



The Newsletter for

September 2010

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU News

September Service Schedule

Services at 9:00 and 10:45 except September 5 (10:45 only).
Join us for coffee after the service

September 5: (10:45) Blessing of The Animals [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Every year we welcome those beloved four leggeds who are such an important part of our family. To prevent “disagreements”, we ask that you stay with your four leggeds throughout the service and fellowship time.

September 12: (9:00 and 10:45) Becoming [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

As UUs, we believe that religious growth happens all through our lives. What are we becoming? At the beginning of the 10:45 service, we will install RE (Religious Exploration) teachers. There will be a Nursery, but no RE classes during the 9:00am service.

September 19: (9:00 and 10:45) Gomorrah and Immigration [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

During the days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will look at the Hebrew analysis of the Sodom and Gomorrah story, one of welcoming the stranger. After the service, stay for a picnic with the members of Wooster Friends Meeting. Our two congregations share much in outlook, social witness and meditation. Come help us get to know one another.

September 26: (9:00 and 10:45) Sukkot: Building a House of Hope [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

The last of the Jewish Holy Days. The autumn remembers the harvest and community gathered...even in the desert where neither could be expected.

September 8: Youth Group meets from 7-8:30 pm. See page 5 for details.

September 19 after church: Picnic with the visiting Quaker group.

Also, September 19 is People-to-People Sunday. It's Snap, Crackle Pop Day -- collecting low-sugar cold cereals. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 pm: Jennifer Allen has a CD release concert at the Fellowship. Many people had time conflicts with her previous concert.

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

As noted in the July 2010 newsletter, the board has continued to work on establishing guidelines for a fundraising and selling policy. We wish to ensure that our fundraising and selling 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 in accordance with our principles. We have encouraged the congregation to provide their input on the policy by keeping a draft copy in the library and by making copies available upon request. The board will vote on the final version of the policy at our September meeting, so if you would still like to make any suggestions, please contact a board member by September 19th.

I'd like to provide a little background why we need such a policy: During the fall of 2008, the board received concerns about fundraising and selling at the fellowship. Many members felt strongly that there should be NO selling on UUFWC grounds, whereas others felt fundraising is an important part of an active church life, so the board settled on the following policy: "There should be no formal selling on church property unless related directly to a fundraiser that only benefits the church." When the policy was not honored, it was repealed in October of 2009 and many revisions have been developed based on review of other churches' policies and input from non-board members.

According to the description of a "Policy Governance Board" (which is the current structure of our UUFWC board), we should expect writing and re-writing policies to be a significant part of the work of this type of board. So, after twelve revisions, we are ready to vote on the final draft at our September 21st board meeting. Anyone is welcome to join us at this or any board meeting.

Karen Skubik, board president

SOCIAL ACTION IN ACTION

PHOENIX, AZ - In response to the new Arizona laws on illegal immigration, five members of the Ohio-Meadville District attended the Day of Non-Compliance, July 29th in Phoenix. Three of them participated in an act of civil disobedience and were arrested and released on bail. The UUA *Standing on the Side of Love* campaign has started a fund to assist those arrested with legal fees. The UUFWC will have a special collection on Sunday, September 12. Please consider making a contribution.

OPEN THE DOOR TO EQUALITY RALLY - co-sponsored by the Social Action committee and Ohioans for Marriage Equality, will be October 14th at 4:00 pm at the Gazebo in downtown Wooster. Help will be appreciated to staff the information table at the potluck meal at Trinity United Church of Christ after the rally. To volunteer or for more information contact Bert Bishop or Helen Ostermiller.

GREEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will be held October 23rd at the Youngstown UU Church, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration fee is \$40, or \$35 if we have three or more participants by October 8th. Keynote speaker is Dr. David Orr, professor of environmental studies and politics at Oberlin College. A choice of 2 workshops will be offered: "Build Green Commitment in Your Congregation" and "Build Green Partnership in Your Community". See Helen Ostermiller for more information.

The Minister's Column

In Simon Jacobson's book *Toward a Meaningful Life*, he outlines the Jewish holy days:

- Rosh Hashanah [New Year]: celebrates power of renewal after destruction
- Yom Kippur [Day of Atonement]: remembers hope after loss
- Sukkot [Harvest]: encourages joy in facing fear and uncertainty

This may not seem so positive. Although what could be more positive than the willful act of embracing hope in a time of fear? The Rosh Hashanah prayer can be translated in two ways: "Today the world trembles" or "Today the world is born." Jacobson reminds his readers that "we have the power to still the trembling and help with the birth of a new world."

