September Service Schedule

One service only, at 10:00am, on September 1
Starting September 8, Sunday services are at 9:30am and 11:00am
Join us for coffee after the service.

September 1: Blessing of the Animals [Rev. Jennie Barrington]
Please join us for this intergenerational and many-legged worship service which we celebrate annually in honor of St. Francis of Assisi! We invite you to bring animals that are dear to you, to be blessed during the service. Carriers and leashes are requested, and please keep your special animals with you at all times. You may also bring a photograph or memento to be blessed symbolically. The Folk Orchestra will perform.

September 8: A Celebration of UU Religious Education [Rev. Jennie Barrington]
Come learn more about how UU RE has historically changed people’s lives and continues to make the world better today. The children and teachers will be blessed during the service. The Choir will perform.

September 15: Guest Speaker
In this service, we will feature a guest speaker. More information about our guest and the topic will be announced in the weekly email sent out on Fridays, and the website.

On this day 327 years ago, the Salem Witch Trials effectively ended. That macabre period in our nation’s history still has relevance and much to teach us today.

September 29: How One Person Can Make All the Difference [Rev. Jennie Barrington]
The national news can be discouraging and disheartening. Even so, this sermon will lift up three examples in our nation’s contemporary history when one person’s brave actions made all the difference in creating accountability and justice. The Choir will perform.

Two Service Schedule

As we say goodbye to Summer, we return to a two service schedule. Please take note that starting September 8, we will have two services at 9:30am and 11:00am.
Minister’s Meditation from Rev. Jennie Barrington

To become aware of the possibility of a search is to be onto something. Not to be onto something is to be in despair. [from Walker Percy’s novel, “The Moviegoer.”]

Since I started serving you last month, we’ve had a very busy time together, and very enjoyably so. We’re off to a wonderful start! At this point, you may be wondering about more of the specifics of what a two-year interim period is like, and what happens when. So now is a good time for me to give you an overview. An interim period is to work toward several things. In general, it is a time for us to examine and attend to any issues or goals that are lingering from the previous ministries. These include what are called “The Five Developmental Tasks of Interim Ministry.” The UUA describes these as:

“In addition to the normal responsibilities of congregational ministry, including worship and pastoral care, Intentional Interim Ministers possess specific skills in assisting a congregation in:

• claiming and honoring its past and engaging and honoring its griefs and conflicts;
• recognizing its unique identity and its strengths, needs, and challenges;
• clarifying the appropriate leadership roles of minister(s), church staff, and lay leaders and navigating the shifts in leadership that may accompany times of transition;
• making appropriate use of Regional, UUA, and other outside resources; and
• proudly coming into possession of a renewed vision and strong stewardship, prepared for new growth and new professional leadership, ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest.”

We know we have been successful when the congregation is more self-aware of its strengths and weaknesses; more clear in its mission, purpose, and vision; more accomplished in the things it achieves regardless of who is serving as its minister; and better-positioned to engage a new long-term settled minister. Specifically, an interim period is a time to engage in the UUA’s search process, with the goal of voting to call a new settled minister in the spring of 2021, who would begin serving you in August of 2021.

There are several steps along the way toward achieving these general and specific goals. I encourage you to talk with each other about this information. You may even want to save this newsletter column for future reference as to what happens when. If you have many questions about interim periods and the UUA’s search process, that is entirely understandable. It has been a long time since UUFWC has engaged in a nationwide search for a new settled minister. You all are welcome to ask me anything you’d like about this process. Answering your questions is a big part of what I am here to do! And there are also consultants from the UUA who will come here to provide even more information about being in search.

Here is an overall timeline of a two-year interim period:

**August 2019 – February 2020:** Presently, we are getting to know one another, keeping all that is good at UUFWC going along swimmingly, and making note of the things you want to be strengthened or expanded. And I am learning the history of UUFWC—a history which we can feel proud and inspired about. Before the end of February, I will preach about UUFWC’s history, and we will put up a timeline, so everyone can see it, add to it, review it, and process it, with its ups, downs, losses, and milestones. This is an essential piece of the interim work to ready a congregation for new ministerial leadership. Also in February, the board and I will do the first of three Appraisals of how the interim work is going. The Appraisals are based on the Five Developmental Tasks, above. Doing them, and discussing them, helps us see what’s going well, and where some course correction may be necessary.

