



Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lawrence
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
July 2017

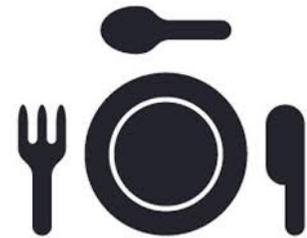
Mark Your Calendars!
Upcoming Events and Important Dates Ahead*

Saturday, July 8	L.I.N.K.* (12:30-2:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 8	UUCL Women's Group* (2-4 p.m.)
Sunday, July 9	Peter Johnson, Artist Reception (10:30-11:00 a.m.)
Saturday, July 15	Soulful Suppers (Luncheons this time!)*
Saturday, July 22	Drumming Circle (1:30 p.m.)*
Sunday, July 30	Hospitality Info/Training Session (12:30-12:50 p.m.)*
July 31-August 4	Harry Potter Social Justice Camp*
August 13	Blessing of the Bookbags*

*See body of newsletter for more information

UUCL serves at LINK Saturday, July 8th
Sign up sheet is in the lobby

LINK (Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen) serves hot nutritious meals in a safe and welcoming environment to families and individuals at no cost.



Every other month the UUCL provides and serves a meal for LINK. We bring **15 or more meat dishes, two vegetarian dishes and one vegan dish.** **Homemade desserts** are also welcome. **Fifteen or so volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up.**

Please come join us as we put our UU principles into action to help our community.

Food and volunteers need to be at LINK (basement of First Christian Church on the SE corner of 10th and Kentucky) by 12:30 PM. We serve from 1-2 PM, and clean up is usually finished by 2:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Gant at jomarooki@yahoo.com.

HOSPITALITY TEAMS ARE ON THE JOB!
Training Session July 30

Every week a different group of our members makes coffee, prepares snacks, greets all who enter, ushers, and prepares our sanctuary for the morning.

Together, we share in the work and play that deepens our beloved community. *Thank you to*

Bring school supplies to share!

During the August 13 worship service, all will be invited to bring an object that represents your school or work life to be blessed for the upcoming school year-- a backpack, a briefcase, a calendar. We'll also be passing along our blessings by collecting school supplies to share with Lawrence school children at a high-needs elementary school. Please keep it in mind as you do your back-to-school shopping!

SOULFUL SUPPERS

The next Soulful Suppers will a **potluck lunch, on July 15 (Sat.)**.
Watch for an email blast this week

The subject will be family and ancestry. We need hosts and facilitators as soon as possible. Remember that this a lunch, so can be fairly light and cool. Will send out notifications for online sign ups soon for participants. We need hosts and facilitators now. Contact **Judy Wilson** at jjwilson18@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

2017 WARRINER AWARD RECIPIENTS **Barbara Johnston and Emily Russell**

The Charles K. Warriner Award, named for one of our former members, is awarded each year for "exceptional service to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lawrence." Following are some "thank you" remarks from this year's recipients **Barbara Johnston** and **Emily Russell**.

...from Barbara Johnston

On Memorial weekend, I was awarded the Charles K. Warriner award for exceptional service to the UUCL, and I was away that weekend, so would like to express my thanks for this award now.

I have worked with the Social Justice Team and acted as Team Leader since January 2016, and we have been involved in many community events, demonstrations, trips to the Statehouse to witness, getting out on the streets to protest, and to be with friends at UUCL who support our activities. Although I've come close to resigning from the team, I heard Barbara Schowen say "don't give up" and have thought of this many times, and have followed her advice.

We have a wonderful team of dedicated, hard-working UUCL members and every one tries to act in accordance with the principles of Unitarian Universalism. The truth is, there's much work to be done to make this community and this world a better place. Mass incarceration of black men; income inequality due to white supremacy; class prejudice; lack of work that provides a living wage; discrimination of "others" such as Muslims, LGBTQ folks, disabled or people of color; lack of affordable housing; police murders of black and brown folks, with no legal consequence; bankruptcy due to huge healthcare costs--we live with all these every day. How can we shape a better life, a better society, a better world? "We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes" is Ella's Song (Ella Baker), sung by Sweet Honey in the Rock. That is our song, too.

Thank you for this award which should be shared by the team. It is an incentive to do even more.

...from Emily Russell

I want to thank Barbara and awards committee (Chris Brown, Graham Kreicker) for the thought and work that went into the presentation of this award

I was prepared to accept it as a “gold watch and goodbye” retirement party moment, and sink into a life of tending my garden, visiting grandchildren and writing my memoirs....

