

UUCL Weekly Update

This Sunday, Dec 24

Program, 9:30 AM - *Meditation Beads with Ann Alexander.*

The word 'bead' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon bidden meaning "to pray." We will talk about the history of beads for spiritual practice and current bead use today. Bring your extra beads to create a "mala or pagan rosary" for your meditation practice.

Worship Service, 11:00 AM - A No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, Bonnie Blosser, Director of Faith Development, and Rev. Jill Jarvis

Join us for this fun, multigenerational Christmas pageant as we recreate the story of the birth of Jesus, giving it our own slant. Instead of just listening or watching, we are going to get inside it with props, music, and stage directions, using the whole sanctuary as our stage and the gathered congregation as our players.



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Adult Faith Development at 9:30 a.m.

No Programming this morning

Children's Religious Exploration at 9:30 a.m.

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Children's Activities at 11:00 a.m.

All families gather in the sanctuary. After the Story for All Ages and Meditation (about 11:15), children under 9 will be sung out of the service and will go to the Beatrix Potter Room for play, friendship building led by Mary Beth Musick and Jillian Schwartz. (Sometimes being in community is challenging and we get to practice our 7 promises with one another!)

Help UUCL Grow

Please remember to put your name on a Connection Card every Sunday, so that our Connections Team can accurately track our attendance, growth, and visitor follow-up.

CONNECTIONS CARD
Help Us Get to Know You

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KANSAS CITY

9:30 Program 11:00 Worship
 9:30 Adult R.E. 9:30 R.E. Teacher

Name _____ [Change in Contact Info](#)
Email (please print) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Age(s) of child(ren) with you today _____
If Guest, how did you hear about UUCL? _____

1st Time Guest
 2nd Time Guest
 Member
 Regular Attendee

Please place card in Connections Box at your seat.

Announcements as they appeared last week.

Annual Champagne Breakfast sponsored by the Program Team Dec. 31, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! If possible please let us know if you are coming! But come anyway. Bagels, eggs, quiche, muffins, fruit and of course, mimosas. E-mail Emily erussell32 or Ellen e834@ku.edu.

Art in Founders' Hall - Jan Gaumnitz is our featured local artist this month.

Congregation-wide Workshop Mark your calendars, sign up in the lobby for the Workshop on Jan. 20 from 9:30-3:00 with Rev. Lisa Presley, our Transitions specialist from MidAmerica Region. More information will arrive soon via an eblast. She will present information on options, answer questions, and lead us in small group sharing. Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. Childcare will be provided with a reservation. Please attend and take an active part as we begin this important process.

Faith in Action--the October Community Connection total is \$711.52, and was awarded to Parents as Teachers. One of our SJT members will deliver the check. Thank you Congregation!

Computer Monitor Needed: Bob Harper, Technology Team, needs a monitor for the Recording Computer in the A-V Booth. Please contact him if you have one to donate.
jroberetharper@sbcglobal.net or 785-830-6474.

Soul Matters Sharing Circle: Dec 17th at 9:30 a.m. “What does it mean to be a people of Hope?” Packets with options for you to reflect more deeply on this topic are available at our Welcome Table.

Amazon Smile – Shop AND give back to UUCL. There is currently a link on the UUCL home page that connects directly to the Amazon website. Or you can search for Amazon Smile in a search engine, use your Amazon account login information. For purchases, including gift cards, Amazon donates a percentage to the UUCL.

Coming soon: the Kansas People's Agenda at the Statehouse in Topeka, on January 10. Stay tuned for details!

Pitch article-the Pitch has printed a lengthy article on wastewater injection wells, i.e. forcing the "produced" water used in fracking or oil wells, into the ground which may affect groundwater and produce earthquakes, in the Flint Hills and Douglas County. Here is the website:
<https://www.pitch.com/news/article/20983290/kansas-has-long-been-friendly-to-oil-and-gas-but-will-its-march-into-the-flint-hills-and-douglas-county-change-that>

December Community Connection: Headquarters Counseling Center. A national suicide prevention lifeline crisis center that serves people from all over the state of Kansas. Programs are operated by volunteer counselors, who are trained and supervised by our Director of Counseling, Kristin Vernon. Their commitment is to provide the best possible service to anyone that reaches out to us for emotional support. We opened in 1969 as a drug crisis center for teens and young adults in the Lawrence community.

The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.B. 38) would force states to honor any other state's concealed carry permit, even if that state does not allow concealed carry or has more stringent permits. As it goes to the full House floor, now is the time to act. Other issues include the tax bill, the Dream Act, and net neutrality. Here are numbers to call your representative, whatever your opinion—
Sen. Moran 202 224 6521, Rep. Jenkins 202 225 6601, Sen. Roberts 202 224 4774, Rep. Yoder 202 225 2865

Pastoral Care Associates Deb Russell Deb@Ks-Russells.com
or Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816.853.6530 or jjarvis1@kc.rr.com.

UUCL Transportation Connection for rides to/from UUCL or medical appointments, call (785)842-7529 and leave a message.

Please be considerate of all those who have chemical and fragrance sensitivity and abstain on Sunday mornings from scents of any type. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

