



The Newsletter for

September 2007

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UUF News

September Service Schedule

September 2: 10:30 am *Blessing the Animals* [Rev. Elaine Strawn & Bruce Carden]

Our second annual service to bless those four leggeds and two winged and furry beings who fill your life and enrich your family. We will gather in the sanctuary for a shorter service. Please come prepared to “supervise” your special friend. Questions? Call Elaine Strawn.

September 9: 10:30 am *The Mythos Project* [Rev. Elaine Strawn, Stephanie Pevec, Michael Jaeb, Delesa Randall-Griffith]

One service each month will combine fine arts, storytelling, music, and movement to create a Sunday service experience focused on a larger truth, encountered through senses as well as cognition. Come experience something a little new.

September 9: 4:00 pm *Alternative Service* [Bev Wire & Rev. Elaine Strawn]

This service offers a chance to gather in a smaller group for worship and fellowship at a snack potluck afterwards.

September 16: 10:30 am *Cultivating Leaders* [Dan O’Rourke]

As we grow in numbers and years, our leadership needs change. Dan will present his outlook in the morning and then facilitate a workshop after the service. Lunch will be provided.

September 23: 10:30 am *Begin Again* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Annually the high holy day of Yom Kippur provides a chance for Jewish folks to pause to reflect, evaluate, make amends. In this service we will focus on the process of atonement and forgiveness in our own tradition.

12 Noon: The Committee Fair follows the service

September 30: 10:30 am *Zen* [Steve Berg]

Steve has been practicing meditation for many years, traveling to Kentucky for retreats throughout the year. Most often, Steve is the host and facilitator of the Meditation Group which gathers here at the UUFWC on Monday evenings. His appreciation of simplicity and enjoyment of life are contagious.

Religious Exploration classes resume September 9.

New this year:

Please be aware that RE enrollment will be done by email.

You will receive a form which you merely need to update and email back.

Thanks for your help in making enrollment work more smoothly.

From the Board

The UUFWC Board of Directors had their first meeting of the fiscal year on Tuesday, August 7. We spent a lot of the meeting time getting to know each other, and talking about how we see our role on the board and how we think we should do our work this year.

We talked about what we see as important issues, and created our preliminary agenda for the next meeting, which will be Tuesday, September 4. The agenda currently includes:

Confidentiality: what does it mean, how does it affect us?

Dissenting votes: a discussion about negative votes

Finance committee report and discussion.

What should we do with ideas from the congregation?

Other reports.

Board meetings are open to all, but attendees can only participate if invited by the board.

John Gross, Board Secretary



Social Action in Action

NATIONAL ID A REALITY: a new national ID law, the Real ID Act of 2005, was hidden in an unrelated bill signed by President Bush on May 11, 2005 and will go into effect in May, 2008. Congress never held a single hearing on this legislation which will require every person in the country to have a compliant ID for federal purposes - to board an airplane, enter federal buildings and open a bank account. Join the Social Action Committee at **9:00 am on Sunday, September 16** to learn how to stop this assault on our privacy and civil rights. Bagels and coffee will be served.

CLOTHES LINE PROJECT: sign up sheets are at the Connections Table for the month-long activities of this project. Help is needed to set up and tear down the display at the various venues and to sit at the information table at some of them. The display will be at the UUFWC on Sunday, October 14th - help is needed to set it up the afternoon of October 13 and tear it down after the service on October 14th. For more information contact Betty Schuler

SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP SUNDAY: the first People to People collection will be on Sunday, September 16. Boxes or bags of low sugar cold cereal are needed.

BILOXI BUNCH NEEDS HELP: the Social Action has donated \$30 to start the collection for funds to help purchase gas and other necessities for the group which leaves to work with the UUA/UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Project on October 7. Watch for more information about the collection.

The Minister's Column

September is the month of our return. We return to our beloved community, hopefully a place where we feel at home, a place where we know that [at least four] others are in similar life circumstances at any given time. Always [take my word on this] there is at least one other person who is delighted--or haunted—by the same personal idiosyncrasies. In this place others gather around us when we celebrate or mourn life's changes. In this place, we comfort one another when one of us dies; last month we gathered to share the life of Carol Beth Neal, and mourn the cancer which brought death.

