**August Service Schedule**

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

**August 4: Creation, Re-creation, and Change** [Gail Woosley, CLM]
A look at how we handle change in our lives, our Fellowship, and our everchanging world.

**August 11: Creating Joy in Our Lives** [Ivie Sorkin, CLM]
We live day to day lately. With all that is happening, we need to bring more joy in our lives.

**August 18: Organically Grown** [Rev. Jennie Barrington]
This worship service will be inspired by the writings of Wendell Berry, especially his collection of essays called, “The Work of Local Culture”

**August 25: Water Communion Sunday** [Rev. Jennie Barrington]
Please remember to bring some water from a place that is special or sacred to you. During the service, we will combine our water in a common vessel, and bless it. If you forget, we will have water on hand for you to contribute.

**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, or on the website, to make sure your regular activity is still scheduled. Summer Office Hours for the staff are by appointment. Please call the office first.
Minister’s Meditation from Rev. Jennie Barrington

“A Time to Talk,” by Robert Frost
“When a friend calls to me from the road
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don’t stand still and look around
On all the hills I haven’t hoed,
And shout from where I am, "What is it?"
No, not as there is a time to talk.
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod: I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.”

I am so happily looking forward to getting to know all of you after I arrive in Wooster in late July. It’s almost hard to believe that I haven’t met any of you face to face yet, since I have had many conversations with you through emails and phone calls. I have enjoyed and appreciated all of those conversations! But being able to “visit” with one another in person is so much more meaningful. I would even say (and Robert Frost would have agreed) that visiting with one another in an intentionally caring way is one of the most important things we are here to do. We are here to take one another seriously, and to take seriously the joys, concerns, milestones, remembrances, and religious questions and longings of everyone whose lives are touched by your congregation.

I have been reading a collection of some UU ministers’ “Odysseys.” An odyssey is something a UU minister, usually of retirement age, presents to a group of their colleagues, as their spiritual or religious journey. The minister does so aloud, and often brings pictures or other visual representations. And so the odyssey includes the minister’s religious background, sense of calling to ordained ministry, education and career, and successes and lessons learned from failures. I have heard several colleagues’ odysseys, and it is always an honor to be present for one. Reading this collection, which was published in 1992, is almost like visiting with some of my predecessors face to face, even though many of them are not alive anymore.

In each of them, there has been something that has made me pause in awe. UU ministers, and UU lay people, have worked for civil liberties, a woman’s right to choose, the peace movement, interfaith understanding, desegregation and racial justice, and freedom of religious beliefs. You and your ministers have worked for these progressive causes too. And advocacy for all of these causes is still sorely needed.

Most of the ministers whose odysseys I read were not born Unitarian Universalists. There was a point their lives when someone — sometimes an ordained minister, but more often than not a lay person -- encouraged them to come to their UU congregation. The minister then had a life-changing experience of feeling they had found their religious or spiritual home. The minister was welcomed caringly, and soon found ways to work on causes they believed in, shoulder to shoulder and face to face with other like-minded people.

I know that this is a time in your Fellowship’s history of major transitions. Please know that we will take all the time we need to “visit” so you can express how you are feeling about Rev. Elaine’s retirement. And this is also a time for us to remind ourselves of the profound difference UUFWC has made in the lives of so many people. Because your Fellowship has persevered — indeed, you have flourished! -- people have found a religious or spiritual home, and your Fellowship is a vehicle through which people can work for progressive causes. Your Fellowship has literally made people’s lives better.

Let us continue to persevere, and flourish, and feast and laugh and make music and worship together, knowing that for so many people, UUFWC has made all the difference in the world.
Message from the Stewardship Committee

“The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same”

As August begins, we start a new chapter at the UUFWC. Rev. Elaine has begun her well-deserved retirement, and we welcome Rev. Jennie as our interim minister. The Board of Directors has elected new officers, and several committees have selected new people to lead their teams.

What won’t change is the gratitude we have for this committed congregation! Through your shared stewardship, and your collaborative service and vision, we will continue to thrive.

To continue our nautical theme: “Drifting here with my ship’s companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls….,” (borrowed from Blue Boat Home), THANK YOU for pledging to support our fellowship. Your financial contribution allows us to continue our shared voyage!

In fellowship,
The Stewardship Team – Mary Wicks, chair; Scot Armstrong, Danni Schantz, Tony Beery, Bonnie Groop.

Road Cleanup

The next road clean up will be Saturday, August 3.

