



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

April 2016

UUA News

April Service Schedule

Sunday services are at 9:30 and 11:00.

Join us for coffee after the service.

April 3: *A Healing Outreach* (Rev. Lynette Wood)

Rev. Wood will be our guest speaker and will inspire us with scriptures and stories about Central America Medical Outreach.

April 10: *Phobia, Inc.* (Rev. V. Elaine Strawn)

The famous line from Pogo "We've met the enemy and he is us..." seems to be as apt a commentary as ever. And yet, isn't "faith" the opposite of phobia?

April 17: *Planned Parenthood: a History of Making Health Care Available* (Jennifer Brindle)

Since the early days of the 20th Century when Margaret Sanger took her vision into the poorest neighborhoods of New York, Planned Parenthood has been offering education and low-cost healthcare. This Sunday, we also celebrate our new members.

April 24: *Earth Day: a Multi-generational Celebration* (Kevin Lowry and the Youth Community)

What does it mean to live out our 7th principle? The Youth Community will lead us in worship as we discover what it means to put our Unitarian Universalist faith into action! *Children and Youth will remain in the service so that we may be in community together!*

Stay after the 2nd service and help with Spring clean up! See page 6 for more details.

General Assembly, the annual business meeting of the UUA, is coming to Columbus in June. There is much to do throughout the five-day event. See page 6 for more information.

The Minister's Column

I needed to hear the lines from Louis Untermeyer's hymn "May Nothing Evil Cross this Door". The final verse gave me comfort, hope and inspiration as we sang together on March 20:

Laughter shall drown the raucous shout
And, though the sheltering walls are thin,
May they be strong to keep hate out
And hold love in.

The political climate in the United States, in addition to clashes of parties in Europe, several African nations and the Middle East cause me to flounder. Is civility even possible anymore? As people struggle more and more to face their own fears, disaffiliation, and -for some-the most basic human needs, we seem to grow deaf to the needs and rights of others. We lose our sense of the commonweal.

Our UU faith tradition has offered hope in times of dire distress throughout history: abolition, suffrage, mental health and reproductive health, gay rights and immigrant rights. Our mission is hope and our vision is justice.

Our librarian, Kay Bowen, offers us much of both. Always providing the most up-to-date resources for hope and justice, Kay has purchased copies of texts we are studying (*Waking Up White, If Oceans Were Ink*, and many more. We are a people who challenge ourselves to look beyond our own community-and often our comfort zone - to understand and walk in solidarity with people whose stories are much different than our own.

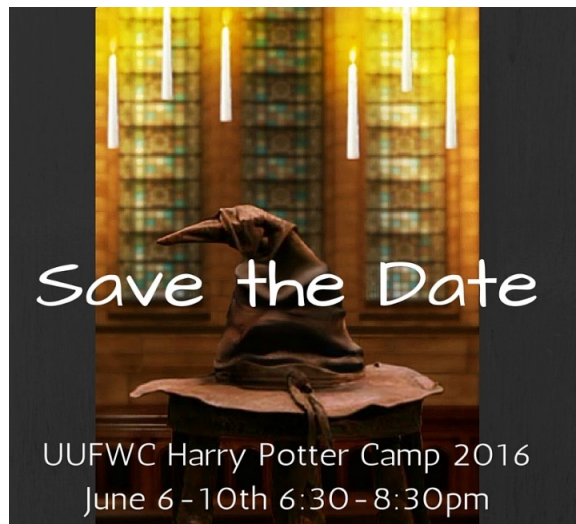
This spring, don't let the wars and political inanities get your spirit. Open your eyes and mind to hope in the world. Begin in the library or a class or a conversation...and help to "build the walls that keep hate out and hold love in".

Let's Talk Qur'an Class Continues

Margo Warner Curl and Elaine Strawn are facilitating a series on the sacred text and practices of Islam. The class began March 24, but you are welcomed to join in as we continue. The group meets at 7:00pm the second and fourth Thursdays of April and May.

Questions? Contact Rev. Elaine Strawn at 330-465-4043.

Religious Education



Registration for Hogwarts will open this month! The Ministry of Magic is seeking aspiring wizards who have completed 1st through 6th grade. Campers will receive wands, robes, quills, and be sorted into a “house” following consideration of the Sorting Hat! Classes offered will be Herbology, Art, Defense Against the Dark Arts (anti-bullying), and, of course, Quidditch. Watch for a registration link in your email beginning next week.

Upcoming RE Events

April 3, 10th, 17th at 6pm: OWL classes for 1-3 and 4-6 graders

April 24th: Earth Day Youth Service, No RE Classes or Nursery (all ages welcome in service!)

