

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence

**WEEKLY NEWS**

**March 12, 2013**

**Sunday, March 17**

**9:30 a.m. Program: "New Cities Life Long Communities Initiative." Professor Dennis Domer, Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of American Studies**

Professor Domer, will address the "New Cities Life Long Communities Initiative" (NCLLCI). This initiative, based on partnership of the Department of American Studies, School of Architecture, Design and Planning, the Center for Service Learning, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the Gerontology Center of the Life Span Institute, has set out to re-conceive the residential environment in which aging occurs: the buildings, neighborhoods, communities and culture, As the Journal World has reported, there is an effort under way to create a non-profit, intergenerational village that would draw upon support from KU, Lawrence, Douglas County, and LMH. attract KU alumni and others back to Lawrence and Douglas County. The core of the concept is a truly intergenerational community with services for the elderly.

**11:00 a.m. Spiritual Service: "A Celebration of the Spring Equinox"**

Spring is arriving, and we are celebrating the Spring Equinox this week. Join us as members of the UFL chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) and UFL Worship Associates weave Earth-based celebrations with our traditional Sunday morning rituals to celebrate the turning of the Wheel of the Year, the arrival of Spring, and the season of balance, awakenings, greening, and new growth.

**2013 Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30-10:30 Traditional Program plus Religious Exploration for children (plus infant/toddler childcare)

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)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***A Chance to Help:***

Would *you* be willing to donate a few hours *per year* to the UFL? We already have a great team of Friday Folders who commit to folding orders-of-service regularly once a month, but we need someone for fifth Fridays (3/29, 5/31, 8/30, and 11/29) in 2013. When date conflicts arise, folders can trade slots. If you can spare a few hours during the year, please contact Jennifer Donnelly, our office manager, at [uflooffice@sunflower.com](mailto:uflooffice@sunflower.com) or call 842-3339.

***Wanted: Delegates for the Prairie Star District Conference and General Assembly.***

If you are planning to go to either of these events and would like to be a delegate for our congregation, please notify our chair, Rebecca Gant. The Fellowship budget includes funds to help defray the costs of attending for our delegates. Thanks!



Dust off your blue suede shoes for our annual Live & Silent Auction event! The party will be Saturday, April 27th from 5:00-8:00 pm and a blue plate dinner special will be served along with custom cocktails. Tickets will be sold every Wednesday night and Sunday morning starting Sunday the 10th. Be there or be square!

***UUSC holiday card snafu:***

Due to a problem with the mail, UUSC did not receive the money I sent for the holiday cards. There are 3 of you out there, I think, who wrote checks for the cards, but I don't remember who you are. If you wrote a check for holiday cards, please contact me ASAP so we can sort this out. Thanks very much. *Lynne Bodle (843-8263)*

***Exciting times ahead for Lifelong Learning at the Fellowship!***

The Lifelong Learning Task Force has finished its work, and wants to share with you a forward-looking vision of birth-adult learning at UFL. We have drafted a mission and vision, a statement of values, a three-year list of goals, and a position description for our new Director of Lifelong Learning. We'd love to talk with you about these documents, and about our shared vision for future learning, next month. We will be presenting a Program on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. Questions or feedback in the meantime? *Contact Carol Eades Delnevo at [askeades@aol.com](mailto:askeades@aol.com)*

**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.

Have you been considering a one-time or short class or group? Now's the opportune time! We have plenty of room available on Wednesday nights for the next two months. Ongoing are the Craftarians (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.s at 7:00 p.m.)...both are open to drop-ins. For the Craftarians, just bring your project and enjoy fellowship as you work along-side others. Contact Michelle Iwig-Harmon at [miwigharmon@sunflower.com](mailto:miwigharmon@sunflower.com) with questions or to schedule a new group.

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

On March, 13. the Newbies (Shannon Van Landingham, Nicole and Shane Wells, Paul and Brita Calnon, Drew and Lily Smith, Bob and Martha Burbank) will be fixing dinner: a taco/fajita bar with all the fix in's and dessert.

Note: there will be no dinner or classes next week (March, 20.) because of spring break.

Also: many thank-you's to all the people for bringing their various, delicious-tasting favorite dishes to the potluck last week!! It was really good.

*Childcare will be provided for children 6th grade and younger from 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

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

### ***March Community Connections: Peace and Justice Activities***

*Our March offerings will support the peace and justice activities of the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice (LCPJ) and Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM).*

LCPJ informs and advocates through vigils, demonstrations, and a regularly published newsletter. ECM is our campus partner at KU and supports multiple peace and justice activities, including holiday fair trade market, community service alternative breaks, eco-justice activities, and a solidarity library.

### ***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.

### ***This Week at the ECM***

**At the ECM, 1204 Oread, This Week:** Wed., Mar. 13, noon to 1 p.m. (or at 11:30, with lunch, for a donation of \$6.25) “How Russia Views America, by Ivan Kurilla, professor at Volgograd State University [formerly Stalingrad]

Also *Wed., Mar. 13, go for a meal at 6:30. p.m.* At 7, “Caring for Creation: Faith-Based Environmental Activism and the Challenges We Face,” with Rabbi Moti Rieber, director, Kansas Interfaith Power and Light.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Craft Day***

Join us for an exciting day of crafting in Founders' Hall on Saturday, March 16th from 10am – 3pm. Spend your day scrapbooking, card making, knitting, crocheting, quilting, making jewelry, or working on any other craft you enjoy. Bring your creativity, your projects, and your supplies, and enjoy crafting, socializing, and seeing what others are creating. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brita at [brita.calnon@gmail.com](mailto:brita.calnon@gmail.com).

### ***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)

## REMINDERS

### Dates to Remember

Craft Day Mar 16

Auction April 27

### Deadlines

Announcements for Sunday  
due **Wednesday evening.**

*Send items to*

[ufloffic@sunflower.com](mailto:ufloffic@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  
[jjarvis1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com)

### 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](mailto:UFLCareTeam@gmail.com). You may also  
contact Jill Jarvis at [jjarvis1@kc.rr.com](mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com) or 816-853-  
6530.

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