



The Newsletter for

July 2015

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU News

July Service Schedule

Summer Schedule: All services at 10:00.
Join us for coffee after the service.

July 5: *Sacred Texts and Stories* (Jennifer Groman and Rev. Elaine Strawn)

Stephen Protheto has compiled an "American Bible" based on the Hit Parade of writings, speeches and music.

July 12: *Marriage?* (Gail Woosley)

July 19: *Opinions vs Principle* (Rev. Elaine Strawn)

Thomas Jefferson said that we tend to "forget the distinction between differences of opinion and differences of principle". This failure leads to creating moral enemies, and incivility. We will examine the limits of freedom of expression this Sunday...which of course will include discussion!

July 26: *UU Community* (Summer Institute Participants)

What do our Principles look like when a community of 600 UUs from around the region gather for a week of music, lecture, workshops and fun?

Fourth of July Cookout!!!!

Come at 6:30 or wait for the fireworks, but don't miss the fun!

Sunday, July 12: UU Inquiry

New to the UU? Here's an opportunity to learn more.

More information about both of these events is on page 2.

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The Minister's Column

Symbols: They matter more than we know. As Dan O'Rourke outlined in his service on Memes (6-21), symbols create and/or serve as shorthand for culture. The Confederate flag has been one of those symbols, and one at the center of controversy. What role does the flag of the former Confederate States of America play in continuing legitimacy for racial hatred/murder? I'm reminded of a friend's reluctance to use route 585; later I noticed road signs spray painted into KKK signs.

The king of Denmark proclaimed all Danes were Jews during the Nazi invasion; it was a noble act of courage and solidarity. "Becoming" an African American, however, cost Rachel Dolezal her presidency of the Washington State NAACP. It is tricky. We are all horribly effected by racism: it keeps us all divided, afraid, robbed of talents/skills/insights offered by true diverse sharing. We do not all, however, suffer in the same way. Our presidential choice may lose the election if people of color are deterred from voting. Those of us who are white become frustrated, but not denied suffrage.

This is a long and arduous process. Hatred is a cancer. The only cure is deep understanding and compassion. The cost, however, is too high for us to comprehend. The lives of: The Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Cynthia Hurd, The Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, Tywanza Sanders, Ethel Lance, Susie Jackson, Depayne Middleton Doctor, Rev. Daniel Simmons, Myra Thompson are a martyrdom which brings us to confront our history (all our history, not just the South). But the cost is far too high. May we all live to embody understanding and compassion.

Fourth of July Cookout!!!!

Come at 6:30 or wait for the fireworks, but don't miss the fun! We'll provide burgers (beef and veggie), hot dogs, trimmings and drinks. You bring sides, silverware and plates, lawn chairs and games. We'll enjoy the fireworks together (they begin at 10). There will be a sign-up in the lobby and we'll ask for help setting up (6:00), cleaning up, and for grills.

Sunday, July 12-UU Inquiry

New to the UU? The Membership Committee will provide an orientation session on July 12 after the service. Please contact Elaine Strawn (330-465-4043) for information or to register. Lunch will be provided as will childcare if you let us know. The session lasts about 2 hours.

Religious Education

July is a perfect month to sit back, relax.....and start planning for next year!

Volunteer facilitators are needed for the 2015-2016 RE year.

Did you know that it takes more than 30 dedicated volunteers to help run the RE program each year? If you have a knack for working with children or simply want to take on a greater role in our congregation, this would be a wonderful way to contribute! Volunteers are typically in the classroom about once per month and can facilitate (teach) a class or act as a “doorkeeper” by helping the facilitator. Each class has a curriculum and you are not expected to plan your lesson, although you are welcome to contribute your own creativity and knowledge to the lesson. The Blessed Bees will continue to learn from the stories of Spirit Play. New curriculums are being chosen for Earth Spirits, EEE, and STARS. Please contact me, Chelsea Churpek, at dre@uufwc.org if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Cocoa House

A note from Barb Moore: September 26th, 2015 will be our congregations second annual Cocoa House. This is a special night when we can showcase our youth and their talents. Whatever the talent, we would love to have it shared with the Fellowship! Some ideas from last year are for children/youth to recite a poem, sing a song, play an instrument, or present a skit. Parents, we hope that you will encourage your child to join in this fun night! Accompaniment is available or there is a karaoke machine that can use a CD or MP3 player.

In connection with the Cocoa House, there will be a standard and a silent auction to assist with the expenses of our Fellowship. Some suggestions for adults or youth to contribute to the auction include:

- Maintenance and Repair (mowing, snow removal, mulching, oil changes, etc.)
- Lessons (voice, sewing, knitting, languages, dance, photography, etc.)
- Goods (anything cooked, crafted, otherwise prepared for consumption)
- Entertainment/Education (Nature walks, bird walks, herb garden info, how-to offerings)
- Professional Services (legal-such as wills, financial or health advising)
- Other (restaurant, yogurt, ice cream, or movie coupons, visits to museums or zoos)

Other ways adults can contribute are to provide food for the event, staff auction tables, and simply attend and have fun!

