



UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP of LAWRENCE

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**The Unitarian  
Fellowship of  
Lawrence**  
*A Welcoming  
Congregation*

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## Reminder:

**Chamber Series  
Concert this Sunday**

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## Sunday, January 27, 2013

### **9:30 Program: " Mid-West Leadership School: What We Got Out of MWLS and Brought Back to the Fellowship"**

For over a decade our Fellowship has been sending members to MidWest Leadership School at Beloit College. Join us at 9:30 to find out what the experience has meant to this year's attendees: Carol Eades Delnevo, Shannon VanLandingham, and Jordinn Nelson Long. *(Read more about MWLS on p.2.)*

### **11:00 Service: " Living an Ethic of Care " Rev. Jill Jarvis with worship associate Marta Camirero- Santangelo**

Each of us, from birth to death, is vulnerable to the ebbs and flows of life: the natural transitions, the randomness, the consequences of our own and others' choices. Paying attention to the moments of our lives is a spiritual practice best done in the context of a caring, affirming community. To live an ethic of care calls us not to act carelessly nor to abandon one another. It takes a village to sustain a soul.

### **2:30 p.m. UFL Chamber Series Concert The Mid-America Woodwind Quartet**

*(see next page for details)*

### **MidWest Leadership School**

For over a decade our Fellowship has been sending members to MidWest Leadership School at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. During the week's stay, they get to meet UUs from all over the Mid-West, take courses with lay scholars and ministers on UU history, leadership skills, congregational governance, and contemporary Unitarian-Universalism. They take part in Credo Groups, hold informal discussions, attend worship services and help organize worship services in conjunction with youth attending the Youth Leadership School. They all come back with an appreciation for the turtle mounds at Beloit and many new friendships.

MWLS graduates have provided many lay leaders. Last year the Fellowship sent three adult members to MWLS and this week Jordinn Nelson Long, Carol Delnevo, and Shannon VanLandingham are going to report on what they did there and what they brought back to share with the rest of us.

This year's MWLS will be held on July 14-20 and it is hoped that other members will take advantage of this experience to enrich their knowledge of Unitarian Universalism and meet other UUs who are working to bring about the beloved community.

### ***The Mid-America Woodwind Quartet – UFL Chamber Series – Sunday, January 27 – 2:30 p.m.***

The Unitarian Chamber Series invites you to a performance by the **Mid-America Woodwind Quartet** featuring Catherine Bergman, flute, Dawn McConkie, clarinet, Allan Comstock, bassoon, and Terrisa Ziek, horn, performing works of Zaninelli, Skolnik, Washburn, and Rossini. **Sunday, January 27, 2:30 p.m.** at the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, 1263 North 1100 Road. Tickets \$8 at the door.

**The Mid-America Woodwind Quartet** is the long-time woodwind quartet in residence at Emporia State University. The ensemble was founded in 1946 and comprises faculty members of ESU. Over the years the group has toured extensively throughout Kansas and the Mid-West, and has worked with the students from many Kansas high schools and middle schools. The ensemble's current members have been together for twelve years.

### **New Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30-10:30 Traditional Program **plus Religious Exploration for children** (also childcare for infants and toddlers)

10:30-11:00 Coffee and Conversation

11:00-12:00 Spiritual Celebration (**to include children and youth 9 years old and older**); younger children will be sung out after the story for all ages

11:00-12:00 Childcare for infants and toddlers

11:20-12:00: Activities Program for ages 4-8 (after the story)

**Upcoming 9:30 Sunday Programs for 2013**

**February 3:** Bryan Welch, Publisher and Editor of *Mother Earth News*, "Beautiful & Abundant: Building the World We Want."

**February 10:** "What you always wanted to know about ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)" will be presented by Rhonda Stubbs, case manager at Bert Nash Mental Health Center, and her son.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS****What does our Fellowship mean to you?**

We have an opportunity with this New Year to reflect on the meaning of our Fellowship in our lives. Is it a spiritual home, a source of inspiration for social action, a place of lifetime commitment to a beloved community, a source of Unitarian Universalist values for our children, an opportunity for critical thinking and engagement in the world, a place of respite and sanctuary?

