



The Newsletter for

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

August 2016

UU News

## August Service Schedule

**One service only, at 10:00  
until September.**

Join us for coffee after the service.

### **August 7: *Sundancer Christ*** [Christopher Reynolds]

In the Sun Dance ceremony, the Sun Dancers dance for the people. This means that they take on the suffering of others and offer it to the Sacred Tree so that life can be restored to balance for the coming year. Christopher Reynolds will share how for men and women at this time in history, the work of separating masculinity from patriarchy is crucial. Fr. John Giuliani's icons, in particular, his Sundancer Christ, offer a way to imagine a sacred masculine who is the partner to the sacred feminine and Earth. He offers an image for atonement and reconciliation.

Sundance Christ is an invitation to leave behind the patriarchal ways that attempt to subjugate and control the sacred feminine, the sacred masculine and Earth.

### **August 14: *Keeping Us All Safe*** [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

In an increasingly unsure world, how do we keep ourselves and others safe? What part of life is simply facing the vulnerability which we try to ignore? And what part of it is becoming aware-both for ourselves and others around us? We need to be focused: psychologically, physically and spiritually.

### **August 21: *Transgender People and Their Rights***

[the GLBTQ working group]

At the UUFWC we have worked to expand our understandings of sexual orientation: what it means personally, societally, and politically. Now it is time to do that same level of work in our non-binary world. What does "gender fluid" or "transgender" or "gender queer" mean for all of us, individually, socially, and in our world?

### **August 28: *UU and the Arts*** [Chelsea Churpek and the WOW class]

This service will be a presentation of what the children have worked on this summer, which has been to look at how our principles can be viewed through different art forms. There will also be a "gallery opening" through the classrooms where their art pieces can be viewed following the service. The service will be interactive and for all-ages.

### *The Minister's Column*

It is time for a quest opinion. I am borrowing the following quote from a previous Commission on Appraisal's report to the General Assembly:

The genius of the Unitarian [sic] movement has been its power to adapt the vocabulary and practices of a religion whose roots are sunk deep into the past to new knowledge, new conditions, and new situations. . . .

[T] here can be little doubt of the need in the modern world for some organized expression of the liberal spirit in religion. In a time when revolution and chaos are everywhere threatening, when ideals are again forming an alliance with tyranny and dogmatism, when intellectual confusion and social discontent are blindly trying to fight their way out of situations where only the problem-solving temper of mind can be of real help, when a fresh birth of the nationalistic spirit is everywhere offering its spurious comfort to tired and discouraged people—in a time like ours there is imperative need for a religious fellowship that will bring order and hope and confidence to [those] of the liberal tradition. . . .

Liberal religion must express itself through liberal churches[,] . . . institutions made up of human beings organized to promote the development of spiritual insight and power among their own members and in society . . . emancipated . . . from the tendency to set themselves up as small, select, superior groups. . . .

[R]eligion is futile and sterile unless it has direct and effective bearing upon the problems of human society.”

What prompts me to share this quotation is its source: the Commission on Appraisal report -entitled *Unitarians Face a New Age*- was delivered to the American Unitarian Association May, 1936, and underscored the vital mission of Unitarianism and of liberal religion in the face of rising totalitarianism.

As I write this, the Republican Party has just completed their National Convention; the Democratic Party is set to begin theirs next week. Turkey is in turmoil after an attempted coup; France is still reeling in the aftermath of mass murders of citizens by fellow residents of that country, and many Americans sit on the edges of their seats whenever they listen to the news, fearing another shooting of an African American or Latino brother.

We have much work to do...and so did our forbearers. We-none of us-are not alone!

### ***STEWARD: Guardian – Protector - Keeper***

We are all stewards of this community. It takes commitment to build and maintain a safe place for exploration of ideas. It is a place where each of us is accepted, where we find friendship and fellowship, and where our children grow. It is a place that would not exist without your stewardship. Thank you for giving your time, talent and treasures to support all of us.

