

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence

WEEKLY NEWS

December 1, 2009

Sunday, December 6

9:15 Service

"Good Eating"

We must eat (and drink) to survive, and we have a global system connecting places of production with places of consumption to supply our basic food needs and desires. Thus, it is a struggle to understand the consequences of our eating on others and on the land as we work to improve our relationships with others and the earth. Eating and drinking also bring their share of deeply personal struggles related to body image, sense of self, and addiction, and all the effects these have on how we relate with close friends and family members, all struggles that can be intensified during the holiday season. It is a good time to take stock of these issues, and how we as a fellowship approach food and drink, as we strive to care for each other, and the earth that sustains us.

10:45 Program.

"To Be Announced"

Food, Fun, and Friendship

Wednesday at the Fellowship

December 2, Everyone's Invited!

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Dinner

Mostaccioli * Vegetarian Lasagna

Salad * Relish Tray & Fruit * Breads

Mac 'n' Cheese * Hot Dogs * PB&J * Assorted Cookies

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 - 8:30

6:30 PM Adult RE Classes:

Theology for a Secular Age

"What If?" book group

6:30 PM to 8:30PM Youth Meeting

7:30 PM Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

The UFL RE Committee is sponsoring a Parents' Morning Out on Saturday, December 5.

What: Parents' Morning Out

Why: To give the adults a little free time to possibly get ready for the holidays

Where: Downtown Lawrence (Callahan Creek, 805 New Hampshire)

When: 12/5, 10am-2pm

RSVP: no later than 12/3 to aileen@flyingdingii.com

But wait! That's the Lawrence Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade! **EXACTLY.** Bring your kids to Callahan Creek (805 New Hampshire) between 10 and 10:30 that Saturday morning, and we'll take them to the parade. Afterward, it's back to Callahan for hot cocoa, pizza, ping pong, fooseball, TV and whatever else ruckus we can raise until 2pm. At that time we'll turn them back over to the parents. We request that each child bring \$5 to cover the cost of pizza and refreshments. Scholarships are available, please contact Sherry or Aileen for information.

It is imperative we know ahead of time if your kids are planning on participating. Please RSVP no later than Thursday 12/3 to aileen@flyingdingii.com.

Remember- it can be coooold at the parade, so bundle up the younguns! Blankets are recommended, warm jackets, hats and gloves a necessity.

Getting to Know UU

Sunday, December 13 is our next **"Getting to Know UU" Sunday**. Those interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and UFL, asking questions and getting acquainted, are invited to meet informally with our minister, Rev. Jill Jarvis, and Valerie Roper, membership committee chair, between the 9:15 service and the 10:45 program. Look for the "Getting to Know UU" sign in the sanctuary after the 9:15 service.

Sexuality Education for 4th and 5th Grade Children, Save the Date

Our Whole Lives is a series of sexuality education curricula for six age groups from kindergarten through adulthood. *Our Whole Lives* helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. More information is provided at <http://www.uua.org/religiouseducation/curricula/ourwhole/>.

Starting with a **parent and child orientation on January 10 from 9:15 to 11:45**, we will be offering the nine-part series for 4th and 5th grade children on Sunday mornings at 9:15. The usual Sunday morning religious education classes will continue to be available for those who choose not to participate in OWL. Taught by Peter Graham and Carol Eades Delnevo, the cost will be \$15 for Members and Friends, \$35 for non-members. Scholarships are available. For more information, join us for a **parent meeting on Sunday, December 13** from 9:15 to 10:45 in the adult RE room. Childcare will be provided. Contact Carol Eades Delnevo for more information. askeades@aol.com, 856-9165.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS --- From the Social Action Committee

December Community Connection: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). UUSC supports **Fair Trade in a Global Economy**. One of UUSC's important initiatives is Fair Trade. From the UUSC web page: *"Across the world, we are facing a moment of profound challenge — and opportunity. People are looking for options other than "business as usual." At UUSC, we support people in helping each other build strong partnerships that serve real human needs before profit. Supporting fair trade is central to UUSC's commitment to strengthening human rights and dignity for workers in this global economy. Fair trade is a set of principles and practices that more equitably distributes wealth and provides producers and farmers with a [living wage](#)* To learn more

about Fair Trade and the amazing work of UUSC go to:
http://www.uusc.org/content/promoting_fair_trade.