Meet at the Shearer Equipment parking lot, OH 3 at Fox Lake Rd, at 9:00am sharp (a half hour later than the previous start time). Wear clothing that can tolerate some wetness and fend off the thorns of the wild roses. Ohio Department of Transportation provides bright yellow-orange vests for visibility. Sun protection and gloves are also a good idea—there will be some gloves available if you need them. Please contact Jay Klemme for further information.
Lifespan Religious Education

This month, we’ll continue our Children’s Summer RE program: **Simple Gifts.** Each Sunday (with the exception 7/28 and 8/25) we will be doing a “Simple Gift,” or small social action project, for our congregation or the larger community. When our work is done, we’ll often head outside to play, so please dress your child accordingly! Preschool through 6th grade will begin and end in the EEE room. Babies and toddlers 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.

So far this summer we’ve planted a Sunflower garden, made ESL Flashcards for the Immigrant Worker Project, created gifts for our departing Intern Minister and Rev. Elaine, and made UU Themed Bookmarks for Homebound congregants. Coming up we’ll prepare items for families staying at OneEighty and decorate and fill canvas bags for children in foster care. Thanks to the volunteers who’ve helped make this summer a success: Rachel Derr, Leah Humphrey, Danni Schantz, Jo Harper, Lesley Mayfield, Anne Marie Savoie, Nancy Hurt, Tyler Keating, Linda Michel, and Kim Seaman.

For information about Children’s Religious Education please contact Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education, at chelsea.uufwc@gmail.com For information about Adult Religious Education please contact RE Committee Chair Jo Harper at johannahharper@gmail.com

Coming up---

**JULY**
28—Elaine’s last Sunday—
No RE/Childcare only
31—Retirement Reception for Elaine

**AUGUST**
18—Final Day of Summer RE Program -10am
25—Water Communion-No RE/Nursery Only

**SEPTEMBER**
1—Animal Blessing- No RE/Nursery Only
8—First Day of RE 2020-21!
A Message from **Youth Community** (Grades 7-12)

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**People to People Ministries—Back to School Project 2019**

Sunday, August 4 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm @ the Wayne County Schools Career Center

Each August, People to People Ministries reaches out to eligible Wayne County school children by assisting with school clothing and supplies. Gently used clothing, new shoes, new underwear, new socks, and new school supplies are provided with the understanding that when kids look good, they feel good about themselves.

**People to People Ministries is seeking the help of youth groups** to load and unload delivery trucks of supplies. Youth Community members, family, and friends are invited to volunteer **Sunday, August 4 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**. Volunteers should meet at Wayne County Schools Career Center dressed in comfortable clothing.

Please visit [https://ptpm.net/special-ministry-projects/back-to-school-project/](https://ptpm.net/special-ministry-projects/back-to-school-project/) to sign up. **It is important to sign up online so People to People Ministries has enough volunteers!** Be sure to note you are with the UUFWC Youth Community. Thanks in advance for your time and caring!

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**Religious Education & Youth Community in 2019-2020**

**Attention families of youth in grades 7-12!** The Youth Ministry Coordinator will reach out to you this summer to discuss Coming of Age and other youth programming for 2019-2020. She will answer any questions you have, and see what interest your youth may have in Coming of Age and Youth Community. We look forward to connecting with you!

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If you would like to learn more about Youth Community, you may reach **Dawn Frank**, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at [dawn.uufwc@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.uufwc@gmail.com). Office hours are by appointment.
Music News

Choir rehearsal will begin August 7. 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 3. For location and other details contact Sharon Delgadillo. Come and get to know us!

Folk Orchestra will begin August 14. 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!

Save the dates for our Coffeehouse on October 19 and the Madrigal Feast on November 15 & 16.

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!

BE SMART: A conversation about kids, guns, and safety.

Sunday, August 4 at 11:15am, following the service.

Research shows that an estimated 4.6 million American children live in homes with at least one gun that is loaded and unlocked. Every year, hundreds of American children gain access to firearms and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. Access to firearms increases the risk of suicide by three times.

The statistics are overwhelming, but there are simple actions we can all take to significantly reduce unintentional gun deaths.

This presentation is for parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, neighbors, friends, gun-owners, and non gun-owners... any adult who cares about children!
FOR NEW FRIENDS OF THE UUFWC: SUMMER UU INQUIRY SESSION

Our summer UU Inquiry session will be held August 18. The event takes place several times a year and is designed for those new to the congregation. You will learn a little UU history, find out how the UUFWC works, and get to meet representatives from a couple of our committees. Light snacks will be provided for the approximately 45-minute session. It will take place shortly after the 10:00am service in the Earth Spirits classroom. Please RSVP so we can plan for you. If you have any questions or if you’d like to request childcare, please let Karen know at Karen.uufwc @ gmail.com by 8/11/19. Thanks!

