

Sunday, February 7

9:30 a.m. Service

"Living the Principles"

As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we agree to affirm and promote seven principles, but what does that mean to us as individuals? How do you apply your values in your daily life? How can we use our understanding of these principles to effect real change in the world? We've asked some members how they apply the principles in their lives. Please join us on Sunday to hear their reflections on the difference our principles can make.

9:30 a.m. RE "Souper" Bowl this Sunday, Feb. 7th! Children (5 and up) are invited to join us this Sunday, Feb. 7th as we collect items for the food pantries again this year. We'll meet at UFL at 9:30 a.m., carpool to the Dillon's on 23rd St., and ask shoppers to consider adding a few items to their list to donate. We'll return to UFL by noon. Parents are welcome to pick children up from the store earlier or UFL after the Program. Children under 5 are welcome if a parent can come along as well. Depending on the weather, we will either be outside or just inside the doors, so be sure to dress warmly. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Donna Eades at donnaeades@sunflower.com.

11:00 a.m. Program

"Collaboration between the ECM and the UFL"

Thad Holcombe, director of the Ecumenical Christian Ministries of KU will share with us the history of the ECM, its mission, and ways we can collaborate with them in serving KU students of many faiths.

2:30 p.m. William Baker Festival Singers--our Concert Series event (see more information on p.2)

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Wednesday Night February 3

Food, Fun, and Friendship--Everyone's Invited!

5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner *(Thank you to Judy Wilson, the 'master chef' for this week)*

Brisket * Scalloped Potatoes * Minestrone Soup

Salad * Relish Tray * Fruit * Cookies

Mac 'n' Cheese Hot Dogs

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30 – 8:30

6:30 p.m. Adult RE Classes:

- 'Exploring Membership'
- 'What If? Works of Alternate History'
- 'The Bible is a City'

also Craft Night (see p. 3 for more information)

6:30 p.m. Youth Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

New Member

A warm welcome to new member *Janette Michaels*, who signed the UFL membership book last Sunday. Congratulations!

New Baby

Silas Evan Long was born January 22, 2010, measuring 21 inches and 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Congratulations to parents Craig and Jordinn Nelson Long and big brother Soeren. A warm welcome to our newest child (observed sleeping through much of last Sunday morning's events).

Long-Range Planning Committee Meetings begin this Wednesday

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. A newly formed Long-range Planning Committee (LPC) will work with Fellowship members over the next few months to develop a new long-range plan for 2011-2015. The LPC meets on first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Founders' Hall starting February 3, 2010. Meetings are open to interested Fellowship members or share your thoughts with any LPC member: *Ellen Reid Gold, LPC Chair; Stuart Boley, Donna Eades, Wolfgang Johanning, Nancy Jorn, Craig Long, Gordon Penny, Barbara Schowen, and Forrest Swall.*

Finance Committee Meeting--Saturday, February 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fellowship. Email stuartboley@hotmail.com for further information.

The Unitarian Chamber Music Series--this Sunday, February 7, 2:30 p.m.

The **William Baker Festival Singers of Kansas City** has been hailed by *The Kansas City Star* as "The best of the several volunteer choirs in the city..." The group is a 50-voice semi-professional chorus specializing in sacred a cappella classics and spirituals, in addition to masterworks for chorus and chamber orchestra. Now in its twelfth concert season, the metro Kansas City-based ensemble has enjoyed numerous triumphs through a tradition of ambitious concertizing, recording, touring, and broadcasting. This promises to be an unforgettable event! "Single ticket admission is \$5.00. Subscription series tickets for all four remaining concerts is \$20.00"

Getting to Know UU

Sunday, February 14, 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 9:30 service and the 11:00 program. Look for the "Getting to Know UU" sign in the sanctuary after the 9:30 service.

Save the Date, Saturday, April 17, and begin *now* to consider goods and services that you would like to contribute to our **annual FUNd-raising auction!** In the past, we have sold and bought items ranging from trinkets to trucks. Members have cooked meals, driven people to the airport, hauled furniture, sat for cats, offered concerts and computer consultations, and led special outings. The list is limited only by our imaginations. Our generous minister has already promised, once again, to donate to the auction a sermon, a week at her house in the Pyrenees, and a special basket of items from the market in France. If you would like to participate on the auction crew, please contact Betty Baron, baronbetty@yahoo.com, or 842-1728. If you know the location of the paddles and other auction paraphernalia that we used last year, please e-mail or call Betty. Do you have any unused items that might fit into the cloth tote bags all of us take to the grocery store with us? This year we would like to create a few "mystery bags," so we'll need some things, such as key chains, pens, notepads, gift certificates, flashlights, etc., to stuff into such bags. Watch for more details.

