



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

July 2018

UU News

July Service Schedule

One service only, at 10:00am, through Sept 8.
Join us for coffee after the service.

July 1: *Women and War* [Gail Woosley, CLM]

With July 4th upon us, we will hear stories of women who worked behind the scenes during times of war. Women who kept families together and continued to help wherever they could.

July 8: *The View from General Assembly* [Drew Frantz, Ministerial Intern]

What does it look like when thousands of Unitarian Universalists gather for worship, community building, social justice, and setting policies? How do national policies affect local congregations? Drew Frantz will share reflections from the annual UU national convention, held this year June 20-24 in Kansas City.

July 15: *Liberty: Yours, Mine or Ours?* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

As we struggle amidst the radical differences in our nation, how do we define liberty? And whose?

July 22: *Worldwide Justice* [Sue and Tom Gross]

Sue and Tom recently travelled to Hungary, Serbia and Croatia where they met with five partners (recipients of funding from the UU Service Committee). These links are so important.

July 29: *Pulpit Exchange* [Rev. Sam Byrd]

Rev. Byrd is the minister at the UU Church of Westfield Center. The ministers of our mini-cluster are exchanging pulpits this morning. Rev. Strawn will be at All Souls UU Church in Bellville.

Summer Schedule

Many of our groups take a break from meeting, or meet less often, over the summer months. Before heading to the Fellowship, check the calendar on page 11, or on the website, to make sure your regular activity is still scheduled.

The Minister's Column

The Coming Of Age class took a “side” trip to the Holocaust Memorial while in Boston for their Coming Of Age trip. Ask them about it! They were very impressed. So was I. There is no better way to underscore the import of social witness or for speaking up than in the words from Martin Niemöller which greet visitors as they enter the site:

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

That Sunday the youth attended the Sunday service at Arlington Street Unitarian Church. The service was led by Barbara Seidl, a laywoman who helped to found both Arlington Street's Transformation Team for Racial Justice and the Lucy Stone Unitarian Universalist Housing Cooperative in Roxbury. She relayed her “vast experience” stumbling over her own efforts to perfect the world. Usually an extrovert who has no problem speaking with people, she told of her “failure” to gain all the signatures needed in a petition to protect Transgender rights [on the ballot in Massachusetts]. Her shame was checked by reframing. As she listened to the stories of people along with her in the struggle for justice, she spoke out, reached out and networked with others. She regained some balance.

We cannot do it all. Nor can we do any of it alone. But within the tumult and shock at the newest class of people on the receiving end of bigotry and hatred, we MUST rebalance and recover our voices, lest there will be no one left to speak for us when the arrow points to us.

Focus Groups

We want to know what you think about whether we expand our building with the goal of one service or two. Four focus groups will be held. We are scheduling during the last week of June and the first week of July.

We accumulated the results from the survey and are formulating questions. These groups, of up to 10 people, will be facilitated by 2 members of the steering committee.

Please choose the times that you are able to attend a session by signing up here:

<https://form.jotform.com/81553678789175>

Thoughts on Stewardship...

“To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.” *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*

Sustaining this fellowship is a shared responsibility – it would not exist without you. Thank you to everyone who gives to support our community!

Stewardship Committee:

Scot Armstrong, Tony Beery, Bonnie Groop, Mikel Ann North, Danni Schantz, Mary Wicks (Chair)

Fourth of July Picnic



Join us for dinner and games before the fireworks on the **4th of July at 6:30pm**. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. We will have hot dogs, burgers (meat & veggie), drinks and condiments on hand. Please bring Bocci ball, badminton or corn hole or similar family fun. You will want a blanket or chairs for watching the fireworks.

The fireworks start at 10 pm. You can walk to the Kinney Field for a clear view – or relax on our property and catch the big ones high in the sky.

You **MUST** arrive and leave from the north. [The road is blocked to the south.]

Please click [here](#) to sign-up for set-up, clean-up, grilling, or leading games.

Road Cleanup, July 7

The next road clean-up of our couple miles of OH 3 (Cleveland Road), a bit north of the Wooster city limits, will be **Saturday, July 7, 8:30am sharp**. We're usually done in a bit over an hour.

Meet at Shearer Equipment, Cleveland Road at Fox Lake. Wear clothing that can tolerate some wetness and rose thorns. We do not wade into swamps or try to walk on water if the bottoms of ditches are too wet. Bring gloves if you wish—we have some extras.

Please text Jay Klemme if you can participate, so that he can communicate a “go-no go” if the weather is iffy—and to have phone numbers to contact each other during the clean-up. Text also if you have questions.

