

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
September 22, 2009

Sunday, September 27

9:15 Service The "Day of Atonement," Yom Kippur

At sundown on Sunday, September 27, Yom Kippur begins. For members of the Jewish faith, Yom Kippur is the most solemn and meaningful of the Jewish holidays. A central theme of Yom Kippur and also important for Unitarian Universalists is atonement. Our service this week grapples with atonement's meanings and its potential for healing and spiritual transformation. With us to explain the significance of Yom Kippur in the Jewish tradition will be Professor of History Eve Levin, an active member of the Lawrence Jewish Community Center.

10:45 Program: "Should we produce electricity from nuclear power?"

In the third of a series on energy sources, nuclear physicist Michael J. Murray, professor of physics and astronomy at KU, who also works at the Large Hadron Collider in Geneva, will speak about the current status of nuclear energy and its implications.

"We have many ways to produce electricity. Nuclear power offers one option. I hope to answer questions about how nuclear power works and perhaps discuss the moral, environmental and technological constraints of its use. "

Food, Fun, and Friendship
Wednesday at the Fellowship
Everyone's Invited! This week!!



Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

Many classes and groups will begin meeting this week. For more details on these classes, please see the UFL website http://www.uufl.net/wed_night_class_descriptions.html or the past few newsletters, or e-mail Michelle Iwig-Harmon, miwigharmon@sunflower.com.

A short Vespers Service will be offered as well and the youth (7th-12th) will be meeting.

As always, childcare will be provided from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Social Action Committee's Proposed Health Care Resolution

The Social Action Committee is proposing consideration and adoption of a resolution on health care by the members of the Fellowship. This calls for proceeding in accordance with a process of formally adopting the resolution. The first step in the process calls for an open meeting of the Committee with an invitation to members of the Fellowship. The process calls for two weekly newsletter announcements prior to this open meeting of the Committee. The second announcement and invitation will be in Sunday's bulletin and next week's newsletter. Therefore, as Chair of the Social Action Committee I am calling a meeting on ***October 4 following the 10:45 program in the Fellowship Meeting Room***. This will be an open meeting for the purpose of considering the proposed resolution distributed to members present this past Sunday and presented below.

The resolution builds on the Action of Immediate Witness (AIC) statement adopted at the UUA General Assembly 2008. The AIC statement is found on the UUA webpage: <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/socialjustice/statements/115807.shtml>

The proposed Resolutions reads as follows:

Proposed Resolution for the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence

Resolved that the Lawrence Unitarian Fellowship affirm the 2008 UUA Action of Immediate Witness calling for "congregations to become informed advocates for universal access to nonprofit health care financing through social action and adult religious education," and, be it further resolved: the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence encourages its members to work with other people of good will to actively support and advocate for health care reform including single-payer universal health care, and be it further resolved: that the Chair of the Fellowship, acting on behalf of the members of the Fellowship Community, communicate the position of Unitarian Universalists and the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence on this issue to the President and members of Congress and advocate passage of universal health care legislation.

Copies of the resolution and the 2008 Action of Immediate Witness will be available at the Fellowship this coming Sunday as they were last Sunday. ~Forrest Swall

Volunteer Survey from the Community Care Team

We hope you received the email sent out on Monday September 14 with a survey allowing you to indicate how you could help Fellowship members with such things as meals, transportation, and visiting at home or hospital (subject to your availability at the time of need). After clicking on the e-mail link, a checklist will appear along with simple instructions. When you complete the survey electronically, results will be automatically entered into a database to assist Care Team Coordinators in planning and coordination. For that reason, electronic responses are preferred. *UFL Community Care Team Coordinators Donna Swall, Susan Cooper, Beth Chao*

Southern Cluster Fall Retreat: Come join with other UUs from the southern part of the Prairie Star District at this year's Cluster Retreat, to be held on **Friday evening Oct. 9th through mid-day Sunday, October 11th** at Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center (two miles east of Linwood, Kansas off Highway 32). See a map: <http://maps.google.com/?q=%2C+Linwood%2C+KS%2C+%2C+us>

Representation from all our southern Cluster UU communities is a goal: KC (All Souls, SMUUCH, and Gaia), Lawrence, Wichita, Salina, Topeka, Manhattan, Hutchinson, and Emporia)

"Cluster" is a great chance to connect and reflect together. There will be a combination of programming and free time, so you can stretch your spirit (try Michael Nelson's Autobiography of the Soul activity, for one example) and learn from each other. Sunday worship will be celebratory and participatory, rather than a hymn/sermon sandwich. Food is plentiful, yummy, and best of all -- cooked for us, by other people! DO bring musical instruments, art supplies, books of poetry or prose, bug spray, and snacks to share.

