



The Newsletter for

August 2009

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UUCW News

August Service Schedule

All services at 10:30 am

August 2 *From Our Lives* [The Orrville Women's Poetry Group]

This service focuses on the "organic poems" written by some of our local poets. They share thoughts on tomatoes, farm animals, rhubarb pie, hunger experienced in many parts of the world.

August 9 *Our Bridge With Liberal Christianity* [Rev. Lori Tisher]

The United Church of Christ and the UUs share the same history in the US prior to 1825. We still have much in common. Rev. Tisher grew up in Wooster and now works for the national office of the UCC.

August 16 *Local Roots Food Co-op* [Marlene Boyer]

So, how DO we eat locally? A group has formed to open a store in Wooster which will feature locally grown food...a "farmer's market" all year 'round.

August 23 *Water Communion* [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn]

Every year we use this service to welcome one another back from summer vacations and travels. Bring a small vial of water [collected from your vacation or from your own faucet], add it to the common bowl which is purified and used to dedicate children in the coming year.

August 30 *Blessing of the Animals* [Rev. V. Elaine Strawn]

Animals--familiar--are core beings in our families, but they don't often come with us to the fellowship. This Sunday recognizes those relationships with a blessing. All are welcome. Water is provided. We ask you to keep your four-legged as peaceful as possible so that all animals and humans may feel safe.

Two Services start in September

Our year long experiment of holding 2 identical services will start on September 6, the first Sunday in September. The first service will be at 9 am. The second service starts at 10:45 am. There will be a combined coffee hour in between the 2 services.

For the children, there will be a multi-age children's chapel for those that come at 9 am. For those present during the second service, there will be regular RE classes.

More details about the children's options on page 5.

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From the Board

Typically, your Board of Directors takes the month of July off. July is a month for us to spend time with family, friends, and community. It is also a time for us to evaluate what has transpired this past year and contemplate what it is we would like to achieve next year. Due to the growth of our community there have been many changes in the last 12 to 18 months. We have seen the physical expansion of our home with the increased parking lot and land development, and we have felt the increasing demand for R.E. facilities and space. What a wonderful problem to have so many children in the community. Growth is a good problem, but one that also requires careful consideration of many factors. We respect the natural beauty of our land, but if we invite others to join us in worship or an activity, we must provide a safe area for our friends to enter. We wish to be respectful of our neighbors, but we are the guardians of our land and wish to protect our investment. We look forward to two services but do not wish to lose our sense of community.

As a Board, we are mindful of some of the challenges we now face, and we will be prepared, when acting in concert, for those challenges we have not yet considered. We rely upon the membership for ideas, expertise and advice. Please assist us when asked. Also, consider serving on a committee or answering a call for assistance on a special project. Feel free to attend a Board Meeting- we meet the first Tuesday of most months, at 7:00 p.m. Please share with the board members your concerns and ideas. We have a wealth of resources in the membership, with their many talents and experience. We are blessed.

Social Action in Action

HAVE ANY IDEAS? The Social Action Committee will hold its 2009-2010 organizational meeting on August 16th at 7:00 pm. If you have a project you'd like to see the UUFWC take on, contact Helen Ostermiller or Betty Schuler for a place on the agenda. OR if you'd like to learn about the projects already in existence, come to the meeting. You don't need a reservation.

TRAVELER'S TOILETRIES: There's still some summer left, so if you're staying in hotels or motels during your 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.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: With warmer weather, you're 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. **Please note that only aluminum beverage cans will accepted for recycling.**

SIMPLE AND ECONOMIC FUNERALS are available through the Memorial Society of North Central Ohio. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter about the informational program the Social Action Committee is sponsoring on September 24th.

The Minister's Column

A bulwark of the Unitarian Universalist tradition is its emphasis on education: lifespan education. Beginning with Sophia Lyon Fahs' tenure as the director of religious education for the American Unitarian Association, the concept that there is always more to learn and more ways to grow has been a central goal. We at the UUFWC do a wonderful job of religious exploration for children; Marge keeps coming up with new ideas! But adult religious exploration is important, too. One of my colleagues--a lifelong UU--bemoans the fact that there are not stages of development for adults. Our tradition tends to "orient" new folks but stop after that; her notion is that we should have layers of education available. Our district is famous among UUs for its Commissioned Lay Leader program. Kay Bowen has been a "CLL" in the past, and Beverly Wire has taken much of the training. It is an option for those who want to delve deeply into our UU tradition. My dream, though, would be to offer classes throughout the year which could provide the middle ground between a UU 101 class and this full-fledged CLL program. "The Chalice Circles" fulfill some of this goal, as do classes such as "Humanism 101" and "The Pagans and The Christians."