If we are to believe psychologists and social workers it is not the crises, though, which threaten to divide families, couples, congregations. Rather than the lost job or ongoing illness, it is most often the everydayness of life that kill marriages: active children, a missing VISA bill, sharing of household chores, muddy boots on a freshly mopped floor.

I keep watching us. We have built a beautiful home for our congregation. We are welcoming new people every month. Things are really, really fine. We ARE, however, a little cramped, and the parking lot is often full, and sometimes sound levels are a little too high, or a little too low.

Relationships are made of regular days and ordinary problems and victories. This is true in congregations as well as in couples. As we begin this new year together, let us recommit ourselves to a treasuring of one another. A renewed desire for beloved community is what builds a fellowship that lives up to its name. We have the skills and the desire...and we have new folks coming to help make it even better.

Note: Remember when Elaine was tramping to Chicago every month? The certification she earned there was in Spiritual Direction. Our UU organization of Spiritual Directors is highlighted in the Fall 2007 UU World magazine in case you're curious.



Director of Religious Exploration Column

Have you seen our pumpkins?? Thanks to David Paul, who tilled the ground and Fred Michel, who helped the children plant, and many small hands which weeded and watered—they are a grand success!!

Our summer WOW program has also been a success, serving 67 children to date with two more weeks to go. I can't thank Lois Grant and Fred Michel enough for co-directing this new endeavor!!! We are indebted to the several specialists who presented extremely interesting programs each week: Don Curie, Susan English and Bill Alkire, Rich Pratt, Erin Wicks, Mary Wicks, Laura Grimm, and Emma Pratt-- as well as Lois and Fred themselves. Scott Crawford and Corina Klies got rained out, but they will present their activity later in the year during R.E.

On August 25th the entire R.E. staff (facilitators and nursery caregivers) met together for an interactive program on our UU Identity, with a special new look at the Principles. We now have a most amazing three-dimensional arch representing the Principles, which was constructed of wood by Helen Ostermiller. Judy Smith wood-burned the numbers on it. I thank these two women heartily! Teachers also met in their individual classrooms to lay their plans for the first R.E. semester, which begins September 9th.

Parents—we will have a new method of enrollment this year. It will be done by email. You will receive a form which you merely need to update and email back. Hopefully this will make things easier for all of us.

I look forward to another great year with our children! Blessings, Marge

News from the committees



Music

The music committee is gearing up for the church year, helping to plan the choir schedule and other special musical events.

We hope to add a few new members to the committee this year as well.

Also, if anyone is interested in being a guest musician for a Sunday service, talk to Sharon Delgadillo for details. We need people with a variety of talents and skill levels. You might want to play the prelude and postlude, or just a special piece during the service. Or maybe you'd like to accompany the hymns when Sharon is off. Let her know of your preferences so that she can put you on the schedule. It's easy and fun, and it provides you with an opportunity to perform for an appreciative audience.

Facilities

Work on the west parking lot will take place Labor Day weekend.

Hence, that parking lot will be closed until grass can be established in the parking areas.

A central strip of pervious concrete (to let water through) will make good access to those parking areas.



Fundraising

The HOT Salsa Night was a success! Well attended and enjoyed by all. Many, many thanks to those of you that helped. It would never, never have happened without YOU!!

The Madrigal Feaste is fast approaching.

Wanted: Wenches and servers.

Wenches will be responsible for greeting, coat check and photo ops during the meal (and overall flirting of course).

Servers will be serving the meal during the Madrigal.

Remember: this will earn you a ticket. We hope to have enough volunteers that you can serve one evening and be served the other. See Jennifer McAdams, Jane Harkey or Sharon Delgadillo or Sandy Sheffield by September 21 as we want to get you costumed.

The Cookbook is coming, the cookbook is coming!! Watch for the release of the UUFWC Cookbook, Lettuce, Olives 'N Peas. Great Gift Idea!

Caring

Carol Beth Neal lost her battle with cancer on August 16. Her Memorial Service was held here at the Fellowship on August 20. Her energy, wit and supportive presence will be missed. If you would like to send a card of support to her daughter and son-in-law, their address is:

Christina & Jeff Kostohryz
Ask at the fellowship for their address

Baker's Dozen Chalice Circle

Bakers Dozen (chalice circle) cooks a monthly meal, called Family Feast, at Every Women's House. The funds you have generously donated makes this possible.

