



The Newsletter for

November 2007

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU News

November Service Schedule

November 4: 10:30 am *Steps to the Meeting House* [Membership Committee]

Twice a year we devote a Sunday to welcoming the new members among us and to learning of the journey to this place taken by one of our long-term members.

November 11: 10:30 am *Sharing the Word and the Wealth* [Mythos Team]

The second Sunday of the month is always a little different. Let us bring you along on our journey of discovery. Guest At Your Table boxes will be distributed at this service.

November 18: 10:30 am *Bread Communion*

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, we pause to remember the harvest. Nothing comes from our hands alone. All of us are in this life venture together. We will share symbols of our communal gathering.

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

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

November 25: 10:30 am *Coping with the Holidays* [Norma Barber]

Once again we explore the possibility of achieving a measure of serenity during a season fraught with dissonance. UU readers will share thoughtful literature with all who ponder.

As requested at the May 2007 annual meeting of the membership, the Board of Directors considered the Motion to review the term of service for Directors. The Board discussed the issue of term limitations at the October Board Meeting and determined to table the Motion until the Committee reviewing the Bylaws completes its work and makes its report and recommendation. Any change in term limitations for Board members, which is provided for in the Fellowship Bylaws, affects a number of other provisions in the Bylaws. The length of terms for the leadership is an important issue that affects the Fellowship in a significant way. Inasmuch as the Fellowship is moving from a small to medium size Congregation and the bylaws are currently under review by a committee, chaired by Bert Bishop, the Board will take no formal action at this time. Further discussion will continue at the Board meetings and the issue of term limitations will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on May 4, 2008.

From the Board

Your board met most recently on Tuesday, October 3. Among the items discussed were the bylaws. We revisited the issue of board member terms, and are working on adding or changing some wording about the nominating committee.

We also discussed the upcoming board retreat, what should be done in the event of an emergency on church property, and the usual minister and administrator's reports.

On the agenda for the next meeting are: 1) vacation policy for employees, 2) "Indicators of success", 3) Emergency policies, 4) a UUA banner "Nurture your spirit", and 5) the nominating committee.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. All are welcome to attend.



Social Action in Action

UUSC GUEST AT YOUR TABLE PROGRAM. At the service on Sunday, November 11 we will join with UU congregations nationwide to begin our annual Guest at Your Table Program which benefits the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Marge Thomas, our RE Director, and Ruth Dykstra, member of the Social Action Committee, will share with us information about UUSC's work to advance human rights and social justice around the world and how we can support UUSC's human rights work. In our UU Fellowship we have UUSC volunteers who have been working in Biloxi, Mississippi with Katrina relief work. This year the Guest program will focus on UUSC's work with its program partners to strengthen responses to those in humanitarian crisis, a special program emphasizing the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, defending human rights to water, and the human right to earn a living with dignity.

The UUSC's Guest at Your Table Program will conclude on January 6 when gifts for the program are collected. The Guest Program is sponsored by UUF's R.E. and Social Action Committee. Questions? Please contact Marge Thomas, Ruth Dykstra, Cheryl Guthrie, or Rev. Elaine Strawn.

ADOPT A CLASS: each year the Fellowship adopts Head Start Classes to provide gifts for the children enrolled in them. This year we have adopted two classes of three to five year olds and a day care class of infants to three year olds. If you would like to participate, look for a garland around the Social Action bulletin board in the rear of the meeting room on November 4th. Hanging from it you'll find tags, each with a child's name, age, sex and suggested gifts. Find one you like, sign your name next to that child's name on the sheet on the table under the bulletin board. Please gift wrap your presents and attach the tag you take from the garland. Gifts must be brought to the Fellowship by Sunday, December 9th and put in the library.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE THANKSGIVING COLLECTION: In the spirit of Thanksgiving let us share our blessing with neighbors who are less fortunate. November 11th will be our annual Thanksgiving dinner collection. Fill a bag with canned fruits and vegetables, Jell-O, applesauce, potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, quick bread mix, gingerbread or dessert mixes. Please, no turkeys, these are provided from another source. Cash donations are always welcome. Please note that the collection is a week earlier than the regular People to People collection so that the Thanksgiving boxes can be prepared for distribution.

OUR FAMILY LABELS: The collection of these Buehler's house brand labels continues to benefit the Viola Startzman Free Clinic and Every Woman's House. The basket is on the Connections Table in the entrance way. Please be sure to include the consumer product code (the block of parallel black lines) when you cut out the labels. If you contribute empty containers of sour cream, cottage cheese or the like, please be sure they have been washed out completely.

