Upcoming Events and Important Dates Ahead

Saturday, June 30  Demonstration to Keep Families Together, in South Park, 1pm.
Saturday, July 7   Men’s Group, 9:00 a.m. at UUCL*
Sunday, July 8     Artist Reception* (10:30-11:00 a.m.)*
Sunday, July 8     Social Justice Meeting (12:15 in the Library)
Saturday, July 14  LINK (see info below)
                   Women’s Group (2:00-4:00 p.m.)*

*See body of newsletter for more information on all these upcoming events
Please also note in the Social Justice section the many Social Justice events scheduled for JULY.

UPCOMING 9:30 SUNDAY TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

During the midsummer month of July, the Program team is inviting the children to join with us in programs we hope will be interesting to all.

July 1
A rousing get-ready-for Independence Day sing-a-long with Emily Russell, Lauralyn Bodle, and friends. We'll celebrate with some standards, some old, and some new songs we can all enjoy.

July 8
The Wonders of Nature with Hank Guarasco.
There will be LIVE! LOCAL! specimens (spiders, snakes, and more on July 22!)

July 15
The Joys of Yoga for young and old.

July 22
The Wonders of Nature, Part II with Pennie von Achen (turtles, specimens: skunks, raccoons, moles)

July 29
Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets to introduce to the congregation and to give them your blessing. We'll meet outside for this one if weather permits.
WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JULY

11:00 a.m.

July 1 “Is There A Unitarian Universalist Stance With Regard to War and Peace,” Ted Wilson, with Worship Associate Lara Wilson. Ted, a historian and long-time member of UUCL, will explore the spiritual challenges Unitarian Universalists have struggled with in the past and continue to confront about issues of war and peace.

July 8 Worship with Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long, once a UUCL member and now minister at the UU Society of Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

July 15 Chris Brown, UUCL member

July 22 Rev. Kathy Riegelman, Chaplain, KU Medical Center, "Ministry in a Strange Land" The world of health care is a foreign land with its own terrain, language, and culture. What is ministry about here and what are the hidden gifts of hospital chaplaincy? Join us for an exploration of ministry in this strange land.

July 29 Rabbi Moti Rieber, Kansas Interfaith Alliance, "Civility is not Enough."

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR JULY

9:30 a.m.

July 1 Barbara Thompson will lead a discussion about the potential for UUCL’s exploration and action in response to the Congregational Study Action Issue passed at the 57th UUA General Assembly: UNDOING INTERSECTIONAL WHITE SUPREMACY (Copies of the Action Issue will be provided).
We will meet in the basement in the conversation area.

Lynne Renick will lead a discussion of the 2015-16 UUA Common Read Book Just Mercy- A Story of Justice and Redemption, by Bryan Stevenson.
We will meet in the basement in the conversation area.


Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, has dedicated his legal career to defending those who are trapped by an often capricious, political, and willfully unjust criminal justice system - poor people, people of color, children, and others over whom the system has run roughshod. It
speaks to justice, mercy, and compassion, themes of concern to us as Unitarian Universalists and as human beings.

*Just Mercy* is available as a paperback from the UUA Book and Gift Shop inSpirt at: https://www.uuabookstore.org/Just-Mercy-P17700.aspx

It is also available as an eBook in the Amazon Kindle store and on Google Play, as an AudioBook and from the Lawrence Public Library. 

*A free online study guide for Just Mercy is available at:*


**FAREWELL TO REV. JILL JARVIS**

On Sunday, June 17, Rev. Jill Jarvis gave her last sermon as our minister for the past 12 years. The reception in Founders Hall was bittersweet as we remembered our times together and said farewell.

**UUCL SERVES AT LINK SATURDAY JULY 14**

*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
REFLECTIONS FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

As we close the door on what has been an eventful year of unexpected change and uncertainty, I’d like to express my gratitude to my immediate predecessor, Barbara Thompson, and the 2017-18 executive board for stepping up to guide us through uncharted waters. Thanks to them and the Interim Minister Search Team, we will have Rev Aaron Stockwell join us in late September as our interim minister.

We have also gained much from Rev Jill Jarvis’ 12 years of ministry. Her testimony before the State Legislature on social justice issues strongly reflected our UU values and built solidarity with the local interfaith community. Her inspirational, sometimes challenging sermons continue to encourage us to look more closely at our lives and our culture. Rev Jill’s pastoral care touched many of our lives at times when it deeply mattered. Her strategic planning skills focused our attention on who and where we want to be in the future. And her mentoring of three members who felt called to ministry resulted in two outstanding ordained UU ministers and a third who is beginning ministerial internship. With you, I am grateful for those years, and I wish her well.