I know there are many gifts and talents among us and so I am asking: is there a topic you would like to explore further? Is there an area in which you have something to share? Please think about this and talk to me about it. There is so much we have to explore together. Meanwhile don't miss the "Mandala" opportunity facilitated by Cheryl Davis the last weekend of the month.

Director of Religious Exploration Column

I have had many questions about the Fall program since we are going to be having two services. WHERE will the Children's Chapel take place? It will be in the EARTH SPIRITS ROOM. WHO will be running it? NANCY HURT will be the leader of the service. She will have other volunteers helping her. Other details are outlined on page 5. Please ask me if you have any more questions.

The WOW (Web of the World) program is going along smoothly. Here is a rundown of the lessons we have had and will have from our "professors."

June 14th—Laura Grimm on "Birds"
June 21st—Fred Michel on "Invasive Species"
June 28th—John Abt on "Trees"
July 5th—Don Curie on "Bats"
July 12th—Jane Todd on "Insects"
July 19th—Skip Nault on "Fly Fishing"
July 26th—Mary Wicks on "Color"
August 2nd—Emma Pratt on "Russia"
August 9th—Stephanie Strand
August 16th—Marge Thomas on "Evolution"

Our thanks to these folks as well as the many parents volunteers who have been helping!
Marge Thomas

Margaret Leben is moving!

As of August 1st, her new address is available in a printed version of this newsletter. She always appreciates cards and letters.

Library News

The library has several new items that are not actually new to the collection, but replace outdated formats. They are:

The Four Noble Truths DVD replaces set of four audio cassettes.

Records the Dalai Lama's 1996 teachings at Barbican Hall in London on

Buddhism's Four Noble Truths. Here he explores suffering, its origin, and

how to obtain freedom from suffering. Six hrs. on two discs.

The Question of God: Sigmund Freud & C.S. Lewis DVD replaces VHS set.

Explores the question "Does God really exist?" by examining the lives and thought of Sigmund Freud (a critic of religious belief) and C.S. Lewis (a proponent of faith based on reason). Utilizes dramatic storytelling, visual recreations, discussion, and interviews with biographers and historians. One disc, 225 min.

From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians DVD replaces VHS set.

"Explores the life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity."

One disc, approximately four hours.

These are arranged alphabetically by title on a top shelf of the west bookcase under the label **DVD**. Enjoy! If anyone would like one of the old formats, please contact Kay Bowen. First come, first served.

Membership committee

With changeover to two services, we'll have a lot to do in the upcoming year. In particular, we'll need additional greeters, to cover both services.

Membership committee handles a key interface between our fellowship and the outside world, but we also are important to the welcoming and integration into the congregation of newer individuals and families. It is really important that our committee have active members who are relatively new to the congregation, who will best understand what it means to come into our community and who can best perceive what we could improve, to be even more inclusive and welcoming down the road.

If you're currently active on our committee, a current greeter, potentially interested in our group, or an "alum" who wants to come by, just to schmooze, we hope that you'll **join us for a potluck at Jay's house on August 30 at 6 pm.**

***Memorial Society Program
In September***

A speaker from the Memorial Society of North Central Ohio has been invited by the Fellowship's Social Action Committee to speak at our Fellowship on **Thursday, September 24 at 7PM**. She will discuss incorporating dignity, simplicity and economy in the planning and setting up of funeral arrangements, and the purpose of MSNCO in negotiating for its members and their families with licensed directors for two types of services. A question and answer period will follow the program. MSNCO is an affiliate of the Funeral Consumers Alliance, an association of over 150 independent, non-profit funeral societies throughout the USA. MSNCO is located at 3300 Morewood Road, (UUChurch) Akron 44333.

Please feel free to invite family, friends or neighbors to this informative program. There will be a sign-up sheet at the connections table starting in mid-August. This will help the speaker to bring enough written materials for the attendees. For questions, please contact UFWC members Ruth Dykstra or Betty Schuler.

Music Committee

Anyone interested in joining choir is welcome to come to practice, and guest musicians interested in playing during a Sunday service should contact Sharon Delgadillo. **Choir restarts on August 12** — This is a great time to join!!

The Healing the Whole Person Chalice circle has also started a ***data base of medical equipment***. All items would remain with the original owners. We just put people in need in contact with those that might lend. We could use more items. Please call Ken McDonald

Fundraising Committee

One man's junk is another's treasure! This has proven by our very successful Annual Garage Sale. We raised \$1994!!! Many, many thanks to all of you that contributed your time and donations. And special thanks to our very own "treasures," the organizers, Mary Wicks, Kay Bowen, Elaine Gibson and Lois Grant.

Two services starting this fall!

What will the children do when we have a 9:00 and a 10:45 service?

Starting on Sunday, September 6 we will have 2 services.

During the 9:00 am 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.

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

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. 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.

