



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

June 2009

UUF News

June Service Schedule

All services at 10:30 am

June 7 *Word and Song and Picnic* **[Rev. Elaine Strawn]**

We will all join together for this brief service of movement and song. The picnic will begin about 11:15, or right after the service. Please bring a dish to share and table service for your family; also, your favorite games are always a favorite whenever we gather as a community.

June 14 *In the Garden* **[Rev. Elaine Strawn]**

There are beautiful garden spots around our building. We will make a journey among these gardens, stopping to appreciate the gifts of nature along the way. Please bring appropriate clothes for strolling in the sun. The WOW program for our RE students will begin this morning.

June 21 *Still Point* **[Rev. Elaine Strawn]**

As we begin the summer at Solstice, we enter into a time when nature is at its most active, but we humans tend to slow down a little bit. The mystics write of the still point, a place from which we can contemplate life and become more alive and vibrant.

June 28 *Inner Journeys* **[Mythos Team]**

The Mythos Team concludes its year with a focus on the inner journey, bringing our focus back to the center.

A note about Summer Sundays

Our services in the summer tend to be a little less formal and a little shorter. The theme for this summer will be "Ethical Eating", the focus for our Unitarian Universalist Statement of Conscience for three years from 2008-2011.

There are no formal Religious Exploration classes in June, July or August. More information about summer RE in Marge's column on page 3.

Also, please remember to gather a few drops of water from wherever you travel this summer... we will combine these together at the service of Water Communion on August 23.

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Position Opening: Assistant to the DRE

Time frame: Beginning on September 1, 2009, the position will be for seven hours a week, forty weeks (ending May 31, 2010).

Duties: Be present during the 9:00 service. Check that the Nursery is covered. Lead a group of children from age 3 to 9th grade in a Children's Chapel format, along with a rotating volunteer. Reset the classroom for the 10:45 service. Also attend to whatever R.E. tasks the DRE requires (examples: planning for CONs, helping with district events hosted by the UFWC).

Requirements: Must have had experience working with children. Spirit Play training or at least some knowledge of Spirit Play highly desirable.

Remuneration: A salary will be paid on a monthly basis.

Overseer: The person filling this position will report directly to the DRE.

Particulars: Interested persons should send a resume and a letter of intent to the office administrator (Anne Wilson, UFWC, 3186 Burbank Road, Wooster, Ohio 44691). A search committee has been formed. All applications must be received by June 30, 2009. Interviews will be held in July 2009.

Social Action in Action

YOU'RE INVITED to the year-end meeting of the Social Action Committee on Sunday, June 7TH at 7:00 pm. Learn about our projects and help us decide on new ones. If you have an idea for a project contact Helen Ostermiller or Betty Schuler for a place on the agenda.

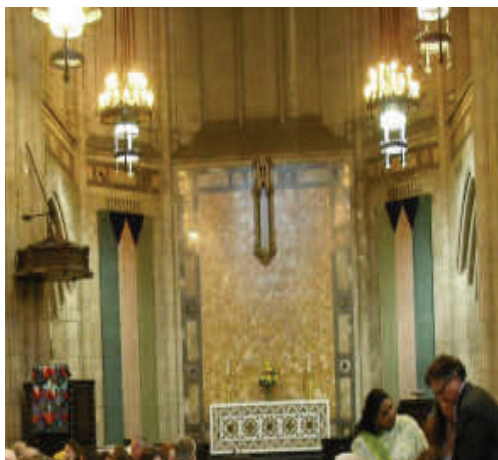
TRAVELER'S TOILETRIES: staying in hotels or motels during your summer vacation? Please remember to collect the soap, shampoo and conditioner provided. You can put them in the Traveler's Toiletries bin under the Social Action Committee table in the rear of the meeting room. They will go to the Salvation Army shelter and the Every Woman's House shelter.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE food collections are not held during the summer months. They will resume in September with Snap Crackle and Pop cereal Sunday. Clean empty peanut butter jars, however are collected all year round. They are used at the food pantry to provide families with a three day supply of items that are usually packaged in large quantities such as clothes washing detergent. Put your jars in the People to People bin under the Social Action Committee table in the rear of the meeting room at any time.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: With warmer weather, you'll probably be drinking more beverages from aluminum cans. Joe Kufchak is still collecting them on the first Sunday of each month. You can find his dark blue pickup truck parked near the front of the church. If you want to bring cans at some other time, they can be left behind the green shed on the driveway. Money from recycling the cans goes to Quest for Peace for school supplies for children in Nicaragua. Since September \$187.37 has been earned and sent to that organization.

