



The Newsletter for

June 2007

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

June Service Schedule

June 3: 10:30 am *Flower Communion* [Strawn]

Every Spring we celebrate this beautiful ritual from Czechoslovakia. Bring a flower from your garden: we will create a bouquet and then take someone else's flower home.

June 10: 10:30 am *Celebrating Our Community Annual Picnic* [Strawn]

The final service of our "regular year" is shorter...and ends in a picnic! The choir will sing, we will rejoice together, and then eat! Please bring a dish to share.

June 17: 10:30 am *Love Makes a Family* [Ohioans for Marriage Equality]

The OME group is sponsoring this exhibit which features sensitive portraits of gay/lesbian/transgender families. The exhibit will be open throughout the weekend and will be the focus of the service.

Note: the 4:30pm *Evensong: An Alternative Service*

will resume the third Sunday of September....watch for details!

June 26: 10:30 am *The Responsible Search for Truth* [Emily Curie]

This summer the focus is on living our Principles. We begin with principle #4 reflecting on Truth.

Summer Services are less formal and offer a chance to respond. Join us!

UUCW News

WOW= Summer R.E. Program!!!

“Web of the World” Pilot program

Sundays during church time

June 17th through August 26th

This year’s Blessed Bees through
STARS eligible

Outdoors on our land

—weather permitting

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From the Board

From the May 8th Board meeting:

On the June agenda, when all new members will be present, they will establish a process for recruiting an ad hoc committee and timeline to examine Board structure, bylaws, and nominating committee function, then report back to the Board and Congregation in a timely fashion, as mandated during our recent Congregational Meeting.

The formation and charge for a Stewardship Committee was approved. The Committee on Ministry and the Pledge Committee will be part of the new Stewardship Committee. I have agreed to chair this committee in 2007-08, and will be recruiting other members.

We discussed the lessons learned from the Congregational Meeting, and will work to smooth the rough patches for next time, with these actions:

Have the Annual Report packet ready at least one week prior to the Congregational Meeting, on paper and via the website, so that members would be able to read all the reports in advance.

Have copies of the bylaws available and on the website.

Make sure any proposed bylaws changes include the current language for reference.

Make sure the Nominating Committee understands its charge and timeline.

Social Action in Action

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PICKUP: Help clean up a stretch of Route 3. The first pickup will be Saturday, June 2 at 9 am. We meet at Shearer's equipment, don our orange vests, grab our plastics bags and put on our gloves (don't forget to bring your own). We should be done by 10:30 am. If you would like to help call Mary Wicks

CURIOUS ABOUT THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE? Join us at our year end meeting on Sunday, June 3 at 7 pm at the Fellowship. You'll find out what we've done in the past year and help plan what we'll do in 2007-2008. Everyone is invited.

TRAVELERS TAKE NOTE: vacation time will soon be here. Please remember to collect the toiletries from any motel or hotel you stay in. When you return, put them in the bin labeled "Travelers' Toiletries" and Scott Gross will sort and deliver them to the Every Woman's House shelter and/or the Salvation Army shelter.

CLOTHES LINE PROJECT: used or new t-shirts are still needed for this visual display of t-shirts with messages and illustrations that have been designed by women survivors of violence or by their friends or family. Put your shirts in the laundry basket marked "Clothes Line Project" which is under the small table next to the People to People bin. Photographs of a Clothes Line Project are posted on the Social Action bulletin board.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: collections have stopped for the summer and will resume in September. Watch for announcement in the newsletter and program inserts.

KEEP SAVING aluminum cans and bring them on June 3, bring Buehler's Our Family labels and motel toiletries any time. These simple items provide help for many people.

BLOOD DRIVE Thank you to all who donated blood in May. We collected 11 units, which was below our goal of 15 units of blood. Since we have always been under our goal, we will have to find a partner, another church or a school. We will give this more thought before we book our next drive. Let Social Action know what you think!

The Minister's Column

I well remember the first time I saw two men kiss...I was shaken. It was after communion at the MCC church in Washington, DC in 1984. I had gone with a friend-or so I told myself. The revulsion sensation took me by surprise. I tried to explain it: people shouldn't be so intimate in church! But soon I owned the real cause: it was different. I had never witnessed two men kissing before, just like I had never seen a woman knock a man down—didn't know it could happen until I saw it on an episode of "Northern Exposure".

