



The Newsletter for

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

July 2009

## July Service Schedule

All services at 10:30 am

**July 5**     *The Pursuit of Happiness*     [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn]

On this fourth of July weekend, Elaine will focus on some of the thoughts of humanist philosopher Robert Ingersoll.

**July 12**     *Ethical Eating*     [Lorie Lerner]

At the General Assembly in 2008 the body chose "Ethical Eating" as its Social Witness Statement for the following three years. Several of the summer services will deal with this complex issue.

**July 19**     *The Joys of Summer Institute* [the Summer Institute Group]

Summer Institute is a week-long chance to live in a UU community, complete with workshops, lectures and fun! Our "campers" bring that celebrative attitude back to the UUFWC.

**July 26**     *When Food Has No Justice*     [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn]

In a world of plenty, why are people dying of hunger? The theme of Ethical Eating continues this morning.

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### ***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 July, 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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## ***From the Board***

The 2008 / 2009 UUFWC Board of Directors was joined at its June 2 meeting by the three new members who were elected at the May 17, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Fellowship.

The seven members of the 08/09 Board were: Phil Grimm, President; Pat Rodgers, Vice President; Susan English, Secretary; Scott Crawford, Cheryl Guthrie, Georgia Jaeb, and Karen Skubik. Please thank Scott Crawford, Cheryl Guthrie, and Susan English for their service as their terms come to an end.

Bill Alkire, Tim Breiner, and Lois Grant have begun their new three-year terms. The Board has selected its officers for 2009 / 2010: Pat Rodgers, President; Karen Skubik, Vice President; and Georgia Jaeb, Secretary. Dave Drumm was selected as Treasurer.

After two years as President, I will fill the new position of Past President during the last year of my three year term. I appreciate all of the support I have received. I have enjoyed working with this Board, and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

For the Board, Phil Grimm

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## ***Social Action in Action***

**DONATIONS MADE TO LOCAL AGENCIES:** each year the Social Action Committee donates the funds remaining in its budget at the end of the fiscal year to local organizations. In addition to its other projects, these donations help the Social Action Committee further the UUFWC's efforts to address social justice issues. This year the committee had approximately \$608 to donate. The Bridges of Hope Project, described in the annual Social Action lecture series presentation in February, received \$276. This money will be used to pay for meals served at two of the monthly gatherings of the participants in the program. The balance of approximately \$332. will be shared equally by the Viola Startzman Free Clinic and People to People Ministries.

**NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY:** the UUA has joined other U.S. religious denominations in calling for the global elimination of nuclear weapons. Ratification of the Test Ban Treaty would be an important step toward that goal, but the vote in the Senate will be very close and one of Ohio senators is currently listed as undecided. All Souls UU Church in New York City is organizing a Nuclear Disarmament Task Force and is looking for someone in the UUFWC to receive emails later this year as the time for the ratification vote approaches providing background information and suggestions for contacting Ohio's undecided Senator. If someone in the UUFWC would like to act as this contact person, the Social Action committee through its Public Witness program would help organize a letter writing session. If you're interested, contact Betty Schuler or Helen Ostermiller.

**SAFER SEX KITS** - seven members and friends of the Social Action Committee met in June to assemble 500 safer sex kits for the United Church of Christ annual national meeting. The Rev. Lori Tisher, the HIV outreach person for the UCC national office, had requested the assistance of the SA Committee.

\* This is the last People to People collection of the church year. Collections resume in September.

## ***The Minister's Column***

At the risk of being redundant, I would like to share my vision and reasons for the two services experiment which we will begin on September 6, 2009. I am hoping that the benefits of this plan will outweigh the fears of becoming two separate congregations. As we have grown, it has seemed a little more cramped, a little more frenetic, a little less welcoming maybe to those of us who are quiet. I hope that opening a second service will bring with it a real welcome.

One service will begin at 9:00am. The other will begin at 10:45am. The Coffee Hour will occur between these services. Stay awhile after the early service or come a little early for the second service so you have a chance to see one another.

As Marge has written, both service times will have a comprehensive Religious Education program, although they will take a slightly different form. The worship services will contain the same readings, hymns and sermon; the choir will sing at the second service and there will be a little more participation in the early service. Each will probably develop a culture of its own as we go through the year...so try them both, although not necessarily on the same Sunday!

