

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence
WEEKLY NEWS
February 23, 2010

Sunday, February 28

9:30 a.m. Service

Infrequently Asked Questions

Rev. Jill Jarvis

As one of our favorite hymns says, "To question truly is an answer." We do a lot of questioning at UFL, but there are so many topics, and so little time! Many Unitarian Universalist ministers have a yearly tradition of "the Question Box Sermon," and this Sunday, Jill will bring that tradition to our Fellowship. Do you have a question you would like to ask? These may be theological issues, questions about Fellowship activities, professional ministry, Unitarian Universalism, those "hot potato" issues of congregational life -- use your imagination! The idea is to explore ideas and topics together. Jill will briefly answer questions to the best of her ability, and true to our Unitarian Universalist heritage, is happy to share her opinions with you.

11:00 a.m. Program *An Inside Look at the Current Legislative Session.* marci francisco.

State 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 24

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

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Meatloaf * Scalloped Potatoes

Salad * Relish Tray * Fruit

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

Suggested donation \$5 Children under 10 free

Child Care 6:30-8:30

Thanks to Della Hadley and Forrest Swall , our 'master chefs' for this week

6:30 p.m. Adult RE Classes:

'Exploring Membership

'World Religions

postponed - 'The Bible Is a City' postponed to Wed., March 3 (final class)

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

Fabulous Follies

Please reply now!

(deadline this Friday)

**You won't want to miss this show!
Be sure you are included!**

Broadway show tunes staged by our fabulous choir with original lyrics created by our own Jill Jarvis.

Served dinner featuring smoked brisket and cheesecakes with assorted toppings.

Special kids menu and activities and childcare.

Call or email the office: 785-842-3339 or <mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com?subject=RSVP> with

Name, no. of adults, no. and ages of children, special dietary requests, and if you'd like a ride.

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 plus a couple of people to help with the children's meal. Those people could

Women's "Final Friday" Night

The monthly women's group meets again! Look for announcements about "Final Fridays" on Facebook, in your Sunday bulletin, and in the weekly newsletter. This month all women are invited to UFL for an informal social Friday, February 26, at 6:30. There is no agenda, no theme, just the chance for us to spend some more time together and weave tighter relationships. Leave your cares, children, and significant others at home, and bring a goodie to share. Even if you can't make it this time, mark your calendar for the final Friday of each month.

If you are interested in hosting a future "Final Friday" women's group in your home, please contact Amerika Grewal at 813-1287 or amerikag@gmail.com



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

join the main party for dinner and entertainment. On Friday evening we will need people to help with the table setup. Notify Judy Wilson if you can help at <mailto:jwilson@sunflower.com>

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.

Updates from Graham Kreicker

Over the years, Graham shared with many of us the multitude of problems faced by his 83 year old cousin, Ruth Adkins. She passed away last Sunday afternoon. Graham's daughter, Kim, will be in California this week handling final arrangements. Our thoughts are with Graham and his family at this time.

Many have asked whether Graham actually ever arrived in Paraguay where he was planning to teach Business English. The answer is "yes," and here is a short excerpt from a communication received about a month ago:

“My main difficulty here is that I went from a very broad band to the slenderest of threads. I can use my computer from any place in Paraguay in which a cell phone call could be made. But, the speed of operation is only about 25% of what has been normal for me. To make matters worse, I was given free use of a cell phone for the duration of my stay. As texting is one tenth the cost of voice, I get swamped with messages and can't reply normally without assistance. At least I got the instructions in the phone switched over to English. So, we have a Yankee in Latin America using a cell phone designed in Finland, and built in Asia and featuring at least two languages that none of them speak. My challenge is to just learn to make it work. Tomorrow (Jan 21) I head to the Chaco, which starts out as forest, changes to savannah, then to scrub desert. It has been running 100 degrees the last few days and the Chaco is said to be worse. Local film buffs say I should expect a combination of "African Queen" and "Treasure of the Sierra Madre."

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 to 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 28, 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. To save on registration fees, you might want to volunteer to serve 20 hours at the GA. Starting March 1, you can volunteer online at uua.org/ga. Applications must be received at the UUA offices in Boston by March 31.

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.

REMINDERS

Inclement Weather Policy Notice

Because we had heard warnings of treacherous driving conditions, we canceled the service and the program on Sunday. By 7:45 a.m., we had an announcement on the Web site and on the telephone, as well as on Facebook. Nevertheless, some brave souls drove out to the Fellowship. By the afternoon, the weather seemed much less threatening. We went ahead with the Saxophone Quartet Concert and were well rewarded. We were sorry only that so many missed the fabulous musical and edible treats. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

Deadlines:

Announcements for the Sunday insert– **Wednesday evening.** *Send items to ufloffice@sunflower.com*

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

Fellowship Dates to Keep in Mind

Feb. 24	Wednesday Supper (5:30 p.m.) and Activities
Mar. 6, Sat.	Fabulous Fellowship Follies 5:30 Social 6:15 Dinner
Mar. 10	Board Meeting (6:30)
Apr. 17, Sat.	Committee Chair budget meeting (morning)
Apr. 17, Sat.	Auction
Apr. 23-25	PSD Conference, “Roots and Wings” in Davenport, IA
June 23-27	UUA General Assembly

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