



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UUF News

June Service Schedule

One Service at 10:45 a.m. from June through September 12.
Join us for coffee after the service

June 6: Law Means Never Having to Say You're Sorry

[Dr. Ric Sheffield] Dr. Sheffield (yes, he is Gregg's brother!) has been working on research and development of this project. He is the Provost at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

June 13: A Challenge for Justice [Dr. Charles Kammer]

Dr. Kammer always delivers a challenge for justice in his lectures. He is a professor of religion at the College of Wooster and Academic Dean of the Academy of Religion.

June 20: A Rainbow of Color [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

The diversity and vibrance of color is our uniting focus throughout the summer. This Sunday we begin with the symbol of our Principles, the symbol of the G/L/B/T movement, the presence of it all.

June 27: Black: Absence or Presence of All Others [the Sheffields & Elaine Strawn]

With our focus on Moving Beyond Racism throughout June, we have been asking the questions of space: how do we make space for peoples of color in a white-dominated world?

Every Tuesday in June there will be a film and conversation series titled "Moving Beyond Racism". See page 6 for topics and more information.

Join us for our pot luck picnic and share your summer reading.
Saturday August 7 at 5 pm at the home of Bill Alkire & Susan English.

Water Communion Service will be August 29th. Save some water from your summer vacation or from other significant events.

2 Services begin again on September 12.

Visit us on Facebook: Just type "UUFWC" into the search bar at www.facebook.com
Or check us out on Twitter: go to www.twitter.com and search for "uufwcwayne"

From the Board

The Finance Committee has recommended Carol Noel to serve as Treasurer and Dave Drumm as Deputy Treasurer for 2010- 2011, with their respective consents. The Stewardship Committee reports the pledging units as well as pledge amounts increased over the last year. Outstanding job Tom Gross, Mary Wicks, Stewardship Committee, members and friends! With continued prudent spending we remain fiscally strong.

The Worship Committee reports it would like to extend its' two services "trial" longer. During the summer there will be one service and that will be at 10:45 a.m. and during the fall it is expected that there will be two services, with nursery being offered at first service. At the June Board meeting there will be discussion on Sacred space and Sacred time during worship time. If you have thoughts or input on this issue, please feel free to attend the Board meeting which is scheduled for June 01, 2010 at 7:00pm or speak to any Board member or the minister.

Members of the Board and others continue to participate in the Growth and Vitality Workshop. Our next meeting is set for August 20th and 21st in Youngstown Ohio. One of the issues we continue to study is policy governance and the need for "end statements". This is an ongoing discovery process and will be addressed further.

A research committee has been formed to review options on the Burbank adjoining property.

The Board has addressed many issues the past year, and has wrestled with one policy: fundraising. The Board has spent at least six months reviewing 10 written revisions to the proposed policy and it is anticipated that a draft will be available for review and comment by the Fellowship in June. There will be copies of the proposed policy in the library and it will be available to any friend or member upon request via e-mail, etc. There has been considerable thought given to this policy. Many committees have participated in this process. Please review the policy and provide your thoughtful comments and input.

Patricia Rodgers, President

Social Action in Action

YEAR END MEETING: the Social Action Committee year-end meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6th at 7:00 pm. If you're curious about what the committee does, how it does it, and what's being planned for 2010-2011, please come. You won't be obligated to join the committee.

OUR FAMILY LABELS: bar codes from labels of this Buehler's house brand are still being collected for the benefit of the Viola Startzman Free clinic. For every 500 labels turned in, the clinic receives \$25. Check out Buehler's, you'll be amazed at the number and variety of Our Family brand items you'll find. They are of good quality and economical. Cut the bar code from the package or label and put it in the labeled basket on the Connection Table.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE MINISTRIES: the final collection for the 2009-2010 church year held in May brought the total of money collected to \$3359. In 2009-2009 it was \$1438 and in 2007-2008 \$744. It's almost impossible to determine the number of individuals who made in-kind donations of food or other items. Single and multiple items are donated, but often not bagged as single donations. The bag count of 80 bags for this year represents items grouped together for ease in transporting them. People to People Ministries thanks all who were able to contribute in this year of great need. Collections will resume in September, but clean peanut butter and baby food jars with lids are collected all year round. Put them in the bin in the rear of the meeting room whenever you have them.

