

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF YELLOW SPRINGS



Newsletter

September 2011

Calendar of Programs

Sunday, September 4

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

What are the most effective types of communication?—conversations? actions? lectures? group discussion? mass media?

10:00—Our Children, Our Work

Led by the RE Committee. We will explore the influence our children have on our lives, our congregation and the world around us; how we influence them with our voices, through our actions and the way we think and feel about them.

11:45—Potluck Luncheon:

Please *bring food to share and your own table setting.*

Sunday, September 11

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

Where has communication taken us? Is there a worldwide language? What are the best clichés, the best adjectives, the best verbs?

10:00—9/11: A Commemoration and a Callout for Peace

Presented by Fellowship member Brian S. We will focus on remembering and honoring the losses on that day, as well as speak to ways to create a more peaceful exchange of views and values.

Sunday, September 18

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

Can we trust words to explain or understand the world we live in, or is there more to communication than just the words?

10:00—Lewis Carroll Meets George Orwell:

Getting Past the Double-speak on Collective Bargaining in Ohio

Presented by Attorney Julie F. — See page 2 for details of this program.

Sunday, September 25

8:30—Sunday Morning Discussion

Are meditation and prayer communication with a receptive universe or just words in the wind? WHY?

10:00—Fear

Presented by Fellowship member Eric W.

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.*

This newsletter is published monthly. Please submit material for it, **no later than the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month**, to Peg P. at petefine@woh.rr.com or 321-7587.

September 18th Program Info

Lewis Carroll Meets George Orwell: Getting Past the Double-speak on Collective Bargaining in Ohio

In November, Ohio voters will consider Issue 2. This voter-sponsored referendum would repeal SB 5, the bill that would limit many public employee collective bargaining rights.

Proponents of the law speak of “leveling the playing field” between public employers and workers and saving money for strapped government agencies. However, much of this rhetoric is doublespeak worthy of George Orwell—or jabberwocky that might have come from Lewis Carroll.

This discussion will focus on the *actual* provisions of the new law and its potential effects on Ohio’s safety forces, teachers and other public workers, and all on working people in the state.

Julie F. is a partner in the Dayton law firm of Doll, Jansen, Ford & Rakay, which specializes in representing labor unions and individual employees. She has represented organized labor, including truck drivers, newspaper writers, factory workers, nurses and others, for 19 years. She lives in Yellow Springs.

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 designated welcomers at out front door Sunday mornings, cheerfully greeting everyone who enters.

Donate Stock/Pay Your Pledge

Judy R., Pledge Chair



If you have stock that has gone up in value, you could donate it to the Fellowship, save paying capital gains taxes, and pay your pledge at the same time. If you sell stock or mutual funds that have appreciated in value you will need to

pay the capital gains tax on the appreciation. But if you donate the stock or mutual fund to the fellowship at the appreciated value you do not have to pay taxes. In fact you can deduct the amount of the donation on your taxes if you itemize tax deductions.

This to me seems like a win win situation. You could even give a greater amount of income to the fellowship using this method to pay your pledge.

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]

Minutes From UUFYS Board Meeting 10 July 2011

Members Present: Joan C., Susan H., Brian S., Joann H., Jim R. Bobbi T., and Veronica D.

Meeting was opened to the Fellowship at 11:45. The following members presented comments to the board:

Joel G. made the recommendation that due to budget issues, that we consider a short summer break for a few weeks in August.

Peter W. made the recommendation that specifications be made on the orders of service as to the speaker's preferred timeframe for Q&A (i.e., during presentation or hold until afterwards).

12:00, the meeting came to order with the lighting of the chalice, and a short training module presented by Joan C. on Shared Responsibility. The module consisted of establishing roles for each member during each meeting.

12:15, the following proposals were taken for vote:

Current UUF commentary for *YS Guidebook*: Jim R. moved to remove reference to pot-luck luncheon and evening study groups: All in favor.

Implementation of music director job description and contract: All in favor.

Establishment of guest speaker honorarium policy: All in favor.

12:30, Susan H. presented the Treasurer's Report; with a current status of a \$16,854 deficit. Discussions commenced directed at how UUFYS will proceed to rectify this deficit. Cleanup of last year's budget is being worked on, with some aspect to be complete by August board meeting.

The topic of committee fundraisers was addressed, specifically as to whether or not the funds are specifically for the committees, or the Fellowship as a whole. It was decided that all fundraisers should be accounted for through standard budgetary channels. Additionally, all committee chairs are to be reminded that they are to sign ALL invoices prior to filing with Fellowship Administrator.

12:45: Religious Education; With Blythe P.'s announced departure from the Fellowship within the year, a new Director of RE will need to be appointed. This will continue to be an unpaid position within the Fellowship. Additionally, the board subcommittee on RE (Joan C. Brian S., Joann H., and Veronica D.) will begin a review of the current RE program, with emphasis at this time on the youth portion.

Specific elements to address will be:

Does it support the covenant and our principles?

Is it age appropriate?

Does it include a history of UU?

Does it fulfill the UU vision of RE

Does it establish the means for youth community outreach?

