



UUFWC NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 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.

October 1 - Just a Little Jewish Kid from Cleveland Hts.:

Ivie Sorkin, Retired Commissioned Lay Minister

I'll reflect on growing up in a melting pot of culture. Some stories from my family of Jewish heritage.

October 8 - Standing On the Shoulders of Giants: Rev. Walter Clark

Our histories (Unitarian Universalist and The United States) are filled with giants who brought us to where we are today. What is our responsibility to those giants and their vision and just how to we fit in? How beholden are we to the past?

October 15 - Past as Prologue: Rev. Walter Clark

The recent rise in book banning and hate groups had led to the word "fascism" being used to describe the times we live in. The disparities between the working poor and the billionaire class are wider now than they were in France before the revolution. What does the past tell us about the problems of today and how are we to address it?

October 22 - A People of Story:

Rev. Walter Clark & Jenni Papp, Director of Religious Education

"We do not experience a world and afterward make up stories to understand it. Stories teach us what is real, what is true, and what is possible." - David Loy.

We will explore the stories we love, the stories we live, and the stories we create.

October 29 - UUSC Sunday: Rev. Mary Katherine Morn

Minister's Meditations

Rev. Walter Clark

One of the things I used to love about my old Lutheran Church was the “passing of the peace” in the beginning of the service. It was this mix of casualness and reverence as you would reach out to those who were seated around you and recite “peace be with you.” The smiles and eye contact would say so many different things in that moment. While shaking hands with the same folks that were seated around you, the eyes would say “good to see you again.” With good friends you had already chatted up before service it was “I already said hi to you, isn’t this silly?” With strangers it was “you’re new! Nice to see you here.” It was a moment that the extrovert side of me loved. It made interacting with others not only intentional, but sacred.

I have been in UU congregations where they do something similar. It is usually called “greet your neighbor” and tends to run a little longer than the passing of the peace and is *a lot* noisier. Often, I would see folks leave their seats and go to the other side of the sanctuary in order to greet someone they knew. Again, great for the extroverts in the congregation and a little exhausting for the introverts. Nevertheless, the intention was exactly the same, an intentional time of interaction.

Fall is one of the two “church shopping” seasons of the year (January being the other). With school starting up and vacations ending, many folks are looking for a community to fit into their schedule. Chances are, if they are walking through our doors, they have already done some research on us. They know a bit about our theology, whether we are LGBTQIA+ friendly and have probably watch a service or two on our YouTube channel. When they finally walk through the doors, they are looking for that personal connection. They are looking for someone to “pass them the peace” as it were, for someone to try to get to know *them*.

I encourage you for the next month to be really intentional about getting to know the less familiar faces in our congregation. Many of us have really great friends that we love to catch up with each Sunday, but don’t forget to talk to the friend you have yet to make as well. I have found asking new folks, “what brings you in today?” to be a great conversation starter. Asking unfamiliar faces things like, “what do you enjoy doing?” or “did you have a good week?” to be a great way to find out more about a person and start to make connections.

Passing the peace is a sacred act because it encourages sacred connections. It doesn’t need to take place during a worship service to be sacred. It just needs to be.

'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 October, we will share the plate with Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).**



"Our mission: UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. Our work is grounded in the belief that all people have inherent power and dignity." - From their website

To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, 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. [\[fellowship@uufwc.org\]](mailto:fellowship@uufwc.org).

Vegan Potluck

Submitted by Karen Armstrong

Please join us for the upcoming Vegan Potluck on October 24 at 6:15 at the Fellowship. We've had a great turnout each month with about 20 people attending. The food has been delicious and the conversations have been so interesting. If you want to attend but haven't made a vegan dish before, consider something simple like fruit, a salad or veggie soup. Just remember to leave out the meat, eggs and dairy products. If you need more inspiration, google the vegan version of your favorite recipe or just ask me! Remember to bring your own table service, drink and a healthy appetite! See you there. Karen armstrongkaren93@gmail.com

Committee on Ministry

Submitted by John Waldman

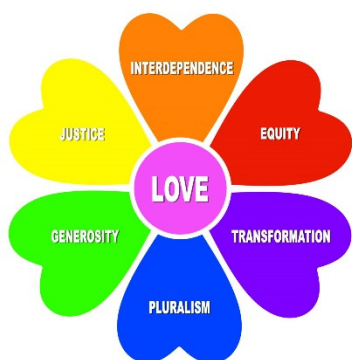
The Committee on Ministry is completing its work on the report we will submit in support of Reverend Walter's journey towards full fellowship. The final report is due on November 1. The COM appreciates the support you all have shown for this project. Thank you!