Summer Labyrinth, Bonfire and Drum Circle

Save the dates: **Wednesday, July 11 at 8:00 pm, and Wednesday, August 8 at 8:00 pm.**

Our summer tradition of having a bonfire, a drum circle, and walking the labyrinth in our parking lot will continue this summer. Student Minister Drew Frantz will lead the activities and welcomes your input.

These events are social as well as spiritual and open to all ages. We will get groovy with drumming; roast marshmallows for s'mores; and connect with ourselves, with nature, and with each other. If it rains we'll adjust our activities and move inside.



Religious Education

Here's what we're up to this summer—hope your children can join us!

Cooks and Books

We'll be exploring cultures and foods from across the globe during RE time (most Sundays 10-11am June through August). From the curriculum:

“Children love to eat, and they love to cook.

What better way to introduce youngsters to different cultures than through food? This curriculum uses stories and cooking to get a taste of different

cultures... This fits in with our UU principles that encourage us to learn, grow, value and respect each other as we build a more peaceful world.”

Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin and end in the EEE room. Babies through Pre-K will be in the nursery for free play and Middle/HS Youth may attend the service or are very welcome to help with the elementary children in EEE. All children will spend the full hour in the RE wing and will not begin in the sanctuary over the summer.

When our bellies are full, and we have cleaned up, we'll often head outside for a game, so please dress your child accordingly!



For information about Religious Education, please contact Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education, at chelsea.uufwc@gmail.com

To request child care for fellowship meetings or events, email childcare.uufwc@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

SUMMER

Summer RE Program runs June 3-August 12:

-K-6th Graders go to EEE for entire hour

-Babies through Pre-K go to Nursery for entire hour

June 24th—All-ages service put on by the Coming of Age Youth (NO RE) 10a

July 1st-- Summer RE 10-11a

July 4th -Potluck and Fireworks Watching at the UFWC 6:30p

July 8th—August 12th Summer RE 10-11a

August 19th 10a- Summer All-ages service (NO RE)

A Message from **Youth Community** (Grades 7-12)

June Recap

Seven youth and five adult mentors from the Coming of Age class traveled to Boston Friday, June 15 to Monday, June 18. Here are some highlights of our trip:

Day One:

Arrive in Boston!
UUA Headquarters

Day Two:

Freedom Trail
NE Holocaust Memorial
African American
Freedom Trail
Boston Public Garden

Day Three:

Arlington Street Church
(Sunday service,
lunch, and tour)
Lucy Stone Cooperative
(tour, dinner, and
UU sing-in)

Day Four:

Boston Tea Party Ships
and Museum
Head Home!



Coming of Age



Boston Trip 2018

If you would like to learn more about Youth Community, you may reach Dawn Frank, Youth and Campus Ministries Coordinator, at dawn.uufwc@gmail.com. Office hours are by appointment.

Music News

Coming in August! We will be starting a **Circle Sing**. What is a Circle Sing, you may ask! Well, it is a group of folks that stand in a Circle and sing familiar songs. The key is the acoustics. The acoustics create this very powerful vibration that one feels while participating. We will start on **August 15th, from 6:30pm to 7:00pm** in the **EEE room** and meet every **Third Wednesday of the month**. **This is open to ANYONE who wants to make a joyful noise!** No experience or note reading ability necessary. If you love music, I highly recommend that you try it out!

The choir visited and performed at the Bellville All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in June. It was wonderful to see another congregation's service.

Save the date for our **50th Coffeehouse on October 20th**. We will have special guests and a night to remember.

Choir rehearsal will begin August 1st. We invite you to consider joining us make a joyful noise! If you are interested, we will be having a **kick off picnic on Saturday, August 4th**. Come and get to know us! For more details contact Sharon Delgadillo.

Folk Orchestra will begin August 15th. We hope you will consider joining your talent with ours! Any level of expertise is welcome to come and play! Come and make a joyful noise with us!

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



Membership News

Our Newest Members: Each month we've shared a little bit about our newest members, but this month it may be a surprise to learn that our featured new members are actually "new" since they've been an important part of our congregation for quite some time. Everyone has their own individual journey in the UUFWC – sometimes it results in membership, providing voting rights, but sometimes even our most active "friends" choose not to sign our book. We are happy to have everyone be a part of our congregation in whatever way feels most comfortable.



Dawn Frank is a native of Lorain County and a graduate of the College of Wooster. In her first professional life, Dawn taught high school social studies at West Holmes Local. While there, she met the Jaeb family, who introduced her to the UUFWC. Dawn presently serves the fellowship as our Youth and Campus Ministry Coordinator and enjoys growing, connecting, and serving with our youth. Dawn loves spending time with her husband, Josh, and daughters Aurora and Willow (pictured here). You can often find Dawn and her family at the Orrville YMCA, Orrville Public Library, and The Wilderness Center.

