



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

July 2016

UU News

July Service Schedule

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

Join us for coffee after the service.

July 3: *Untied/United* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Our national history has been a series of mergers and divisions as historical currents lead us together and apart. In this interactive service, we will engage some of this history.

July 10: *Goodness and Evil* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

Taking a chapter from the writings of Humanist Unitarian Universalist minister Kenneth Patton, we look ourselves in the face and know the fullness of our motives and actions.

July 17: *Confessions of the Ordinary Kind* [Kristina Spaude]

What are your deepest, darkest secrets, those you share with no one? It may be a "regret, fear, betrayal, desire, confession, or childhood humiliation" -- these are the secrets sought by the amazing mail art project called postsecret. We'll explore such secrets, and what might happen if we do share them. Spaude is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School and a member of the Kent UU congregation.

July 24: *What's the Good Word* [Steve Cook, CLM]

Steve will explore some "hot button" traditional religious words, their various meanings and the possibilities of broadening our spiritual practice by embracing them to form a "language of reverence."

July 31: *Living in Love* [Rev. Lorie Lerner]

We welcome Rev. Lerner back to our pulpit. Currently serving as a Hospice chaplain in Akron, she was our ministerial intern in 2009.

July 4 Cookout: Join us on July 4 at 6:30 for a cookout, games and fireworks. We'll provide the burgers (meat & veggie), condiments, buns and lemonade. You bring table service, a side dish or dessert to share, lawn chairs and games. We need folks to help set-up, clean-up and lead games. Sign-up on the Connections cabinet or on the UUFWC.org website.

The Minister's Column

In her Ware Lecture at General Assembly, Krista Tippett talked about the spiritual disciplines which will carry us through our current wars of ideology, actions and words. She talked about the power of words and the power of love.

Micro aggressions are an area of spiritual discipline for us as Unitarian Universalists. People who are strongly devoted to words need to remember and attend to their power. Here are a few examples from the workshop led at GA by Aisha Hauser, Dr. Janice Marie Johnson, Rev. Leslie Takahashi and Rev. Kate Lore.

You notice that a minority colleague is frequently being interrupted during a committee meeting. It might address this issue to say, "S/he brings up a good point. I didn't get a chance to hear all of it. Could you repeat it, please?"

A more blatant experience might be responding to the phrase, "You/Those people..." with your own experience: "When I hear that remark, I'm frustrated because I feel that it lumps together an entire group of people just when I am beginning to understand this one person's idea."

Tippett also highlighted the importance of questions; the tenor of the question will dictate the response we receive. Again, a simple example might be:

"Would you tell me about your experiences?" receives so much deeper responses than, "certainly you feel that..." Or "As UUs, we think..."

If we start with our own personal experience of an issue, then ask and listen deeply to others' experiences, we are so much closer to mutual understanding and compromise which contains integrity. Of course, there will always be that rare occasion when we must simply agree to disagree or to walk away.

As we move into what appears to be a particularly rancid political season, may we be the voices of compassion and careful linguists building bridges, not walls. In the coming months, we will invent opportunities to practice and add "muscle" to our verbal repertoire.

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

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

How About Volunteering to be a UUFWC Greeter!

It is easy, and interesting, and you get to know more folks in our Fellowship. You can choose the early service or the late service, and you would be only be needed several times over four months. To learn more and/or sign up, please come to the greeter training/review meeting on Sunday, August 28th after the service.

If you have questions, please contact Cherrill Wertz on Sundays.

From the Membership Coordinator: Summer UU Inquiry Session is Scheduled

Our greeters have been very busy learning all the names that go along with all the new faces walking through our doors and we would like to help these newcomers learn a little more about our congregation than what is seen on Sunday mornings.

To that end, the Membership Committee is organizing a summer UU Inquiry session on Sunday, July 10 shortly after the 10 am service. The purpose of the gathering will be for people that are relatively new to the Fellowship to spend a little time in a relaxed environment with other new folks as well as some leaders from the congregation.

A light lunch will be provided and our agenda will include: introductions, a brief history of Unitarian Universalism by Elaine, information on how our congregation is organized, a description of our adult and children's religious education programs, and the goals of a few of our key committees, including social action, stewardship, and worship. For those interested, the path to membership will be described and there will be a time for questions and answers.

