

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
February 16, 2010

Sunday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Service Spirituality, Science and Experience Susan Harper

Drawing upon deep personal experience and upon the recent book “Fingerprints of God, the Search for the Science of Spirituality” by NPR reporter Barbara Bradley Hagerty, we will explore the nexus of spiritual and holy experiences with scientific research. The service will conclude with a time for questions and sharing.

11:00 a.m. Program Senator Marci Francisco, “An Inside Look at the Current Legislative Session.” Senator and UFL member Francisco will give us some insights into the issues facing the Kansas legislature during the current session. Come prepared to hear a thoughtful and thorough presentation on some of the very difficult problems facing our legislature and the people of Kansas.

Wednesday Night February 17

Food, Fun, and Friendship—Everyone’s Invited!

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Ham and Beans * Cuban Black Bean Soup (vegetarian)
Corn Bread * Fruit Salad * Green Salad
Mac 'n' Cheese * Hot Dogs * PB & J
Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free
Child Care 6:30-8:30

Thanks to Rebecca Gant, our 'master chef' for this week

6:30 p.m. Adult RE Classes:

'Exploring Membership

The Pagan Aspect'

The Bible Is a City'

6:30 p.m. Youth Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir

Note: for reminders and more information about Wednesday night classes, please see previous newsletters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Invitation to the Follies



Come Celebrate!



at the

Second Annual Fabulous Fellowship Follies

*Join us for a Fascinating Fundraising evening, featuring the ever-Festive UFL chorus
(Broadway music and lyrics with a twist)
Savor a Fruitful evening of delicious Fare and Flowing beverages*

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence 2010-2011 Operating Fund Campaign Kick-Off

Saturday, March 6, 2010

5:30pm	Founders Hall Social
6:15pm	Fabulous Feast served in the Sanctuary
7:30pm	Follies and Fun

Children's dinner, activities, and childcare provided

Please Reply (yes or no) by email or phone to the office* no later than February 26 with:

- 1) Name, number of adults, number of children (and their ages)
- 2) If you prefer a vegetarian or vegan meal or have other special diet requests
(all available with advance request)
- 3) If you'd like a ride or can provide a ride

*uflooffice@sunflower.com or 785-842-3339



Help Wanted! Please join the staff in the kitchen for the March 6 Fellowship Follies. We need several people from 3:00PM until the meal is served. We also need volunteers to wash dishes and help with general kitchen clean up work. We also need a couple of people to help with the children's meal. It would be earlier and they could join the main party for dinner and entertainment. On Friday evening we will need some people to help with the table set up. Please help make this an enjoyable event for everyone. Notify Judy Wilson if you can help. jwilson@sunflower.com

Chamber Music Series

Next performance Sunday, February 21, 2:30 p.m. The KU Saxophone Quartet 1 is the most advanced of four saxophone quartets at KU and has been chosen to be part of KU's outreach program. It has been the recipient of the Downbeat Magazine student music awards as the Best Classical Chamber Music Group in the United States and Canada a total of five times throughout the past several years. John Boulton adds the following information: There is a common misperception that the saxophone, so strongly associated with the jazz era and big bands, is not a serious chamber music instrument. That is understandable, given the fact that it is not a standard member of the symphony orchestra. However, its invention in Europe in the 19th Century, well after all other instruments came to be, explains this. Its development parallels the symphonic band, of which it is an important member. European composers, as well as composers worldwide, have created a significant body of chamber music literature, augmented by arrangements of early composers such as Gibbons, Scarlatti, Bach and Beethoven. So, the saxophone has one foot firmly and permanently planted in serious "classical" chamber music while filling important roles in jazz. The most exciting part of being in a saxophone quartet is the tremendous versatility of programming, and this quartet plays all of these styles with ease.

A 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. Please pick up one of the small salmon-colored forms from the counter in the greeting lobby, fill it out, and place it in the collection box at the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, contact Earl Nehring--843-2277 or earln@sunflower.com.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS --- From the Social Action Committee

Our agency for February is the Lawrence Peace and Justice Coalition, www.lcpj.org, which sponsors lectures, workshops, and events to educate the community and increase awareness of the inhumanities of war. UFL members join others in weekly peace vigils. To contribute, make a check out to the *Fellowship*, with LCPJ on the memo line.

