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This Sunday, November 16, 2014

9:30 a.m. Program: "How Tenants to Homeowners Has Addressed the Need for Affordable Housing"

Robert Baker of Tenants to Homeowners, the only nonprofit Housing Trust in Kansas, will discuss their unique and often innovative approach to developing permanently affordable housing, as well as the need for local affordable housing partnerships.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service: "The Joy of Justice Work: Serving Immigrant Communities"

Our commitment to the worth and dignity of all people compels us to work to rectify social injustice and to serve those whose needs are not being met. But what is in it for us? Does this work need to be entirely altruistic? Lydia Diebolt, the Director of Centro Hispano, and Madina Salaty, an activist whose husband was deported, will discuss the nature and motivation of their work and the enrichment they receive from working for justice.

THANKSGIVING AT UFL Sunday, November 23

On November 23 we will be celebrating the season of giving thanks in several ways in our 9:30 a.m. Program, the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, and our Annual Harvest Feast at noon. Details follow.

November 23--9:30 a.m. Program

At 9:30 a.m., please attend the Program for a time of reflection about abundance and our obligation to share our abundance with those in need. Traditionally we have used this day as the "kick off" for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Guest-at-Your-Table program. We will be learning more about UUSC's work in the world and will be asking you to be thinking about what you can donate to this cause dear to the hearts of UUs everywhere. This year the national organizers are doing things a bit differently and are asking that we sponsor dinners at which donations can be made. We are planning to use the HARVEST FEAST, a tradition of our Fellowship, in this way. (There will not be the guest-at-your-table boxes to take home as we had for many years, but there will be envelopes for donations. Families can choose to collect funds and talk about the unseen guest at your table at mealtimes from Nov. 23 till Dec. 14 , returning the envelopes and placing them under the Mitten Tree if this will be more meaningful to your family.).

November 23--11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"Thanksgiving: A Homecoming" Rev. Jill Jarvis with Worship
Associate Lara Wilson**

Our lives are enriched by shared traditions, remembrances of cherished times together, gratitude for what has been and is yet to be. Join us to celebrate our living tradition and the rewards of building a Beloved Community where all are welcomed. To begin the service, friends and families will symbolically set a beautiful Harvest Table together, filled with memories and meaning.

November 23--Annual Harvest Feast

THERE WILL BE A POTLUCK HARVEST FEAST after the Worship Service, around noon. Everyone is invited. Signup sheets will be on the sideboard in the lobby and also online for the next couple of weeks. Help with setup and cleanup are needed; signup sheets are available for those needs, too, or talk to Carol Eades Delnevo to volunteer your help. This is a festive occasion for us, young and old alike, to share a meal and enjoy each other's company while we do what we can to help people around the world as well as here at home .

Upcoming 9:30 Sunday Programs

--**November 30:** Bob and Betty Lichtwardt will give their personal Odysseys Sunday November 30. They were members of the founding group of the UFL, and Bob was the first chair in 1958. They will tell about their earlier lives, how they became Unitarians, and the early days of the Fellowship.

--**December 7:** Burdett Loomis, from the KU Department of Political Science will talk on expectations for the new Kansas Legislature.

UFL NEWS

Scrip Sales Break Through at \$5,100 with \$306 to UFL!

Our Breakthrough Congregation staged a new breakthrough last Sunday with grocery & gas card sales of \$5,100 to yield \$306 for our UFL Treasury!

The record breaking sales volume will cost members nothing while providing a needed boost to our income. ***We urge all members and friends to get in the habit of buying the cards for all your holiday supermarket and gasoline purchases. They're convenient for you and vital to keeping us in the black!***

The Dahlia Trio at Unitarian Chamber Series

Sunday, November 30 at 2:30 p.m.

The Unitarian Chamber Series invites you to a performance by the Dahlia Trio, featuring Kelly Bohling, violin, Ellen Lind, cello, and Laura Hrivnak, piano, playing works of Clara Schumann and Ludwig van Beethoven, plus a special Ryan Woodhouse premier. Tickets are \$10 at the door.



