



The Newsletter for

August 2007

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU News

## August Service Schedule

Our focus on living the Principles continues.

**August 5: 10:30 am** *Caught in the Web* [Marti Livingstone, David Paul and Ken Pilarczyk]

Our Seventh Principle causes our vision to widen daily...we are, truly, all one. David and Ken are involved in programs which honor our planet and our lives.

**August 12: 10:30 am** *The View from Outside the Net* [Rev. Christine Nees]

Following our sharing of the ways in which the UU Principles have touched the lives of individuals and our congregation, we have invited Rev. Nees (ordained as a liberal Christian) to comment on the view of Unitarian Universalism from the other side of our windows.

**August 19: 10:30 am** *Waters Flowing Together* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Each year our ingathering service focuses on pouring together the waters and stories of our summers. Bring your water and memories with you. Of course, your own tap water can be symbolically substituted!

**August 26: 10:30 am** *The Clothesline Project* [Kathy Ezawa and Elaine Strawn]

The Social Action Committee has been working with EveryWoman's House, the Wayne Center for the Arts, and other community agencies. During the month of October [domestic violence month], tee shirts marked with the names of women who have been the victims of abuse. After the service, you have the opportunity to make a tee shirt for someone you know who has been effected.

**August 19 is the  
Ingathering Service.  
The collected water symbolizes  
our collected community. It is  
boiled and used to dedicate  
babies during the year.**

**Religious Exploration classes  
resume Sept 9.**

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## ***From the Board***

The President of the Board of Directors is identified by a special nametag. I haven't been to church much this summer, so now it is time for me to come back and put on my new ID. Although I first came to the Fellowship almost 25 years ago, I realize that many of you may not know me. I hope that will change over the next few months.

I retired a couple of years ago after a long and diverse career in education, which included teaching science at Wooster High School, working in the agronomy department at the OARDC, and taking care of computers for Orrville City Schools. Retirement has allowed me to be a "house husband" with part-time jobs driving a school bus and teaching flying. My wife, Laura Mihuta Grimm, is a third generation UU who grew up in the West Shore UU Church near Cleveland. She is a third grade teacher at Kidron Elementary School. Our son Ben will be a sophomore this fall at Ohio State University, where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Rachel, who enjoys playing the piano at church, will be a senior at Dalton High School.

I will not be starting this year with any particular agenda. Instead, I want all of the members of the Board to become more visible and accessible to you, so that we can implement your goals.

All of us on the Board take our responsibility very seriously. We want to do the right thing. Please get to know all of us, or at least one of us. We are the ones with the special nametags.

For the Board, Phil Grimm

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## ***Social Action in Action***

**DESIGN A T-SHIRT!** On Sunday, August 26 after the service you'll have an opportunity to design a t-shirt for the **Clothes Line Project**. Anyone who has been a victim of domestic violence, has had a family member or friend who has been a victim or simply wants to make a statement about domestic violence can participate. All materials will be provided. For more information contact Elaine Strawn.

**RECYCLING REMINDER:** recycling your old cell phone or a computer's Inkjet or Laserjet cartridges both makes \$\$ for our Fellowship and saves oil! It's simple. See page 5 for more details.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** will be held on Sunday, August 19 at 7:00 pm at the Fellowship. Help decide on the projects we will undertake in 2007-2008. All are welcome.

**TRAVELERS TAKE NOTE:** Please remember to collect the toiletries from any motel or hotel you stay in this summer. 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.

## ***The Minister's Column***

It was the flight back from Portland, Oregon; General Assembly had just ended. Forgetting the new limits on liquids, I set off the sensor at the security booth. The plane loaded early, leaving no time for one last restroom break. A slow, throbbing headache reminded me just how busy the assembly had been. Somehow Jane was sitting seven rows behind me; so, would sit with strangers. Boarding I found myself behind a confused woman and her very beleaguered daughter; we moved s-l-o-w-l-y down the ramp and into the plane. The woman's agitation made it impossible for the daughter to get to the overhead compartment to deposit her carry-on bag and I wondered how long she would be able to maintain her composure. I relinquished my window seat so they could settle in and allow the other passengers to get to their seats. I sat down and tried to hide behind my book. A baby across the aisle screamed. The occupant of the seat behind mine rose to push his suitcase into the compartment overhead, his sweat dripping down on my arm. This was going to be a long flight. The old woman beside me fidgeted. I could feel my face taking on the cartoon-like wrath of "Calvin" as he schemed against "Hobbes". A slow, but inaudible [I hope] growl began in the back of my mouth.