The workshop sessions which Lorie Lerner facilitated and the on-line survey brought much feedback which we have tried to incorporate in our planning. Change is hard. Please feel free to come talk with me if and when you have concerns.

Lorie Lerner and I want to thank everyone who so surprised us with celebrations, cards, shovels and beautiful stoles as I completed my doctorate and Lorie completed her ministerial internship with us! What an amazing amount of organization it took to pull off these events which touched us both on May 23 and May 30. We both felt your love and support.

Thank you so much!

I will be gone the third week in July; Lorie Lerner will cover ministerial duties.

## ***Director of Religious Exploration Column***

Our Summer Program called "Web of the World" or WOW is being co-directed by Kristen Willie and Fred Michel this year. It is being given for children who have finished Kindergarten and older students. Because our land is somewhat "upset," we are using the Triple E room as a base, doing some projects indoors and some outdoors--some in the actual wonderful woods behind our land. We suggest socks and closed shoes to avoid Poison Ivy in the woods. Each week there is a different "professor" leading the group. The children have been most enthusiastic! Parents are asked to sign up for a Sunday or two to assist the directors and the "professor."

Children who will be going into Kindergarten and younger are in the Nursery this summer. The three and four year-olds are in an advanced child care space adjacent to the regular Nursery.

**What will happen in the Fall when we will have a 9:00 and a 10:45 service?** During the 10:45 service there will be regular RE classes divided into four groups as follows: Pre-K and K; grades 1-3; grades 4-6; and grades 7-9. During the 9:00 service there will be a multiage group attending a Children's Chapel, sort of a junior church which follows the lines of the adult service. Children and youth will participate in reading opening and closing words, singing hymns, joys and concerns, and instead of a sermon there will be an interactive lesson based upon our UU Principles and Sources along with artistic and/or dramatic responses to the lesson. See the "Order of Service" on page 5. Children will be free to attend the 9:00 service one week and the 10:45 service another week. The Nursery will be available for both services.

I keep humming "Summertime," as played for us by Nico Hayward-Lara last month!

## ***News at the UUFWC***

### ***Compact Florescent recycling At the UU!***

There is a bucket for recycling your compact florescent bulbs that have burned out.  
The bucket is under the table in the back of the sanctuary.

### ***Aluminum Cans Only Please***

Joe Kufchak would like to remind us to  
Please leave only beer & soda pop cans behind the  
shed. This is not a collection for tin cans. He sells  
the aluminum to raise money for 'Quest for Peace'  
in Nicaragua.

### ***Facilities Committee***

We report that we are maintaining TWO facilities--  
one our church home, the other a house wren home!  
The donor of the birdhouse at the northeast corner of  
the RE wing may be pleased to know that it is stuffed  
with sticks and a wren rockets out when the mower  
approaches too closely!

### ***Music Committee***

Many thanks to Sharon and Gregg for a  
great year of music! And thanks to the  
choir and all of our guest musicians too!  
Choir practice will resume on Wednesday,  
August 12 at 7 pm. We always welcome  
new members to the choir. If you like to  
sing, please join us at practice or contact  
Gregg Sheffield for more info.

Gregg is also recruiting more sound techs  
to accommodate going to 2 services in the  
fall. If you think you might like to learn  
the sound board (it's easy!) contact him.  
Musicians of all kinds: we want you to be  
part of Sunday services--if you would like  
to perform some music for any part of a  
service, please contact Sharon Delgadillo  
to sign up for a Sunday. The music com-  
mittee will also resume meeting on August  
12 at 6 pm in the library.

### ***Library News***

For some time the Fellowship has been receiving **InterCon-  
nections**, a quarterly publication for lay leaders and profes-  
sional staff. Its purpose is to provide "information and re-  
sources that help make congregations vital." Our library  
houses hardcopies of back issues. As of the summer issue,  
however, **InterConnections** will go fully electronic and can  
be found at [UUA.org/interconnections](http://UUA.org/interconnections). Email subscriptions  
are available free to all.

In order to be notified of a new issue, just go to the website  
and click "Sign up to get email notification." This will insure  
the you're aware of the most recent publication.