But when Barbara said “she has worked very hard *and continues to do so*, I realized “not yet”

Though I have retired from all leadership positions (the last one was News Team leader) I still intend to function as a member, aspiring to live our 7 principles:

Each person is important

Be kind in all you do

We're free to learn together

To Search for what is true

All people need a voice

Build a free and peaceful world

We care for the earth (and for each other)

Again, thanks to all of you.

SOCIAL ACTION/SOCIAL JUSTICE

MONTHLY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Each week, our Sunday collection is given to a community organization that reflects our values and is chosen by our Social Action and Justice Team,

FAITH IN ACTION

The Peggy Bowman Fund, recipient for May, will receive a check for \$1440.73, to be delivered by **Graham Kreicker**. Thank you Congregation!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION FOR JULY 2017

Faith in Action: **July recipient for the Community Connections is Health Care Access.**



Health Care Access

CLINIC | Serving the Uninsured since 1988

“Our 29-year-old mission is to serve as a welcoming health home in Douglas County for persons with limited financial means. We create access to a continuum of community-based services to promote health and well-being. Through an active collaborative spirit we advocate for healthy people and communities. Our clinic provides comprehensive care with three medical provider teams, counseling, referral and wellness services.”

SAJT NEWS

Social Justice Team Monthly Report for July and Upcoming Events

June 1--Healthcare Town Hall, co-sponsored by the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas and Indivisible KC, one SJT member attended, and heard from 3 people, each with a story related to the need to continue the Affordable Care Act. The meeting was packed and the audience was very enthusiastic.

Salient points on the House healthcare bill were 1) increased cost for older citizens; 2) pre-existing conditions not protected; 3) decreased coverage in the Medicaid program.

June 4--Social Justice Team meeting was held on June 4 instead of the 4th Sunday of May, since the previous weekend was Memorial Day and many were away.

June 12--6 UUCL's went to a 7:30am meeting in Lenexa with Senator Jerry Moran. The auditorium was packed and the meeting was at times boisterous, with interruptions from the audience---verbal, or holding up agree or disagree signs repeatedly.

June 16--Iftar dinner at Lawrence Islamic Center, celebrating the sundown end of the daily Ramadan fast, for a community dinner.

June 18--Designated as "Juneteenth Sunday," brother Tai Amri Spann-Wilson was the speaker for the second service. June 19 is celebrated because the 19th marks the day that Texas received word of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865. It was a day of celebration for slaves and abolitionists then (although the Executive Order applied only to slave states) and now as well, although there are somber overtones since persecution of black folks continues in the form of mass incarceration, police murders of black folk with no prosecution of the perpetrators, and so on. Following the service, Tai Amri organized a gathering of community leaders who have invested efforts in fighting for racial equity, protection of women, our environment, and for liberation, justice and healing.

June 19, SURJ meeting in Kansas City (Showing Up for Racial Justice), one UUCL member traveled to the meeting. Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/SURJKansasCity/>

June 22: From the Ashes, a National Geographic film, shown at EMC, 6:30-8:30pm, 80 min. film followed by discussion. The news of the film originated with Betty Baron who recommended it highly. Thad Holcombe of LETUS, Kim Brook and ECM staff readily agreed to host the film, and there were several co-sponsors. From the Ashes drew a comprehensive picture of the history of coal, shifting energy trends, environmental effects and energy alternatives. A representative from Cromwell Solar spoke on renewables with Thad Holcombe, and answered questions from the audience.

July 22, A Dialogue on Sustainability: The Consortium for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability (CESAS) and its partners (including Kansas Interfaith Action) will host the *Twelfth Annual Dialog on Sustainability: "Climate Change and Health,"* on Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Fiedler Hall Auditorium and Atrium, in the Engineering Complex at Kansas State University. Here is the website for information:

<https://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/sustainability/dialogs/2017dos>

LIFELONG LEARNING

Bonnie Blosser

Harry Potter Social Justice Camp is ON for July 31st -Aug 4th !

QUIDDITCH, POTIONS and HERBOLOGY oh my! Registration for our 32 camp spots (ages 5-10) will be up soon. I will send out an eblast when online registration is live. Several folks have already committed to having fun through a few key positions but we still have many ways you can create Hogwarts-style magic! Junior Prefects (grades 7-8) and Prefects (grades 9-12) must

register but tuition is waived, as these youth will be practicing their leadership skills. There will be a mandatory training workshop the week before camp. All Prefects need to be at camp from 12:15-4:30 for daily pre and post camp huddles.

