

Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence  
**WEEKLY NEWS**  
**March 19, 2013**

**Sunday, March 24**

**9:30 a.m. Program: “Meeting our challenges through Lifelong Learning”**

By continually transforming ourselves through lifelong learning, we transform our community and our world. This vision statement, created by members of the Lifelong Learning Task Force, builds on our heritage and moves us into our future as a multigenerational community of participants, recipients, and leaders in Lifelong Learning. Join us for the Program on Sunday as we remember where we’ve been, celebrate where we are now, and explore how we might come together to make this vision a reality.

**11:00 Spiritual Service: “Life on the Fault Line”**  
**Rev. Jill Jarvis with Worship Associate Ellen Reid Gold**

Freedom, faith in the future, and joy are essential to a life of meaning and purpose. Fear in its many disguises is a deceptive roadblock on the spiritual journey to becoming more fully human. To confront our fears --whether the result of personal experience or imposed from without – is courageous soul work, and important to resisting the many oppressions of our lives.

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***How Do Unitarian Universalists Cope with Life’s Fearful Events?***

How does participation in a Unitarian Universalist community, and holding liberal religious beliefs, influence how we cope with unexpected suffering or the anxieties of everyday life?

We have the opportunity to find out! Daniel Sullivan, a graduate student in psychology at the University of Kansas , will be at UFL this Sunday (March 24) and the following Wednesday evening (March 27) as part of a study being conducted through the university. Its purpose is to investigate the role

of different ideas about community and faith in people's lives, specifically, to examine how participation in a religious community influence how people cope with the experience of negative events. The researchers are asking UFL to participate because of their interest in the perspectives of under-represented religious groups on these issues.

Daniel will participate in Sunday's 11:00 o'clock service, and will be available both before and after the service, as well as Wednesday evening, with questionnaires for those who choose to participate. The responses, of course, will be kept anonymous. Once the study is complete, the results will be shared with UFL and reported to the congregation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Easter Potluck March 31!***

Hop on in and join us for an Easter Sunday potluck lunch after the 11:00 service. *Please let us know if you are coming so that we may have enough chairs and tables set up.* It's a potluck, so bring a dish to share ;- ) Contact Shannon at [shannyvan@gmail.com](mailto:shannyvan@gmail.com) to register, or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. It is important to register so we are sure to have enough for everyone. Cleanup help will be greatly appreciated!

### ***Unfinished Auction 2012 Business?***

Our 2013 Auction is coming up soon. This is a good time to make sure all the items from last year are signed, sealed, and delivered. If you donated something, but aren't sure how to contact the buyer-or if you bought an item or event and have not yet collected, please let me know and I will try to help sort it out. Contact Shannon at [shannyvan@gmail.com](mailto:shannyvan@gmail.com) or 785-393-9778.

### ***Work Day Coming***

There will be a work day on April 20 from 9 to noon. Both indoor and outdoor activities are in line for being accomplished. Child care, drinks, eats (healthy and otherwise) and plenty of fellowship and satisfaction are offered. Help out B&G! *John Boulton*

### ***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.



The graphic is enclosed in a decorative border. At the top, a grey banner contains the text "Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence" in a cursive font. Below this is a pink vintage-style radio with a blue dial and several control knobs. At the bottom, another grey banner contains the text "Auction 2013" in a cursive font.

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!

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

***There will not be a Wednesday night gathering this week. Enjoy spring break, have safe travels, and please join us when we resume next week!***

On March, 27. Judy's Team will be cooking. They need 3-4 people for help with clean-up!

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.

### ***Director of Lifelong Learning***

The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence, Kansas seeks director for lifespan religious exploration to support and encourage intellectual and spiritual growth for people of all ages in an open learning community. The Director of Lifelong Learning is responsible for the overall management, supervision, and content of religious exploration and development programs for all ages at a thriving church of 180+ adult members and 70+ children and youth and is supported by an active Lifelong Learning Council. This is a three-quarter time salaried position with benefits meeting UUA fair compensation guidelines. For more information and full position description, go to: <http://www.uufl.net/dll-search.htm>.

### ***From the Library***

The library downstairs in Founders' Hall is your library; we invite you to check it out. If the lights aren't on, feel free to turn them on. Browse as long as you like. Notice the shelf-full of books on spirituality, inspiration and meditation. Other shelves have books on religion, humanism, Unitarianism, and much more. Notice the easy chairs; great for sitting and reading. Check out as many books as you like; you can keep them for a month. The library is there for you; we hope you'll like it and use it.

## **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.

### ***Rev. Thad Holcombe Receives Tensie Oldfather Award***

On Sunday, March 3, Forrest Swall presented the prestigious "Tensie Oldfather Award for Outstanding Community Service" to Rev. Thad Holcombe. He is only the third person to receive the award, after Tensie, herself, and Hilda Enoch. After more than two decades of leadership at Ecumenical Campus Ministries, Thad will retire on 30 June. But, his official retirement celebration will be an open house at ECM from 4:00 to 7:00 on Sunday, 5 May, while KU is still in session. At that time, Forrest will make the actual presentation during the festivities. We are all invited to the event, details to follow

### ***LIONS CLUB Faith Communities Eyeglass Collection Event***

The Lions Club of Downtown Kansas City, Kansas (of which Sue Lewis is a member) is collecting used eyeglasses for redistribution to people in need overseas (US regulations prevent reuse here!). All prescriptions (including reading glasses) and tints are useful and greatly appreciated. A box will be available in Founders Hall through 4/7/13 for donations. Thank you so much for helping!

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Art in Founders Hall***

Bar Geyer's show features mixed media pieces inspired by nature and expressive of her spirituality. Bar received her bachelor-of-fine arts degree in design from KU.

### ***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**

Easter Potluck March 31

Auction April 27

### **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 [jjarvis1@kc.rr.com](mailto: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](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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