The Minister's Column

There is a great irony on Madison Hill, just at the spot where Sue Min's restaurant is found. A large billboard depicts a woman of color in what might be SubSaharan garb. She stares at the traveler proclaiming, "I am powerful." The sign is an advertisement for C.A.R.E, a viable charitable association devoted to improving the lot of poor of folks across the globe. The woman's face is open, strong, determined. It would be inspiring, even daunting, if it were not for the irony. But, alas, C.A.R.E. has not paid its bill, the contract has run out, the paper is falling. Her strong and challenging gaze pronounces her power but the condition of the sign belies her message. One finds oneself responding. "Oh no, you are not powerful. You are forgotten."

November is the month that begins our *Guest at Your Table* program. Our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee provides boxes to hold the coins we dedicate to alleviating poverty and powerlessness. The world's poor and powerless become the virtual guests at our dining tables. As we add our coins throughout November and December, we are vowing not to forget. People across the globe are powerful, talented, creative. But power dwindles when it is isolated. *Our World is One World* says the hymn; what an excellent message for the month of harvest and thanksgiving.

editors note: the billboard was changed since this writing.



Director of Religious Exploration Column

From the lady with a walker—

On October 28th the children came dressed in their Halloween finery and went Trick or Treating for UNICEF out in the congregation.

Our next R.E. Social Action project will take place on November 4th, and will be led by Corina Klies and Scott Crawford, visiting ornithologists. They will help the children construct bird feeders.

Starting this year, we will spotlight an R.E. class every other month. Look on page 5 to see this month's highlight!

We are thrilled with the progress the new Youth Group has made. See page 5 for their latest news.

I saw my doctor recently. He says my hip is healing nicely and that I need to continue to use a walker until at least November 7th. My most heartfelt thanks to all of you who sent me flowers and cards, and who came to visit me!!! It was a great boost to my morale. Also thanks to Lois Grant, who has assumed some of my duties, along with several other people who have pitched in where needed. Bless you, everyone!

News from the committees

Fundraising

The Madrigal is fast approaching. We still need 5 servers. Tickets may be purchased at the Fellowship before or after the services. They are \$25 each. We are inviting the public this year, so tell your friends. An order form is available on the website (fill it out & mail it in) or contact Sharon Delgadillo.

The **Lettuce, Olive 'n Peas cookbook** is a GREAT gift idea. At only \$10 each priced right for Holiday gift giving. They may be purchased before or after the services. Or contact Kelly Chandler or Sharon Delgadillo.

November 10 is the **Elder Beerman Care to Share day**. Purchase coupons for \$5 and get awesome in store savings! The timing is great for Holiday Charitable winter gift giving. More information when the coupons books arrive.

Caring

Rick & Cheryl Davis welcomed a new granddaughter, Ellen Ann Wells, into their family on October 13th.

Marge Thomas, DRE, is recuperating from her broken hip remarkably well. She is back to work on a limited basis. She will be in the office 1-3 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Curt Leben is still recuperating from his broken shoulder. Cards, sent to his home.

Keep Ken McDonald's brother in thoughts

Music

The music committee will meet on November 7th at 6 pm. The choir is rehearsing for the Madrigal, and tickets are on sale now for the November 16 and 17 performances. We have a busy couple of months ahead, but in January we would welcome new voices to choir practice, especially if there are any sopranos out there. Contact Gregg Sheffield for details.

As always, we would also welcome any guest musicians to sign up to perform a piece or two during a Sunday service. Contact Sharon Delgadillo for information.

We had a great Coffeehouse on Saturday, Oct. 20. This is a semi-annual event, so if you'd like to be a part of the next one, contact Sandy or Gregg Sheffield.

Facilities

The beauty of the morning glories and the adopted plots makes us all smile. It takes a lot of us to maintain this property. Thanks to everyone who has made our gardens beautiful this summer: Angela Volsko, Sue Gross, Norma Barber & Jennifer McAdams, Linda Michel, Ruth Sewell, Helen Ostermiller, Joanne Schroeder, Leroy Curtis, John Gross & the Religious Exploration children & youth.

Thanks to all that helped us on the workdays Oct 6th & 20th. We've cleared the underbrush, started the memorial circle & labyrinth, painted the bench & new fences, did the prep work for the new concrete in the parking lot & have the west lot almost ready to reseed the grass.

We are almost ready for winter. Anyone want to help with clearing the walkways of snow?

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.

X Team

Photo Directory: There are a lot of people who have joined us since our last photo directory. There are 2 choices if you'd like to be included in an update to the photo directory:

1--you may submit a photo of your family that we may use. (turn in at the office or email to fellowship@uufwc.org) OR

2--Sofie Dittman has graciously offered to take these photographs. She will take photos after the church services (NOT Thanksgiving weekend). The church will get a photo at no charge. She may ask you to sign a model release for her portfolio. She'll be able to show you the photos the week after they are taken. For \$15/sheet, she will print photos. One sheet could be: 1 8x10 or 2 5x7 or 8 2.5x3.5 or 4 4x5 or 1 5x7 + 4 2.5x3.5. If you are interested, please choose a Sunday & plan to stay after the service. Not everyone can be immediately after the service. Your patience will be appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet on the connections table next Sunday. Colorful clothing works best.