We are all lulled into comfort by the images we see in the culture around us; difference makes us nervous. We question whether we should even challenge the norms, feel foolish when we do. We need people to challenge and support us, broaden our vision, speak to our hearts as well as our minds. For this reason, the Ohioans for Marriage Equality are sponsoring a photo exhibit of loving families. Twenty portraits that we wouldn't necessarily see anywhere else will hang in our Fellowship house the third weekend of June. It isn't easy to change our "gut reactions" to different ways of being, but it IS our responsibility. We are part of a long tradition of people who respect difference, who celebrate it, even. Ours is a faith strong enough to challenge our own assumptions, to strive to look at life from another's vantage point. We are a community who truly believe not only that it is our duty, but that we will be stronger, better people for so doing.

Director of Religious Exploration Column

Parents attended a brief Open House in each of the classrooms on Mother's Day. We noticed that they didn't have much chance to interact with each other, but did so later on the playground with their children. The playground is still a work in progress, but already it seems to be successful.

R.E. Sunday on May 20th was well-attended and appreciated. My thanks for all the work the coordinators and facilitators did throughout the year and in getting their children ready to present on that day! The R.E. Committee has made some tentative groupings for next year's classes. However, we never know how many new people may join in over the summer, so please—teachers and parents--don't tell your children that they'll be moving to a new class. This year's classes will end on June 3rd.

The Nursery will be open all summer for children ages 0-3. It will be manned by some teenagers working together with adults.

For the first time ever, we are planning to run a program for our children on Sundays during the summer! It is "Web of the World," or WOW. This is a pilot program. It will run (we hope) from June 17th through August 26th. (This means that we will have only one Sunday on each end of the summer with no R.E. program.) All children will be in one large group, and we will be meeting outside on our land. The main thrust of the program will be feeding the spirit through nature. Various presenters will participate. Because we'll be on the land and maybe in the woods—children should come dressed in closed shoes with socks and long pants. Children eligible for participation are those who were in the Blessed Bees through the STARS this year. And also because we'll be outdoors, the program will run weather permitting. We'll give you more specifics soon.

There will not be a Hogwarts camp this year. (See box on page 5.)

Lois Grant, R.E. chair, has formed a committee to discuss the direction of the Youth Group. Her committee is comprised of both adults and youth. If you have input for this committee, please put a note in the Suggestion Box on the ledge.

Happy Summer!

News from the committees

Music

We are expanding our repertoire—have you noticed? New music, new choir members...if you are interested in joining the choir, let Gregg or Sandy Sheffield know. This year so far we welcomed new members Judy Smith and Joanne Schroeder, Dave & Tammy Paul, and Stacy Stillwagner and Scott Crawford.

Facilities

Meeting: June 3 after the service. We will decide on the remedy for the west parking lot. This is an open meeting.

Work day: Saturday June 9 from 8am to noon-Mulching

Or help mulch on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm.

ADOPT A FLOWER BED: Weeds yukky? Like to garden? Take responsibility for one bed and help make our place beautiful this summer. Adopt a flower bed (mulch, weed, plant--your ability and creativity)!

Fundraising

We need your Best Recipes! Coming soon! Our **first UUFWC published cookbook!**

If you have not yet submitted recipes for the UUFWC cookbook, you still have a chance! The deadline for recipe submissions has been extended one week. The new deadline is Sunday, June 10th. Submissions may be...

- placed in manilla envelope on the Connections Table by the entrance
- e-mailed to Kelly Chandler
- mailed to Kelly Chandler

Many thanks to those who have shared their recipes!

July 14 is our 2nd **Upscale Garage Sale-** Do that Spring Cleaning and bring us your goods! See page 6 for more details.

August 11 is our **First HOT Salsa Night!** Come alone or with a partner and enjoy a Latina food buffet and Latin Dancing. Don't know how to dance? No problema, we will have an hour of instruction prior to the dance fiesta so that you can learn a few moves! If your budget is tight, you can earn your admission with "sweat equity." Contact Sharon Delgado for details.

