



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

September 2008

UU News

September Service Schedule

September 7: 10:30 am *Life Span Faith Development* [Strawn/Lerner]

Religious Education isn't only for children in our tradition. We are students of life and spirituality all our days.

September 14: 10:30 am *Converging "Inconvenient Truths" and the Human Prospect* [Dr. Kenneth Smail]

Are we now observing the beginnings of a global "synchronous failure," a cascading political, economic, social, environmental, and demographic collapse? Unless significant mitigating steps are soon undertaken, might the lives of several billion human beings, be at considerable risk?

September 21: 10:30 am *Taking the Time to See* [Rev. Peggy Clason, Minister Emerita, UU Society of Cleveland]

Few of us strip our lives totally down to the fundamentals. But we can receive some of the wisdom that Thoreau attained during his sojourn in the woods.

September 28: 10:30 am *If We Had an Orthodox Belief....* [Strawn]

We pride ourselves on being a non-creedal faith, but are there orthodox UU beliefs? And how would we describe ourselves? This sermon 2008-2009 series examines the ways in which we are the same and differ from the faiths around us.

5:30 pm *Common Ground* [Lowrys]

Kevin and Alex Lowry are starting a young adult worship event called *Common Ground* on every fourth Sunday of the month at 5:30pm. It will be a 45 minute service with an event [dinner, discussion, etc] afterwards. He will need volunteers to offer transit from the colleges each month. Look for more details coming soon.

It is time to celebrate!

We are a Breakthrough congregation!

Saturday September 20 at 7:00 pm

It's time to celebrate this terrific honor from the UUA, all the cooperative efforts which made it possible, and, we'll even show the DVD again!

Look for your invitation in the mail!

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This year, we have the privilege of having a ministerial intern.
She is a student minister (think student teacher).

Introducing the Ministerial Intern

I am Lorie Lerner a candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. I have been at Meadville Lombard Theological School in a distance learning program since 2003. Each January I go to Meadville in Chicago and spend the month with my colleagues and take classes. I also take other classes on line throughout the year. I only have four more classes to take!! My expected graduation date is 2010!

Aside from going to school, I work full time at Children's Hospital in Akron. I have been a nurse there for 28 years. I am currently a manager in charge of Safety, Infection Control and Accreditation.

I have several passions. The first is a loving relationship with my partner. The next passion is my two sons, Max and Keith. Both are starting college this fall. Max the oldest is starting at ATI in Wooster. Keith starts at Akron University. Gardening, golf and preserving the environment round out my list of passions.

I feel blessed and honored that you are allowing me the opportunity to serve in your fellowship. I look forward to serving you as your ministerial intern.

Blessings, Lorie Lerner

Parking Solutions

The August 24th congregational meeting was well attended. After about an hour of discussion, we voted to approve a cap of \$80,000 toward a new parking lot. Wednesday August 27, at an interesting Planning commission meeting, we won our approval to create the new parking lot. The board will proceed with finalizing plans and getting bids for this project. Watch for announcements from the board about the ongoing plans.



Social Action in Action

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE COLLECTION RETURNS. Nonperishable food items and toiletries are collected once a month from September through May, usually the 3rd Sunday. Suggestions are made for the type of item for each month, but items of your choice are welcome. All donations can be placed in the labeled bin next to the Social Action table in the rear of the meeting room. Financial donations are also welcome and can be put in the labeled jar on the table. Please make checks payable to People to People. **September 21st is Snap, Crackle and Pop Sunday**, donations of low sugar cereals are suggested.

SUPPORT FOR GREEN POWER. For the first time, the Social Action committee has a \$450 item in its budget for the support of wind power programs. Since the move to our new building, this amount has been donated by private individuals, but it is now an item in the Fellowship budget. The money is used to purchase wind energy credits from Community Energy, Inc. (CEI), a marketer and developer of wind energy based in Radnor, Pennsylvania and a subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, the largest owner and operator of renewable energy facilities in the world. CEI has developed new wind projects in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest and supports projects under development throughout the U.S. For more information see www.NewWindEnergy.com.

2008-2009 SOCIAL ACTION BROCHURE is coming. Look for it at the Social Action Committee table at the Committee Fair after the service on September 28th or in the pamphlet rack outside of Anne's office. You'll find new projects along with those the congregation has been involved with for many years in it. The coordinators of each project are listed, so you can learn more about them from those individuals.

