



The Newsletter for

April 2007

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU News

April Service Schedule

April 1: 10:30 am *Humor Service* [Worship Associates]

Annually, we take a moment to laugh at ourselves...and to let some of the "air" out of our hubris.

April 8: 10:30 am *Everything's Rising!* [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn & Wayne UU Pagans]

It is not accident that Easter and Passover are celebrated in the spring. As with these holidays, Spring Equinox in March also marks the birth of new hope. We'll be celebrating, too. Join us as we mark the coming of new life from three traditions..

April 15: 10:30 am *Rendering Unto Caesar: Civil Responsibility* [Strawn]

As we remember at tax time, our usual civil responsibility is to pitch in and do our share. Sometimes, however, our consciences lead us to resist. W W T D? On this IRS Sunday, what would [Henry David] Thoreau do?.

April 15: 4:30pm *Evensong: An Alternative Service* [Beverly Wire & Elaine Strawn]

This is the 4th of our small, informal Sunday services, followed by a light pot luck dinner. It is interactive, reflective and very, very friendly. Join us!

April 22: 10:30 am *The Good Enough Congregation* [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn]

Psychologists talk of the "good enough mother," a parent who can help the child hold ALL the feelings without judgment and then help to mold wise choices. Are we a "good enough congregation?" We will "hold" all the phrases which arose out of our Mission Statement discussions, reflect and respond. This will be an interactive service, so bring your thoughts and ideas.

April 29: 10:30 am *Steps to the Meeting House* [Sherri and Jeff Gochnauer]

We will celebrate new members this Sunday and celebrate the stories of two members who have committed to journey along with us.

**Call for the Meeting:
Annual Meeting
for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Sunday, May 6, 2007 after the service**

All members may vote on: new Board members, bylaw changes, informal name change proposal & new mission statement

A copy of the entire bylaws will be posted on the bulletin board outside Anne's office & sent via the yahoo group.

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From the Board

If you have not yet made your pledge to support our Fellowship, please do so at your earliest convenience. We will need to know what we will have to work with so we can finalize the budget for our next fiscal year that begins July 1st.

Your Board approved three changes to our bylaws, to be voted on by the membership during our annual meeting, May 6th:

To change the title of Board members from 'trustee' to 'director' wherever that appears in the bylaws.

'Trustee' implies more risk than 'director.' This change was recommended by our previous Vice President, Attorney Beverly Caley.

To informally use the name 'Unitarian Universalist Fellowship', dropping 'of Wayne County' when referring to our Fellowship.

To offer the option of a second consecutive 3-year term on the Board of Directors, beginning with the 2007 class, to provide more time to cultivate leadership:

"Directors shall be elected for three-year terms or to fill unexpired terms of lesser length. No person shall be eligible to success herself/himself on the Board of Director after the completion of two full three-year terms until an interval of at least one year has elapsed."

Members of our congregation will participate in the April 21st Ohio-Meadville District's annual meeting. Our Fellowship has been named a 'Breakthrough Congregation', and several members will speak to the elements used to make that selection.

Social Action in Action

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT: the Social Action Committee is working with the Domestic Violence Coalition to organize a Clothes Line Project in Wooster for October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Project is a visual display of t-shirts with messages and illustrations that have been designed by women survivors of violence or by their friends or family. The purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women, to celebrate a woman's strength to survive and to provide another avenue for a woman to courageously break the silence that often surrounds her experience. Photographs of a Clothes Line Project are posted on the Social Action bulletin board.