LCPJ Plans include:

A Candlelight vigil the night after 1,000 deaths in Afghanistan. Nearly 975 American soldiers have died in Afghanistan. The number of Afghan deaths is not reported.

Repeal of the Kansas Death Penalty; The Senate Judiciary Committee has voted to send the Legislation to repeal the death penalty to the full Senate for debate and action. UUA has a long-standing position calling for the elimination of the death penalty. More information is available on the Coalition's web page, <http://www.kscadp.org>

Copies of the **Peace Monitor, the LCPJ newsletter**, will be available at the Fellowship.

The Ecumenical Christian Ministries (ECM) Capital Campaign. On Feb. 7, the Rev. Thad Holcombe, campus minister at the ECM, provided an overview of programs involving students, as well as the community at large, and he described the capital campaign of \$850,000. The ECM has a long history of involvement with peace and justice issues. The SAC supports the decision of the Executive Board to contribute \$500 of the ECM's capital campaign. To support the ECM Capital Campaign, write a check to the UFL with ECM on the memo line. To leave the contribution open for either the LPJC or the ECM, note *Peace and Social Justice*.

JUST FOOD Sunday, February 21, this coming Sunday; bring non-perishable items to contribute to the increasing needs of residents and families in need of nutritional food

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.

The Prairie Star District Meeting will be held April 23-25 in Davenport, Iowa. The focus will be on creating multigenerational congregations, and we are hoping that individuals of multiple generations will be willing and able to attend the conference. The board has approved \$80 worth of support for one young person to attend. The deadline for registration is March 16. More information is available on the PSD Web site. Betty Baron is willing to collect the names of people interested in carpooling.

The General Assembly (June 23-27) will take place in Minneapolis, which is also near enough that we hope several of our members will attend. Check the UUA Web site for more information. Early in March we can expect details about registration and accommodations. In the meantime, if you're interested in going, let Betty Baron know.

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.

Art in our Gallery for February

Local artist Linda McKay is our featured artist. Her works will be on display in our gallery throughout February and March.

SUMMARIES

Feb 7, 2010, 9:30 a.m. LIVING THE PRINCIPLES

The service on the first three Unitarian Universalist principles was anchored by the choir's stunning rendition of "Somos el Barco" by Lorre Wyatt. ("The boat we are sailing on was built by many hands...we are the boat, we are the sea"). The first UU principle (the inherent worth and dignity of every person) was pivotal in Forrest Swall's life. Forrest described how he shifted as a young social worker to a more respectful attitude to single mothers on welfare, and how he and Donna later instituted family councils so that each of their children's voices could be heard. The second UU principle (justice, equity and compassion in human relations) contains the word *compassion*, which etymologically means "passion" and "with you in your suffering." For Marta Caminero-Santangelo, this principle embodies her passion to make the world a better place for the Mexicans who cross into the U.S. illegally. But the 2nd principle also applies to parent-child disputes over bedtimes and car keys, as Heather Coffman noted in her humorous reading of "Who says Unitarian Universalism's Principles are Easy?" by Meg Barnhouse.

The third UU principle (acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations) embodies much of our daily Fellowship activities, John Brewer noted. This ranges from Dinners for 8, to Sunday and Wednesday programming, Religious Odysseys, and our caring and concerns for one another. In the future, we hope to hear about the four other UU principles. –*Summary 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 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, Donna Swall, and Carine Ullom. To contact the Care Team, e-mail uflcareteam@sunflower.com or call Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530.

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

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.

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. 21, Sun. UFL Chamber Music Series, KU Saxophone Quartet 1
Mar. 6, Sat. Fabulous Fellowship Follies
Apr. 17, Sat. Committee Chair budget meeting (morning)
Apr. 17, Sat. Auction
Apr. 23-25 Prairie Star District Meeting
June 23-27 General Assembly

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