

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
January 5, 2010

Sunday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Service: *"Now Let Us Rededicate Ourselves"* -- Rev. Jill Jarvis with Heather Coffman

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter - but beautiful - struggle for a new world." Indeed, despite claims that we live in a post-racist society, the struggle continues. The Unitarian Universalist Association and member congregations are renewing and deepening commitments to forming multiracial coalitions, seeking diverse perspectives, cultivating anti-racist practices, and developing a sustainable road to justice. Join us for this service in honor of Dr. King and the dream he shared with millions, as we learn more about new UU initiatives and how we might all use our power to effect lasting change.

11:00 a.m. Program: *"The Siege of Vicksburg"*--Andrea Warren,

Ms. Warren, a former member of UFL and author of several books for children and other writings, will speak about her latest book, the story of 3 children at the siege of Vicksburg during the Civil War. We'll learn not only more about this event of the war and its repercussions, but also some of Andrea's experiences as she did research for this book.

Also, on **Jan. 17, Bill Tuttle**, former member, historian, and KU faculty member, will prod our memories of civil rights events here in Lawrence in celebration of Martin Luther King day.

Wednesday Night

Just a reminder, there will be no Wednesday night gathering this week. The Wednesday Night Committee and Jim Williams invite you to join them on Wednesday, Jan. 13th for dinner followed by a Barn Dance in Founder's Hall. Live music will again be provided by the wonderful band, *Prairie Acre*. All ages are welcome! Sign-up sheets for new classes will be available both Sunday morning and on the 13th. Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

LINK

For LINK this Saturday, Jan. 9, we still need 5 meat main dishes, to be delivered to the First Christian Church, at 10th and Kentucky, by 12:30 p.m. Please label dishes (on the foil or with a sign), for example, Tuna Noodle Casserole. But you don't know what to cook? No problem; check out a recipe on the UFL Web site under LINK, for an easy cheesy chicken, noodle, broccoli casserole that serves 20, or for a beef and noodle dish. Meatloaf is always popular, too. Can you help? We also need a couple of additional volunteers to serve and clean up afterwards. If you are willing to bring a dish, or to assist otherwise, please e-mail Susan at <mailto:tsbharper@sbcglobal.net>. If you've already signed up, thank you!

Getting to Know UU

Next Sunday, January 10, is "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, Jill Jarvis, and Valerie Roper, membership chair, between the 9:30 service and the 11:00 program. Look for the "Getting to Know UU" sign in the meeting hall after the 9:30 service.

Update: Minister's Discretionary Fund Collection: Because we had to cancel the Christmas Eve service, the board has approved the alternative date of Jan. 24, at the 9:30 service, for this special collection. Checks should be made out to the UFL, with MDF in the memo line.

The UUSC Guest-At-Your-Table boxes

If you haven't returned the UUSC boxes yet, or simply a check, it's not too late! They can be collected until January 10, when we will send in the final tally of contributions. We continue to support the important work of the UUSC. The UUSC was our Community Connection for the month of December.

Wednesday Nights start again January 13!

Join us **January 13** for the first Wednesday Night gathering of 2010! Jim Williams will call and the band Prairie Acre will play for a lively **Barn Dance** for all ages. If you have not made it to a Barn Dance yet, please be sure to give it a try this time. It is a joy to see the youngest and oldest among us laughing and dancing together!

If you are interested in facilitating a class, please contact Rebecca Gant (rkgant@hotmail.com) or Michelle Iwig-Harmon (miwigharmon@sunflower.com) with your ideas. Thanks!

Wednesday Night Classes/groups Planned:

Watch for sign-up sheets for these groups, and a few others in the works, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights!

First Wednesday Book Group: Ted Wilson will continue a once a month book group on Feb. 3 titled "What If? Works of Alternate History."

Fourth Wednesday Book Group: Note this class is changing from the third Wed. to the fourth Wed. Susan Rickman will continue to facilitate a once a month book group beginning Jan. 27, centered on Huston Smith's, The Illustrated World's Religions: A Guide to Our Wisdom Traditions.

We are considering options for another class led by **Jill Jarvis**, so be on the lookout for a short survey to help us determine which option will be interesting to the most people.

The Bible is a City: A Personal View, by John Brewer will be a four week class meeting Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 17, and 24. Like any ancient, large city, the Bible has interesting neighborhoods, some good and some bad. As our tour guides and body guards, we'll use Isaac Asimov's Guide to the Bible and the introductory chapters of the Interpreter's Bible. Discussion encouraged. No book purchase required or suggested.

Rebecca Gant will facilitate a two-session discussion of the book: **Sex and Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking Sense About Sex**. Do you find yourself a little uncomfortable when the topic of S-E-X comes up around your children? Would you like to have more meaningful conversations with your kids to pass along your values in our sex-saturated society? Written by a long-time sexuality educator, the book is divided into two sections: a section titled "New Ways of Thinking and Talking," and the second, titled "Raising Sexually Healthy Children." It is full of research-based and anecdotal information about sexuality, and encouragement for parents as they have those difficult but crucial conversations. Exact dates to be determined.

Youth: The youth will meet weekly from 6:30-8:00 p.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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS --- From the Social Action Committee

Community Connection. Our January collection is for the Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund. *The fund assists women who need access to a full range of reproductive health care, including abortions.* The Fellowship has contributed to the Second Chance Fund for the past six or eight years. As with our past practice, Fellowship members may contribute by making checks out to the *Fellowship, with Second Chance on the memo line.*

Roe v. Wade Celebration Thursday, January 21. Mark your calendar and plan now to join the Roe v. Wade celebration in Topeka. The meeting will open with an ecumenical service and speakers from the religious community. The Dillon House, two blocks from the Capitol building, has been reserved for lunch with legislators. Individual meetings with legislators will take place both before and after lunch. Jill is working with Rev. Lisa Schwartz in Topeka to promote participation from our UU SCORE congregations. *Watch for more details.*

Peace Vigil Every Saturday Noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of 9th and Mass., even through the wintry Saturdays of January and February.

SUMMARIES

December 13, 2009 Our Annual Mitten Tree Celebration



REMINDERS

Time Change. Our services are now beginning at **9:30 am** and end at **10:30 am**, and our programs start at **11 am** ending 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, uflcareteam@sunflower.com.

Art This Month in Founders' Hall

We are pleased to feature the work of Lawrence artist, Karen Wiley. If any word describes Karen's art it would be EXPLORATION! Most of Karen's focus is on texture and color; her work is mainly abstract or geometric. Since she rarely starts with a specific idea or design, she has learned to have patience, searching for the textural effects that please her and discovering along the way that each layer of texture usually adds something positive to the final layer she has been looking for. Please be sure to check out this new display in Founder's Hall.

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: Beginning again on January 6, Rev Jill Jarvis will hold office hours on Wednesdays from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., by appointment.

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

Jan. 9 Finance Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 9 LINK

Jan. 13 Wednesday Supper (5:30 p.m.) and Activities

Jan. 13 Fellowship Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary

Jan. 23, Cornelia Fields -Memorial service, 11:00 a.m.

Jan. 24 Committee and Board Roundtable, 12:15 p.m.

**The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
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