Landscaping Committee

Submitted by Merry Gentry

Kudos to Kevin Cannon, Tim Breiner, Jay Klemme, and Ruth Sewell for attacking the weeds on the west and north sides of our building on our last workday. It looks much better now!

Work is progressing for our Children's Garden, which is being designed to foster a connection with nature and encourage creativity. The Garden will include free-play activities centered on music and art as well as activities to challenge gross motor skills, building skills and imagination. Stay tuned for information on how you can help with his project. Many thanks to Rachel Derr for her vision and leadership on this project, which will be dedicated to the memory of her daughter Amanda, an artist and lover of nature.



Family Ministry

From Director of Religious Education, Jenni Papp

We are off to a fun start. We have around 50 children and youth participating in our religious exploration activities on Sunday morning. There are about 30 families with children in our RE community and about 20 adult guides. As the year progresses we will continue to build our program together.

We would love to welcome more adult guides into our RE Community as leaders or assistants. Please reach out to Jenni Papp at dre@uufwc.org if you would like to have a conversation about how you can join us and build relationships while you journey in our faith with the youngest UUs.

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 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 engaging for 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.

Nursery: Future Tonya is our staff nursery attendant. The nursery will be staffed for **infants, toddlers, and preschoolers**. Please be sure sign them in each Sunday.

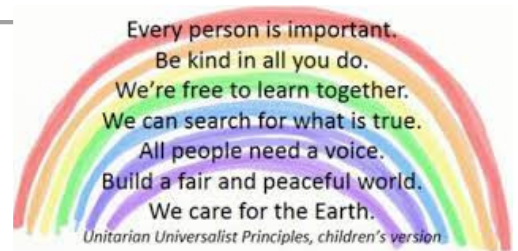
Blessed Bees: Children in pre-K and kindergarten or ages 4 and 5 years old will gather in Room 3. They will have both structured and unstructured play time together as we begin to intentionally explore the gifts and values of Unitarian Universalism

Earth Spirits: Children in first, second, and third grade will gather in Room 1.

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

Youth Community: 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.

October will focus on the **Gifts of Heritage** that our UU faith offers. We will explore what the word heritage means for children. We will use the metaphor of roots that nourish a tree to understand heritage this month.



October 1 - The Gifts of Staying Close to Our Roots

We will explore how roots give us the gift of courage and wisdom when times get hard.

October 8 - The Gifts of Reclaiming Our Roots - Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

We explore the gifts of honoring our shared cultural heritage in a more truthful way, specifically regarding indigenous peoples' heritage. The gift of reclaiming our roots is to make the invisible visible and to receive the gift of healing. Embracing hard things about our history frees us.

@ 10:15 - Youth Community (7th-12th) -

Caregiver and Youth Orientation for Exploration of World Religions See article below for more details.

October 15 - The Gifts of Our LGBTQ+ Roots - October is *LGBTQ+ History Month*. We will celebrate the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ community as some of our country's most important "roots." The gifts and contributions of LGBTQ+ people have never been adequately acknowledged. By learning about LGBTQ+ history and heritage we can all better understand that everyone deserves a chance to contribute to society and be treated fairly and equally. By recognizing the importance of the LGBTQ+ community, we can all help put an end to discrimination and build a better world.

October 22 - A People of Story - Exploratory Worship Together

We will have an interactive exploratory worship service. Join Rev. Walter, DRE Jenni Papp, and everyone one of all ages in worship together. We will share the stories we love, the stories we live, and the stories we create.

October 29 - The Gifts of Being Rooted in Science and Reason

We will explore the gift of being rooted in science and reason. Science and reason lead us to -- and give us --- the gifts of wonder, gratitude and curiosity.

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.

Many Mountains, Many Paths



Crossing Paths:

Exploration of Religious Pluralism in the Youth Community

- Caregiver and Youth Orientation Gathering
- Sunday, October 8, at 10:15ish - Noon
- Fahs Room

Each year in the youth community we explore an aspect of our faith development in depth.

- 2022-23 - Our Whole Lives (OWL) - We were able to resume our program on Human Sexuality
- **2023-24 - Crossing Paths (CP) - We are planning our journey into learning about the religions and faith traditions of our friends, neighbors, and the larger world community.**
- 2024-25 - Coming of Age (COA) - We will have a program focusing on personal faith journeys and discernment.