Over the next several weeks on Sunday mornings, members who have made significant commitments of time and talent to our Fellowship will share brief statements on the meaning of the UFL in their lives. The New Year is an opportunity to reflect not only on the meaning and value of the UFL community in our lives, but also an opportunity to plan for our future together.

As we approach our annual budget drive in February, now is the time to begin considering our commitments, personal as well as financial. What does our Fellowship mean to you? -Carol Eades Delnevo, Chair Elect.

**UFL Hosts Friends of Jung Lecture and Workshop**

**"Mother and Myth in Spanish Novels: How Stories Affect Our Lives"**, will be the theme of Baker University's Professor Sandra Schumm\* as she presents a lecture at UFL on **Friday night, February 22, at 7:00 p.m.** and a **follow-on workshop Saturday, February 23, from 10:00 – 4:00.** Exploring this theme, Schumm writes:

"What if the goddess Athena, who sprang fully-grown from Zeus's head and denied she had a mother, became aware of the compelling existence of her other parent? What if she discovered that her mother, Metis—first wife of Zeus and 'wiser than all gods and mortal men,' according to Hesiod—was swallowed by her father and continued to impart her wisdom to him from inside his belly?" Numerous Spanish novels published since 2000 demonstrate Athena's hypothetical situation by featuring protagonists who obsessively re-examine the lives of their mothers, seeking to know and understand them in their process of individuation. Without valorization of the maternal in our patriarchal society, we deny and swallow the universal feminine in all of us—male and female. Loneliness, addictions, depression, and other emotional problems reflect that we are not

whole, but stories and writing can alter our society and transform our personal lives.

Both events are open to UFL members and the general public. They are part of a lecture/workshop series offered by the Kansas City Friends of Jung (FOJ) ([www.kcjung.org](http://www.kcjung.org)). Lecture cost is \$20 (\$15 for students or FOJ members), and for the workshop it's \$65.00 (\$50 for students/FOJ members). UFL sponsors are members Jeff Lewis and Valerie Roper, who are also members of FOJ. A flyer on the series is available in the UFL lobby.

\*Professor of Spanish, she teaches courses about Spanish literature, language, and culture as well as yoga classes; she received her Ph.D. in Spanish from KU. Most recently she is the author of *Mother and Myth in Spanish Novels: Rewriting the Maternal Archetype* (Bucknell University Press, 2011).

### ***It's Talent Show Time x 2!***

Our Annual Talent Show Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 23! We're looking for all kinds of talent – musical, readings, acting, dance, magic, you name it! Because of time constraints, the number of entrants will be limited and the 'act' should be limited to about 5 minutes. Please contact Susan Harper, [sbharper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbharper@sbcglobal.net), 785-830-8487, for more information. (Also looking for a Mistress or Master of Ceremonies).

### ***The Children's Talent Show--***

will be held during the Program, 9:30, on Sunday, February 17! We're looking for the same kinds of talent as for the adult talent show, so think creatively! Contact Susan [sbharper@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbharper@sbcglobal.net) or Becky Pruitt [bpriitt@sunflower.com](mailto:bpriitt@sunflower.com). They will be recruiting some help with this show.

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

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.*

Sign-up sheets for classes and groups are available on the counter in the Social Hall, or e-mail Michelle Iwig-Harmon at [miwigharmon@sunflower.com](mailto:miwigharmon@sunflower.com). Getting you signed up helps us plan ahead, but even if you don't get the chance, feel free to attend. Please see previous newsletters for current group descriptions and watch future newsletters for more groups and classes as they start throughout the semester.

### ***Dinner from 6:00-6:45 p.m.***

On Wednesday, Jan. 23. Judy Wilson's team (with Lynne Renick and Barbara Schowen) is cooking scalloped potatoes and ham, with a vegetable and salad. We will have a

vegetarian entree, dessert, plus mac/cheese and hot dogs, as usual.