**Professors, Heads of Houses, and Elves, needed for camp week 1-4 p.m.
Sign up on bulletin board**

Harry Potter Social Justice Camp 2017

Monday July 31st – Friday August 4th One-Four pm

Volunteer Role	Description	Time commitment
Head of House - 2 more positions open!	Supervise Prefects and campers as they/you lead your house campers through activities such as crafts, secret handshakes, chants etc.	M-F 12:45 – 4:15 (this position may be split into early afternoon and later afternoon M-F. Attendance at Friday evening potluck and show highly preferred.
Academy Elves - These roles are key for camp! 4 camp elves needed	Main duty will be serving house snack but NOT interacting with campers in order to create an air of inequity and privilege. Elf 'slaves' will be freed at the potluck/show Friday evening through the gifts of 'clothing' (our social justice project for the week)	M-F 2:00-2:45 pm (snack time). Friday evening assembly/show
Behind the scenes Elves – key roles but outside of camp hours – minimum 4	Help as needed – creative, fun, energetic. Create nomination letter, Owl delivery of letter and much more!	Flexible availability for project needs but might want to help with set up Sunday /Monday morning afternoon before camp
Academy Professors – 5 spots are open	Lead Divination, Potions, Magical Creatures, Defense of the Dark Arts, Quidditch (we have ideas but tell us your idea!) Camp social justice theme is inequity and privilege. Preferably in character but not required.	Minimal pre-camp prep unless you go wild creating your character! Two 45-minute classes for one day - you pick: Tuesday-Friday. Potluck, show and Sunday service optional. All supplies provided.
Cafeteria Elves - 4	Potluck set-up and clean up	Friday evening 5:00 -8:30
Projector Elf - 1	Run movie in sanctuary Friday night	Friday night 8:30 – 10:30 pm
Construction Elves - 3	Help set up Academy atmosphere	Sunday afternoon/Monday morning
Deconstruction Elves - 3	Magically return UUCL to church state with no	Clean up Saturday morning after camp.

	appearance of our weeklong Academy takeover	
Magical minds – minimum 4	Assist with creative planning and problem solving. Pinterest follower or some creative crafting experience helpful. Helping camp coordinators in creating schedules and recruiting help/resources	Meetings and email conversations and planning starting now and running to start of camp.
Prefects – 1- 5 more positions are open	High School youth (entering grades 9-12 in fall). Lead your house campers in fun activities. Assist with friendship building and maintain atmosphere of inclusion and respect. Excellent volunteer leadership opportunity for college applications.	Pre camp mandatory workshop (the week before, time TBD). Camp set up Sunday afternoon/Monday morning is optional but will be lots of fun! M-T 12:30-4:30 for camp. Friday 12:30-10:30 pm? Mandatory Saturday morning clean up.
Junior Prefects – at least 1 more position open	Middle School youth (entering 6-8 grades in fall). Assist with house activities as needed.	Pre camp mandatory workshop (the week before, time TBD). Camp set up Sunday afternoon/Monday morning is optional but will be lots of fun! M-T 12:30-4:30 for camp. Friday 12:30-10:30 pm? Mandatory Saturday morning clean up.



Adult Faith Development

***Faith Like a River* continues- It's not too late to sign up!**

This educational series covers the various streams that have come together to create Unitarian Universalism.

In these times of political turmoil, Unitarian Universalism seems even more relevant. Your Adult Faith Development program here at UUCL hopes to give you more grounding in our faith to help you face our unfolding reality. This course explores Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist (UU) history—the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our faith heritage. It invites participants to place themselves into our history and consider its legacies. What lessons do the stories of our history teach that can help us live more faithfully in the present? What lessons do they offer to be lived into the future?

Each month, we'll focus on a different topic. You may register for only one topic, several topics or all of the topics. All of the sessions will be held at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. Here's the schedule:

7/2, 7/9, 7/16-- Diverse Community

8/6, 8/13, 8/20-- Unitarian Universalist Identity

You may register here: <http://uufi.net/faith-like-a-river/> or on the clipboard in the lobby.

Questions? Contact Bonnie Blosser at ufl.dll@gmail.com



MUSIC NOTES

I hope you have been enjoying our wonderful UUCL Musicians as much as I have so far this summer! We are truly fortunate to have so many people who are willing to share their talents to enrich our Sunday Services. And the trend will continue in July! July 2 there will be six (yes, 6!) hands simultaneously playing our grand piano playing "Our Grand Old Stars and Stripes" arranged by Stanley Shumway, KU School of Music Professor Emeritus. You don't want to miss it! July 9 you can enjoy "You've Gotta Have Heart" (miles and miles of heart!); July 16 we'll explore Dar William's composition "When I Was a Boy" (voice and guitar) and July 23 we'll return to Broadway and hear "Feeling Good" from the musical *Damn Yankees* (recently recorded by Michael Buble). I'm not yet sure what is happening on July 30, but it will be great!

