



The Newsletter for

October 2007

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

October Service Schedule

October 7: 10:30 am *Social Action Series I: Interfaith Housing* [staff]

The Social Action series begins early this year with a focus on justice in housing. This organization has a history of providing shelter when people are at their most vulnerable.

October 14: 10:30 am *Falling Leaves* [Mythos Project]

In the second Mythos service, the changing seasons are the focus as we look at elemental change in our lives.

October 21: 10:30 am *Samhain* [Wooster UU Pagans –WUUPS]

The highest and holiest day of the pagan year is Samhain, the time when the veil between the worlds is at its thinnest.

NEW TIME: 5:30pm: *Alternative Service*: [Beverly Wire]

Come for this small group service based on Vespers. Bring a dish to share, stay for a lite supper and then, maybe even stay for Book Group or Scrabble at 7:00pm.

October 28: 10:30 am *All Souls Service* [Ruth Sewell]

Every year, we pause to remember the lives of those members of our community and personal lives who have died in the year most recently gone.

UU INQUIRY

New to the fellowship?

Want to learn more about UU and/or the UUFWC?

Come to the next UU Inquiry to be held

Sunday October 21st at 12:00.

A light lunch will be provided and childcare can be made available (please let us know in advance if you will be needing childcare). If you plan to attend, please tell Margaret Minick -Blake or Kelly Chandler.

UU News

From the Board

Confidentiality: Board Discussion is agreed to be kept to ourselves. This encourages the free expression of thoughts and ideas from board members. Also, it is agreed that it is not necessary to put detailed discussion in the minutes, just subjects discussed, motions, and actions taken.

Dissenting Votes: We are elected by the Fellowship. We need to make decisions, and act with one voice in order to lead our UU community. Much was discussed about individual member's roles within the Fellowship. The issue will be put on the agenda for the Board Retreat, probably in October.

Nominating Committee: The committee consists of Tim Breiner, chair; Dan O'rourke, Joe Kufchak, Jeff Gochnauer. Margo Curl has resigned. They need to nominate someone for their committee, and another for the Board.

What we should do with an idea or suggestion presented to us for Board consideration:

We will discuss the idea or suggestion, and if we think that it's worth pursuing further, will pass it on to an appropriate committee. This will be done with the idea of "Wednesday Vespers" which was proposed by a UUFWC member, and was on this meeting's agenda for our consideration.



Social Action in Action

SOCIAL ACTION BROCHURE: the 2007-2008 edition of the Social Action Committee brochure is available. If you didn't get one at the Committee Fair on September 23, you can find one in the brochure rack outside of Anne's office. This congregation is involved in so many social justice activities that this year's brochure had to be printed on larger paper!

LECTURE SERIES BEGINS: the annual three part series, "Social Justice/Community Responsibility" begins early this year with the first presentation on October 7. The topic for the series is housing. There will be presentations about housing for the poor, for the mentally and physically disabled and for adolescent boys. The first speaker will be Steve Griffin, former director of Interfaith Housing. Some of you may know that Steve Griffin is running for Wooster City Council from the third ward, but his presentation will in no way be related to his political activities. He will concentrate on housing for the poor.

NATIONAL ID: the Social Action's first Public Witness project had participation from twenty people who wrote letters protesting the Real ID Act of 2005 which goes into effect in May, 2008. Letters were written to U.S. senators and congressmen and Ohio senators and representatives.

CLOTHES LINE PROJECT: displays of the domestic violence related t-shirts will begin October 1 at Buehler's Milltown store where it will remain through October 6; there will be a small display at the Wooster Public Library from October 1 through October 8; a display at the College of Wooster's Lowry Center from October 7 through October 12; one at Public Square during the farmer's market on October 13; at the UUFWC on October 14 and at the Wayne Center for the Arts from October 24th through November 15. We plan to have the display outside at the church during the afternoon of October 13 and invite the community to see it. If you would like to help handing out brochures at that time, contact Elaine Strawn or Betty Schuler.