Your stewardship committee: Bonnie Groop, Wayne Perkins, Helen Meyers, Laura Moore, Danni Schantz, Mary Wicks (chair)

***From the Membership Coordinator: Welcoming and Informing***

For whatever reason – be it the current political climate, tragedy in the news, or personal reasons, we have seen a lot of visitors at our Fellowship for the usually quiet summertime.

AND we welcome them!

In July we held a mid-summer UU Inquiry session and twelve came to learn a little more about how we function at the UUFWC. Many thanks to representatives from key committees including Religious Education, Social Action and Stewardship and to volunteers of the membership committee who organized the event. The next UU Inquiry Session will be scheduled for later this fall.

On Sunday, August 28 right after the 10 am service, we will continue with our goal of educating those relatively new to our religion to become even better informed when our Commissioned Lay Ministers, Gail Woosley and Steve Cook, will offer “**The Theology of UU**”. This 60-minute class will be packed with a lot of information: UU history, principles and sources of faith, and a basic look at our beliefs. Meet in the Triple E classroom and bring your questions. All are welcome!

Email [Karen.uufwc@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.uufwc@gmail.com) two weeks in advance to let her know if you will need childcare.

***The UUFWC Racial Justice Working Group*** invites you to join us for discussion and action against white supremacy. Throughout the summer, we will be devising small, individual actions that you can take to engage this struggle.

Please visit <<http://www.uufwc.org/racialjustice>> or contact Jason Ferrell at [racialjustice@uufwc.org](mailto:racialjustice@uufwc.org) for further information.

***Drumming the Spirit to Life*** will continue on Sundays, August 7 and 21, and September 4 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Earth Spirits' Room. All are invited for social and spiritual growth. Bring hand drum(s) if you have any, but no experience or drum is necessary. Together we will explore the inner rhythms that we share.

Facilitated by Bill Alkire and friends. For Info, call: [330-347-0474](tel:330-347-0474)

***Socrates Cafe***

Have you ever wondered why Catholics have so many saints? Why Amish women wear bonnets? Is Buddhism a way of life, or a religion? Just how many holidays are celebrated in the Jewish faith?

If so, come to The Socrates Cafe study group on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 - 8:30pm. We uncover the answers to questions of different faiths, and have fun doing it! The first meeting is September 15th.

Questions? See Bonnie Groop or Tom Gross.

## ***Religious Education***

I'm excited to announce and welcome Dawn Frank as the new  
**Youth and Campus Ministries Coordinator!**

Dawn and her husband Josh have been friends of the UUFWC since 2010. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster, with a BA in history and minor in secondary education. She possesses extensive training and experience in inclusive educational environments. Dawn's career in education has taken her from a public high school classroom, to a toddler Montessori environment, to her present position as Youth and Campus Ministries Coordinator. Dawn loves working with--and learning through--youth and emerging adults. Outside the Fellowship, Dawn and Josh enjoy outdoor activities with their two daughters, ages 4 and 1. They are active members of the Orrville YMCA, Orrville Public Library, and The Wilderness Center.

Many thanks to our fantastic search committee which included: Elaine Strawn, Kristin Keating, Karol Crosbie, Bryce Nelson, and Kalie Relle. We look forward to officially welcoming Dawn during a service this fall and to seeing what wonderful things occur in our youth and campus programs under her leadership!

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### **Upcoming RE Events**

**August 28:** The children will present a service and art gallery based on what they've worked on this summer. This service is all-ages meaning there will be no RE Classes.

**September 4:** Animal Blessing (all-ages services/no RE Classes)

**September 11:** 2016-17 RE Year begins!!!!

*For information about Religious Education, please contact Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education, at [chelsea.uufwc@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.uufwc@gmail.com) . To request child care for fellowship meetings or events, email [childcare.uufwc@gmail.com](mailto:childcare.uufwc@gmail.com)*

**The UUFWC Book Group** invites newcomers to attend its summer potluck on Sunday, August 7, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bill Alkire and Susan English.