What better spiritual discipline could there be than to still the trembling economy, neglected climate, or immigration fears? To do this requires our own purposeful stillness. We cannot settle anyone else's panic while still caught in its throws ourselves, and my experience tells me that settling my fears can be quite a chore. It takes as much discipline and practice as running a marathon, or mastering a concerto.

When asked how he worked among the intense poverty of India, Ram Dass answered that he began in meditative mind which put perspective on his day and allowed him to know both how to help and his own limitations.

May we be a people who not only light a chalice, but also become one.

Welcoming Religious Exploration Volunteers

The congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County will be installing this year's teachers in the Religious Exploration program on Sunday, September 12 at the 10:45am service. The UUFWC is very appreciative of all their hard work, and we welcome them with open arms.

Emergency Preparedness

Juan Gross recently attended a class on Emergency Preparedness presented by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC). The Board and others have discussed the issue, and would like to establish an ad-hoc committee to study and make some proposals to help us to be better prepared for medical emergencies and threats of violence. What could we be doing to protect ourselves?

If you're willing to help, contact Juan. There will be another BWC class in the spring. It's not essential, but it's a good place to begin. There is no charge for the class.

News of the UUFWC

Thursday evenings in September: *A House Of Hope*

John Buehrens (past president of the UUA) and Rebecca Parker (president of Starr King School for the Ministry) wrote this book as a means for liberal religious groups to grapple with the meaning of their own beliefs and then to use that energy as a force for social change in the world. Join us on Thursday evenings in September at 7pm as we interlace our own ideas with theirs. This is a discussion class organized around some of their ideas. Sign-up on the Connections table in the entryway. Please call Elaine Strawn with questions or to request child care.

The *Baker's Dozen* has been cooking monthly at Every Women's House for 4 years. It has remained the same core group of ladies, and we'd like a break. We're trying to spread the word of this project, and First Presbyterian and Trinity UCC are interested in helping. As we learn details, we will pass them on to you. UUFWC will still do Cakes 4 Kids.

Greeters Introductory Session

A key aspect of growth and vitality of our Fellowship is greeting all who enter on Sunday. In particular, we try to recognize visitors. In the past, we tried to train all greeters the greeting visitors, regulars, and taking attendance. It became too complicated. So we are now separating the greeting functions.

We need additional volunteers to greet at the front door. We don't expect you to know every one coming in or recognize who is new. If you will help, please stay after second service on September 12 for a short meeting. If you're at the first service, you can talk to me then.

Jay Klemme

Fundraising News

Last year the FUNdraising Committee netted over \$8,100 for the UUFWC! The Madrigal, HOT Salsa Night, Pamper Yourself Night, Coffeehouse, Upscale Garage Sale. We need some help so we don't get overwhelmed. This is a committee of creativity and fun. We meet about every 6 weeks and we do not solicit funds. Our next meeting is September 26, after church. Things we do include:

FUNdraising events (Madrigal Feaste, Garage Sale)

Fundraising activities (selling hotdogs at Buehlers, selling cookbooks)

Passive Fundraising activities (GoodSearch.com, Sherwin Williams, inkjet cartridges)

Please contact Sharon Delgadillo.

Youth Group

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First Youth Group Meeting of the Year! Wednesday, September 8,

7-8:30 pm

at the Fellowship.

Hot Dogs, S'mores, Games.

New Friends, Old Friends, and more.

All youth in grades 7-12 are invited.

Questions? Call Peg Redinbaugh

Music Committee

The Music Committee began the fiscal year with 3 new members: Jennifer Allen, Lucia Weinroth and Helen Meyers. Welcome!

The Committee is starting to make plans for the coming year, including:

**Coffee House on October 2nd

**The Madrigal Feast in November, with a few changes including some new music

**Martin Luther King, Jr. service in January, which will include our choir and other music

On the 19th we will travel to *All Souls UU Church* in Belleville, Ohio.

We're looking forward to a year full of music.