So, what now? What will our summer look like, this time before our interim minister comes? In his introductory note, Rev Aaron suggested we have a “safe, fun, and restful summer, because we’ve got work to do” when he arrives. Considering approach, I don’t anticipate our making major changes in the next few months. We have much food for thought, and I look forward to our exploring the themes he mentioned of heritage, mission, connections, leadership and the future.

Sunday scheduling will remain much the same. The 2018-19 board* has planned worship services through the summer (and had fun in the process!). Activity time will be available for children younger than nine, the same as during the year. The nursery will be available all morning on Sundays.

One change will occur temporarily only during July. The program team is offering content intended to include children for July, and separate child faith development classes are not planned during that time. Adult faith development classes will continue to be held at 9:30 in July.

A full faith development schedule for both children and adults will resume in August and continue into the fall, spearheaded by volunteer faith development coordinator Barbara Thompson.

As we enter the summer, we have some volunteer positions open, both short and long term, so you may find an opportunity to participate in co-creating our Sunday morning experience. If you are serving on a hospitality team, I am particularly grateful for your service. You are the welcoming face of this congregation for each new person who enters here, and everything you do to help them feel welcome will be remembered and appreciated.

See you on Sunday,
Valerie Roper, 2018-2019 Executive Board Chair

* 2018-19 Board Members: John Brewer, Chris Brown, Michelle Iwig-Harmon, Alan Monroe, Lynne Renick, Laura Wilson
ART IN FOUNDERS HALL

Award-winning artist Shakura Jackson is sharing her “personal vision photography” in her exhibit, “Nature Breathing, Ad Astra per Arte,” along with “Antique Mix-ups, Tabletop Sculptures,” in the glass case. She celebrates “the joy and beauty of nature, angels, and animals, as messengers of the spirit.” The sculptures consist of “vintage elements brought together to provoke or intend a meaning, for example, ‘Education for Defense’ from old U.S. postage stamps that call reading ‘a vital element of democracy.’”

Shakura draws inspiration from nature and from museums. Her journey was from mathematics and anthropology to art. After 28 years at KU, she retired.

Shakura will be present at a reception on Sunday, July 8, between 10:30 and 11 a.m. and will speak for about 5 minutes. Her show will be up through August 26.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY, 2018

A quick recap of actions last month:

On Friday, June 1, some members of UUCL SJT joined a rally sponsored by the ACLU at the Topeka Office of the US Attorney for Kansas under the banner "Families Belong Together." This rally was part of a nation-wide protest of the new policy of the Trump administration to separate immigrant and refugee children from their parents. You can see the photo here: https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=2fbbd4d12d&view=att&th=163bdc5dd978e1bf&attid=0.1&disp=safe&zw

On June 6, 2 UUCL members wired a money donation gathered from the congregation, to Maria Margarita Silva in Guerrero, Mexico, to help support her family after deportation from Lawrence.

For the Beloved Conversations, 3 UUCL congregants and Rev. Jill committed to disrupting white supremacy in our congregations by participating in eight 2-hour sessions over 2 months, including a presentation by 4 community leaders--people of color--in Topeka, organized by Rev. Sarah Ogelsby-Dunegan.

UUCL was represented at the Poor People's Campaign for 6 successive weeks at the state capitol which included civil disobedience and arrest, to proclaim to Kansans and legislators, the need to end systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological degradation and the war economy.

June 30--Demonstration to Keep Families Together, in South Park, 1pm. And you can get information on writing to your legislator at
http://familyseparation.herdonthehill.org/?link_id=16&can_id=e2077dfacdf5784b19f176661fd57b2&source=email-indivisibles-this-fight-isnt-over&email_referrer=email_375186___subject_465590&email_subject=indivisibles-this-fight-isnt-over on this issue.

Coming up in July

July 8-Social Justice Team Meeting

Social Justice Team will meet on Sunday, July 8 at 12:15 in the Library, downstairs. Please join us for snacks and conversation about concerns—local and beyond. Interested members are invited to attend.

LINK on July 14. Sign-up sheet in the lobby at UUCL.