Did I remember that there was a war going on in Iraq and Afghanistan? Yes. Did I remember the drought in the country, let alone the thousands dying of hunger in the developing world? Yes. Did I recognize this as a prepubescent snit? Yes. Did I care right then? No.

I do know how to meditate and I do have a few skills to handle similar situations. As the refreshment cart began rolling down the aisle toward me, I smiled—mostly at myself for the whole overreaction. And then I remembered: these are life's most sacred moments. I was sitting in the midst of life: babies, mothers, aging, sweat, chatter, business, vacation. We were all there together, flying through the sky enroute to some important destination. For the moment, however, we WERE the community. It is easy to envision the sacred as remote, beautiful, serene, quiet. It usually smells good. Often we imagine entering sacred space to escape the mundanity of life around us. But here was real life, in all its sheer bluntness. The sacred happens when a passenger helps to lift luggage and when an attendant smiles; when a seat mate offers encouragement to the aero-phobic passenger. The sacred is in the actions, the compassion, the frustration, and the interaction.



### ***Director of Religious Exploration Column***

***Marge is unavailable this month.***

***Look for her column next month...***

## *News from the committees*

### **Music**

Like to sing?  
Choir rehearsals resume  
August 1!

The choir rehearses most every Wednesday (except summer) and performs every other Sunday (well, we try to anyway).

They are always looking for new members.

Contact the Choir director, Gregg Sheffield, or just show up on Wednesday.

### **Facilities**

The facilities committee never stops working! Have you noticed the new nametag rack, ceiling fans, ceiling microphones and bench?

We were running out of space for new nametags, so Helen Ostermiller & Judy Smith built & installed an extension of the nametag rack.

The new ceiling fans in the meeting room help circulate the air. We have not yet had a service using the new microphones. Thanks to Michael Jaeb, Tom Gross, Gregg Sheffield & Gene Meyers for giving their Saturday to this project.

There is now a bench on the far side of the driveway circle. Anyone may use it, but our hope is that smokers will sit there. They will have a comfortable place to sit and their smoke will be far from the building and sidewalks.

Also, the Labyrinth was started with cardboard to kill the grass.

### **Fundraising**

Our first event this year, the **Garage Sale** was a great success! We raised just over \$1600.00.

The 2nd event is **HOT Salsa Night!** on August 11, 2007, 7:00 pm- 10:00pm. If you would like to "earn" your admission, you can volunteer to help. We need help in setting up, food prep and tearing down. We'd also appreciate help in advertising Salsa Night to the community. If you are a member of the yahoo group, you can find the flyer on the web at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUFWC/files/>

The winner of the **cookbook** cover art contest is Michael Jaeb. A very close second was Traci Smetzer. Both of them used the "Lettuce, Olive 'n Peas" theme which Traci suggested. ALL of the beautiful art pieces received multiple votes, and I thank all of the artists for taking the time to create and submit. The book will be published over the summer and ready for sale in early September. The cost will be \$10.00. Thank you all for your contributions.... recipes, ideas, art, and quotes -- the book is going to be awesome!

The plans for the **Fairy Festival** for 2008 are ongoing. Please attend any Festivals posted by Susan Heady for ideas.

### **Caring**

Welcome: Baby

#### **Ian McNamara**

Ian is now one month old and the family (living in Virginia) are all doing very, very well. He has mastered growing, eating, sleeping on his own, and smiling. He's got dimples! Meghan & Ian plan to visit Wooster in August.

#### **Carol Beth Neal**

is homebound with illness would welcome cards. She is staying with her daughter, Christina Kostohryz at 2754 Lee Drive, Wooster, OH 44691

## **X Team (Executive Team)**

With summer, comes vacations, even for us. We are meeting less frequently this summer and have little to report. Hope you are enjoying your summer!

## **Religious Exploration**

Children who were in the Blessed Bees, Earth Spirits, Triple Es and STARS this past year are eligible. Three-year-olds have a choice of going to the Nursery or joining WOW.

This is the plan: It is a pilot program which will take place outdoors on all Sundays unless it rains.

Leave the sanctuary with "Go Now in Peace"  
Attendance and buddying up  
Hike down to the stone circle  
Chalice lighting  
Joys and Concerns  
Activity of the Day (presented by an expert on a nature subject)  
Snack  
Gardening  
Free play on the playground if time

Requirements: Hat, Sunscreen, Long sleeves, Long pants, Sox, Closed shoes and NAME TAG

Parents of children grade 3 and under are expected to pick up their children. Older children may leave on their own and find their parents during coffee hour.