*Clean-up help is needed--please!*

**In two weeks on Feb.6, Denise Perpich will be guest chef. She needs volunteers to help with clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the lobby! Please sign your name.**

### **Classes**

#### **Reproductive Justice; UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue:**

(6:45-8:30) As Unitarian Universalists, we are the inheritors of a 50-year history of reproductive rights advocacy of which we should be very proud. We also share a strong commitment to racial and social justice that is fundamental to our theology and modern identity. At the convergence of these interests, UUs are called to answer the chilling political debate on reproductive rights with calls for reproductive justice and respect for the fullness of every person's reproductive and sexual life. The election of the 2012-2016 Congregational Study/Action Issue, "Reproductive Justice: Expanding our Social Justice Calling," is a milestone opportunity for UUs to live this call. Carol Eades Delnevo will facilitate this class utilizing curriculum written to help prepare UUs to take on this call to action. Class will meet in the basement for six weeks, January 16 through February 20.

#### **Bible Study Group:**

(4:50-6:00 in the Sanctuary) Facilitated by Ellen Reid Gold, this monthly group welcomes everyone, whether you've had to time to read the selection or not. The first selection of the new year is Exodus, in the King James, New Revised, American Standard or whatever translation you prefer. Ellen will say a few words about the stories, and discussion will follow. Exodus has some of the best-known stories: Moses in the bulrushes, crossing the red sea, the ten commandments, etc. Class meets every 3rd Wed. starting January 16.

**Our Whole Lives for Middle School:** (6:30-8:00) OWL for pre-registered Middle School students (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) will meet in the Alcott Room.

**Youth:** (6:30-8:00) Senior High Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) meets in the Wollstencraft Room. Contact Lily Wright Smith at [cubanlilly@gmail.com](mailto:cubanlilly@gmail.com) or Drew Smith at [drewsmith84@gmail.com](mailto:drewsmith84@gmail.com) for more information.

### **SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

#### ***January Agency-of-the-Month: The Peggy Bowman Second Chance Fund***

This agency helps women with no other financial option to pay a portion of the cost of pregnancy termination. Although there is freedom of choice for women with means to pay, there is no choice for women without the upfront cash required to pay for the procedure. Volunteers administer the fund so 100% of donations go to women in need.

### ***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.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Dinners For Eight***

Several wonderful hosts have seats at their tables for a fun evening of food and fellowship. Check out the reservation forms in the foyer or sign up by contacting Shannon at [shannyvan@gmail.com](mailto:shannyvan@gmail.com) or by calling 785-856-0413.

### ***New To UU?***

A new class will be starting in February for those who want to know more about UFL and Unitarian Universalism. It will be held on Sunday mornings for 6 weeks from February 3 through March 10. Childcare will be provided. A registration sheet is on the Welcome table. All are welcome.

### ***Art in Founders Hall--Paintings by Stephanie Freeman.***

The artist speaks: "This new work is a major departure from my traditional style of brightly saturated and heavily textured oil paintings. These liberated works are the result of a process in which fire and water either make or influence marks on raw canvas. They play on themes of damage, fragility, and freedom. In a casual and haphazard way, creation arises from the destruction of material. These paintings tell a story that parallels my own personal experiences with transcendence and revival after experiencing health problems while working on this series."

Don't forget to add your comments in the guest book on the east wall. We'll share them with the artist.

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:LawrenceCUUPS@gmail.com)

### ***Meditation***

3rd Thursday of every month - 7:00pm in the Library/Lounge downstairs.

## REMINDERS

### Dates to Remember

Talent Show Feb 23

### Deadlines

Announcements for Sunday  
due **Wednesday evening.**

*Send items to*

[uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com)

Newsletter articles due

**Monday at noon.**

*Send items to*

[ufl\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto: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 816-853-6530 or at [jjarvis1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com)

### Community Care Team

The UUFL has a group of volunteers available to assist and support members and friends of the Fellowship during times of special need. Community Care Coordinators are Laura Wilson and Carine Ullom. To contact the coordinators send an email to [uflcareteam@sunflower.com](mailto:uflcareteam@sunflower.com) or call Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530. Visit the Community Care Team bulletin board in the UFL lobby (to the left of the recycling bins). Fill out a card requesting attention for yourself or another person and deposit it in the secure box, checked weekly. Or you may email Jill Jarvis at [jjarvis1@kc.rr.co](mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.co)