UUSC DONATION: the Social Action Committee makes an annual donation to the UU Service Committee from its budget in the amount of \$1.00 for each member of the UUFWC. This year's contribution is \$150.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SUNDAY is October 21. Jars or cases of peanut butter and/or jelly are needed for the pantry.

The Minister's Column

What is spiritual about how we organize ourselves? Years ago when I advocated for a United Methodist mission in West Virginia, people used to ask me what made our work any different than a regular social agency. It was a test, of course; I was expected to earn their support by proving our Christ-likeness. On the outside there was no difference, as there is none here. The difference is in our covenant, in the way we strive to relate to one another.

A year ago in effort to free the Board to focus on our Mission and visions for the future, we created an "X Team" (executive team, leadership team) to meet and oversee the day-to-day operations of our congregation. The administrator represents the fiscal and organizational parts of the UUFWC. The co-chairs of Facilities represent the building and grounds; the minister represents programming. We meet every two weeks to review the calendar, discuss joint plans, progress, challenges. It is a coordination, not an executive motif. Our reports go to the Board to keep them informed. Sound complicated? Actually it seems to have made things easier, to allow more open communication. The purpose of this article is transparency. As we grow, it might seem destined to become more layered, hierarchical, aloof. In covenant with the whole congregation who empowers us, our goal is to become more clear and efficient more open.

The officers of the congregation: Board, Committee Chairs, X-Team photos are hanging on a new bulletin board made by Helen Ostermiller and set by Kay Bowen. This display is posted so that you know whom to query/contact/suggest. It is this communication that makes our covenant work. It is our covenant and our vision which make this holy work.



Director of Religious Exploration Column

Dictated from her hospital bed:

I feel badly that I failed to read the names of the nursery care givers the day they were dedicated. So here they are: Sherri Gochnauer, Margaret Boyer, Betsy Sheets, Helen Ostermiller, Denis Blake, Cheryl Guthrie, Alptekin Aydogan, Andrea Hixon, Kristin Keating, Angela Volscko, and substitutes: Bill Carter and Cris Sul-lens.

I'm sorry I missed the play on September 23rd, I heard it went well. Thanks to Jenna Hayward and the kids. After I rehearsing the play but before the performance, I went to the emergency room to discover I had broken my hip. Surgery, on Monday, went well and I stood up & practiced with the walker for the first time on Tuesday. I'll be in rehab until October 3rd.

On September 30, the RE children made greeting cards as one of their social action project. For their ongoing social action project, they will collect bubble wrap, air pillows and packing peanuts. These will be donated to Postnet at the north end. This a lesson in recycling. There will be a large basket in the coat room to collect the packing material.

Blessings, Marge

News from the committees

Fundraising

UU Lettuce, Olive, 'n Peas **cookbooks have arrived** and are on sale before and after services in the months of September and October. Get 'em while they are hot.
Great gift idea! Price \$10.

The **Madrigal Feaste** is fast approaching on November 16 & 17.

Tickets will be on sale before and after church with the cookbooks. A special will be running until October 14, get 2 tickets for \$45. We also still need servers, so contact Sharon Delgadillo if you are interested in serving one night and attending free of charge the other.

In November, the **Care to Share coupons** will be available for Elder-Beerman for \$5. This booklet is chocked full of great savings. A tremendous way to make purchases for the Give-A-Christmas trees or for your own gift giving.

Caring

Marge Thomas fell & broke her hip. Surgery was September 24th. She will stay at Wooster Community Hospital in rehab through the 1st week of October.

Curt Leben hurt his shoulder and is recuperating in Horne's nursing home.

Joyce Fast is home after a short hospital stay.

Facilities

October 6 and 20th will be Landscaping workdays

We will be clearing the undergrowth on the west end of the property. Bring gloves & clippers if you have them. Be sure you are adequately covered—there may be poison ivy.

