UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP of LAWRENCE

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The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence

A Welcoming Congregation

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Sunday, May 12, 2013

9:30 a.m. Program: Mother's Day Program

Mothers are central to our lives and our memories. Please come hear this intriguing set of Fellowship speakers as we celebrate Mother's Day in speech and song. 1) Dave Fullerton, *"When my mother got angry at me for misbehaving;"* 2) Lilly, Ella and Maddy Pruitt; *"Playing with my mother;"* 3) Courtney Schwartzbeck, *"What I learned from my mother;"* 4) Melanie Oldfather will sing *"Children will listen;"* 5) Tristan Delnevo, *"What it's like having a mother who is a Fellowship leader;"* 6) Jean Dirks *"The fox sweater clips, and receiving and giving gifts."*

11:00 a.m. Spiritual Celebration: Annual Flower Communion - conducted by Members of the Spiritual Celebration Team

We will celebrate a tradition begun in 1923 in Czechoslovakia by Reverend Norbert Capek with readings, music, and reflection, along with the sharing of flowers. The Flower Communion is intended to symbolize the way in which, just as no two flowers are alike, so no two people are alike, yet each has a contribution to make to the community. Some flowers will be provided, but please bring flowers if you have any you wish to share.

We Serve at LINK on May 11

The Fellowship will be serving at LINK on May 11. Service is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and food and helpers need to be there by 12:30 (earlier if you'd like to help with set-up). As usual, we need about 16-18 meat dishes, each to serve 12-14 people, as well as two vegetarian dishes and one vegan. We also need at least 8-10 people to serve (the more the merrier), and 4-5 for cleanup (which starts during the meal itself). If you have never done this, we encourage you to come. It is a fun and rewarding experience! Veterans are welcome, too, of course. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the lobby beginning on Sunday, April 21. If you have questions or can't get to the Fellowship to sign up but would like to come, please contact the Fellowship's LINK coordinator, Ellen Sward, at 842-3078 or esward@ku.edu.

Memorial Services Saturday May 11

Memorial services have been scheduled for Howard Hardcastle, our minister Jill Jarvis's son, on Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. at All Souls UU Church 4501 Walnut St Kansas City, MO 64111. Cards for Jill and family are welcome and may be sent to her home. Memorial contributions may be sent to Gordon Parks School, at www.gordonparks.org or to Gordon Parks Elementary School, 3715 Wyoming, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

Sunday Morning Coffee!!

The Sunday Morning Hospitality Team has dates open for coffee and snacks. Please consider signing up if this is important to you.
May 19. no coffee;
June 2, no snacks and
June 9, 16 and 23, no coffee or snacks.
Contact Judy Wilson jwilson@sunflower.com or 785-887-6223
Thanks to those who have stepped up in recent weeks.
~*Sunday Morning Hospitality Team*

UFL Annual Meeting May 19, 9:30 AM with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting! This is a congregation-wide gathering in which we will hear a brief "State of the Fellowship" report and members may cast their votes for officers and an at-large member of the Executive Board, the proposed 2013-2014 budget, and proposed changes in the Bylaws. The meeting will begin at 9:30; you may register beginning at 9:00. Plan to arrive a bit early-- and if you cannot attend, please either pick up a proxy form from the counter in the lobby or from Craig Long or Valerie

Roper.

The proposed changes in the Bylaws are available at http://uufl.net/proposed-changes.htm.

The proposed 2013-2014 budget will be mailed to all members this week.

The slate of officers is as follows:
Chair-elect: To be announced
Treasurer: Nicole Wells
Secretary: To be announced
At-large Board member: Brita Matiatos-Calnon

New Director of Lifelong Learning

Bonnie Blosser was introduced at UFL on Sunday and will join us as our new Director of Lifelong Learning on June 3. She brings a diverse professional and personal background as an "organized program planner" and raised her children in the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. We welcome Bonnie and look forward to working with her to realize our vision of lifelong learning at UFL.
A big thank you to the members of the DLL Search Committee: Paul Calnon, Barb Thompson, Carol Eades Delnevo, Dick Schowen, and Jill Jarvis. *~Nancy Jorn, Search Committee Chair*

Party On!! Some Auction dinners still have room!

Some of the dinners and parties generously offered at the auction still have seats available. What a great way to have fun and help the Fellowship. There is something for everyone, so join us before all the spots are gone!. For more information or to sign up, please contact Shannon VanLandingham at shannyvan@gmail.com or 785-393-9778. All proceeds will support UFL through the Auction (our only fundraiser.)