We are **currently collecting t-shirts** which will be illustrated at the Every Woman's House office during the summer. The shirts can be new or used, any adult size, any color, preferably plain with no writing or pictures on them. If they have pictures or writing they should not be visible when the shirt is turned inside out so that the inside can be used for the illustrations. Please check your dressers and closets for any t-shirts you no longer want. Clothes pins are also needed, so donate ones you no longer use. Both t-shirts and clothes pins can be put in the laundry basket marked "Clothes Line Project" which is under the small table next to the People to People bin. If you would like more information about the project or want to help, contact Betty Schuler, Christa Craven or Elaine Strawn.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SUNDAY WILL SOON BE HERE: on April 1st the CAKES FOR KIDS program will be collecting funds to buy ingredients for the volunteer bakers to make birthday cakes for the children in the Every Woman's House shelter for battered women. The Bakers Dozen Chalice Circle also uses the funds to cook a monthly meal for the families in the shelter. The collection will focus on funds and Buehler's Gift Cards. Baking ingredients are not needed this year. Birthday cake will be served to celebrate this event.

BLITZVILLE IS COMING!: join the "Habitat Roadtrip Crazies" on **May 19, 20 and 21** to help this traveling Habitat for Humanity crew construct two new houses, one in Shreve, one in Wooster, in just three days! Area churches, police and fire departments are all joining in the project. One hundred volunteers are needed, fifty for each site. Masons, skilled subcontractors and learn-as-you-go volunteers are all welcome to work two to three hour shifts. In addition, volunteers are needed to provide food, both lunches and snacks for three days; to act as greeters on site to welcome workers and help fill out paperwork, and to provide vans and shuttle service for transporting volunteers to the building sites. Donated in-kind materials and money are tax deductible. Interested? Contact the UFWWC office 330-262-9194.

The Minister's Column

Spring is here! Without a particular liturgical calendar, our days are marked by nature's calendar. What challenges, trials, joys and triumphs marked winter, the season gone by? What awaits us in the spring? Often, I am struck by the strength of people around me. A recent visit to another UU congregation brought me into conversation with a woman who has come through to the final radiation treatments and is finding health at the end of a very long tunnel. We ARE a resurrection people, probably not in the historical sense of Easter; but our lives are constant reminders of new life coming out of illness or trauma. Reflecting on each season gone by, we could stir in amazement at what we have survived, conquered, learned, experienced. Life is always "serving it up", it seems. Each new season comes with wonders and traumas to behold: dread decisions which won't turn out so badly; the emergence of healing energies we didn't know we had; challenges, injustices and illnesses which challenge every certainty we hold dear, and yet don't defeat us.

We human beings have marvelous resources: bodies and emotions and minds to use—and to care for tenderly. And, we have the resources of community—the UUFWC and others—which undergird us when our own strength seems to wane. We can choose to enter each new season with anticipation, or dread, open to what it will bring or closed and guarded. Taoist philosophy reminds us of Nature's lessons: change will come, and—like it or not—we will be vulnerable. The true spiritual discipline is to relax into the change, to give our wisdom, our bodies, our emotions the flexibility to act, rather than react, and to allow those around us to be present, helpful, supportive in the ways we will need. It's a lesson that keeps coming around, season after season, giving opportunity to learn.

Director of Religious Exploration Column

A District Meeting on "Ministry to and with Youth" in Columbus was attended by Lois Grant, Sue Gross, Jay Klemme, and myself. Good representation from our congregation!

The "Parent Work Party" to deep-clean the R.E. wing netted two parents: Denise Bostdorff and Mady Noble. Kudos to them! Devin and Morgan Bostdorff-O'Rourke also helped. Others scrubbing were R.E. Committee members Emily Curie, Lois Grant, Cheryl Guthrie, and Mary Wicks. Facilities co-chair Gene Meyers worked and directed us, and Don Curie brought us lunch! With much elbow grease, the job got done.

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Michael Russo recently attended the Social Action CON at Shaker. He worked with a group preparing furniture for needy people. Good going, Michael!

The STARS class (Junior High) presented a session on "Beliefs" for two other classes on March 18th during R.E. time. Coordinator Peg Redinbaugh works hard with her kids to get this done each year.

OUR big DISTRICT EVENT will be the Curriculum Fair on March 31st!!! The sign-up sheet is now in the vestibule. Please help our church make a sensational impression by signing up to work. Chef Scott Crawford has been boning up on vegetarian and vegan dishes. (No pun intended.)