Past UU Inquiry sessions have wrapped up after about 90 minutes, depending on the number attending and the time allowed for questions.

Please email Karen.uufwc@gmail.com to let her know if you'd like to attend and if you need childcare. The next UU Inquiry session is planned for the fall.

Thank you, Karen Skubik karen.uufwc@gmail.com

I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Kris D'Atri, Joe Churpek, Dan Stavnezer, and Kristen Willie for taking time out of their busy lives to attend an intensive, three-day Our Whole Lives (OWL) training in Columbus last month. They are now certified in Elementary and Jr. High/High School OWL.

They join our previously trained group of dedicated and wonderful OWL volunteers: Dae Evans, Jon Sprunger, Tim Breiner, Mady Noble, Susan Heady, Patty Hamblin, Marge Thomas, and Nancy Hurt.

Thanks to all for making this program possible at our Fellowship!
Chelsea Churpek, Director of Religious Education

Happy New (Pledge) Year!

Our new pledge year begins on 07/01/16. For those of you pledging for the first time, please submit your pledges to the fellowship by whatever schedule you selected (weekly, monthly, etc.) If you asked for electronic withdrawal, your pledge will be deducted from your bank account. If the withdrawal isn't happening when you think it should, please contact Anne Wilson.

If you choose to fulfill your pledge by check, please write "pledge" in the memo line. If you prefer to use cash, please use a donation envelope located in the foyer. Please write "pledge" and your name on the envelope.

For those of you who increased your pledge for 2016-2017, the increase goes into effect in July. If you can't remember what you pledged, please contact Anne Wilson.

If you haven't yet pledged, there is still time! Just see Anne or any member of stewardship for a pledge form.

Thank you again for your generosity and for pledging to support the fellowship!

The Stewardship Committee: Mary Wicks (chair), Bonnie Groop (past chair), Danni Schantz, Helen Meyers, Laura Moore, Wayne Perkins.

Social Action In Action

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY is July 17th. You may be aware that during the week free breakfast and lunch is available for children up to age eighteen at various locations around Wooster. For those children who are unable to get to those sites or who live in Wayne County outside Wooster we are continuing our summer focus on easy to fix foods for children to prepare for themselves when parents are at work. On July 17th we will be collecting low sugar cold cereal. 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. Small clean glass or plastic jars with lids are always needed. We thank all the Harry Potter participants for the 73 pounds of toiletries you donated.

OPEN PLATE COLLECTION ON JULY 31st will be donated to the Viola Startzman Clinic (VSC) which states its mission as providing “medical and dental care to lower income residents of Wayne County, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect”. Also offered are vision screenings, laboratory and radiology services, medications and referrals, as the Clinic works with many healthcare and social services partners in our community. Thanks to VSC, many local individuals and families lead healthier lives.

TRAVELER’S TOILETRIES: Staying in hotels or motels during your summer vacation? Please remember to collect the soap, shampoo and conditioner provided. You can put them in the Traveler’s Toiletries Bin under the Social Action Committee table in the rear of the meeting room. They will go to the Salvation Army shelter and the One Eighty (formerly Every Woman’s House) shelter.

BEYOND BARS will appreciate the wizardry in the cards that the Harry Potter participants made. They are perfect- perfect. Social Action looks up to you all, and your soecry ways.

All Things Green

SEAS WARMING FASTER THAN EVER: Oceans around the globe have absorbed more heat over the past two decades than in the previous 130 years – a sign that climate change is worsening, not slowing down, new research shows. Covering two-thirds of Earth’s surface, oceans bear the brunt of global warming, soaking up more than 90 percent of the excess heat and nearly 30 percent of the carbon dioxide generated by widespread use of fossil fuels. Using models and data dating back to 1865, researchers analyzed heat content changes at various ocean depths, work enhanced by new Deep Argo robots that probe deeper undersea than ever before. They found that more than one-third of the extra heat in the ocean is trapped below 2,300 feet, eluding surface temperature measurements and fueling dubious claims of a “hiatus” in global warming, *The Guardian* (U.K.) reports. “When we discuss global warming, the most familiar way we do that is talk about temperature changes on the surface - but it’s clear that the oceans are doing the bulk of the work in terms of absorbing the heat,” says study author Peter Gleckler. “And if we want to really understand how much heat is being trapped, we can’t just look at the upper ocean anymore. We need to look deeper.” *The Week*, February 5, 2016

Social Action Book Group

When *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; or *Life among the Lowly* was first published in 1852, no one expected the book to become a sensation, but this antislavery novel took the world by storm. It was the second best-selling book in the world during the nineteenth century, second only to the Bible, and it touched off a flurry of criticism and praise.