One or two days of work are left on the west parking lot project--We still need to prepare and lay the grass track mesh to the left of the concrete.

Music

Coffeehouse 28 is coming up this month!

Saturday, October 20, we will host our semi-annual Coffeehouse event. It starts at 7 pm and features a variety of music, poetry and story-telling.

Come out and enjoy a cup of delicious coffee or tea and some great entertainment. If you are interested in performing, please contact Gregg or Sandy Sheffield.

The music committee welcomes two new members, Bill Alkire and Scott Crawford. The committee will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 6 pm.

The choir is busy working on music for the Madrigal Feaste, which takes place November 16th and 17th. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Sharon Delgadillo for ticket information or to sign up to help.

Contact Sharon also if you are interested in being a guest musician for a Sunday service--we still have plenty of room on the schedule!



Chalice Circles Start

Intimacy & Ultimacy:
A small group experience.

Groups start in October. If you haven't signed up yet, look on our web site or get a folder form the rack outside Anne's office.

Already signed up? Your facilitator will be contacting you soon

Alternative Gift Market Help Needed Now

On Sunday, December 2 from noon-2 pm the market returns to Wooster at First Presbyterian Church.

Your help is needed in making a display to highlight one of the projects “for sale.” Shoppers at market purchase \$5 shares of projects that benefits those in need throughout the world. If you can help with a display, contact Mary Wicks.

Religious Exploration

UUFWC Youth Group welcomes youth in grades 7-12 for friendship, fun, social action, spirituality and more. Come and find out more about it!!

Sunday, Sept. 30,
10:30 – noon

On the last Sunday of every month, Youth Group will meet during the church service. Yes, **STARS**, that means there is Youth Group instead of RE those Sundays! For our first meeting, we’ll talk about what we want to do this year and what we want Youth Group to look like.

THERE WILL BE FOOD, so come on down to the youth room as soon as you get to church.

Wed., October 10
at 7:00 – 8:30 PM

We’ll have our second meeting at the UUFWC. We’ll figure out the details on Sept. 30, but it should involve **FIRE**, **FOOD** and **FUN**!!

For more information contact:
Peg Redinbaugh

Nominating committee

Power, WEALTH, Adulation.

All of these could be yours as a member of a UU committee!!! Not really, but we are looking for a Board Member and a Member of the Nominating Committee. Your ideas could help shape this Fellowship and make it better in the future. We need you or someone very much like you. Self-nominations and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Tim Breiner

Finance

Ever want to know about the church’s finances? The financial reports are posted on the bulletin board outside Anne’s office. You can see our balance sheet or check how much money your committee has.



If you missed the Blessing the Animals service, you missed some friendly canine fellowship!

This Month at the Fellowship

ACLU Freedom Files 2

Tuesday, October 9, at 7 pm

Jeff Miller will return to the UU with a new series on DVD. Join us, on 2nd Tuesdays, to watch the series and discuss the issue.

The first of nine episodes is:

“Freedom to Vote: Protecting the Ballot” focuses on legislative efforts in Georgia and Texas to require voters to present photo IDs, though such rules would create barriers for low-income, elderly and disabled people, and disenfranchise millions. While supporters of photo IDs say the goal is to eliminate voter impersonation, such fraud is extremely rare. “Freedom to Vote” also looks at the sacrifices that have been made in our nation’s history to ensure that all have equal access to the ballot box.

Are you GoodSearching? Well, now you can

GoodShop

and donate to the UUFWC!!

Go to GoodSearch.com (and save it as your browser, if you are not already using it). On the GoodSearch page, there is a GoodShop button. Use this button to go to your favorite online stores and a percent of your purchase will be donated to the UUFWC! To date there are stores such as Staples, K-Mart, Target, Amazon.com. Look at the GoodShop site for a full list.

