

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
October 20, 2009

**Sunday, October 25**

**9:15 Service.** “That Old Time Religion”

*Rev. Jill Jarvis*

Radicals? Heretics? Perhaps – but we Unitarian Universalists are not the “New Age cult” we are sometimes accused of being. Unitarians and Universalists have roots going back over two thousand years. From the earliest days of Christianity through the rise of Humanism and today’s rich pluralism, in different times and places --- and in different ways – we have grounded our faith in freedom, reason, tolerance, and love. Our spiritual and institutional ancestors were the radicals of their times, persecuted as heretics for their opposition to prevailing dogmas and hierarchies. We modern Unitarian Universalists are still preaching freedom, reason, tolerance, and love – and still considered radicals by the orthodoxy of our own time and culture.

**9:45-10:45 A congregational vote will be held on the proposed UFL health care resolution.** See p. 4 for details and about proxies.

**10:45 Program.**

Surprise--to be announced--watch for details coming later this week.

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Food, Fun, and Friendship

## **Wednesday at the Fellowship**

October 21, Everyone's Invited!



**5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Quiche me, quick!**

Assorted flavors of quiche

Green Salad \* Fruit Salad \* Bread

Hot Dogs \* Macaroni and Cheese \* Dessert

Omnivore or vegan fare

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

**6:30 Adult RE Classes**

**6:30 PM to 8:30PM Youth Meeting**

**7:30 PM Choir Practice**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS**

### **Possible Sunday Morning Time Changes**

The Fellowship Board has been approached about the possibility of changing times for Sunday morning to 9:30 a.m. for the spiritual celebration and 11:00 a.m. for the program effective January 1, 2010. If you have thoughts or feelings about this possible change, please share them before November 10 with Chair Betty Baron or any UFL Board member or e-mail your input to:

[ufloffice@sunflower.com](mailto:ufloffice@sunflower.com)

### **Long-Range Planning Committee (LPC) Seeking Volunteers**

The Fellowship's current long-range plan (which led to the new building, addition of a part-time minister, and Wednesday evening programming) ends in October 2010. Would you like to be part of developing the Fellowship's next 5-year plan? If so, please e-mail your expression of interest to [ufloffice@sunflower.com](mailto:ufloffice@sunflower.com) or call Betty Baron at 842-1728 by November 1. The UFL Board will select 7-8 members to guide the development of a new long-range plan to be ready by October 2010.

### **The Cookies Are Coming! The Cookies Are Coming!**

The youth group is raising funds to go to Oklahoma in the Spring to visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, do community service, and visit All Soul's Unitarian Church in Tulsa. They will be baking homemade cookies in an All Night Cookie Bake on November 7th and 8th and filling the orders that they have taken. There are four recipes to choose from: chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal cranberry, and a chocolate/oatmeal/peanut butter no-bake cookie that is both vegan and gluten free. Cookies are \$5 per dozen and any order of 5 dozen or more gets a free dozen! The youth will be available to take your order on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, and if you would like to email in your order, just drop Sherry a note via email and she will record your order and make sure it is filled. Thanks for your support!

Sherry Warren, Director of Religious Education, [ufldre@sunflower.com](mailto:ufldre@sunflower.com)

### **Wear your Halloween costumes on November 1!**

On Sunday November 1, we welcome kids of all ages (that means adults too!) to wear their costumes to the Fellowship to extend the fun of Halloween. We heard from the kids that great costumes are planned, and we want to see them!

### **November 14, Saturday LINK**

Mark your calendar and plan to prepare food and/or serve at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen.

### **Women's Group**

The Oct meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, 10/23/09 (a week earlier than usual) at the home of Barbara Schowen, 962 E 1338 Road. Please email [bschowen@sunflower.com](mailto:bschowen@sunflower.com) for directions or use Mapquest. (Google maps has the wrong location!) All women are invited to bring a nibbly and leave their cares and children at home. Please note that the Nov and Dec meetings will be held the third Friday rather than the Final Friday, due to holiday schedules.

### **Luncheon last Friday honored founding and early members of the Fellowship**

Along with good food, drink, conversation, and enjoyment of the new facility, its remodeled areas, and

the new gardens, updates on new initiatives and progress over the past ten years were shared. The event concluded with a sing-along with Emily Russell and her ukulele. About 18 of our early members were present.

