

UUFWC NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2023

Upcoming Services

Our weekly Worship Services are in person on Sunday mornings at 10am or watch the service on YouTube Live. LINK to our YouTube channel A recording is made available through the Google Groups email, on our website, and on our Facebook page, later that day.

September 3 - For the Love of Dirty Hands Rev. Walter Clark

On this Labor Day weekend we celebrate the creative spirit of working with your hands. To create is to bring part of yourself into this world. It is an act of leaving one's mark and sharing one's gift with the community.

September 10 - Water Communion Rev. Walter Clark

We celebrate coming together again for the congregational year with our annual Water Communion ritual. Bring water from your favorite place you visited over the year or even your tap at home for the water ceremony. In this embodied worship we celebrate the importance and strength of community.

September 17 - TBA
Gail Woosley, Commissioned Lay Minister
TBA

September 24 - Autumn Equinox
Rev. Walter Clark & Sharon Delgadillo, Music Director

Music director Sharon Delgadillo and Rev. Walter celebrate the changing of the seasons and the long summer days turn to long winter nights.

Minister's Meditations

Rev. Walter Clark

While I was in Richmond, VA, a congregant hung a Black Lives Matter sign off of the building. It was huge! Around 5 feet tall and maybe 60 feet wide. It was hung off the roof about 20 or 30 feet off the ground. It was around 2015 or 2016 and since we were across from a city public park, it got quite a bit of attention. We had our fair share of folks who would shout obscenities at our building and honk during worship. It was a little scary, but most folks took it as a sign they were doing the right thing.

The sanctuary had one long glass wall that was visible from the street. One Sunday morning, someone drove by and threw a brick at that wall during a service. The wall of windows had seams in it made of metal that joined the pieces of glass together. The brick managed to hit the seam and break into pieces without damaging the glass. The congregation considered something between a miracle and a metaphor and kept the brick. They have it on display still.

This is a wonderful story, in retrospect. I wasn't there when it happened, but I can't imagine that folks were laughing about it at the moment. It must have been terrifying, seeing violence land at your doorstep. It's a part of the story that I think a lot of folks forget about when they tell to story of "The Brick That Failed".

When we voted to hang a Progress Pride flag on our Burbank Rd. sign, we expected that it might get taken down and sure enough it has. It went up on July 23rd and was taken down on the night of Saturday, August 5th . A new flagpole was purchased, and security measures were taken and a new flag was up in a few days. On August 20th between 4am and 7am the flag was once again stolen, ripped off the flagpole. A new flag was up on the 21st and it was gone the next day, the flagpole bent back and forth until it snapped. At the time of my writing of this (Aug 24th) there is no flag up. Yet.

A police report was filed each time and the officers involved were extremely helpful, concerned and disappointed that we had to experience such vandalism. They said they would check the cameras around their building up the street, but doubted they stretched that far. They would keep us posted. I thank them for their time and compassion and hope I never have to file another report with them.

What do we do now? We are a community that, according to our mission, "is dedicated to social justice." At the same time, we do not want to simply antagonize others while disregarding our own wellbeing. We need to keep the safety of all who visit our grounds in the forefront. Before we place another flag, UUFWC needs to have a Safety Team (which I am working on organizing.) Their mission would be to organize drills, evacuation plans and educate members and leadership about various safety procedures. The more informed and prepared we are, the safer we will be. We also need to make sure our sign is well lit at night and have a camera focused on it, preferably one that could alert someone should there be an issue.

Lastly, this is a reminder of the threat that the LGBTQIA+ community constantly deals with. It is terrifying. This is why we need to hang that flag. We need to let folks know that we are not just a safe place for those who are targeted, that we are a refuge for them. A place where they know they are welcomed whole and that we are

willing to do the work to make that happen.

Board Report

Laura Burch, Board President

Hello friends!

The summer has been a busy one for your Board! At our June retreat, we thanked Rachel Relle and Bonnie Groop for their dedicated service to the Board, and we welcomed new members Jim Bird and Jo Harper. Jo was elected Vice President, and Barb Moore was elected Secretary.

