

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
November 10, 2009

**Sunday, November 15**

**9:15 Service. - Our Common Wealth**

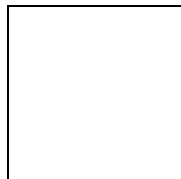
Being part of our Fellowship -- as member, friend, or newcomer -- enriches our lives in various and often untold ways. You may experience UFL as a caring community of friendship and compassion, a place to share intellectual stimulation and work for justice, an intergenerational village supporting families and raising children and youth in a liberal spirit -- or all of the above! Join us in this service of gratitude as we celebrate our common wealth and share our stories of what UFL brings to our lives.

**10:45 Program. Where Have We Been and Where Do We Go from Here?**

With pictures and reminiscences, Barbara Schowen will remind us of how far we have come in the past few years and solicit our input on where we want to go in the next few years. Be thinking of your vision for our Fellowship and come prepared to share your thoughts.

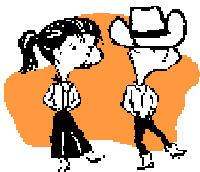
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Food, Fun, and Friendship  
**Wednesday at the Fellowship**  
November 11 Everyone's Invited!



**5:30 PM to 6:30 PM**

**Tropical Stir Fries (w & w/o meat)**  
**Brown Rice \* Tossed Salad with Tropical Flavors**  
**Tropical Fruit Salad \* Pineapple Upside Down Cake**  
Suggested donation \$5    Children under 10 free  
Child Care 6:30 - 8:30



**6:30 Barn Dance with caller Jim Williams**

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

**7:30 PM Choir Practice**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### **New Administrative Assistant**

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Schwartz, our new administrative assistant, to the UFL staff. Jennifer's starting date is Monday, November 16, and her hours will be from 8:30 – 11:30 Monday through Friday. In a new creative job sharing approach, the Fellowship has partnered with another non-profit organization, Trinity In Home Care (TIHC), and Jennifer will work there in the afternoons each day.

A Lawrence resident, Jennifer has been active in the Independent Living Movement in Kansas in the past several years, throughout her professional career and volunteer activities. She has a passion for advocacy, especially disability rights advocacy, and plans to continue those activities in Lawrence. She comes to us from an executive position with a small non-profit organization in Topeka which required frequent travel. She is looking forward to working with us in a position that will give her more flexibility, allow her to spend more time with her family, and become more a part of the community she lives in.

Jennifer has three daughters—Jessica, age 18; Jillian, 8; and Jayden, who'll be five this week. When time permits, she enjoys camping, being outdoors, and music.--*Valerie Roper*

### **Program of Note**

We celebrated success on Sunday afternoon when more than 70 people filled Founders' Hall, to hear the Spencer Consort in the inaugural concert of the UFL Chamber Music Series. Typical comments heard and overheard: "It would be a bargain at three times the price!" "When is the *next* concert?" and "Wow! Fantastic food, too!" Series tickets are still available at only \$20 for four more concerts.

Congratulations and many thanks to the Music Series Committee and all of the individuals who have supported their noteworthy efforts.--*Betty Baron, Chair*

### **Claim your lost items!**

Things are accumulating at the Fellowship. They are overflowing their space in the box on the counter in the basement. If you have lost something, please locate and claim it on or before November 30th. Everything will be removed and taken to the Social Services League store on December 1st.

### **New "Smokers' Post" Installed**

In accordance with earlier committee decisions a safe method for disposing of cigarette butts is now provided to members, guests and visitors. It is located to the left of the front doors to Founders' Hall. It is relatively attractive, unobtrusive and located where second hand smoke will not be a problem to non-smokers. Our thanks to the Lawrence Brewers' Guild for their funding of this project!

*Graham Kreicker*

### **Art This Month in Founders' Hall**

We are pleased to feature the work of Lawrence artist, Carla Tilghman. She has been spinning and weaving unique pieces since she was twelve. Her work ranges from landscape inspired pieces to complete abstractions that are often influenced by music. Working to combine traditional hand-weaving techniques with contemporary digital technology, Carla uses computer assisted looms that allow for complex patterning, but require the hand of the artist to be an integral part of the process.

