

The Confluence

News of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, OH
A Voice of Liberal Religion in the Mid-Ohio Valley
Open Minds, Helping Hands, and Loving Hearts
July 2022

WORSHIP SERVICES

Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 am in person in the Sanctuary of the
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, 232 Third St. Marietta, OH. 45750
(It is OK to park in Huntington Bank lot on Sundays but don't block the drive through lanes)
Coffee Hour has resumed after each service.

The services are also available on Facebook (search for FUUSM) and at this Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94822183499?pwd=ZVhkMHZWSnR1bTI5czZWRk1zdFFmOT09>

Meeting ID: 948 2218 3499

Passcode: fuusm2323

Sunday Services Schedule

July 3 Homecoming Sunday Annie Warmke & Suzyn Mills

Who really was Nahum Ward? Lace Lynch shares her research on Nahum Ward, the founder of FUUSM and one of Marietta's most extraordinary citizens.

Lace will be available at the service for comments and questions. She is a lifelong citizen of Zanesville OH. A graduate of Ohio University with a BA in history. Hobbies are history and genealogy

July 10 The Deal on Those Days

Sunday Morning Worship Service from General Assembly

The last few years have not been easy, including in our local congregations. Whole swaths of members have simply stopped coming; COVID is confusing, and polarizing; many ministers have joined the great resignation; and Pew studies and friends alike have pronounced the end of the local church.

In this moment, when so many of us might be wondering if we should just give up, and relent, now's the time instead to double down on our commitment to the local church - this unique community that saves us and also breaks our hearts - often much more of the latter than we'd like to admit. In the midst of our culture of death, the church is a place of life. Or it is, as long as we are willing to bring our own lives to it. Join us for a morning of celebration, witness, and future-visioning for the already and not yet power of the local Unitarian Universalist church.

July 17 Working in a Circle -Rev. K. Hawbaker

Small groups can be a vital way to help people make connections, discover shared interests and learn together and from each other. The right of conscience; and individual freedom of belief is tempered by interdependence and mutual obligations. We support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships, and can expect one day to broaden this to ALL Life. This is often expressed as loyalty and belonging.

July 24 ***Concept of Home: Our Windows on the World***

Carol Steinhagen Martha McGovern

We build houses to provide shelter from the natural environment; then we cut windows in these shelters to provide access to the natural environment. Historical records and literature offer some insights into this practice, provoking us to think about the human place in the natural world.

July 29-31 ***Homecoming Celebration Weekend*** Annie Warmke & Suzyn

Mills Join in the fun starting on Friday evening with a family potluck with games and special prizes for the little ones. Homecoming service on Sunday,

Board Briefs

- Mike Lang will perform an internal audit using a check list provided by UUA. • The Board voted to pay our “Fair Share” assessment of \$7786 to UUA. • COVID: If you have been exposed to COVID, please stay at home or wear a mask at Church.
- Caring Committee & Membership Committee are active and would appreciate new members.
- The CoM made several recommendations to help Kat handle demands. • Ginny Jones was hired by the Board as the new Office Assistant. Her orientation will begin July 5th and regular office hours will begin July 18th.
- Service Recognition: Rebecca Phillips, Andrew Clovis, Linda Lawton • Thanks to Chris Hoke (President), Ted Goertzel (Treasurer) for completing 3 years on the Board. Thanks to Katy McDaniel who completed 6 years on the Board and will now be joining the CoM (Committee on Ministries).

Submitted by Nancy Luthy

Rev. Kat will be away on vacation August 19 – 31. Please contact members of the Committee on Ministries, Caring Committee or Board of Trustees to assist with any questions, needs or concerns.

Pollinator Habitat Update



Our habitat continues to grow (pun intended). With the city's permission (and help from its dump truck), we are expanding the habitat to the bottom of the slope along the Fort Street trail, using the smothering technique. If you are not familiar with the practice, it involves laying heavy cardboard over unwanted vegetation and covering it with mulch. In a few months, we will be able to plant more native species to feed and shelter our local pollinators. In the meantime, the sundrops are in full bloom, with more to come. AND--we are always in need of more volunteers. If you are willing to be a Weed Warrior, mulch spreader, or seedling planter, please message Rebecca Phillips (bennphil@hotmail.com) to get on the habitat volunteers list.

Calling West Virginia FUUSM's for social justice – WV SAN exploratory committee

The June Confluence announced that FUUSM's Board recently approved an exploratory committee to form a State Action Network (SAN) in WV. Let me explain . . . and hopefully enlist the help of one or two other FUUSM members who, like me, live in West Virginia.