The Minister's Column

The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the rioting in Thailand, the economic picture in Greece: they fill our pages and our minds. And they diminish my focus on the growing length of the grass in my lawn! Sitting in the rural, midwestern United States it is often hard to expand my vision to include the whole world. I still have trouble even listening to the reports from Darfur and Nigeria. I can't imagine how it feels to be Latino live in Arizona...or anywhere else in North America knowing that racial profiling can be codified as a legitimate means of social organization. Juan Gross and I attended a Bureau of Worker's Compensation class on Emergency Preparedness in May. The ghost of September 11 still haunts us viscerally; the sense of vulnerability never leaves us for long, even in the "safe" rural countryside of Ohio.

I am not sure what to do. My guilt feelings help no one. My financial contributions help, but it still seems minimal. I wrestle with what is adequate, what is enough to do. What is my responsibility in the Interconnected Web of All Existence?

We have many international people in our community. We have many world travelers here, also. We have much knowledge and experience. I would like you to help me build on this. And this begins with brainstorming.

I am interested in your comments and ideas: forums? "teach-ins"? Work camps?

The grass outside my window is growing, but my mind is not.

Together---but only together---we can make our congregational life relevant.

Let me know what you think. Thank you.

Director of Religious Exploration Column

The last day of RE classes for this year was May 30th. I want to heartily thank all of the teachers and caregivers who gave so generously of their time and talent. Remember, we could not have an RE program without these wonderful volunteers.

There will be no children's programming on June 6th, although the Nursery will be open. An important word about the summer Nursery: Children 0-2 will be in the Nursery as usual. Children 3 and 4 will be in the "Post Graduate Nursery," which will meet in a space adjacent to the Nursery. These two sections will be manned by one adult and two youth.

From June 13th through August 15th we will offer our summer program, Web of the World, or WOW, which meets during church time. It will again be directed by Fred Michel and Kristen Willie. WOW is available for all children who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall as well as older children/youth. Each Sunday there will be a visiting "professor" who will present a hands-on program having to do with nature. There will also be a garden. Sessions will begin indoors in the EEE room and then usually move outside, often meeting in the woods. Socks and closed shoes are recommended. We will need one parent aide each week. There will be a sign-up sheet on the RE bulletin board. Parents with children in the program are asked to sign up for one Sunday.

With that, I leave you. I'll be enjoying my cottage at the lake all summer.

Happy summer days to you!

Road Clean Up

In keeping with UU seventh principle, our fellowship has, for over a decade, done litter clean up of a 1.8 mile stretch of Cleveland Road—OH Route 3—from a bit south of Shearer Implement to just before Hawk’s Nest golf course. We meet a few times per spring-summer at Shearer’s—usually at 9am—on Saturday or Sunday morning—typically we’re done within just over an hour.

Participants must be 14 years old. Ohio Dept of Transportation provides reflective vests, which must be worn. Wear shoes that can tolerate some wetness—though we stay out of roadside areas if they’re too wet. Most people wear some sort of gloves—bring your own if you have them. I will bring some for those who need.

The tentative plan is for our first venture of the season to be Saturday morning, June 19 at 9am. Meet at Shearer Implement—southeast corner of Cleveland Road at Fox Lake Road. Shearer’s has been wonderfully supportive by letting us use their parking lot as staging area. We do our best to stay out of their way.

Watch for a UU yahoo group e-mail to confirm details—will come out just after Memorial Day.

Questions or comment? Contact jay klemme,

Membership

Happy Summer from Membership and please mark your calendars for Sweet and Greet, October 15, 2010, and the next UU Inquiry class on Sunday, July 11, 2010 .

Enjoy the Sunshine! Joanne Schroeder

Music Notes



The music committee would like to thank Juan Gross for stepping up as our next chair, and to give a big thank you hug to our outgoing chair, Sandy Sheffield.

We also welcome Jennifer Allen as a new member of the music committee.

The choir welcomes our most recent new member Lillian Lilly and welcomes back returning member Stacy Stillwagner.

We are looking for a few good men (or low-voiced women)! If you are a tenor or bass and love to sing, we would love to have you join us. (We won’t turn away sopranos or altos either.) Come as you are, Wednesdays at 7, no audition necessary. It is great fun, with a wonderful group of people!