*Graham Kreicker*

## **Chocolate and Coffee**

Our Equal Exchange offerings are expanding just in time for the holidays! Be sure to look for wonderful chocolate bars, chocolate mini-bars, roasted and salted pecans, sweetened dried cranberries and tamari almonds in addition to several varieties of coffee. The hot chocolate and coffee served to members and visitors is also Equal Exchange. If what you see is not exactly what you want, go to <http://www.equalexchange.coop/uusc> to see the full catalog offering. Let Susan Harper know if there is something you would like to order. Please be aware that we must order case lots and if we order four or more cases, the shipping is free. If Susan gets requests from several people for the same item, the items can be sold individually. If only one person wants the requested item, the items must be sold in case lots. The Fellowship does make some money on each sale, so the more you buy, the more you help UFL!

Through the UUSC Coffee Project, we can enjoy delicious offerings while helping small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the U.S. as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a Fair Trade Organization called Equal Exchange. For every item we buy, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to UUSC programs that support the human rights and social justice work of community-based cooperatives in coffee-growing regions.--*Susan Harper*

## **Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Feast:**

Following the 10:45 Harvest Festival on Nov. 22, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Feast. We need a couple of people willing to fix a turkey, with stuffing and gravy, as well as folks bringing side dishes for the potluck. A signup sheet will be available in the lobby to let us know who is coming and what you will contribute to one of our favorite traditions.

## **Lawrence Civic Choir Poinsettia Sales**

Beautiful poinsettia plants with at least five blooms are again available from the Lawrence Civic Choir for yourself or as gifts to family and friends. Flower choices are red or white. Choices of foil around the 6 1/2 inch pot are green, red, gold or silver. By ordering, you are receiving a beautiful plant as well as giving your support to an important community organization. The price is \$9.75 per plant or \$9.50 if we have 50 or more ordering.

An order form has been placed in the Fellowship entry hall to mark your selections or you may contact Ellie Unruh by Nov. 29. Ellie can be reached at 843-8849 or at [ellie@unruhly.org](mailto:ellie@unruhly.org). Ordered poinsettias will be available for pick-up at the Fellowship on Sunday, December 6. If needed, arrangements can be made for delivery to your home.

**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.

## **All Female Overnight November 13th!**

Need some time to hang out with other gals? Come join us on November 13th at the Fellowship for our first All Gals Overnight. We'll gather about 7 pm Friday night for some girl talk, nail painting, chick flicks, etc., and snacks. After camping all night at UFL, we'll have breakfast, learn a little about the pressures that are faced by "the fairer sex," and make food to then serve at LINK that afternoon. Not interested in camping? No worries - come for what you can and spend time with each other in an affirming environment where we learn from each other - young and not-as-young alike. Our young women need positive role models to help

guide them through challenging times, and our Fellowship community is a place to bring these generations together and be supportive of each other. Please RSVP to Sherry Warren, Director of Religious Education, so she can be sure to provide enough food. [ufldre@sunflower.com](mailto:ufldre@sunflower.com)

### **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.

## **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.*

**LINK Saturday November 14.** We serve at LINK this coming Saturday. LINK is the longest consistent social service involvement of the Fellowship. Come and be a part of this vital service to people in Lawrence. If you have not signed up yet and wish to contribute food or help serve or clean up, please contact Ellen Sward.

**Social Action Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 11, 6 pm** following supper, at the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will include a report on the IJAM Banquet, “Neighbors and Strangers.” The meeting is open to all interested members.

**JUST FOOD Gathering this Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your nonperishable items and/or a financial contribution for JUST FOOD. Place the food in the JUST FOOD grocery cart by the elevator. Checks should be made out to the Fellowship with JUST FOOD on the memo line.

**Peace Vigil Every Saturday Noon to 1 pm** at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Mass, downtown Lawrence. Come and stand for peace in the world, “and may it begin with me.” The first step in working for social justice is in just showing up.

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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., except for this week when Jill will be away from the office.

### **Deadlines**

Announcements for the Sunday Bulletin: Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. [ufloffice@sunflower.com](mailto:ufloffice@sunflower.com)  
Articles for the Newsletter: Monday at noon: [ufl\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com)

## **Fellowship Dates to Keep in Mind**

**Nov 14** LINK

**Nov 15** Committee Round Table, noon

**Nov 17** UFL Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 (note new date & time)

**Nov 22** Harvest Festival Thanksgiving Feast

### **The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence** *A Welcoming Congregation*

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