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March 2020: A Transitions Coach, trained by the UUA, will visit us. The Transition Coach will meet with the board, and also with the whole congregation, so that everyone has a thorough understanding of what it involves to undertake a search for a settled minister. There will be a question and answer session, which I will also attend.

April and May 2020: We will form the search committee, following best practices recommended by the UUA, and in accordance with UUFWC’s bylaws. The search committee will be voted on by members of UUFWC. The Transitions Coach will meet with the new search committee, and facilitate a retreat for them, so they can decide how they will discuss and decide matters, reach consensus, etc.

June 2020: The board will appoint a negotiating team to recommend a draft letter of agreement for the new minister, including compensation range. And the board will set a budget for the search.

August 2020: The Search Committee begins to gather abundant information for UUFWC’s Congregational Record (the CR). The CR will be what ministers interested in applying to UUFWC will review to learn all about UUFWC. The search committee will compile data about UUFWC’s history, present situation, and goals for the future. And they will survey the congregation, both in writing, and through small group meetings. They will ask you your hopes and dreams for UUFWC’s next minister, and for UUFWC’s future. They will not be picking a minister based on their personal preferences. They will be entrusted to find the right match with what you have told them you want and need from professional ministry.

September 2020: The board and I will do the second Appraisal of how the interim work is going.

October 2020: A UUA consultant will come to UUFWC for a Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop (usually a Sunday morning and afternoon). This will help us stretch our imagination beyond thinking that a great UU minister must only look or act a certain way.

December 1st, 2020: The information the search committee has written and compiled about UUFWC and our area of Ohio will be posted on the UUA’s settlement site, for interested ministers to review.

January 2021: The Transitions Coach meets with the search committee again. And the search committee will have access to the names and Ministerial Records of interested ministers.

February and March 2021: The search committee will interview three or four pre-candidate ministers, and hear them preach at a neutral pulpit. This part of the process is confidential.

In April of 2021, there will be a date and time when the search committee may make an offer. If all goes well, UUFWC will have a Candidating Week in late April or early May. That week will culminate in a vote-to-call the new minister!

June 2021: We will take time to end things well and caringly. And the board and I will do our final Appraisal. Unless anything unforeseeable occurs, the new settled minister will start in August 2021.

There are, of course, a lot more parts and details to this than will fit into one newsletter column. But may I say again that I am here to talk with you and reassure you at all points along the way. No question is a foolish question. UUFWC looks poised for many successes that you will feel happy and proud about, just as long as we all try our very best.

Rev. Jennie’s Office Hours

Rev. Jennie’s office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 10:30am to 2:30pm, and by appointment. It is best to contact her first to be sure she is not at a meeting in the wider community. The best way to contact her is her work email.
From the Board President, David Francis

If I was to choose a single letter to describe the work of the UUFWC board this year, it would be “S”. Words that start with the letter “S” and describe our emerging goals and focus for the year include:

Stewardship, Steering, Strategy, Search, and Safety

See the column by Rev. Jennie Barrington on pages 2 and 3 for more on the topic of Search.

For this column I want to include sí and Summer. Because as Summer winds down and we enter into the Autumn UUFWC Calendar, the word “sí” is key. Sí is Spanish for “yes”, as in “sí se puede” or “yes you can”. We have a lot to do, and every member of the congregation can help.

