



The Newsletter for

August 2010

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UUF News

August Service Schedule

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

August 1: Pick Your Color [Rev. Lorie Lerner]

Continuing with the theme for the summer services, Lorie will lead us through a journey of possibilities.

August 8: Sharing Our Goods [Elise Stephens & Rev. Elaine Strawn]

We will reflect on the many ways in which the world is drawing closer and closer. Elise Stephens, granddaughter of David and Lynn Drumm, will share her experiences of her international work and the desire for “American” books.

August 15: Mauve: the Color of Community [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

We continue our journey through the message of the colors. This odd little color includes the heat of relationship, the dust of difficulty, the pinkness of new life. Also, we will welcome new members today.

August 22: All Church Picnic [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Bring a dish to share and come on out for the fun! Okay, Elaine will make us do a little ritualizing, but then let’s play. Bring lawn chairs, games and your imagination. This is an all-congregational experience.

August 29: Water Communion [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

We begin the new year by pouring together our experiences from the summer. Bring a small vial of water from your summer vacation [in the back yard or on Mount Olympus]. This is an all-congregational experience.

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

Sunday, August 15 is People to People Sunday.

2 Services will 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”

Elaine Strawn wants to thank you for all the cards, calls, emails, Facebook messages and hugs which have surrounded her during this period following the death of her mother. What a gift that warmth has been to both Elaine and Jane. From the heart, thank you!

From the Board

During the hot days of July, it seems natural to slow down a bit to stay cool, reflect, and plan our activities for upcoming cooler days. The UUFWC Board of Directors has typically followed this natural rhythm, by taking the month of July off from meeting, but not so this year. Our dedicated board, minister, and administrator met in July at our new meeting time – the third Tuesday of the month to continue the work of the past board. According to the Ohio Revised Code, which sets forth the principles applicable to Ohio nonprofits, directors owe their organization a “duty of care” and a “duty of loyalty”. It is with these duties that the 2010 -2011 board meets with the responsibility of placing the interests of the UUFWC above personal interests - in accordance with the law and because Elaine S., Anne W., Carol N., Dave D., Pat R., Lois G., Georgia J., Bill A., Tim B., Alex L., Helen O., and I all greatly care about our fellowship.

Karen Skubik, board president

Social Action in Action

The Social Action Committee organizational meeting for 2010-2011 will be Friday, August 29th at 7:00 pm. Come hear about the projects for the coming year. Last year we were involved in twenty five! Among the new ones this year is a project we hope will engage the entire congregation. The plan is to provide micro-loans to families involved in Bridges of Hope, a campaign to end poverty and change the mind set of the community regarding poverty. These families, with potential to improve their economic situations, have unanticipated financial needs critical to achieving their goals which micro-loans can meet. If you are interested in becoming involved in organizing this project, contact Betsy Sheets or Betty Schuler or attend the August 29th meeting. We plan to meet with those interested early in September.

SUMMER SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES: There’s still enough summer left to cool off with frosty drinks in aluminum cans. When they’re empty, bag them and leave behind the green shed on the driveway. Joe Kufchak will crush and sell them. The money goes to QUEST FOR PEACE which uses it to buy school supplies and other necessities for children in Nicaragua.

And remember to collect motel soap, shampoo and conditioner during your vacation travels. Put them in the TRAVELER’S TOILINETRIES bin under the Social Action table at the rear of the meeting room. Every Woman’s House and the Salvation Army Shelter provide them to their residents.

The Minister's Column

By now, most people have weighed in on the difference between “religion” and “spirituality.” For what it’s worth, here is my take: religion is about institutions; spirituality is about personal depth and meaning. Now, as a UU, you might be rooting for spirituality and deriding religion. But, wait. Our tradition is covenantal...that means it is about relationships. Our UU religion is “free”: no one will impose a dogma nor tell us what to believe [like spirituality], but our UU community will challenge us and encourage us to live in such a way that our best selves will shine forth. And sometimes this requires rules.

