

UUCL Weekly Update



*Our Soul Matters Theme for June:
What does it mean to be a community of joy?*

This Sunday, June 18

9:30 AM - *We Need Juneteenth*, with Tai Amri Spann-Wilson and Worship Associate Rebecca Gant.

Juneteenth is a celebration of the freeing of enslaved people on June 19th, 1865 in Texas- the last state to do so. Join Tai Amri as we celebrate the struggle of our ancestors for liberation and continue our search for our part in the complete and total liberation of all our relations.



Art in Founder's Hall: Justin Marable and Lisa Grossman will show prints, and Bailey Marable's sterling silver jewelry will be on exhibit from through June 25.

11:00 AM - A program of "family stories" from UUCL members and friends.



We'll hear some of the family stories of the kind that are told at every family reunion – "do you remember the time that. . .?" or the stories that provide a certain response every time they are told. . .? Stories are a great way to get to know each other better, and we hope the first stories told will prompt congregational members to kick in with more as the morning progresses. Please join us for telling and listening to our stories on this Father's Day morning.

Sunday with Faith Development June 18

Faith Development classes for Adults at 9:30 am

UU Parenting important Sharing Circle (Beatrix Potter classroom)

Do our young families want to continue to have child/youth RE separate from the worship service? Or shall we return to having child/youth RE concurrent with the worship service?

Join Rev. Jill Jarvis and Bonnie Blosser, Director of Faith Development to examine some of the factors that went in to creating our current Sunday morning schedule. We are questioning whether this current schedule is working to meet the needs of our families. For the size of our congregation, UUCL consistently has abnormally low attendance for both RE and worship. This adversely affects our Sunday morning experience for both members and visitors.

This is the second of two focus-group-style parenting circles to review the various factors and hear (grand)parents' views, so that we can make a decision over the summer. This is much more effective than a written survey because hearing each other's views often brings out unexpected insights and perspectives.

Faith Like a River – Institutionalism (in the Library downstairs)

As Tranquil Streams that Meet and Merge – Consolidation

This workshop explores issues and events in the consolidation of the AUA and the UCA into a single entity, the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The workshop highlights important cooperative work done by the youth movements and religious educators of both denominations, which smoothed the way for the consolidation. Participants learn about some of the achievements of the young Association and its influence on the wider culture. They consider how the dual heritages of Unitarianism and Universalism have shaped our movement.

9:30 am RE for children: UUCL Summer RE ROCKS !

Our summer RE curriculum combines paint and rocks with our 7 principles, hide and seek and community outreach! Best of all it is multigenerational! Anyone can join our children for a quick discussion on one of our 7 principles to get ideas flowing for words and images that affirm and represent our principles. Painting uplifting, empowering and even fun images is part of the fun too! Near the end of June (when we have painted "a ton" of rocks) we will 'hide' our rocks throughout Lawrence for others to 'discover'. Social media will help us spread the word about the gifts we will be sharing and for finders to participate in the fun through photo's and stories.

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.

Announcements as they appeared last week.

UUCL Soul Matters theme for June is: Joy What does it mean to be a community of Joy?

Art in Founders' Hall. Enjoy prints by Justin Marable and Lisa Grossman, as well as sterling silver jewelry by Bailey Marable. The exhibition will be up through June 25.

Join us for Faith Like a River This educational series covers the various streams that have come together to create Unitarian Universalism. You may sign up on our website or on the clipboard in the lobby. Questions? Contact Rebecca Gant at rkgant@hotmail.com.

Faith in Action a check for \$1,001.33 was delivered to Ecumenical Campus Ministries (ECM), the Community Connections recipient for April, by Barb Johnston. The Peggy Bowman Fund, recipient for May, will receive a check for \$1,440.73, to be delivered by Graham Kreicker. Thank you congregation!

UUCL Yoga – for Fall: Summer can be a busy time for everyone!

We did not have enough interest to hold summer yoga this year, but will start up a six week practice again in August. Thanks, we'll see you then! For more info 785-691-7662 or email peacelovejoyyoga@gmail.com

Black Lives Matter Wristbands are located in baskets just inside the door of the sanctuary. There are 2 sizes--adult and youth. Please take what you need and leave a dollar or two if you are able.

GROW A ROW! Just Food loves donations of locally grown produce. Plant a row, share your bounty. Contact Aundrea for more information: progrms@justfoodks.org or 785-856-7050

UUCL serves at Lawrence Interdenominational Nutritional Kitchen (LINK) on Sat., July 8th. 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. See newsletter for more information. Hope to see you there!

Many thanks go out to our Kansas state legislators, for passing a bill that will bring desperately needed revenue to the state.

LETUS is continuing to host a series on "Consequences of Climate Change" including From the Ashes, a documentary on the future of coal and environmental/health issues caused by mining. Tentatively will be shown at ECM on June 22, specifics TBA. Also in this series, another documentary, The Dream is Now, on undocumented young adults facing possible deportation to country of origin, will be announced soon.

June Community Connection- Van Go Mission: To improve the lives of high-needs youth using art as the vehicle for self-expression, self-confidence, and hope for the future. Van Go employs at-risk youth ages 14-24,

to make public works of art that are sold in the community. Its holistic, year-round programming uses the ARTS to deliver in-depth mental health support, job training, health nutrition education, and life skills lessons.

Harry Potter Camp volunteers needed! Decision whether to hold camp dependent on volunteer signup! Professors, Heads of Houses and Elves needed for camp week July 31-Aug 4th 1-4 pm. Check out more info in this months UUCL Newsletter. Sign up on bulletin board.

Amazon Smile – Shop AND give back to UUCL. There is currently a link on the UUCL home page that connects directly to the Amazon web site. 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.

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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.