At a special Congregational meeting in July, members voted to approve the display of the Progress Pride flag on our Burbank Rd. sign. The flag flew for 4 weeks following its initial installation, and it will grace our sign again every June in honor of Pride Month. Special thanks to Steve Thomas for his leadership in this process.

At its August meeting, the Board discussed safety plans and communication concerns raised during the flag vote discussion. We will be working hard to improve both in the future!

We are looking forward to an exciting fall season together. Our fellowship's growth and well-being needs all of our unique talents, so please be on the lookout for ways that you could be involved. From the Youth Program to Madrigal, to our various standing committees, or to other events, you are enthusiastically encouraged to share your time and talents where you can. Not sure where you belong? Just ask! Board and Committee members' names and photos are posted in the lobby, and we are all eager to learn how you want to be an active part of our fellowship.

I'm honored and humbled to begin the journey as Board President this year, following in the footsteps of Rachel and so many of our gifted former Board Presidents. Looking forward to building community with all of our members, staff, and visitors!

Yours in peace and solidarity, Laura

'Share the Plate'

Each month we will choose an agency that will receive half of the donations that are not designated for another purpose. In September, we will share the plate with People to People



"People To People Ministries is an Emergency Needs Ministry and is here to help those in need when there's no place else to turn. We believe that in any society a number of individuals will experience crisis during their lifetime in which they are unable to obtain adequate food, shelter, clothing. The purpose of PTPM is to provide an immediate, realistic, and compassionate response to people with these basic needs when these needs are not being met through any other programs. This program is a non-profit ministry supported through donations from churches, civic organizations, private individuals, and the Wayne County Community Foundation." - From

their website. To learn more about People to People, click here

How do you share the plate?

- If you write checks, please communicate your intention on the memo line, eg: 'share the plate'.
- If you use Paypal, in the optional section, choose 'share the plate'.
- If you use Paypal Giving Fund, you will have to email Joanna to designate your contribution. [fellowship@uufwc.org].

Human Initiative Project

Submitted by David Paul

Hello all. My original trip to The HIP center (Human Initiative Project) in Kasese, Uganda for February was canceled. My new scheduled departure is **October 18, 2023**. Flight is booked. Sebastiano Bwambale asked me to come help in my capacity to give permaculture classes, and assist in setting up a school. We tried sending books last year but the cost is prohibitive. Several folks from the Fellowship helped in the form of monetary assistance. Greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!

I've a favor to ask of any able to help with this project. We have decided books purchased there will be more cost effective. Those we can buy if we have the money. Also I can take two pieces of checked luggage 50# each, those will be filled with tablets/ Ipad like devices. Any old pads that work would be appreciated (please wipe them if you give. Dresses for 14 year old to toddlers would be good. It's a tropical climate so nothing warm. Girls underwear as well. If you have old reading glasses those would also be appreciated. I'll be spending two nights in a hotel one on arrival and one on the return in Entebbe. Sebastiano will meet me in Entebbe. I won't be alone. Please contact me if you have questions about the project. Photos are included so you can see some parts of the project and Sebastiano. Thank you for your consideration and participation. Two photos are the structure that will double as a classroom and an entertainment venue so they can raise money to make it a financially self supporting enterprise. Sebastiano makes and sells fish food to fish farmers, has a small farm with ponds for fish and gardens for food production. The idea is to educate children, and provide them with practical skills and knowledge, to improve their abilities to make a prosperous community with humanist values of helping each other. Again thank you. A photo of Sebastiano is included.







Vegan Potluck

Submitted by Karen Armstrong

Are you curious about the vegan lifestyle? Are you thinking of cutting back on meat consumption for the good of the planet? How about eating a healthier diet? Wondering about how to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your life? Are you looking to make connections with other like minded and curious folks? Well then, the answer is clear! Come to the Vegan Potluck at the Fellowship. Join us on Tuesday August 22 or September 26 at 6:15. Please bring a vegan dish to share, your own table service and drink. Please reach out to Karen Armstrong at armstrong-armstrong-karen93@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Landscape Committee

Submitted by Merry Gentry

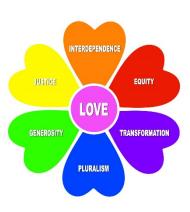
We are planning on having a landscape work day on September 10. Weeding will be the main priority. We will start after the coffee hour. Bring your gloves and trowels and help make our grounds beautiful! If you have adopted a bed but haven't had time to tend to it you are welcome to do so at the work day.