MidWest Region Leadership School, July 15-July 21. The Congregation will pay for 2 UUCLs to attend this intense leadership training in Decorah, Iowa. Paul Calnon and Barbara Johnston will attend.

The LETUS team (Lawrence Ecology Team United in Sustainability) continues working on a presentation to the City Commission, to convey research and submit for consideration, a policy on eliminating single-use plastic bags in retail businesses locally. A local class of fourth-graders will contribute to the presentation. Pennie Von Achen is our representative there.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION FOR JULY 2017

Health Care Access
(part of Heartland Community Health Center)

As you may know, on February 1, 2018, Health Care Access (HCA) became part of Heartland Community Health Center.* Heartland is proud to serve all in the community with high-quality, affordable, health care, regardless of income level or insurance status. Health Care Access’s “30-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.*

*Heartland Community Health Center serves Lawrence, KS and surrounding areas with primary care, dental care, mental and behavioral health care and physical therapy. We offer quality, affordable services to all community members, regardless of income or insurance status. The medical clinic is similar to a family practice doctor’s office but with the addition of a dental clinic and other wellness specialists. Heartland is a Federally Qualified Health Center and a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) that offers its patients accessible, coordinated and compassionate care to ensure that all needs are met
The following people were warmly welcomed into our Community after signing the membership book and participating in a special ceremony on Sunday June 10.

**Amy Burgin and Terry Loecke**
Amy Burgin and Terry Loecke grew up in rural Iowa communities before meeting in graduate school at Michigan State in 2002. Since completing their doctorates in ecology and environmental science in 2007, they have lived in Millbrook NY, Dayton OH, and Lincoln NE. Their twin daughters, Zara and Ada Burgin, were born in Nebraska and moved to Lawrence when they were 8 months old (in 2015). Amy and Terry are both scientists at KU in the Environmental Studies department and Kansas Biological Survey. Amy studies water quality and the effects of agriculture on streams, wetlands, lakes and rivers. Terry studies soil health and how it interacts with air and water quality. Their work intersects in trying to understand how soil and water quality will change with ongoing climate change. As a family, they enjoy travel and camping, exploring National Parks and interesting destinations, walking their two dogs, gardening and cooking. Amy also enjoys volunteering for the Friends of the Kaw watershed group and the Friends of the Lawrence Public Library. They are enjoying living in a small college town for the first time and find Lawrence to be a great place to raise their girls. They were drawn to UUCL as a welcoming, multi-generational spiritual community in which to raise Ada and Zara and make new friends.

**Rachel Gadd-Nelson**
Rachel has lived in Lawrence for about ten years and is very excited to find a new community here at UUCL. Rachel is the director of the education program at The Sexual Trauma & Abuse Care Center (formerly GaDuGi SafeCenter) and it has been an honor to work there for over five years. She is a volunteer at Audio Reader, reading the grocery story ads every week and providing live theatre Audio Description in Lawrence and Kansas City. Rachel has been involved in LGBTQ youth activism over the years; her proudest achievement was serving as an adult mentor to the youth-led Lawrence Queer Youth Voice which provided leadership opportunities and social supports to LGBTQ youth in Lawrence. Additionally, Rachel enjoys reading, cooking, and walking around Lawrence. Rachel was drawn to the Soul Matters group and Worship Service here at UUCL and was encouraged by the warm, engaged welcome she received. She is interested in getting involved with religious education, OWL, and much more!

**Nicole Hime**
Nicole Hime moved to Lawrence last summer with her husband and three daughters. She grew up in St. Louis and spent the past six years in Lexington, KY, where her husband Paul was earning his doctoral degree. Their three daughters, Charlotte, Natalie, and Genevieve were all born in Kentucky. While there the family was introduced to the UU congregation of Lexington by a neighbor, and they were regular attendees during their last year before moving to Lawrence. Nicole works as an account manager and
bookkeeper for small businesses. The whole family loves outdoor activities including hiking, camping, and rock climbing.

**Paul Holmes**

Paul moved to Lawrence 15 years ago to be near his son and his family after the death of his wife and his retirement. His professional life has been in the field of urban education in the areas of school psychology, program evaluation, school improvement planning, school desegregation et al. Paul looks forward to the search for truth and understanding of life in his senior years with the UU Congregation of Lawrence.