Safety is on the agenda because of recent national events and because two members of our congregation, Kelly Chandler and Laura Burch organized an introduction to the “Be SMART” campaign which was developed by Mom’s Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and promotes responsible gun ownership. “Be SMART” is a public education campaign asking gun owners and non-gun owners alike to take simple steps to reduce the number of unintentional shootings, suicides, and homicides that occur when children or teens get a hold of guns that are not stored responsibly. The “S” in the SMART acronym stands for “secure” to focus attention on responsible gun storage (locked and separate from ammunition). The remaining letters in the acronym are for “model” responsible behavior; “ask” about the presence of unsecured guns in homes and places of work; “recognize” the risks of teen suicide; and “tell” your peers to be smart. “Be SMART” aims to remove the stigma of frank discussion about gun safety. The “Be SMART” campaign is a great example of the kind of responsible action programing that we hope to promote in the congregation and community.

Safety is also on the agenda because the UUA is encouraging congregations to adopt policies that promote appropriate behavior and reduce threats to safety. UUA congregations strive to be safe and welcoming places to all. This year we will be forming a committee to assemble existing safety related policies, create new policies where there are gaps, and promote safety in the congregation. Our goal will be to present a safe congregation policy for the UUFWC for comment prior to the May congregational meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Safe Congregations Committee, please contact a board member or Justine Sherwood from our Leadership Development Team.

Stewardship, Steering, and Strategy will be topics of discussion during our board retreat on September 10 and the Committee Council meeting on Saturday September 21. Consistent with the principle that “many hands make light work” and a commitment to lay leadership in the congregation, I encourage each and every one of you to be involved. You all have talents. Please consider sharing them with one of our committees.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Seeking Happiness…

It seems to be a part of the human condition. These words from Jose Marti, a Cuban revolutionary who fought against Spanish rule in the late 1890’s, are still relevant today:

“Happiness exists on earth, and it is won through prudent exercise of reason, knowledge of the harmony of the universe, and constant practice of generosity.”

In fellowship,
The Stewardship Team – Mary Wicks, chair; Scot Armstrong, Danni Schantz, Tony Beery, Bonnie Groop, Gene Barnes.
Roots and Wings – Growing Our Dream.
The capital campaign for expansion of our UUFWC Facilities

As of August 2019, we have received gift commitments of $1,134,634 for the Fellowship’s expansion project! To date, $486,958 of those gifts have been received. Thanks to all of you who have made gift commitments and gifts. Your generosity is inspiring.

We’re not planning a big fund raising push this fall. Instead, we’ll focus on putting together information on environmental sustainability options and certifications for our expanded building. We’re also planning to reach out to former members and RE alumni to find out what about UUFWC is still important to them. For this outreach, the committee could really use the help of someone who can help us establish an internet platform for sharing text, images, video, etc. among current and former members, friends and RE alumni. Contact Peg Redinbaugh if you can help us with this.

If you are new to the Fellowship and would like to find out more about the capital campaign, or if you are ready to make a gift commitment to the campaign, please contact Peg and she’ll get you whatever information you need.

From the LDT: Living Our UU Principles

A new church year begins! As it does, the Leadership Development Team (LDT), would like to welcome all Fellowship members, friends and UUcurious! We are encouraged by your presence, and we extend an open invitation to all to become involved or continue to be involved in the Fellowship.

There are many wonderful ways to serve—attend and/or participate in Sunday services; serve as a committee member or chairperson; serve on the LDT or Board of Directors; attend social, civic and/or interfaith events within the Fellowship and within the greater community, and attend UUFWC, Regional, and/or UUA classes & workshops (see links below).

Ease yourself in when you are comfortable and able, or jump right in if time, interest and energy permit. The LDT and others in the Fellowship will help and support you along the way!

To this end, be joyfully aware that a member of the LDT may approach you to share opportunities for your involvement. Of course, no need to wait for us to approach you--please ask any of us on the LDT how we may help you find a niche! We are, alphabetically:

Deb Barnes, Steve Berg, Jo Harper, Sue Kandel, Kristin Keating, Martin Lubell, and Justine Sherwood, Chair

www.uua.org/leadership/blog/intro-ldts
We’re so excited to begin another year in UUFWC RE. On this prospectus, you’ll find information on curriculum, upcoming events, and opportunities for your child/youth’s involvement. Please join us for the first day of RE: Sunday, September 8th! We hope to see your family then!