November 16 & 17 is our Second **Madrigal Feaste.** It is not too early to volunteer for a job to earn your meal! Contact Sharon Delgado.

New **Sherwin-Williams** program. Any member purchasing products from **ANY** Sherwin-Williams store can receive a 20% discount on regular priced items, 5% discount on any sale item, AND the Fellowship receives 4% of the total sales. A card is required to be shown at purchase time. See Anne Wilson for the card. Any questions, ask Gene Meyers.

Caring

Keep these people in your thoughts:

Cheryl Davis, whose sister passed away in California.

Cris Sullens who had back surgery and is having a difficult recovery.

Our Ladies Tea was a huge success - again!! We had some new faces join us, and beautiful hats to wear, thanks to Susan Headys' vast collection. Tasty teas and wonderful foods were enjoyed by all. One lady said "This is my favorite event of the whole year!" We collected 36 pounds of soaps, shampoos, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and other essentials. Thank you Ladies!

Helpers to decorate Mothers' Day cakes at Every Women's House were B Murphy, Christa Craven, and Sue Gross. Our volunteers provided the cakes, frosting, tools and candies the children needed. They assisted 4 young ladies make beautiful cakes for their moms.

Religious Exploration

No Hogwarts Camp This Year!

The R.E. Committee will NOT be sponsoring a Hogwarts Camp for children this year. Maybe someone would like to organize a church-wide one-day event, perhaps in conjunction with the release of the last Harry Potter book?????



X Team (Executive Team)

The X team's job is to handle the day to day business of running the fellowship. The facilities co-chairs, minister & administrator meet every other week. Some highlights:

- **Tornado Policy.** After meeting with a representative of FEMA, we purchased a weather radio and are working on signs to indicate the safe places in case of a tornado. He assures us that tornadoes rarely happen in the mornings. The best places to sit on the floor are: The bathrooms, coat room & hallway near the minister's office.
- **Lost & Found.** We are accumulating a number of items. For example-there is a framed photograph from the All Soul's service. The lost & found box is in the coat room. We will start enforcing a policy that items left here for more than 2 weeks will be disposed of. PLEASE check the box.
- **Service directory.** Coming this fall—a list of professional services offered by our fellow UUs. If you are in need of a landscaper, massage therapist or caterer—you'll have the opportunity to hire one of our own.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE
IF YOU WISH TO HAVE
YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE
LISTED IN THE SERVICE DIRECTORY.**

Finance

Now that the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget is balanced. We will tackle writing policy for donations.

The UUA announced a new program that awards UU congregations with monetary incentive to certify as a green building. We expect a \$10,000 check from the UUA soon.

The monthly financial reports are posted outside of Anne's office for all to see.

Membership

The Membership Committee would like

Thank outgoing co-chair: Dia Miller

And introduce new members:

Joanne Schroeder & Judy Smith

GA Portland

Did you notice this on the calendar?

Why do you need to know when
General Assembly is??

- 1: Elaine will be there & not available here
- 2: You don't have to be there to enjoy the excitement! You can keep up with the events at General Assembly on the web.

www.uua.org/ga

Committee Council

What is that you say? We were formerly the Joint meeting of the Operational and Programming Teams. We've simplified the name, but the function hasn't changed: All the committee chairs meet 3x a year to discuss issues. The most recent innovation to come from the Committee council is to try to create one place to go to for all the sign up lists. There is a new table in the lobby near the front door. This is the place to go to for a recipe card for the new cookbook, to sign up for a class, everything.

This Month at the Fellowship



Love Makes a Family: Portraits of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People and their Families

is coming to UUFWC, sponsored by Ohioans for Marriage Equality, the Social Action Committee and Equality Ohio. A Reception and the Opening of the Exhibit is Friday, June 15 from 5 to 7 pm. A panel discussion at 6:00 pm will discuss stories and issues for LGBT families in the local area with participation by Woo2Moms.

The exhibition of photographs by Gigi Kaeser depict LGBT people and their families in familiar settings. Accompanying text is from interviews of family members who speak candidly about their lives, relationships, and the ways in which they cope with the realities of prejudice, bias, and intolerance on a day-to-day basis. The touring photo-text display is created by the award-winning Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, MA.