The Minister's Column

Being seen and heard: it is a need we all have. It forms us, gives us a sense of rootedness. It is a need we have as we come to this congregation.

It happens in many ways here: as we greet one another, as we listen to one another in the service and in coffee hour, and as we gather for education and committee meetings. It happens in the form of Sharing of Joys and Concerns each Sunday. Some of us think of this as the most important part of the service; some of us dread it. In order to provide a place that feels sacred, the worship associates have adapted this part of the service to include moments of quiet to establish some reflection time and readings before and after the Sharing time. This summer we tried--albeit inconstantly—to have people write their joys/concerns for the Worship Associate or leader to read aloud. This offered uniformity and provided a way for shyers to share the moments of their lives. Some of us loved it; many hated it. At our August meeting, the Worship Associates went back to the drawing board.

So here is the plan for the Fall. After an introductory reading, folks who wish to share a major or poignant event will be invited to form a line by the wall at the piano [to facilitate the process]. We will then continue as usual with moments of quiet reflection and end with a blessing. Please have patience with the process, and also, please keep talking about it.

In all, please keep three things in mind:

Everyone who walks in the door is important; please listen to one another...really listen.

Everyone who walks in the door has had significant events in their week; unfortunately there just isn't time to share them all, so be judicious. Please limit your comments.

Remember whatever you are going through...joy or concern, there is probably someone else here who has been in the same place. We are united by our humanity.

Director of Religious Exploration Column

Our summer outdoor program, **WOW** (Web of the World), ended on August 17th. It was very well attended. We are grateful to Lois Grant and Fred Michel for directing it, and also to their several presenters: Emily Currie, Blake Hixon, Skip Nault, Emma Pratt, Rich Pratt, and Mary Wicks. The garden planted by the children was supervised by Fred and Rich.

On Saturday, August 23rd Religious Exploration teachers and caregivers gathered for their **Fall Support and Planning Meeting**. The speaker was Bev Wire, coordinator of COA (Coming of Age). She regaled us with stories of their trip to Boston—a first ever from this congregation—and also explained just what COA is and how it works. This rite of passage is an important component of our R. E. program.

Many people have been working hard to get our **Spirit Play** classes ready. I have been having a ball running orientation sessions with small groups of children on each of the five Sundays in August! Our trained teachers are Kelly Chandler, Deleasa Randall-Griffiths, Susan Heady, Nancy Hurt, and Adam Keating. And donors have begun giving their talents and materials. Thank you! Thank you! Children from age 3 through 2nd grade will be the beneficiaries of these efforts.

Regular classes for the 2008-09 year begin September 7th. We'll see you all then!

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News from the committees

Facilities

Fall Landscape work days— We will be spreading mulch 9am– noon on Saturdays September 9/13 & 27. Many hands make light work!! Keep bringing in the cardboard, and thanks.

New Books in the Library!

A SHORT HISTORY OF MYTH by Karen Armstrong [398.209 Arms] Compelling investigation into myth: what it is, how it has evolved and why we still desperately need it.

LIVING WHEN A LOVED ONE HAS DIED by Earl A. Grollman [248.86 Grol] This well-known rabbi and author gently guides reader through the grieving process. Explains what emotions to expect when mourning, pitfalls to avoid and how to survive loss.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM: A NARRATIVE HISTORY by David E. Bumbaugh [289.1 Bumb] From our European roots to the end of the 20th century, in a readable and accessible style.

CELEBRATING THE PAGAN SOUL: OUR OWN STORIES OF INSPIRATION AND COMMUNITY Compiled by Laura A. Wildman [299.94 Wild] Writings by Starhawk, Margot Adler, Judy Harrow and more. Powerful tribute to the lives and experience of those who call themselves Wiccan, Druids, Neo-Pagans and witches.

UUFWC Youth Group

Youth Group welcomes youth in grades 7-12 for friendship, fun social action, spirituality and more. Opening YG meeting: Wednesday Sept. 10 7-8:30 pm. We'll have Fire, Food & Fun

Youth group meets twice a month:
Last Sunday of the month from 10:30 am to noon
2nd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 pm
Please let Peg know about any youth who might be interested in joining!!

Caring Corner

Welcome Back Lucia Weinroth!
After knee surgery, she's finally resuming social activities again. It's good to see you in circulation, Lucia!

Have you thought about going green at home? Are you thinking of using enviro-friendly products?