Plates, cups, tableware, and herbal teas will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or something to grill. We will eat on the balcony or, if raining, inside. After eating, each person will talk briefly about his/her favorite book of the summer.

Please let Susan English know if you plan to attend. She can also give you directions.

Don't forget about the Craft Show scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Contact Michelle Foltz, Barb Moore, or Cherrill Wertz if you have any questions.

***All Current and Prospective Greeters***

There will be a greeter training and review meeting on Sunday, August 14th, immediately after the service. (This is a change from the date noted on the summer greeter schedule.) A light lunch will be served and spouses and family members of greeters are invited.

Greeters meet annually to review and update the greeting process, and to meet and educate our new greeters (there are four or five new people!!). It is also a time to update greeter information such as: changes in e-mail and home addresses, phone numbers, preferences for greeter time, and noting conflicts with greeting, such as choir, sound, worship associate and Religious Education.

I hope all of you can attend! Please RSVP to Cherrill Wertz, at either [tcwertz@frontier.com](mailto:tcwertz@frontier.com), or 330-465-1364, so the appropriate amount of refreshments will be available.

Thank you all for your kind and generous service to our UU community.

***Music***

Come and join your voice with ours. Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm. We invite you to come and sing with us!

Folk Orchestra will begin rehearsals at 8:15 pm on Wednesday, August 10. People with any level of expertise is welcome to come and play!

We want you to share your musical gifts with us! If you would like to perform special music during the service, please contact Sharon. Solos, Duets and Groups are welcome!

Questions? Contact Sharon Delgadillo

***It's official: UUFWC Garage Sale a success!***

We couldn't have done it without YOU! With the many UU's who worked, donated, and shopped, we had another great sale with over \$2,100 to help us pay our bills! It was a week of hard work, from setting up, to pricing, to handling crowds, to packing up leftovers. But it was also a lot of fun working together and getting to know new folks. For everyone who helped, we THANK YOU!

Your GS Team: Norma Barber, Erin Bosley Palmer, Elaine Gibson, Cheryl and Curtis Meade, Ruthie Sewell, Mary Wicks

### ***Social Action In Action***

**JOIN US!** The Social Action Committee will meet on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. You are welcome to attend to learn more about the Committee's work, offer an idea for a new project or join in our work. For more information contact Sue Gross.

**OPEN PLATE COLLECTION ON AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>** will go to St. James Episcopal Church to help their Saturday Lunch program. St. James plans to serve between 80 to 100 meals each week. A dedicated corps of "Lunch Bunch" volunteers plan menus, shop for ingredients, cook, serve, and clean up. Lunch is served in the Parrish Hall from 11:30 am until 12:20 pm each Saturday and is open to the entire community. We will help St. James as they perform a needed public service.

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY** is August 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be collecting canned salmon, a nutritious, easy-to-use ingredient. If you prefer not to shop, monetary donations are always welcome and may be put in the labeled jar on the rear table. Make checks payable to People to People Ministries.

**OUR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS** to People to People Ministries total \$1398.97 in cash and 56 bags of groceries. Other items collected during the year were \$875.00 for Syrian refugees, toiletries for Salvation Army and OneEighty (formerly Every Woman's House) shelters, Our Family labels for OneEighty and Startzman Clinic, inkjet cartridges for recycling, eyeglasses for Gift of Sight Foundation, supplies for Behind Bars and Beyond and newspapers and cardboard for the Paper Retriever Program. Thanks to all who have been able to participate in these important activities!

### ***All Things Green***

**MORE ABOUT HONEYBEES:** For more than 10 years, beekeepers have been experiencing Colony Collapse Disorder, massive die-offs of their bees. Whole colonies have been disappearing. A USDA-funded survey of 7,200 beekeepers showed a loss of more than 23 percent of their hives in a single year.