## **Our New Chamber Music Series!**

The opening concert on the Series is Sunday, November 8, 2:30 p.m. in Founder's Hall with the Spencer Consort. This group remembers from using the hall last year what a fantastic space it is for the ensemble. The Consort's guest artist is Sylvia Stoner, a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Voice at KU under the tutelage of Joyce Castle. Prior performance experience includes opera roles with Union Avenue Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Lake George Opera, Kentucky Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, Shreveport Opera and the Aspen Music Festival. There will be an opportunity to inquire about, perhaps play, the 18<sup>th</sup> Century replica instruments and talk to the performers.

Just think...all of this and four more concerts for the subscription price of \$25 or \$5 at the door! Subscriptions are up to 15, well on the way to a sustaining goal of 30. Subscription checks may be sent to the fellowship office or given to John Boulton at either service from now to November 8. Checks should be made out to the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, with "chamber music series" on the memo line.

A third concert in this year's Series has been confirmed: The Saxophone Quartet I, directed by KU Professor Vince Gnojek. As with all of the concerts, theirs is on a Sunday, February 21 at 2:30. "(An alternate time for some series concerts is 7:30 p.m.. This will be the starting time for the trio Allegresse on March 28.

Future seasons Chamber Music Series possibilities: choral ensembles, string trios, quartets, quintets, woodwind quintets, jazz and folk ensembles. What would appeal to you? Let us know! The Series committee: Bob and Susan Harper, Valerie and John Roper, Richard Johnston., Bob Smith. The contact person is John Boulton, [jboulton@ku.edu](mailto:jboulton@ku.edu). 842-4429

## **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. Care Team Coordinators are Beth Chao, Susan Cooper, and Donna Swall. To contact the Care Team, e-mail [uflcareteam@sunflower.com](mailto:uflcareteam@sunflower.com) or call Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530.

## **From the Lawrence Journal-World**

Jill's response to this week's religious question in last week's J-W was really superb and it says a great deal about who we are and Jill' role with us. Here it is. -- *Graham Kreicker*

### **"Faith Forum: What's your favorite part of being employed as a faith leader?"**

October 17, 2009

#### **Congregation empowers, inspires faith**

*The Rev. Jill Jarvis, minister, Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, 1263 N. 1100 Road:*

I serve a congregation with a strong tradition of lay leadership. It was not an easy decision for the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence to employ a minister after a half-century without one. During the past three years we've forged a collaborative relationship, working together as a beacon of liberal religion and a visible force for justice and compassion in the community. UFL is filled with caring, curious, committed people of diverse perspectives who maintain a strong sense of themselves as a community even as new members continue to join us.

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In our Unitarian tradition, ministerial authority is derived from the congregation itself. From the beginning, this fellowship not only welcomed but also empowered me, just as they have always empowered one another. Members acknowledge and appreciate the gifts I bring as a professional minister. They are eager to listen — to me and to each other — and, when an idea inspires them, they step up with their talent and energy to make it happen. They are people with busy lives, yet consistently take the time to offer me the guidance, expertise and encouragement I need to be an effective leader. They challenge and inspire me to become the best minister I can be, an amazing gift for which I'm truly grateful.

What an extraordinary opportunity it is to join with others to nurture spirits and to help heal a broken world! This congregation has stepped forward to advocate for people who are homeless, for fair immigration policies and for health insurance reform. We affirm the worth and dignity of every person, welcoming people of all sexual orientations. We encourage and empower our children and youth, developing their sense of spirituality and creating opportunities for them to put their faith into action. We do it all together with a sense of gratitude and a sense of humor, which in the end may be the best part of being the Unitarian Fellowship's faith leader.

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**Theology for a Secular Age** *Join UFL consulting minister Rev. Jill Jarvis for a course based in this year's "UU University" General Assembly offering*

*Subsequent Wednesday sessions: October 21--What is the nature of existence and how do we fit into the picture? October 28--What in the world is divine, if anything? What is the uniquely human challenge? November 4--What are the purpose of faith and the role of religion? November 18--What does it mean to be a religious community? December 2--How shall we live in order to transform ourselves and the world?*

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**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: from the Social Action Committee**

**Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> --final vote on the Health Care Resolution**

A congregational vote will be held on the proposed UFL health care resolution on Sunday October 25 between the 9:15 service and 10:45 program. After a brief opportunity to ask clarifying questions (but no further amendments made) a yes or no vote will be taken. If you cannot be present for this significant and timely vote, please designate a proxy in writing to UFL secretary Ellie Unruh or to the person you're asking to vote for you. (Remember that each member present for the vote may hold only one proxy.) *"Thirty percent of the voting membership, including proxies, must be present for a quorum .*

The proposed Resolution reads as follows:

*Resolved that the Lawrence Unitarian Fellowship affirm the 2008 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 encourage 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.*

## **Health Care Lecture**

T. R. Reid, author of a recently released comparative study of U.S. health care called "The Healing of America," will speak at Woodruff Auditorium as part of the Humanities Lecture Series. He will present "We're Number 37! Why Other Countries have Better, Fairer and Cheaper Health Care than the USA," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Woodruff Auditorium in the Kansas Union. The event is free and open to the public.

