

WEEKLY NEWS

January 6, 2009

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

E Pluribus UUum: One Fellowship, Sundays for All

Our two Sunday morning events - the 9:15 Service and the 10:45 Program - represent the combined creative efforts of the Program Committee and Spiritual Celebration Team to present meaningful events that differ in tone yet complement each other. Both are a vital part of our Fellowship's weekly coming together in community.

Join **Lynne Bodle**, Program Committee Chair, and Rev. **Jill Jarvis**, Consulting Minister, for an intriguing Sunday morning role reversal. **The 9:15 Service** will feature Lynne's reflection on the long history of our Program, and its importance to the life of the Fellowship. At the **10:45 Program**, Jill will provide insights into the meanings, methods, and occasional madness of creating our Sunday services.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 10:45: A Celebration of the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 10:45: More Alike than Different:

A Comparison of Judaism and our UU Heritage.

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January Agency of the Month: The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund

The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund was established to promote reproductive health to women in Kansas and provide financial assistance for women in need of emergency pregnancy termination. The Fellowship has long supported this fund during a period of time when resources needed for reproductive health care and pregnancy termination have been severely diminished. More recently the Fund has also been used for emergency contraception.

The underlying goal in communities served by the Peggy Bowman 2nd Chance Fund is to provide reproductive health care education and information, as well as to expand health care services. Financially challenged women are especially vulnerable because of their lack of access to education, information and care including pregnancy termination when needed.

Sunday, January 11, Sylvie Rueff, long-time advocate on behalf of women needing pregnancy terminations and a strong supporter of reproductive freedom and reproductive health with the Peggy Bowman Fund, will be at the Fellowship. She will provide a brief overview of the Peggy Bowman Fund and will be available for conversations with us over coffee.

The Peggy Bowman Fund complements and works closely with Planned Parenthood in serving the emergency health and reproductive needs of women in Kansas.

January 22 is the anniversary celebration of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortions. There will be a major event at the State House in Topeka on that day sponsored by Planned Parenthood and advocates for reproductive health care for women. The LUF Social Action Committee will organize transportation to and from the day's event for Fellowship members. Watch for further announcements.

Ministerial Search Committee

The ministerial search committee is currently preparing a questionnaire that we would like everyone to fill out. The questionnaire will be available in the foyer on Sunday, January 11 and January 18. Copies will also be available at the Wednesday night suppers.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to find out how members of the Fellowship think the minister should spend his/her time.

A minister can make a variety of contributions to a Fellowship, such as personal counseling, visits to hospitalized members, Sunday morning services, assisting with fund raising, working to promote growth in the Fellowship, etc.

Since our new minister will be only half time, the search committee feels we should prioritize our expectations so that the new minister can accomplish our goals in a 20-hour work week. Thus we are asking members to assist us by identifying how they think the minister could best spend his/her time and energy.

The questionnaire also has space for any additional comments. Also, feel free to contact members of the search committee: Ellen Reid Gold, Helen Gilles, Chris Brown, Mark O'Lear and Donna Swall.

Scrip Sales Team Breaks All Records!

The Fellowship Scrip fund-raising program had a banner year in 2008. Gross sales and net profit were up a whopping 63% over 2007:

Gross Scrip sales for 2008: \$105,270 (was \$64,740 in 2007)

Net profit to UFL for 2008: \$6,034 (was \$3,687 in 2007)

Thanks to all of the Fellowship members and friends who made this happen. Let's try to set another record in 2009!

If you are not familiar with how the Scrip program works, here's a brief primer: every Sunday in the Fellowship lobby area, UFL sells scrip (gift cards and paper certificates) for four local grocery outlets: Checkers, Dillons, Hy-Vee, and The Merc. You buy the scrip at face value, and spend it at face value at the stores. Since UFL gets the scrip at a discount (5 or 6 percent), each \$100 worth of scrip results in a profit of \$5 or \$6 to the Fellowship.

The scrip may be used for anything in the stores, including at the gasoline pumps at Dillons and Hy-Vee! Since you are going to buy groceries and gasoline on a regular basis, why not benefit the Fellowship by buying and using UFL scrip?

