



The Newsletter for

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

of Wayne County

A Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

August 2018

UU News

August Service Schedule

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

August 5: *Will the Center Hold?* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

It's fine to "follow our own paths" but what unites us as we choose and work toward the common good? In a world which bases decisions on conflicting world views and news sources, what holds us together? Ivie Sorkin is the Worship Associate.

August 12: *Joy and Happiness – What's not to like?* [Steve Cook, CLM]

Who doesn't want to be happier and have a bit more joy in their lives? From the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu to Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman – real ways to be happier and experience more joy in your life. Ministerial Intern Drew Frantz is the Worship Associate.

August 19: *Cooks and Books* [Chelsea Churpek]

Has your nose picked-up delightful smells this summer? The RE Summer Program has focused on studying world culture and cooking up good things. Students will be invited to reproduce some of their favorites; and the congregation is invited to bring a dish of their favorite ethnic food to share. This is an international potluck to honor our monthly theme of "Unity in Diversity". Gail Woosley is the Worship Associate.

August 26: *Celebration Of Water Communion* [Rev. Elaine Strawn]

This service officially begins our congregational year. People bring water from their travels or their own tap. We honor this incredible resource, and we gather it to be used as we dedicate children throughout the coming year. Vivian Ashcraft is the Worship Associate. The choir will sing.

Black Top Update

MOST Paving will mill the old asphalt off the driveway on Monday, August 13. They plan to pave on Tuesday, August 14. **WE CAN NOT DRIVE ON THE NEW BLACKTOP FOR 24-48 HOURS AFTER PAVING.** If it rains a lot, these dates may be changed. If you arrive and find the driveway blocked off, you can park on Cannon Drive and walk in.

The Minister's Column

I am outright stealing the minister's column this month from the words and ideas of Quaker activist and teacher, Parker Palmer. In a time of such divisions, I'm wondering whether this concept of small Circles of Trust might be a vital core of our programming at the UUFWC. Check it out and then talk to me about it.

(couragerenewal.org)

"Principles of the Circle of Trust Approach

1. Everyone has an inner teacher.

Every person has access to an inner source of truth, named in various wisdom traditions as identity, true self, heart, spirit or soul...

2. Inner work requires solitude and community.

...Participants take an inner journey in community where we learn how to evoke and challenge each other without being judgmental, directive or invasive.

3. Inner work must be invitational.

...From start to finish, this approach invites participation rather than insisting upon it because the inner teacher speaks by choice, not on command.

4. Our lives move in cycles like the seasons.

By using metaphors drawn from the seasons to frame our exploration of the inner life, we create a hospitable space that allows people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives to engage in a respectful dialogue. ...

5. An appreciation of paradox enriches our lives and helps us hold greater complexity.

The journey we take in a Circle of Trust teaches us to approach the many polarities that come with being human as "both-and's" rather than "either-ors," holding them in ways that open us to new insights and possibilities...

6. We live with greater integrity when we see ourselves whole.

Integrity means integrating all that we are into our sense of self, embracing our shadows and limitations as well as our light and our gifts...

7. A "hidden wholeness" underlies our lives.

...The capacity to stand and act with integrity in the tragic gap between what is and what could be or should be—resisting both the corrosive cynicism that comes from seeing only what is broken and the irrelevant idealism that comes from seeing only what is not—has been key to every life-giving movement and is among the fruits of the Circle of Trust approach."

Racial Justice Team

On Wednesday, June 20, the UUFWC Racial Justice Team hosted community members at the Fellowship to share concerns and information regarding U.S. immigration policy and the horrific ways families seeking asylum were being treated. Thirty people from the community attended the meeting; among them were members of First Presbyterian, Westminster Presbyterian, Wooster Mennonite, and UUFWC, Members of Wayne Forward, the College of Wooster, and the Immigrant Workers Project shared information with the group. Poster paper and writing supplies were provided for those wanting to make signs for the vigil on the square on June 24.

Synthesizing with Stewardship ...

It's the height of summer, look outside, can you see the leaves on the trees? Those leaves keep the trees healthy and fed through a process called.....Photosynthesis! It's a chemical process used by the trees to convert light energy into chemical energy that can later be released as fuel to help the tree prosper and grow. Just like the leaves on a tree, our annual and sustaining pledges help the UUFWC prosper and grow. It's a process called..... "**Sustain-o-synthesis.**"

Thank you! Your commitments and support help the UUFWC create a budget and meet our operating costs. The UUFWC tree is fed and happy. We have enough commitments to see us through this year, but we can't stop now.

Just like you'd miss the trees outside if they didn't have leaves in the summer, you'd miss the UUFWC if we didn't have Sustain-O-Synthesis. **Don't worry!** Our Stewardship Committee is working hard planning for 2019. We'll continue to communicate with everyone and will be ready for the pledging season in late winter of 2019. We're open to ideas and feedback and again, **Thank You Everyone!**

Stewardship Committee:

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

Men's Group

Thursday, August 16 and Wednesday, August 22, 7:00-8:30pm - All men are invited to this group to explore what's working in your life and what you would like to change. We will create a safe space to go deeper into our authentic selves, offering tools for self awareness and getting aligned with our sense of mission and purpose. While framed in terms of masculinity, this is not meant to be exclusive--anyone who identifies as male, transgender, gender non-binary, or queer is welcome. Every meeting stands alone, so newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Contact Student Minister Drew Frantz.