Crossing Paths is rooted in religious pluralism. Instead of claiming that one religion is better than others or that all religions are really different ways to the same end, religious pluralism treats religions as separate systems of belief that address distinct human challenges. This view sees each religion as its own uniquely beautiful mountain. Crossing Paths is about exploring a new “mountain” each month, thus our tagline “Many Mountains; Many Paths.”

This approach is distinctly Unitarian Universalist. One sees it most clearly in the “[Six Sources](#)” we covenant to affirm and promote. As Unitarian Universalists, we use, and are inspired by, sacred and secular understandings that help us to live into our values. We respect the histories, contexts

and cultures in which they were created and are currently practiced. These sources ground us and sustain us in ordinary, difficult, and joyous times. We are grateful for the religious ancestries we inherit and the diversity which enriches our faith, we are called to ever deepen and expand our wisdom.



In Crossing Paths, we will explore various religious traditions through different lenses, which we also call “binoculars” in keeping with our mountaineering metaphor. One of those lenses is how each faith defines “the problem in the world” and “the solution” to that problem. For instance, Buddhism sees the problem in the world as suffering and the solution is Nirvana or enlightenment. Christians see the problem in the world as sin and the solution as salvation. We UUs have our own unique perspective. Put simply, we have tended to see “separation” as the problem and “connection” as the solution. What grabs our attention and breaks our hearts as UUs is seeing how the world separates or disconnects people from their deepest selves, each other and life’s gifts.

As the playfulness of the metaphor of mountaineering suggests, Crossing Paths is not a dry comparative religions class; **it is an exploration of ourselves and other faiths through games, skits, crafts, meditation and use of the senses.** Just wait until we play “Pin the Path on the Mountain” in our first session!

We will be leaving the classroom to visit with people from other faith traditions four or five times over the year during our field trips on “Summit Day.” But, we aren’t just visiting other faith traditions; we are learning how to engage with other people of faith, and diversity in general. Crossing Paths doesn’t just fill our youths’ heads with knowledge, it also helps them develop practices and skills that will help them in all aspects of their life.

Caregiver and Youth Orientation Gathering

Sunday, October 8, at 10:15ish - Noon

Fahs Room

Regular gatherings on Sunday mornings from 10:15ish - Noon in the YC Room beginning October 15th

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!!!

We had a great night for S'Mores, S'Music, S'Fellowship, and S'Satellites!! Thanks to all who came out for our Campfire Fun on September 23rd!



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!



BOWLING NIGHT

It's time for our fun annual event!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

6:00 - 9:00 PM

TRIWAY LANES

3392 S. COLUMBUS RD., WOOSTER



- We've rented the whole bowling alley, so come join your fellow UU's whether you plan to bowl, play other games, or simply hang out. All ages welcome!!
- Building rental is \$400, so pin money contributions are welcome.
- Balls and bowling shoes provided
- Bring a simple snack to share
- Triway Lanes has food and beverages available for purchase.
- For more information please check with the Membership Comm.

Library News *Submitted by Kay Bowen, UUFWC Librarian*

New to the library's collection, this title nails the emotional toll of the pandemic with clarity while subtly providing an alternative outlook. Enjoy!

ENCHANTMENT: AWAKENING WONDER IN AN ANXIOUS AGE By Katherine May
158.1 May 2023



“Many of us feel trapped in a grind of constant change: rolling news cycles, the chatter of social media, our families split along partisan lines. We feel fearful and tired, on edge in our bodies, not quite knowing what has us perpetually depleted. For Katherine May, this low hum of fatigue and anxiety made her wonder what she was missing. Could there be a different way to relate to the world, one that would allow her to feel more rested and at ease, even as seismic changes unfold on the planet? Might there be a way for all of us to move through life with curiosity and tenderness, sensitized to the subtle magic around us? In *Enchantment*, May invites the reader to come with her on a journey to reawaken our innate sense of wonder and awe. With humor, candor, and warmth, she shares stories of her own struggles with work, family, and the aftereffects of pandemic, particularly feelings of overwhelm as the world rushes to reopen. Craving a different way to live, May begins to explore the restorative properties of the natural world, moving through the elements of earth, water, fire, and air and identifying the quiet traces of magic that can be found only when we look for them.” (This quotation is from the book’s inside front cover.)