The Scrip team (Joe Gant, Chris Redford, Marcel Harmon, John Roper)

Ribbons

What are these and Where did they come from?

Have you noticed those bright, satin ribbons attached to the hymnals? Have you wondered how they got there or what they are for? Under the direction of Heather and Martin Coffman, the children who attend the 10:45 Program created them to aid in the page marking of upcoming hymns and readings. How it works:

- 1) Arrive at UFL on Sunday morning and smile,
- 2) make your way eventually into the Service or Program, receiving your Order of Service on the way,
- 3) settle in to a seat and locate the closest hymnal on the lower rack of the seat in front of you,
- 4) use ribbons to mark the hymns and readings as listed in your Order of Service,
- 5) replace your hymnal, recycle your Order of Service or save it for your personal files, AND
- 6) enjoy the company of our friends, family, and guests in the reception hall.

Religious Education Committee Meeting January 12

Visitors are welcome to submit agenda items and join the Religious Education Committee meeting on January 12 at the home of Carol Eades Delnevo. Potluck dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. Children are welcome. RSVP to Carol at askeades@aol.com or 856-9165.

WEDNESDAY EVENING IS FOR EVERYONE!

We want YOU for Wednesday evenings. Here is a partial list of our class offerings beginning January 21. Dinner is at 5:30 with classes for one hour following at 6:30. We meet weekly with the exception of board-meeting nights. Some classes chose to meet at 6:30 during choir practice on that evening. That is decided by the individual group.

John Brewer is offering a class based on a PBS documentary on the Supreme Court (a DVD will be used). The four sessions will be divided into at least eight classes. They are: One Nation Under Law; A New Kind of Justice; A Nation of Liberties; and The Rehnquist Revolution. This is an 8-week commitment. There will be downloads if you have to miss a session so you don't get behind.

We will be offering another Evensong, this one for adults. Some of the topics covered will be Religious and Spiritual Experiences, The Divine, The Human, and many others. The facilitator for this is Lara Wilson. She would love to have someone join her in this position. This class will not meet on the second Wednesday because of choir practice.

Marilyn Roy will lead a book club on a once-a-month basis. This will be pleasure reading and will involve a new book each month. The group will choose which night to meet, as well as, the book to read and discuss.

Judy Wilson will conduct a five-week class entitled, Articulating Your UU Faith. This is for all of you who don't know what to say in answer to the question, "What is a Unitarian?" This class will not meet on the second Wednesday because of the board meeting.

In addition, there will be special once-month discussions led by Forrest Swall and the Social Justice Committee and these dates will be announced the week before, along with the topic for discussion.

Ross Duffy will continue his group on Science and Culture. See him or e-mail him for further discussion about joining that class.

NEW CLASS ALERT! The Wednesday Evening Team has added a class to its upcoming schedule. Lisa Hallberg and Aileen Dingus will be offering a class in Pysanka. This is the art of Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating. Come find out more about it or for information contact Aileen. This looks like a fun class with a great ornament to take home for Easter.

Watch this space for more five to eight week programs. Sign up sheets will be available every Sunday until January 18.

Please help out on Wednesday evenings by signing up to bring food. The only thing you need to do is fix something and have it at UFL by 5:15. We have the following categories: Main course, either Vegetarian or with meat or chicken to feed about 30 people; salad for a crowd; fruit and cookies or some other dessert for lots of people. Remember we have kids to feed, too. They seem to like dessert best. All cooks are reimbursed for items used, just bring you receipts. This is a fun way to get involved. We also need cleanup help from 6:30 to when we are finished; the more who volunteer the faster you get out. We have a dishwasher that handles some of the work. Call or e-mail Judy Wilson if you can help us. Thanks.

How does a Fellowship Talk about Money? January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Come participate January 14 with a panel of Fellowship members Carol Delnevo and Lynne Bodle to explore our attitudes about service, money and the Fellowship. How do we wish to be informed and approached about finances in the Fellowship? How do we recognize achievement and celebrate our contributions of service and money? What are hot button terms and approaches to financial topics? What are our concerns about money in the current economic environment? What have been our previous experiences with money and religious organizations?

These are some of the questions that will be considered in the panel discussion Wednesday evening, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., following the Wednesday 5:30 dinner. Please come and bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

For the upcoming intergenerational MLK-related service on January 18, I need your help!

