

UUCL Weekly Update Feb 22



*Our Soul Matters theme for February:
What Does It Mean To Be A Community of Identity?*

Afraid that our inner light will be extinguished or our inner darkness exposed, we hide our true identities from each other. In the process, we become separated from our own souls. We end up living divided lives, so far removed from the truth we hold within that we cannot know the "integrity that comes from being what you are." ~Parker Palmer

Do I contradict myself? Very well, then I contradict myself, I am large, I contain multitudes. ~Walt Whitman

This Sunday, Feb 26

9:30 AM - "The Climate Emergency: The Case for Immediate Action," Craig Wolfe, Kansas Sierra Club

The climate crisis is real. But what are the facts? What are the threats that we face? Where are the opportunities going forward? As part of Mr. Wolfe's role in Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Corps, he uses slides prepared by the Climate Reality Project along with his own to demonstrate the seriousness of the climate emergency and to provide actions we must take before the clock runs out on our window of opportunity to fight the climate crisis.



11:00 AM - "Love, Identity, and the Danger of Differentness" Rev. Jill Jarvis



Who does and doesn't belong in our personal, political, and religious worlds? All of us long to belong, to feel loved and accepted for our true selves. Most of our identities include unequal

parts of privilege and oppression. How do we deal with the pain of having to hide parts of ourselves in order to feel loved and accepted? And how can we resist our all-too-human need to exclude and separate in order to preserve our own specialness.

Sunday in Lifelong Learning February 26 th

9:30 am UU Parenting Sharing Circle – Adults

Practicing gratitude is good for our mental and physical health and our relationships with others. Join Amber to discuss how can we practice this in our families and model it for our children.

9:30 am Spirit Play - 4 yrs to 5th grade

This week, Sara and Jennifer share a story from our Indigo Promise, which is to insist on peace, justice, and freedom for all. The story *Freedom Summer* takes place in the mid-160s during the Civil Rights Movement. Listen to find out how two friends face discrimination, and handle injustice in their community.

Questions for Family Reflection...

Children today may be unfamiliar with racial discrimination. How do you share what happened in recent history in terms of Civil Rights, and encourage open discussion with your family?

How do you discuss discrimination happening in our society today?

9:30 am Middle Youth - Grades 6 to 8

Middle Youth leaders Michelle Iwig-Harmon and Melissa Kelly will be giving our 6th-8th graders more choices in and control over what they do in their hour together on Sunday mornings. They are welcome to bring an electronic device if they have one or we will have several available. Most weeks they will be guided to explore topics of their choosing and consider how this and/or current world events might be viewed through a UU lens. In addition they will have unscheduled time to hang out with others their age, play board games or spend time outside.

Announcements as they appeared last week.

UUCL Soul Matters theme for February is: Identity “What does it mean to be a community of Identity?”
Read more about this in Rev. Jarvis’s article in the February UUCL Newsletter.

Stewardship – watch your mailbox for important information about our new Stewardship Campaign. We need everyone’s participation for success!

Art Display in Founders' Hall exhibit "Questions of a Curious Quilter." Learn more about Denise Stahl here: <http://thecuriouskansaskquilter.blogspot.com/p/gallery.html>

Have you seen the image of the Yellow Brick Road in Founders Hall?

Hint: Check out both sides of the biggest quilt.

Events at Our Partner Organization, the Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), 1204 Oread, 843-4933, ecmku@ku.edu

Wed., Feb. 22, noon to 1 p.m. (optional lunch at 11:30) Stan Roth, "Ecology of Bats in Kansas".

The ECM has a variety of other activities all week long, check out their website at <http://ecmku.org/>

AUCTION! Save the date, Sat. April 22! Join us on the beach for Auction 2017. Surf's up!

The American Friends Service committee's Centennial Exhibit - Waging Peace Opening Reception, Tues., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m. at ECM, 1204 Oread. Documenting AFSC's 100 year legacy in communities across the globe. National staff will be present. Light refreshments will be served. It is sponsored by ECM and the Oread Friends Meeting.

DAPL on Facebook--see Myron Dewey's posts for a recent interview with "Phyllis" who talks about the decision from Army Corps of Engineers to grant the easement and enable Dakota Energy Partners to go ahead with constructing the pipeline. Also see Standing Rock Dakota Access Pipeline Opposition for news, Standing Rock Rising, and S. Emelio's post in the UUCL Members and Friends group for pictures.

February Community Connection The Social Service League accepts all types of cleaned items in good repair to stock their newly cleaned and painted facility that is warm and inviting. The quality of merchandise is also up and the store is filled with clean, excellent quality clothing for all ages and merchandise with much cheaper pricing than the other thrifts.

Kansas Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs passed SB 98 Which aims to mandate disclosures about physicians that are unnecessary, non-medical and further stigmatize doctors who provide abortions. You can participate in the Trust Women Lobby Day Feb. 22 from 9 -3 at the Capitol in Topeka. Urge your senators to vote "no" on this bill, which is a waste of time, money and energy.

Kansas Democratic Party's Washington Days, Annual Convention , Feb. 25 at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, 420 S.E. 6th Ave., Topeka. The "Bernie Event" will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. The website says doors will open from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Associates Valerie Roper, 785.979.8339 or vgracev@sunflower.com or Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816.853.6530 or jjjarvis1@kc.rr.com.

Lost and Found Please be sure to look through our lost and found under the counter behind the welcome table, or items on the coat rack, dishes from LINK, potlucks, coats, etc. Any items left will be donated soon.

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

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