Another way to support the fellowship at no additional cost to you!! The Executive Board has approved the renewal of a project the Fellowship had some years ago which allows us to advertise the Fellowship on Kansas Public Radio (KPR) through a weekly underwriting announcement on KPR (made on Thursday or Friday each week). The announcements are paid for by your contributions to KPR which are processed through the Fellowship. *This is how it works:* Many Fellowship members are regular financial contributors to KPR. If you are one of these, all you have to do is make your contribution by writing your check to the Fellowship and noting KPR on the memo line. The Fellowship then sends your money to KPR in the form of payments for our underwriting announcements. KPR gets your contribution and we get the advertising, something we cannot otherwise afford. If you plan to support KPR this year, please consider doing it this way. Since we will be billed monthly by KPR we'd appreciate knowing soon the amount of your planned contribution and when you will make it, so that we will know what our funding will be. Copies of a form for providing the information we need are being placed on the side counter in the greeting lobby. If you have any questions, contact Earl Nehring--843-2277 or earln@sunflower.com.

First Wednesday at the Fellowship is Craft Night!

Come one! Come all! Meet us in the social hall! Do you like to cut and paste? Glue things together? Fiddle with Yarn? We won't discriminate against any crafts. We'll see you there. 6:30 in the Social Hall on the First Wednesday of the Month, starting February 3rd. Contact Susan Rickman at susan@heidrickman.com if you have any questions.

Become a PSD Chalice Lighter

Help start new congregations in the Prairie Star District. Help build or expand UU facilities in the district. You can do this by responding to 3 calls a year with a donation of \$10 or more.

How? Look for the glossy black & white flyers in the lobby, fill out the form and mail!

Note: We owe our wonderful sound system to a Chalice Lighters grant.

Second Annual Fabulous Fellowship Follies



Save the Date!

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Dinner, Entertainment, Celebration, Fun for All Ages

5:30 Social time, appetizers, various beverages

6:15 Sit-down, served dinner

7:30 The Follies--and more.

Special meal and activities for children; Childcare provided (Mandee will be one of the sitters)

Watch this space for more and more details and clues

Expect an invitation in February

New Art in our Gallery for February

Local artist Linda McKay is our featured artist for February. Her works will be on display in our gallery starting this week and continuing throughout the month.

Yearly Tax Letter

Expect this annual report soon in the mail. It is a computer-generated record of the contributions you have made to and through the Fellowship for 2009 and comes to you from our treasurers.

What is COSM?

The Committee on Shared Ministry (COSM) was formed in November 2009 with an initial meeting which included our Prairie Star District Executive Nancy Heege. As our Fellowship grows and develops, COSM will -- in the words of Pacific Northwest District Unitarians-- “track the heartbeat of ministry within the congregation.” With the overall purpose of supporting and enhancing the specific UFL ministries that touch the lives of our members and the larger community, our tasks will include supporting human relations and communication, conflict management, regularly evaluating ministerial initiatives, and fulfilling our congregational responsibilities to our minister. As Rev. Jill Jarvis moves toward her final Fellowship process with UUA, we will serve as friendly evaluators for Jill, providing constructive criticism and facilitating communication between Jill and our congregation, committees and staff. Finally, we will be supporters of congregational life, ready to listen to others’ observations as we continue to move forward together. Committee members are *Martin Coffman (co-chair), Jean Dirks (co-chair), Carol Eades Delnevo, Peter Graham, and Steve Lee*. You are welcome to contact any of us, by phone or at Sunday coffee or Wednesday evening dinners. Or you can e-mail uflcosm@sunflower.com, and your e-mail will be forwarded to all committee members.

Meet and greet friendly UUs while helping out in the kitchen.

If you enjoy Sunday coffee or Wednesday meals, please consider signing up to help in the kitchen one Sunday per month. You will be paired with an experienced kitchen worker. Look for the sign-up sheet near the coffee pots.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS --- From the Social Action Committee

Community Connection for February is the Lawrence Peace and Justice Coalition

(LCPJ). LCPJ is a group of diverse individuals actively committed to the promotion of peace and justice in our community and the world since 1976. Fellowship members are invited to get acquainted with LCPJ activities and join the commitment to peace. The coalition sponsors lectures, workshops and event designed to educate the community and maintain awareness of the inhumanities of war. The Fellowship has been an active participant in the Coalition for a number of years promoting participation in the weekly peace vigils with a number of our members standing with others in the community. LCPJ events and announcements are updated regularly at www.lcpj.org. To contribute, make a check out to the *Fellowship, with LCPJ on the memo line*.

LCPJ Plans for February include:

Candlelight vigil the night after 1,000 deaths in Afghanistan. As of February 1st 975 American soldiers have died. The number of Afghanistan deaths is not reported. The vigil is likely to occur at the end of February or the beginning of March. Email notices will be mailed.

Peace Monitor, the LCPJ newsletter will be published in February. Copies will be available at the Fellowship. Fellowship members may submit items, due this Friday, February 5.

Non-Violent Communications Workshop, Monday February 8, 2010, 6:30 to 9 pm at the ECM, 12th and Oread. Learn how to relate compassionately in thought and words. The Workshop will be led by Vicki Penner. Register at ecm@ku.edu or call 843-4933.