- Spirituality has integrity because it lacks all formulas, it is personal. Spirituality results from reflection on lived experience. It does not necessarily, though, cause us to look outside ourselves (or ourselves and our deity if one is theistic).
- Religion, you’ll remember, means “to bind back”. Religion is about groups of people reflecting on history, traditions, personal experience. It is motivated by a focus on something higher or deeper than our egos or even ourselves. It does require, though, that people compromise and learn to live together in their common devotion. Living together requires at least a loose confederacy. Living together requires guidelines. While neither spirituality nor religion are inherently motivated by justice, I always hope that the deepening relationship with God and/or our highest selves brings with it a hunger for equality and compassion. Religion can provide a framework for justice work which one person acting alone often cannot.

Spirituality allows me to search for my Truths in all the areas of life. Religion gives me a community of people who will inquire and challenge and encourage me along this pathway. It takes both.

Standing on the Side of Love in Phoenix

Five Ohio Meadville District (**OMD**) members travelled to Phoenix to take part in the protest as SB1070 went into effect on July 29th. Rev. Colin Bossen, minister of UU Society of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, OH, Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, minister of UU Church, Kent, OH, Jolinda Stephens, DRE of First UU Columbus, OH, Jerry Wagerman, member North UU Congregation, Lewis Center, OH and Rev. Joan VanBecelaere, OMD District Executive will be blogging about their experiences on the [OMD Staff Blog](#) and to the [OMD Facebook Page](#).

Important OMD Dates 2010-11

- **Winter Institute** ~ February 18-21, 2011
- **District Assembly** ~ March 25-26, 2011 at Ohio University Eastern Campus, St.Clairsville, OH. Theme is Radical Hospitality. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Howard Dana of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, PA.
- **Summer Institute** ~ July 10-16, 2011 Theme Speaker: John Buehrens, past UUA pres.
- **UUA General Assembly 2011** ~ June 22-26, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina

What's Happening

The **Ohioans for Marriage Equality** will co-sponsor the **2nd annual LGBT** (Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender) **Rally** on October 10 at the downtown Gazebo. Everyone is encouraged to attend and show your support for equal rights.

An Invitation to the Ordination of Renee Ruchotzke

The Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent requests the honor of your presence as we ordain Renee Zimelis Ruchotzke Saturday, August 14 at 10:30 am at the Kent United Church of Christ (UCC), 1400 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio. (Next to the Kent State University Music and Speech Building.) Reception to follow in the basement fellowship hall of the UCC church. For more information call 330-968-7195.

Renee has been an intern minister at several churches in the Ohio Meadville District (OMD), and has lead services at our Fellowship.

HOT Salsa Night - August 28, 7-10 pm

Join us for a fun evening with an authentic Mexican buffet and one hour of Latin Dance instruction by Susan English and Bill Alkire. \$15/person, \$10 for seniors and students.

August Out for Dinner Night

The Boiler House Bar & Grill
3860 Cleveland Road, Wooster
Saturday, August 21st

Note that the time is 5:30 PM

Question: What would you get if you took the most popular items from the previous Toscana Restaurant menu and added American style foods, such as steak, ribs, wings, burgers, fish, Chinese and Mexican dishes? Correct! You get the new Boiler House Bar & Grill. It has the same ownership and location as Toscana, but with more variety and a new casual feeling. Just right for a summer evening. Reserve your place at the August event by signing the sheet on the Concessions Table at the Entrance Hall by August 15th. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:30 PM.

Call Charles Gaines (330.465.0899) if you have a change of plans.

FundRaising News

HOT Salsa Night will be August 28, 7-10. An authentic Mexican buffet and one hour of Latin Dance instruction \$15/person, \$10 for seniors and students.

We will need help to decorate on Thursday, August 26. It will take about 2 hours. Help will be needed, too, for food preparation and take down on August 28.

Many, many thanks to all of you that made the Upscale Garage Sale a success.

Many thanks, also, to the kind souls that served hot dogs at the Orrville Buehlers. Your service is so appreciated.

August Birthdays:

- 3 Carol Noel
- 17 Annie Jaeb
- 21 Leah Gross
- 25 Shelley Dixon
- 25 Scott Gross
- 25 Ellen Klemme
- 26 Georgia Jaeb
- 31 Ruth Sewell
- 31 Joe Kufchak

August Anniversaries:

- 10 Bill and Gail Carter
- 12 Alex and Kevin Lowry
- 20 Anne Wilson and Jay Klemme
- 22 Adam and Kristen Keating
- 25 John and Mary Wicks
- 30 Gene and Helen eMyers
- 31 Dave Cullis and Pat Rodgers

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

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.
Usually the 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 afterwards.
The next ritual will be August 26 at 6:30.
For info, contact
Gail Carter

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP
Third Thursday from 1-3 p.m.