On April 15th we will have our fourth R.E. Social Action Sunday. All the children and youth will be planting and otherwise helping with landscaping our beautiful acreage!

I will attend a LREDA chapter meeting to be held before the OMD Annual District Assembly at West Shore on April 20th, and will stay for the large meeting on that day and the next.

Happy Spring!

Thank you to all those who helped with our Day of Change collection for **Friendship Meals in Orrville**. We collected \$145.68 which was sent to the program. We do this every year, in order to help a local organization which is pursuing this worthwhile purpose, and appreciate all who helped.

EYES WIDE OPEN
FEAR - TOWARDS HOPE

Eyes Wide Open, American Friends Service committee's widely acclaimed exhibit of boots and shoes honoring the casualties of the Iraq war is returning to Wooster, Ohio. This multi-media exhibit focuses on the human and economic costs of the war which continue to grow daily. It features 156 pair of boots representing each soldier from Ohio who has been killed in the Iraq War and 100 pairs of shoes representing the thousands of Iraqi civilian deaths.

Eyes Wide Open will be exhibited in Wooster on **Saturday, April 28 from 10 am - 7 pm** at the **Downtown Wooster Square**. Open your eyes: this exhibit is your opportunity to get closer to the facts and to learn more about the impact of the Iraq war on Ohioans and the rest of our nation.

Entry is free to the public, although donations are appreciated. Additional information in the form of literature, video, photographs, and the costs to Ohio will be made available at the exhibit.

If you are interested in making a difference, volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts before, after, and during the times listed to set up, put away and help out during the exhibit. Please contact Mary Wicks with the following information: Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address.

From kitchen committee

Please remember to leave the kitchen clean after you use it. This includes the dishwasher! It was found recently full of dirty dishes on Sunday morning. It took the coffee volunteers until 1:00 PM to clean up. This is unfair to our volunteers.

Thank God for Evolution: How Science will usher Religion into Its Greatness.

Michael Dowd & Connie Barlow will present their workshop twice in our area:
Saturday 4/14 from 9-4 pm at First Cleveland UU, Shaker Hts. & Sunday April 15 at Eastshore UU.

Presenting the Great Story in a way that honors all faith traditions.

See bulletin board for registration information and addresses. Or visit

<http://www.eastshore.org/events/greatStory.htm>

This Month

Coming to the **Seder on 4/7/07?**

Need a recipe?

Need some matzo crackers or matzo meal for the recipe?

SOME printed recipes located on the small lobby table.

Or you can check out books in the library.

Other recipes can be found at:

<http://www.koshercooking.com/recipes/Passover/>
Matzo crackers and matzo meal are on the counter in the kitchen. Small ziploc baggies provided. Please only take what you need. If you need large amounts of either, you can find these items at Buehlers (Milltown) on the BREAD AISLE on the top shelf.

Other questions? Email or see Dia Miller

See YOU at the Seder!!!

Coffeehouse 23!

Saturday April 14 from 7 to 10:30 pm

Great entertainment, treats & coffee

Bakers Dozen Chalice Circle will cook at Every Women's House **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**. They are enjoying the new placemats serving platters and bowls we recently donated. Anyone interested in joining contact Sue Gross or Cathy Miller.

MEET N' GREET!

It's here and you should be, too!!!

Sunday morning, April 24th at 8:45 am SHARP!. Full breakfast, conversation starters, childcare and good times provided.

We just need you to show up with your own plate.

Yes, folks... that's right... Bring your own plate.

We'll provide EVERYTHING else. So, sign up soon and we'll see YOU there!

Questions? See or email Dia Miller or Membership Committee member!

Next Month

The Ohio- Meadville District is having a **Women Spirit Conference Day on May 5**, at the Akron UU Church. Various workshops will be available, both earth-centered and of general interest to women. The theme is woman supporting women. Susan Heady will be presenting a workshop. Registration forms are available from Gail Carter

Like to help children?
Do you enjoy Mother's Day cakes?
Join the decorating fun
Saturday morning, May 12th
at Every Women's House.
We'll help the children decorate cakes for their moms! From 10:00 AM to 12 noon.
Contact Sue Gross or Cathy Miller.