Last year was a great start with several of our youth participating. Steve Berg will return as our dazzling auctioneer of items that were not included in the silent auction. So, put on your thinking cap and start practicing your talent or choose what you could contribute to the auction.

I guarantee you'll have a great time!

Contact Barb Moore for more information or to sign up.

UUFWC Yard Sale!!

We need YOU at the UUFWC annual Upscale Garage Sale!

Be green and have fun as we raise funds for programs the Fellowship and the larger community.

Sale Date: Friday, July 24 from 3 pm-7 pm and Saturday, July 25 from 9 am-1 pm

Everyday items as well as those you unique and upscale ones are welcome. Please remember: Items should be ready to sell (i.e., clean and working).

We CANNOT accept the following 4 items: (1) clothing larger than toddler's size, (2) analog TVs, (3) children's car seats, and (4) drop side cribs.

Electronics are fine as long as they work, but please tie up cords so they're not dangling.

Drop off donations on:

Sunday, July 12 and 19 (Blessed B's and Earth Spirits classrooms)

Tuesday, July 21 from 8-10 am and 6-8 pm

Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23 from 6-8 pm (but please have them priced)

YOUR help is needed:

Wednesday (7/22) and Thursday (7/23) from 6-8 pm to set up and price items – no experience necessary!

Friday (7/24) and Saturday (7/25) during the sale. See the signup sheet on the Connections table.

Have a truck? We need a couple of strong folks with a truck who would be willing to pick up large items as needed. If you can help with this, contact Mary Wicks (wicksfam@sssnet.com or 330.317.4681).

Questions? Contact Norma Barber, Erin Bosley Palmer, Vikki Dutter, Elaine Gibson, or Mary Wicks.

Stewardship

When Gene and I received the call from Lowell Steinbrenner many years ago, his vision of a vibrant, liberal, caring group of seekers was a wonderful dream. Since then, we have all built a community for good in this world, our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County – the people and the promise.

We still have dreams that everyone everywhere will celebrate diversity, that the foundation is love, not hate and not just tolerance. We share our hopes and our religious journeys, hold hands during the hard times, listen to the grief and fold it into our hearts to make the pain a little less for another, and nurture our children to be builders of peace and justice, not to just follow in our steps, but to carve their own paths.

Stewardship is picking up the trash, tending our gardens and cleaning up the kitchen. It is making coffee, welcoming visitors and friends, serving on committees, listening and sharing. It is singing, painting, organizing, following through, and yes, it is sharing our resources of time, talent and dollars.

It is giving with joy to keep alive the flame for those who will follow through generations. Namaste.

Helen Meyers
Stewardship Committee Member

An Invitation

You are invited to a reception for COLLEEN THOMAS and RODRIGO TORRES. There will be light hor d'oeuvres and beverages.

Sunday, July 5, 2015, 4-7 p.m. the home of Marge Thomas, 1045 Quinby Avenue, Wooster. Parking is available on both sides of Quinby and on the north side of Henrietta.

The ceremony was held in California in a most unique Techno Cosmic Wedding, with our own Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn officiating. We hope to show a video at the reception. The newlyweds are residing at 1021 1st Avenue, Crockett, California 94525.

FOR HEALTH REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT WEAR ANY SCENTED PRODUCTS. THANK YOU.

ESPN

This years labyrinth program, Experiential Spiritual Programming at Night (ESPN) began in June and will continue the 2nd Wednesday of each month through September. Sessions start at 8PM and end at 10. The labyrinth will be used and programs will conclude with social time, a fire, and s'mores.

Please make plans to attend. Questions? Email John Renner at jprenner618@gmail.com.

Board of Directors Changes

We welcome Adam Keating and Peter Schantz to our UUFWC Board of Directors. We also welcome existing board members into new roles: Gail Woosley as president, Tony Beery as vice-president and Susan Sommer-Wagner as secretary. Leaving the board, having completed their term, are John Renner, Sarah Miles and Deleasa Randall-Griffiths.

Thank you all for your dedication and service to the Fellowship.

The UU **Needlework Group** is sponsoring a craft fair September 19th. Contact Cherrill Wertz.

Rides for College Students

Every Sunday that the College of Wooster is in session, Ruth Sewell is at Lowry Center at about 10:30 to see if anyone is there for a ride. You can text or call her cell phone number (330-347-6360) to confirm. She appreciates confirmations, though they're not necessary. She will show up in a blue Honda Fit to see if anyone awaits. If she cannot be there, she will arrange for a sub.