"Dinner and Armchair Psychology" with Stacy Hutton and Simone Huls, June 8 ($40 per person)

"Road Rally and Potluck Dinner" with Rebecca and Joe Gant, June 29 ($20 pp)
"Texas Hold 'Em Evening and Steak Dinner" with Elle and Bobby Patton, July 6 ($40 pp)

"UU Themed Jewelry Making Party" with Rebecca Gant and Shannon VanLandingham, August 10 ($20 pp)

"Authentic Brazilian Dinner" children welcome with Denise Perpich and Chris Brown, August 17 ($40 per adult, no charge for children)

"MinuteTo Win It Party and Potluck Dinner", with Rebecca and Joe Gant and Brita and Paul Calnon, September 28 ($20pp)

"Valentine's Parents' Night Out" Childcare, dinner, and crafts provided by Barb Thompson and Lilly Wright Smith so you can have a romantic dinner. For kids aged 4-11, on February 14 ($20 per child)

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

May Community Connection: Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers supports parents of children birth to three as their child's first and most important teacher by providing home-based parenting education and support. The program helps parents give their young children the best start in life to prepare them to enter school ready to learn. Operated by the Lawrence school district, each locally donated $1 is matched by $1.54 in state education funds to expand the program's reach.

March Agency of the Month Collections Top $900!

Our March offerings were designated for LCPJ, the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice, and for ECM, the Ecumenical Campus Ministries, Although one Sunday morning was canceled due to weather, our generosity still prevailed. LCPJ received $150.00 and ECM received $810,57 Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Just Food

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 baskets or the box at the back of the room. Your gifts are appreciated.

Standing on the Side of Love T-Shirts

Now available between services on Sunday morning or check with Pennie Von Achen or Forrest Swall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Nights

We invite you to join us each Wednesday night for dinner, classes and groups. Being part of this small group opportunity is a great way to cultivate a deeper connection to the people you enjoy seeing on Sunday mornings! Dinner is from 6:00-6:45 p.m. for a suggested donation of $5, free for children 10 and under. Childcare is provided from 6:30-8:30.

As the season is winding down, now is a good time to start considering what you'd like to see offered next fall. Keep the ideas coming! We are especially in need of people to facilitate groups and classes. Please contact Michelle Iwig-Harmon at miwigharmon@sunflower.com.

Still ongoing are Youth meetings and the Craftarians (2nd and 4th Wed.s at 7:00 p.m.). For the Craftarians, just bring your project and enjoy fellowship as you work along-side others.

Dinner this Wednesday, May 8, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Judy Wilson's team is cooking. It will be a cookout with hamburgers, brats and hot dogs. The sides will be salad, baked beans (Veg.) and dessert. We will do veggie burgers on request and Mac&Cheese will be available.
Clean-up help is needed!

The last Wednesday dinner will be a potluck on May 15. Everybody, please bring a dish (meat, vegetable, salad, dessert, whatever your specialty is) to share!

Also: during the summer break we will be planning for the next cooking season: September 2013 to May 2014. We are looking for new people to join a cooking team, people to be guest chefs on a single date and who of the "oldies" are willing to continue. Please, think about it and contact me. More information will follow.

Thanks!! *~Silke Johanning*

FROM LAST WEEK

Announcing Second Annual Leadership 101 on Friday evening, June 7, and Saturday, June 8. Fun, Food, and Fellowship-- and a bit of governance :)

Here is your chance to make connections with other UFL members and learn how our fellowship governance works. The course will help you be an effective team or committee member, serve on the Executive Board, be a member of our Program Council, and even understand the Earl Chart. Attendees will get the chance to take the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Test and then figure out how to utilize your talents and those of others to solve complex problems. Unitarian Universalist governance depends upon active involvement of the members of the congregation. Leadership 101 is open to all UFL members and friends. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Rebecca Gant or the Leadership 101 Team at: uflleadership@gmail.com.

ONGOING

Art in Founders Hall

Watch the space in our Founders hall gallery for the next show!

Herbs Study Group

The Kaw Valley Herbs Study Group meets monthly to learn about herbs. $2 charge to cover costs. (KVHSG is a non-profit group; no charge for students). No pets. No children under 10. For newsletter & Updates: herbstudygroup@gmail.com

UU Pagans:

The Lawrence branch of CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) meets monthly. We practice earth-based spirituality, and we plan services for UUFL to celebrate the earth holidays, including the solstices and equinoxes. For more information: LawrenceCUUPS@gmail.com

REMINDERS

Dates to Remember

LINK May 11
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Deadlines

Announcements for Sunday due **Wednesday evening**.

Send items to ufloffice@sunflower.com
Newsletter articles due **Monday at noon**.

Send items to
ufl_newsletter@yahoo.com

Minister Office Hours

Office Hours: Rev Jarvis is at UFL most Monday and Wednesday afternoons, though may leave the office for outside appointments. To verify availability, it's recommended you contact her at jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or 816-853-6530.

Community Care Team

The UFL has a group of volunteers available to assist and support members and friends of the Fellowship during times of special need. Community Care Team Leaders are Laura Wilson and Kristen Spencer. To contact the Care Team, e-mail UFLCareTeam@gmail.com. You may also contact Jill Jarvis at jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or 816-853-6530.

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