RE Spotlight

Although **Extra Extreme Explorers** is an apt description of the Triple E's, energetic, enthusiastic and excellent also describe this class of 4-6 graders. These unique individuals share some characteristics including the ability to amaze their facilitators with the way their minds work. Sharing of joys and concerns reveals the importance of friendship, laughter and staying up late. A discussion of symbols leads to the comment, "like x and y in algebraic equations," and a travel through geologic time to the question, "What comes after us?" But, not surprisingly, they share a desire to be active, from making cards for Marge's collection, "that was really fun," to producing and performing skits, complete with costumes. And they are always most intent when producing works of art, like their chalices, each as original and beautiful as its creator.

Boston Bound

The Coming of Age class is planning a trip to the UU heartland this spring. You can help them fund this trip by donating your change in the BIG jar in the entry and supporting future fundraisers. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth as they focus on their spiritual journey throughout this year.

Ohio Meadville District Awards

We are looking for Nominations for the following:

Faith in Action Award: presented to group or congregation for innovative social action program that is an example of faith in action.

UU Visibility Award: presented to individual, congregation or cluster for an outstanding project that increases congregational or denominational visibility in the community at large.

OMD Unsung Hero: honors a person for high levels of service to their district, cluster, congregation or community, while receiving low level of recognition.

Rising Star: honors a leader who has made a significant impact on church life despite being a member of less than 5 years.

Award for service to Children or Youth: honors an individual that has shown great dedication to children/youth in the district, cluster, congregation or community.

Please see Elaine or Phil Grimm, President of the Board, if you have a name you'd like the board to consider.

Youth Group News

The Youth Group had an eventful start to the new season. On October 10th they met for a campfire where they played games, ate, and learned about each other. It was lots of fun and eventful, and we hope all will return for the next meeting! We are planning to do both fund raisers, and field trips! More will be explained at the next meeting.

Also, a notice for Youth Group Members: There will be a meeting on Sunday, **October 28th at 10:30** in the Youth Group Room. We hope to see you there!

~Kelli Baxstrom

This Month

Adult Religious Education

Are our UU principles out of date?
The UUA's Commission on Appraisal
has created a tool to begin
this denomination-wide conversation...

Come share your thoughts.
Elaine Strawn will facilitate.
Sundays, November 4, 11, & 18
at 12:30 pm in the EEE room
Come to one session or to
as many as your schedule allows.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project

Spend an hour as a bell ringer for the Salvation
Army and support some of Wooster's neediest citi-
zens. The Fellowship will be at Buehler's Milltown
from 9 to 9 on **Thursday, November 29**. Sign up
for a one-hour shift at the Connections Table. The
sign up sheet will be there starting in November.

Evergreen Workshop

Saturday, December 1, 2007

10:00AM to 3:00 PM.

\$5.00 gets you in the door
and allows you to use all the fresh greens you wish.

You may help decorate our church
or make and take home your own wreath.

Wreath frames, ribbons, wire, etc.
will be available for sale.

Please bring a finger food to share.
And bring your own gloves and clippers.

We are in need of adults to lead a children's craft.
Hope to see you there!

Donate your
gently used (or new) holiday decorations,
and we'll deliver them to Every Woman's House to
be enjoyed.

Questions? See Sue Gross

Alternative Gift Market

Looking for a different way to celebrate the holi-
days? Wish you could buy Aunt Hilda a tree
– and plant it in Haiti?

The Alternative Gift Market is for you!
The UUF is joining six area churches to provide you
a way to purchase unique gifts that benefits those in
need throughout the world. With over 30 projects,
there's something for everyone on your list.

This year's market will be held at **First Presbyte-
rian** in Wooster (corner of Bowman and Beall)
on **December 2** from **12:00-2:30**.

Also, help is needed to make displays describing the
projects. If you can help or have questions, contact
Mary Wicks

Unitarian Universalists love to hate the Apostle
Paul. After all, he was responsible for the current
antipathy towards women in ministry, gays in the
pulpit and women doing anything other than being
submissive to their husbands--right?

Wrong! counters John Dominic Crossan, world re-
nowned Biblical scholar, co-founder of the Jesus
Seminar, and author of over a dozen books.

Come to hear Dom Crossan's lecture, entitled:

Paul: An Appealing or Appalling Apostle?
Saturday, November 3, 2007

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Interested in carpooling?

Contact Tom Gross or Jay Klemme

West Shore Unitarian Universalist church,
Rocky River, OH

\$40.00, register at the door;
or \$50.00, includes box lunch

What can we learn from this complex and conflicted
man? This lecture will explore whether or not Paul
was the bad guy that religious liberal often claim
him to be. Co-sponsored by the UU Christian Fel-
lowship Organization and the Cleveland Ecumenical
Institute of Religious Studies.