The annual Ladies Day Tea will be **Saturday, May 12th, 2007**, at the home of Sue Gross, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.
Please bring your own tea cup and food dainty to share.
Susan Heady will teach us the proper way to make a cup of tea.
All ladies welcome!
Please watch for a sign up sheet soon.

~~Thank You~~

Kurt, Clare, Maddie and Elise Knebusch thank the Fellowship for the cards, flowers, support, prayers, good thoughts, and good food following Kurt's parents' car accident in July, the subsequent passing of Kurt's father in November, and the passing of Clare's mother and father in September and January. Kurt's mother continues to gradually improve from her injuries, moved back to her home in November, and is walking modest distances with a walker or cane. From their family to the extended UUFWC family as a whole, palms together in gratitude ...

Landscape Request

Please save your flattened cardboard. We have a nearly unlimited use this spring. We'll use it to smother weeds in the beginning a prairie planting.
Ruth Sewell

Every Month

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm
April 15: Kabbalah: A Love Story by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner
May 20: Collapse by Jared Diamond

CHALICE CIRCLES

~Getting to Know You Circle: First Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Library.

COVEN OF UUFWC

Meets on a monthly basis in members homes, usually on Saturday evenings. For Information, contact Tisha Russo

DRUMMING CIRCLE IS RE-STARTING!

4TH SUNDAYS, AT 1:30 PM

April 22, May 27 & June 24 at the Fellowship.

Everyone is welcome. If you don't have a drum come anyway and we will supply you with bells, rattles and other misc. musical instruments.

NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Meeting on 3rd Saturday (2-4 pm) AND 3rd Monday (7-9 pm) in the teen room. Just bring your handiwork & come for a chat!

OHIOANS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

We are working for the civil right of marriage for same-sex couples in Ohio.

Meets 4th Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm.

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE

Meets 4th Monday from 6:30-8:30 pm.

WOO 2 MOMS

on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm.
Contact Traci Smetzer for more info.

WUUPS

Wayne UU Pagans meets at 7pm at the fellowship
April 29- full moon/Beltane; May 20- full moon;
June 17- Summer Solstice For information, contact Gail Carter

Other Important Information

April **Birthdays**
 9 Kate Freed
 12 Kurt Knebusch
 12 Jay Klemme
 20 Margaret Boyer

Rides for College Students

The fellowship offers a ride service for College of Wooster students who wish to attend Sunday services.
 Drivers, if you cannot drive on your scheduled date, please arrange your own substitute.
 Please meet in front of Lowry Center at 10:10 am

April **Anniversaries**
 8 Peg Redinbaugh & John Gross

April 1 Margo Curl
 8 Clif & Hazel Bushnell
 15 Tom & Sue Gross
 22 Ruth Sewell
 29 Margo Curl

Coffee Duty
 April 1 Cheryl Guthrie & Joe Kufchak
 8 Ruth Dykstra
 15 *available*
 22 *available*
 29 *available*



Would you like to host coffee hour?

It is easy! All the supplies are in the kitchen, treats are optional.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board near the coat room.

Cleaning Volunteers

Thank our cleaning volunteers if you see them.
We really appreciate their time & commitment.

April 2 Sue & Scott Gross
 Apr 16 Margo Curl & Michele Shaw
 Apr 30 Bill Alkire & Susan English
 May 14 Mary Wicks

Library Request

Is anyone able to donate the following issues of the UU World to the fellowship library so that we can fill gaps in the collection? Needed are: Nov/Dec 1993, Nov/Dec 1995, and March/April 2001.

Also, if you happen to have tapes of past Sunday services at home and are not using them, please return them so that they can be processed with cards and pockets for checkout. We will be retaining the current year and the three previous years of these tapes as well as some programs further back. Those recordings we do not keep are being placed in a box right outside the library and are free for the taking.