The Green Corner

will be a new addition to your newsletter. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee, it will provide cleaning tips with natural products. We hope it will be beneficial to everyone.

Music committee

Welcome back to the choir! Choir practice has started and continues every Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Newbies are welcome!

The music committee has met to discuss plans for the coming year. Sharon and Gregg are finalizing the performance schedule for the choir. Sharon is also looking for soloists, or small ensembles of musicians who are interested in performing for some Sunday services when the choir is not singing. You do not need to be a professional musician! Contact Sharon Delgadillo.

If you are involved in planning a specific Sunday service and have a musical need, please contact Sharon Delgadillo or Gregg or Sandy Sheffield. We'll be happy to work with you. The more advanced notice you give, the more likely that your needs can be met.

COFFEEHOUSE 30: We will once again sponsor two Coffeehouse events this year, the first one coming up on **Saturday, October 11**. If you are interested in performing or even in helping out with this event, please contact Gregg or Sandy Sheffield,. As always we will need to borrow card tables, and we will ask for donations of baked goods to sell.

This just in: Music Committee is hosting Jim Scott in Concert on Friday, September 12! See box on page 6 for more!

Membership

UU INQUIRY CLASS

New to UU? Want to learn more about the denomination?

Or about us, the UU Fellowship?

Come to the next UU Inquiry to be held
following a service in October.

[Date available after 9/9 meeting]

A light lunch will be provided and childcare is available upon request.

(please let us know in advance if you will need childcare--so we have a chance to make arrangements.)

If you would like to attend please tell Kelly Chandler

Membership Committee meets at the UU on **September 9, at 6:30**. The game plan is:

- a much reduced number of full committee meetings
- as much intra-member communication as possible handled by e-mail
- subcommittees to address defined tasks in efficient smaller groups.

The September 9 meeting is really important. We need to make sure that we're "covering all of our bases" and that we will have a functional link with each other as a group as we all take on the multitude of duties and tasks of our committee.

There's plenty of work to do. We're a really neat bunch of folks (maybe not including the chair!) who are continuing or have recently joined the committee.

If you want to join us, just show up on Tuesday 9/6--or get in touch with me for more information and/or about the pot luck gathering the first weekend in September.

Jay Klemme, chair

Finance Committee

It is necessary that an audit of the Fellowship's books be conducted from time to time. Currently the Finance Committee is in the process of putting a committee together to conduct such an audit. That committee will check to see that our financial records are being kept consistently and make suggestions about better ways to handle our money to protect everyone involved. (At press we may already have the Audit Committee assembled, but if you know of someone who might make a good and willing audit committee member please let Bert Bishop or Anne Wilson know. There will be future audits).

Chalice Circle sign-up

September 7 & 14

What is a Chalice Circle? Small relational groups made up of six to twelve people who meet regularly to talk, learn, work and play together. Members may tell their life stories, offer support, and engage in work to serve the larger community. They offer expanding opportunities for growth, caring and connection within a congregation.

The gatherings are once or twice a month. Where and when they meet is up to the facilitator and the group. In September, we will offer you the chance to sign-up for one of the circles. One group will begin later; others will begin at different points through the church year.

Brochures will be available on the table in the entry.

Adult Religious Exploration Spirit of Life Class Begins

Rev. Barbara Hamilton Holoway's *Spirit of Life* lessons offer participants space, time, and community to explore their Unitarian Universalist spirituality. Each focuses on a different aspect of the spiritual life, framed by the lyrics of Carolyn McDade's song "Spirit of Life." Like the song, the *Spirit of Life* class sessions are designed to be welcoming to Unitarian Universalists of many spiritual and theological persuasions. Participants are invited to claim an inclusive definition of spirituality and to recognize the spiritual aspects of their lives. **We will meet at 7:00 pm Thursday evenings September 25 October 2, and October 9.**

Rev. Elaine Strawn will facilitate.

Future Adult Religious Exploration :

In January:

Principled Commitment (6 weeks): A UUA sponsored curriculum which presents a relationship program for committed couples.

Next Spring:

Nietzsche and the Boys: a look into philosophy with Jay Weinroth

September Events

You are invited!

We (Alptekin, Sofie & the kids) would like to invite everybody to an end-of-summer party!

When: Saturday, 09-27-08, 5 PM – until the cows come home (summertime they come home VERY late)

Where: UFWC, 3186 Burbank Road, Wooster

Why: Just because we thought it'd be fun!