Green Corner - Some Ideas for the Home:

1. Polish silver the easy way: line a pan with aluminum foil, fill with hot water, some salt and baking soda, stir to dissolve. Add tarnished silver; the chemical reaction will do the cleaning for you.
2. Try re-usable towels. The new microfiber towels grip dirt and dust like a magnet, just use & wash. No need for paper towels.
3. Clean your greasy pans by scouring with salt; a burned pan? fill it halfway with water, add baking soda, let soak overnight. In the morning, bring it to a boil.
4. To keep your drains clean: pour 1 cup baking soda down the drain, follow with 3 cups boiling water, and let science take over. It changes to sodium bicarbonate, an effective drain cleaner.
5. Use foil sparingly, re-use before throwing away or recycling. Try recycled foil, it takes 95% less energy to manufacture.
6. Keeping your old fridge? If it's a 1992 model or older, it may be an energy hog.
7. Tub scrub for tile or porcelain: mix 1 cup baking soda, 1 t. liquid soap, several drops of essential oil (tea tree, rosemary, or peppermint). Add enough water to make a paste and scrub.
8. Shower curtains: avoid curtains made from polyvinyl or PVC; buy non-vinyl curtains.
9. Toilet paper: if every U.S. family replaced 1 roll of toilet paper with a roll of 100% recycled paper, we'd save 423,900 trees a year!
10. Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge. 1 gallon of water per minute is wasted while waiting for cold drinking water at the tap.

What's Happening

The **Ohioans for Marriage Equality** and the **Social Action Committee** 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. The rally will be followed by a potluck lunch at the Trinity United Church of Christ.

Rides for College Students

Rides for College Students will begin this month. Pickups will be at Lowry Center at 10:15, a half hour before service begins. Margo Curl and Ruth Sewell are the current drivers, but more are needed. Contact Margo or Ruth if you can help.

The 42nd Annual **Fall Academy of Religion** series begins this month at the College of Wooster. This years theme is "Science and Religion: Exploring and Embracing Mystery". All lectures are in the Lean Lecture Room in Wishert Hall, and there is no charge. Lectures are Wednesdays (excepty October 12, which is Tuesday) from September 15 until October 20.

Ohio Fair Trade Expo is Saturday, October 9, 2010
at John Carroll University from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
See Sue Gross to carpool from the UU.
Find out more at:
www.ohiofairtrade.com

September Out for Dinner Night

Papa V's
1638 Old Columbus Road, Wooster
(Junction of Old Columbus and Batdorf Roads)
Saturday, September 18th, 6:00 PM

It's all new, clean and refreshing and we think you'll really like it. One more thing...they are local chefs and staff serving local products, and as they say at Papa V's, "just good, simple, honest food". Come and be surprised. Reserve your place at the September event by signing the sheet on the Connections Table in the Entrance Hall by September 12th. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00. Call CharlesGaines if you have a change of plans.

Membership

Welcome back after all those hot summer vacations, but perhaps you decided to go north, far north! Just a reminder that on Sweetest Day, October 16th your **Membership Committee** is sponsoring the first ever SWEET-and-GREET at the Fellowship. There will be a sign up in late September--just watch for Judy and I in the lobby. We also promise to have some healthy sweets (Is there really such a thing?) as well. If anyone has any special requests let us know and we'll try our best. Featured attractions also coming up will be *UU Inquiry* for anyone wanting to find out more about UU, our Fellowship or us. Following that will be *New Member Sunday* on November 7th for anyone wanting take the plunge and join UUFWC.

We hope everyone was able to enjoy a little rest and relaxation. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Joanne Schroeder, Membership

September Birthdays:

- 9/06 Cris Sullens
- 9/17 Janice Baxstrom
- 9/21 Joyce Fast
- 9/21 Traci Smetzer

September Anniversaries:

- 9/04 Margaret Leben
- 9/18 Jeff and Sherri Gochnauer

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
This month is September 19: *An Amish Paradox* by David E. Hurst and David L. McConnell

DRUMMING CIRCLE

3rd Friday nights from October to March
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.
For info, contact Gail Carter

WORD WORKS WRITERS GROUP

Third Thursday from 1-3 p.m.