Family Ministry

From Director of Religious Education, Jenni Papp

Welcome to the "new" year at our Fellowship! Here you will see the framework for the upcoming time that we will spend together. As the year progresses we will continue to build our program together.

This year's overarching frame is **The Gifts of Our Faith**. We'll focus on ten beloved UU values and explore their potential to shape us and, in turn, shape the world. We will get at such questions as: How do these values offer us both challenge and comfort? What might it mean to place them at the center of our living and loving? What promise do they hold for us individually as well as collectively?



- Each month there will be one Sunday when we will have an Exploratory Worship service that is specifically intended to lean into looking at and using different ways of creating our worship time together. The exploratory worship services may have more movement invited, may follow a story theme, or invite a deeper exploration of a specific spiritual practice. Whatever they include, this is also meant to be a time that the entire congregation worships for the whole time together. The children and youth do not have separate gatherings.
- Three to four Sundays per month the children and youth will begin the morning in the worship service
 for our welcome, chalice lighting, hymn, and a story, song or activity that is intended to engage people of
 all ages. Then, the gathered congregation will sing a blessing for the children as they move out to their age
 specific group gatherings.

<u>Nursery</u>: Future Tonya is returning this fall as our nursery attendant. The nursery will be staffed beginning September 10th for **infants**, **toddlers**, **and pre-schoolers**. Please be sure sign them in each Sunday.

<u>Blessed Bees</u>: Children in pre-K and kindergarten or ages 4 and 5 years old will gather in Room 3. They will have both structured and unstructured play time together as we begin to intentionally explore the gifts and values of Unitarian Universalism

Earth Spirits: Children in first, second, and third grade will gather in Room 3.

Extra, Extreme Explorers (Triple Es): Children in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade will gather in Room 2.

<u>Youth Community</u>: is for folx in grades seven to twelve. They will gather in their room at the east end of the building. There will be opportunities throughout the year for conversation, deeper exploration, social gatherings, and justice and community service as we learn and live our values together and in the larger world. Be sure to join us this month so that you can be in on the planning for the next few months.

September will focus on the Gifts of Welcome

We will explore what it means to approach each other and life itself with the spirit of welcome.

Every person is important.

Be kind in all you do.

We're free to learn together.

We can search for what is true.

All people need a voice.

Build a fair and peaceful world.

We care for the Earth.

Unitarian Universalist Principles, children's version.

September 3 - No Religious Exploration Gatherings

September 10 - Ingathering and Water Communion - We begin our new year together with an interactive exploratory worship service. Join Rev. Walter, DRE Jenni Papp, and everyone one of all ages in worship together at 10:00 am

September 17 - New Friends and Old Friends, Welcome and Reconnection

We will begin together in our worship service then move out to our RE gatherings. See info above for rooms and age groupings

September 24 - Promises and Mistakes

What do we want for our time together? What can we promise each other so we can achieve that? What happens when we make a mistake? How do we join together in loving intention, forgiveness, and accountability?

More details, events, and supplemental resources to use together at home are available in the RE Newsletter. Click here to subscribe.



Children are always welcome in our worship services, and we have a wiggle friendly place for them in the sanctuary if they would prefer that.

The nursery is always available for caregivers to use and the service audio can be heard in there.



Families are the Heart of Congregational Life at

The Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Wayne County

Families are Getting Connected!

If you would like to join the private Facebook group for Family Ministry at the UUFWC you can click here to request to join.

Contact Jenni at DRE@UUFWC.org with questions.

Attention all Actors & Monty Python fans of all ages:

"The Quest for the Holy Quail" needs you!

Yes, we mean you elementary, middle & high schoolers. Adults: we need you! This is an ALL-ages production.

