past Sunday, but we still have room for more. Our last doubleheader is on Sunday, June 28 at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM at Hobbs Field, 702

East 11th Street, Lawrence 66044. We'll be cooling off afterwards with a pool party, and everyone is welcome. Our last regularly scheduled game is Sunday, July 5.

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 Dingu 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!

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. 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

Friday, July 3

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Please sign up or contact Ellen Sward

Saturday, July 18

Board and Committee Chair Retreat

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