Please come as you are, with family/significant other or by yourself. Please bring a small dish and some drinks to share. As in past events, Alptekin will be cooking and Sofie will be baking, too, so if you can't bring anything, come anyway (and with appetite!).

If you have a volley ball or other games to share, that'd be great, too.

Please RSVP to Sofie & Alptekin by 09-20-08 so we can plan with the food.

Cake decorating will be held **Saturday, October 4, '08**. We'll focus on children's cakes.

The September Out for Dinner Night will be held at

The Pump House Grille
6:00 PM, Saturday,
September 27th.
400 Orange Street, Ashland, OH.



The Pump House Ministries provides numerous charitable services to the Ashland area. The Grille provides valuable practical training, experience, and marketable skills for disadvantaged people who wish to work the food service/restaurant industries. It also provides good food and service at reasonable prices. Reserve your place at the September event by signing the sign-up sheet on the Connections Table by September 21st. We will meet at the UFWC at 5:00 PM for those who wish to carpool. Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or if you have a change of plans.

Charles Gaines

JIM SCOTT

An exciting acoustic guitarist and composer of powerful songs that further the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace



In Concert at the UU Fellowship

Friday, September 12 - 7:30 pm.
Suggested Donation: \$10 adults,
\$5 students/seniors

“Some kind of a magician.” Pete Seeger

Bakers Dozen to cook at Every Women's House
Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 5:00 pm.

Anyone is welcome to join us.
Contact Cathy Miller or Sue Gross

ACLU Movie & Discussion Night Returns

September 9 at 7 pm (Second Tuesdays)
“Freedom from Government Spying: Surveillance” This ACLU “Freedom Files” film reveals how the federal government is turning the U.S. into a nation under surveillance. From warrantless wiretapping of phone calls and monitoring of emails to the creation of a national identity card, the government is using "national security" as a justification for encroaching on our right to privacy and freedoms of speech and association. But the initiatives are stirring intense opposition from many groups across the political spectrum

Upcoming movies:

~October 10: “Freedom from Abuse of Power: Torture and Unlawful Imprisonment”

~November 11: "Freedom to Learn: School to Prison Pipeline”

Circle Suppers are back!

When: Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 7 PM

Where: Members homes, it depends on who we match you up with!

Circle Suppers are a fun and informal way to get to know others in the congregation. Simply sign up on the sheet on the connections table in the lobby, or by calling/emailing Sofie Dittmann at

We need the following information: name, phone #, email address, # of adults, # of children (if any, with ages), dietary needs, whether and how many you can host, and what dish you can provide. We'll then match you up for an evening of fun and good food.

Attention Knitters and crocheters !

Would you like to get together and knit or crochet (or both) for a good cause?

How about Knitting (crocheting) for peace? Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet? then come to the fellowship on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm. for more info, contact Gail Carter @330-567-2839, glcwicca@aol.com

Scrabble/Bridge/Game night

continues the second Sunday night
EXCEPT in September.

We will meet September 28th.

Please note date change.

Please Note

Coming in October

We will be on the Northeast Solar Tour

Saturday October 4th

We will need volunteers to give tours on these days.

Green Energy Ohio is coordinating the Ohio Solar Tour and needs volunteers at sites to assist home/business owners with managing crowds, signing people in, etc. Times vary but tours between 10:00am and 5:00pm across North East Ohio.

More information at: <http://www.greenenergyohio.org/page.cfm?pageID=989>

Every Month

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Third Sunday, during the school year, at 7 pm
Summer Picnic: September 3 at 5-if you read a book this summer, come & share it with us.

Sept 21: River of Doubt by Candice Millard

Oct 19: Snow Flower & Secret Fan by Lisa See

Nov 16: A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

COVEN OF UFWC

Meets on a monthly basis in members homes, usually on Saturday evenings.

For Information, contact Tisha Russo

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Temporarily suspended.

OHIOANS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

We are working for the civil right of marriage for same-sex couples in Ohio.

Fourth Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm

SCRABBLE/ BRIDGE/GAME NIGHTS

2nd Sundays from 7 to 9:30PM. Bring yourself, and/or cards, a game and PEOPLE!!! A snack to share if you like. We meet from 7 to 9 or 9:30 PM in the vestibule of the Fellowship.

SPIRIT PATHS

a newly formed group, welcomes pagans of all persuasions. See calendar for date of current month's meeting at 6 pm at the fellowship.