Auditions for the Madrigal Mummers' skit will be held for two Sundays: September 10 & 17, starting after service at 11:30am.

See Kat Gibbons if you have questions: kattales52@gmail.com



Membership (and Fun Stuff) News

Committee: Laura Grimm (chair), Cherrill Wertz (secretary and greeter facilitator), Jay Klemme, Laura Moore, Barb Tytula, Don Ackerman, and Karen Skubik (Membership Coordinator)

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to all who attended our Day at the Lake on August 13th. We had about 73 come to attend the service, hang out, share some good food, play games, and splash in the lake.

A special thanks to all those who stepped up to help, especially while Jenni was still on leave. It's always wonderful to have volunteers – everyone benefits when people step up to help – even the person doing the volunteering. THANK YOU!!!

FALL EQUINOX CAMPFIRE FUN

Come join your UU friends of all ages around a campfire on Saturday, September 23rd at 7pm for fun and fellowship.

- BYOBeverage, snack and camp chair.
- The Membership Committee will supply S'more makings.
- Instruments welcome.
- Meet back in our parking lot at the labyrinth.
- Check with <u>Karen.uufwc@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions.



SPREAD THE UU LOVE



We now have these cool bookmarks listing 10 great reasons to join a UU community that you can share with your friends and family, and on the back of the bookmark we added a label with our UUFWC address. They will be available in the lobby. Let's spread the love of our fellowship!

Library News

Submitted by Kay Bowen, UUFWC Librarian

The book description below is from the website of inSpirit: The UUA Book and Gift Shop. New to our library, the book's author was a featured speaker at this year's UUA General Assembly.

PUNCH ME UP TO THE GODS By Brian Broome B Broome, Brian

"Punch Me Up to the Gods introduces a powerful new talent in Brian Broome, whose early years growing up in Ohio as a dark-skinned Black boy harboring crushes on other boys propelforward this gorgeous, aching, and unforgettable debut. Brian's recounting of his experiences – in all their cringe-worthy, hilarious, and heartbreaking glory – reveal a perpetual outsider awkwardly squirming to find his way in. Indiscriminate sex and escalating drug use help to soothe his hurt, young psyche, usually to uproarious and devastating effect. A no-nonsense mother and broken father play crucial roles in our misfit's origin story. But it is Brian's voice in the retelling that shows the true depth of vulnerability for young Black boys that is often quietly near to bursting at the seams.

Cleverly framed around Gwendolyn Brooks's poem "We Real Cool," the iconic and loving ode to Black boyhood, Punch Me Up to the Gods is at once playful, poignant, and wholly original. Broome's writing brims with swagger and sensitivity, bringing an exquisite and fresh voice to ongoing cultural conversations about Blackness in America."

(The above quotation is from the book's front inside flap.)

Greeter News

Submitted by Cherrill Wertz

HELLO ALL GREETERS

We will have an informational meeting for all greeters, new and veteran, on August 27th, at 11:15 following the service. It will not be a long meeting. I would like veteran greeters to have "tips" and/or "important thing to do," to offer in the meeting for new greeters. Please call me with any questions or comments.

Social Action in Action

Submitted by Betty Schuler, of the Social Action Committee

THE 2023 U.S. FARM BILL FOR NONFARMERS: the farm bill is an omnibus multiyear law that governs an array of agricultural and food programs. The most recent farm bill, enacted in December 2018, is expiring in September 30, 2023. It contains 12 titles: Commodities, Conservation, Trade, Nutrition, Credit, Rural Development, Research, Extension and Related Matters, Forestry, Energy, Horticulture, Crop Insurance and Miscellaneous.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that the 2023 farm bill will cost 1.51 trillion dollars, making it the most expensive one in the country's history. Four titles account for 99% of the costs: Nutrition, Crop Insurance, Commodities and Conservation. Around 85% of the budget will support programs in the Nutrition title, with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) taking the largest share. The cost for this Title is up nearly 10% from the 2018 Farm Bill. This is one of the areas of contentious discussion in Congress.