**CURRICULUM**

**Nursery (Infant-3)** Our littlest UUs will gather to “light” a felt chalice followed by free play.

**Blessed Bees (PreK-K)** *Rainbow Connection* uses story books, simple games and activities to discuss those values inherent in the Principles and in Unitarian Universalism on an early childhood level.

**Earth Spirits (1st-3rd)** *Picture Book UU* uses popular children’s books to illustrate our seven UU Principles and help children identify what Unitarian Universalism means to them.

**Extra Extreme Explorers (4-6th)** *Toolbox of Faith* explores what tools Unitarian Universalism offer for the challenges of life. Children discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them, developing a figurative, and literal, toolbox of faith.

**Coming of Age (7-10th)** Youth who have not yet completed Coming of Age are invited to meet during the 9:30 hour on Sundays for an exploration of their personal spirituality and values through reflection, mentorship, and group discussion/workshops. Participants will create a Credo statement to be shared at the end of the program and will explore possibilities of a group pilgrimage or social action trip. Class will not meet on Sundays when there are all-ages services.

**Youth Community (7-12th)** Any member of Youth Community is invited to gather and connect with each other from 11a-12p on Sundays (with the exception of the all-ages worship Sundays). In addition to monthly social gatherings and a lock in, this will be the youth community’s time for community, planning, and social justice work throughout the year.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

This year we will continue our monthly all-ages services. We will be using a monthly, theme-based format that will span services, RE classes, social media posts, and small group meetings and events for adults as well as children. Our hope is for this to be an opportunity for your families to discuss big topics both separately and together.

**COMMUNICATION**

Recognizing that parents and caretakers are children’s primary religious educators, we want to support your family in having meaningful conversations throughout the week. During the RE year, registered caregivers will receive a brief weekly email designed to let you know what was discussed in RE classes and ways to incorporate the lesson into family activities in the week ahead. RE program information is also always included in the monthly UUFWC Newsletter and on the Fellowship calendar.
2019-20 RE Calendar

SEPTEMBER
1—Animal Blessing—All-ages, NO RE/Nursery only
8—First Day of RE!!!
8—Youth Community Cookout 11a-1p Outside or in EEE
   Come spend time in community and also wish Dawn well on her new adventures!
29—Fire Drill during 9:30a RE classtime

OCTOBER
20—All-ages Service-NO RE/Nursery only
27—Halloween Dress up and Trick or Treat during RE!

NOVEMBER
24—Bread Communion All-ages Service-NO RE/Nursery only

DECEMBER
1—Pageant Meeting-11am in EEE
8—Pageant Costume Fitting 11am in EEE
14—Pageant Dress Rehearsal 10a-12pm in Strawn Hall
15—Children’s Holiday Pageant-One service only at 10am
   We’ll be performing “Would You Like to Hold the Baby?”
22—One Service: 10am NO RE or Nursery
24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm
29—One Service 10am NO RE or Nursery

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
RE classes and nursery will be held on all Sundays except those noted on this calendar.
RE for Preschool through Coming of Age will be held at 9:30a; Youth Community (any youth 7-12th) will meet at 11a.
Nursery care is typically available during both services for birth–age 3 ½.

Travelling Chalice
Did you know the UUFWC has a traveling chalice? It’s true! The chalice voyages to the homes of RE families bringing light and good discussion to dinner tables and living rooms. Families will have the opportunity to bring home a special box with a chalice, a notebook, and discussion cards and create chalice lightings of their own. Our chalice begins its journey mid-September.
From the Racial Justice Team

We welcome a new church year! Our Fellowship is a sacred and safe space to spend time sharing racial awareness, information & misinformation, experiences, knowledge, and biases.