In the spring issue, **InterConnections** highlighted the UUA  
Worship Web which provides "ministers, religious educators,  
and lay worship leaders access to high quality resources for  
worship, including opening words, chalice lightings, even en-  
tire services." Found at  
[uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb](http://uua.org/spirituallife/worshipweb), this site will be expanding to  
include worship theory, multicultural worship, dance and  
movement ministries, etc. This is just one example of the re-  
source information **InterConnections** makes available.

Our library also has a CD for checkout entitled *Drive Time  
Essays 2: The Best of InterConnections*. Topics include  
"Accessibility: A Way to Live Out Our Values" and  
"Anti-Oppression Resources." These and other articles repre-  
sent some of the best ideas to come out of **InterConnections**  
in the course of its history.

## ***Two services starting this fall!***

Starting on Sunday, September 6 we will have 2 services. The first service will be at 9 am, and the second at 10:45 am.

On page 3, Marge [Director of Religious Exploration] describes the children's chapel that will be held at the 9am service.

A sample order of service would be:

### **Order of Worship 9:00 a.m. Children's Chapel**

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

Hymn

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Interactive Lesson (based upon the Principles or Sources of our Faith)

Artistic or Dramatic Response to the Lesson

Hymn

Closing Words

## ***Fundraising Committee***

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](http://www.GoodSearch.com) and click on the GoodShop button.

## ***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.

Look for the ***weekly blood pressure check*** service every Sunday for 30 minutes following the service. They are in the corner of the great room



near the arbor.

This service is provided courtesy of the Healing the Whole Person Chalice circle.

The Healing the Whole Person Chalice circle has also started a ***data base of medical equipment***. Currently we have a walkers, crutches for short and tall people, wrist/thumb braces, knee braces and a body brace. We could really use a wheel chair for the Fellowship in case of emergency. All of the above items are with the original owners. We just put you in contact with them. We could use more items.

Please call Ken McDonald

## Summer Events

### July 4 Fireworks!

8 pm

Bring your chairs and a snack to share and come to the UUFWC from 8pm through the excitement of the fireworks!

Call Elaine with questions

You can walk to Kinney field, or watch them from our parking lot.



The July

### ***Out for Dinner Night***

will be held at

Troutman Vineyards

4243 Columbus Road, Wooster

6:00 PM, Saturday, July 11th

NOTE this is the SECOND Saturday of July.

We will picnic at one of Wayne Counties treasures, Troutman Vineyards during their special summer entertainment series evenings. Picnic, wine, UU friends, live original music, and perhaps the occasional pet goat. Open up your picnic basket, select a special locally made Troutman wine from the tasting room, relax and sit by the fire or in the afternoon sun, and be serenaded by live guitar music from the bandstand. You should plan to bring all of your food and utensils and any non-wine drinks. This will be a rain or shine event, as Troutman Vineyards has both outdoor and beautiful new indoor accommodations for the public. Reserve your place by signing the sheet on the Concessions Table in the Entrance Hall by July 5th. We will meet at Troutman Vineyards at 6:00 PM (come early to claim the best tables). Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or if you have a change of plans.

***You can LISTEN to 'UU World' as well as read it online at: as well as read it online at***

<http://www.uuworld.org/>

### **Important UUFWC fundraiser!**

#### ***Upscale Garage Sale***

Friday, July 10, 3 – 7 p.m. and  
Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
3186 Burbank Road

Last year we brought in over \$1500! 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).

Sign up on the board in the entry. **STRONG BODIES** are needed for the final shift on Saturday as we pack up the leftovers for Goodwill, Every Woman's House and others.

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

**See the Darwin Exhibit at the Great Lakes Science Center!**

Watch for a sign up sheet & Join us for a trip to the Great Lakes Science Center to see their special Darwin Exhibit. The exhibit is over on September 18.

Let Elaine know if you are interested in joining us.

**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 next planned day would be Saturday 7/11.

**News from General Assembly**

It is still possible to enjoy the magic of General Assembly. Many of the workshops can be viewed or heard via streaming media. Find the links at:

<http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/index.shtml>

The new president of the UUA is Peter Morales. He was elected with 59% of the vote. In his letter to the association, he said:

“The challenges we face are great. However, together we have the passion, the spirit, the determination and love to face the tests of our times. Together, we can grow our faith and help heal the world. We can be, we must be, the religion for our time. Together we are beginning an exciting new chapter in Unitarian Universalism. We are on a journey of faith together.”

