



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

July 2010

UU News

July Service Schedule

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

July 4: What Do YOU Think The Colors Represent? [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

It is the Fourth of July. What colors other than red, white and blue could we even mention?

July 11: Songful Journey [Jim Scott] We welcome back our friend Jim Scott, a renowned UU musician and songwriter. It will be an energetic, fun service.

July 18: Summer Fun [the Summer Institute Attendees]

We can't all go, but we can all share the fun when the campers come home and share the creativity, energy and new ideas they bring home with them.

July 25: Gray: the Color of Aging [Rev. Christine Nees]

Gray is the color half way between black and white, right? Or is the color of longevity and wisdom? The lessons of aging are manifold.

New folks and visitors, join us for the **NEW UU INQUIRY** on July 11 right after the service. Lunch will be provided, we will share our stories, see a short video and learn more about the UUFWC. We are excited to bring you along! PLEASE RSVP to Elaine or Joanne Schroeder if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

David Cobb from MoveToAmend.org will speak on July 1 at 7 pm about their proposed constitutional amendment to limit corporate personhood. More information on page 2.

2 Services begin again on September 12.

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Or check us out on Twitter: go to www.twitter.com and search for "uufwcwayne"

From the Board

It has been my privilege to have served as President of the Board for this past year. It is an honor to work with such dedicated Board members, staff, and minister. These individuals bring a talent and commitment to the Fellowship. During my tenure as Board President, not once did I ask a member or friend for a contribution of time or talent that was refused. All in this Fellowship give so willingly of their precious time and talents. Thank you.

I am pleased to report the new officers for the Board of Directors for 2010-2011:

President: Karen Skubik
Vice President: Lois Grant
Secretary: Georgia Jaeb
Treasurer: Carol Noel (as recommended by Finance Committee and Dave Drumm)
Deputy Treasurer: Dave Drumm
Representative to Finance Committee: Alex Lowry
Representative to Personnel Committee: Bill Alkire
Representative to Board Administrator Evaluation: Tim Briener

These are the folks who have willingly offered to serve the Fellowship.

The Board will now be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church library. The meetings are open to the Fellowship.

Please welcome Helen Ostermiller and Alex Lowry to the Board and thank them for their willingness to serve. Please also remember to thank Phil Grimm for his many years of service on the Board and, also thank Dave Drumm for his invaluable service to the Fellowship for many years as Treasurer and his kindness in working with Carol Nole so that she could assume the Treasurer's job. Both Dave and Phil are tremendous assets to the Fellowship.

The Board recognized the Sunday worship times as Sacred time and the Fellowship Hall as sacred space. The Board recognizes the committee work as vital to the community and honors those who willingly serve and travel to meetings. The Board recommends that committees not meet at the fellowship on Sundays at 10:45 am.

For your information, the research committee has begun its' work in exploring options re: the Burbank Road property and a committee has been formed to review the five year plans proposed by committee chairs. The Board continues to explore policy governance.

~Pat Rodgers, Board President Term Ending June 30, 2010

Social Action in Action

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM CORPORATE RULE: Hear David Cobb speak about the Move To Amend Corporate Personhood on July 1, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the UUFWC. In its January decision in Citizens United vs. FEC, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned restrictions on corporate campaign contributions and opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate spending. David Cobb is a national spokesperson for the movement's fight against this undemocratic decision. Plan to hear him.

SA COMMITTEE HAS A NEW CO-CHAIR: Betsy Sheets has agreed to replace Helen Ostermiller as co-chair. Helen, who will remain as a committee member, is stepping up to a seat on the board. Her long time leadership of the committee is greatly appreciated. She will be a great asset to the board.

PUBLIC WITNESS LETTER WRITING PROGRAM will be on vacation until September. Thanks to all who have taken the time to write to our elected officials about state and national social justice issues.

TRAVELER'S TOILETRIES: staying in hotels or motels during your summer vacation? Please remember to collect the soap, shampoo and conditioner provided. You can put them in the Traveler's Toiletries bin under the Social Action Committee table in the rear of the meeting room. They will go to the Salvation Army shelter and the Every Woman's House shelter.

The Minister's Column

Membership

We have three “types” of people in our Fellowship:

1. people who just walked in the door; we INVITE them to stuff,
2. people who have been hanging around for awhile; we URGE them to participate in stuff,
3. and people who have signed the membership book; we EXPECT them to vote on stuff.

