

**Lake Fellowship
Mission Statement:**

*To provide opportunities
for learning, personal
growth and service
in an atmosphere of
freedom and fellowship*



Fellowship News

LAKE FELLOWSHIP OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2010

Lake Fellowship is a lay-led Unitarian Universalist congregation. We meet Sundays from the week after Labor Day to the week before Memorial Day. There is no program between Christmas and New Year's.

Adult Program: 10:30 a.m.

- Childcare can be provided during adult program (please call to inquire).

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plan on doing another GA-focused program in the spring once June gets a little closer.

The board met on Nov. 30th to discuss a number of items. Again, any member interested in seeing a copy of the minutes, please contact me (email or phone) and I can forward a soft copy. One new topic was an idea to create a LFUU Facebook page for members and anyone else to keep in touch, post community and fellowship events, discuss and blog topics, post pictures, etc. We also would like to streamline our website and make it a bit more interactive with current information ideally cutting down on some of the email traffic. Matthew Tift and I will be working on these projects sometime this winter—updates to come. As always, if you have a concern or something you would like the board to review, please feel free to send it my way and I'll be sure to raise it at an upcoming meeting.

I attended a UU small congregation meeting in early December that our local Prairie Star District liaison organizes every other month or so. It is educational and interesting to hear about some of the challenges other small congregations have and to discuss various subjects with them. Most all of them plan on creating a banner to use at GA in June. Marilyn Vialle, Marnie Karger, and Sue Segal will be working on something for LFUU.

I am thankful this Holiday season for all the friends and warm feeling of community that LFUU brings to everyone. I do my best to look past the cultural commercialization and over indulgence that is tied in with all the good things of this time of year. Speaking of our community, I am thrilled to inform those who have not heard that Kandis Hanson officially announced that she has decided to become a member.

Feel free to contact me anytime you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

Chairman's Corner

Dan Larson

Hello everyone. It seems like just last week I was writing up something for the newsletter. Winter came in with a bang sending many of us to thoughts of "why do we live here again?" Just think, only 4 more months till the snow breaks.

I'm excited for upcoming programs in January and February with several outside speakers coming in to talk about a wide variety of topics. Check out the descriptions in the program schedule of the newsletter. The kids once again performed a memorable play on Dec 20th that was followed by the annual Holiday pot luck. This performance was on the heels of a fun play several of the adult members did for us on Dec 13th, "The Ghosts of a UU Christmas." Thanks to all that participated—Marnie Karger, Janice Leaffer, Robin Dodson, Terry and Tim McGlynn, and Tim Wendt. It was fantastic! We also learned more about General Assembly (GA) on November 15 from David Lauth on what we can do individually and as a fellowship to volunteer and get involved. I will be posting a calendar of dates to keep on your radar for various GA deadlines and we will

Programs

January 3 — Breath is Life

We will start the new year with a discussion on an article from the most recent UU World magazine entitled “Breath is Life”. In this article Rev. Scotty McLennan defends abortion rights from a liberal Christian perspective. McLennan is the dean for religious life at Stanford University. He wrote *Jesus Was a Liberal* in 2009. We hope that his essay will give you a fresh perspective on the topic and help you in conversations with folks about this controversial subject. The full article can be found through the following link:

<http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/151714.shtml>

Please read before the Jan. 3 program. We will bring some articles along that Sunday, too.

January 10 — Music from the early 1900s

Herb Holt will enlighten us on one of his favorite composers from the early part of the 1900s. He also plays some of the songs from that era. Herb spoke to us last year on George and Ira Gershwin—it was quite interesting and very entertaining.

January 17 — Current Events

Once again member Les Kraus consented to lead us in a discussion on current events. Given that a year has passed since Obama was sworn into office, we can critique his performance in his first year and talk about other topics that people choose. Here’s your chance to bring up whatever topic in which you have a special interest.

January 24 — The ‘All Do Better’ Imperative

Our speaker for today is Dane Smith, who is president of Growth and Justice, located in St. Paul. He will talk to us about “The ‘All Do Better’ Imperative: How investing in Human Potential is Good for Minnesota and Good for Business in the Long Run.” It goes along with what Paul Wellstone said, we all do better when we ALL do better.

January 31 — Food Choices

We will watch the movie *Fresh* to help prepare us for a future speaker on *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*. The Larsons, Chris Hall and Marilyn

Vialle watched this and thought it had some good points on our food choices.

February 7 — Barack Obama and the Politics of Change

Has it happened yet? David Schultz is a professor in the Hamline University School of Business. He has a PhD in political science and a JD from the University of Minnesota, an LLM from the University of London, MA’s in political science and philosophy from Rutgers University. He has authored over 20 books. David is a nationally recognized expert on political ethics, money and politics, and political participation. You may have seen him on Almanac on Minnesota Public Television on the political science panel.

February 14 — The Omnivore’s Dilemma

This morning Rob King will speak to us on *The Omnivore’s Dilemma*. Rob is a professor in the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. He held the E. Fred Koller Chair in Agricultural Management Information Systems from 1983 to 2004 and served as head of the Department of Applied Economics from July 2004 through June 2008. His research focuses on local food systems, on organic agriculture and on management issues facing food retailers, farmer cooperatives, and farmers.

February 21 — Discussion on Health Care

Karen Wendt attended a Webcast conference of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s National Forum on Quality Improvement in Healthcare December 8-9, 2009.

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is an independent not-for-profit organization helping to lead the improvement of health care throughout the world. Founded in 1991 and based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, IHI works to accelerate improvement by building the will for change, cultivating promising concepts for improving patient care, and helping health care systems put those ideas into action.

Karen will share with us the presentation given by **Uwe E. Reinhardt, PhD**, a Leading Health Care Economist, and Professor

of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University.

Professor Reinhardt has been a consultant to the United States Congress and the World Bank. He wrote *Regulating Managed Care*.

His presentation is on the costs of health care in this country and the current status of the debate on health care reform.

February 28 — To be announced

Members' Space

"The world needs our liberal religious message of freedom, reason, tolerance, and compassion more than ever. If we choose to go alone and to be isolated, we weaken the chances that our saving message will have any real and lasting impact in a troubled and troubling world. Together we are stronger, and we have the opportunity to grow our faith and to reach more people with our message: a message that is sorely needed in a world of religious fanatics and true believers of every stripe. Truly, we need one another!" This was said by The Rev. Harold Babcock at the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2009.

— Contributed by Marilyn Vialle

Book Club News

No book club the last Sunday of December due to members being gone over the holidays. We will choose books for 2010 at our January meeting on the 31st. The book for that night is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. So, bring your suggestions for 2010 or make requests to Marilyn.



Web Connections...

Lake Fellowship Web Page: www.lakefellowship.org

Unitarian Universalist Association, representing over 1000 liberal congregations in North America: www.uua.org

Prairie Star District, the upper midwest district of the UUA: www.psduua.org

We hope you enjoy our new *Members' Space* column.

We welcome your contributions to this new section. Email them to the Newsletter's editor, Beatriz Aguerrevere—baguerff@me.com

Friends and members of Lake Fellowship of Unitarian-Universalists are invited to

Sangha

...a community to practice mindfulness and compassion in the spirit of the Buddha

9:15 to 10:15 am, every Sunday
before the regular program at the A-Frame

All are welcome regardless of
meditation experience.

Bring pillows or a meditation cushion
and 1 or 2 blankets

We are guided by Fellowship member
Susie Rosenthal Kraus who has practiced
Buddhist meditation for 16 years.

Questions? Contact either
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What do Unitarian Universalists Believe? The Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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