If you have a moment, please email me your experiences and/or thoughts regarding the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's, the Gay Rights Movement in the 1970's, the Immigrant Rights movement, the Homeless Rights movement, the Suffrage movement... any social justice kind of rights thoughts you have. I am going to do my best to work personal experiences into the service, in order to "bring it home" so to speak. Thanks for your help! --*Aileen Dingus* aileen@flyingdingii.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Let us know about community events that would be of interest to UFL newsletter readers. We will include them in the UFL Weekly News as space permits. -- ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Policy Notice

In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please check the Fellowship website (<http://uuf1.net>) for cancellation notice or call the Fellowship at 842-3339, where the answering machine message will indicate whether Fellowship events have been cancelled. In the event of cancellation, notices or phone messages will be posted at least an hour prior to the event. For other committee meetings or small group activities, please contact the chair or host of the event.

Fair Trade Coffee - Triple Good to the Last Drop!

On Sunday morning, Fair Trade Coffee is on sale after the service and the program. "Fellowship Blend" is \$8.00 per pound and decaf is \$8.50 (lower than store price.)

No Salt Or De-icer on New Concrete

To prevent our new concrete surfaces from spalling and crumbling, we must strictly refrain from using any salt or de-icer on them this first winter. Please observe this important precaution. And, if necessary, please assist the B&G crew as they work hard to assure our safety this winter. - *Graham Kreicker*

(**Spall**: to break up or reduce by or as if by chipping with a hammer: to break off chips, scales or slabs..)

Using our New Sanctuary/Meeting Hall

Chairs: The fire code specifies that we must maintain aisles four feet wide along the sides and in the center. The chairs are aligned with that in mind. From front to back the rows are arranged so that a vacuum cleaner may be run between them.

Hymnals: Hymnals are placed in the book rack under the back of every other chair, starting in the center aisle and working to the outsides. So, each row has four hymnals on the left side (as you face the front) and three hymnals on the right side. Please replace the hymnals after you remove the order of service or program. The paper should be deposited in the basket near the door on your way out. Those in the very front row should place the hymnals under their seats, as there is no row in front of them. All others should place the hymnals under the chair in front of them.--*Graham Kreicker*

Recycling Opportunity

Help Slow Climate Change - Recycle Aluminum and Plastic

Thanks to Mark Larson and the Social Action/Social Justice Committee, UFL has a convenient place to recycle all plastics (including plastic bags, clamshell plastic containers, plastic packaging, Styrofoam, plastic toys, etc.) and all aluminum (including cans, pie plates, aluminum foil, etc.). Specially marked recycling containers, one for aluminum and one for plastic, are now beside the yellow dumpster. When recycling, please keep aluminum and plastic recyclables separate—with plastic bags separated from other plastics. Contact Mark with any questions about recycling an item. He notes 95% of the energy used to make aluminum, and 65% of the energy used to make plastic can be recovered by recycling. This is a great "green" opportunity and the aluminum recycling will be a modest fundraiser for the Fellowship.

You can also take aluminum and plastics to 12th and Haskell for recycling. Then, if you want to contribute money from aluminum to UFL, write on the ticket: "donation to Unitarian Fellowship", and save the yellow copy for me. - *Mark Larson*

The UU Historical Society has announced an award for an original historical essay written by youth ages 12-19. Deadline is Feb 1, 2009. Details at their website: <http://www25.uua.org/uuhs/>

Peace vigils continue at the Douglas County Court House on Saturdays at noon.

UFL Office Hours

Monday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Newsletter Items Wanted: The deadline for submission is noon Monday

Send your articles for the Newsletter to ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

Saturday, January 10 *We serve at LINK*

Wednesday, January 14 *Wed night dinners resume 5:30*

Panel Discussion, "How Does a Fellowship Talk about Money?"

Board meeting 7:30

Wednesday, January 21 *Wed night dinner 5:30; classes resume 6:30*

Sunday, January 25 *Board and Committee Chair Roundtable, noon*

For a more detailed listing of Fellowship events, please see the calendar on our website at <http://uufll.net/calendar.htm>.

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