The second-most expensive piece of the farm bill, estimated to account for 7% of the bill's spending, is Crop Insurance. This title controls and funds an insurance program that farmers and ranchers can purchase to protect against losing their crops to natural disasters like drought or damaging storms, but only a handful of crops are eligible for coverage. More than 80% of all planted corn, soybean, wheat and cotton crops in the U.S. are covered by crop insurance, while very few fruit, vegetable and organic farms receive coverage. There is a push by some farmers to strengthen the program due to more and more crop losses caused by climate change.

The third major title is the Commodities Title which is estimated to cost \$27.6 billion or 4% of the farm bill spending. This title provides subsidy payments to farmers that grow certain commodities like corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton when the price of a commodity crop drops below a certain threshold. This was part of the original 1933 Farm Bill when a quarter of the U.S. population was farmers and the program was intended to secure the food supply by keeping farmers in business. Now some lawmakers and farmer advocacy groups

argue that it only benefits large farms as the programs are set up to provide payments that are proportional to the value of production on a farm. The larger the farm, the larger the payments will be.

The fourth title, the Conservation Title, is estimated to take up 3% (\$23.1 billion) of the farm bill spending. This covers voluntary federal programs that encourage farmers to take on agricultural practices intended to conserve natural resources to reduce soil erosion, protect drinking water, preserve wildlife habitat and preserve and restore forest and wetlands. Climate change is believed to be at the center of the Congressional discussions of this title.

Given the projected cost of the Farm Bill, the contentious Congress, and the number of public and private organizations, local governments and agricultural industries advocating for maintaining or expanding programs and spending, several sources indicate that the Senate and House agricultural committees are not close to drafting the 2023 Farm Bill and will not meet the September 30 deadline. Follow its progress on congress.gov by searching HR513 and S68.

Sources: Congressional Research Services (publishes brief (one or two page) primers for each of the Farm Bill titles which can be found online); Iowa Public Radio Here & Now.

All Things Green

Submitted by Betty Schuler

<u>COMING SOON TO WOOSTER</u>: Interfaith Power & Light has made available to congregations screenings of the film *The Letter*. Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee (of which several members are from the UUFWC) is inviting the community to a screening on Thursday, September 21st at Westminster Church House at 353 East Pine street in Wooster at 6:30 pm. Parking is available across the street in the Freedlander Theater parking lot.

The documentary film *The Letter* tells the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter by Pope Francis seen through the eyes of frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents. Featured are a climate refugee from Senegal; an environmental defender and leader in the Brazilian Amazon; a youth climate activist from India and biologists studying coral reefs in Hawaii. The film features footage from their encounter with Pope Francis, alongside their personal stories and scientific findings.

The Laudato Si' encyclical was published on May 24, 2015. The title comes from the first words "praise be to you", its subtitle is "on care for our common home". It has six chapters, totaling 184 pages. Chapter One, *What is Happening to Our Common Home*" summarizes the scope of current problems related to the environment. Chapter Two, *The Gospel of Creation*, draws on the Bible as a source of insight. Chapter Three, *The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*, explores social trends and ideologies that have caused environmental problems. Chapter Four, *Integral Ecology*, presents the encyclical's main solution to ongoing social and environmental problems. Chapter Five: *Lines of Approach and Action*, applies the concept of integral ecology to political life. Chapter Six, *Ecological Education and Spirituality*, concludes the encyclical with applications to personal life.

According to Interfaith Power & Light, the encyclical was written for all people to read and has sparked meaningful discussions in diverse faith communities. The film is also for all audiences, including teens and

older children. Comments by community individuals with interests in environmental problems and from the audience will follow the screening. Plan to attend.

<u>UPCOMING FEDERAL LEGISLATION</u>: on May 31 Senate Bill 1778, the Agrivoltaics Research and Demonstration Act of 2023, was introduced by Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM), cosponsored by Senator Mike Braun (R-IN). Agrivoltaics is the use of land for both agriculture and solar photovoltaic energy generation. The bill proposes the establishment of a network of research and demonstration sites to investigate and demonstrate agrivoltaic systems in multiple regions of the U.S. in order to increase agricultural productivity and profitability; enhance agricultural resilience and the capacity to mitigate and adapt to climate change; protect biodiversity; and increase economic opportunities in farming and rural communities. (Note that the term "climate change" is in the bill). The bill has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. To follow its progress, log onto <u>congress.gov</u> and enter the bill number.