This year the Racial Justice Team will, in addition to offering classes and conversations, offer “Racial Justice Moments” as moments of awareness and reflection during Sunday services as planned programming permits. We will begin by sharing terminology that will inform and enlighten; that will ready us for meaningful, productive, and continuing discussions about race, privilege, superiority, fears, legislation, and reparations.

“When Eric Garner, a black man on Staten Island, died after police put him in a chokehold, interviews with black people focused on their anger about race. The white people interviewed primarily were leaders who spoke about containing or moderating the situation. Yet it is white people who primarily construct and influence the daily lives of most black people in our society — so shouldn’t we probe their feelings and beliefs about race, too? (From “The Difference We Haven’t Overcome: Why the Color Line Endures in the United States”--Dr. Robert T. Carter)

This year, as we continue to address the centuries-old and continuous marginalization of African Americans, discussions will include all people of color. We—a majority white congregation—are responsible for ongoing dialogues and learning ways to identify our individual unconscious bias and support efforts to dismantle our nation’s systems of oppression for all marginalized people. We covenant to honor our UU Principles. The meanings of the words from some of those Principles—“inherent worth,” “justice, equity and compassion,” “acceptance,” and “search for truth” are well-known. With continued study, sharing, guidance, actions, empathy and love, we will live the words know so well.

Wooster Bike Crew

Sponsored by the UUFWC, the Wooster Bike Crew is a Scouts Venturing Crew for co-ed teenagers between 14 and 21, whose mission is to help Wooster citizens. We travel by bicycles with trailers and tools from our base at 751 West Wayne Ave (northeast corner of Oakhill & West Wayne). We can work on a small sized project, such as cleaning out the front yard, cleaning inside the home, or doing small safe repairs. We have accomplished nine missions to date!

We currently have four teenagers and are actively recruiting more, but find it challenging competing with their many other activities and transition to driving cars! Plus riding bicycles in Wooster can be a little difficult and hazardous in some areas while the city continues expanding user-friendly big paths. We are fortunate, however, that we have many adult leaders (with official Youth Protection Training) - around 30 with 13 different nationalities (Chile, China, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Iran, Nepal, Peru, Russia, Rwanda, South Korea, and the US). Included in the adults are 1 reverend, 1 caregiver, 1 College of Wooster student, 1 youth librarian, 1 preschool teacher, 1 restaurant/hospitality specialist, 1 Google PhD linguist, 2 mechanical engineers, 7 PhD professors (4 in Humanities & 3 in Sciences), 4 agricultural sciences graduate students, 2 agricultural sciences research assistants, and 1 bike store owner & ex-semi-pro rider! It is a cool bunch of people who love to ride bikes and are great around the teens!

If you have any bicycles to donate or have questions about the program, please contact us.
Music News

Choir rehearsal has begun. We invite you to consider joining us make a joyful noise! We rehearse every Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm. If you would like to join your voice with ours, come to check us out!

Folk Orchestra has begun. We rehearse every Wednesday evening 8:15-9:00pm. 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!

We will be continuing Circle Sings. What is a Circle Sing, you may ask? Well, it is a group joining their voices together for tone and songs. It can be healing, cleansing, invigorating! We will start on September 18, 6:30-7:00pm 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 UUke Group would love to have you join them! They rehearse every 2nd Friday of each month from 7:00-9:00pm. (Next meeting September 13.) If you play a string instrument, come and join them! For more info contact Bonnie Groop or Judy Smith.

The Drumming Circle needs your rhythm! They meet the 3rd Saturday of each month from 6:00-8:00pm. (Next meeting September 21)

Save the dates:
• Coffeehouse will be Saturday, October 19, at 7:00pm . If you would like to perform, contact Gail Woosley.
• The Madrigal Feaste will be November 15 & 16. If you would like to participate, contact Jim and Inez Bird or Barbara Moore.

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!

Local UUFWC Choir Performance

The UUFWC Choir will be performing at the Burbank Methodist Church on Thursday, September 19 at 5:00pm for a Community Friendship service. We welcome you to attend and support us!