Other Important Information

LIBRARY NEWS

Listed below are two new titles in the UFWC library:

THE DEATH OF JOSSELINE: IMMIGRATION STORIES FROM THE ARIZONA-MEXICO BORDERLANDS By Margaret Regan 305.9 Rega 2010

By telling the stories of the migrants themselves and interviewing the Border Patrol, angry ranchers, vigilantes, and activists, the author puts a human face on the issue of immigration. From this we gain a greater appreciation of a complex issue. A book that reaches the heart.

OUT OF THE FLAMES: THE REMARKABLE STORY OF A FEARLESS SCHOLAR, A FATAL HERESY, AND ONE OF THE RAREST BOOKS IN THE WORLD

By Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone 273.6 Gold 2002

Burned at the stake for authoring *Christianismi Restitutio*, a title that refuted the orthodoxy of John Calvin, Michael Servetus was survived by only three copies of this remarkable work. According to the publisher, the authors “follow the clandestine journey of the three copies through the subsequent centuries and explore Servetus’ legacy and influence over the thinkers that shared his spirit and genius, such as Leibniz, Voltaire, Jefferson, and William Osler.” An interesting account of a UU martyr.

NOTE: Have you ever walked into the UFWC library to look for a title that was reviewed in the newsletter—but alas! couldn’t remember the title? Help is at hand!

In an acrylic display holder on the side of the bookcase, you will find a list of titles (with call numbers) of all titles discussed in the newsletter during the past year.

Fair Trade News

Where does Equal Exchange tea come from?

From the co-op member farms in North India, South India, Sri Lanka, and South Africa.

Where do Equal Exchange cocoa and chocolate come from?

Small farms in the Dominican Republic, Panama, and Peru. No child labor was used in the production of these chocolates. Be wary of cocoa or chocolate from West Africa, where forced child labor is the norm and many huge corporations purchase this, since it’s cheaper.

Two new chocolate bars arriving this fall! Organic Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt and Organic Ecuador Dark Chocolate will be available. Look for them in the UU lobby!

Fair Trade Conferences:

Sept. 10-12, 2010 in Quincy, MA and Oct. 9, 2010 at John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH

Rides for College Students

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

| Aug-10 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10:45 am - Pick Your Color-Lerner | 7 pm - Zen Meditation | | 2 p m - X Team | | | 9:30 am - Board Retreat |
| | | | | | | 5 p m - Book group picnic |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 10:45 am - Share Our Goods- Stephens & Strawn | 7 pm - Zen Meditation | | 6 p m - Music committee meeting | | | |
| | | | 7 p m - Choir | | | |
| 7 p m - Scrabble | | | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 9:30 am - Finance Committee meeting | 7 pm - Zen Meditation | 7 p m - Board meeting | 7 p m - Choir | 1 p m - Words Work Writers Group | | 6 p m - Out To Dinner |
| 10:45 am - Mauve: Color of Community- Strawn | | | | 7 p\m - PFLAG | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 10:45 am - All Church Picnic- Strawn | 7 pm - Zen Meditation | 7 p m - Ohioans for Marriage Equality | 7 p m - Choir | 1 p m - X Team | | 7 p m - Salsa Dance |
| | | | | 6:30 pm - Spirit Paths | | |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 10:45 am-Water Communion- Strawn | 7 pm - Zen Meditation | | | | | |
| 7 p m - Social Action committee meeting | | | | | | |

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: In the summer we meet at 10:45 am on Sundays at 3186 Burbank Road., in Wooster.
330-262-9194 Starting on September 12, we meet at both 9 am and at 10:30 am.

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

Director of Religious Exploration: Nancy Hurt, email: 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 & Newsletter Editor: Anne Wilson, email: fellowship –at- uufwc.org

Newsletter 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.

Summer Office Hours: Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-5 pm
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