You may not know which type of person is speaking with you over coffee. We all look pretty much alike. We share many of the same questions and concerns; we even share many of the same goals and ideas. So why the different types?

If you just walked in the door, we don't know you yet...and we hope to get to know you better. We want to invite you to Out to Dinner night, or a Chalice Circle (monthly small group event), or to help spread the mulch around the grounds. We would like to know your interests and plans, your needs and talents. If I don't ask soon enough, call me.

If you have been hanging around for awhile, we want to get to know you even better, so we will URGE you to participate in events, committees, social activities and even the pledge drive. You may not be a signer or a joiner. That's fine. We are glad you are here. Or you may want to think about joining for a long while before you actually do so. That's fine, too. We want this to be a community in which you can explore and bloom. We will ask, but it's nice if you offer, too!

If you have signed the Membership Book, or would like to, we are happy about that, too. And, even if you have been here for years and years, there are still things we don't know about you. Please help us discover it. Try something new, join a new group, teach adult or children's RE, join a committee which strikes your fancy...something you haven't tried before. We are all growing and changing each and every day. Explore yourself and this community.

It is all about covenant: with one another, with ourselves, with our denominational Principles.

Director of Religious Exploration ---Update on the search

Two candidates are being interviewed the week of June 28th.
There should be a recommendation for a new DRE by the July 18th board meeting.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

The UU Fellowship want to let you know that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular monthly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for the individual congregation members and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

As you contemplate future contribution, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

What's Happening



Facilities

We are pleased to introduce **Erin Van Nieuwal**, our new Sexton, who begins in July. In addition to working for us, Erin has been Sexton for First Presbyterian Church in Orrville for six years and works as a Home Health Aide. We are looking forward to getting to know Erin and working with her. If you drop by the church while she's working, introduce yourself and say, "Hello!"

Thanks to about 10 volunteers, much of the remaining mulch has been spread, much of it on the south side of the driveway in the woods. In the coming months and years, we hope to continue the mulching and plant shade-loving plants as we develop this area as a special garden. Emily and Don Curie again provided and organized a delicious lunch for volunteers.

Kristin Keating has agreed to coordinate the adoptions of our flower beds. If you could share your gardening skills, talk to Kristin about adopting one of the remaining areas (most of the mulched beds in the new parking lot are looking for volunteers to weed them or plant them).

Gene and Helen are also pleased that **Michael Jaeb** will be chairing the Facilities Committee this year. We look forward to your leadership in caring for our UU home, Michael!

UUFWC Congratulates Lorie Lerner on Master of Divinity Degree

The Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Wayne County congratulates Lorie Jill Lerner on completing her Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School May 16, 2010. Ms. Lerner served as intern minister at the UUFWC and holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the Ohio State University as well as a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Akron. Ms. Lerner, age 55, is the daughter of Jean and Max Lerner and the mother of two sons, Max and Keith. The Master of Divinity degree at Meadville Lombard is designed to prepare students to enter the ministry. Meadville Lombard is a Unitarian Universalist seminary, but it encourages ministerial aspirants to other faith traditions seeking ground-breaking formation experiences with world-class faculty to consider its master of divinity degree program.



Fundraising Policy

The current draft of the new policy is available for your review. Copies are in the library, or maybe requested by emailing the office: fellowship@uufwc.org

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for fundraising activities proposed by UUFWC friends and members for any purpose, by any means, and at any location. We wish to ensure that our fundraising activities are consistent with our not-for-profit status; avoid overburdening the congregation with requests for money; protect the congregation from financial and legal liability; and ensure that the congregation maintains its vision of being a nurturing community offering a safe harbor of love and respect while acting in accordance with our principles.

Fundraising News

We will be selling hot dogs at the **Orrville Buehlers** for a Fundraiser on **Sunday, July 18, 10-2**. We need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts: 10-12 and 12-2. Please contact Sharon Delgadillo if you are willing to help.

Salsa Dance! We will be having our annual Salsa Dance with Mexican Buffet **on August 28 from 7:00p -10:00p**. Please mark your calendars. We will need volunteers to help prepare the food and decorate.