Peace Vigils Continue, every Saturday at noon, 9th and Massachusetts. The Lawrence Journal World listed the Peace Vigil as one of the honorable mentions on the “Bucket List” of the “10 things you must do in Lawrence.” Come and join the faithful few, make a public stand for peace.

SUMMARIES

January 24, 2010, 9:30 a.m. TALENT, TOLERANCE, TRANSFORMATION: BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY--Rev. Jill Jarvis spoke of ministry. We do not have a ministry that belongs to just one person; instead ours is a shared ministry where we pool our resources and our labor, to work together, and in so doing, we learn about others, **and** about ourselves. Ministry changes us. In Jill's words, "our faith tradition is not one of solitary contemplation, but of engagement in the world. It is work (and play!) we do together, contributing our many diverse gifts to build a community living out our highest aspirations and deepest values." Today, we heard why some of our members do what they do in the Fellowship, and learned about our new Committee on Shared Ministry. And in a joyous moment, we welcomed new members who have joined since May 10, 2009: *Joshua Petersen, Kristen Metcalf, Greg Osterhaus, Carine Ullom, Tim Dingus, Sarah Bodle, Ashley Strand, Gordon Penny, Nancy Baker, Ben Dillon and Laura Weaver.*

Jan. 31, 2010, 11:00 a.m. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FARMING IN THE KAW VALLEY
Our speaker **Della Hadley** is a farmer's daughter, ex-politician, Unitarian, and historian of farm life. In 1907, Della Hadley's grandfather A. K. Hayden moved into the tenant home on the land owned by Mrs. Charles Robinson in North Lawrence. (Charles Robinson, the first governor of Kansas, was one of Kansas' early Unitarians.) In later years, Della and her four sisters grew up helping work on the family farmland in North Lawrence. Farming was a gamble, what with too much or too little rain, and corn prices that oscillated from 30 cents to \$1.50 per bushel. Today, Kansas farming has been transformed by machinery, genetically modified seeds, chemical fertilizers, pesticides/herbicides, no-till farming, and crop rotation between corn, wheat, and soybeans. Government subsidies – which help farmers in the bad years – have been very valuable. Della, on behalf of her sister Pauline Nunemaker, urged us to remember that "corn is not the enemy" and that we should not desert traditional farming in favor of a too-hasty rush to organic farming. --
Summaries by Jean Dirks

REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Policy Notice

In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please check the Fellowship Web site (<http://www.uufl.net>) for cancellation notice or call the Fellowship at 842-3339, where the answering machine message will indicate whether Fellowship events have been canceled. 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.

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. Care Team Coordinators are Beth Chao and Donna Swall. Contact the Care Team at uflcareteam@sunflower.com or call Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816-853-6530. See details at http://www.uufl.net/comm_care_team.html

Office Hours for Rev Jill Jarvis: Rev Jill Jarvis has office hours on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., by appointment.

Wednesday Night Classes

"Sign up for classes on the sign-up sheets in the Social Hall or by e-mailing Rebecca Gant at

rkgant@hotmail.com." The classes are listed below; previous newsletters have details about each.

Exploring Membership Class

Class will be led by Rebecca Gant and Silke Johanning and will meet Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the Wollstonecraft room.

What If? Works of Alternate History

This class will be led by Ted Wilson and held in the Library on the first Wed. of each month, February 3, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

World Religions Book Group

This class will meet in the Library on the fourth Wed. of each month, January 27, February 24, March 24, and April 28 and is facilitated by Susan Rickman.

The Bible is a City: A Personal View

This class will be led by John Brewer and will meet Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 17, and 24 in the Alcott room.

Talking with Your Kids about Sex: Beyond Biology

Rebecca Gant will facilitate the discussion. Please read part one before the first meeting. Used books are available at amazon.com, or contact Rebecca at rkgant@hotmail.com to borrow a copy. Group will meet March 31 and April 21 in the Library.

A Short History of the Way We Eat Now

Class will be led by Jennifer Dropkin and will meet March 24th and 31st, April 21st and 28th in the Alcott room.

The Pagan Aspect

This class will be a discussion group focusing on pagan beliefs and practices. It will meet February 17 and April 21 in the Sanctuary and will be led by Martin Coffman.

Youth Group

The youth will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00p.m. in the Emerson Room except on Board Meeting nights, when they'll be preparing the meal and then joining in the Movies and Barn Dances.

Deadlines:

Announcements – new!!! **Wednesday evening; not Thursday.** Send items to uflooffice@sunflower.com

Newsletter articles-- Monday at noon. Send items to ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

Fellowship Dates to Keep in Mind

- Feb. 3** **Wednesday Night Dinner (5:30 p.m.) and Activities**
- Feb. 3, Wed** **Long Range Planning Committee (6:30 pm)**
- Feb. 6, Sat** **Finance Committee (9:30 a.m.)**
- Feb. 7, Sun.** **Concert Series--Wm. Baker Festival Singers of KC (2:30 p.m.)**
- Feb. 10, Wed.** **Board Meeting**
- Mar. 6, Sat.** **Fabulous Fellowship Follies**
- Apr. 17, Sat.** **Auction**

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