“Bidder 70,” December 7, 1:00 p.m. at UFL

Our fellowship, in cooperation with Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, and Lawrence Ecological Teams United in Sustainability, is offering a *public screening of this powerful documentary film*. The film chronicles the climate-change activism of UU Seminary student Tim DeChristopher, who derailed a widely-protested federal oil and gas land sale, bidding millions of dollars to save thousands of pristine acres surrounding U.S. National Parks—with no intention of paying. Tim served two years in prison for this act of civil disobedience.

Suggested ticket donation is \$5, as a fundraiser for Kansas Interfaith Power & Light. Please visit our event page on facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/events/303449386516042/> and watch the trailer at <http://www.bidder70film.com/#!trailer/cxbx>. Info: Daniel Bontempo deb193@gmail.com.

Program Council Notes

The Program Council met on November 3.

--Discussion included an update from Graham Kreicker on the activities of the Stewardship Committee. Although Stewardship is now a year-round Committee under direct oversight of the Executive Board, the Program Council remains involved in scheduling and coordinating. Plans are coming along well for the annual stewardship drive.

--We discussed the challenges faced by the Wednesday Night Team in having enough cooking/cleaning up volunteers to continue a weekly dinner in the spring. The Program Council decided to provide a meal and cleanup in December and to **challenge every team and committee** to take a date in the winter/spring so we can maintain this important community- building activity for the entire Fellowship.

--Our sign in front of the Fellowship is now beautifully lighted, courtesy of the Building and Grounds Team. The elevator has been repaired and is fully operational. The idea of having additional seating in the lobby is being revisited.

--Our new website is up and running, thanks to the hard work of webmaster John Brewer. We are working toward promoting the rental of our building for weddings and events. This part of the website is currently under construction. Since this type of rental often happens by word of mouth, members are encouraged to mention UFL if friends or family are looking for a venue.

--The next Program Council meeting will be Dec. 8.

Submitted by Carol Eades Delnevo

Note on the November 2 Chamber Series performance by Veronique Mathieu

Many wonderful KU groups have performed on the Unitarian Chamber Music Series in the past few years, but the musicianship and talent of Veronique Mathieu, her students and of guest pianist Jasmin Arakawa were absolutely stunning! The program was diverse and well chosen.

The word "stunning" sums up the listeners' delight. We need more listeners!

John Boulton

SOCIAL ACTION SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Community Connections:

The Willow Domestic Violence Center and GaDuGi SafeCenter

This month's Sunday offerings will go to both Willow and GaDuGi (pronounced Gah Doo Ghee, with hard 'g' sounds).

--**Willow** strives to eliminate family and domestic violence in our community by providing safety, education, and advocacy through a safe house, 24-hour crisis hotline, support groups, and community education and outreach. Willow is dedicated to the empowerment of women and children; the creation of peaceful, safe space; the promotion of equality and respect for all people; the appreciation of differences, and the social action necessary achieve these goals. For more info: www.willowdvcenter.org

--**GaDuGi** provides 24-hour comprehensive victim-centered services for women, children and men affected by sexual violence for Douglas, Franklin, and Jefferson Counties. GaDuGi's mission is to work together with the community to provide service and strength and to cultivate well-being for all people affected by sexual violence. www.gadugisafecenter.org

JUST FOOD News

Each third Sunday of the month, we are reminded that it is never too late to help our area food bank. Needs are great and ongoing. Checks made out to UFL with Just Food in the memo line may be placed in the offering basket or in the box at the back of the room. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

ECM NEWS

Events at Our Partner Organization, the Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), 1204 Oread, 843-4933, ecmku@ku.edu

Wed., Nov. 12th

University Community Forum Noon-1 p.m. (optional meal served at 11:30 a.m.)