Summer Labyrinth, Bonfire and Drum Circle

Save the date: **Wednesday, August 8 at 8:00 pm.**



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

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

Religious Education

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

Cooks and Books

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

“Children love to eat, and they love to cook. What better way to introduce youngsters to different cultures than through food? This curriculum uses stories and cooking to get a taste of different cultures...This fits in with our UU principles that encourage us to learn, grow, value and respect each other as we build a more peaceful world.”



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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

SUMMER

Summer RE Program runs June 3-August 12:

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

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

July 8th—August 12th Summer RE 10-11a

August 19th 10a- Summer All-ages service (NO RE) Join us for a special service where you'll have the opportunity to sample some of the recipes we've experienced this summer!

Music News

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

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

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

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

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



Membership News

Watch this space for more information on our **Annual UUFWC Bowling Outing!**

Summer UU Inquiry – Thanks to the folks that came to our Summer Inquiry on July 22. We're always happy when our newest UU friends want to learn more about UU-ism and our Fellowship! The next UU Inquiry will take place this fall.

Greeter Training for both seasoned greeters and newbies will take place on August 26 at 11:15 am (or shortly after the service). We will provide snacks for the meeting and will review our updated greeting guidelines. We welcome any friendly, dependable UUFWC-ers who enjoy people and welcome diversity. Please contact Mike Nussbaum or Vickie Dutter if you are interested in training to be a greeter.

Social Action In Action

OPEN PLATE COLLECTION ON August 26th will be donated to the **Viola Startzman Clinic**. In its mission statement the Clinic tells us that it “provides medical and dental care to lower income residents of Wayne County, in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.” Such services are priceless to those who are in need. We have been loyal to this worthy organization for many years.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SUNDAY IS AUGUST 19th. We will be collecting toothpaste and bar soap. In addition to food, low income families need items which protect their health. Cash donations are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to People to People and placed in the labeled jar on the shelves in the rear of the meeting room.

YEAR END SUPPORT: Each year the Social Action Committee sets aside funds to support projects and organizations not represented in the Open Plate collections, People to People collections, Salvation Army bell ringing, Head Start holiday gifts or other recurring causes. Contributions for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were made to the following groups:

- PEACE WORKS, which for 25 years has provided humanitarian aid to the people of Nicaragua, received \$207.92.
- The DALTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREENHOUSE received \$500 for greenhouse supplies. This project is part of the District’s STEAM program administered by UUFWC member Laura Grimm. In 2016, Social Action donated \$253.10 toward the construction of the greenhouse. This past spring, Social Action Committee members had a tour of it conducted by Laura and were very impressed with the opportunities the program offered to the students. We also learned that there was no budget for greenhouse supplies.
- The SOCIAL JUSTICE SIGN, to be installed in the front of the UUFWC property received \$230. This is in addition to \$800 previously given to this project, for a total of \$1,030.



All Things Green

SHRED DAY AT BUEHLER’S MILLTOWN STORE will be on Saturday, August 18 from 9AM to Noon. This is a free community event and all residential and business contributions are welcome. Shredding guidelines are as follows: All paper, including accounting ledger paper, adding machine tape, advertisements, booklets, brochures, copy machine paper, colored paper-20 lb., computer paper, envelopes, faxes, manila file folders – bleachable, greeting cards, laser printer paper, legal pad paper, Post-it Notes, NCR paper, receipts, all types of white paper. These products CANNOT be shredded: newspapers, phone books, magazines, binders, books, plastic folders, food & candy wrappers, waxed paper, napkins, Styrofoam containers.

16th GREEN ENERGY OHIO TOUR is on September 28, 29, and 30. This is a free statewide event featuring self guided or open house tours in each region of the state and highlights homes, businesses and public places that are using green technologies such as solar, wind, biomass, green design, energy efficiency and more. This year the tour has been expanded to include wind farms, bio energy and electric vehicles. Guided bus tours are available, along with caravan tours which offer ride share. Check the Green Energy Ohio website for information and to join the Tour Email list.

Library News

Listed below are two new UFWC library titles accompanied by descriptions from the books' covers:

NEITHER WOLF NOR DOG: ON FORGOTTEN ROADS WITH AN INDIAN ELDER

By Kent Nerburn 978.004 Nerb 2002

“Against an unflinching backdrop of contemporary reservation life and the majestic spaces of the western Dakotas, *Neither Wolf nor Dog* tells the story of two men, one white and one Indian, locked in their own understandings yet struggling to find a common voice. In this winner of the 1996 Minnesota Book Award, acclaimed author Kent Nerburn draws us deep into the world of a Native American elder named Dan, who leads Kent through Indian towns and down forgotten roads that swirl with the memories of the Ghost Dance and Sitting Bull. Along the way we meet a vivid cast of characters – ranging from Jumbo, a 400-pound mechanic, to Annie, an eighty-year-old Lakota woman living in a log cabin with no running water. An unlikely cross between *On the Road* and *Black Elk Speaks*, *Neither Wolf nor Dog* takes us past the myths and stereotypes of the Native American experience, revealing an America few ever see.”