Coincidentally, this bill appears at the same time the Wayne County Commissioners have been wrestling with the issue of agrivoltaics in Wayne County and passed a resolution on July 12th designating "the unincorporated areas of Wayne County as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of all the following: large solar facilities, economically significant wind farms and large wind farms pursuant to section 303.58 of the Ohio Revised Code."

EDGE (Elderhood Discussion Group)

The EDGE (Elderhood Discussion Group) has met a total of 3 times, having had a guest speaker from the Wooster PD who spoke on scams in this area; and one from Hospice who informed us about all the services available through them. There are 20-25 attendees at every meeting, and the group has decided to go to two meetings a month with some attending in the morning and the others in the evening - except in those months when we have guest speakers.

This is a lively, fully engaged group...and you are very welcome to join us if interested. The August meeting will occur on Weds the 23rd. We meet at 6:00pm in Strawn Hall, and at 10:00am on that date if there's no guest speaker. Contact Pat McDaniels with any questions.'

mUUsic program news!



The Music Committee hosted a potluck picnic for choir and folk orchestra members, family, friends, and those interested in taking part in the many opportunities to make music at the UUFWC. Jim Bird provided a hearty main dish of pulled pork and homemade sauce, and there was (almost) too much good food to eat! We played, we ate, we sang, we laughed, we gabbed, and we danced! Sharon introduced our new accompanist, Vicki McKenna, and we all welcome her to the mUUsic program!

Interested in making music? You can join the Drum Circle, the UU Ukes, or the Guitar Group. Anyone who wants to sing can join the choir, and anyone who plays an instrument can join the folk orchestra—no tryouts needed!

We are always on the lookout for musicians and singers to provide special music for services—if you have been practicing, maybe it's time to step out and perform for a friendly audience! Solo or group performances are welcome, all ages are welcome, and you need not be members of the



UUFWC to take part in the services. Contact Music Director Sharon Delgadillo or any of the Music Committee members: Jim Bird, Bonnie Groop, Kat Gibbons. Mady Noble, Barb Moore, or Cheryl Kelly for more information.

Join us!

Guitar Group: Wednesdays, 6 pm

Choir: Wednesdays, 7 pm

Folk Orchestra: Wednesdays, 8:15 pm

Drum Circle: Second Thursday each month, 6 pm

UU Ukes: Fourth Friday each month, 7 pm



Lay Pastoral Care

Submitted by Chris Struzik, Pastoral Care Committee Chairperson

A Mindful Reminder...

"When we don't tell those we love about what's really going on or listen carefully to what they have to say, we tend to fill in the blanks with stories." - Sharon Salzberg, Real Love: The Art of Mindful Connection



Please let us know if you would appreciate us reaching out to you by emailing <a rewling care@uufwc.org, or by calling the church office at (330) 262-9194. Look for our "UUFWC Cares" button at service to speak to a member of our ministry.

This Month's Meetings

See all the events on our website: https://uufwc.org/calendar/

Meetings may be held in-person or via Zoom. Please contact the meeting leader listed below prior to the meeting to get the Zoom link.

UU Humanist Group Sunday meetings will resume on **September 17 at 11:30** in the Large Group Room with Humanism 101 presented by Merry Gentry followed by discussion. Come to learn about Humanism for the first time or to refresh your memory!

On **October 1** Alicia Klaamayer, who teaches at Wooster City Schools and is Nancy Hurt's coworker, will speak to us about Neuro Divergence.

If you are not on the Humanist Group email list, but would like to receive meeting reminders and other information, please send your email address to sherri.goch@gmail.com.