For information about Religious Education, please contact Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education, at chelsea.uufwc@gmail.com or Kevin Lowry, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at uufwcmc@gmail.com. To request child care for fellowship meetings or events, email Dawn Frank at childcare.uufwc@gmail.com

Stewardship Moment

HAVE YOU PLEDGED?

- 1) **YES**, I have thought about the importance of this community in my life and have pledged to support it. [Thank you, thank you, thank you!]
- 2) **NO**, because I
 - a. **forgot**. [It's not too late - fill out the online form at www.uufwc.org or a paper one by the coffee window.]
 - b. **have questions**. [Talk to a member of the Stewardship Committee, we love to help sort it out.]
 - c. **already use the automatic deduction**. [Anne Wilson will assume that you wish your pledge to continue at the same level. Please consider increasing your pledge, she can send you the forms, please email: fellowship@uufwc.org.

Stewardship Committee: Bonnie Groop (chair), Cathy Csanyi, Helen Meyers, Laura Moore, Danni Schantz, Mary Wicks

The Annual Meeting of the UFWC will be May 22nd. The following proposed change to the UFWC bylaws will be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

In order to keep the membership rolls of the UFWC accurate and up-to-date, the Board asked the Membership Committee to review the means by which members can be removed. The current bylaw lists 3 criteria by which a member may be removed by the Board. The Current Bylaw language is:

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Any person aged 16 years or over, or younger if they have completed the Fellowship's Coming of Age Program, who is in sympathy with its purpose and who has signed the Membership Book may become a voting member of this Fellowship. A member's name may be removed from the Membership list by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, a quorum being present.

Reasons for removal shall be one of the following: request, relocation or death of the member. The Board of Directors may remove a member of the Fellowship by a two-thirds vote if the Member's actions are harmful or threatening to the Fellowship.

Proposed changes include:

- *Change in paragraph structure.*
 - *First paragraph addresses how you become a member*
 - *Second: reasons for removal*
 - *Third: the process by which someone is removed.*
- *Add one additional condition to list of reasons for removal based on guidelines suggested by the Membership Committee.*

Proposed Bylaw language would read:

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By not stipulating the guidelines, they maybe changed from time to time without further changes to the bylaws. The guidelines that have been recently proposed by the membership committee add the following: A member could be removed if they meet all three of the following:

1. She/he has not contributed financially to the UFWC for one year
2. She/he has not attended a fellowship event for one year.
3. She/he has not responded to membership attempts for contact.

Membership

The **Sweet and Greet** on February 20th was very well attended. Forty members and guests spent the evening getting to know each other a little better. Nine attendees are new to the Fellowship. As always, childcare was provided, so that both kids and adults were free to enjoy themselves. Delicious food and sweets were served. Please look for a similar event in the fall.

On Sunday April 17th the Fellowship will be celebrating New Member Sunday. Three new members will be welcomed into the UU community at the morning services. If you have had an interest in learning more about membership at UFWC, please speak with Rev. Elaine Strawn. Classes, called *UU Inquiry*, are held periodically. Look for information in upcoming newsletters.

Our Sunday morning Greeters are coordinated by Cherrill Wertz. There are twenty eight folks participating in this service to the UFWC. She is always looking for new folks and substitutes. If you are interested, please speak with Cherrill.

Karen Skubik serves as the Membership Coordinator. She has been reviewing the contents of the Visitor Packets, which are given to guests when they visit the Fellowship. Material in the packets contains useful information to familiarize prospective members of the finer points of UU and its many opportunities. Thanks, Karen.

Coffee!

UFWC Committees are asked and encouraged to prepare and serve coffee on a Sunday morning. It's not difficult and can even be fun, and it's a chance to do something important for the Fellowship. Please sign your committee up soon! The sign up sheet is in the kitchen.

Greetings Unitarian Universalists!

Now is the time we start thinking about Spring, and spring cleaning!

While cleaning out your garages, closets and sheds this month, remember to set items aside for the upcoming **Upscale Garage Sale** on June 24th and 25th. Let's get our unwanted or lightly used clean items ready for sale! We take this opportunity to practice the 3 R's of keeping our Earth green and happy: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! This annual event also provides much needed donations for our RE program and for the Cocoa House auction later in the year.

For more information about silent auctions, large items, or to volunteer, please see Mary Wicks. Help is always needed with set up and tear down, and some strong arms for heavy lifting! Information regarding drop off times and pick up arrangements will be forthcoming. Any items that are not sold in the sale will be donated to Every Women's House, Goodwill and AAUW.

Thank you for your participation!

Spring Cleanup!

Landscape workday and Dress-Down Sunday, April 24 after the second service

We need people to clean out dead wood, mulch the beds, and general cleanup. We need to divide some perennials and replant them, and prune and shape the shrubs and the birch trees on the property.