The last choir practice for this church year has been changed to June 9; we will resume practices on August 11. The music committee’s next meeting will also be August 11 at 6 pm.

The choir is looking forward to a trip to the UU congregation in Belleville in September to share some musical loveliness with them.

We anticipate another great year filled with music!

UUFWC in the News!

The Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Wayne County (UUFWC), presented three handmade quilts, a crib quilt, dolls and stuffed animals to Bobbi Douglas representing Every Woman’s House. The material for the quilts was donated, sorted and sewn into the quilts by UUFWC members Margaret Boyer, Lois Grant, Sue Gross and Carol Noel. For many victims of domestic violence there is little time to pack comforting items from home including toys, clothing and bedding and the items donating by the UUFWC help provide much needed comfort in the shelter environment.

A Reminiscence from Marge

Way back when, in 2001/02 I was fortunate enough to be offered the position of Director of Religious Exploration here at the UFWC. I remember being interviewed by Phil Grimm, Lloyd Boyer, and others. Phil asked me what I would say to a parent who wondered why the children were studying about Jesus. I couldn't tell him then, but I certainly know now!

That first year we had 38 children enrolled, with only zero or one in the Nursery. Today we have 81 children and youth, including a roomful of infants and toddlers and a very healthy Youth Group. The big burst in enrollment began with the opening of our new church in October of 2005, when so many like-minded folk found us. (One day early that year I could be heard to say, "If one more mother with two kids comes in today.....!") There have been dedicated people serving on the RE Committee. Also, we have had many outstanding volunteer teachers and Nursery caregivers.

Scott Moyer and I went off to Pittsburgh to get our OWL training together in 2002. Then we instituted the teaching of sexuality classes for children in grades 1-2 and grades 5-6. More recently, an adult OWL class was given.

Back in the old church a Harry Potter camp came to life. And while we are not presently running a week-long camp, we do have a special program on Sundays in the summer, Web of the World or WOW.

Probably my greatest joy has been the institution of the Spirit Play curriculum in two classes! For the past two years I have practically jumped with joy as I peeked into those two classrooms. Of course, my Montessori background is speaking there. It's like coming full circle!

So, thanks to all of you for your support these past nine years!

Green Corner

We encourage you to read labels to know what's in your cleaning products. The Social Action committee wants you to know that the manufacturers in this list have not complied with New York State law to reveal which chemicals they put in their cleaning products, and have been sued by Earthjustice:

Colgate-Palmolive: Maker of Ajax [Fabuloso cleaner & dish liquid], Dynamo, Murphy Oil Soap [wood cleaner, soap spray, soft wipes], Dermassage, Palmolive (dish soap)

Reckitt-Benckiser: Maker of Calgon, Vanish, Resolve, Spray 'n Wash, Woolite, Lysol, & dish-washing detergents Finish & Electrasol

Procter & Gamble: Maker of Joy, Cascade, Ivory (laundry and dish detergent only), Dawn, Mr. Clean, Swiffer, Tide, Cheer, Gain, Dreft, Era

Church & Dwight (maker of Arm & Hammer products): Brillo [steel wool soap pads & Scrub 'n' Toss],

Arm & Hammer Scrub Free, OxiClean, Clean Shower, SNOBOL Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Parsons' Ammonia

Cameo Aluminum & Stainless Steel Cleaner, Cameo Copper, Brass & Porcelain Cleaner, Kaboom (various bathroom cleaners)

Founded as the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in 1971

WANTED: Volunteer Visiting Professors for WOW

WOW (Web of the World) is a 10-week program beginning June 13th and ending August 15th at 10:45am.

We need "visiting professors," who will give presentations on nature and science, with an emphasis on hand-on activities.

Activities can be done indoors, outdoors, or a combination of both. It is for kids going into K-6th grade. If you want a chance to "wow" the kids with something cool in the world please contact Kristen Willie

THANK YOU!!!