Social Action In Action

OPEN PLATE COLLECTION on July 26th will benefit Central American Medical Outreach, Inc. (CAMO) in Orrville. It has a permanent presence in Central America with a distribution center in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. Each year more than \$2 million in donated supplies, professional services and financial contributions is distributed through its 16 programs and community projects. It serves around 100,000 people annually with services ranging from breast exams and prosthetics to neo-natal care and eye surgery.

To achieve this, CAMO uses a unique counterpart system between visiting doctors and nurses and local medical professionals. These experts, many from Wayne County, donate their time and are paired with Honduran counterparts who together address problems and implement programs to solve them.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE MINISTRIES: there will be no food collections in July and August, but clean peanut butter jars are always needed. These are used to divide items that are donated in bulk quantities such as clothes washing detergent. Put your jars in the People to People container under the table in the rear of the meeting room.

The People to People **Back to School** project will be held August 8 – August 13. Children from pre-school through high school are provided with clothing, shoes and school supplies to help them start the school year feeling good about themselves and prepared to learn. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls, load and unload trucks and help the children shop for their clothing. Contact Laura Groves at 330-262-1662, ext. 213 for more information. You can also help with donations of school supplies and good clothing. Check the website at www.ptpm.net for a full list of Back-to-School needs. Monetary donations are also appreciated to help cover the costs of new underwear, socks and shoes.

All Things Green

RED STATE RENEWABLES: Scratch below the surface of the federal-level partisan divide and you'll find renewable energy expanding with bipartisan support in some surprising and inspiring places around the country. North Carolina: In 2014, that state installed more solar photovoltaic systems than any other except California. These solar installations now generate enough electricity to meet the needs of close to 100,000 homes. Apple has located a 200 acre solar farm in the western part of the state to power its new iCloud data center. According to the American Wind Energy Association, Oklahoma ranked second in the nation for wind power installations in 2014. It also ranks fourth in the nation for total electricity generation from wind. In 2013 wind provided nearly 15 percent of all in-state electricity production – the equivalent of 1 million typical homes. Texas installed more wind turbines than any other state in 2014. It has nearly doubled wind energy generation between 2009 and 2014. Now, wind accounts for nearly 10 percent of the electricity generated in Texas, remarkable for a state normally associated with fossil fuel production. (from *Earthwise*, Summer 2015)

COAL USE: Five years ago, the four largest coal companies in the U.S. were worth a combined \$21.7 billion. Today, they're worth \$1.2 billion. The industry has been hit hard by falling natural gas prices, tougher environmental regulations, and China's decreasing reliance on coal. (from *Fusion.net*)

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MOVING BEYOND RACISM: meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the First Amendment Pub at 6:30. For info, see Suzanne Waldron or Elaine Strawn.

OHIOANS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY: working for the civil right of marriage for same-gender couples. Watch the calendar for the next meeting.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP usually meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, September through May. Curious about the group? Come to our summer picnic on August 9th and share a book you've read. For September the book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

THE HUMANIST GROUP meets the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to discuss social and cultural issues .

THE CHRISTIANITY GROUP meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to discuss issues related to the various Christian faith practices.

EARTH CENTERED GROUP meets most second and fourth Sundays after second service. Contact Lindsay Walker or Doris Cannon.

SCRABBLE NIGHTS: 2nd Sundays from 7 to 9:30PM. Bring a game and maybe a snack. Ken McDonald.

ZEN MEDITATION meets on Mondays at 7:00.

THE UFWC CHOIR will take a break for the summer. The next rehearsal will be Wednesday, August 5th at 7 pm.

INNER PEACE YOGA meets Mondays at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

July Birthdays:

- Bill Alkire
- Bill Carter
- Ruth Dykstra
- Kat Gibbons
- Sherri Gochnauer
- Jenny Grimsley
- Bonnie Groop
- Tom Gross
- Kevin Lowry
- Dan O'Rourke
- John Renner
- Sonia Solomonoff
- Susan Sommer-Wagner

July Anniversaries:

- 7/7 Larry Madden and Susan Heady
- 7/14 Jim and Inez Bird
- 7/17 Sue and Tom Gross
- 7/23 Terry and Cherrill Wertz
- 7/25 Denise Bostdorf and Dan O'Rourke

We'd like to add your birthday or anniversary to the list. Please contact the office or Juan Gross.

The events shown on this page are just a part of what goes on at the UFWC.

If you're looking for a specific activity, or if you want to know when a particular group or committee meets, go to the Fellowship website, ufwc.org, and click on calendar.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Library News

Listed below are two book titles new to the UUFWC library:

SAPIENS: A BRIEF HISTORY OF HUMANKIND By Yuval Noah Harari 909 Hara 2015

“In *Sapiens*, Professor Yuval Noah Harari spans the whole of human history, from the very first humans to walk the earth to the radical – and sometimes devastating – breakthroughs of the Cognitive, Agricultural, and Scientific Revolutions. Drawing on insights from biology, anthropology, paleontology, and economics, and incorporating full-color illustrations throughout the text, he explores how the currents of history have shaped our human societies, the animals and plants around us, and even our personalities. Have we become happier as history has unfolded? Can we ever free our behaviors from the legacy of our ancestors? And what, if anything, can we do to influence the course of the centuries to come?”

