

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
July 21, 2009

**Sunday, July 26**

**9:15 Service:** "Loving Over the Years" by Rev. Jill Jarvis

Throughout our lives we have the potential to make many commitments: to partners, friends, communities, beliefs, and values, to name just a few. Remaining faithful to our commitments is a sign of emotional and spiritual maturity; so is knowing when to let go. As we grow as human beings, in a world that's constantly changing, how do we honor our deepest commitments while staying true to ourselves? Join us for Jill's last service of the year, as we explore the power and promise of loving over the years.

**10:45 Program:** "Gross National Happiness"

Gunda and Dave Hiebert will share with us stories and pictures from their trip to Bhutan. This Himalayan country is guided by a planning process known as, "Gross National Happiness" or "GNH".

The term was coined in 1972 by Bhutan's former King Jigme Singye Wangchuck, who has opened up Bhutan to the age of modernization, soon after the demise of his father King Jigme Dorji Wangchuk. It signaled his commitment to building an economy that would serve Bhutan's unique culture based on Buddhist spiritual values. Like many moral goals, it is somewhat easier to state than to define. Nonetheless, it serves as a unifying vision for the Five Year planning process and all the derived planning documents that guide the economic and development plans of the country. (Source: Wikipedia)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

**Rev. Peter Morales Elected as 8th President of the UUA**

Rev. Peter Morales, senior minister of Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO, was elected on June 27, 2009 to be the eighth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) at the Association's General Assembly (GA) in Salt Lake City. Rev. Morales, the first Latino leader of the UUA, was installed in a ceremony which concluded the General Assembly on Sunday, June 28.

Rev. Morales succeeds Rev. William G. Sinkford who served two four-year terms as President of the UUA. Rev. Morales was the candidate our Fellowship voted for.

**Plan now for August Yard Sale!**

This is a heads up to save/ identify/ set aside items for a Unitarian yard sale in August! If anyone has especially valuable items to contribute (e.g., last year there was a dining room suite), let us know ahead of time. *Contact Mark Larson or Sue Lewis*

**Congratulations to our newest member, Gerald Stokes!**

He signed the membership book last Sunday, July 19, after the 9:15 spiritual celebration service.

## **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. 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; and 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.

### **Strong Response to the Signing for Single-Payer Universal Health Care Sunday**

Mark Larson and Janney Burgess received a substantial number of signatures Sunday. Mark is sending these to members of the Kansas congressional delegation in Washington DC. A special thanks to all who signed on to the UUA Statement of Witness in support of a Single Payer Universal Health Care system.

### **From the Border --- IJAM (Immigration Justice Advocacy Movement)**

Marta Caminero-Santangelo is completing two weeks on the Mexican side of the border providing relief work with immigrants being deported from the US. Marta has asked that we make a call for men's jeans; here is her message: ". . .the migrant center here desperately needs JEANS, especially men's jeans. Could we maybe put out an announcement to the fellowship about donating old jeans? I'd be happy to be responsible for shipping donations." If you have jeans to contribute please bring them to the Fellowship on Sunday.

Yesterday Marta wrote: "I'm writing from the border where I'm working again with No More Deaths. Every day migrants come through the migrant help center here (yesterday we had a group of almost 50 come through before 7:00 a.m., when the center usually isn't even open yet) separated from children or worse maybe, with their young children who have been walking through the desert with them. It really brings the enormity of the problem of our inhumane immigration policies home on a visceral level. "

We can expect a more complete report from Marta when she returns about her work on the border with No More Deaths.

**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)

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