We need to prepare the ground for planting trees and shrubs at the east end of the parking lot where trees had to be removed.

Please bring your:

Gloves, String trimmers, rakes, Brush hog, Wheelbarrows, Chain saws, Pitchforks, Pruners, Shovels Trailers for brush. We can use any **hostas** you may bring along, too.

Please adopt a bed! We have big and little beds which await a loving touch. A lunch will be served to the workers after the second service at noon, in the library. Please bring a dish to share.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK ON THE CONNECTIONS TABLE.

All these people adopted beds last year: Karen Skubik, Helen Ostermiller, Elaine Strawn, Sue Gross, Laura Moore, Leah and Emma Gochnauer, the Gochnauer Family, Susan Heady, Margo Curl, Carol Noel, Ruthie Sewell, Tim Breiner, Kat Gibbons, Tabi Barbu. Thank you!

Please come and give us some direction. We want to give the beds a helpful start. Please tell Ruthie if you are unable to work on your bed this season, and contact her if you want more information. (330-264-8780) Email: RESewell@aol.com

General Assembly will be in Columbus this year!

Wednesday June 22 thru Sunday June 26, 2016

uua.org/ga

General Assembly (GA) is the national business meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association and this year it is at the convention center in Columbus, Ohio!

It is a great chance to get a taste of the national movement without the travel. If you want to see what workshops are available, the preliminary program book can be found at www.uua.org/ga/program/book. Registration and housing are now open at uua.org/ga

A few things to know about General Assembly:

The only parts that you can attend for free are the worship services: The Service of the Living Tradition and Sunday morning worship. The vendors area will be available to non-badge holders for a short time after the Sunday worship service.

Housing: There are dorm rooms at OSU [a 15 minute public bus ride from the convention center] or hotels a walk away where you can have up to 4 guests in a hotel room for the same price as 2 guests. There is also home hospitality available. If you are driving in, you can park at the First Columbus church and take a shuttle bus.

Music

If you love music and would like to become a part of our special community that ministers to the Fellowship, please talk to Sharon Delgadillo or any choir member. Talk with Sharon also if you or a small group would like to perform on a Sunday morning.

Adult choir rehearses at 7 pm on Wednesdays. The Folk Orchestra meets Wednesday from 8:15 to 9:00.

The Adult Choir is scheduled to sing on Sundays, April 10 and 24.

Coffee House will be Saturday, April 16. Another fun night of cheap entertainment!

Got Uke?

Attention all you ukulele players! We had about 10 people at the first Ukulele Group in March. We plan to meet on the second Friday in March, May, July, September, November and January. The next session will be May 13. We hope you will join us.

This group is for ukulele players only. Some ukes will be available if you don't already have one.

CoffeeHouse 45

An Evening of Music, Poetry, Comedy and Storytelling

Saturday, April 16

7:00 – 10:00 pm.

Serving up fine entertainment

And a variety of coffees and teas for a donation at the door

Fresh desserts for sale too!

Stay connected to what is happening at the UU! We communicate by sending:

- ~ the Friday @ Noon email (Mail Chimp) listing the upcoming events and services
- ~ emails from the google group (the subject line starts: [UUFWC]). We use it to send updates and notices of interest to the congregation.
- ~ This newsletter is emailed to you on the day it is printed, instead of mailed weeks later.

If you'd like to receive any of these communications, please contact Anne at fellowship@uufwc.org.

Social Action In Action

ALL ABOUT BIRTHDAY CAKES: Periodically you may see a request for someone to bake a birthday cake for a resident at the shelter at OneEighty (formerly Every Woman's House). For several years the UUFWC has made cakes for children and adults celebrating birthdays at the shelter in an effort to bring a little cheer into a stressful situation. All you need is a 1-layer 8" or 9" white/chocolate/marble cake to frost with your usual frosting. To decorate, you can buy the happy birthday letters sold in the store, or try your hand at writing on the cake top. A simple candy decoration is all you need. If you prefer, you can purchase a cake and have the name written on it. When complete, deliver to OneEighty any time of day. You can have a cake decorating lesson if you'd like, in your home or at the UUFWC. Ask Sue Gross or email her at sue12dz@gmail.com.

OPEN PLATE on Sunday, April 17 will go to Planned Parenthood. For nearly 100 years, Planned Parenthood has promoted a commonsense approach to women's health and well-being, based on respect for each individual's right to make informed, independent decisions about health, sex, and family planning.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY is April 17th. We'll be collecting APPLE SAUCE. 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.