----Quote from book’s inside flap

BECOMING: A SPIRITUAL GUIDE TO NAVIGATING ADULTHOOD Edited by Kayla Parker
248.84 Park 2014

“This elegant volume offers itself as a spiritual companion for young adults and all who live amid transitions and tensions. Dozens of carefully selected readings address themes that are prominent for people in their twenties and thirties. The topics include: passion and purpose, identity, community, losing and finding, and justice and creation. Each section features reflections from Unitarian Universalist young adults, as well as poems, prayers, and opening and closing words from contemporary and ancient peoples. This treasury of uplifting and thought-provoking meditations can serve as a guide and provide comfort on our never-ending journey of becoming.”

----Quote from UUA Bookstore web site

You Meet the Nicest People at the Sweet 'n' Greet

Meet Danielle Sobczyk. Born a Roman Catholic in Buffalo, New York, Danielle found her way here through Phil Grimm, school bus driver. She was working as an aide with emotionally disturbed students. She was looking for a place for her daughter, Skylar Nicholas, to unlearn Jehovah's Witness training.

Danielle loves it that we are so welcoming. She is learning new things here and finding more peace with herself. Skylar likes attending, too. She teaches 4th grade in Orrville as an intervention specialist. They live in Smithville; they hope to move to Wooster in the future.

A Look at the Year Ahead

Summer Institute 2015 will be this month from July 12-18 at Oberlin College in Oberlin Ohio. Theme Speaker: Rev. Joan Van Becelaere will speak with us about “Faith, Evolving: How American Religion Is Changing” .. Info at: omdsi.org

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours-- are irregular in the summer. Please call first to make sure someone is here. 330-262-9194						
5 9:20am - Meditation in Comfortable Chairs 10am - W.O.W 10am - Sacred Texts and Stories-Groman & Strawn	6 5:30pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Memberships 7pm - Zen Meditation	7 7pm - Folk Orchestra Rehearsal 8pm - ESPN-Labyrinth Walk	8 7pm - Folk Orchestra Rehearsal 8pm - ESPN-Labyrinth Walk	9 7pm - Christianity Group	10	11
12 9am - Finance committee 9:20am - Meditation in Comfortable Chairs 10am - Marriage?- Woosley 10am - W.O.W 11am - UU Inquiry	13 5:30pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation	14 4:30pm - Stewardship committee 7pm - Needlework Group	15	16	17	18
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19 11:15am - Earth-Centered Group 11:30am - Garage Sale DROP OFF 7pm - Scrabble Night	20 5:30pm - Inner Peace Yoga: OUTSIDE 7pm - Zen Meditation	21 8am - 10 am: Garage Sale Drop Off 6pm - 8 pm: Garage Sale Drop Off & Set Up	22 6pm - 8 pm: Garage Sale Drop Off & Set Up	23 6pm - 8 pm: Garage Sale Drop Off & Set Up	24 3pm- 7 pm - Garage Sale	25 9am -1pm- Garage Sale
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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 UUFWC is an inclusive community for spiritual exploration dedicated to social and environmental justice.

**How to Find Us:** We are located at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster, 330-262-9194. From Labor Day through Memorial Day we meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. After Memorial Day we meet only at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Director of Religious Exploration:** Chelsea Churpek: dre– at- uufwc.org

**Board of Directors:** Gail Woosley, president; Tony Beery, vice president; Susan Sommer-Wagner, secretary; Marti Livingstone, Adam Keating, Peter Schantz, Scott Beil, past president

**Office Administrator:** Anne Wilson, email: fellowship –at- uufwc.org

**Newsletter Editor:** Juan Gross: newsletter-at -uufwc.org. The newsletter deadline is the 17th of every month. Please let the office know if you would like to receive this newsletter via email or if you wish to unsubscribe.

**Website:** www.uufwc.org

**Yahoo Group Email:** Address your email to: uufwc –at- yahoogroups.com One email reaches nearly everyone! There is a delay while the messages are moderated. To join the group, email the office: fellowship –at- uufwc.org.

**Office Hours:** Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn: Tuesday, Thursday, 1-5 pm and Wednesday 6-9 pm.

Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am -3 pm.

Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Exploration: Tuesdays/Thursdays 4-7pm &  
Mondays/Wednesdays by appointment.

Kevin Lowry, Youth Ministry: Wednesday 5:30-9:00 pm. Open Teen Room.

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