INK CARTRIDGE AND CELL PHONES: the newly selected companies these items are being sent to are paying us for recycling. A total of \$95.35 has been received.

The Minister's Column



I noticed it during the opening remarks of the Meadville Lombard Theological School graduation ceremony: there was an empty niche carved from the stone of the walls, and it was completely empty. It kept calling for my attention. At first it seemed barren, suffering an imposed emptiness forced by Unitarian Universalism's insistence upon theological diversity: nothing could go there because it might offend someone's idea of the holy. As the service continued, I grew more comfortable. What I would put there? What was worthy to be placed in that focal of "worship" (the act of making worthy)? What would point beyond day-to-day maddening trivialities and refocus me on those permanent things which give meaning to life? Over time, no one image of God would do, no single image of Jesus, no matter how humble or friendly. No image of Shiva's constant activity could give me rest for contemplation. The Buddha might reject being placed there. Finally I understood that the emptiness of this niche provided a reminder to refocus on worthy things of life without any imposition of a "correct" object of worship. And so, what would you put in that little empty niche?

Director of Religious Exploration Column

My thanks to all who participated in R.E. Sunday. I was very impressed with the way the youth led the service—we have fodder for the Worship Associates!

Skylar Breiner and Michael Russo attended the last CON of the year at West Shore. We are grateful to Alptekin Aydogan for sponsoring them.

As May 31st was our last day of regular R.E. classes, we now look toward the summer program, WOW (Web of the World). This is a 10-week program beginning June 14th. It has traditionally been an outdoor program held back on our land, but since this year our land is in a state of flux, we are changing that slightly. The Triple E room will be used as our base. There will still be "visiting professors," who will give presentations on nature and science, with an emphasis on hand-on activities. Some things will happen indoors and some outdoors in the vicinity of the Triple E room.

Children who have spent one year in the EARTH SPIRITS class will be eligible to participate, as will older children. Younger children will be welcomed into the Nursery as "post-graduates." (Presenters in the past have had a difficult time appealing to a very wide age range.)

We found last year that we really needed two extra adult helpers each week due to the number of participants. Therefore, this year we ask you to sign your child/ren up (just once for the whole summer) AND choose a date when you are willing to assist. There will be a sign-up sheet on the R.E. bulletin board. Please bring your calendar next Sunday, so that you'll know when you are available to help. If you have more than one child in the program we would appreciate it if you signed up for two Sundays. If you have questions, please ask me.

Happy Summer! Marge

Summer Events

The June
Out for Dinner Night
Fedeli Italian-American Restaurant
218 Court Ave NW, Canton
6:00 PM, Saturday, June 27th

Of course, Fedeli was named after Mama and it is co-owned with the fabulous Vegeterranean Restaurant in Akron. Thus, you can be confident that Fedeli serves seasonal, homemade, cutting-edge, sophisticated, and progressive Italian-American Cuisine with upscale service. Plus, there are plenty of vegetarian dishes on the menu. Simply, it is rated as one of Ohio's top restaurants - like a Tuscan Trattoria nestled in a little side street in downtown Canton. Come with us to a slower pace and warm family hug. Reserve your place by signing the sheet on the Concessions Table in the Entrance Hall by June 21st. We will meet at the UUFWC at 5:00 PM and carpool to Canton. Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or if you have a change of plans.