Hear ye! Hear ye! My Lordes and Ladies. It is time to begin the preparations for ye olde Magrigal Feaste to be held 15 and 16 November. Many hands will be needed to assist with this Great Feaste – wenches, servers, decoraters, etc. Dancers are also needed. Training for dancers will be supplied by dance instructress, Susan English. If you are willing to assist, please sign up at the community activities table in the lobby.
Membership News

UU Inquiry Session
We had a great turn-out of newer folks for our August 18 UU Inquiry Session, which covered UU History, the UUFWC organizational structure, programming explanations, some information on how to get involved and more. Most importantly, however, we shared a little bit about ourselves so we could learn more about each other’s journey. The next UU Inquiry Session will be held later this fall. Pictured here, 11 attendees and some committee members enjoying a snack while watching a short video.

Sharing Our Stories
Thanks to a previous UU Inquiry Session, the idea for setting a time to gather and share our journeys was developed. The Sharing Our Stories group will next meet on Tuesday, September 10 in the EEE room at 7:00pm. This month’s discussion will focus on the roles of Humor and Positivity in our lives. Come to share your experiences, your insights or to simply listen. This is an informal intimate group open to all. Contact Martin Lubell or Sue Kandel for additional information.

Fall Bowling
Stay tuned for the late fall date for our annual UUFWC bowling and game night at Triway Lanes. It’s a great night out for the whole family.

Women’s Lunch Groups
• The second Tuesday of the month, 9/10/19
• The third Monday of the month, 9/16/19
• Both groups meet at 11:30am at downtown Buehler’s Café for lunch and socializing. Contact Karen Skubik

A Grateful Thank You From Rev. Jennie
Rev. Jennie wishes to thank, most kindly, The Monday Morning Breakfast Group for the Welcome Basket. It is overflowing with yummy goodies! It is beautiful and bountiful. Rev. Jennie thanks them, and the whole congregation, for such kind and thoughtful welcome wishes. All of them have touched her heart.
**Social Action In Action**

**PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 22.** We will be collecting canned vegetables. 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 SEPTEMBER 29** will be donated to the Wooster Hope Center, an organization which provides multiple services to the needy of Wayne County. The Center serves over 3500 families annually, aided by over 150 volunteers each month. Not only are food and clothing available, but also diapers, hygiene products, and even haircuts. During the school year hungry children may take home extra food because of the Center’s growing Back Pack program. The need for funds is constant and this month we have the opportunity to help.

**PEACEWORKS**, a program supported by the Social Action Committee, was founded in 1985. It is a New Jersey based non-profit organization which supports grassroots community organizations in Nicaragua as they work to overcome a history of poverty, violence against women and environment destruction. The UUFWC collects aluminum which is sold and the money sent to PeaceWorks to purchase items for the biyearly shipments of humanitarian aid to Nicaragua. Aluminum cans, as well as ANY OTHER FORM OF ALUMINUM is acceptable. There is a labeled bin near the Fair Trade cabinet in the lobby for aluminum cans along with a larger bin near the paper collector on the driveway. For more information, contact Joanne Kufchak.

**GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM:** Social Action is looking for those interested in developing environmental programs for the congregation. Some suggestions for projects have already been received and there are more out there. If you’re interested in participating contact Norma Barber or attend the next Social Action Committee meeting on Sunday, October 13 at noon in the EEE room.

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**All Things Green**

**A CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP** has been proposed for the Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee. This would involve interested individuals from the five member churches and would be an opportunity to work together on a community-wide climate change project which will be determined. If you’re interested, contact Betty Schuler or attend the next meeting of the Wooster Interfaith Justice Committee on Monday, September 16 at 4:00 pm at St. James Episcopal Church in the Fellowship Hall.

**GET READY FOR THE GREEN ENERGY OHIO TOUR!** The 17th Annual Green Energy Ohio Tour will be held Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. It will connect novices, owners, installers and technical experts; showcase homes, businesses and public buildings; feature a variety of technologies, including solar, wind, geothermal, battery power walls, EV’s and energy efficiency and offer guided tours and special learning opportunities. Google “Green Energy Ohio Tour” for details.

