

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
July 7, 2009

**Sunday, July 12**

**9:15 Service:** "Choose Compassion" --*Rev. Jill Jarvis*

In the years prior to Roe v. Wade, it was the poignant stories of women's lives (and deaths) that provided context and momentum for the abortion-rights movement. Since that time, the stories of women's moral and compassionate choices have been obscured by the ideological rhetoric that has been adopted by both sides. Join us as we revisit the human face of this divisive and complex issue, honoring the moral agency of women, their families, and those who risk everything to stand up for compassion and freedom. This service will include time for congregational sharing.

**10:45 Program:** "Social Advocacy, the Social Action Committee, and the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence"--*Forrest Swall*

Forrest will give a report on the status of our responses to our Community Connections during the past fiscal year and lead a discussion on issues of social advocacy within our Fellowship and the larger community.

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Food, Fun, and Friendship  
**Wednesday July 15 at the Fellowship**  
Everyone's Invited!

Come and join us on July 15 for our next dinner and chat on Wednesday evening. Dinner will be a salad spectacular--lots of different salads to suit everyone. We will have hot dogs and PB&J for the kids among us and cake and ice cream for dessert. We hope to show a movie that evening--more next week on that. Dinner is still available at 5:30 for a donation of \$5.00 for adults. Kids 10 and under eat free. Next month will be our final cook-out and we will introduce the new programming for the fall.

If you would like to share your favorite salad with the group please let Judy Wilson know what you can bring. We can pick up your salad if you cannot get it there by 5:30. Her e-mail is [jwilson@sunflower.com](mailto:jwilson@sunflower.com).

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

**Assistance Needed for LINK on Saturday, July 11**

The Fellowship does not usually serve at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) in the summer, but this year we served on July 3, and will serve again this Saturday, July 11. We have almost enough food for July 11, yet we still could use some desserts. The greater concern is the need for servers and clean-up help, since the women's retreat is also this weekend. We're going to rely heavily on the men of the Fellowship (and women not attending the retreat) to step forward and assist.

We need about 15 people to help with these tasks, both experienced and inexperienced. So if you have thought about helping at LINK, but have not previously volunteered, now's your chance. More information about serving and cleanup at LINK is on our website [www.uufl.net](http://www.uufl.net) (select "community involvement" from the home page, then LINK).

Please contact Ellen Sward ([esward@ku.edu](mailto:esward@ku.edu) or 842-3078, if you can help. Thanks!

### **08-09 Operating Fund Campaign Exceeds Goal!**

We are pleased to report that we exceeded our goal of \$90,000 for operating funds in the fiscal year that ended June 30th. Total donations from pledging households plus a few individuals who did not pledge, but made contributions, came to \$91,492. With this success, plus the outstanding income from our yard sale and sales of supermarket gift cards and certificates, we were able to meet all obligations and continue our tradition of finishing the year in the black.

And, since our committees were able to accomplish their goals without using all their budgeted funds, we did not use the full capital campaign cushion fund allocated for the year. Unused cushion funds will be reallocated over future years, and we'll report the updated allocations later this month. Congratulations to all our generous and loyal contributors who made these solid achievements possible!

### **Scrip Sales Challenge -- Final report for fiscal year**

In June, our Fellowship members bought \$9,645 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 \$537.20.

In May the Scrip team challenged the Fellowship to push our Scrip sales total for the year over \$125,000. We achieved almost 98% (\$122,125) of our goal. The net profit to the Fellowship for the year was \$6888.50.

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**

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

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

(from the Social Action Committee)

**The Community Connection for July is LINK**, the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen. The Fellowship has been a part of the LINK program serving people and families who are hungry. Some of the persons served are homeless and others simply do not have the money to purchase needed groceries to prepare meals for themselves, and often, their children. The

contributions are used for two purposes, 1) the costs of incidentals such as condiments, milk, and supplemental food for the days that we serve; 2) a contribution to the program to help cover the administrative costs of the program. As with all of our Community Connections, make checks out to the Fellowship with LINK on the memo line. The generosity of our Fellowship members is especially appreciated.

**Peace Vigil.** Ninth & Massachusetts St., noon to 1 pm on Saturdays. Lawrencians opposed to war are always welcome to be part of the event.

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### **Deadlines**

Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin: Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com)

Articles for the Newsletter: Monday at noon: [ufl\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com)

### **FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND**

*Saturday, July 11*

*LINK*

*Please contact Ellen Sward*

*Saturday, July 18*

*Board and Committee Chair Retreat*

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