(Adult RE was moved to parking lot at this time)

On 17 July, RE will be having a committee meeting. Joan C. and Joann H. will be in attendance to address the establishment of a timeline for selecting a replacement.

Other issues:

A recommendation was made to refine/redefine committee functions through the Coordinating Counsel. Joann H. and Veronica D. were selected to oversee.

Additionally, Joann and Veronica were elected as Board Vice-Presidents.

Finally, minutes from Annual Meeting were approved.

The meeting was closed at 1:45 with a check-in by the members and a recitation of a meditation for the members.

“Behind the Scenes” Tributes

Belated “Happy Birthday!” (August 17th) to **Joel G.** Joel has been an essential part of our Fellowship for many years.

In the last few, he has served on the Executive Board as secretary and member-at-large, and as co-chair of the ad hoc Music Committee, he was the driving force that brought us our new Music Director, Barbara D.

Joel has served behind the scenes as well. As long-time Buildings & Grounds Committee member he has been involved with many projects, including multiple work bees and honey-suckle battles.

He sets up chairs weekly for Sunday services, delivers our donations to the Food Pantry, and operates the sound system monthly. He supports our efforts at each Street Fair, by delivering the tent and supplies, setting up, and manning the booth.

He graciously continues to offer assistance wherever it is needed, and to amuse and entertain us with his wit and wisdom.

Belated “Happy Birthday!” (August 19th) to **Joy F.!** As co chair (with Sylvia C.) of the Help One Another Member Services subcommittee, Joy has organized others and, often been there herself, to assist members in times of need—whether it be preparing and delivering food, providing transportation and assistance at the grocery or for appointments, lending a hand to clean our homes, or offering emotional support and a shoulder to lean on, including consolation when we suffer a loss.

It takes a very special person to fill this role. We are fortunate to have our own ‘Mother Theresa’.

Potluck Dinner Groups Are Starting

Mary S.

The annual “Dinner for 8” groups for UUF members and friends will be starting again in September. (To deal with the snowbirds moving south and newcomers joining the Fellowship, we will sign up new groups in January for the four or five months of spring.)

Everyone is urged to join in one—it’s a fun way to meet people!

Don’t be shy! It’s easy for anyone to host a potluck dinner for a group for an evening—at either your house or one of the other homes. Enjoy fine dining and relaxing conversation each month your group meets. It’s a great way to get to know other people in the UUF community, and an easy way to enjoy dinner out. Some groups do theme dinners, and the holiday ones are always fun.

Still not sure you could carry this off? Talk with Mary S., 767-1603, for more information. Then, fill out the registration form (page 6) and send it to her or to the meeting house office.

Since the purpose is to get to know other members and friends better, this year every group will include both long-time members and newer people. (The January assignments will be mingled in a different way.) Join the fun!

Please complete the registration form and return it to the UUF office by Sept 11, so we can get started soon.

“Happy Birthday!” to **Lucille G.** who will be 90 on Sept. 4. Since leaving our community a few years back, Lucille and husband Miles have joined son, Michael, at his lakefront home near Jamestown. Lucille, an avid UU member, devoted herself in the Fellowship to work with the children centering around the natural world. Do you have an anecdote you would like to share during the potluck on Sept. 4?

And, if you would like to join us in a party at her home afterwards—It would be short and we would drive back to Xenia/Y.S. before mid afternoon—please respond to Sylvia at 767-7395 asap. We will take refreshments and any children’s book you think might delight Lucille.

Send cards or call to:

4321 Allegheny Trail
Jamestown OH 45387

937-675-4143

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Dinner for 8

Potluck Dinner Groups Autumn 2011

Please join this annual social activity for UU's! Groups of 8 or 10 meet in members' homes for monthly dinners, from September through December, to enjoy good food and get to know each other better.

For more information, call Mary S., 767-1603.

Names of family members participating: (If children included, please give ages also.)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Any special requirements for:

Accessibility: _____

Food allergies/diets: _____

Vegetarian: _____

Transportation: _____

Number of adults your home can accommodate:

_____ hosts + _____ guests = _____ total

Are the entrance and bathroom of your home accessible? _____ Yes _____ No

If no children listed above, check one: Children welcome Prefer adults only

Would you drive others to the dinners? _____ Yes _____ No

NOTE: Please return this to the UUF office (Box 480, Yellow Springs 45387) no later than Sunday, September 11.

We will set up the groups so you may start meeting and eating in September. Because it is not always possible to honor all your requests, please indicate if any of your preferences can be adjusted, such as size of group, tolerance for meat, etc.

Identity Theft: A Swift and Silent Crime

A free seminar on identity theft is being presented in Xenia on Monday, September 19, by the Kettering Health Network, of which Greene Memorial Hospital is a part.

Publicity for it says:

More and more Americans are victims of this crime and the criminals are getting more cunning.

Learn how to protect yourself, how ID theft works, and what to do if you become a victim. All the tricks and all the remedies will be at your fingertips.

The seminar runs from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Room of the Greene Oaks Retirement home 164 Office Park Drive off Monroe on the northern side of Greene Memorial Hospital.



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:

767-1603

Or

shbuzz2001@sbcglobal.net.

She is happy to answer your questions.

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