



UUFWC NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 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.

November 5 - All Souls

Rev. Walter Clark, Minister & Ruth Sewell

We often reflect over the events of the calendar year as it ends, often dwelling on the memories of those we have lost. This Sunday we gather in comfort and share our losses in this traditional UUFWC service where we light candles and share. Led by Ruth Sewell and Rev. Walter.

November 12 - Bread Communion

Rev. Walter Clark, Minister

Thanksgiving is a time when a lot of us show affection for friends and family using the language of food. For this bread communion, we dive into the act of sharing food together as a sacred act of love and hospitality.

November 19 - Space Oddity

Rev. Walter Clark, Minister

David Bowie is a cultural icon of the 70's and 80's. Known for his lavish production and gender-bending persona Ziggy Stardust, we may be tempted to write him off as just another performer. However, the lessons he offered us about gender norms are something that has been around for centuries.

November 26 - TBA

Gail Woosley, Commissioned Lay Minister

TBA

Minister's Meditations

Rev. Walter Clark

How many people does it take to run a congregation? If you look at our paid staff, you may think it only takes 7 (Rev. Walter, Jenni, Joanna, Karen, Sharon, Vicki, and Future). If you add in members of the board that is an additional 7 (Janice Baxstrom, Jim Bird, Laura Burch, Merry Gentry, Jo Harper, Barb Long Moore, and Barb Moore), 8 if you include Sarah Miles the treasurer who attends meetings but is not a voting member of the board. So that brings you to 15.

Congregations also need finances. We have a few different committees, all staffed with volunteers that help with that. Stewardship (who runs our annual pledge drive) has 4 people (and they are looking for a 5th). The finance team (who makes budget recommendations to the board) has 5. We are now at 24. Since congregations are centered around connection, we have committees that help make those connections happen. The membership team has 6 folks and the greeters have about 18 people signed up to be greeters at different times. The lay pastoral care team (who provide spiritual counseling to congregants) has 4 members. This brings us to 52. Then there is worship. There are 3 people of the tech crew and 6 worship associates. Our total is now 61. Leadership development and the Committee on Ministry both focus on the vision of the congregation, and they have 6 and 5 members respectively. The facilities team (6) and landscaping (2) maintain our building and grounds and the safety team (5) work to make sure the congregation is prepared for an emergency. We are now at 85 people who make the congregation run.

And we haven't even considered Religious Exploration. Each of our classrooms (EEE, Blessed Bees, youth room and Earth Spirits) need 2 volunteers, for an additional 8 each Sunday. However, we can't have the same folks teach RE every Sunday, so we need a rotation of volunteers every four weeks. That leaves us with 32 RE volunteers. We are now at 117 folks needed to make a fellowship work. Specifically, our fellowship.

The average attendance on a Sunday is around 100 folks and it takes more than that to keep our fellowship going.

I don't tell you this to try and guilt you into volunteering if you are not already. There is nothing wrong with just being a congregant. I tell you this to remind you that this is a feature of our faith. That things do not get done without the majority of us being involved in some way. I am sure many of you reading said to yourself, "I'm on that committee!" or "I used to be on that committee a few years ago." Most of us have invested our time and talent into this fellowship in some way. Looking at how things get down here at UUFWC, it is clear that this community not only belongs to all of us, but needs all of us.

mUUSIC Program News!

Madrigal Feaste 2023

Returning this November to the
THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
3186 Burbank Rd., Wooster, Ohio.

Come One Come All! Madrigal Feast at the Royal Court

Friday, November 10, 7pm

Saturday, November 11, 6pm

(Doors open ½ hour prior to the Feaste)

Experience singers, dancers, musicians, and actors who will take you back in time. Feast at banquet tables laden with savory meats, soups, and vegetables and a dazzling finale of flaming Figgie Pudding!

Tickets:

Available online from Monday, Oct 8 to Monday, Nov 6

\$37.50/1 person or \$35 ea/ 2 or more

- Go to uufwc.org website
- Click Madrigal icon to access *Jotform* sign up
- Payment by PayPal, credit card, or check by mail

Presale Only –No tickets sold at the door on performance nights.



Information:

UUFWC Office:
330-262-9194

Email:
fellowship@uufwc.org

Click here to buy tickets:

<https://form.jotform.com/232534945202149>

mUUSIC Activities:

Guitar Group: Sundays, 8:30 am

Choir: Wednesdays, 7 pm

Folk Orchestra: Wednesdays, 8:15 pm

Drum Circle: Second Thursday each month, 6 pm

UU Ukuleles: Fourth Friday each month, 7 pm - Hiatus until 2024

'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 November, we will share the plate with Immigrant Worker Project (IWP/ Las Amigas)**

"The Immigrant Worker Project (IWP) was founded in 1998 to address the needs of the farm worker and rural migrant communities in Ohio." - From their website



To learn more about Immigrant Worker Project, 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].

