

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF YELLOW SPRINGS



Newsletter

February, 2013

Calendar of Programs

Sunday, February 3

10:00—Literacy: Blessing, Right and Responsibility

Aurelia B., 7th and 8th grade language arts teacher at McKinney Middle School in Yellow Springs, will speak.

Blake is a retired Air Force Lt Colonel now serving in the USAF Reserve. She has travelled to Rwanda twice, and has lived and travelled in over 10 countries on three continents. She is the mother of three and grandmother of two, a member of the *Baha'i Community of Yellow Springs*, and an avid writer.

11:45—Potluck Luncheon

Please bring food to share and your own table setting.

Sunday, February 10

10:00—Why Organic?

Doug S. and Leslie G. have farmed organically at Peach Mountain Organics since 1992, growing certified organic mixed vegetables, microgreens, fresh-cut flowers, mushrooms, hay, and greenhouse plants.

They sell their products at the Yellow Springs Farmers' Market, local restaurants, and grocery and health food stores. Based in Spring Valley, they farm 43 acres, more than 25 of which are certified organic.

They will address controversial issues such as buying local versus buying organic, whether small organic farms can provide an adequate living, and the challenge of feeding the world via sustainable agriculture versus reliance on agribusiness.

Sunday, February 17

10:00—Talking to the Maasai about In-Vitro Fertilization

Fellowship members Sam Y. and Sandy L., who recently returned from a safari in Tanzania, will share some of what they learned about the interdependence of our plant and animal environment, and how one can connect with people who live in a different world.

Sandy is a writer and former Director of the Antioch Writers' Workshop. Sam is former owner of Young Concepts and a business consultant. They are current co-owners of MillWorks Development Corporation, an organization that helps young companies grow and succeed, and brings new businesses to Yellow Springs.

11:45—Souper Sunday

Soup prepared by various members.

Please bring food to share and your own table setting.

Sunday, February 24

10:00—Money, Time, and our Souls

Reverend Richard Venus, UU minister, will speak about stewardship and about tending our fellowship.

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petefine@woh.rr.com

Church cannot be a place where we...come together once a week and enjoy our doctrine and congratulate ourselves that we have a faith free from superstition.

We must do something for others, as well as for ourselves. And the more we have done for others, the more in the end, we shall find we have done for ourselves.

Caroline Bartlett Crane
Unitarian, minister, and
social reformer

UUFYS Executive Board

Officers Elected June 2012

President—To be determined

Secretary—Joann H.

Treasurer—Mary S.

Members at Large:

Bobbi T.

James O.

Veronica D.

Christina P.

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 during the potluck lunch on the first Sunday of each month. Look for the special table for an informal talk about UUism and this congregation.
- More structured information sessions about joining this Fellowship as a formal member.

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

767-1603

or

shbuzz2001@sbcglobal.net.

She is happy to answer your questions.

Committee Meeting Times

Here are the committee meeting times. All committees encourage new members; you may sit in on a session without committing to it.

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

Member Services—Meets the 4th Sunday of month.

New Members—Meets last Sunday of the month.

Program—Meets first Sunday of the month.

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

Reproductive Justice

The UUF will soon begin its study of the current UUA study/action issue which is Reproductive Justice. Here is a beginning overview. Please see anyone on the Social Justice committee for more info.

Joan C.

From an e-mail dated January 22, 2013:

Today is the 40th anniversary of the momentous *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision, yet never has the reproductive justice community faced so much legislative opposition.

In response Unitarian Universalists across the country are raising our voices for reproductive justice. UUs have been at the forefront of the reproductive justice movement for more than fifty years. In 1963, ten years before the *Roe vs. Wade* decision, Unitarian Universalists started publicly stating our support for reproductive choice. And today we continue that tradition by affirming the rights of women and every person's freedom to make faithful choices about their bodies and families.