We thank you and welcome you to join us!

Generally, we are scheduled to be there the third Wednesday of the month, at 5:00 PM.

Contact Cathy Miller or Sue Gross.

Religious Exploration

We have a full complement of competent teachers and caregivers ready and able to run our program beginning on September 9th!

Bev Wire will be in charge of the Coming of Age program this year.

Mady Noble will be co-leader of the grades 5 and 6 OWL program. She'll be going to a training in October.

Susan Heady and Jon Sprunger will be doing the OWL program for grades 7-9.

Plans are underway for the Youth Group (grades 7-12). It will include the six components of a balanced youth program:

Worship;

Youth-Adult Relations;

Community Building;

Social Action;

Learning;

Leadership. And, of course, FUN!

The hoped-for plan will include several adults.

Finance

Want to pay your pledge in cash?

More envelopes!

They are on the ledge as you enter.

Please help yourself.

Membership

New Member and Friend Pot Luck is scheduled for 9/22/2007. If you have joined the Fellowship since January 2006, please join us for a pot luck at the Fellowship from 6-9 pm.

Child care is provided.

RSVP to Margaret Minick-Blake

Greeter Training is tentatively scheduled for 9/30/2007. If you are interested in being a greeter, please contact either Bert Bishop or Jay Klemme to let them know if you are available that day. The Membership Committee is always interested in adding greeters to the team, so let us know if you are interested!



This Month at the Fellowship

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SCRABBLE NIGHTS CONTINUE!!

Scrabble nights continue Sept 9 and 23 from 7 to 9:30PM. Bring a board if you have one (there are always extra it seems if you don't),

a dictionary is helpful, and if you like a snack to share. We have been having wonderful fellowship and a good time. Often, if someone is struggling with a difficult rack, there are those that can help. So, come and enjoy a fun evening of inspiring activity! Ken McDonald

Pilot UU Martial Arts Program

to begin this Fall with

Principal Instructor: Art Chenevey.

We will be covering methods from four different areas (disciplines) of practice: Mizumichi Ryu Bujutsu, Alakdan Kali, YuChiChan and Methods of Personal Protection and Safety.

Dynamic martial movements (kinematics) will be stressed as a means for developing personal awareness and situationally correct proaction, self-discipline, self-confidence, cooperation and community.

Histories of Ancient Martial Traditions will also be explored.

Age limit is 12 years and upward to 112 years.

Class size is limited to 12 individuals.

We will operate in on-going, 6 week blocks (sessions) as long as there is interest. For more information, contact Art Chenevey.

The September Out for Dinner Night

The September Out for Dinner Night will be held at

The Pump House Grille

6:00 PM, Saturday, September 29th.

Located at The Pump House Ministries, 400 Orange Street, Ashland, OH.

[We will meet at UUFWC at 5:00 pm.]

The Pump House Ministries provides numerous charitable services to the Ashland area. One of which is The Grille, which besides producing very good restaurant food also provides practical training, experience, and marketable skills for people who wish to work the food service/restaurant industries.

Please reserve your place by signing the poster sign up sheet in the Entrance Hall by September 23rd.

Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or have a change of plans. Contact info in paper version of newsletter.

What's this About Cultivating Leaders?

Stay for lunch and an afternoon of learning and sharing as Dan O'Rourke facilitates us through the process of "growing leaders." We all have talents and skills which we might not use or know we have...how do these fit into the larger picture?

Sunday, **September 16, 2007**, lunch begins at noon.

Please call the office or sign the registration list at the Connections Table in the entryway.

Chalice Circles Are Coming!

Brochures will be ready September 9...
come register yourself for some fun, too!

Biloxi Bunch 2

will be traveling south on Sunday, October 7
and arriving in Biloxi on Monday.

We'll work 4 days where needed.

We will stay at Hands On Gulf Coast.

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

if you are interested in joining us.

Sign up deadline is Sept. 9, '07.

All donations for gas are welcome!!