In 2005 Monsanto received patents to coat their genetically manipulated seeds with neonics so the insecticide would spread throughout the entire plant as it grows, infusing stalks, leaves, pollen and nectar. Neonicotinoids have accounted for about 30% of the global pesticide market. Neonicotinoids are neural agents that attack the nervous and immune systems. French, British and South African researchers have observed that foraging honeybees, after exposure to neonicotinoids, become lost and unable to return to their hives.

On January 6, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a preliminary pollinator risk assessment for a neonicotinoid insecticide which clearly shows a threat to some pollinators. EPA's assessment indicates that the insecticide potentially poses a risk to hives when it comes in contact with certain crops that attract pollinators.

Honeybees contribute more than \$15 billion to the U.S. economy through the pollination of fruit, nut, and vegetable crops. The collapse of honeybees in America and around the world would have a devastating financial impact that could severely cripple economies and create a shortage of food at a time when many are facing food insecurity. H.R.1284 *Saving America's Pollinators Act* seeks to exclude bee-toxic neonicotinoid pesticides from the market until their safety is proven. *From the Sierra Club*

**THE UFWC CHOIR** will begin rehearsals on August 10 at 7:00. Folk Orchestra rehearsals also begin on August 10, at 8:15. New people are welcome.

The **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** usually meets the third Sundays of the month, but is off until September. A potluck is scheduled for August 7. See page 4 for more information.

**August Birthdays:**

Tabi Barbu  
Kelly Chandler  
Nate Chandler  
Chelsea Churpek  
Shelley Dixon  
Scott Gross  
Annie Jaeb  
Georgia Jaeb  
Joanne Kufchak  
Dia Miller  
Carol Noel  
Ruth Sewell

**August Anniversaries:**

8/10 Bill and Gail Carter  
8/12 Alex and Kevin Lowry  
8/16 Don and Emily Curie  
8/20 Anne Wilson and Jay Klemme  
8/22 Adam and Kristen Keating  
8/25 John and Mary Wicks  
8/30 Gene and Helen Meyers  
8/31 Dave Cullis and Pat Rodgers

We'd like to add your birthday or anniversary to the list. Please contact the office or Juan Gross.

**THE HUMANIST GROUP** will meet the first Sunday in September, the 4th.

**EARTH CENTERED GROUP** meets most second and fourth Sundays after second service. Contact Lindsay Walker or Doris Cannon.

**SCRABBLE NIGHTS:** NOT meeting in August. Normally meets the 2nd Sundays from 7 to 9:30 PM. Bring a game and maybe a snack. Ken McDonald.

**ZEN MEDITATION** meets on Mondays at 7:00.

**INNER PEACE YOGA**  
Mondays at 6:00 (a new time).

The events shown on this page are just a part of what goes on at the UFWC.

If you're looking for a specific activity, or if you want to know when a particular group or committee meets, go to the Fellowship website, [uufwc.org](http://uufwc.org), and look at the calendar.

### *Library News*

Listed below are two new UUFWC book titles accompanied by descriptions from the inSpirit web site:  
**CULTIVATING EMPATHY: THE WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON – WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

By Nathan C. Walker 177.7 Walk 2016

“In this emotionally honest and personal exploration of conflict, the Reverend Nathan C. Walker introduces a creative and compassionate way to develop empathic responses. He explores the concept of the moral imagination – a way we can project ourselves in a conflict and understand all perspectives, aware that understanding need not imply agreement.

Walker presents thought provoking vignettes, where he endeavors to find connection with skinheads, murderers, homophobic preachers, privileged 1-percenters, and Monsanto executives. As he experiments with this approach, he shows a model that can help us all nurture greater empathy for those we have previously held in contempt.”

**CHRIST FOR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS: A NEW DIALOGUE WITH TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANITY**

By Scotty McLennan 232.008 McLe 2016

“The retired dean for religious life at Stanford University presents this engaging and thoughtful inquiry into Christianity for Unitarian Universalists and other spiritual seekers – including skeptics, non-religious people, liberal Christians, and those who consider themselves ‘spiritual but not religious.’