On June 10th, we had a preview of WOW, with scientist Fred Michel helping the children plant an "energy garden." They planted soybeans and switch grass, from which fuel can be made. They also planted pumpkins and watermelons- - just for fun.

I thank Lois and Fred for taking the lead in this very new program, as well as the many well-qualified presenters who will be working with your children in WOW.

## **Finance**

### **Want to pay your pledge in cash?**

Using the envelopes really helps.

We track the pledges and need your name to identify your payments. We understand that this is not how all churches handle pledges and promise not to hassle you. We do send out statements once a quarter so that you know where your pledge stands.

Coming soon: More envelopes! They will be on the ledge as you enter.

## **Recycling Reminder**

Recycling your old cell phone or a computer's Inkjet or Laserjet cartridges both makes \$\$ for our Fellowship and saves oil! It's simple.

For Inkjet cartridges: Take home a few mailing envelopes from the display on the Social Action Table in the back of the Fellowship Meeting Room. When a cartridge is empty, slip it in the envelope, seal and mail. The barcode on the package means the Fellowship is paid for your cartridge. Any cartridge may be mailed.

For Cell Phones: Place the cell phone in one of the plastic mailing envelopes (the same as for the Inkjet cartridges). Mail.

For Laserjet cartridges: Get the model number of the Laser printer (think work, as well as home), then check that model number against the list posted on the recycling box in the church library (behind the window into the Meeting Room) or posted on the web for members of the Yahoo! group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUFWC/files/>

If your Laserjet is on the list, put the used cartridge in the box from the new cartridge, bring it to the Fellowship and place it in the large box in the Library. We mail them when the box is full.

## *This Month at the Fellowship*

### *Here at last— HOT Salsa Night!*

Saturday, August 11, 2007,  
7:00 pm- 10:00pm.



There will be an AUTHENTIC Mexican Food Buffet and a one-hour dance instruction prior to the dance. The instructor is

Joseph Rittenhouse and he will be teaching Salsa, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Bachata.

The admission is only \$10 or \$7.00 for students or seniors. If you would like to “earn” your admission, you can volunteer to help.

We need help in setting up, food prep and tearing down.

### *SCRABBLE NIGHTS CONTINUE!!*

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On August 12 and 26th, Scrabble night will continue from 7 to 9:30 PM.

It should be noted that we had a very competitive 10 year old on the 15th that really challenged some of us!

Everyone is welcome and all levels of play are present and enjoy the fellowship.

See you here at 7! PRIZES!

### *“Out for Dinner Night”*

With the hope of:

- fostering additional fellowship among all adult in the congregation and
- offering an evening out to members who otherwise do not go to dinner for various reasons. [Perhaps they don’t drive at night or in the winter, are “single” and feel “odd” going out alone or with couples, or may not have a group with which to dine out occasionally.]

Charles Gaines has been a part of such a group when he attended another church. A rough description of the how this could work:

Just before the monthly newsletter, a restaurant would be selected in the area that will take reservations for a group. The restaurant would be announced in the newsletter with instructions to sign up by a certain date. People would need to sign up by one week prior to the outing to get a final count for the restaurant. Depending on the restaurant’s ability to accommodate a group of a particular size, the sign up list might be limited. The outing was only for adults only. Groups were usually around 10, but ranged up to thirty-three people, depending on restaurant and season. A good number for most restaurants is 12-16 and most will have to be limited to the “first X number to sign up”.

### *The first “Out for Dinner Night” will be:*

**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 PM  
at The Pines Restaurant**

To reserve your place, please sign on the poster at the connections table by Sunday August 19th.

We will meet at The Pines at 6:00 PM .

(If you need a ride, arrangements can be made.)

There is a limit of 30 people, so sign up quickly to reserve your place.

The Pines is a BYOB restaurant.

Contact Charles Gaines for information or

to withdraw your reservation.

***Chalice Circles Beginning  
in September!***

Our UU tradition is a covenant among people, but Sunday mornings are too crowded for in-depth sharing among us. So, we began Chalice Circles: small groups of six to twelve people who meet monthly to share life stories, offer support, have fun and even serve the larger community. They offer expanding opportunities for growth, caring and connection among us.

Is there something you would like to focus on in a Chalice Circle format? Call Sue Gross or Elaine Strawn and let's develop it!

***Biloxi Bunch***

will be traveling south on Sunday, October 7 and arriving in Biloxi on Monday. We'll work 4 days where needed.

Conditions are rough.