What's Happening

We need you for the UUFWC's **Upscale Garage Sale**

Friday, June 25, 3 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
3186 Burbank Road

It's time to check in the closets and under the bed for those treasures looking for a new home! This is a unique sale, featuring a flea market as well as a special area and silent auction for the sale of upscale items. These proceeds (over \$2,500 last year!) will benefit the UUFWC's operating budget. Here's how you can help:

Donate: Items that are **clean** and in **good condition**. We'll be advertising specific upscale items, so let us know any special treasures you'll be donating (tax receipts will be available). Clothing in baby and toddler sizes only. Books are fine! Items can be dropped off on the following dates:

- Sundays, after June 6
- 8 - 10 am, Tuesday, June 22
- 5 - 7 pm, Tuesday, June 22
- 8 am - 1 pm, Wednesday, June 23
- 6 - 8 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, June 23 & 24 (during set up and pricing)

IMPORTANT 1: If you bring items during the sale, they must be priced and set out by you!

Spread the word: Post a flyer in your work place or local business or e-mail it to friends. Let folks know that this is **no ordinary sale!**

Volunteer: Workers are needed **during the sale** and **to help set up and mark prices** on Wednesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 pm (no experience needed).

And, NEW to this year's sale, a **Silent Auction**. If you have a special item to donate, or wish to create one, let us know or place it on the "upscale" table in the RE collection room.

Save: We need paper or cloth shopping bags with handles to help shoppers hold items during shopping. Paper grocery bags are also needed.

Questions? Items to donate? Willing to volunteer? Look for the signs at the UU or contact Mary Wicks.

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County

Presents a Film & Conversation Series

"Moving Beyond Racism"

Every Tuesday in June at 7 p.m. at the UUFWC

June 12: Building the Beloved Community: How Do We Talk About Racism and Classism

June 8: Tim Wise: On White Privilege

June 15: True Colors and What Makes Me White?

June 22: Mirrors of Privilege - Making Whiteness Visible

June 29: Skin Deep

Please bring a friend and join us for any or all of these sessions,
and help us explore issues of race and community.

THE JUNE OUT FOR DINNER NIGHT

will be held at South Market Bistro
 South Market Street, Wooster
 6:00 PM, Saturday, June 19th

It has been a while since our group has gone to the South Market Bistro, which is known throughout the region for dishes that feature seasonal produce and a menu changing with each phase of local farmers' harvests. They select organic ingredients whenever possible. Their philosophy is based on sustainable cuisine, preparing and consuming food with a maximum amount of respect for the environment and the health of our society as a whole.

We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 PM.

Please reserve your place by signing the sheet on the Connections Table in the Entrance Hall by June 13th. Call Charles Gaines if you have a change of plans.

Joys and Concerns

Sometimes I get concerned about going up to the mic all the time during joys and concerns, but I do it so people can come to know who I am, because we are community. We are family - and I share pieces of my life in order that you may know me a little - not to complain - not to be egotistical -but just to open up and let you all in. And I would encourage all of us to do the same.

It is hard to get up in front of people. But this is conversation. It happens so that Elaine isn't all alone up here - it happens so that we may know each other - it happens so that we can share just one meaningful moment from our lives of the past week with each other.

Some of us are sitting with pain, with cancer, with illness, with heartbreak, with truths so big that we burst with emotion, so huge we might be carried away. We all have a story. I share mine so as to give you permission to share yours.

Kat Gibbons

Every Month**BAKERS DOZEN**

COOKS AT EVERY WOMEN'S HOUSE

Anyone is welcome to join us. Contact Cathy Miller or Sue Gross.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Third Sunday, during the school year, at 7 pm

DRUMMING CIRCLE

3rd Friday nights from October to March

Drumming will resume in the fall.

Contact Lisa Ryan.

OHIOANS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY

We are working for the civil right of marriage for same-sex couples in Ohio.

Fourth Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm

SCRABBLE/ BRIDGE/GAME NIGHTS

2nd Sundays from 7 to 9:30PM.

Bring yourself, and/or cards, a game and PEOPLE!!! A snack to share if you like. We meet from 7 to 9 or 9:30 PM in the vestibule of the Fellowship. We are a group that encourages everyone to play at their own ability. Questions: Ken McDonald

SPIRIT PATHS

is now meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month. There will be ritual and discussion after the ritual.

The next rituals will be June 24, July 22 and August 26 at 6:30. For info, contact

Gail Carter.

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

Third Thursday from 1-3 p.m.

Other Important Information

Rides for College Students

Rides for Students will resume in the fall. Watch for Details.