One way our Unitarian Universalist movement encourages UU social justice is through what the UUA calls State Action Networks or SANs. At FUUSM, we support and often hear about the work of UUJO (Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio). UUJO is the State Action Network for the state of Ohio.

However, there is no UU State Action Network in the State of West Virginia, where nearly 25% of our FUUSM members and friends live.

We West Virginia UU's are a widely-dispersed bunch. While we have only five UU congregations, many other WV UUs (like me and other FUUSMs) live in a border county and attend a local UU congregation in an adjoining state. Others might attend services through the CLF (Church of the Larger Fellowship). This scattering of UUs here in "Almost Heaven" makes WV ripe for UU social justice work through hands joined with other UUs – and a West Virginia SAN could make a great difference.

The idea of this exploratory committee is to work on outreach to other West Virginia UUs with the goal of creating a WV State Action Network (SAN). If the project bears fruit and a SAN is ultimately established, like UUJO in Ohio, the WV SAN could provide a much-needed state-level focus for UU social justice work in West Virginia -- for example, seeking policy changes on social and economic justice issues, following and informing UUs about state legislation and governmental actions, working for justice in voting rights and other fundamental rights, and other important work.

At this point, the project is only an exploratory committee. I am asking for possibly one or two other

FUUSM members who live in West Virginia to help me shape and undertake the outreach for that mission. Hopefully, the outreach work would then lead to the actual creation of a West Virginia SAN, through whatever process may be developed by this outreach committee and other interested WV UU's. (The UUA offers guidance through its Coalition of UU State Action Networks -- <https://cuusan.org/>.)

So, I ask of other West Virginia FUUSM members like me, if you are interested in working on this or want to learn more, please let me know – phone/text 304/280-3992, email holdtheG@mail.com (it's @mail.com, NOT @gmail.com!). Thanks!

Submitted by Tom Cunningham

Photos from the Church Family



Kayla and baby Noah



Thad the Grad

Submitted by Kat Hawbaker

Kat's Korner Weaving our Worshipping Community

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

- Harriet Tubman

Welcome Song Words by Rumi , 13th C Persian poet, Tune: Lynn Ungar, UU mystic & educator.
Come, come whoever you are, wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving.
Ours is not a caravan of despair, come, yet again, come.

*U.U. communities have a long tradition of offering different verses to their favorite hymns.
Using the tune and structure of this song- what words can you come up with?

Chalice Lighting *This Little Light of Mine*

In honor of Jim Rapp.

Meditation

Being open-minded means that we are willing to question everything, including those things we take for granted. A lot of people feel threatened if they feel they are being asked to question their cherished beliefs or their perception of reality. Yet questioning is what keeps our minds supple and strong. Simply settling on one way of seeing things and refusing to be open to other possibilities makes the mind rigid and generally creates a restrictive and uncomfortable atmosphere.-Daily Om

Reflection *A Fire of Commitment*

Human experience passed through the fire of reason. -Ralph W. Emerson

Offerings

We encourage young people to have a safe space to explore their gifts & talents in service.

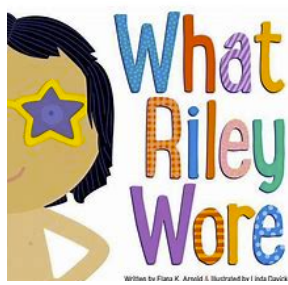
Closing Song *Comfort Me* -Mimi Boorstein

This song has become a central part of UUMA worship. At one time *Spirit of Life* by Carolyn McDade was an informal anthem of U.U. *Blue Boat Home* - a UU Ministry for Earth favorite.
Is there a hymn or song that is an essential spiritual expression for you??
Not only WHAT is the song, but WHY is it significant to you?

Bright Blessings, Rev. Kat Hawbaker

Service Recognition: Andrew Clovis, Linda Lawton and Rebecca Phillips

Every month the Board recognizes a member or members who have made exceptional contributions to our community. This month there were three: Andrew Clovis, Linda Lawton and Rebecca Phillips.



Thanks go to **Andrew Clovis** for his social justice and other work for FUUSM. In June, he arranged for OutMOV founder Jeanne Peters' reflection "Where Will You Be? Reflections on Dangers facing the LGBTQIA+ Americans." As part of the service, Andrew shared his theatrical gift and read the delightful "What Riley Wore" by Alana K. Arnold, certainly a book for all ages. Andrew also took the lead in reviving Social Justice Sunday with a workshop led by Jeanne Peters and her wife, Vienna City Council member Kim Williams. The workshop empowered members to share their experiences and concerns and to link them to others who shared them. More Social Justice Sundays will follow.