Report from General Assembly

I recently returned from this year's General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) in Salt Lake City. GA is a 5-day convention of many of the more than 1000 member congregations. More than 3000 people attended.

Delegates from congregations spend a lot of time in business meetings, and hear motions and proposed changes to the UUA bylaws, as presented by a delegate or a committee. All motions get debated, and any delegate has the opportunity to voice a pro- or con-statement before voting occurs. Attendees who aren't delegates can still attend, but can't speak at the microphone or vote. In addition to business meetings, there are numerous workshops for anyone to choose from on many subjects, including faith, environment, economy, voter rights, human rights, etc. And there are short worship services that always begin the day, with a lot of music and song. All workshops and services are voluntary and your choice.

I'd like to see more people from our Fellowship interested in attending GA. The next one, next summer, is in Minneapolis. There are costs involved, but the Fellowship has some funds available for people who are willing to be delegates.

The entire week is very uplifting and inspirational. For me, it's very rewarding to be in the company of so many others with similar values, and to see how the business of the larger Association gets done. If anyone wants to know more, please feel free to ask me or some of the others who have attended GA's in the past. ~Juan Gross

Summer Events

Mark your calendars for our
First Annual Decade Birthday Party!

Who likes to celebrate a birthday alone, much less a "round" birthday? That's why we have decided to pool them all this year. If you turn a decade this year (10, 20 etc., 100?), this party celebrates YOU. Come and party with your UU friends, kick back and have fun.

When: **Saturday, August 22nd**, 2009 from 6:30 PM until ?

Where: UUFWC, 3186 Burbank Road, Wooster

Who is invited: EVERYBODY, but especially people with "round" birthdays

Please RSVP by August 15th, 2009 to Sofie Dittmann so we can plan with the food.

There will be a buffet with finger food, a birthday cake and desserts, but please bring drinks to share and maybe some outdoor games. We'll have music as well.

A \$5 donation is suggested and will benefit the UUFWC Emergency Fund. Alternatively, please bring some canned goods for People to People.

The August
Out for Dinner Night
will be held at

TJ's
West Liberty Street, Wooster
6:00 PM, Saturday, **August 29th**

TJ's has provided a cozy atmosphere and slightly more formal dining to Wooster for 45 years, making it the oldest independently owned restaurant in Wooster. **TJ's** constantly introduces new menu items and offers updated twists on old favorites. Reserve your place by signing the sheet on the Concessions Table in the Entrance Hall by August 23rd. We will meet at **TJ's** at 6:00 PM. Call Charles Gaines if you need a ride or if you have a change of plans.

Don and Emily Curie
request the honor of your presence

at the renewal of their wedding vows
on **August 16** at the fellowship from 2:00-4:00.
The service will begin promptly at 2:30.
Please come share the joy of 40 years together.

Mandala Workshop

**You Need Some Inspiration?
Or would you like to just try something
different and fun?**

If so, please drop by one of the two MANDALA WORKSHOPS that are being held on
Saturday, Aug 29 (10 am to 2 pm)
and Sunday Aug 30 (1 pm to 5 pm).

While there, you will receive a brief introduction on Mandalas as a creative and explorative technique. During the session, you will explore and experience first-hand the incredible insights that can be released from within you through the use of this ancient 'sacred' tool. There is no cost and anyone from 8 to 80+ years old is welcome. No previous formal education or experience is needed. Just be sure to bring yourself and your desire to try it.

You are welcome to just drop in but if you are a 'planner' and would like to do so, feel free to contact Cheryl Davis directly to let her know of your intentions.

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.

Green Corner – Water

Less than 1% of all earth's water can be used by people. The average American family Uses 400 gallons of water per day. Following are ways to conserve our precious water, something we're all concerned about.

Indoor use:

- *Fix leaks ASAP
- *Refrain from buying bottled water.
- *Turn off the water as you brush your teeth, letting water run 5 minutes is energy equivalent to a 60 watt light bulb turned on for 14 hours.
- *Shorter showers, (less than 5 minutes) uses up to 25 gallons vs. a bath which uses up to 60 gallons. Showers use 17% of residential indoor usage.
- *Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full, and use cold water and air dry dishes when possible.
- *New toilets are labeled *WaterSense*, meaning they were tested and approved by an independent third party, and meets EPA guidelines.

Look for this when buying new toilets, faucets, showerheads, etc. If just 1% of American homes replaced an older toilet with a *WaterSense*, we'd save the equivalent of 38M kilowatt hours of electricity, enough to supply over 43,000 households for a month.

Outdoor use:

- *Fix leaks ASAP.
- *Water plants in the morning, and lay the hose on the ground. You want water to soak into soil/ roots; not to roll off leaves.
- *Car washing at home with a hose uses about 6gal/ min. if left running. Many car washes use recycled water.

For more info, see the EPA website.

Contributed by Sue Gross, on behalf of Social Action.