Matt Naylor, president and CEO of the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, will discuss "The Great War and Its Enduring Impact"

Faith Forum, 6:30-8 p.m. Continued discussion of how people of Abrahamic religions use religion to create peace.

For more information on ECM and its activities go to ecmku@ku.edu

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

For Wednesday, November 12

Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.



Lentil Soup, Chili, Chicken Salad, Taco Salad, Roasted Sweet Potato Salad, Bread and Tortillas for wraps, Fruit, Mac and Cheese/Hot dogs, Dessert.

Suggested donation \$5 Children 10 and under free

Many thanks to Michelle Iwig-Harmon and Denise Perpich for their cooking and clean up expertise!!

Clean up help is still needed... Everyone please pitch in...

Other activities for the evening:

Jill Take 2 (Library) Jill will facilitate a "Part Two" discussion class on her sermon this past Sunday "The Dynamic of the One and the Many." If you left Sunday ruminating more than usual or wishing you could ask Jill to clarify a point for you, then join her and other inquiring minds in our Library at 7!

Multigenerational Games (Social Hall) Teach a classic or learn a new game! Several board games will be set up in the Social Hall after the buffet line is cleared away.

Yoga for All (Founders' Hall) Annemarie and Kristen will help you find peace, stillness and happiness while increasing flexibility, strength and balance through the exploration of yoga postures, breathing techniques and philosophy. All are welcome; poses will be modified for every fitness level with props.

Choir (Sanctuary)



ONGOING and SPECIAL INTEREST

♀ **UNITARIAN WOMEN** will meet for a formal tea from **2-4 p.m. on Saturday, December 6**, at the home of Ellen Gold. Ellen says to get out your white gloves, your hats, and your dressy clothes as we begin the holiday season in style. All are invited!

MEN OF UFL gather together monthly for food, fun, and fellowship. ALL men are welcome and encouraged to attend! Questions? Contact Derek Ishmael: derek.ishmael@gmail.com (phone [785-979-1973](tel:785-979-1973)) Or Chris Brown: jcbrown66@me.com

Meditation Group

Sessions are held on the third Thursday of the month from **7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** in the UFL sanctuary. New and continuing participants are invited to attend the mindfulness meditation sessions.

UFL CLASSIFIEDS

Photographer Wanted

A person willing to take photographs of UFL persons and events to post on our new website. We also need permission from any person whose picture we use. Contact Ellen Gold e834@ku.edu.

Good Earth Gatherings UFL member Tamara Fairbanks-Ishmael and her mom, Twila Fairbanks, announce the opening of their new shop close to Lawrence, Good Earth Gatherings. Website: <http://www.goodearthgatherings.com>

Lawrence Red Tent's monthly gatherings offer women a time and a place to come together and create community. All women welcome. LawrenceRedTent@gmail.com

The **Kaw Valley Herbs Study Group** meets monthly to learn about herbs. Everyone interested in herbs is welcome. Next meeting is Tuesday, November 11th, at 7:00 p.m. Request monthly newsletter: herbstudygroup@gmail.com

CONTACT INFORMATION, OFFICE HOURS AND DEADLINES

Helping Hands Team: uflhelpinghands@gmail.com or call UFL office, 842-3339
This team provides short-term practical assistance, e.g., meals, respite, rides.

Transportation Line: 785-842-7529 (to UFL events or medical appointments)

Pastoral Care Associates: Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530 jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or Valerie Roper at 785-979-8339, or vgracev@sunflower.com

This team provides confidential listening for those experiencing bereavement, illness, unemployment, life transitions, aging, loneliness, etc.

Minister Office Hours

Rev. Jill Jarvis' hours are normally
Mon, & Wed. from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
However, it is good to contact her for
an appointment 816/853-6530 or
<mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com>

Deadlines: Announcements for
Sunday due **Wednesday noon**
Send items to
uflooffice@sunflower.com

Administrative Office Hours:

Tuesdays –Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Newsletter articles due **Monday at noon.**

Send items to
ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

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