

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Coordinated by the Social Action Committee, our members provide goods and service to the local community through these activities.

**Adopt-a-Class**, holiday gift project for children in the Head Start Program. Contact Kay Bowen, Norma Barber.

**Cakes 4 Kids**, made by those who enjoy baking, cakes are donated to celebrate birthdays of children living with their mothers, in Every Woman's House. Birthday Cake Sunday raises funds and supplies to make and decorate the cakes. Decorating workshops are held periodically throughout the year. Contact Sue Gross

**Family Feast**, members of the Baker's Dozen Chalice Circle cook a meal each month for the families in residence at the Every Woman's House shelter. Funds raised at Birthday Cake Sunday are shared with this program. Contact Sue Gross.

**People to People Ministries**, provides basic needs for local people. Collection of cash and *nonperishable* food are taken one Sunday a month from September through May. Contact Betty Schuler.

**Day of Change**, an annual collection held on the Sunday of the change to daylight savings time supports Orrville based Friendship Meals, a weekly meal program. Contact Sonia Solomonoff.

**"Our Family" Label Collection**, labels from Buehler's house brand are donated to the Viola Startzman Free Clinic. \$25 is earned for each bundle of 500 labels. Contact Dave Drumm.

**PFLAG**. The local branch of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is provided meeting space at the UUFWC. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

**Travelers' Toiletries**, soap, shampoo and conditioner from stays in motels or hotels are

donated to local shelters for use by their temporary residents. Contact Scott Gross.

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

With funds contributed by the congregation or through the Social Action Committee budget, the Fellowship joins other groups and individuals in supporting larger social justice issues.

**UU Service Committee**, through the budget of the Social Action Committee, an annual congregational gift of \$1 per member supports this voluntary sectarian organization working to advance human and social justice throughout the world.

**Alternative Gift Market**, in collaboration other area churches, the Fellowship provides an opportunity to reduce the commercialization of the holidays and encourage the purchase of gifts which improve the lives of others. Contact Mary Wicks.

**Quest for Peace**, aluminum cans are collected to earn funds which are donated to this organization for the purchase of school supplies and other necessities for children in Nicaragua. Leave cans behind the green shed on the driveway. Contact Joe Kufchak.

**Microfinance**, the working poor are supported by our investments. Our Equal Exchange Certificate of Deposit funds a line of credit to support Fair Trade with loans to small family farmers. Investment in short term notes enables poor women in India to establish income-generating businesses.

**Gift of Sight Foundation**, collects, repairs and delivers eyeglasses to people around the world who cannot afford or access eye care. Look for the collection box on the Social Action table. Contact Sue Gross.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Through its stewardship programs, our members strive to protect and improve the environment.

**Adopt-a-Highway**, volunteers pick up trash along a two-mile stretch of State Route #3 North. Contact Jay Klemme.

**Inkjet Cartridge Recycling**, collected at the Fellowship in the box on the Social Action table. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

**Cell Phone Recycling**, cell phones and accessories are collected in the box on the Social Action table. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

**Green Energy Support**, \$450 of the Social Action Committee budget purchases wind energy credits from Community Energy, a marketer and supplier of wind energy throughout the U.S.

**The Green Corner**, a regular feature in the newsletter provides cleaning tips with environmentally friendly products. Contact Sue Gross.

## ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship seeks ways to have a greater impact on social justice issues by joining with others to undertake projects of a wider scope than it is able to do by itself.

**Ohio Interfaith Power and Light**, recognizing that climate change is a social justice concern, the UUFWC has joined with other Ohio religious communities to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Contact Sonia Solomonoff.

**Bridges of Hope**, community volunteers provide support and networking opportunities to families working to get out of poverty. The Social Action committee, in cooperation with other area churches and organizations, is

funding meals for the weekly meetings of the participants. Contact Betsy Sheets.

**Palestinian Soap Sale**, the congregation is assisting Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wooster and St. George Melkite Church in Palestine to develop a local market for olive oil soap produced by St. George members to provided them with needed income. Contact Sue Gross.

**Food Justice Affinity Group** researches issues, projects and resources to identify and implement opportunities for the congregation to participate in food justice activities. Contact Casey Hoy, Betsy Sheets.

## PUBLIC WITNESS ACTIVITIES

The congregation is encouraged to make their opinions on social justice issues known to local and national law makers and other public officials about issues consistent with the UU principles.

**Group Letter Writing**, opportunities are provided periodically on Sundays between the two services from September through June to voice concerns in writing about specific federal and state legislation. Information about the issues is provided the Sunday before the letter writing. Contact Betty Schuler.

**Equality Ohio Lobby Day**, the Social Action Committee, along with Ohioans for Marriage Equality, encourages local individuals to share stories about LGBT employment and hospital discrimination during meetings with state legislators on May 18, 2011. Contact Helen Ostermiller.

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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

By providing opportunities for learning, the Social Action Committee works to broaden the Fellowship's understanding of and commitment to social justice issues.

**Guest Speakers** are invited to make presentations throughout the year.

**Magazine Racks** in the rear of the Fellowship Hall enable the congregation to share magazines and newsletters related to social justice. Contribute any you may have and take what interests you. No need to return them.

*We must be the change  
we wish to see in the  
world ...  
Mahatma Gandhi*

## WHO WE ARE

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Dave Drumm	
Helen Ostermiller	

## HOW TO FIND US

**Bulletin Board**, located in the rear of the Fellowship Hall features current projects, committee information and upcoming events and issues related to social justice.

**UUFWC Newsletter**, published monthly, contains, in the *Social Action in Action* column, information about programs and events of the current month as well as in-depth articles about Social Action programs.

**Announcements**, both verbal and written, alert Fellowship members to current activities.

### **UUFWC Website:**

[www.uufwc.org](http://www.uufwc.org)

**Unitarian Universalist**

## Principles

We affirm and promote:

- ✧ The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- ✧ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.
- ✧ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- ✧ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- ✧ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large.
- ✧ The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
- ✧ The respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF WAYNE COUNTY

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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE PROJECTS FOR 2010-2011

## OUR MISSION

*The Social Action Committee  
coordinates UUFWC efforts to  
address issues concerning social  
justice, the environment,  
community health, and the  
provision of basic needs.*

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*A WELCOMING CONGREGATION*