Dawn and **Josh Frank** met at the College of Wooster, and their family of four now includes two daughters Aurora (6) and Willow (3). What occupies much of Josh's non-family time is teaching (15 years at Northwestern High School) and coaching. He teaches Government, US History Through the Civil War (a college credit survey class), and a Holocaust elective course. Josh currently serves as the head varsity baseball coach at Chippewa High School and said, "experiences with my family, sports, and exercise are things that bring me much comfort and relaxation."



For New Friends of the UUFWC:

Our **Summer UU Inquiry** to learn more about our congregation, how it functions and how you can participate (if you choose to do so) will be held **July 22** after the service.

We will learn a little bit about our history from Reverend Elaine, hear from some of our committee members and get to know each other a little better.

Snacks will be provided, as will childcare if you respond by 7/15.

If you can join us, please let Karen know.

Women's Social Lunches

We've been averaging six women at our Monday and Tuesday lunches with conversations moving in all directions (raising goats, snapping turtles, travel... and of course a little politics and food!) We welcome anyone to add to these topics – and more!

Upcoming dates for our July Women's Lunch Groups will be:

Monday Group: **July 16**

Tuesday Group: **July 10**

During the summer months each group is meeting once a month to allow for busy summer schedules.

Any UU woman is welcome to start attending one or both of these groups anytime.

We meet at **11:30am at the downtown Buehler's Café**, have something to eat and learn more about each other. For more information, contact Marti Livingstone or Karen Skubik.

Social Action In Action

OPEN PLATE COLLECTION on July 29th will be donated to St. James Episcopal Church in support of their Saturday lunch program for the community. Started in 2014, and manned by the “Lunch Bunch” volunteers, this successful outreach serves between 50-100 guests each week. We are pleased to help our good friends and neighbors. P.S. They welcome new volunteers!

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY IS JULY 15th. We will be collecting toothpaste and bar soap. In addition to food, low income families need items which protect their health. Cash donations are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to People to People and placed in the labeled jar on the shelves in the rear of the meeting room.

MORE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE NEWS: for those of you who contribute to the monthly People to People collection by check, you will receive only one acknowledgement of your contributions each year. This is an effort by the agency to use its money wisely.

The annual **Back to School Project** will be held on August 5 – 9 at the Wooster Church of the Nazarene. Its goal is to provide children of families in need with new underwear, new socks, a voucher for new shoes, school supplies and “nice as new” clothing. Last year 812 children were outfitted for school. Many volunteers are needed to make phone calls, load and unload trucks, unpack and organize clothing on tables, work directly with children helping with clothing distribution, restocking clothing, and repacking leftover clothing at the end of the project. If you are interested in helping out, contact Michelle Weaver, Special Projects Manager at People to People (330-262-1662). You can leave a message 24 hours a day, she will get back to you.



All Things Green

RECYCLE THOSE POTS! By now your flowers, shrubs and vegetables should be planted in the ground. What to do with those plastic pots and trays? They can be recycled at Lowe’s Garden Center.

WORTH NOTING: A clean-up campaign is underway to remove 100 tons of trash from Mt. Everest. The effort for 2018 is focused on recyclable items. On the first day of the campaign 2,600 pounds of waste were airlifted off the mountain for recycling. Although climbers are required to bring back whatever waste they generate during their treks up the mountain, every year local guides have to gather up and remove thousands of pounds of garbage and abandoned mountaineering equipment. In addition to the industrial waste left by visitors, biological waste from the 100,000 visitors to the region is becoming a health hazard. *The Humanist/May/June 2018.*

CHINA TO GO ELECTRIC: Delivering a one-two punch to air pollution and oil consumption, China has announced plans to ban cars that run on gas and unveiled new rules that could boost the nation’s electric vehicle production to more than one million per year by 2020. That’s more electric cars than the entire world makes today. The time line on the ban is still in the works, but the announcement adds China, the world’s largest vehicle market, to the list of countries planning to phase out conventional cars. These electrifying moves will help clear China’s air and accelerate a global shift toward EV production. *Nature’s Voice, Winter, 2018.*

Library News

Listed below are the three titles that comprise *March*, the award-winning graphic novel trilogy about the civil rights movement. Individually or as a unit, these volumes have won numerous awards that include: the National Book Award, Coretta Scott King Award, Walter Dean Myers Award, YALSA's (Young Adult Library Services Association) Outstanding Books for the College Bound, *Reader's Digest* Graphic Novels Every Grown-Up Should Read, and many more. These titles can be found in the Children's RE Library with the fiction for older children. Many thanks to Dan O'Rourke and Denise Bostdorff who donated this series to the library.