It is a 2000 mile round trip!

www.handsongulfcoast.org

Columbus Day Weekend on Martha's Vineyard

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's
Vineyard invites you to join us over Columbus Day
Weekend, October 6-8. Fall is the best season of all
on the Vineyard. Just ask any year-rounder. The
crowds are gone, the air is crisp, the water is still
plenty warm for a swim. Birdlife is on the move
along with the striped bass and the blues. There's no
better time to hike and bike our unspoiled trails and
backroads. So come on over. We'll put you up with
host UU families, treat you to a seafood supper and
entertainment, offer an Island tour and welcome you
to Sunday service at historic Stevens Chapel. For
complete information, see our website at
www.uusmv.info (B&B Weekend link)
We'd love to see you on the Island.



Every Month

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm
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 1:00 PM (note new time)
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

They maybe changing their time
-watch for more news.

WOO 2 MOMS

on the first Friday of the month at 6:15 pm.

WUUPS

Wayne UU Pagans meets at 7pm at the fellowship
September 23 fall equinox, October 28 samwain, No-
vember 18 full moon and December 16 winter sol-
stice. For information, contact Gail Carter

Other Important Information

September Birthdays

- 6 Cris Sullens
- 17 Janice Baxstrom
- 21 Joyce Fast
- 23 Margaret Leben

September Anniversaries

- 8 Curt & Margaret Leben
- 18 Jeff & Sheri Gochnauer

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-

Library News

There is a VHS set of
Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth
That is looking for a new home.
The church now owns the DVD set. Contact Kay
Bowen if you are interested. 330.264.5316

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

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| Sept 2 | Clif Bushnell |
| Sept 9 | Ruth Sewell |
| Sept 16 | Margo Curl |
| Sept 23 | Tom & Sue Gross |
| Sept 30 | Clif Bushnell |

Coffee Duty

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| Sept 2 | available |
| Sept 9 | available |
| Sept 16 | Lowry & Sewell |
| Sept 23 | available |
| Sept 30 | available |



Would you like to host coffee hour? It is easy!

A Look At the Year Ahead

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!
Feb 15-18, 2008	Winter Institute. Family Fun with friends from the Ohio Meadville District. Held at Salt Fork State Park.
April 4-5, 2008	Ohio Meadville District Annual Meeting at First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh. Look for Summer Institute Brochures.
June 25-29, 2008	General Assembly of Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Fort Lauderdale, Florida Theme: Common Threads
July 13-19, 2008	Summer Institute: Family Fun with friends from the Ohio Meadville District. Held at Kenyon College. Theme Speaker: Meg Barnhouse, speaker, singer/songwriter and humorist. Meg is a commentator for NC Public Radio's "Radio Free Bubba." for more information on Meg Barnhouse, see www.megbarnhouse.com

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Hours: Elaine: Wed: 6-9 pm, Thur: 9-1pm, Fri 1-5pm Marge: 11:30-4pm Tuesday & Thursday Anne: 10-2: Monday, Wednesday, Friday					1 West Parking Lot Work 8:00am photo shoot
2 Aluminum Cans 10:30am Blessing the Animals	3 West Parking Lot Work Labor Day Office Closed 6:45pm Zen Meditation	4 6:15pm Membership Committee meeting 7:00pm Board Meeting	5 7:00pm choir rehearsal	6	7 7:30am x team 6:15pm Woo2Moms	8
9 RE classes resume 10:30am Mythology series 4:30pm Alternative Service 7:00pm Scrabble Night	10 6:45pm Zen Meditation	11	12 7:00pm choir rehearsal	13	14	15
16 People2People 9:00am Social Action-National ID 10:30am Cultivating Leaders-ORourke 12:00pm Finance Committee Meeting 12:30pm Leadership Workshop 7:00pm Book Group	17 6:45pm Zen Meditation	18 7:00pm Committee Council	19 5:00pm Baker's Dozen at EWH-pizzas 7:00pm choir rehearsal	20 7:00pm Worship Associates meeting 7:00pm PFLAG-Trinity UCC	21	22 6:00pm New Members & Friends Dinner-see pg 5
23 10:30am Strawn 12:30pm Committee Fair 1:00pm Drumming Circle 7:00pm WUUPS 7:00pm Scrabble Night	24 Elaine at meeting 6:30pm Women Wisdom Circle 6:45pm Zen Meditation	25 Elaine at meeting 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality	26 Elaine at meeting 7:00pm choir rehearsal	27	28	29 5:00pm Out To Dinner Night-see pg 6
30 10:30am Zen-Berg 12:00pm Greeter Training						

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:

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

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

Anne: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10am –2 pm

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