

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
October 27, 2009

Sunday, November 1

9:15 Service "Selections from John Milton's Paradise Lost"

This is another in our series of "experimental programs." You will meet Satan, the fallen angels, the Angel Michael, and Adam and Eve in a happily brief performance of John Milton's glorious blank verse epic based on the story of Genesis. The snake will also appear in person.

10:45 Program. "Political Polarization: A Personal Perspective"

Karen McCulloh, Riley County Commissioner

Mrs. McCulloh was a Manhattan city commissioner in 1997 and was recalled over an issue of the display of the 10 Commandments. She will share with us the recall process and its implications, both political and personal.

Food, Fun, and Friendship

Wednesday at the Fellowship

October 28 Everyone's Invited!



5:30 PM to 6:30 PM *Featured Guest Chef Jill Jarvis*

presents

Mediterranean Pasta (w & w/o meat)

Focaccia Bread * Green Salad * Relish Plate

Hot Dogs * Cookies * Fruit

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:10-6:30 Vespers

6:30 Adult RE Classes

6:30 PM to 8:30PM Youth Meeting

7:30 PM Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Health Care Resolution

On Sunday, UFL members voted unanimously* in favor of adopting the proposed health care resolution. Now we must act. The chair and members of the social action committee will write letters to our political representatives. Individuals are encouraged to write letters, too. We will also communicate with UU headquarters, districts, and other fellowships and churches within SCORE, as well as with local faith congregations. We can express our solidarity with other groups that share our stance. We will support the resolution whenever, wherever, and however we can.

**How we went from what appeared to be three "no" votes to being unanimous: First, I asked, "All in favor?" and saw a sea of yellow voting cards. "Against?" I asked. Three cards went up. After the vote, I asked the presumed naysayers what had made them vote against the resolution. "Oh, no!" exclaimed one. "I voted for it the first time, and then when you said, 'again,' I voted for it again." I might call this little chapter, "How I Learned to Say 'Opposed' Instead of 'Against.' We were unanimous, after all. --Betty Baron, Chair*

Wednesday Night Dinner—A Special Treat:

Our guest chef this week is our consulting minister Jill Jarvis, fresh from the Mediterranean, who will treat us to her (soon to be) famous Mediterranean Pasta. (both omnivore and herbivore versions.) Another treat -- some Topeka Fellowship members have been invited to join us and see how we have become successful with our Wednesday evening programming. So come on out—don't miss the fine food and fun evening!

Family Promise 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.

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: uflooffice@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 uflooffice@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

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. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday morning for those who wish to prepare food and/or to serve at the Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) that day.

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 18th 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! 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.

The trio Allegresse will perform on March 28 at 7:30. A third concert in this year's Series is The Saxophone Quartet I, directed by KU Professor Vince Gnojek, Sunday, February 21 at 2:30.

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. 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 or call Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530.

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: 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?

Rebecca Pechefsky CDs. We have the following CD's by Rebecca Pechefsky, whom many of you heard in recital at KU September 20th. The special post-recital price is \$10 each (normally \$16.99). Contact us via: enos@ku.edu or 865-5718 to order a copy. We can bring them to Fellowship or negotiate delivery. *Paul and Carol Enos*

Bach and His Circle -Winner of the Just Plain Folks 2009 Award for Best Classical Solo Album. A recital of works by Bach and composers who knew him personally, including his pupil Johann Ludwig Krebs, Conrad Friedrich Hurlebusch, and Johann Gottfried Walther, Bach's cousin.

François d'Agincour; Complete Works for Harpsichord (2 CD's) - *François d'Agincour's music is almost unknown today, yet his harpsichord works stand comparison with those of his great contemporaries Jean-Philippe Rameau and François Couperin. D'Agincour's music is both complex and gracious; French harpsichord music at its most subtle.

J. S. Bach: Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I - Hailed for delivering "exciting" performances that will "lift you out of your seat" (allmusic.com), Rebecca Pechefsky offers the first harpsichord recording of Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I, to use Werckmeister III throughout; the original "well-tempered" tuning that makes every key usable, though each has its own distinct character, and a popular temperament in Bach's day.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: from the Social Action Committee

November Community Connection: Success by Six. Success by Six has as its mission, "to insure that all Douglas County families of children under 6 have what they need to successfully parent their young children, thereby fostering positive relationships and preparing children for success in school and life." Success by Six complements and enhances vital early childhood programs in the community. The program builds on the growing knowledge of the importance of early childhood. Contributions may be made by cash or check to the Fellowship; *if a check, be sure to write "Success by Six" on the memo line.*

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.