**SOLAR ABOUNDS ACROSS OHIO:** Northeast Ohio: GOJO, the inventor of PURELL Hand Sanitizer achieved its goal to power GOJO U.S. distribution operations by renewable energy with the installation of a 755 megawatt-hour solar array at its 1.3 million square foot distribution center in Wooster. Southeast Ohio: Third Sun Solar and Federal Hocking Local Schools cut the ribbon on a new solar installation that will offset 70% of the school’s annual energy use with renewable power. Southwest Ohio: Rocknoll Energy Systems and the Warren County Park district unveiled the Armco Park Solar Array and Pollinator Habitat. The 256 kW Solar array with 745 solar panels will be surrounded by plantings designed by the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative.
Listed below are two book titles new to the Fellowship library. Descriptive quotes are from the books’ back covers.

THE YOGA BIBLE: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO YOGA POSTURES   By Christina Brown  
613.7046 Brow 2003

“Yoga brings not only suppleness to the body but also a sense of spiritual and physical well-being to those who practice it. Featuring over 170 postures from the main schools of yoga, The Yoga Bible is the ultimate, comprehensive guide to practicing yoga and finding a mental and physical balance in life. The book encourages yoga beginners and experts alike to find a yoga sequence that suits their personal needs and abilities.”

BE WITH: LETTERS TO A CAREGIVER   By Mike Barnes  616.831 Barn 2018

“Drawing on the author’s seven years of caring for his mother through Alzheimer’s, Be With: Letters to a Caregiver is what its title promises: four dispatches to an anonymous long-term caregiver. In brief passages that cast fresh light on what it means to live with dementia, Barnes shares trials, insights, solace – and, ultimately, inspiration.

Meant to be a companion in waiting rooms, on bus routes, or while a loved one naps, Be With is a dippable source of clarity for harried readers who might only have time for a few lines or paragraphs. Mike Barnes writes with sensitivity and grace about fellowship, responsibility, and joyful relatedness – what it means to simply be with the people that we love.”

Celebration of Life Ceremony for Daniel Mihuta

Daniel (Dan) Mihuta, father of UUFWC member Laura Grimm, and member of the West Shore UU Church since 1953, died on August 10, 2019 at the age of 96. Dan was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, cherished uncle, World War II veteran, master art educator, barbershop singer, Kiwanian and friend of many. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30pm at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Boulevard, Rocky River, OH.

Grief Group

The UUFWC hosts a Grief Group every Wednesday at 5:00pm. If you have lost a spouse, family member, or loved one to death, please feel free to join us. We welcome everyone. If you have questions please call or text Gail Woosley, CLM.
**Sunday Evening Book Group**

The *Sunday Evening Book Group* will resume its regular third-Sunday meetings at the Fellowship on **September 15 at 7:00pm**. We will be discussing *AMERICANAH: A NOVEL* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche – a book that explores race, class, and immigration.

**Humanist Group**

The *Humanist Group* will meet in the EEE Room at 11:00am on the following dates.

- 9/15  Understanding Global Warming/Climate Change and Geo-Engineering by Lowell Steinbrenner
- 9/29  Topic to be announced

**Men’s Group**

All men are invited to this group to explore what's working in your life and what you would like to change. Every meeting stands alone, so newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome.

This group, started by former ministerial intern Drew Frantz, will resume meeting under new leadership. The first meeting will be **Thursday, September 5 at 7:00pm**. At the meeting, we will discuss how to run meetings, how often we should meet, and topic ideas. Contact James Griffith or David Paul for more information.

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**September Birthdays:**
- Janice Baxstrom
- Joe Churpek
- Dawn Frank
- Vic McCarty
- Cameron Moore
- Cris Sullens

**September Anniversaries:**
- Sherri & Jeff Gochnauer

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

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**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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- Anne Wilson: M/W/F 9 am - 2 pm
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