For more information, contact Tammy Paul

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE

Fourth Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

Third Thursday from 1-3 pm

WUUPS

Wayne UU Pagans meets at 7pm at the fellowship
September 20 at 6 with Spirit Path Group, for Mabon. 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. October 19, Sunday for full moon at 7:00 pm. and November 15 at 6:00 pm. (Saturday) for full moon ritual.

For information, contact Gail Carter

Other Important Information

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

- 8 Curt & Margaret Leben
- 18 Jeff & Sherri 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—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.

Students: Please meet in front of Lowry Center at 10:10 am

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| September 7 | Ruth Sewell |
| September 14 | Tom/ Sue Gross |
| September 21 | Margo Curl |
| September 28 | You??? |

Coffee Duty

THANK YOU TO

DON CURIE & CAROL & PATTY MORRISON FOR COFFEE ALL SUMMER.

Let's give them a break—

- September 7 *available*
- September 14 *available*
- September 21 *available*
- September 28 *available*



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. Supplies and directions are in the kitchen. Treats optional.

Rides for College Students Part II

It is most wonderful that, in recent years, Margo Curl, Ruth Sewell, Tom/Sue Gross, and Clif/Hazel Bushnell have, on rotation basis, stopped at Lowry Center, College of Wooster, at about 10:10 on Sunday mornings, to bring students to our services. One of this group can no longer participate.

Ideally, we'd have five sets of drivers to do this. If your route to Sunday service takes you close to College of Wooster, and if you're willing to do this about once per month, please contact me.

Thanks Jay Klemme

There is also a need for drivers for the 5:30 pm on fourth Sunday young adult service.

A Look At the Year Ahead

September 28	Committee Fair—Want to get involved? Find out about ways you can spend time with your UU friends. Stay after the service and learn about the opportunities.
October 11	Coffeehouse 30! Page 4 for more information
November 21 & 22	Madrigal Dinner The magic of the madrigal returns!
December 6	Evergreen Workshop Help decorate here or make and take something for home.
June 24-28, 2009	General Assembly. Salt Lake City, Utah. A new UUA president will be elected. Information on Rev. Peter Morales and Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman available on line.
July 12–18, 2009	Summer Institute 2009– Theme speaker: Thandeka.

September 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Fri	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2 3:00pm Olan Mills Photo Shoot 7:00pm Board Meeting	3 3:00pm Olan Mills Photo Shoot 6:00pm Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm choir 7:30pm SOF Chalice circle	4	5	6
7 Aluminum Can 10:30am Life Span Faith Development- Strawn/Lerner 12:00pm Fundraising Comm Planning Meeting 7:00pm WUUPs-Equinox	8 1:00pm X team meeting 7:00pm RE committee meeting	9 6:30pm Membership Committee meeting 7:00pm ACLU movie night	10 7:00am Youth Group 7:00pm choir	11	12 7:30pm Jim Scott In concert	13 9:00am Landscape Work Day
14 10:30am Converging Inconvenient Truths & Human Prospect-Smail 12: Finance Comm. Meeting	15	16 7:00pm Committee Council Meeting	17 5:00pm Baker's Dozen at EWH 7:00pm choir 7:00pm Knitting for Peace	18 7 pm: This I Believe Chalice Circle	19	20 7:00am Break through Award party 6:00pm Spirit Paths
21 People to People collection 10:30am Taking the Time to See-Clason 4 pm: Passion for Life Circle 7:00pm Book Discussion Group	22 1:00pm X team 6:30pm Women Wisdom Circle	23	24 7:00pm choir	25 7 pm: Spirit of Life Class	26	27 9:00am Landscape Work Day 5:00pm Sofie/Alptekin party (pg 6) 6:00pm Out to Dinner Night
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Regular office hours

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 ~Marge Thomas, Dir. Religious Exploration: Monday and Friday from 11:30 to 4 pm
 ~Anne Wilson (office administrator): Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10am -2 pm (in September)

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

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

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Board of Directors: Phil Grimm, president, Pat Rodgers, vice president, Susan English, secretary, Cheryl Guthrie, Scott Crawford, Georgia Jaeb, Karen Skubik

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

Newsletter Deadline: The 17th day of every month!

Website: www.uufwc.org Streaming audio now available. Can't make the service? Listen online!
Webmaster: Lee Simpson

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

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