SHARING OUR STORIES: A NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

The small group Sharing Our Stories will next meet Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm in the EEE room. This is an open group, which provides the opportunity to discuss our individual spiritual journeys, personal philosophies and experiences. For August we will explore theories of Transformation and how they resonate within our own lives. Come to listen and come to share! If you have any questions, please contact Sue Kandel or Martin Lubell.

GREETER TRAINING: AUGUST 25

This annual training is for both seasoned greeters and newbies and will take place on August 25 at 11:15am (or shortly after the 10:00am service). We will provide snacks for the meeting and will review our updated greeting guidelines. We welcome friendly, dependable UUFWC-ers who enjoy people and welcome diversity to become a greeter. Please contact MikelAnne North if you are interested in training to be a greeter.

August Women’s Lunch Dates:
- The second Tuesday of the month, 8/13/19
- The third Monday of the month, 8/19/19
- Both groups meet at 11:30am at downtown Buehler’s Café for lunch and socializing
Social Action In Action

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY IS AUGUST 18. In preparation for the opening of school later this month we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly. Donate a jar or a case. Cash donations are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to People to People and placed in the labeled jar on the rear shelves.

OPEN PLATE COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 25 will be donated to the Viola Startzman Clinic, a not-for-profit organization which offers medical and dental services to lower income residents of Wayne County. The Clinic also partners with many local health care and social services agencies to provide additional aid, including vision screening, lab and radiology series, as well as wellness education. The Viola Startzman Clinic touches and improves many lives. The UUFWC has heartily supported its efforts.

The IMMIGRATION SERVICE on June 23, presented by employees and clients of the Immigrant Worker Project (IWP), provided a great deal of information about the plight of immigrants living and working in our community. A delicious lunch of Central American dishes was prepared by Las Amigas, immigrant women who are involved with the IWP. Donations made to the IWP from the UUFWC Speaker’s budget, the Social Action Committee budget and the Open Plate collection totaled $1,456.16. In addition, donations for Las Amigas from the Social Action Committee budget and from the luncheon totaled $1,219. Thanks to all who were able to attend and/or contribute. Watch for more ways in which we can help support our immigrant neighbors.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR ADVANTAGE CARD: If you have a Buehler’s Advantage Card you are aware that after accumulating a certain number of points you are eligible to have $10 deducted from your grocery bill. Are you aware that instead, you can request a $10 gift card? This card can be donated to the UUFWC Emergency Fund which will be used to assist members of our congregation in need. If the $10 is a bonus, rather than a necessity for you, please consider donating it to benefit fellow members.

All Things Green

THE GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM is looking for an environmental project to undertake in the coming year. If you have an idea for one that might be of interest to the congregation, contact Betty Schuler or Norma Barber.

FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY will be held on Saturday, August 17 from 9:00am until noon at Buehler’s Wooster Milltown store. All residential and businesses are welcome to participate. Paper products accepted for shredding are accounting ledger paper, adding machine tape, advertisements, booklets, brochures, copy machine paper, 20lb. colored paper, computer paper, envelope, faxes, manila file folders (bleachable), greeting cards, laser printer paper, legal pad paper, post-it notes, NCR paper, receipts and all types of white paper. Small paper clips and staples do not have to be removed. Products which cannot be shredded are newspapers, phone books, magazines, binders, books, plastic folders, food and candy wrappers, waxed paper, napkins and styrofoam containers. For questions or concerns contact Jack Rohrbaugh at 330-345-5908, ext 2907 or Dora Bailey at 330-345-5908, ext. 2908

CHANGE IN THE WEATHER The temperature in Anchorage reached a record 90 degrees on July 4, a whopping 5 degrees higher than the prior record. It was so hot that many Alaskans went to the beach or lakes to cool off, while others bought their first air conditioner. The Week 7/19/19
Listed below are two book titles new to the Fellowship library:

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST POCKET GUIDE: SIXTH EDITION    Susan Frederick-Gray, Editor
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“The most complete introduction to Unitarian Universalism available, covering ministry, worship, religious education, social justice, community, and history. Extensively revised, the sixth edition prepares readers with resources and information for this crucial moment in Unitarian Universalism. It also gives voice to many individual Unitarian Universalists – people of all ages, coming from many backgrounds, and holding many beliefs – as they share their personal and deeply heartfelt testimonies. Contributors include Rosemary Bray McNatt, Erika Hewitt, Cheryl Walker, Jessica York, Elizabeth Nguyen, Aisha Hauser, Dan McKanan, and more. Foreword by lifelong Unitarian Universalist Melissa Harris-Perry.”