Social Action is sponsoring a summer book club to discuss *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It will begin this month and meet a few times to talk about racial issues, in their time and today. We encourage all ages, you don't need to read the book to join us. Sign up in the lobby.

THE UUFWC CHOIR will begin rehearsals on August 10 at 7:00. Folk Orchestra will rehearse on July 13 and 27; regular rehearsals begin on August 10 at 8:15. New people are welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP usually meets the third Sundays of the month, but is off until September.

July Birthdays:

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

July Anniversaries:

7/7 Larry Madden and Susan Heady
7/14 Jim and Inez Bird
7/17 Sue and Tom Gross
7/23 Terry and Cherrill Wertz
7/25 Denise Bostdorf and Dan O'Rourke

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 .

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 resumes on July 11, at 6:00 (a new time).

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

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.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Library News

Listed below are two book titles new to the Fellowship library:

PATHS TO GOD: LIVING THE BHAGAVAD GITA By Ram Dass 294.5436 Dass 2004

“World-renowned philosopher and spiritual teacher Ram Dass – author of the groundbreaking classic *Be Here Now* – presents the contemporary Western audience with a lively, accessible guide to the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, the classic Hindu text that has been called the ultimate instruction manual for living a spiritual life.”

----Quote from book’s back cover

Many thanks to George and Cathy Csanyi who donated this title to the UFWC library.

TWENTY-TWO PRAYER POEMS FOR CARE GIVERS By Donna Iona Drozda 259.4 Droz 2000

Inspired by *A Course in Miracles* and other sacred writings, these poems were written by the author/artist for those who care for the dying. Each poem and accompanying painting provide what Drozda calls “a meditative focus for difficult times.” A source of much comfort and strength, titles include “Patience,” “The Wheel of Life,” “The Call.”

Thank you to Kate Freed for donating this title to the Fellowship library.

Drumming the Spirit to Life

Starts on Sunday, July 3, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Earth Spirits' Room. All are invited for social and spiritual growth. Bring hand drum(s) if you have any, but no experience or drum is necessary. Together we will explore the inner rhythms that we share.

Facilitated by Bill Alkire and friends. Continues July 17 and 31, August 7 and 21, and September 4. For Info, call: [330-347-0474](tel:330-347-0474)

A Look at the Year Ahead

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

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am - Drumming the Spirit to Life 10am - Untied/United [Rev. Elaine Strawn] 10am - Summer RE program 11am - Humanist Group 11am - Racial Justice meet up	4 6:30pm - Picnic & Fireworks!	5	6 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics	7 7pm - Uke Group	8 10am - Walk for Justice- Immigration Reform	9
10 9:30am - Finance committee 10am - Goodness and Evil [Rev. Elaine Strawn] 10am - Summer RE program 11am - Earth-Centered Group 11am - UU Inquiry 7 pm - Scrabble Night	11 6pm - Inner Peace Yoga 6pm - Rev Barber: Moral Monday Revival in Cleveland 7pm - Zen Meditation	12 5pm - Operations Team	13 7pm - Folk Orchestra	14 7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics 7pm - Racial Justice 7pm - Stewardship	15	16
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summer office hours are by appointment 330.262.9194

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How to Find Us: We are located at 3186 Burbank Road, in Wooster, 330-262-9194.

From Labor Day through Memorial Day we meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

In the Summer, starting after Memorial Day, we meet only at 10:00 a.m.

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Board of Directors: Tony Beery, president; Peter Schantz, vice president; John Waldman, secretary;
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Please let the office know if you would like to receive this newsletter via email or if you wish to unsubscribe.

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

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

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is an inclusive community for spiritual exploration
dedicated to social and environmental justice.*

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