A Look At the Year Ahead

April 20-21	Ohio Meadville District Annual Meeting at West Shore UU in Rocky River, OH.
May 6	UUFWC Annual Meeting. After the service, members are encouraged to stay to vote on the business of the fellowship. This year, we will be voting on bylaw changes. See page 2 for details.
May 18-20	Spring Young Religious UU Con-All Ages. Held at West Shore UU, Rocky River, OH
June 20-24	UU Association General Assembly—Portland Oregon. The national meeting for all UU Congregations. Agenda, workshops, registration etc—available online: www.uua.org/ga
July 15-21	Summer Institute at Kenyon College. <i>Brochures now available!</i> Check out the fun! (look in rack outside office)
Nov 16 & 17	Madrigal Dinner 2! <i>Help plan for next year</i>

April-07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Birthday Cake Sunday Aluminum Can Collection 10:30am Humor Service 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2 6:45pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p>3 6:15pm Membership Committee meeting</p>	<p>4 7:00pm choir</p>	<p>5 7:00pm Getting to Know You Circle</p>	<p>6 12:30pm x team 6:30pm Wood2Moms potluck</p>	<p>7 10:00am OWL Class 3:00pm set up Seder 6:00pm Seder Dinner</p>
<p>8 Easter 10:30am Everything's Rising-Strawn</p>	<p>9 6:45pm Zen Meditation 7:00pm RE committee</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>11 7:00pm choir</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Why God Won't Go Away Class</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 10:00am OWL Class 9-4: Thank God for Evolution-Shaker Heights 7:00pm coffee house</p>
<p>15 People2People Collection 10:30am Civil Responsibility-Strawn 4:30pm Evensong-Alternative Service 7:00pm Book Discussion 7:00pm Healing Ritual</p>	<p>16 6:45pm Zen Meditation 7:00pm Needlework Group</p>	<p>17 newsletter deadline</p>	<p>18 5:30pm Baker's Dozen at Every Women's House 6:15pm Music Committee 7:00pm choir</p>	<p>19 7:00pm Why God Won't Go Away Class 7:00pm PFLAG-Trinity UCC</p>	<p>20 District Annual Meeting 12:30pm x team</p>	<p>21 District Annual Meeting 10:00am OWL Class 10:00am Red Hats Group 2:00pm Needlework Group 7:00pm Meet & Greet Setup</p>
<p>22 8:45am Meet & Greet Breakfast 10:30am Good Enough Congregation-Strawn 12:30pm Meet & Greet Clean up 1:30pm Drumming Circle</p>	<p>23 6:30pm Women Wisdom Circle 6:45pm Zen Meditation</p>	<p>24 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality</p>	<p>25 7:00pm choir</p>	<p>26 7:00pm Why God Won't Go Away Class</p>	<p>27 7:00pm Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 10:00am Eyes Wide Open-public square 10:00am Stacy Mitchell's wedding 10:00am OWL Class</p>
<p>29 10:30am Steps to the Meeting House-Gochnausers 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 1:00pm Wayne County Historical Society-Sacred Places tour</p>	<p>30 6:45pm Zen Meditation</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Office Hours: Elaine: Wednesday 6 pm–9 pm, Thursday 9 am–1 pm, Friday 2–5 pm Marge: Tuesday & Thursday 11:30–4:00 pm Anne: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am–12:30 pm</p> </div>				

About the UUFWC

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County,
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Mission Statement: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County welcomes, accepts and supports all individuals seeking personal and spiritual growth in an open community. For our children and adults, we nurture and promote the development of ideas, beliefs and respect for self, others and the earth. We celebrate diversity, honor the individual and collective search for truth and strive for social justice.

How to Find Us: We meet at 10:30 am on Sundays at 3186 Burbank Road., in Wooster. 330-262-9194

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Newsletter Deadline: The 17th day of every month!

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To join, email the office: fellowship@uufwc.org.

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