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The Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence *A Welcoming Congregation*

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this Sunday!**

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Sunday, March 31. 2013

9:30 Program: "Easter, spring, rebirth and renewal"

Unitarian Universalists reach out to many traditions and philosophies to find our own special beliefs and celebrations. Join us as we celebrate the season of Easter, spring, rebirth and renewal through words and music. The children will be planting an inside garden as part of the celebration; the flowers will later be planted outside at the Fellowship to brighten our lives as we see them each week. *Lynne Bodle*

11:00 a.m. Spiritual Service: "Truth, Resurrection, and the Emergence of Hope" *Rev. Jill Jarvis with Worship Associates Jon Coffee and Tamara Fairbanks-Ishmael*

In a scientific age of cause-and-effect reality, is there room for hope? We live wounded lives in a wounded world, in a universe of infinite possibility. Profound truth about hope is found not only in the ancient Christian story, but in the experience of our own lives. Join us for a moving and inspirational Easter service of messages, music, stories, and ritual that call us back to the enduring reality of hope.

12:00 Noon: Easter Potluck (see next page)

EASTER POTLUCK SUNDAY, 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 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!

UNITARIAN CHAMBER SERIES

Anesha Dexter, Flutist, and David Chavaness, Pianist
Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Anesha Dexter and David Chavannes present a program of flute and piano music paying homage to the musical styles that most inspire them. The program covers a wide and diverse range of music, spanning the eighteenth through the twentieth centuries. It is a voyage from J. S. Bach to Shulamit Ran, from Western to Eastern Europe, from levity to melancholy, and finally, to unbridled joy.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Compassionate Listeners Needed for Pastoral Care Associates Team

Are you a "listener" in the lives of others? We're looking for compassionate listeners for our team of Pastoral Care Associates, which supplements the minister's role with UFL members and friends experiencing difficult times. Informational meetings are happening soon to explain the application and interview process, training, time commitment, and work involved. If this sounds like something that might be a good fit for you, please contact me at jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or (816) 853-6530 by April 1st. *Blessings, Jill*

Generous Members Donate \$750 To Centro Hispano

Our community connection for February was Centro Hispano and the entire amount received from each of our four Sunday morning collections was donated to them. We can be proud of our continuing and vitally needed support of twelve or more worthy agencies throughout the year. The community connection agencies for March are the Lawrence Coalition for Peace & Justice and Ecumenical Campus Ministries.

Unfinished Auction 2012 Business?

Our 2013 Auction is coming up soon—April 27. 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 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 ufloffice@sunflower.com or call 842-3339.

Director of Lifelong Learning Position

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.

The logo for the Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence Auction 2013. It features a dark grey banner at the top with the text "Unitarian Fellowship of Lawrence" in a white, cursive font. Below this is a pink illustration of a vintage-style jukebox with two circular speakers and horizontal stripes. Underneath the jukebox is another dark grey banner with the text "Auction 2013" in a white, 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 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.

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 in April and early May.

Ongoing are the Bible group (third Wed. at 4:50 p.m.) and the Craftarians (2nd and 4th 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 with questions or to schedule a new group

Dinner this Wednesday, Mar. 27, 6:00 p.m. Judy Wilson's Team (Lynne Renick, Barbara Schowen) will be cooking. It will be beef stew, a vegetarian entree, salad, rolls, Mac/cheese and hot dogs, dessert. Clean-up volunteers need-ed. Thank you--*Silke Johanning*

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.

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 pre-vent reuse here!). All prescript-tions (including reading glasses) and tints are useful and greatly appreciated. A box will be avail-able in Founders Hall through 4/7/13 for donations. Thank you so much for helping!

This Week at the Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), 1204 Oread

Wed., Mar. 27, noon to 1 (optional lunch at 11:30, for \$6.25) "The Challenges and Opportunities Facing Haskell Indian Nations University in the 21st Century," by Chris Redman, president of HINU.

Also at the ECM on Wed., Mar. 27. Faith Forum: Meal at 6:30, presentation and discussion at 7: "Poetic Witness as a Spiritual Discipline on Life, Death, Love and Justice," with Rev. Thad Holcombe, campus minister, ECM.

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

ONGOING

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

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

Easter Potluck March 31
Work Day April 20
Auction April 27

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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