**Grace MacMillan**

**Derek Reed and Florence (Flo) DiGennaro Reed**

Derek and Flo have lived in Lawrence for 8 years having previously lived and worked in the Boston area. They are faculty at the University of Kansas in the Department of Applied Behavioral Science. Derek and Flo have a newborn son, Giovanni Diego Reed, who was born at the end of May. They appreciate the congregation's emphasis on being engaged citizens and working to make the world a better place. As such, Derek and Flo look forward to becoming active members of UUCL

**Chelsea Vaughn**

Chelsea moved to Lawrence 3 years ago to seek new opportunities. She works in Human Resources at Kmart and as a Part-time Teacher at the Lawrence Montessori School. She is glad to have found a spiritual home here at UUCL and loves the feeling of inclusiveness. At home she has a 6 year old Poodle-terrier mix and enjoys walking the dog around Lawrence finding new places. Chelsea would love to travel more and try an Escape Room.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Barbara James, 84, of Baldwin City, KS, left this life on Monday, May 28. She was born June 20, 1933 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and lived in Wisconsin for most of her life. When her physician husband John retired from the VA in Leavenworth in 1995, they moved to a farm near Baldwin City, Kansas. Barbara enjoyed her friends and neighbors, and her weekly breakfast group “The Baldwin Breakfast Biddies.” She found joy in farm life, sunrises and sunsets, and her very active bird-feeders. Barbara liked watching basketball for the teamwork and the good plays. Her idea of a perfect game was for the game to be so close it ended in a tie score — and she thought overtime, and the need for a winner and a loser, was just wrong. That's how she wished all of life could be: well played, without there having to be winners and losers. In her own way, in her circle of influence, she did what she could to have there be no losers, and no need for only one winner. Barbara was a member and strong supporter of UFL/UUCL. She was a life-long member of the American Library Association and the Sierra Club. In 2017, not long after the death of her husband, Barbara moved to Vintage Park of Baldwin City, and considered herself very lucky to have found such a caring community filled with so many good people. Barbara is survived by her daughter, Katherine James and son, Thomas A. James.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Baldwin Public Library and sent c/o Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 64, Baldwin City, KS 66006. Condolences to the family may be sent through [www.lamb-roberts.com](http://www.lamb-roberts.com).
“Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, “How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?” The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life.”

General Assembly 2018 with its theme of “All Are Called” was inspiring and affirming. Our youth, with leader Paul Calnon were well-represented with Avalok Bhattachan, Adria Morgan, Jillian Schwartz, and Gopal Sibilla attending every day. UUCL members attending one or more of the events were Rev. Jill Jarvis, Interim Board Chair, Barb Thompson, Board members, Chris Brown with Denise Perpich, Michelle Ig-wig-Harmon with Amara, Chair-elect Valerie Roper, former DFD Bonnie Blosser, office manager, Jennifer Donnelly, and members Ann Alexander, Amanda Bhattachan, Lynne Bodle, Brita Calnon with Zoe, Michelle Compton-Munoz, Jennifer Dropkin, Carol Eades, Audra Fullerton, Tom Geyer and Pam Slawson, Rebecca Gant, Ellen Reid Gold, Barbara Johnston, Jake Kipp, Graham Kreicker, Barbara Schowen, Krzystof Sibilla, Brian Vancil, and Shannon VanLandingham. (Many apologies to ones I may not have listed here.)

It was wonderful to see our former members, now ministers, Rev. Jon Coffey (recognized for Preliminary Fellowship) and Rev. Jordinn Nelson Long’s (Workshop presenter and organizer: “Reimagining Sunday Mornings”)

Here are a few photos. Your newsletter editor is flailing herself for having failed to take a picture while some of us were meeting with our new interim minister Rev Aaron Stockwell.

~Barbara Schowen, ed.
UUCL MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet at UUCL at 9am on Saturday June 2 for pastries, coffee and conversation. 
[Regular meeting times: 9:00 a.m. the first Saturday of each month.]

UUCL WOMEN’S GROUP
The UUCL Women's Group will meet at the rural home of Carole Boulton, 2085 E. 1550 Road, from 2-4 PM on Saturday, July 14. Bring yourselves, bring a friend, bring a snack to share if you wish. Newer and younger members and friends are especially invited. We'd like to know you better. We'll get out information about carpooling later - watch the UUCL facebook pages and your email for more information, and/or call Lynne Bodle for information or for a ride. See you there!

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Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m.
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