Facilities Committee

- Anyone interested in working on the Memorial Garden? It needs to be weeded, mulched and planted.
- Adopt a flower bed for the summer! There are **three** that would like to be kept nice--two would start pretty much weed-free.
- Help from someone with a saw for the Memorial Tree plaques.
- Water newly transplanted trees. They must be watered weekly to survive this major shock. If you could commit to some weeks, we can create a schedule.

Contact : Gene Meyers or Helen Ostermiller.

We need you for the UUFWC's
Upscale Garage Sale
Friday, July 10, 3 – 7 p.m. and
Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
3186 Burbank Road

It's time to check in the closets and under the bed for those treasures looking for a new home! This will be a unique sale, featuring a flea market as well as a special area for the sale of upscale items. These proceeds will benefit the UUFWC's operating budget. Here's how you can help:

Donate: We need items that are **clean** and in **good condition**. We'll be advertising specific upscale items, so let us know any special treasures you'll be donating (tax receipts will be available). Clothing in baby and toddler sizes only. Books are fine! Items can be dropped off on the following dates:

Sundays, after June 14
8 – 10 am, Tuesday, July 7
6 – 8 pm, Tuesday, July 7
6 - 8 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8 &
(during set up and pricing)

IMPORTANT: If you bring items during the sale, they must be priced and set out by you!

Spread the word: Post a flyer in your work place or local business or e-mail it to friends. Let folks know that this is **no ordinary sale!**

Volunteer: Workers are needed **during the sale** and **to help set up and mark prices** on Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 pm (no experience needed).

Questions? Items to donate? Willing to volunteer?
Contact Mary Wicks.

Did you know that you can support the Fellowship while making online purchases? Don't forget to use GoodShop when you go to an online store. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Fellowship.

Go to www.GoodSearch.com and click on the GoodShop button.

Adopt a Highway

For many years, our fellowship has done the road clean up for the nearly two mile stretch of OH 3, north of wooster, from just south of Shearer Implement to just before Hawk's Nest golf course. We meet at Shearer's at 9am, put on spiffy orange vests, disperse along the length of the road. It usually takes us about an hour.

The high school RE group plans to do the inaugural clean-up on Sunday 5/31.

The next planned day would be Saturday 7/11. I will put further information in the July newsletter. However, if the 5/31 venture is rained out, I may put out an urgent e-mail to try to seek volunteers for a June "make-up" date.

Library News

For those of you looking for music that is environmental in nature (no pun intended), the library now has the following Paul Winter CD titles: ***Missa Gaia/Earth Mass, Concert for the Earth, Callings, Wolf Eyes: A Retrospective, and Living Music Collection '86.*** *Missa Gaia* is a rhythmic, contemporary celebration of the Earth and features the choruses of New York's Cathedral of John the Divine as well as the voices of the loon, whale, and wolf. This and his other CDs reflect a true reverence for nature.

We have two CDs by Mary Grigolia, a Unitarian Universalist minister: ***Grigolian Chants*** and ***Voices from the Path.*** *Grigolian Chants* is composed of "song-prayers," many in rounds. "Singing rounds is a great metaphor for life," says Mary Grigolia. "We each need to learn our part, and our parts don't necessarily always parallel our friends' parts; we have to pay attention to rhythm and pitch, hold our own, but also blend with and anchor the other singers around us." About ***Voices from the Path,*** Mary says, "These songs affirm the soul's journey through the difficult places. They do not shrink from naming pain, fear, anger, the void."

For these and other music CDs, look in the library on the top shelf of the east bookcase under the label MUSIC CDs. Enjoy!

July 4 Fireworks!

Come watch Wooster's Fireworks
Come at 8 pm, bring your chairs and a snack or dessert to share.

Fireworks start at 10 pm.
You can walk to Kinney field, or watch them from our parking lot.



Membership committee

Membership committee looks forward to many new challenges, as we start having two services in late summer.

Many of you, in the recent survey on second service, indicated interest in serving as greeters. However, our committee doesn't know who you are—the survey's information is confidential. So....

If you wish to become a greeter, watch for information in next month's newsletter regarding an after-service training session.