Did you know that you can email nearly the entire congregation using the yahoo group?

Not a member? Would you like to join?

Contact Anne in the office:
Fellowship –at-uufwc.org
and she will add you to the group

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 SUNDAY, August 16 at Bill Alkire/Susan English's home! [NOTE: change of date]

DRUMMING CIRCLE

Usually 3rd Friday nights at the fellowship.
No meeting in 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, August 1st 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

August 2 Carol Morrison
 August 9 *available*
 August 16 *available*
 August 23 *available*
 August 30 *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

August 23 *To be determined*
 August 30 *To be determined*

The fellowship offers a ride service for College of Wooster students who wish to attend Sunday services during the school year. Students should be at the Health Center on Wayne at 10:10 am if they want a ride. Starting in September, this will change with 2 services

August Birthdays

3 Carol Noel
 21 Leah Gross
 25 Shelly Dixon
 25 Scott Gross
 25 Ellen Klemme
 26 Georgia Jaeb
 31 Joe Kufchak
 31 Ruth Sewell

August Anniversaries

10 Bill & Gail Carter
 12 Alex & Kevin Lowry
 16 Don & Emily Curie
 20 Jay Klemme & Anne Wilson
 25 Mary & John Wicks
 30 Gene & Helen Meyers
 31 Dave Cullis & Pat Rodgers

I'm happy to add your important events to the list- please contact the office.

From the District

Leadership In a Multicultural World

The Rev. Hope Johnson will be our keynote speaker and workshop presenter for the fall leadership development conference, "Leadership in a Multicultural World" on October 10, 2009 at the First Unitarian Church of Toledo, OH. For more information visit www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/multiculturalworld.html

Spirit Play Training in the OMD

For congregations who are currently using or wish to start using the curriculum "Spirit Play," a training for teachers will be held at the UU Fellowship of Wayne County in Wooster, OH on Saturday, October 3. This training has a limit of 15 participants, so you need to register early to guarantee a slot. Registration deadline is August 15th. For details and to register, visit www.ohiomeadville.org/conference/spiritplay.html or contact the district office.

A Look At the Year Ahead

March 26-27, 2010	Ohio Meadville District Assembly at Ohio U. Eastern Campus, St. Clairsville, OH
June 23-27, 2010	Plan now for General Assembly! Next summer in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
July 11-17, 2010	Summer Institute. Theme Speaker: Odds Bodkin http://www.oddsbodkin.com/

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00pm Spirit Paths
2 WOW program 10:30am From Our Lives- Orrville Women's Poetry Group	3 7:00pm Zen Meditation	4 7:00pm board meeting	5	6	7	8
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16 9 am Finance Meeting WOW program 10:30am Local Roots Food Co- op-Boyer 2:00pm Emily & Don Curie renew Wedding Vows 5:00pm Book Group Picnic 7:00pm Social Action Commit- tee meeting	17 7:00pm Zen Meditation	18 7:00pm Commit- tee council meet- ing	19 5:00pm Bakers dozen at EWH 7 pm: choir Re- hearsal	20	21	22 9:00am RE fall meet- ing 4:00pm Decades party
23 10:30am Water communion- Strawn	24 1:00pm X Team 7:00pm Zen Meditation	25 7:00pm OME	26 7 pm: Choir Re- hearsal	27	28 1:00pm- 9 pm Wedding set up/ rehearsal	29 all day: Wedding-rental 10:00am- 2 pm Mandala Workshop 6:00pm Out to Dinner Night—TJs
30 10:30am Blessing the Animals- Strawn 1- 5 pm Mandala Workshop 6 pm: Potluck for greeters at Klemme/Wilson home	31 7:00pm Zen Meditation					

**Regular
office
hours**

SUMMER HOURS: From June 15 thru August 14, there are no scheduled office hours.
Please call or email for an appointment.

From August 17:

Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn: Monday 1-5 pm, Wednesday 6-9 pm, Thursday 10 am-2 pm
Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 am-2 pm

From Sept 1: Marge Thomas, Director of Religious Exploration: Tues & Thurs: 11:30 am -4pm

About the UFWC

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
Starting September 6, we will meet at 9 am and at 10:45 am

Minister: Rev. V. Elaine Strawn, email: minister –at- uufwc.org

Director of Religious Exploration: Marge Thomas, e-mail: dre –at- 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 –at- 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 –at- yahoogroups.com One email reaches nearly every-one! There is a delay while the messages are moderated. To join the group, email the office: fellowship –at- uufwc.org.

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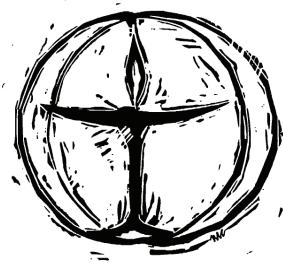
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