FUND Raising Committee

Submitted by Barb Tytula


The UUFWC FUND Raising Committee is having a COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 16th. The COOKIE WALK will be held in the Large Meeting Room from 10:00am until 5:00pm or until sold out. For those of you who are new to cookie walks they are lots of fun and you can get all of your Holiday Baking done in one day! Baked goods will be on display on beautiful platters. Participants will be given a disposable glove and as many biodegradable containers as they need. Cookies and candies will be sold by the pound. We are planning to have a table for breads which will be sold per each. Also there will be homemade dog treats that will be prepackaged and sold per each. Donations for the cookie walk will be received on Friday, December 15th from 12 noon till 6:00 pm. If you have a favorite family specialty Holiday cookie or treat we would love for

you to make it and share with the Community. Gluten, Dairy, Vegan and Nut free will be especially welcomed and will be tagged and kept separate. Our success will depend on the wonderful bakers in our congregation. Some of us have already been baking and freezing treats. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at bgft1953@gmail.com, Erin Palmer, ebbosley@hotmail.com, Barb L Long Moore, Tmbm68@yahoo.com or Wendy Ziegler-Clark, Wendy.ziegler.clark@gmail.com.

Saturday December 16th

**10:00 am - 5:00pm (or until
sold out)**

Homemade

 **Holiday cookies,** 
candies,  **savory snacks:**

\$8 per pound



Breads,



Dog

Treats:

priced per item



Fresh brewed coffee



UUFWC First Annual
COOKIE WALK

Wonderful Bakers needed! Our success depends on YOU

Start baking and freezing your treats to donate.

Gluten, Dairy, Nut free and Vegan options especially welcome

Donations accepted Friday, December 15th @ 12 noon - 6:00 pm

Look for Baking Sign Up Sheet in the Lobby soon.



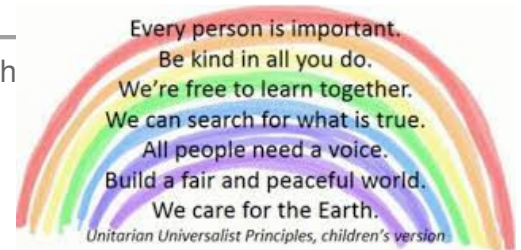


From Director of Religious Education, Jenni Papp

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.

November will focus on the **Gifts of Generosity** that our UU faith offers.

It would be easy to see this as a month of niceness. After all, for many, the call of generosity is equated with the call to be kind. And our faith calls us to: Transform. Connect. Challenge. Not the usual words we pair with generosity. And maybe that's the point. Maybe the invitation this month is not just to be more generous, but to notice how generosity is bigger than we think.



November 5 - Honoring and Grieving our Roots

Worship will be our annual All Souls service. In RE we will focus on Samhain, (pronounced saah-win or saa-ween) the Pagan holy day of honoring the Dead. In contrast to the more light-hearted, make-believe focus of Halloween, Samhain is a very serious religious practice.

November 12 - The Gift of Connection

When we are generous with our time, kindness or even money, we strengthen the connections (the web) between us. In this session, we explore how being generous with others connects them and us more deeply. In other words, being generous helps moves us from isolation ("I am alone") to community ("I belong.") By being generous we receive and give the gift of connection.

November 19 - The Gift of Widening Our Love

It's easy to think about how much we love those close to us. Our caregivers, friends, our pets. What if we wanted to grow that love? We might think of what happens when you throw a stone into a pond. It makes circles, rippling outward bigger and bigger. Just like those ripples, we could be more and more generous with our love. What would those ripples be...? This week we explore how expanding our generosity expands our circle of love.

November 26 - All Ages RE Together in the Fahs Room

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 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

Regular gatherings on most Sunday mornings

from 10:15ish - Noon in the YC Room



Membership (and Fun Stuff) News

Committee: *Laura Grimm (chair), Cherrill Wertz (secretary and greeter facilitator), Jay Klemme, Laura Moore, Barb Tytula, Don Ackerman, **Kaitlynn Arnholt (our newest committee member)**, and Karen Skubik (Membership Coordinator)*



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!!!

Over fifty of us had a fun night of **bowling** on October 15th.
We're already looking forward to next year for this annual event.