Thanks in advance for your interest. We'll really appreciate your participation.

A reminder

Parents are expected to monitor their children on the playground.

Please make sure that they stay on the back playground and do not go out front where construction is on-going.

Coming this summer! A small bed of herbs, a few tomatoes and peppers has been planted by the Healing the Whole Person chalice circle as an experiment. We want to encourage the Fellowship to grow and use local produce for health and economy. When it is available we will let you know.



Please don't forget Blood Pressure Checks are available every Sunday after service!

Other Important Information

June

Birthdays

- 5 Phil Grimm
14 Laura Grimm
15 Gregg Sheffield
27 Jan Wheelis
27 Tom Spencer

Anniversaries

- 6 John & Betty Schuler
12 Ruth & Brian Dykstra
12 Gregg & Sandy Sheffield

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.

New Address

Tom Spencer

See a paper copy of the newsletter-or contact the office. He would love to hear from you!

Thank you to Alpetkin Aydogan

for volunteering to be our Web savvy volunteer

We are now on Facebook. [Search for UUFWC]

General Assembly

June 24-27, 2009

We will be represented in Salt Lake City
by John Gross.

You can listen online!!

[http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/
index.shtml](http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml)

Summer Institute

July 12-18, 2009

There is still time to register!

If you have access to the internet go to:

www.omdsi.org

There are brochures in the rack outside the office. Or you can download a pdf of the brochure and even register on line. There are pictures from last year.

Every Month

BAKERS DOZEN

COOKS AT EVERY WOMEN'S HOUSE

Anyone is welcome to join us.

Contact Cathy Miller or Sue Gross

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Third Sunday, during the school year, at 7 pm

We take the summer off.

Share your summer reading at our picnic in August!

DRUMMING CIRCLE

NEW TIME: 8pm during the summer

Usually 3rd Friday nights at the fellowship

Contact Lisa Ryan or

David Paul [for more information

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. We are a group that encourages everyone to play at their own ability. Questions: Ken McDonald

SPIRIT PATHS & WAYNE UU PAGANS Merge!

Next meeting: Saturday, June 20 at 6 pm

Please bring a snack to share after ritual. We would love to have members of the congregation who are non-pagan but curious come check us out. If you would like more information on the pagan group

Tammy Paul.

WOMEN'S WISDOM CIRCLE

Is taking a break for the summer

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

Third Thursday from 1-3 pm

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Zen Meditation	2 7:00pm Board Meeting	3 7:00pm choir rehearsal	4	5	6
7 Alumnum Can collection 10:30am Picnic service 7:00pm Social Action Meeting	8 1:00pm X Team 7:00pm Zen Meditation	9 6:00pm Staff meeting re: 2 services 6:30pm Finance committee meeting	10 7:00pm Last Choir rehearsal	11	12	13
14 WOW program Starts 10:30am In the Garden-Strawn	15 7:00pm Zen Meditation	16	17 5:00pm Bakers dozen at EWH 7:30pm SOS chalice circle	18 1:00pm Word Works Writers Group 7:00pm PFLAG	19 8:00pm Drumming Circle	20 6:00pm Spirit Paths
21 WOW program 10:30am Still Point-Strawn	22 7:00pm Zen Meditation	23 7:00pm OME	24 GA-Salt Lake City	25 GA-Salt Lake City	26 GA-Salt Lake City	27 GA-Salt Lake City 6:00pm Out to Dinner Night
28 GA-Salt Lake City WOW program 10:30am Inner Journeys-Mythos Team	29 1:00pm X Team 7:00pm Zen Meditation	30				

Regular office hours

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The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County,
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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

Minister: Rev. V. Elaine Strawn, email: minister @ uufwc.org

Director of Religious Exploration: Marge Thomas, e-mail: dre @ uufwc.org

Board of Directors: Phil Grimm, president, Pat Rodgers, vice president, Georgia Jaeb, Karen Skubik, Bill Alkire, Tim Breiner, Lois Grant. Also, leaving the board in July: Susan English, secretary, Cheryl Guthrie.

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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