Plenty of time for Rest & Relaxation, Campfire Songs and Stories, Multigenerational Sunday Service, Great food, Hiking, Engaging Workshops, and Fellowship with other UUs!

You're welcome to stay in a heated bunkhouse, complete with showers and mini kitchens, or camp out in a tent or small camper. And again this year, kids are FREE! There is also some scholarship help for those who need it.

For basic info, go to <http://www.psduua.org/SCORE/SCORE>

For a beautiful flyer: http://www.psduua.org/pmwiki/uploads/SCORE/SCORE_flyer_2009.pdf

For Registration go to <https://www.psduua.org/prairiestore/SouthernClusterRetreat>

Community Care Team: The UFL Community Care Team is available to assist members and friends of the Fellowship. The role of the Care Team is to learn from the involved individual or family how we can be of assistance and provide the requested assistance within the limits of our resources. To contact the Care Team, e-mail uflcareteam@sunflower.com or call Beth Chao (in Sep 2009) at 785-766-8525 or (after Oct 1) Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530.

Exploring Membership Course: A new session of the 4-week Exploring Membership Course begins soon; it will be on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:00 at the Fellowship. Class dates are September 30, October 7, 21 and 28. Offered by Rebecca Gant and Nicole Goodwin, the course is designed for individuals new to Unitarian Universalism, those considering membership or new members. Child care will be provided. So you may come for Wednesday night dinner if you'd like, and stay for the class. Interested? Sign up sheets are available at coffee hour. For more info, contact Rebecca (rkgant@hotmail.com), Nicole (nicolelgoodwin@yahoo.com) or Valerie Roper (vgracev@sunflower.com).

Community Connection for September: **Family Promise** is a faith based non-profit program serving families with children who are homeless by providing shelter, food, transportation, training, medical care and other assistance in a safe, compassionate home-like environment. The program serves four families at a time. There are currently 13 hosts along with 15 partnering congregations in Lawrence. Valerie Miller, a mental health professional, formerly employed by Bert Nash as the supervisor of the homeless outreach workers, is the director. Family Promise has a budget of \$125,000. It receives no government funds and is not a United Way agency. Support comes from the voluntary contributions in the community.

Cash contributions may be made by check to the Fellowship with *Family Promise* on the memo line. To volunteer during the week of our partnering, contact **Donna Eades at 842-3867.**

Dinners for Eight: You're all invited for Dinners for 8; sign up sheets at coffee hour. If you've not attended a Dinner for 8, you're in for a treat. When you sign up, you'll have the opportunity to get together 3 times this year for a pot luck meal with a small group of other members and friends. You'll meet different people at each dinner, and have a chance to visit in a relaxed setting. This year we're trying something new, to accommodate both people who'd like to bring children to dinners and those who'd like to have child-free dinners. Sign-up sheets will allow participants to express their preferences, and the assignment team will take account of preferences in making assignments. Contact Susan Rickman for more info. Sign up soon and come to dinner!

Women's "Final Friday" Night: The monthly women's group continues to meet the Final Friday of each month! Look for announcements about "Final Fridays" This month all women are invited to UFL for an informal social Friday September 25 at 7:00. There is no agenda, no theme, just the chance for us to spend some more time together and weave tighter relationships. Leave your cares, children, and significant others at home, and bring a goodie to share. Even if you can't make it this time, mark your calendar for the final Friday of each month. If you are interested in hosting a future "Final Friday" women's group in your home, please contact Amerika Grewal at 813-1287 or amerikag@gmail.com

Peace Vigil: Ninth & Massachusetts St., noon to 1 pm on Saturdays.
Lawrencians advocating peace 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

Wed, Sept 23	Wednesday Evening dinners and programming begin
Fri, Sept 25	Women's Final Friday
Oct 9,10,11	Southern Cluster Retreat

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