

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF YELLOW SPRINGS



Newsletter

October 2011

Calendar of Programs

Sunday, October 2

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

**10:00—Our Work, Our Children
Part II**

The Massai people traditionally greet each other by asking “And how are the children?” and define the good of the culture by the well-being of their most vulnerable members. Let us consider what our children need and deserve from us; what that says about us as a culture and as a church. A description of different models of religious education will be included.

Barbara W., MSW, was the Director of Lifespan Religious Education at Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for eight years. She has been involved with Religious Education for Heartland District since 2000, including chairing the Lifespan Religious Education Committee and filling the role of Religious Education and Transitions Coordinator. She was awarded Heartland’s Anne Miller Award for Excellence in Religious Education in 2005.

Ms. W. currently provides consultation and training in faith development. She is a mental health therapist in private practice. She has a Master of Social Work degree. She and her husband Dan have two grown children. Singing and hiking are among her favorite activities.

11:45—Potluck Luncheon:

Please bring food to share, if you like, and your own table setting.

Sunday, October 9

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

10:00—Non-Violent Communication

Presented by **Sister Marie Karen S., M. Ed**, certified, veteran workshop presenter of Non-Violent Communication.

Many of us long to better our communication with family, friends and on the job. Sister Marie Karen will introduce concepts, give us a taste of NVC, and offer opportunities for continuing the learning experience.

More info on page 3.

Sunday, October 16

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

**10:00—The Public Library:
Helping Greene County Discover, Learn
and Grow in 2011 and Beyond**

What will be the role for public libraries in the future? Greene County Public Library Director, Karl C., will report on results of a recent public survey about what people want from their library, recent honors for the library system, and plans for the future.

Sunday, October 23

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

10:00—To Be Announced

11:45—*Souper Sunday:*

Soup and bread will be provided by a group of members of the fellowship. Please bring food to share, if you like, and your own table setting.

Sunday, October 30

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

10:00—Halloween/Samhain

Details to be announced.

Say *Welcome!*

Smiles and warm greetings are meaningful—for visitors arriving at our Fellowship for the first time and for all members/attendees.

All members are encouraged to greet unfamiliar faces and introduce themselves. Make **everyone feel a part of this community!**

Special thanks to members who have been the welcomers at our front door Sunday mornings, cheerfully greeting everyone who enters.

UUFYS Executive Board

President: Joan C.

Treasurer: Susan H.

Secretary: Brian S.

Members at Large:

Veronica D.

Joann H.

Bobbi T.

Jim R.

Committee Meeting Times

Here is a limited listing of committee meeting times. As board members and committee chairs establish meeting times, we will list them.

Board of Directors—Meets the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Member Services—Meets the 1st Sunday of every month.

New Members—Meets last Sunday of the month.

Social Justice—3rd Sunday of month [except July and August]

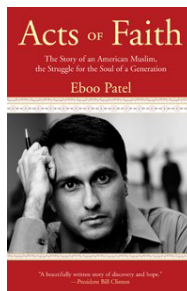
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petefine@woh.rr.com or 321-7587.

From the UUA Bookstore:

Announcing the 2011-2012 UUA Common Read

[Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for The Soul of a Generation](#)



By Eboo Patel
Pub by Beacon Press

Acts of Faith is a remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism, from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the U.S.

Patel's story is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people, and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement.

Eboo Patel, Ph.D., is founder and Executive Director of the Interfaith Youth Core, an international nonprofit building the interfaith youth movement. He was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and serves on the Religious Advisory Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations. Patel writes "The Faith Divide" blog for *The Washington Post* and [has written for many other periodicals].

The [UUA Common Read](#) is a program which brings Unitarian Universalists across the world together, reading a single book and focusing on the topics contained therein.

More about:

Non-Violent Communication

Non-violent communication (NVC) assumes that enriching life is the most satisfying motivation for engaging in new things, rather than guilt, shame or fear. It further assumes that:

- All our actions are attempts to fulfill unmet needs.
- Meeting needs through cooperation rather than competition is healthier and more satisfying for all concerned.
- Information and practice will bring more satisfying personal connections, meet our needs in ways that honor and respect our values and those of others and offer possibilities of healing previous experiences that have been painful or unsuccessful.

Marshall Ginsberg, noted author, lecturer and international negotiator is the creator of NVC. Sister Marie Karen has trained with Marshall and is a devoted practitioner of the process. She has successfully used it in a variety of settings including, school, church and St. Vincent Hotel.

See further explanation of NVC at:

www.non-violentcommunication.com

Interested in Joining?

Are you a frequent visitor, new to UUism but interested in knowing more about this denomination or membership in the UUF?

Or perhaps a previous UU who is new to this area? We have two programs for you.

- Monthly drop-in question and answer sessions after service on the last Sunday of each month. Look for the special table for an informal talk about UUism and this congregation.
- More structured information sessions about formally joining this Fellowship for either individuals or groups of newcomers.

Please contact Mary S., Chair of the Member Services Committee, at:

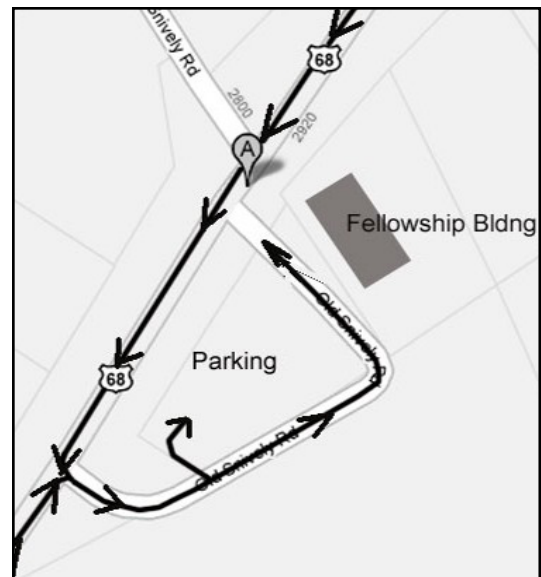
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Or

shbuzz2001@sbcglobal.net.

She is happy to answer your questions.

UUF Safety



Please remember to enter the Fellowship grounds by driving into the southernmost entrance into the parking area. People are walking across the drive and cars are dropping off passengers near the north entrance.

Keep in mind to watch out for other cars when turning off of or back onto Rte 68.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- ◆ The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- ◆ Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- ◆ Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- ◆ A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- ◆ The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- ◆ The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- ◆ Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

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