For more information, call Rev. Kathleen Rolenz at

The Next Out for Dinner Night

will be in January
Enjoy your Holidays!

UU Martial Arts Program

At a new time: 5-7 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

A Gathering with

BISHOP JOHN SHELBY SPONG

at First Unitarian Church of Toledo, Ohio

December 1, 2007

9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Bishop John Shelby Spong's goal is to have people rethink Christianity by respectfully reconciling the teachings of Jesus with the present-day knowledge of physics, science and modern sociological understanding. An internationally recognized religious leader, Bishop Spong seeks "to break the Jesus explanations out of the boundaries of antiquity and explain it in the 21st century."

For information or tickets,
contact Julia Field McGhee:

Unitarian Universalism in the News

UUA launched a national media campaign. An ad will appear in several Time magazine issues this fall.

Also in the news, Rev. Michael Dowd and his science writer wife, Connie Barlow, are America's UU evolutionary evangelists. Rev. Dowd's forthcoming book, "Thank God for Evolution!", has 125 endorsements including 5 Noble laureates. It was mentioned in the September 17th issue of NEWSWEEK magazine. National media coverage will begin in earnest in November. Millions who have never heard about Unitarian Universalism will soon hear about us for the first time. He and Connie are donating 100% of book royalties toward furthering the epic of evolution movement in and beyond the UUA.

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

RESTARTING IN JAN. 2008

Jan. 8: Freedom to Parent: Lesbian & Gay Families

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets 3rd Sunday during the school year at 7 pm

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
horseless722@yahoo.com

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Discontinued for the fall.

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

THE OPEN CLOSET

The Open Closet is a social networking group for the LGBT community, their families and allies.

Our meetings (pot-luck style dinner and conversation) are held on the first Friday of every month at 6:30pm.

All ages welcome.

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

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

1-3 pm on 3rd Thursdays of the Month

WUUPS

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

Other Important Information

November Birthdays

6 Cindie Slater
 13 Helen Meyers
 19 Sue Gross
 21 Lynn Drumm
 23 Carol Morrison
 24 Bev Caley
 28 Karen Skubik

November Anniversaries

1 Kate Freed & Lee Simpson
 25 Susan English & Bill Alkire

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.

Lots of new email addresses.
 See a paper copy of the newsletter.

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

Nov. 4	Ruth Sewell
Nov. 11	Margo Curl
Nov. 18	Tom & Sue Gross
Nov. 25	Clif Bushnell

Coffee Duty

Nov. 4	<i>available</i>
Nov. 11	<i>available</i>
Nov. 18	<i>available</i>
Nov. 25	<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

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.
May 4, 2008	Our Annual meeting. Members are invited to stay after the service and vote on the business of the fellowship.
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

November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Elaine: Wed: 6-9 pm, Thur: 10-2pm, Fri 1-5pm Marge: Tuesday & Thursday 1-3 pm Anne: 10-2: Monday, Wednesday, Friday				1	2 5:30pm The Open Closet	3 7:00am Crossan Lecture-West Shore 7:00am Board Retreat
4 Aluminum Cans 10:30am Steps to the Meeting House 12:15pm Dancers rehearse 12:30pm A dult RE: our principles 7:00pm Scrabble Night	5 5:45pm Zen Meditation	6 7:00pm Board Meeting	7 5:00pm Martial Arts 5:00pm Music committee 7:00pm choir 8:30pm Dancers rehearse	8	9 1:00pm x team	10 Care to Share Day 8:00am Zen Day 7:00am Wench Training 5:30pm 25th anniversary-Shaw
11 10:30am Sharing the Word & the Wealth-Mythos team 12:00pm Finance 12:30pm Server Training 12:30pm A dult RE: our principles 1:00pm Dancers rehearse 4:00pm Chalice Circle	12 5:45pm Zen Meditation 7:00pm RE committee	13 6:15pm Membership Committee	14 5:00pm Martial Arts 7:00pm choir 8:30pm Dancers rehearse	15 1:00pm Word Works Writers Group	16 5:30pm Madrigal Dinner	17 5:30pm Madrigal Dinner
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<b>25</b> 10:30am Coping with the Holidays-Barber 10:30am Youth group  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">Elaine gone</div>	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Women Wisdom Circle 5:45pm Zen Meditation	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Ohioans for Marriage Equality	<b>28</b> 5:00pm Martial Arts 7:00pm choir	<b>29</b> 9:00am Bell Ringing -Salvation Army 7:00pm Worship Associates	<b>30</b> 1:00pm x team	

## 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, 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: 10am– 2pm, Friday 1-5 pm

Marge: Tuesday & Thursday: 1-3 pm

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

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