

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
July 28, 2009

**Sunday, August 2**

**9:15 Service:** "Politics, State, and Religion" presented by Ted Wilson

A nation that had as one of its founding principles the separation of church and state has witnessed over the past two centuries a complex and highly fraught debate about the appropriate roles of religion and politics among those who live in America. Is religion only a private matter? Are there clearly mandated rules governing religious belief and practice (or the lack thereof) and participation in civic life? What is the state's function in defining these rules? Can those who aspire to spiritual growth while rejecting religious dogmas take an active part in the work of reforming politics, their communities, and the world? Today's service considers these issues from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. (Ted Wilson is a professor of history and long-time member of the Fellowship.)

**10:45 Program:** "The Impact of Domestic Violence"

Sarah Terwelp, director of the Women's Transitional Care Services will speak to us about domestic violence, its impact on all of us, and what we can do to help the victims as well as to diminish the culture of violence in our world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

**Plan now for August Yard Sale!**

This is a heads up to save/ identify/ set aside items for a Unitarian yard sale in August! Possible dates are Saturday August 22 or 29. 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*

**Fewer Newsletters in August**

The newsletter team is taking some time off this month so please expect fewer newsletters. The next newsletter is currently planned for August 11. Stay tuned.

**Consulting Minister Availability**

Our consulting minister, Rev. Jill Jarvis, will be away from the Fellowship during August and September. She can be reached by email at [uflminister@sunflower.com](mailto:uflminister@sunflower.com). She will resume office hours and her regular schedule the first week in October.

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

(from the Social Action Committee)

**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 United States. Marta has asked that we make a call for Men's Jeans. Please donate over the next (3) Sundays, and Marta will collect and ship them when she returns from about her work on the border.

## **School Supplies for Latino Children served by Centro Hispano --- IJAM**

### ***Opportunity to "adopt" a child***

Centro Hispano serves Latino families in Lawrence. The families face major challenges associated with punitive and confusing immigration policies and laws. As a consequence families, including their children are denied access to services and resources in our community. The Social Action Committee is inviting Fellowship members to "Adopt" a child or two by committing \$25 for the purchase of up to twenty back packs and sets of school supplies.

We have commitments within the Social Action committee for six "adoptions." Marta Caminero-Santangelo has agreed to be our coordinator and will be in direct contact with the staff at Centro Hispano when she returns from the US-Mexican Border. Please let UFL Administrative Assistant Devin Waugh know if you would like to be an "adopter" by e-mailing [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com) or calling the UFL office at 785-842-3339.

This initiative with Centro Hispano is part of our IJAM (Immigration Justice Advocacy Movement) commitment.

Helping with the school supplies –

1. Is vital to children of Latino families in our community;
2. Is consistent with the commitment we made when we partnered with IJAM;
3. Brings us face to face with the real life needs of families and children who have been marginalized by our society;
4. Is doable by our Fellowship members;
5. May be a matter on which we may wish to make a public statement.

**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.

**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**

*Wednesday, August 19*

*Cookout and more starting at 5:30 p.m.*

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