……Quote from the book’s back cover

BLESS THE IMPERFECT: MEDITATIONS FOR CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS
Kathleen Montgomery, Editor    CHURCH ADMIN. 242.69

“These meditations, written by some of the most thoughtful leaders in Unitarian Universalism, speak of leadership embedded in the values of our faith. They give some advice, acknowledge the problems, admit the imperfections. They exhort and challenge and tell amusing and lovely stories of both public and quiet leadership.

This collection is designed for those who choose to play a role in shaping the future of our congregations and our faith. Use it before a meeting or in private before a challenging moment. Use it to remind yourself of the need for humility and humor and courage in the course of your work toward justice and spiritual community.”

……Quote from the book’s preface
**Sunday Evening Book Group**

The **Sunday Evening Book Group** will meet for its annual picnic at the home of Susan English on **Sunday, August 18 at 5:00 p.m.** Bring a book you have read over the summer, or just come for fun and discussion. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Susan will provide plates, tableware, and beverages and will grill a meat and a vegetarian option. You can RSVP to Susan. If you need the address and directions, please feel free to call her. All are welcome!

On **Sunday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.** the group will resume its regular third-Sunday meetings at the Fellowship and will discuss **AMERICAH: A NOVEL** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche – a novel that explores race, class, and immigration.

**Humanist Group**

Mark your calendars for the UU Humanist Group picnic on **Saturday, August 24!** We will meet at 5:00pm at the Gochnauer's. The first Sunday meeting of the Fall will be **Sunday, September 15 at 11:00am**.

**Summer Break**

The **Afternoon Book Group** and the **Men’s Group** are taking a break for the summer.

**August Birthdays:**
Kelly Chandler  
Nate Chandler  
Chelsea Churpek  
Shelley Dixon  
Scott Gross  
Georgia Jaeb  
Joanne Kufchak  
Dia Miller  
Carol Noel  
Ruth Sewell

**August Anniversaries:**
Gail & Bill Carter  
Kevin & Alex Lowry  
Anne Wilson & Jay Klemme  
Kristin & Adam Keating

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

**A Look at the Year Ahead**

**General Assembly 2020** will be in Providence, RI on June 24-28, 2020. You can still view/listen to presentations from GA 2019 from Spokane, WA at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

**Central East Region Summer Institute** (CERSI) will be July 12-18, 2020. We are heading to a new location in California, Pennsylvania. We are pleased to welcome our 2020 theme speaker, Kazim Ali. He will be presenting the theme: “Questioning the Unquestionable, Answering the Unanswerable”. More information at [www.cersiuu.org](http://www.cersiuu.org).
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5 pm - choir picnic |
| Mon  | 6 pm - Sound Meditation  
7 pm - Choir Rehearsal  
6 pm - Zen Meditation  
5 pm - Grief Support Group  
7 pm - Board meeting  
6 pm - Sound Meditation  
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| Tue  | 10 am - Creation, Re-creation, and Change - Woosley  
10 am - RE Summer Program  
5 pm - Inner Peace Yoga  
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7 pm - Membership meeting  
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| Thu  | 10 am - Be SMART presentation  
4:5 pm - People to People - Back To School: See Youth Community page  
9 am - Finance committee  
| 11:30 am - UU Women's Lunch Group  
7 pm - Membership meeting  
6:30 pm - Sound Meditation  
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| Fri  | 5 pm - Grief Support Group  
7 pm - Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm - Circle Sing  
5 pm - Grief Support Group  
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| Sat  | 5 pm - Sound Meditation  
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6-8 pm Drumming |
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August 2019
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County is a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

**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.

**Interim Minister:** Rev. Jennie Barrington

**Board of Directors:** David Francis, president; Rachel Relle, vice president; Bonnie Groop, secretary; Inez Bird, Kelly Chandler, Cathy Csanyi, Lesley Mayfield, John Waldman, 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:**
Rev. Jennie Barrington: By appointment
Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: By appointment
Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Exploration: By appointment
Dawn Frank, Youth & Campus Ministries Coordinator: By appointment