Remember the unseen guest at YOUR table this month.

If you didn't pick up your UUSC Guest-at-your-table box yet, its not too late!
Boxes will be on the holiday card table for your convenience.

Family Promise Family Gift Cards. Our Family Promise partner church, First Baptist, has asked for Christmas fundraising help to get gift cards that Family Promise program parents can use to buy Christmas presents for their children To donate, please write a check to UFL with "Family Promise gift card" on the memo line. *If you have questions contact Donna Eades 842-3867.*

Peace Vigil Every Saturday Noon to 1 pm at the corner of 9th and Mass, downtown Lawrence. Come and stand for peace in the world, "and may it begin with me." Yes, the weather is becoming a little wintrier, but the faithful few continue to stand on the side of peace! Come and join the group, make your/our stand a part of the global peace initiative. *Remember the first step in working for social justice is in just showing up.*

OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTION EVENTS

Health Care Access Holiday Homes Tour, December 6th from 1 - 6 pm.. The 5th Annual Health Care Access Clinic Holiday Homes Tour will benefit the Health Care Access Clinic The Tour is open to the public and will showcase holiday decorating ideas from a variety of traditions at several exclusive locations in Lawrence. Arts and crafts and homemade baked goods will also be available for purchase at Corpus Christi Catholic Church with all of the proceeds also going to the clinic. Health Care access is one of our Fellowship's major Community connections.

Fair Trade Holiday Market. Lawrence's annual **Fair Trade Holiday Market** continues through Dec 3 from 8 am – 7 pm, at ECM (Ecumenical Christian Ministries), 1204 Oread. The market is organized by Lawrence Fair Trade, a community group dedicated to raising awareness of global economic injustice and working to establish sustainable solutions. Broaden awareness of the Fair Trade coffees and related products available within our own Fellowship.

News Item: The Lawrence City Commission on Human Relations has voted NOT to recommend the proposed amendment to add "gender identity" to the ordinance on non-discrimination. The Human Relations Council's action runs contrary to our commitment to the principle of "respecting the dignity of all persons." See Maggie Childs' letter to the editor this past week. As a welcoming and affirming congregation and consistent with our principle of "respect for the dignity of all persons" we should be concerned. The city of Lawrence was the first city in Kansas to add "sexual orientation" to its ordinance on non-discrimination. The City Commission will act on the proposal sometime in the future. Members of the Fellowship who share in the concern may wish to express themselves to members of the city commission by making direct contact, or by writing a letter to the editor.

REMINDERS

Time Change. Responding to members' almost-unanimous desire to move our starting times, the board agreed that as of *January 3, 2010*, our services will begin at **9:30 am** and end at **10:30 am**, and our programs will start at **11 am** and finish at **noon**. We will make every effort to accommodate those who need rides and wish to leave immediately after the program. If you need a ride contact the Care Team, ulfcareteam@sunflower.com, or call Rev. Jill Jarvis.

Annual Winter Holiday Party. Our annual winter holiday party (for adults with childcare available) is scheduled for Sat. Dec 19, tentatively planned at the Fellowship at 7:30 pm. If you would like to help plan, decorate, arrange food and beverages, or help with set-up or clean up, please contact Betty Baron, 842-1728 or baronbetty@yahoo.com.

Claim your lost items! Things are accumulating at the fellowship. If you have lost something, please locate and claim it from the box in the basement on or before Nov 30. Everything will be removed and taken to the Social Services League store on Dec 1.

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 hot chocolate and several varieties of coffee. Contact Susan Harper or see the newsletter for more information.

UUSC Holiday Cards: UUSC Holiday cards (packs of 10 cards for \$10) are here and will be sold during coffee hour. Help the UUSC do its important work at the same time you find just the perfect card for your holiday greetings.

Community Care Team: The UFL Community Care Team is available to assist members and friends of the Fellowship. The Care Team's role 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. Contact the Care Team at ulfcareteam@sunflower.com or call Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816-853-6530.

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

Deadlines: Announcements – Thursday Evening at 5:00 p.m. *Send items to uflooffice@sunflower.com*
Newsletter articles-- Monday at noon. *Send items to ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com*

Fellowship Dates to Keep in Mind

Dec 2 Wed Eve Dinner, Vespers, Youth Group, Adult Classes, Choir

Dec 5 Parents' Morning Out

Dec 9 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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