

# UUCL Weekly Update March 1

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

*To act is to be committed, and to be committed is to be in danger.*

*~James Baldwin*

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## ***This Sunday, March 5***

### **9:30 AM - Unitarians at LINK: Reflections**

The Lawrence Interdenominational Nutritional Kitchen began in 1985 to help provide food for hungry people in Lawrence. Members of the Unitarian Fellowship were part of LINK from the beginning.

This week members of the UUCL who have participated in LINK will talk about their experiences at the 9:30 Program: who they saw, what they did and their reflections.

Participants will include both children and adults: Henry Boulton, Tessa Vancil, Maura Harmon and Suzanna Emelio, Sara Vancil, and Ashley Strand.



From March 5 through April 30, in Founders Hall, we will feature photographs taken by UUCL member E. Jay Hilty.

**11:00 AM - "Nevertheless, She Persisted" Rev. Jill Jarvis with Worship Associate Jonathan Andrews**



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Simply due to their gender, women -- and especially women who persist -- face greater risks in life. Patriarchy and misogyny are root causes of violence against women in all its manifestations. As we honor Women's History Month, we ask: What is the responsibility for men in combatting sexism? How do brothers, sons, husbands, lovers, fathers, and friends stand in solidarity against the very patriarchal system which privileges and shapes them?

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## Sunday in Lifelong Learning March 5<sup>th</sup>

### 9:30 am UU Parenting Sharing Circle – Adults

Teaching Kids Where Food Comes From:

In our world of convenience food, how can we make sure our children make conscious choices about where their food comes from? To young children, food may seem to emerge as if by magic. "If chicken comes from a bin in Safeway and rice from a microwave, why can't birthday cakes emerge from a stream?" We will discuss why it is important for kids to understand this and ways to learn about it at home and in schools.

### 9:30 am Spirit Play - 4 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Join Amanda as she tells a story of the Underground Railroad in *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. Peg Leg Joe was a real person who lived during the Civil War, and as a carpenter on a plantation, he taught slaves a song to guide them to freedom.

Questions for Family Reflection...

How do you think Peg Leg Joe felt as he was helping the slaves? He took big risks. What would've happened if he'd been caught helping slaves escape?

Do you think you would've been a helper during the Civil War on the Underground Railroad?

How can you work for freedom and justice today?

### 9:30 am Middle Youth - Grades 6 to 8

Middle Youth leaders Michelle Iwig-Harmon and Melissa Kelly will be giving our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## *Announcements as they appeared last week.*

**UUCL Men's Group** Sat, Mar. 4, gathers for donuts, coffee, and conversation, 9:00 a.m.

**UUCL serves at LINK on Sat., Mar. 11.** Cooks, servers and clean-up crew are all needed. You can sign up in the lobby or by contacting Joe Gant at [jomarooki@yahoo.com](mailto:jomarooki@yahoo.com) or 785-832-1030. See newsletter for more information. Hope to see you there!

**Art Display in Founders' Hall** exhibit "Questions of a Curious Quilter." here:

<http://thecuriouskansaskuilter.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](mailto:ecmku@ku.edu)

**Wed., Mar. 1**, noon to 1 p.m. (optional lunch at 11:30) Russell Johnson, LMH CEO, "Healthcare in Transition"

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

**Soul Matters Sharing Circle for Families** Wed., Mar. 8 10:30 as we explore what it means to be a community of **identity**. There will be a children's story followed by discussion and crafts. RSVPs are not necessary but appreciated so we can have enough art supplies. Contact Ashley at [ashley@strandnet.us](mailto:ashley@strandnet.us) with any questions.

**UUCL Women's group** will meet with Emily Russell in her duplex, G2, at Presbyterian Manor on Sat., Mar. 11, 2-4 p.m.. Bring a snack to share, if you wish, but mostly just bring yourselves ready for a pleasant afternoon of conversation and camaraderie. Call Lynne Bodle, 843-8263, for more information or for a ride. See you there!

**Hospitality Teams Going Strong** Every week a different group of our members makes coffee, prepares snacks, greets all who enter, and prepares our sanctuary for the morning. Thanks to all! If you've been attending for a while and would like to be on a team, please contact Rebecca Gant at [rkgant@hotmail.com](mailto:rkgant@hotmail.com)

**Faith in Action:** The Community Connection for Januray was Lawrence Community Shelter. Through your generosity, UUCL is sending a check for \$957.33 to support their mission.

The total amount donated to our Community Connections since July 1, 2016 is \$xxxxxx!

**New UUCL Yoga Class 2017!** Join Annemarie & Kristen for this new program. Our six week session will improve balance, flexibility & your overall wellbeing. Focus will be on individual practice to improve your health. All levels, \$42. Call 691-7662 or email [peacelovejoyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:peacelovejoyyoga@gmail.com)

**New Adult Class coming soon** Faith Like a River is a chance to explore UU history and legacy and find your place in it. Classes will be held at 9:30 on Sunday mornings beginning April 9. More information and registration on our website at [uufll.net/faith-like-a-river/](http://uufl.net/faith-like-a-river/)

**Next Soulful Supper, Tues., April 4!** Connect with others at a potluck dinner held in someone's home or at UUCL. You will have an opportunity to discuss the theme of the month (April is Transformation), and enjoy conversation, laughs, and getting to know one another better. Sign up on our website at [uufll.net/soulful-suppers](http://uufll.net/soulful-suppers). Questions? Contact Rebecca Gant at [rkgant@hotmail.com](mailto:rkgant@hotmail.com).

**Heart of Healing Workshop with Cindy Novelo**, life coach, singer-songwriter, inspirational speaker and ovarian cancer survivor, will be held at UUCL on Saturday, March 4, from 2-4:30 in Founders Hall. During these tumultuous times, healing ways can be useful to us all. Check the poster on the bulletin board for more information and to see how to register.

**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.

**[Stand With Muslim Neighbors Week](http://www.kansasinterfaithaction.org/stand_with_muslim_neighbors)** – Mar. 6-12 A week of solidarity and friendship with Muslims in your community. More information- [http://www.kansasinterfaithaction.org/stand\\_with\\_muslim\\_neighbors](http://www.kansasinterfaithaction.org/stand_with_muslim_neighbors)

**[Stand with Muslim Neighbors Advocacy Day](#)** –Let our legislators know that Christians and Jews won't stand by while our Muslim neighbors are targeted and slandered! WHEN? Mar 13, 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. WHERE? State Capitol, 2nd Floor Rotunda.

**[Wealth Day](http://www.climateandenergy.org/page.59.wealth-day)** – Mar. 16 Join advocates at the Capitol as we share information about Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and Health in Kansas. Start your day with an Interfaith Climate Vigil, followed by an Advocate Policy Briefing, Exhibits, Local Foods Lunch and Legislator Meetings. RSVP by March 9, for a reservation for lunch. More information--<http://www.climateandenergy.org/page.59.wealth-day>

**Pastoral Care Associates** Valerie Roper, 785.979.8339 or [vgracev@sunflower.com](mailto:vgracev@sunflower.com) or Rev. Jill Jarvis, 816.853.6530 or [jjjarvis1@kc.rr.com](mailto: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.

**Connections Coordinator** Want to get connected? Have questions? Contact Shannon VanLandingham at [uuclconnections@gmail.com](mailto:uuclconnections@gmail.com)