Picture This!

- ~Can you picture yourself:
- ~On a Saturday morning walk?
- ~Visiting with other UUs?
- ~Making the world more beautiful?
- ~In orange?

If you answered yes to any of these, you are the perfect candidate to join the UUF Adopt-A-Highway Team. We will pick up trash along a lovely 1.8-mile stretch of highway four Saturdays from now through fall. YOU can help with all or just one. All you need is gloves and a willing spirit; we'll provide on-the-job-training and a lovely orange vest.

Our first pickup of the year will be **June 2** beginning at 9 am. We will meet at Shearer's equipment on Route 3 and should be done by 10:30. If you can help or would like to be included on future pickups, let me know. Mary Wicks

We need you for the UUFWC's
Upscale Garage Sale
Friday, July 13, 3 – 7 p.m. and
Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
3186 Burbank Road



It's time to check in the closets and under the bed for those treasures looking for a new home! This will be a unique sale, featuring a flea market as well as a special area for the sale of upscale items. These proceeds will benefit the UUFWC's operating budget. Individuals will also have the opportunity to market their own crafts. Here's how you can help:

Donate: We need items that are clean and in good condition. We'll be advertising specific upscale items, so let us know any special treasures you'll be donating ASAP (tax receipts will be available). Clothing in baby and toddler sizes only. Books are fine! Items can be dropped off on the following dates:

- Sundays, after June 16
- 8 – 10 am, Tuesday, July 11 - Wednesday, July 12
- 6 – 8 pm, Tuesday
- 6 - 8 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, (during set up and pricing)

Spread the word: Post a flyer in your work place or local business or e-mail it to friends. Let folks know that this is no ordinary sale!

Volunteer: Workers are needed **during the sale and to help set up and mark prices** on Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 pm (no experience needed).

Rent a booth: Do you have a special craft you'd like to sell? You can rent your very own booth (card table) for a mere \$10. You'll keep all the proceeds from your sales.

Questions? Items to donate? Willing to volunteer?
Contact Mary Wicks

Coming Soon!

Save the date:

**Saturday August 11
HOT SALSA NIGHT!**

Come join us for an evening of
food and dancing.

Latin food buffet
and Latin dancing.

Don't know how to dance

or feel a little rusty in your footwork?

No problema, there will be an

HOUR DANCE LESSON before the musica starts!

No partner required.

Want to earn your admission, see Sharon Delgadillo

A FUNdraiser presented

by the Fundraising Committee



If Anyone has the following Titles from Our Library

in your care, please let Anne Wilson or Kay Bowen know. We just need to know where to locate them if necessary.

- Joseph Campbell's THE POWER OF MYTH. VHS boxed set
- IF GOD IS LOVE by Philip Gulley
- SERVICE MANUAL FOR CLF MEMBERS. This is put out by Church of the Larger Fellowship

The UU bed and breakfast directory, *UU're Home*, provides a network of hosts in the United States who enjoy meeting new friends & who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

Host listings on website [www. UUreHome. com](http://www.UUreHome.com) are updated whenever changes new hosts are added. The paper edition is published every year in April (and has many listings different from those on the website). For a copy of the 2007 directory, please send a check for \$20 (or \$25 and your e-mail address for both the book and a year's access to the website) to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at 828-281-3253 or at info@uurehome.com, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Every Month

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm

June 3: Collapse by Jared Diamond

Will resume in the fall.

CHALICE CIRCLES

Will resume in the fall

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

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! They will meet thru the summer.

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 July 29 full moon, August 26 full moon, September 23 fall equinox, October 28 samwain, November 18 full moon and December 16 winter solstice For information, contact Gail Carter

Other Important Information

June Birthdays

- 5 Phil Grimm
14 Laura Grimm
15 Gregg Sheffield
16 Jan Wheelis

June Anniversaries

- 5 John & Betty Schuler
12 Gregg & Sandy Sheffield
12 Ruth & Brian Dykstra

If you don't see your birthday on the list, it is because I don't know it. I'd be happy to add your important events to the list—please contact the office.