"Humanism is a rational philosophy informed by science, guided by reason, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion. Affirming the dignity of each human being, it supports liberty and opportunity consonant with social and planetary responsibility. Humanism derives the goals of life from human need and interest rather than from theological or ideological abstractions, and asserts that humanity must take responsibility for its own destiny." --The American Humanist Association

The Sunday evening book discussion group will meet on **Sunday**, **September 18** at **7:00** to discuss *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* by Patrick Radden Keefe. For further information contact Bert at bishop.eleven@gmail.com. We will start in the UUFWC Library. (If you have too many emails and wish to be removed from the list please let Bert know.)

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays at 7-8pm. If you have considered joining your voice with ours, mark your calendar.

Folk rehearsal rehearsals Wednesdays at 8:15-9pm. It doesn't matter your playing level, come and make a joyful noise with us!

For more info, contact Sharon Delgadillo, Music Director music.director@uufwc.org

Madrigal organizational meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Madrigal will be November 10th and 11th. Contact Barb Moore, Jim Bird, or Sharon Delgadillo to volunteer or for more information.

Stand Up for Justice: The UUFWC Racial Justice Team would like to invite the members of the fellowship to join us on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12 to 1 PM at the Wooster Square. We will stand vigil for racial justice. Make your own sign or use signs that are available at the site. Enjoy the presence of your UU friends as we stand in solidarity with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color).

"Coffee With the Minister" every second Sunday after the service. Join Reverend Walter in his office September 10, to simply chat and ask any questions you may have about Unitarian Universalism or the

UUFWC.

Women's Lunch Group, September 12th, NOON. We alternate (more or less) our meeting location between downtown Buehlers' and the fellowship – not to confuse you, but so we can alternate the preferences of our regular attendees. This month we will meet at Buehler's Café on N. Market St. We have no agenda except to enjoy each other's company. Any questions can be directed to Karen.uufwc@gmail.com. Come join us!

Zen Meditation! Every Monday night at 7pm. Gather in the far corner of Strawn Hall. Contact Steve Berg for details.

The Pastoral Care Team will be meeting the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:30am. If you have Pastoral Care needs, please feel free to contact Rev. Walter at his email address (rev@uufwc.org) or any of the other Pastoral Care members. That includes, Gail Woosley, Steve Berg, Sue Gross, Chris Struzik, or Cherrill Wertz. To anyone who may want to join our team, please contact Rev. Walter for information.

UU Ukes meet the 4th Friday at 7pm in the Large Group Room. Next Meeting will be September 22nd. Hope to see you there!



Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Janice Baxstrom, Joe Churpek, Dawn Frank, Emma Gochnauer, Raven Gochnauer, Vic McCarty, Cameron Moore, Traci Smetzer, Cris Sullens

Wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Sherri and Jeff Gochnauer

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County is a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Assoc.

How to Find Us: We are located at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster, 330-262-9194.

Our weekly Worship Services are in person on Sunday mornings at 10am or watch the service on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/uufwc. A recording is made available through the Google Groups email, later that day.

<u>Board of Directors:</u> Laura Burch - President, Jo Harper – VP, Barb Moore – Secretary, Sarah Miles - Treasurer, Janice Baxstrom, Barb Long Moore, Merry Gentry, Barbara Moore, and Jim Bird.

Minister: Rev. Walter Clark: rev@uufwc.org, Phone 330-262-9194, Ext #1

- Office Hours Mondays and Tuesdays from 1pm 4pm
- TEXT is the best way to communicate, then phone call. E-mail only if you do not need an immediate response.

Office Administrator: Joanna Swartzentruber: fellowship@uufwc.org, Ext #0

Sun, Mon, Fri: 9am - 12 pm

<u>Director of Religious Education:</u> Jenni Troy Papp: <u>dre@uufwc.org</u>, Ext #2 <u>Membership Coordinator:</u> Karen Skubik: <u>karen.uufwc@gmail.com</u>, Ext #4 <u>Music Director:</u> Sharon Delgadillo: <u>music.director@uufwc.org</u>, Ext #3

If you have news that you would like to have included in the Monthly Newsletter, send it to newsletter@uufwc.org by the 17th of each month.

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