A certified Master Naturalist, Andrew has also been involved in the work of Green Sanctuary, serving as the designer for the Fort Street Pollinator Habitat and as a member of the coordinating committee for that site. He served on the Board of Trustees, regularly volunteers for the FUUSM plant sale and has arranged for donations from Davis Nurseries in St. Marys. Most recently, he oversaw the redesign of FUUSM's Third Street garden. If you have not done so, check it out!

Linda Lawton has been a valuable "behind the scenes" contributor to the FUUSM Board of Trustees. Ted has always given Linda credit for her assistance in preparing his Treasurer's Report and drafting of our proposed budgets. Linda has an MBA and worked in Marketing for many years. As Treasurer of FUUSM for 3 years, she worked closely with the Board of Trust Governors. She is currently the worthy chair of that Board and the knowledgeable guardian of our Trust Funds. Linda credits Ernie Novak for his success as her coach.

Linda was born and raised on a farm near Barlow, the oldest of six children. She was a scholarship student at Ohio State and graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in science education. She married and moved to her first husband's family farm in the Amish region near Akron. Her first job was teaching high school biology where the Amish didn't want to hear about evolution. She got a job at Smucker's Jams and Jellies in Orrville, and went on to a career in marketing research, later working for Vlasic Pickle and Campbell's Soup. She and her second husband, Ted, moved to Barlow after their retirement where her parents were still on the family farm. Most recently she has been very involved with the AARP Tax-Aide program on a local, state and national level. This program assists low and moderate income individuals in preparation of their taxes.

Rebecca Phillips was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, where she spent her first eight years without indoor plumbing. The rest of her growing-up years were in Florida, mostly in and around Fort

Myers, where she was a bookworm “fat kid with glasses.” She decided to attend the University of South Florida because it DID NOT HAVE A FOOTBALL TEAM.

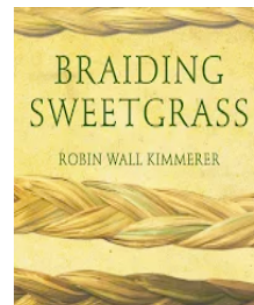
Although she had been raised Southern Baptist, Rebecca left Christianity after reading the Bible in its entirety as a teenager. After discovering the feminist theology (spelling deliberate) being published in the 70’s and 80’s, she became a feminist pagan. In 1983, she moved to Marietta and opened Mother O’Riley’s Books (O’Riley being her great-grandfather’s last name) near Seventh and Putnam, which was later sold to Elin Jones. The first time she decided to attend FUUSM and walked up to our big wooden door all alone, she couldn’t get it open because it was swollen shut, so she just returned home, initially thinking that this event was some kind of an omen! However, we are glad that she did not give up on her initial intention because on a later day, she was able to open the door and became an integral part of our congregation! A longtime worship associate, Rebecca has recently helped to establish both the butterfly and pollinator gardens on the West Side of Marietta, near the Historic Harmar Bridge. After Nancy Novak, previous chair of the Rosebuds (AKA the Plant Sale Committee) moved out-of-state, Rebecca became the de facto chair. She is quite proud of the fact that the Rosebuds were able to raise a little over \$2,000 at the FUUSM plant sale in May, the most money the sale has ever made.

THANKS ANDREW, LINDA AND REBECCA FOR ALL YOU DO AND ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR FUUSM OVER THE YEARS!

***Braiding Sweetgrass* group to hold final meeting July 10**

It's not too late to get in on discussing this inspiring book by Robin Wall Kimmerer. So please, get a copy of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, register by emailing Maggie Meyer at meyer45750@gmail.com, with “Braiding Sweetgrass discussion” in the subject line, and you will receive an outline of the chapters to be discussed, Zoom link for the meeting, and more information. Please include your name, phone number, and email address.

The final discussion meeting will be held in person and on Zoom at 12:45 p.m. on July 10 at FUUSM in the Social Hall. The congregation's COVID protocols will be observed for everyone's safety.



Submitted by Adeline Bailey, Green Sanctuary, HIP Committee

Road Trip to the Monroe Pow-wow

Monroe Pow-wow
July 2nd and 3rd 2022

Hannibal Locks, State Route 7, Hannibal, Ohio

Honoring those who walked the woodlands before us

Master of Ceremonies—Aaron Stevens	
Arena Director—Logan Steele	Head Veteran—David Weaver
Head Man—Terry Cultice	Junior Man—Sam Wanner
Head Lady—Rene Cultice	Junior Lady—Shelby Cwalina
Host Drum—Thunder Nation	Co-host Drum—Red Bird
Story Teller—Bonnie Tomasetti	

Other Drums and Vendors are by invitation only.

Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at dusk. Grand entry at noon both days
Admission is \$5.00 / Children and seniors \$3.00, Dancers are free
limited Primitive camping.
Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a weekend of fun.
NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, WEAPONS or POLITICS!!
For info Jennifer Babb (740) 934-9353
Look on our Facebook page for directions, nearby hotels and links to our sponsors

Road Trip to the Monroe powwow at Hannibal Locks

Here's a great opportunity to learn more about the tribes in our region. We will roadtrip to the Monroe powwow. We're thinking carpool if we have enough people interested.

Contact Jane Tumas-Serna
(jtumas.serna@gmail.com)
to find out more.



Two volunteer drivers are planning to make the trip to the powwow on Saturday, July 2nd. Hannibal Locks is in Monroe County, a little over an hour's drive from Marietta.

Fundraiser July 16th - Honoring Indigenous Peoples: Three Sisters Dinner

All proceeds will support the efforts of the Indigenous people who are actively seeking climate justice. They are the land and water protectors who are the most affected by climate change. Green Sanctuary members Dawn Hewitt and Adeline Bailey are selling \$20 per person tickets for the event. Or you can reserve your tickets with Kelcey Jacobs by emailing her at cv162@yahoo.com with Three Sisters in the subject line

Honoring Indigenous Peoples: Three Sisters Dinner and Program

Inspired by Native American teachings, emphasizing local foods
and

The Three Sisters



July 16, 2022

6:00 p.m.

First UU Society, Social Hall

232 Third Street, Marietta

Please stay for a special program after the meal.

\$20.00 nonrefundable donation per person

For tickets/reservations, * contact:

cv162@yahoo.com with Three Sisters in the subject line

***Reservations appreciated!**

For everyone's safety, COVID vaccination required and protocols observed.

Fundraiser sponsored by the HIP group of First UU's Green Sanctuary Committee. All funds go to support the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas who seek environmental justice for all children of our Mother Earth.

Confluence Calendar of Events

To add an item to the calendar, email the Office at:

fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com

This calendar is updated regularly

[Click here for the latest updated version.](#)

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(corner of Putnam & Third Streets in Marietta.)

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Check the website at www.fuusm.org for guidelines on pandemic safety. If you are not on the mailing

list, email the Office at fuusm@suddenlinkmail.com or call 740 373-1238

July 1, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Welcoming (Membership) Committee meeting in the Social Hall

July 2-3 Road Trip to the Monroe PowWow at Hannibal Locks

- Contact Jane Tumas-Serna (jtumas.serna@gmail.com) to find out more.

Sunday, July 3

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00 a.m. UU Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Monday, July 4

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

Wednesday, July 6

- Meditation, 12 to 1, in [Zoom](#).
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee meeting

Sunday, July 10

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11:00a.m. UU Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Society of Friends (Quakers) meet in the RE Building Parlor
- 12:45 p.m. *Braiding Sweetgrass* discussion group in the Social Hall. Register by emailing Maggie Meyer at meyer45750@gmail.com
- 2:00 p.m. GSC/HIP committee work group in the Social Hall

Monday, July 11

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

Wednesday, July 13

- Meditation, 12 to 1, in [Zoom](#).

Saturday, July 16

- 10:00.m. - 5:45 p.m. Setup for Three Sisters Dinner
- 6 p.m. Honoring Indigenous Peoples: Three Sisters Dinner in the Social Hall

Sunday, July 17

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11 a.m. UU Worship Service in Church Sanctuary
- 12:45 p.m. Green Sanctuary Meeting

Monday, July 18

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

Wednesday, July 20

- Meditation, 12 to 1, in [Zoom](#).

Sunday, July 24

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11 a.m. UU Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Society of Friends (Quakers) meet in the RE Building Parlor

Monday, July 25

- 4:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park

Wednesday, July 20

- Meditation, 12 to 1, in [Zoom](#).

July 29-31

- Join in the fun starting on Friday evening with a family potluck with games and special prizes for the littl

Sunday, July 31

- 9:30 am Today's Issues group meets in the parlor of the RE building and on Zoom. [Click Here for Information.](#)
- 11 a.m. UU Worship Service in the Church Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Society of Friends (Quakers) meet in the RE building Parlor

Looking Ahead to Services in August

Aug. 7	Overview and Retrospective on Homecoming Experience
Aug. 14	Danielle Thrasher on Trans Identity and Issues
Aug. 21	Caring Committee and Relay for Life
Aug. 28	Geoff Schenkel - Art & Community