Other Important Information

LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know that there are books in our UUFWC library authored by members of our own congregation? You might be interested in these:

WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE LAW: BENCH AND BAR OF WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO 1812-2000 By Betty K. Schuler 249.77161 2002

A history of Wayne County's legal community written by Betty Schuler, who served as librarian of the Wayne County Law Association from 1978 to 1996. This volume is the result of Betty's relentless search through newspaper clippings, questionnaires, the dusty attic of the courthouse, genealogy records, and more.

JOURNEY OF A MALE NURSE: A MEMOIR By Joseph Kufchak 610.73 Kufc 2009
Joe Kufchak writes about his 45 years of experience in psych wards, hospitals, and nursing homes during a period when it wasn't always popular for men to be in the nursing profession.

TRUE FAN: MURDER IN THE TOP OF THE NINTH By Jay Weinroth
FICTION Weinroth, Jay. Detective/logic instructor Alec McEwen attempts to apprehend True Fan, a murderer and fanatic follower of a losing major league baseball team. A mystery played out in a university setting during the period of the Vietnam War and Kent State uprising.

THE SILLY MIND: LEARNING TO TAKE LIFE MORE OR LESS SERIOUSLY
By David R. Lima and Donald N. Scobel 616.0846 1999
Life-long UU and father of our own Cris Sullens, coauthor and retired psychotherapist Donald Scobel describes how we create our own emotional disturbance and what we can do to change the faulty thinking that generates it.

A Look at the Year Ahead

UUFWC Annual Meeting will be May 15, 2011 after the Sunday service.

Ohio-Meadville District (OMD) Annual Meeting will be March 25-26, 2011 at the Ohio University Campus, in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

General Assembly, the business meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), will be June 22-26, 2011 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

OMD Summer Institute: July 10-16, 2011. Theme speaker John Burrens: *House of Hope*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2 pm - X Team 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal	2 7 pm: Adult RE	3 4:30 pm- Rental	4 9 a m - all day Rental
5 10 : 4 5 a m - Blessing of the Animals-Strawn 12 p m - Nominating Comm. Mtg	6 7 pm-Zen Meditation	7	8 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal	9 7 p m - RE comm. Mtg 7 pm: Adult RE	10	11
12 9 & 10:45 am: Becoming- Strawn 12:30: Greeter Training 7 pm - Scrabble Night	13 7 p m - Membership Committee meeting 7 pm-Zen Meditation	14 7 p m - Committee Council meeting	15 2 p m - X Team 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p m - Clergy Academy @ C.O.W.	16 1 p m - Words Work Writers Group 7 p m - PFLAG 7 pm: Adult RE	17	18 6 p m - Out To Dinner Night
19 9:15: Finance Mtg 9 & 10:45 am: Gomorrah & Immigration Strawn 12 p m - Picnic with The Quakers 2 p m - Jennifer Allen concert 7 pm- Book Group	20 7 pm-Zen Meditation	21 7 p m - Board Meeting	22 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p m - Clergy Academy @ C.O.W.	23 7 pm: Adult RE	24	25 9-3:30pm: OMD Leadership Day @ Columbus UU
26 9 & 10:45 am: Sukkot- Strawn 12 p m - Ethical Eating Potluck	27 7 pm-Zen Meditation	28 7 p m - Ohioans for Marriage Equality	29 7 pm - Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p m - Clergy Academy @ C.O.W.	30 7 pm: Adult RE	October 1	October-02 7 p m - Coffeeshouse

Office Hours: Rev. Strawn: Tuesday & Thursday: 1-5 pm, Wednesday 1-8 pm
 Nancy Hurt, DRE: Tuesday & Thursday: 4-7 pm
 Anne Wilson, Office: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-2 pm

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: From mid-September until mid-June we meet at 9:00 and 10:45 am on Sundays at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster. 330-262-9194. In the summer we meet only at 10:45.

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

Director of Religious Exploration: Nancy Hurt: dre– at- uufwc.org

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

Office Administrator & Newsletter Editor: Anne Wilson, email: fellowship –at- uufwc.org

Newsletter Deadline: The 17th day of *every* month!

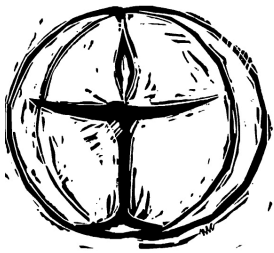
Website: www.uufwc.org Streaming audio now available. Can't make the service? Listen online!

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.

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