**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 on August 15 at Bill Alkire/Susan English’s home!

**DRUMMING CIRCLE**  
Usually 3rd Friday nights at the fellowship.  
No meetings in July or August.  
Contact Lisa Ryan  
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**  
Next meeting: Saturday, July 18 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**  
Fourth Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

**WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP**  
Third Thursday from 1-3 pm

## ***Other Important Information***

### **Coffee Duty**

July 5      *available*  
 July 12    *available*  
 July 19    *available*  
 July 26    *available*



***Thank you to those that signed up  
to prepare coffee!***

***Would you like to host coffee hour? It is easy!  
Pick your date & sign up! The sign up sheet is lo-  
cated on the bulletin board in lobby. Supplies and  
directions are in the kitchen. Treats optional.***

### **Rides for College Students**

The fellowship offers a ride service for  
College of Wooster students who wish to attend Sun-  
day services during the school year.  
Rides will resume next Fall when classes restart.

### **July      Birthdays**

1              Bill Alkire  
 5              Sonia Solomonoff  
 20             Bill Carter  
 22             Tom Gross  
 23             Ruth Dykstra  
 24             Jenny Grimsley  
 24             Kevin Lowry  
 25             Bruce Carden  
 28             Dan O'Rourke  
 29             Kat Gibbons

### **July      Anniversaries**

7              Susan Heady & Larry Madden  
 17             Tom & Sue Gross  
 25             Denise Bostdorff & Dan O'Rourke

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.

### ***At the District***

The OMD Committees and staff are already hard at work planning fall events for our members.

- On October 10th the OMD Leadership Development Team will host a workshop titled "Leadership in a Multicultural World" with Rev. Hope Johnson from New York, at the First Unitarian Church of Toledo.
- A Youth Leadership Development Conference (LDC) has been scheduled for October 23-25.
- Beginning in August, the OMD staff will start to present one webinar each month on rotating topics for leaders and members of our congregations. Topics scheduled for this fall include Committee on Ministry Orientation, Ministry and Congregational Assessment, Website Development and Maintenance, and Essentials of a Multigenerational Congregation.

In September and October, a series of Healthy Congregations workshops will be presented at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland in Shaker Heights. This series is open to all congregations in the area who wish to attend. Additional workshops are being planned for other regions of the district.

For details on all these events visit the OMD website at [www.ohiomeadville.org](http://www.ohiomeadville.org)

### ***A Look At the Year Ahead***

July 12-18, 2009	Summer Institute 2009- Theme speaker: Thandeka.
June 23-27, 2010	Plan now for General Assembly next summer in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## July-09

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8:00pm Watch the Fireworks!
5 collect Garage sale stuff WOW program  10:30am Sunday Service	6 7:00pm Zen Meditation	7	8 9:30am set up Garage sale	9 9:30am set up Garage sale	10 9:00am Garage Sale	11 9:00am Garage Sale  9 am Adopt-a Highway road clean up
12 Summer Institute WOW program  10:30 am Sunday Service  12:00pm Ministerial Intern committee	13 Summer Institute  7:00pm Zen Meditation	14 Summer Institute	15 Summer Institute  5:00pm Bakers dozen at EWH	16 Summer Institute  7:00pm PFLAG	17 Summer Institute	18 Summer Institute  8:30am Rental  6:00pm Spirit Paths
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19 WOW program  10:30am Sunday Service	20 7:00pm Zen Meditation	21	22	23	24	25 6:00pm Out to Dinner Night
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26 WOW program 10:30am Sunday Service	27 1:00pm X Team  7:00pm Zen Meditation	28 7:00pm OME	29	30	31	

<p><b><u>Regular office hours</u></b></p>	<p><b>SUMMER HOURS: From June 15 thru August 14, there are no scheduled office hours. Please call or email for an appointment.</b></p>
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## **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  
Starting September 6, we will meet at 9 am and at 10:45 am

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

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

**Board of Directors:** Pat Rodgers, president, Karen Skubik vice president, Georgia Jaeb, secretary, Lois Grant, Bill Alkire, Tim Breiner, Phil Grimm, past president

**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! There is a delay while the messages are moderated. To join the group, email the office: fellowship @ uufwc.org.

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