The ease of purchasing items online: affordable; the satisfaction of making a donation to the UUFWC by simply making those purchases through GoodShop: priceless!

UU Martial Arts Program

Starts October 10, 6-8 pm

Principal Instructor: Art Chenevey.

Every Wednesday as long as there is interest. We will be covering dynamic martial movements as a means for developing personal awareness and situationally correct proaction, self-discipline, self-confidence, cooperation and community.

Everyone welcome to come and check it out. (age 12 and up) For more information, contact Art Chenevey

The October Out for Dinner Night

will be held at

The Inn at Honey Run

5:45 PM, **Saturday, October 27th.**

The Inn is located in Holmes County, between the villages of Millersburg and Berlin, Ohio. Fall foliage will be at peak season and the logs will be ablaze like incense in their large hearth. Join us for a “big city meal in the country side”.

This will be the last Out to Dinner Night until the end of January, so please reserve your place by signing the sign-up poster on the Connections Table at the Entrance Hall by Sunday, October 21st.

We will meet at UUFWC at 5:00 PM sharp and car-pool to The Inn. Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or have a change of plans. Charles Gaines

Word Works Writers Group

If you are so inclined or wish to be, join us on 3rd Thursdays at 1 pm at the UU Fellowship.

We read, critique, encourage & enjoy.

An Invitation

You are invited to a reception to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Will & Michelle Shaw Saturday **November 10, 2007** from 7 pm to 10:00 pm at the fellowship.

Childcare will be provided for the little ones. All children of all ages are welcome.

Your presence and your friendship are the best gifts of all. No other "presents" needed, please.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE RSVP BY November 1, 2007.

Do you have email?
Want to stay informed
about fellowship events?
Join the Yahoo Group!

Snow cancellations, workday announcements,
who is in the hospital—you will know it all!
contact Anne at the office to join:
fellowship @uufwc.org

Photographer needed

We'd like to update our directory. We need photographs of the people that are new since February 2006 when the last photo directory was created. If you'd like to help, contact Anne in the office
fellowship @uufwc.org

Church of the Larger Fellowship

Looking to explore your own spirituality?
The church of the Larger Fellowship offers online classes and email discussions.
Go to www.clfuu.org (click on resources)
Handy with a camera?

Help wanted:

English Teacher and Program Coordinator
for Transylvania

Entering its eleventh year, the English instruction program in Transylvania supports English language teaching for Unitarian ministry students at the Protestant Theological Institute in Romania. The program is sponsored and administered by Meadville Lombard Theological School and is partially funded by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. Meadville Lombard is seeking a half-time, permanent English Teacher/Coordinator to ensure English language proficiency among Unitarian ministerial students.

An ideal candidate will either be a native speaker of English or a non-native speaker who has studied the language at the highest level possible. This candidate should have several years' experience teaching, have excellent communication skills and be able to delegate responsibilities effectively.

The position opens January 2008. Review of applications will begin immediately and will be considered until October 31, 2007. For more information or to apply, please send a letter of interest and a CV to Steven Mitchell at smitchell@meadville.edu

Every Month

ACLU MOVIE & DISCUSSION NIGHT

Jeff Miller from the ACLU will show the new Series— Freedom Files 2

On 2nd Tuesdays at 7 pm every month.

Oct. 9: Freedom to Vote: Protecting the Ballot

Nov. 13: Freedom to Parent: Lesbian & Gay Families



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm
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.
Contact David or Tammy Paul.

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

SCRABBLE NIGHTS

See calendar: every other Sunday evenings from 7 to 9:30PM. Bring a board if you have one, a dictionary is helpful, and if you like: a snack to share.

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE

Fourth Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

WOO 2 MOMS becomes: THE OPEN CLOSET

You don't need to be a mom to join us!
Meets on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 pm for a potluck dinner.