Social Action in Action *Submitted by Betty Schuler*

NOVEMBER ELECTION: In 2022, UU the Vote, a nonpartisan civic engagement initiative focused on strengthening democracy and organizing for justice, accountability, and healing reached out to more than 2 million voters in all 50 states. In Ohio, these efforts were coordinated by UUJO (Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio). This group is in flux this year and has no current UU the Vote activities; however, the now-retired UUJO coordinator Joan VanBecealeare suggested that our congregation could partner with the League of Women Voters (LWV, I’m a member) and the Ohio Voter Rights Coalition (OVRC). Our local LWV chapter is currently working on voter registrations, focusing on recruiting young voters. OVRC coordinates training for Poll Monitors to observe activities outside polling places and provide accurate information to voters as needed. Several UU’s worked with this group in our August election (I worked in Summit County). Joan indicated that Wayne County could have used some poll monitors in Wayne County. If you are interested in making a short term commitment ensuring a strong and safe election this November, please Peg Redinbaugh (pegred73@gmail.com; 330-464-3551).

CANDIDATES NIGHT: The League of Women Voters of Wayne County is sponsoring a candidates event on Thursday, October 12th at the Shishler Conference Center Ballroom on the OARDC (CFAES) campus at 1680 Madison Ave. in Wooster. This event will be nonpartisan and will help voters become more familiar with the candidates for Wooster City Mayor, Wooster City Council, Wooster City School Board and Wayne County Municipal Court.

WOOSTER HOMELESSNESS TASKFORCE is made up of local residents of various backgrounds who volunteer time working directly with unsheltered individuals, utilize writing skills to educate and build public awareness of issues, conduct educational community meetings on the subjects of homelessness, inadequate housing, and related issues, and who staff and manage the **Severe Weather Shelter** each winter. Its goals are to educate its members and the community about the many factors involved in homelessness and housing insecurity; to advocate for more affordable housing, and to volunteer with and donate to organizations and agencies assisting unsheltered people. The Task Force currently supports the downtown portable toilet, the Severe Weather Shelter and other urgent needs of the unsheltered. Volunteer opportunities include joining the Task Force weekly meeting, becoming a trained volunteer to mentor unsheltered, becoming a trained volunteer to serve the Severe Weather Shelter as needed. Join the Task Force email (wjtfoh@gmail.com) for information about local events, volunteer opportunities and other news of interest. Follow it on Facebook at fb.com/woosterhomelessnewwtaskforce and on Instagram at [whtf_oh](https://www.instagram.com/whtf_oh).

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER: in the winter of 2022-23 the shelter, housed in the gymnasium of the Wooster Salvation Army, was open 76 nights during the coldest temperatures. 111 different individuals were served who were provided with dinner and a safe, dry place to sleep. The average was 16.5 guests per night. The Wooster Homelessness Task Force recruited over 50 community members and College of Wooster student volunteers to staff the center and wash shelter linens. At least 11 area churches, numerous individuals, and organizations provided homemade dinners each night for shelter guests. Funds to support the shelter came from various religious and civic groups. Fundraising is an ongoing activity. Donations can be sent to the United Way of Wayne/Holmes, 215 S. Walnut St., Wooster with "Severe Weather Shelter" on the memo line. A donation of \$200 will keep up to 26 unsheltered guests warm and fed for an entire night.

Winter 2023-24 will see expanded services. This coming winter the Severe Weather Shelter will be open every night from December 1st through March 31st, eliminating the uncertainty about whether it will be open dependent on temperature. This is an opportunity for the UUFWC to participate in supporting the homeless by providing meals. To learn about this program contact Janet Burkhard at janetburk@hotmail.com. A nonprofit, Homeward Bound of Wooster and Wayne County LLC, formed to provide safe, secure shelter for the homeless in our community, will operate the shelter at the Salvation Army. A full time, salaried Severe Weather Shelter Supervisor, will be hired to oversee over-all operation of the shelter. The plan is to find a facility that can be reconfigured to house a shelter that would operate year-round.

All Things Green *Submitted by Betty Schuler*

IT'S FALL AND THAT'S WHAT THE LEAVES ARE DOING. Instead of piling them up at the curb, if you are a gardener, consider them a valuable natural resource. During the growing season, plants draw nutrients from the soil to produce leaves. When those leaves fall back to the ground and decay, they return those nutrients back to the soil. Raking and removing leaves from a site breaks the nutrient cycle and will eventually reduce soil fertility. Many moth and butterfly caterpillars that feed on the leaves of trees and shrubs drop to the ground beneath their host plants to complete their life cycle by overwintering in the leaf litter. By simply allowing the leaves that fall within the dripline of a tree to remain under the tree, you can provide a soft landing for these important species. When we get out our rakes and leaf blowers and remove this critical habitat, we reduce the number of spring-emerging moths and butterflies. Any disruption to the life cycle of

these species will ultimately reduce the number of caterpillars that will be available for birds to rear their young the following spring and summer.