NATIVE PLANT SALE and GARDENING SEMINARS will be held at The Wilderness Center on Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday May 1, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to find a large selection of plants not available at most nurseries. Check the online catalog at wildernesscenter.org. Plants not sold on Saturday will be available on Sunday. Seminars will be held on Saturday at \$5 per session. They include: 10 – 11 a.m. *Cultivating Carnivorous Plants* and *Native Plants for Native Pollinators*; 11:15-12:15 *Nature's Calendar* and *How to Plan for Your Tree's Future*. Pay at the door or pre-register at 330-359-5235. There will be a free wildflower walk on April 30 from 1 to 2 p.m.

All Things Green

SCARLET GRAY AND GREEN FAIR will be held at the OARDC on Tuesday, April 19th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival celebrates, educates and demonstrates that "Green is for Life!" Free to the public, the Fair features trade show exhibits, green product vendors, educational recycling opportunities, and sustainable food vendors in a fun-filled environment in and around Fisher Auditorium. The UUFWC will have a table selling Fair Trade items and will also share a table with St. James Episcopal Church exhibiting our respective congregation's green activities. If anyone would like to help at the green table, contact Betty Schuler, bkschuler450@yahoo.com.

You can bring your residential recyclables to the fair, including documents for shredding (limit 2 boxes), prescription/nonprescription human and pet medications, 3ft. and 4ft. fluorescent tubes, latex and water-based paint, bicycles, working computers and computer accessories of any age, working small appliances, household items excluding furniture, and automobile tires.

WOOSTER SCIENCE CAFÉ, a forum for promoting discussion between the general public and scientists from the Wooster area, was formerly held at the *First Amendment Pub*. It will be continued this spring at various locations. On April 21, 7 p.m. our own Dr. Fred Michel will speak on *Reducing our Carbon Footprint* at Muddys, 335 E. Liberty St.

THE UFWC CHOIR rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00. The **Folk Orchestra** practices on the same day, at 8:15 pm. New people are welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:
The next meeting is April 17 at 7pm. The book is *The Martian* by Andy Weir.

April Birthdays:

Jim Bird
Margaret Boyer
Kate Freed
Ann Hastings
Jay Klemme
Tom Knepper
Kurt Knebush
Alex Lowry

April Anniversaries:

4/8 Juan Gross and Peg Redinbaugh

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

THE HUMANIST GROUP meets the first and third Sundays at 11:00 a.m. to discuss social and cultural issues .

INQUISITIVE QUESTIONERS meets the third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to discuss issues related to Christian faith practices.

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

SCRABBLE NIGHTS: Meets the 2nd Sundays from 7 to 9:30PM. Bring a game and maybe a snack. Ken McDonald.

ZEN MEDITATION meets on Mondays at 7:00.

INNER PEACE YOGA meets Mondays at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

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, and look at the calendar.

Library News

Listed below are the titles of two books new to the UUFWC library:

BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME By Ta-Nehisi Coates 305.8009 Coat 2015

“In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation’s history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of ‘race,’ a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men – bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?”

---- Quote from book’s inside flap

A National Book Award Winner

WAKING UP WHITE: AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE By Debbie Irving
305.8 Irv 2014

“For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn’t understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing.

Then, in 2009, one ‘aha!’ moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her world view and upended her life plan.”

---- Quote from book’s back cover

A Look at the Year Ahead

General Assembly 2016 will be June 22-26, in Columbus, Oh. Ware Lecturer will be Krista Tippet.

Summer Institute 2016 will be July 17-23, at Oberlin College. Theme speaker will be Matt Meyer.

More information about Matt: <http://rhythmrevelations.com/> Registration for Summer Institute opens on April 1st! Check it out: omdsi.org

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
office hours: Elaine: Tues/Thurs: 2-7 pm & Wed 6-9 pm Chelsea, DRE: Tues/Wed: 5-8 pm						
9:30 & 11am - A Healing Outreach- Wood 9:30am - RE Classes 11am - Humanist Group 11am - Outdoor Facilities 12 - Money Demon Workshop 12 - Madrigal Planning 12:15 - RE Committee 6 pm- OWL classes	4 5:30pm - Inner Peace Yoga 7pm - Membership 7pm - Zen Meditation	5 7pm - Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Worship Associates 8:15pm - Folk Orchestra	6 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	7 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	8 8am - Youth take Water to Flint	9 9:30am-5:30pm - District Assembly
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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 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: Gail Woosley, president; Tony Beery, vice president; Marti Livingstone, Adam Keating,
Peter Schantz, Tom Gross, Scott Beil, past president

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

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

Office Hours:

Rev. Dr. Elaine Strawn: Tuesday, Thursday, 3-7 pm and Wednesday 6-9 pm.

Anne Wilson, Office Administrator: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am -2 pm.

Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education: Tuesday/Wednesday 5-8 pm

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