WUUPS

Wayne UU Pagans meets at 7pm at the fellowship
October 28 samwain, November 18 full moon and
December 16 winter solstice. For information, contact
Gail Carter

Other Important Information

October Birthdays

2 Jeff Gochnauer
 8 June Norris
 8 Anne Wilson
 21 Gene Meyers
 25 Susan Heady
 26 Dave Drumm

October Anniversaries

1 Kurt & Clare Knebusch
 8 Michael & Georgia Jaeb
 17 Jan & Jim Wheelis

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.

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

Oct 7	Ruth Sewell
Oct 14	Margo Curl
Oct 21	Tom & Sue Gross
Oct 28	Clif Bushnell

Coffee Duty

Oct 7	Norma Barber & Elaine Gibson
Oct 14	Sonja Dittmann
Oct 21	<i>available</i>
Oct 28	<i>available</i>



***Would you like to host coffee hour? It is easy!
 Pick your date & sign up! The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in lobby.***

A Look At the Year Ahead

Oct 12-14	Fall Senior High Con: Kindercon at East Shore UU, Kirtland OH
Nov 16 & 17, 2007	Madrigal Dinner 2! Tickets on sale NOW! (before & after the service)
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. See: www.omdsi.org This year, theme Speaker will be Meg Barnhouse. She is a singer/songwriter and humorist. For more information on Meg Barnhouse, see www.megbarnhouse.com

October 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:45pm Zen Meditation (sanctuary)	2 7:00pm Board Meeting(library)	3 7:00pm choir rehearsal	4	5 7:30am x team 5:30pm The Open Closet (lobby)	6 9:00am Landscape Work Day 10:00am Cake Decorating (kitchen) 10:00am Tie Dye Pillow cases
7 Aluminum Cans Biloxi #2 10:30am Interfaith Housing 7:00pm Scrabble Night (lobby)	8 Biloxi #2 5:45pm Zen Meditation (sanctuary) 7:00pm RE committee meeting	9 Biloxi #2 6:15pm Membership Committee 7:00pm ACLU movie night-Freedom to Vote (sanctuary)	10 Biloxi #2 5:00pm Music Comm. 5:00pm UU Martial Arts Class 7:00pm choir rehearsal 7:00pm Youth Group (teen room)	11 Biloxi #2	12 Biloxi #2	13 Biloxi #2
14 People 2 People Clothesline Project T shirt Display 10:30am Falling Leaves-Mythos Project	15 5:45pm Zen Meditation (sanctuary)	16	17 5:00pm Baker's Dozen at EWH 5:00pm UU Martial Arts Class 7:00pm choir rehearsal	18 1:00pm Word Works Writers Group (teen room) 7:00pm PFLAG-Trinity UCC (off site)	19 7:30am x team	20 9:00am Landscape Work Day 7:00pm Coffeehouse (sanctuary)
21 People2People 10:30am Sanhain- WUUPS 12:00pm Finance Comm. 12:30pm UU Inquiry 5:30pm Alternative Service-B Wire 7:00pm Book Group 7:00pm Scrabble Night	22 5:30pm Women Wisdom Circle (teen room) 5:45pm Zen Meditation (sanctuary)	23 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality (teen room)	24 5:00pm UU Martial Arts Class 7:00pm choir rehearsal	25	26	27 5:00pm Carpool meets 5:45pm Out To Dinner Night 7:00pm Coven (Outside)
28 10:30am Youth group 10:30am All Soul's Service-Sewell 1:00pm Drumming Circle 7:00pm WUUPS (sanctuary)	29 5:45pm Zen Meditation (sanctuary)	30	31 5:00pm UU Martial Arts Class 7:00pm choir rehearsal			
<p>Office Hours: Elaine: Wed: 6-9 pm, Thur: 9-1pm, Fri 1-5pm Marge: TBD Anne: 10-2: Monday, Wednesday, Friday</p>						

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: Wednesday: 6-9 pm, Thursday: 9am– 1pm, Friday 1-5 pm

Marge: To be determined.

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

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