Mowing leaves (especially with mulching blades) that are on your lawn will reduce their size and they will eventually settle onto the soil around your grass. The decaying leaf particles will provide nutrients back to the soil, reducing the amount of lawn fertilizer you may need. Once settled, the leaf fragments will also help shade out weed seeds and reduce weed germination in your lawn. If you have too many leaves to mow or leave beneath trees, turn that excess into gold. Due to the improved soil health and weed suppression benefits, gardeners often refer to composted leaves as brown gold. Fall is an excellent time to start a compost pile and begin making your own brown gold. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. A simple pile of leaves that you turn every couple of weeks can become gardeners' gold in six months or sooner.

Fall is also a great time to plant trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials. Look for native plants. Ohio has many beautiful native species and you can feel confident that you are helping to preserve our rich biodiversity by planting native. Biodiversity, the variety of creatures living on earth, is under threat. Humans rely on plants, insects, birds and countless other creatures for vital functions. Loss of habitat is one of the greatest threats to biodiversity. Birds, butterflies, moths, bees and other beneficial creatures depend on plants to provide seeds, nectar, pollen, cover, nesting sites and nesting materials. Human development and some agricultural practices have destroyed, degraded, or fragmented many natural areas, limiting available habitat for wildlife to feed, seek cover, and rear their young. Consequently, spaces under individual control such as backyards, decks and patios, community garden plots and small meadows are increasingly important to provide habitat and connect otherwise fragmented spaces. *from The Dirt on Conservation – Lynn Vogel & OhioLine, OSU Extension Service 5/2/2023*

EDGE (Elderhood Discussion Group)

'The Elderhood Discussion Group Experience (EDGE) continues to meet once a month for discussion, information provided by guest speakers, and good social connection. At our last meeting – with fifteen in attendance – we had some fun playing 50s and 60s trivia and sharing parts of our individual stories with each other. (**Note: For this meeting I offered two sessions – a morning and an evening mtg. Since only two dear friends were able to attend the morning mtg, I have decided not to offer two sessions for now, and to schedule for evenings only.)

So, our Sept. meeting, on Weds the 27th at 5:30 included a light pot luck meal, followed by a discussion led by Rev Walter Clark on Covenantal Relationships. With the return of choir practice, EDGE members voted to move our meetings to 5:30.

Please feel free to join us for any meetings which hold interest for you. Need more info? Contact Pat McDaniels.'

mUUSIC program news!

Madrigal Feaste Tickets

Friday, November 10th @ 7pm and Saturday November 11th @ 6pm

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County (UUFWC) is once again opening its doors to host a Madrigal Feaste this November. The Madrigal Feast will feature a royal court, period chamber groups, a choral ensemble, mummers play, dancers, jugglers and more. Apart from these acoustic and visual treats, guests will be indulged with a dinner including vegetable soup and traditional Figgie pudding and other eclectic gourmet foods. Vegetarian entrees are available.

The Feaste will be held on Friday, November 10th @ 7pm and Saturday, November 11th @ 6pm. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to the Feaste.

Tickets are \$37.50 each. If you purchase 2 or more tickets, they are \$35.00 each. Tickets go on sale on Monday, October 8th. Please visit our website for more information: uufwc.org.

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 - Hiatus until 2024



Wish a Happy Birthday to:

**Gene Barnes, Steve Berg, Skylar Breiner, Dave Cullis, Dave Drumm,
Brian Dykstra, Jessica Eikleberry, Jeff Gochner, Amanda Good,
Jewel Harris, Susan Heady, Gene Meyers, Kalie Relle, Terry Wertz,
Anne Wilson**

Wish a Happy Anniversary to:

**Georgia & Michael Jaeb, Vera Rowland & John Waldman, Danielle &
Peter Schantz, Gail Woosley & Bonnie Groop**

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 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/](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.

The UU Humanist Group will meet on the first and third Sunday of each month **at 11:30** in the Large Group Room.

On **October 1** Alicia Klaamayer, who teaches at Wooster City Schools, will speak to us about Neuro Divergence with time for questions and discussion.

On **October 15** Janice Baxstrom will inform us about Election Issues followed by questions and discussion.

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 bookgroup will meet **Sunday, October 16**. We will discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. The time is **7:00** and we will try to fit in the library. If anyone has questions they can contact Bert at bishop.eleven@gmail.com

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 October 10, to simply chat and ask any questions you may have about Unitarian Universalism or the UUFWC.

Women's Lunch Group, October 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 the fellowship building. 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. UU Ukes is on hiatus until 2024

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.

Board of Directors: 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

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