Dylan Bassett (voted **Best of Lawrence Private Music Lesson Instructor** and **Best of Lawrence - Higher Ed**) will lead another **Drumming Circle** at 1:30 on **July 22**. There will be a charge for this event, depending upon how many sign up! The more, the merrier. **Sign Up by July 15**. You don't need to have any drumming experience to participate, as Dylan is a fantastic and enthusiastic instructor who makes drumming extremely accessible and fun! Many of the participants in the earlier workshop found drumming to be a meditative and spiritual experience, as the group all comes together in rhythm. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me. (You don't need to provide your own drum, as Dylan will bring a number of djembes)

I am privileged to be able to attend the UU Musician's Network Annual Conference in Arlington, VA, from July 24 through 30. This conference is invaluable to me as your Music Director and I thank UUCL for your support of this continuing education. A highlight for me will be Sunday after the Worship Service as we will be bussed to the National Mall and will sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial! What a thrill!

Our UUCL Music Community welcomes all who would like to share their talents with the UUCL Greater Community. For information, please contact:

Susan Harper, UUCL Music Director, UUCLMusicDirector@gmail.com 785-830-8487.

ART IN FOUNDERS HALL



Peter Johnson's work includes drawings, paintings, and prints. His show will be up through August 27. Meet the artist on Sunday, July 9, between 10:30 and 11 a.m.

UUCL YOGA begins again in August

A six-week practice will start up again in August. (There will be no summer yoga this year.) Improve balance, flexibility & wellbeing. Focus on individual practice to improve your health. Yoga for all levels, for beginners & intermediate. Six-week pass or drop-in option. Time: **12:30-1:30 p.m.**, Six week pass: **\$42**, Drop in: **\$10**; call [785-691-7662](tel:785-691-7662) or email peacejoyyoga@gmail.com
Thanks to all who made UUCL spring yoga a success!



Henry David Thoreau Commemorative Stamp!

An amazing 53 UU women and men have been featured on commemorative stamps issued by the USPS, reportedly more than any other denomination. But, Henry David Thoreau has just been featured on a new stamp. Being twice so honored is a singular achievement!

THIRD THURSDAY UUCL MEDITATION GROUP

Beginners, family and friends alike are invited to participate again on **July 20 in the UUCL Meditation Group monthly session from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** This ongoing, open group has met at UUCL for over 4 years. Though largely derived from Buddhist traditions, our mindfulness meditation sessions are nonsectarian. We meet in the sanctuary, using the chairs there for sitting.



Leader **Jeff Nichols**, a mindfulness meditator since 1975, is a psychiatric physician with background in biofeedback and psychophysiology who's taught relaxation and meditation skills for many years.

UUCL sessions are offered on a voluntary donation basis; donations are shared with UUCL. If you have questions about the group or would like more information, please contact **Dale Nimz** at dale.nimz@gmail.com, or **Valerie Roper** at vgracev@sunflower.com.

UUCL WOMEN'S GROUP



The UUCL women's group will meet with **Mary Beth Musick**, 3401 Tam O'Shanter Drive, on **Saturday, July 8 from 2-4PM**. We had a great plant exchange at her house a couple of months ago; how about a jewelry and/or accessory exchange this time. Bring a piece of jewelry, scarf, or other accessory item you don't wear any more and let's see who'd like to trade. Bring a friend! Bring a snack to share if you wish. Bring your enthusiasm and thoughts for a pleasant summer discussion. All are welcome,

especially the newer and younger among us. Contact Lynne Bodle 843-8263 or mlbodle2@gmail.com for a ride or for further information.

Sculpture by Kate Dineen

now on display at the Eldridge, 7th and Mass.
(Kate made the chalice we light each Sunday.)



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Helping Hands Team

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or call UFL office, 842-3339

This team provides short-term practical assistance, e.g., meals, respite, rides.

Transportation Line

785-842-7529 (to UFL events or medical appointments)

Pastoral Care Associates: Rev. Jill Jarvis at 816-853-6530 jjarvis1@kc.rr.com or

Deb Russell at email Deb@Ks-Russells.com

This team provides confidential listening for those experiencing bereavement, illness, unemployment, life transitions, aging, loneliness, etc.

Minister Office Hours

Rev. Jill Jarvis' hours tend to be variable. It is best to contact her for an appointment 816/853-6530 or <mailto:jjarvis1@kc.rr.com>

Director of Lifelong Learning

Bonnie Blosser works at her UFL office and from home

Sunday through Wednesday Contact her at ufl.dll@gmail.com or call 785-318-6030 for an appointment.

Administrative Office Hours:

Administrative office hours are typically

Monday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Please be sure to call first, [785-842-3339](tel:785-842-3339), if coming out during the week as doors are kept locked.