With his customary warmth and hospitality, McLennan poses and responds to a series of provocative questions. They address Jesus as historical figure and Jesus as the present Christ; they explore the reality and meaning of the Christmas and Easter stories, the Trinity, Christ’s divinity, miracles, salvation, religious pluralism and exclusivism, and more.

Rather than proselytize, Christ for Unitarian Universalists seeks to stimulate dialogue about Jesus Christ, whether or not we find him central to our faith life. It aims to build bridges and cross the great cultural gulfs in our society. It addresses frank questions with integrity and intellectual honesty. Yet it also presents a sincere and genuine sense of love as embodied in Jesus Christ that is so heartfelt, so unconditional, and so revolutionary it will take your breath away.”

### *A Look at the Year Ahead*

General Assembly 2017 is in New Orleans! June 21-25, 2017. Let the Good Times Roll!

Summer Institute 2017 will be July 9–15. Theme Speaker: Sheila Schuh. Sheila is the Director of Religious Education at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY. Her theme is *‘Beyond Lip Service: The Courage to Communicate UU Values’*...

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Membership 7pm - Zen Meditation	2	3	4 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	5 Black Lives Matter Demonstrations at the Gazebo	6
7 10am - Service-Sundancer Christ-Chris Reynolds 10am - Summer RE 11am - Lay Pastoral Care Team 6pm - Summer Book Group picnic	8 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - NAACP - at 180 7pm - Zen Meditation	9 5pm - Operations Team 6:30pm - Board meeting	10 7pm - Choir 8:15pm - Folk Orchestra	11 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	12 Black Lives Matter Demonstrations at the Gazebo 5pm - Youth/Racial Justice Gathering	13
14 9:30am - Finance 10am - Service- Keeping Us All Safe [Rev. Elaine Strawn] 10am - Summer RE 11am - Earth-Centered Group 11am - Greeter Training/Review 11am - Social Action meeting	15 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation	16	17 7pm - Choir 8:15pm - Folk Orchestra	18 10am - LREDA meeting 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	19 Black Lives Matter Demonstrations at the Gazebo	20
21 People to People 10am - Service- Transgender People and Their Rights [the GLBTQ working group] 10am - Summer RE	22 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation	23	24 7pm - Choir 8:15pm - Folk Orchestra	25 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	26 Black Lives Matter Demonstrations at the Gazebo	27
28 Last Sunday 10am -Service- UU and the Arts [Chelsea Churpek ] 11am - Earth-Centered Group 11am - Theology of UU class	29 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation	30	31 7pm - Choir 8:15pm - Folk Orchestra			

summer office hours are by appointment 330.262.9194

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**How to Find Us:** We are located at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster, 330-262-9194.  
From Labor Day through Memorial Day we meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
In the Summer, starting after Memorial Day, we meet only at 10:00 a.m.

**Minister:** Rev. V. Elaine Strawn, email: minister @ uufwc.org

**Director of Religious Education:** Chelsea Churpek: dre @ uufwc.org

**Board of Directors:** Tony Beery, president; Peter Schantz, vice president; John Waldman, secretary;  
Adam Keating, Tom Gross, David Francis, Cherrill Wertz, Gail Woosley, past president.

**Office Administrator:** Anne Wilson, email: fellowship @ uufwc.org

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Dawn Frank

**Membership Coordinator:** Karen Skubik, email: karen.uufwc @ gmail.com

**Newsletter Editor:** Juan Gross: newsletter @ uufwc.org. The newsletter deadline is the 17th of every month.

Please let the office know if you would like to receive this newsletter via email or if you wish to unsubscribe.

**Congregational Group Email:** Address email to: uufwc @ googlegroups.com One email reaches nearly everyone!

There is a delay while messages are moderated. To join the group, email the office: fellowship @ uufwc.org

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