UU Inquiry Session

For those who want to learn more about being part of our congregation

Shortly after the service, Sunday, November 12th

- This event is for those who are relatively new to the congregation and/or who have not yet attended this session.
- Strongly suggested for anyone who would like to eventually become a member.
- Will take place in the Large Group Room (Fahs) and last about an hour.
- We hold this session about three times per year. It is a time to chat with the minister and membership coordinator and learn about how the UUFWC functions.

Agenda

Grab a drink from the lobby
Introductions
UU-ism elevator description
UUFWC Organizational Structure and Committees
Opportunities and Involvement
Path to (optional) Membership
Q&A

Approx time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Please let Membership Coordinator, Karen Skubik (karen.uufwc@gmail.com), know if you'd like to attend.

Celebrate **THANKSGIVING** **AT THE** **UUFWC**



Potluck Dinner

Time to be determined by the participants

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COME TO SHARE

FOOD . DRINK . FELLOWSHIP

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY BY 11/15

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE

FOR MORE INFO, CHECK WITH
KAREN.UUFWC@GMAIL.COM

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!

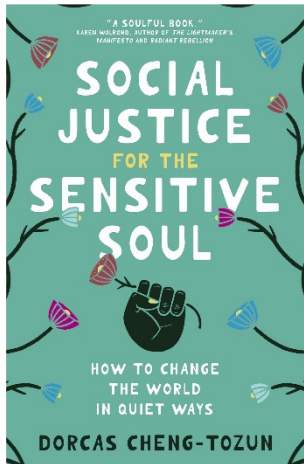
Library News

Submitted by Kay Bowen, UUFWC Librarian

The title described below is new to our UUFWC library:

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE SENSITIVE SOUL: HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD IN QUIET WAYS

By Dorcas Cheng- Tozun 303.372



“Social justice work, we often assume, is raised voices and raised fists. It requires leading, advocating, fighting, and organizing wherever it takes place – in the streets, villages, inner cities, halls of political power, and more. But what does social justice work look like for those of us who don’t feel comfortable battling in the trenches?”

Sensitive souls – including those who consider themselves highly emotional, empathic, or introverted – have much to contribute to bringing about a more just and equitable world. Such individuals are wise, thoughtful, conscientious; they feel more deeply and see things that others don’t. We need their contributions. Yet, sustaining justice work can be particularly challenging for the sensitive, and it requires a deep level of self-awareness, intentionality, and care.

In *Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul*, writer Dorcas Cheng-Tozun (Enneagram 4, INFJ, nonprofit/social enterprise professional, and multiple-burnout survivor) expands the possibilities of contributing to a positive social impact, affirming the particular gifts and talents that sensitive souls offer a hurting world. Alongside inspiring, real-life examples of highly sensitive world-changers – including creatives and documentarians, engineers and academics in the US and around the world – Cheng-Tozun explores pathways where our quieter, but equally passionate collaborators for social good can serve and thrive.”

(This quotation is from the book’s inside front cover.)

Social Action in Action

Submitted by Betty Schuler, of the Social Action Committee

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING: You can support Wayne County’s only homeless shelter with the donation of an hour (or more) of your time. It will be an activity of the UUFWC Social Action Committee. The dates this year are Tuesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 30. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship foyer starting Sunday, November 12. For any questions contact Bert Bishop at bishop.eleven@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SESSION: How would you like to see our congregation's values lived out into the world? How can we serve and make Wayne County a more just and equitable place for everyone? On Saturday, November 18th, from 9am to noon Rev. Walter will lead a brainstorming session to gather ideas and organize for justice. Share what you are doing for the community now and what you would like to see happen. All who are interested in social justice are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP at the following link.: Minister at [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE MAGAZINE RACK: If you haven't discovered it yet, check out the magazine rack next to the book display window inside our fine UUFWC library. Magazines and periodicals relating to many areas of social justice are available for the taking. No need to return them. If you have any publications of this type and are through with them, please add them to the rack.

WOOSTER COMMUNITY KITCHEN is a nonprofit organization that exists to feed anyone who is hungry. It builds and maintains pantry boxes throughout Wayne County stocked with shelf stable food items. At present there are 18 such boxes: 1 in Apple Creek; 3 in Creston, 1 in Fredericksburg, 3 in Orrville, 1 in Marshallville, 2 in Rittman, 1 in Shreve, 1 in Smithville, 1 in West Salem and 4 in Wooster. The most visible one in Wooster is at the corner of Burbank and Highland Roads. While community organizations and individuals provide some items for the pantries, the primary source of items is from the Wooster Hope Center. The boxes are kept stocked by the Wooster Community Kitchen volunteers whose goal is to get to all of the boxes twice a month. .