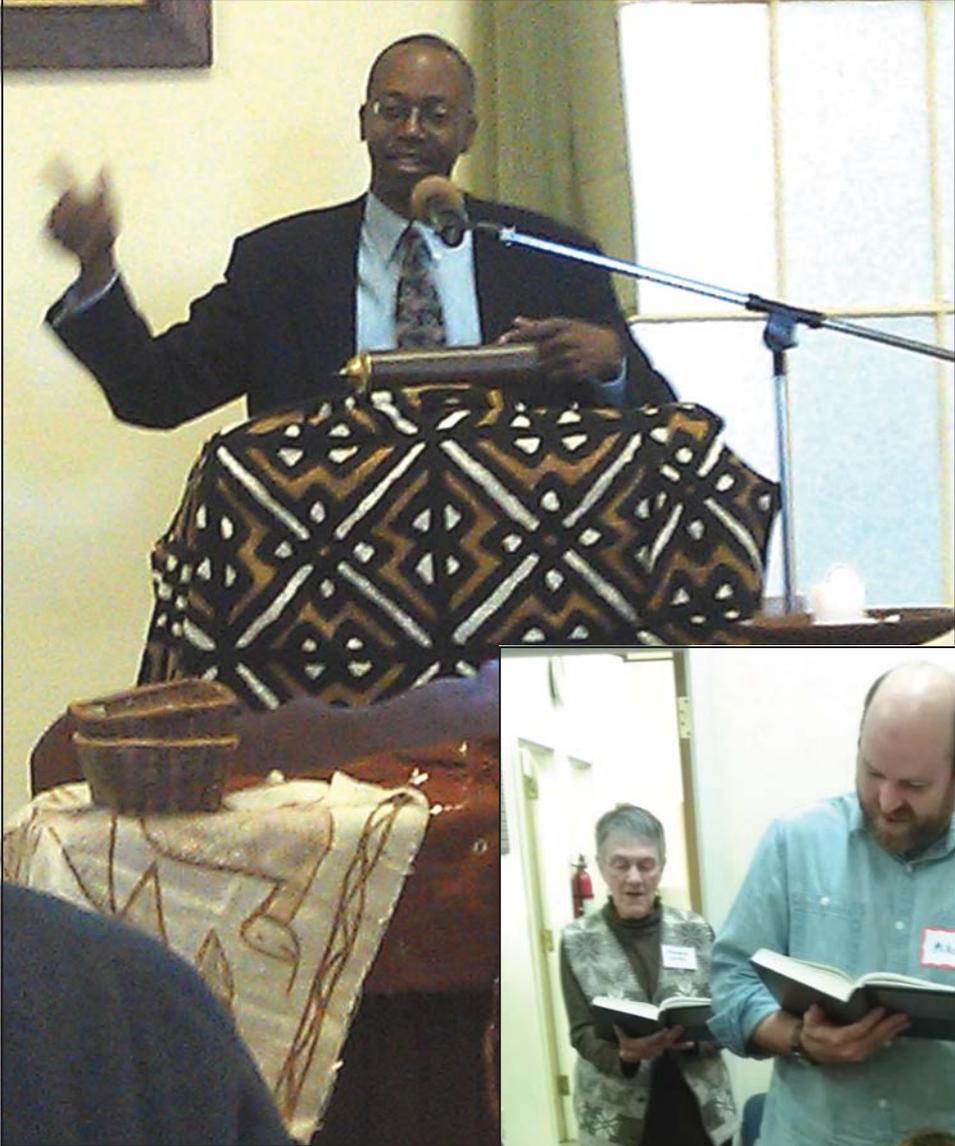
When you support the Unitarian Universalist Association, you are making a difference. Your gift allows the UUA to advocate for reproductive justice in Washington, D.C.; to create new resources for congregations; to host trainings and webinars; and to work with other concerned interfaith organizations on this issue. [Take action today](#) and make a donation to support our important work as reproductive justice advocates.

You can also celebrate the 40th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* by exploring our resources on reproductive justice, including a [curriculum for congregations](#), a congregational [resource packet](#), and information about the history of [reproductive justice](#) at the UUA. Please support this work and give generously today!

Reverend Terry Sweetser
Vice President for Stewardship and Development

Pictures of Fellowship Life

by Peter W.



Left: Kevin M., Assistant Professor of History at Antioch College spoke on *Recovering King: The Value of Historical Complexity* on Sunday, January 20.



Right: Young and old join in a hymn during the service on *What It Means To Be a Lay-Led Congregation* Sunday, January 13th.



Left and below: Children participating in younger group activities.



Left: Order regained by our UU Youth from the debris left by a winter storm.

Reminder...

Singing at Friends Care

Join members of UUFYS in singing with the residents of

Friends Care Community

at

150 E. Herman Street in Yellow Springs

Anyone is welcome to come and sing at 2:00 on the following dates:

Feb 10, 2013

April 14, 2013

June 9, 2013

Gather inside the main entrance when you arrive at Friends Care.