THE OVERSTORY: A NOVEL By Richard Powers FICTION Powers, Richard

“An Air Force loadmaster in the Vietnam War is shot out of the sky, then saved by falling into a banyan. An artist inherits a hundred years of photographic portraits, all of the same doomed American chestnut. A hard-partying undergraduate in the late 1980s electrocutes herself, dies, and is sent back into life by creatures of air and light. A hearing- and speech-impaired scientist discovers that trees are communicating with one another. These four, and five other strangers – each summoned in different ways by trees – are brought together to save the continents few remaining acres of virgin forest.

...*The Overstory* is a book for all readers who despair of humanity's self-imposed separation from the rest of creation and who hope for the transformative, regenerating possibility of a homecoming. If the trees of this earth could speak, what would they tell us? ‘*Listen. There's something you need to hear.*’”



Regular Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

August Birthdays:

Kelly Chandler
Nate Chandler
Chelsea Churpek
Shelley Dixon
Scott Gross
Georgia Jaeb
Joanne Kufchak
Dia Miller
Carol Noel

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.



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 want to know when a particular group or committee meets, go to the Fellowship website,

A Look at the Year Ahead

General Assembly 2019 will be in Spokane, WA on June 19-23, 2019. You can still view/listen to presentations from GA 2018 from Kansas City, MO at www.uua.org/ga.

Summer Institute will be July 7-13, 2019 at Oberlin College. Dr. Ysaye Barnwell will lead us in Building Vocal Community®. More information at omdsi.org.

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Summer Office Hours maybe irregular. By appointment only, Please call ahead to see if someone is in the building 330.262-9194</p>			<p>7 pm- Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p>			<p>3 pm: Celebration of Life: Lois Gurich</p>
<p>10 am - Will the Center Hold? - Strawn</p> <p>10 am - RE classes in EEE</p> <p>2 pm - UU Softball @ Kean</p>	<p>6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga</p> <p>7 pm - Membership</p> <p>7pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>7 pm - Caregivers Support Group</p> <p>7 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>8 pm - Labyrinth and Drumming</p>	<p>7 pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>7 pm: English Country Dancing with Susan English</p>	<p>9 am: Worship Associates Retreat</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>9 am - Finance meeting</p> <p>10 am - Joy and Happiness - What's not to like?- Cook</p> <p>10 am - RE classes in EEE</p> <p>11 am- RE Committee</p> <p>11 am - Earth Centered Group</p> <p>2 pm - UU Softball @ Kean</p> <p>6:30 pm -Intern Committee</p>	<p>PAVING MAY INTERFERE WITH DRIVEWAY ACCESS</p>		<p>6:30 pm- Circle Sing</p> <p>7 pm- Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>8 pm - Folk Orchestra</p>	<p>7 pm - Men's Group</p>	<p>9 am - Leadership Summit</p> <p>12 - Board Retreat</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p>
<p>People to People: toothpaste & Stewardship</p> <p>9 am - Stewardship</p> <p>10 am - Cooks and Books - Churpek</p> <p>11 am - potluck!</p> <p>- Social Action Committee</p> <p>2 pm - UU Softball @ Kean</p>	<p>11:30 am - UU Women's Lunch Group</p> <p>6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Zen Meditation</p> <p>7 pm - NAACP @ OneEighty</p> <p>11:30 am - UU Women's Lunch Group</p> <p>6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>6 pm - Worship Planning meeting</p> <p>7 pm - Board meeting</p> <p>7 pm -private group</p>	<p>7 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>7 pm - Men's Group</p> <p>8 pm - Folk Orchestra</p>	<p>7 pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>7 pm - Men's Group</p> <p>8 pm - Folk Orchestra</p>		<p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
<p>Last Sunday Collection - Communion - Strawn</p> <p>10 am - Celebration Of Water Communion - Strawn</p> <p>11:30 Greeter Training</p> <p>2 pm - UU Softball @ Kean</p>	<p>6 pm - Inner Peace Yoga</p> <p>7pm - Zen Meditation</p>	<p>7 pm- Plant Based Potluck</p>	<p>7 pm- Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>8 pm - Folk Orchestra</p>	<p>7 pm- Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - Adult Children of Alcoholics</p> <p>8 pm - Folk Orchestra</p>		<p>26</p> <p>27</p> <p>28</p> <p>29</p> <p>30</p> <p>31</p>

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

After Labor Day through Memorial Day we meet on Sundays at 9:30am and 11:00am.

In the Summer, June through Labor Day, we meet on Sundays at 10:00am.

Minister: Rev. V. Elaine Strawn

Ministerial Intern: Drew Frantz

Board of Directors: John Waldman, president; David Francis, vice president; Bonnie Groop, secretary;
Inez Bird, Kelly Chandler, Rachel Relle, Denise Bostdorff, Peter Schantz, past president.

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Director of Religious Education: Chelsea Churpek

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

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

Office Hours:

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

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