You need an air mattress, old clothes, toiletries & towels, sturdy shoes, flashlight, snacks & water bottle.

We will depart on Saturday, October 13, returning home on Sunday, Oct. 14. Contact Sue or Tom Gross. Sign up deadline is Sept. 9, '07.

***Escape to Vermont!***  
September 21-23, 2007

Thirteenth Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT. Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, kayaking, visiting the studios of local artists, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and much more.

Registration by August 1, \$250 (single) and \$450 (double). After August 1, \$275 (single) and \$475 (double). For more information [www.rutlanduu.org](http://www.rutlanduu.org)

***Every Month***

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm  
August 5: Potluck & Sharing Summer Reading  
Sept 16: Kitchen Table Wisdom by Rachel Remen  
Oct. 21: Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler  
Nov 18: Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan  
Jan 20, 2008: Misquoting Jesus

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

**DRUMMING CIRCLE**  
4TH SUNDAYS, AT 1:30 PM  
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. Contact David or Tammy Paul.

**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.-not in July.

**WOO 2 MOMS**  
on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm.  
Watch the email for details about meeting in August.

**WUUPS**  
Wayne UU Pagans meets at 7pm at the fellowship 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***

### **August Birthdays**

- 21 Leah Gross
- 25 Ellen Klemme
- 25 Scott Gross
- 26 Georgia Jaeb
- 31 Ruth Sewell

### **August Anniversaries**

- 10 Bill & Gail Carter
- 16 Don & Emily Curie
- 20 Jay Klemme & Anne Wilson
- 25 Mary & John Wicks
- 30 Gene & Helen Meyers

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.

### **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.

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

August 26-

### **Coffee Duty**



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| August 5 | <i>available</i>                             |
| 12       | <i>available</i>                             |
| 19       | <i>available</i><br><i>(water communion)</i> |
| 26       | <i>available</i>                             |
| Sept 2   | <i>available</i>                             |

### ***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.*

## ***A Look At the Year Ahead***

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| Sept 19, 2007     | 7 pm: Committee Council meeting. (Formerly called Team meetings) A representative from each committee meets with the board.   |
| Sept 23, 2007     | After the service: Committee Fair. A chance for committees to recruit new members and for new people to find out how things work around here.   |
| Nov 16 & 17, 2007 | Madrigal Dinner 2! <b><i>Help plan for next year</i></b>  |
| June 25-29, 2008  | General Assembly of Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Fort Lauderdale, Florida Theme: Common Threads   |
| July 13-19, 2008  | Summer Institute: Theme Speaker: Meg Barnhouse, speaker, singer/songwriter and humorist. Meg is a commentator for NC Public Radio on a segment called "Radio Free Bubba. for more information on Meg Barnhouse, see <a href="http://www.megbarnhouse.com">www.megbarnhouse.com</a> To view the slide show of Summer Institute 2007, see: <a href="http://www.omdsi.org">www.omdsi.org</a> |

## August 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Office Hours:</b> Elaine: Wed: 6-9 pm, Thur: 9-1pm, Fri 1-5pm Marge: 11:30- 4pm Tuesday & Thursday Anne: 10-2: Monday, Friday						
<b>5</b> Aluminum Cans 10:30am Caught in the Web-Livingstone, Paul & Pilarczyk 5:00pm Book Group Potluck	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:00pm choir rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Salsa party
<b>12</b> 10:30am View from Outside the Net-Needs 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 12:00pm Greeter Training	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:15pm Membership Committee meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00pm choir rehearsal	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Writer's Group 7:00pm PFLAG-Trinity UCC	<b>17</b> newsletter deadline 7:30am X team	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> People2People 10:30am Waters Flowing Together-Strawn 7:00pm Social Action Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00pm choir rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Fall RE Teachers Meeting 7:00pm Out To Dinner Group
<b>26</b> 10:30am Clothesline Project-Strawn & Ezawa 12:30pm Tee Shirt Project 7:00pm WUUPS	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Women Wisdom Circle	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality	<b>29</b> 7:00pm choir rehearsal	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## **About the UUFWC**

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County,  
a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

**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:** Phil Grimm, president, Carol Morrison, vice president, John Gross, secretary, Susan English, Dia Miller, Cheryl Guthrie, Pat Rodgers.

**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:** Regular Office Hours resume the week of August 13.

Elaine: Wed: 6-9 pm, Thurs: 9am– 1pm, Friday 1-5 pm

Marge: Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 am– 4 pm

Anne: Monday, & Friday: 10am –2 pm, [for August only: No Wednesday hours.]

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