June Birthdays

6	Phil Grimm
12	Adam Keating
14	Laura Grimm
15	Gregg Sheffield
27	Jan Wheelis
27	Tom Spencer
28	Kristen Keating

Anniversaries

6	J & B Schuller
12	Ruth Dykstra
12	G & S Sheffield

We'd like to add your important event to the list.
Please contact the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

Below are two titles new to the UUFWC library:

NORBERT FABIAN CAPEK: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

By Richard Henry B Capek, Norbert

A biography of the man who introduced the Flower Communion service to Unitarian Universalism. The UU Bookstore describes this title as the “true story of an inspiring leader who, in the face of Nazi oppression, built a religious movement in his native Czechoslovakia that numbered nearly 10,000 members.”

THE INVENTION OF AIR: A STORY OF SCIENCE, FAITH, REVOLUTION, AND THE BIRTH OF AMERICA

By Steven Johnson B Priestley, Joseph

This biography presents the “story of Joseph Priestley – scientist and theologian, protégé of Benjamin Franklin, friend of Thomas Jefferson – an 18th – century radical thinker who played pivotal roles in the invention of ecosystem science, the discovery of oxygen, the founding of the Unitarian Church and the intellectual development of the United States.”

For those of you planning summer vacations, be aware that the update of **UU'RE HOME: THE BED AND BREAKFAST DIRECTORY FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LIBERALS (647.94 UU're 2010)** is now on the shelves. Remember, also, that new entries are added to this resource throughout the year. Please contact Kay Bowen to check for any new listings that might be available on-line.

A Look at the Year Ahead

June 23-27, 2010: General Assembly in Minneapolis, MN. Information, Registration, and Housing are available at: www.uua.org > events > general assembly

July 11-17, 2010: Summer Institute at Kenyon College. Theme Speaker: Odds Botkin (<http://www.oddsbodkin.com>) Information, Registration and Brochure at www.omdsi.org.

July 10-17, 2010: UU Service Committee (UUSC) Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey. Participants will travel from Atlanta to Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, Alabama, to see where history was made, and to learn about the nonviolent techniques used by civil rights activists. More information at: www.uusc.org/content/freedom_summer_civil_rights_journey_2010.

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For a continuously updated calendar, please see: http://www.uufwc.org/calendar.htm</p>	<p>7 pm - Moving Beyond Racism Film Series 7 pm - UU Board</p>	<p>7 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 pm - Rental</p>	
<p>6 9:30am - Finance Committee 10:45am - Law Means You Never Have to Say You're Sorry-Sheffield 7 pm - Social Action Committee meeting</p>	<p>7 7 pm - Membership Committee 7 pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>8 7 pm - Moving Beyond Racism Film Series 7 pm - RE committee</p>	<p>9 7 pm - Last Choir Rehearsal 7 pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 2-4 pm: rental</p>
<p>13 10:45am - A Challenge for Justice - Kammer After the service: Landscape Workday-if not too hot or rainy 7 pm - Scrabble Night</p>	<p>14 1 pm - X Team 7 pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>15 7 pm - Moving Beyond Racism Film Series</p>	<p>16 1 pm - Words Work 7 pm - PFLAG</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6pm - Out to Dinner Night</p>
<p>20 People to People collection 10:45am - A Rainbow of Color-Strawn</p>	<p>21 7 pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>22 7 pm - Moving Beyond Racism Film Series 8-10 am & 5-7 pm: Drop off for sale</p>	<p>23 6:30pm - Spirit Paths 8 am- 1 pm & 6-8 pm: Drop off for sale ~ ~ ~ General Assembly ~ ~ ~</p>	<p>24 3-7 pm: Garage Sale</p>	<p>25 9 am - 1 pm: Garage Sale</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 10:45am - Black: Absence or Presence of All Others-Sheffields and Strawn 12 pm - Ethical Eating Potluck</p>	<p>28 7 pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>29 7 pm - Moving Beyond Racism Film Series 5:30- 7 pm - OME</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>~ ~ ~</p>	<p>~ ~ ~</p>	<p>~ ~ ~</p>

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 Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: Tuesday, Friday: 10 am-2 pm

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Mission Statement: The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is an inclusive spiritual community; its commitment is to social justice for the individual, the community, and the environment.

How to Find Us: We meet at 10:45 am on Sundays at 3186 Burbank Road., in Wooster. 330-262-9194

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

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Webmaster: Lee Simpson

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

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