Coffee Duty

- June 3 *available*
10 *available*
17 Ohioans for Marriage Equality
26 Ruth Dykstra



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.

Rides for College Students

The fellowship offers a ride service for College of Wooster students who wish to attend Sunday services DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

This service resumes in the fall.

Cleaning Volunteers

You can help in June! Prefer cleaning with friends? We do a whole church cleaning.

More details to follow.

Library News

The following new titles are in the library ready for checkout:

- Coming of Age: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations and Readings on Growing Up.
- Amethyst Beach: Meditations (2007 meditation manual)
- In Praise of Animals: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations and Readings
- Beyond Fundraising: A Complete Guide to Stewardship

A Look At the Year Ahead

- June 20-24 UU Association General Assembly—Portland Oregon. Information at: www.uua.org/ga
- July 15-21 Summer Institute at Kenyon College. District wide family fun! (brochures on rack outside office) Save \$75 by registering before June 1st.
- July 28 UU Leadership Team Institute-Juaniata College, Huntingdon, PA
-Aug 3 If interested in attending, please contact Elaine Strawn.
- Aug 19 Water Communion Sunday-We re-gather as a community after summer travels. Bring water that represents your summer—we pool it as a symbol of our gathered community. The water is sterilized it to use for child dedications throughout the year.
- Nov 16 & 17 Madrigal Dinner 2! **Help plan for next year**

June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Elaine: Wed 6 pm– 9 pm, Thurs 10 am-2 pm, Fri 2-5 pm Marge: Tues & Thurs 11:30—4:00 pm Anne: Mon, Wed & Fri 10 am—12:30 pm					1 7:30am x team 6:30pm Woo2Moms pot-luck	2 9:00am Adopt-a-Highway Trash Pickup 7:00pm Campout-STARS
3 Last RE classes Aluminum Cans 10:30am Flower communion 12:00pm Facilities meeting 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm Social Action 7:00pm Book Discussion	4 6:45pm Zen Meditation	5 1:00pm Mulching-weather permitting 6:15pm Membership Committee	6 7:00pm choir	7 7:30pm EQUALITY OHIO	8	9 8:00am Landscape Work Morning
10 10:30am Celebrating our Community 12:30pm Annual Picnic	11 6:45pm Zen Meditation 7:00pm RE committee	12 1:00pm Mulching-weather permitting 7:00pm Board Meeting	13	14	15 7:30am x team 5:00pm Love Makes a Family-Opening Reception 7:00pm UUYAN retreat	16 Love makes a Family exhibit UUYAN retreat
17 newsletter deadline People2People 10:30am Love Makes a Family-OME 10:30am WOW program starts	18	19 1:00pm Mulching-weather permitting	20 GA Portland	21 GA Portland 1:00pm Writer's Group	22 GA Portland	23 GA Portland
24 GA Portland 10:30am Solstice 1:30pm Drumming Circle	25 6:30pm Women Wisdom Circle	26 1:00pm Mulching-weather permitting 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality	27	28	29 7:30am x team	30 6:00pm Rental-birthday party

About the UUFWC

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County,
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Mission Statement: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is an inclusive spiritual community; its commitment is to social justice for the individual, the community, and the environment.

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

Minister: Rev. V. Elaine Strawn, email: minister@uufwc.org

Director of Religious Education: Marge Thomas, e-mail: dre@uufwc.org

Board of Directors: Helen Meyers, president, Susan English, vice president, John Gross, secretary, Phil Grimm, Carol Morrison, Dia Miller, Cheryl Guthrie.

Office Administrator & Newsletter Editor: Anne Wilson, email: fellowship@uufwc.org

Newsletter Deadline: The 17th day of every month!

Website: www.uufwc.org Webmaster: Lee Simpson

Yahoo Group Email: Address your email to: uufwc@yahoogroups.com One email reaches nearly everyone!
To join, email the office: fellowship@uufwc.org.

Office Hours: Elaine: Wednesday 6 pm– 9 pm, Thursday 10 am-2 pm, Friday 2-5 pm
Marge: Starting in June: Thursday & Friday: 11:30—4:00 pm No Office Hours after June 15;
Anne: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am—12:30 pm

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