**October Community Connection: Women's Transitional Care Services. October is Domestic Violence Month.** Women's Transitional Care Services, Inc. (WTCS) works toward the elimination of family violence and peace in the world by elimination of violence in our communities. WTCS is dedicated to the empowerment of women and children; the creation of peaceful, safe space; the promotion of equality and respect for all people; the appreciation of differences; and the social action necessary to achieve these goals. Contributions may be made to the UFL with **WTCS** noted on the memo line.

**Fellowship member Marta Caminero-Santangelo to present** a James E. Seaver Tuesday Lecture, October 20, 2009 8:00 - 9:00pm in the Kansas Union, Alderson Auditorium. Her title is "*Documenting the Undocumented: Stories of Migration, Border Crossing, and Unbelonging.*" The lecture is free followed with a reception in the Malott Room. The Lecture is sponsored by the Department of Humanities and Western Civilization.

**Family Promise Program** Contact Donna Eades or Janney Burgess if you are interested in volunteering for Family Promise, and watch for Family Promise updates in December for the next host date in January.

**The Annual Blintz Brunch**, Sunday November 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be held at the **Jewish Community Center**, Consider joining with our Jewish friends for a festive community experience. The cost is \$8.00.

**JUST FOOD.** A special thanks to members for contributions of nonperishable food. The basket was full, and was delivered to the newly established JUST FOOD warehouse on East Eighth Street.

**IJAM--2009 Annual Awards Banquet and Benefit "NEIGHBORS NOT STRANGERS"** November 5, 2009. Marta Caminero-Santangelo will represent the Fellowship. Others are welcome to attend. It is a \$75 a plate event with funds going to support the work of IJAM(Immigration Justice Advocacy Movement).. For more information contact Forrest Swall at 843-6319 or [flowell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flowell@sbcglobal.net).

## **This is Gay, LGBT History Month.**

It is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. National Coming Out Day was Sunday, October 11.

*The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence is an open, affirming and welcoming congregation.*

GLBT History Month was launched by the Equality Forum in 2006, GLBT History Month honors 31 Icons—one each day—with a video, bio, bibliography, downloadable images and educational resources, and special features for students. The videos are broadcast on cable TV channels and are available as a free download to

organizations and the public. GLBT History Month is free and all 124 Icons (2006-2009) are archived on the site. Visit [www.GLBTHistoryMonth.com](http://www.GLBTHistoryMonth.com).

**Fall Film Festival.** The two remaining films for the Fall Film Festival at **First United Methodist Church** are:

**October 25: “Fall From Grace”** ---discussion leader, Ted Kihm---traces the history and motivations of Fred Phelps’ hateful rhetoric.

**November 8: “Call Me Malcolm”** ---discussion leader, Dennis Dailey---which personalizes the journey of a female to male transition for a seminarian to connect his faith with his gender identity.

**KEC Film Series on October 29: Kansas Equality Coalition ongoing Film Series:** Liberty Hall 7 to 8:30 pm. The Lawrence/Douglas County KEC Chapter will host films every few months as part of an ongoing festival. UUs and others are invited to join KEC for popcorn, soda, beer and community and share the powerful and touching Israeli film, “**Yossi and Jagger**”, winner of the 2004 Glitter Award Best Picture, 2003 Torino International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Audience Award Best Feature Film.

### **Peace Vigil**

Ninth & Massachusetts St., noon to 1 pm on Saturdays.

Lawrencians advocating peace are always welcome to be part of the event.

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### **Office Hours for Minister**

Office hours for Rev Jill Jarvis are on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Treasurer’s Note:** Whenever you write a check to UFL, please note the purpose in the memo line, so we may properly route & credit your donation.

**Addition to the Recycling Reminder** Please DO NOT include bags and other flexible plastic, such as 6-pack rings, with the plastic containers you are recycling at UFL. Otherwise all types of plastic may be mixed together. As always, per the signs on the yellow recycling container in the parking area, please do not put cardboard or chipboard items in the unit.

### **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**

**November 14** Serve at LINK

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