Come one, come all
to the farethee well going away party/ potluck
July 30th from 6 pm to 11 pm
for **Michelle & Will Shaw** at the UU
hosted by themselves

Hope everyone can come!!
Michelle & Will Shaw

The July Out for Dinner Night

will be held at Wild Ginger China Bistro
Burbank Road, Wooster
6:00 PM, Saturday, July 24th

Wild Ginger has a diverse Asian menu, the cuisines of China (Cantonese, Hunan, and Szechwan), sushi from Japan, pad Thai from Thailand, and curry from India. Vegetarian dishes are a specialty and they will attempt to produce your favorite Asian dish that is not on their menu. So let your senses be your guide.

Try a little of this, sample a little of that and share with your family and friends so that you may all experience as many different flavors as possible. Reserve your place at the July event by signing the sign-up sheet on the Connections Table at the Entrance Hall by July 18th. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 PM. Call Charles Gaines if you have a change of plans.

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 with discussion afterwards.
Next rituals will be July 22 and August 26 at 6:30
For more information: Gail Carter

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

Third Thursday from 1-3 pm

Other Important Information

Rides for College Students

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

<u>July</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
1	Bill Alkire
5	Sonia Solomonoff
20	Bill Carter
22	Sherri Gochnauer
22	Tom Gross
23	Ruth Dykstra
24	Kevin Lowry
24	Jenny Grimsley
25	Bruce Cardin
28	Dan O'Rourke
29	Kat Gibbons
<u>Anniversaries</u>	
7	Susan Heady/Larry Madden
17	Tom & Sue Gross
25	D. Bostdroff/D. O'Rourke

LIBRARY NEWS

Below are three new titles in the UFWC library:

STONE BLESSINGS: MEDITATIONS By Robert Walsh MEDITATION MANUALS

In this 2010 UUA Meditation Manual, Robert Walsh says, "I have no answers for Ultimate Questions, but I do have some Partial Truths that I'm quite sure of. There is love in this world. There is trust, and there are places where a person can lay his or her head down for a while." Thirty-one meditations that inspire and provoke.

THE ART OF LOSING: POEMS OF GRIEF AND HEALING

Edited by Kevin Young 811.54 Youn 2010

A truly fine anthology of 150 poems arranged to reflect the grieving process. The publisher says, "Whether read aloud at a funeral or privately for comfort, these poems prove a worthy companion to the necessary, and often messy, process of grieving." Young was recently interviewed on NPR where he read many of the poems from this volume.

MORNING HAIKU By Sonia Sanchez 811.54 Sanc 2010

Published by Beacon Press, this is a "collection of haiku that celebrates the gifts of life and mourns the death of revered African American figures in the worlds of music, literature, art, and activism....Often arranged in strings of twelve or more, the haiku flow one into another in a steady song of commemoration."

A Look At the Year Ahead

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.

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 p m - Corporate Personhood -David Cobb	2	3
4	5 7 p m - Zen Meditation	6	7	8 1 p m - X Team	9	10
10 : 4 5 a m - What Do These Colors Mean to You?-Strawn						
11	12 ~ ~ ~	13	14	15 Elaine and Anne will be at Summer Institute	16 ~ ~ ~	17 ~ ~ ~
9 : 3 0 a m - Finance	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~
10 : 4 5 a m - Songful Journey- Scott	7 p m - Zen Meditation			1 p m - Words Work		
12 p m - UU Inquiry				7 p m - PFLAG		
7 p m - Scrabble Night						
18	19 7 p m - Zen Meditation	20	21	22	23	24
People to People						
10 : 4 5 a m - Summer Fun-SI Attendees		7 p m - Board Meeting	6 : 3 0 p m - Spirit Paths			
25	26 ~ ~ ~	27	28	29	30	31
~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	Elaine will be on vacation	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~	~ ~ ~
10 : 4 5 a m - Gray : the color of Aging-Nees	7 p m - Zen Meditation	7 p m - OME		6-11 pm - Shaw's going away party		

Summer Office Hours
 Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-5 pm,
 Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: Tuesday, Friday: 10 am-2 pm

For a continuously updated calendar, please see:
<http://www.uufwc.org/calendar.htm>

About the UUFWC

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County,
a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

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

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

Director of Religious Exploration: e-mail: dre -at- uufwc.org

Board of Directors: Karen Skubik , president, Lois Grant, vice president, Georgia Jaeb, secretary, Bill Alkire, Tim Breiner, Helen Ostermiller, Alex Lowry, Pat Rodgers, past president

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

Newsletter Editor: John Gross juangross-at- sssnet.com: **Deadline:** **The 17th day of every month!**

Website: www.uufwc.org Streaming audio now available. Can't make the service? Listen online!
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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