The Douglas county AIDS Red Ribbon Art Auction. The auction will take place at the Lawrence Art Guild's new gallery, 1109 Gallery, located at 1109 Massachusetts St. (Across from the courthouse) The Auction will be held Sunday evening, November 8.

Kansas Equality Coalition Film Series will show the powerful and touching Israeli film, "Yossi and Jagger" **on October 29 at** Liberty Hall 7 to 8:30 pm. UUs and others are invited to join KEC for popcorn, soda, beer and community and share in viewing the winner of the 2004 Glitter Award Best Picture, 2003 Torino International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Audience Award Best Feature Film.

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.

IJAM, Immigration Justice Advocacy Movement). The 2009 Annual Awards Banquet and Benefit "Neighbors Not Strangers" Thursday, November 5, 2009 7:00 p.m. Colonial Presbyterian Church 9500 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO. Fellowship Members are invited to attend. It is a \$75 a plate event with funds going to support the work of IJAM. For more information contact Forrest Swall at 843-6319 or flowell@sbcglobal.net, or Laurie Anderson, IJAM President at 816-560-4616.

The Kansas Land Trust will be the subject of the University Forum on Wednesday, October 28th at the ECM Building, 1204 Oread. *The Nature of Kansas Lands* is the title of the program by Beverley Worster of the Kansas Land Trust. The program begins at noon. There is an optional lunch at 11:30 (\$6.25 student \$3.50. Reservations helpful 843-4933.

A Forum on Honduras will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm in the auditorium of the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont. The program will cover the uprooting events of the last 3 months and its repercussions for all of America. Honduran Fulbright scholars Hispano Duron (KU Film alumnus) and Dustin Santos will explain from their perspectives what the chances are for democracy in Honduras. It will be moderated by Dr. Brent Metz, KU Anthropology.

Rethink Afghanistan movie will be shown at Liberty Hall Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm. This is a film that challenges those of us who are firmly anti-war. Even the most die-hard geo-political savvy folks will learn from this film. Rethink Afghanistan is a great crash course for what we've been doing in that land for the last *eight* years and whether the official reason for this war stands up to logical scrutiny." Admission is \$3.

A Community forum on Job Growth. The League of Women Voters is one of the sponsors of a **Community Forum on Job Growth** to be held on Thursday, October 29th at the Lawrence High School 6:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, October 29. It will be an interactive program. Other sponsors include the City of Lawrence, the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, and the Lawrence Journal World.

Workshop on Direct Action and Organizing with Mark Rudd. A Workshop and Potluck will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th 12 noon-2pm at The Homestead, 1145 Pennsylvania We are invited to participate in this workshop about direct action and organizing in our community and beyond with **Mark Rudd**--speaker, writer, organizer and historic member of The Weather Underground and Students for a Democratic Society. We will hear from the ideas and experiences of a seasoned activist as well as engage in a dialogue about what it means, and how to implement progressive change in our community. A variety of Lawrence organizations and people will join in a discussion on direct action relevancy, the different forms it can take, and the particular projects being developed throughout the area. This is an opportunity to chat, eat, and meet new faces! For more information contact Sarah Madden 785-249-1084.

Peace Vigil

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

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

SUMMARIES

Oct. 25, 2009 10:45 a.m. REMOVING THE STIGMA OF MENTAL ILLNESS

Rick Kagan, Executive Director of NAMI for Kansas (National Alliance on Mental Illness) urged us to “remove the stigma of mental illness” and remember that appropriate treatment is the keystone to recovery. One in four adults and one in ten children have mental health disorders, and this impacts quality of life, jobs, and length of life. In Douglas County, NAMI offers a free, 12-week class for family members, and NAMI hopes to get law enforcement staff to implement Crisis Intervention Training, so law enforcement can take into account the special needs of mentally ill people in crisis.

After Mr. Kagan’s presentation, questioners raised many key issues, e.g. the term “mental illness” itself could be stigmatizing; there is a need to increase people’s follow-through in treatment; Lawrence Memorial Hospital needs a psychiatric ward; in the meantime, quicker transportation is needed for people who are screened for hospitalization and then transported by “secure transport” to Topeka or Kansas City; and disability laws should be changed so that people who are on disability for mental illness can work regular jobs, and thereby improve their quality of life, without losing their monthly disability checks. –*Summary by Jean Dirks*

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
Articles for the Newsletter: Monday at noon: ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

Fellowship Dates to Keep in Mind

November 14 Serve at LINK

Nov 15 Committee Round Table

Nov 17 UFL Exec Board Mtg, 6:30 (note new date & time)

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A Welcoming Congregation

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