MARCH: BOOK ONE By John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell C FIC Lewis, John

MARCH: BOOK TWO By John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell C FIC Lewis, John

MARCH: BOOK THREE By John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell C FIC Lewis, John

“Congressman John Lewis (GA-5) is an American icon and one of the key figures of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and non-violence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper’s farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African-American president....

Through an unforgettable literary and artistic narrative, *March* portrays the surpassing courage, sacrifice, and revolutionary non-violence that transformed American society in the 1960’s, guided by principles and tactics that remain vitally relevant in the modern age.”

....Quote from the inside flap of MARCH: BOOK THREE



Sunday Evening Book Group

SUNDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP is taking a break for the summer. We will, however, meet on **Sunday, July 29 at 5:00pm** at the home of Susan English and Bill Alkire for a potluck picnic. Bring any title suggestions you think we might want to consider for the next church year. You can call Susan for the address and directions.

Also, our first regular book discussion will be **Sunday, September 16 at 7:00pm** at the Fellowship. Our chosen title is **THE OVERSTORY: A NOVEL** by Richard Powers. Check the Great Room bulletin board for descriptive information.

Regular Events

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP is taking a break for the summer. Contact Rev. Elaine Strawn.

SUNDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP is taking a break for the summer. Contact Bert Bishop.

EARTH CENTERED GROUP meets most 2nd and 4th Sundays after the second service. Contact Lindsay Walker or Doris Cannon.

HUMANIST GROUP is taking a break for the summer. Contact Skip Nault or Jason Ferrell.

INNER PEACE YOGA meets Mondays at 6:00pm. Contact Dae Evans.

PLANT-BASED POTLUCKS meets on the 4th Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

UU UKE GROUP meets the second Friday of every-other month, at 7:00 pm, starting in January. Ukuleles only, and any level of expertise. Contact Juan Gross.

ZEN MEDITATION meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm. If you are new, please come no later than 6:45pm for orientation. Contact Steve Berg.

July Birthdays:

Bill Alkire
Bill Carter
Ruth Dykstra
Kat Gibbons
Sherri Gochnauer
Bonnie Groop
Tom Gross
Kevin Lowry
Dan O'Rourke
Sonia Solomonoff
Susan Sommer-Wagner

July Anniversaries:

Susan Heady & Larry Madden
Inez & Jim Bird
Sue & Tom Gross
Denise Bostdorff & Dan O'Rourke
Cherrill & Terry Wertz


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



Men's Group

Wednesday, July 25, 7:00-8:30pm - All men are invited to this group to explore what's working in your life and what you would like to change. We will create a safe space to go deeper into our authentic selves, offering tools for self awareness and getting aligned with our sense of mission and purpose. While framed in terms of masculinity, this is not meant to be exclusive--anyone who identifies as male, transgender, gender non-binary, or queer is welcome. Every meeting stands alone, so newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Student Minister Drew Frantz.

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am - Finance meeting 10 am - Woman and War - Woosley 10 am - RE classes in EEE 11:30 am - Focus Group	2 6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation 7 pm - Membership	3	4 6:30 - 10 pm: Picnic! 	5 7 pm - Focus Group	6 7 pm: English Country Dancing with Susan English 8:30 am: Road Clean up	7
8 10 am - View from General Assembly - Frantz 10 am - RE classes in EEE 11am - Earth Centered Group 6:30: Internship committee	9 6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Zen Meditation 7 pm - NAACP @ OneEighty	10 11:30 am - UU Women's Lunch Group 7 pm -private group	11 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics 8 pm - Labyrinth and Drumming	12	13 7 pm - Uke Group	14
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**How to Find Us:** We are located at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster, 330-262-9194.  
After Labor Day through Memorial Day we meet on Sundays at 9:30am and 11:00am.  
In the Summer, June through Labor Day, we meet on Sundays at 10:00am.

**Minister:** Rev. V. Elaine Strawn

**Ministerial Intern:** Drew Frantz

**Board of Directors:** Peter Schantz, president; John Waldman, vice president; Cherrill Wertz, secretary;  
Adam Keating, David Francis, Inez Bird, Kelly Chandler, Tony Beery, past president.

**Office Administrator:** Anne Wilson

**Director of Religious Education:** Chelsea Churpek

**Youth & Campus Ministries Coordinator:** Dawn Frank

**Membership Coordinator:** Karen Skubik

**Newsletter Editor:** Joann Ribar The newsletter deadline is the 17th of every month.

**Congregational Group Email:** One email reaches nearly everyone! There is a delay while messages are  
moderated. To join the group, email the office

**Office Hours:**

During the summer, office hours are by appointment. Please call the office first.

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