In 2022 these two organizations partnered to bring a mobile food pantry to Wayne County residents outside Wooster to provide better nutrition to residents unable to drive to the Wooster Hope Center's Greater Wayne County food pantry location in Wooster. D&S Distribution of Wooster supplied a box truck for this purpose. It was then customized to handle pallets of food boxes and refrigerated to carry milk and ice cream when they are available. In addition to carrying supplies for the food pantry boxes, it carries large boxes of food for residents. Residents using this service which will be at first once a month are advised to arrive in a vehicle or bring a wagon or cart to haul food home since the boxes are much larger than the bags distributed at the Wooster Hope Center site.

All Things Green

Submitted by Betty Schuler

CLEANER BUSES: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration recently announced 130 awards totaling nearly \$1.7 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for transit projects in 46 states and territories. The Ohio Department of Transportation will receive \$29.3 million to help 10 transit agencies serving both rural and urban communities buy dozens of low or no emission buses that will replace older vehicles. The agencies will expand their fleets to support essential services, train workers in good quality careers and begin the decarbonization transition for several of Ohio's major transit systems. The new battery electric, CNG, and propane powered buses supported by this grant will provide better reliability, improve air quality, and lower maintenance costs across the state.

FOSSIL FUELS IN EUROPE According to energy analysts **Ember**, electricity generated from coal collapsed by 23% and gas fell by 13% in the European Union in the first 6 months of 2023 compared with the same period a year earlier. At the same time, solar generation increased by 13% and wind power output by 5%. This

allowed the 17 EU countries to generate record shares of power from renewables. Greece and Romania both passed 50% renewables for the first time, while Denmark and Portugal both surpassed 75% renewables. Across Europe, fossil fuel generation fell over the first six months of 2023. There were 11 countries that saw a fall of at least 20% and five – Portugal, Austria, Bulgaria, Estonia and Finland- where fossil fuel generation fell by more than 30%. Records were set for the lowest total fossil-fuel generation for the period in 14 countries. Several countries saw significant periods without any of the fossil fuels that have been the bedrocks of their power systems. Coal fell 23%, accounting for just 10% of the EU's electricity generation in May 2023, the lowest share ever recorded. While the use of fossil fuels has continued to fall, renewable energy capacity has soared over the first half of 2023, in particular solar power. **Ember** notes that the growth of solar is likely to be an underestimate of the true scale of solar expansion, given that many countries do not report “behind-the-meter”, meaning solar systems such as residential rooftops that can be used without passing through a meter into the wider system. Overall, wind and solar accounted for more than 30% of electricity production for the EU for the first time in both May and July and surpassed total fossil-fuel generation in May. The fall in reliance on fossil fuels was driven mainly by a “significant” drop in electricity demand amid high gas and power prices. The EU will need to accelerate the deployment of low-carbon power to accommodate for demand recovering while keeping on track for climate goals. *from Carbon Brief*

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 **November 5** Rev. Walter Clark will speak to us about Emergent Strategies with time for questions and discussion.
- On **November 19** Krista Kidney will inform us about 180 Housing 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

For November the Sunday night book group chose *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted Faith and Fractured a Nation* by Kristin Kobes Du Me. Our meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of the month, but because of busy schedules the November meeting will be postponed until Sunday Dec 3. We meet at 7:00 in the Library. For more information 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 unless a Introductory UU Inquiry Session is offered (see above under Membership for information on this November's UU Inquiry event).

Women's Lunch Group, Tuesday, November 14th, 12:30 pm. While several viruses are looming in the area, we will meet at the fellowship building in the back of Strawn Hall (instead of going out to eat). 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



Wish a Happy Birthday to:

Don Ackerman, Devin Bostdorff-O'Rourke, Doris Cannon, Rev. Walter Clark, Sharon Delgadillo, David Francis, Miriam Gochnauer, Sue Gross, Sue Kandel, Jane Kingsbury, Helen Meyers, Sarah Miles, Joanne Schroeder, Karen Skubik, Cindie Slater

Wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Kate Freed & Lee Simpson

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.

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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

Director of Religious Education: Jenni Troy Papp: dre@uufwc.org, Ext #2

Membership Coordinator: Karen Skubik: karen.uufwc@gmail.com, Ext #4

Music Director: Sharon Delgadillo: music.director@uufwc.org, 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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