

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Yellow Springs

Newsletter

May, 2013



## Calendar of Programs

### Sunday, May 5

#### **10:00-Three Expressions of Prayer: Help, Thank You, and Wow!**

Member Mary S. will discuss the three ways of expressing ourselves to some higher power, place or being and how they affect our lives.

As part of the Wow! of life, we also will hold a ceremony to welcome and honor new official members of the Fellowship!

#### **11:45—Potluck Luncheon**

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

### Sunday, May 12

#### **10:00—40 Years After Roe v. Wade: What's Old is New Again**

Please join Nancy P. of the ACLU of Ohio for a discussion on the *Roe v. Wade* case and how that decision has impacted reproductive rights 40 years later. She will discuss the status of abortion access in Ohio and how that is situated in the national context.

Nancy will then review the recent laws in Ohio, including ACLU's mifepistrone case, and laws around the country. Other topics will include medication abortion, the fetal personhood movement, contraception access, health care reform, and women's health.

### Sunday, May 19

#### **10:00—Informal Gathering**

General discussion (topic to be announced) followed by coffee. An informal service for those who are not attending the *Annual Tar Hollow Camporee*.

At right, early glimpse of the sun when it was "sung up" by fellowship member on Easter morning. More pics on page 4.

### Sunday, May 26

#### **10:00—Memorial Day Service**

Blythe P. will present a service dedicated to those who have given their lives in service to our country and those beloved Fellowship members who are no longer with us. Come celebrate a multi-media tribute that will include video, music, poetry and the communal sharing of memories.

**Note:** For this Memorial Day program, anyone having photographs of their lost beloved ones should email the images to Blythe at [onehuming@gmail.com](mailto:onehuming@gmail.com)

ASAP (by May 20) for inclusion in the video.

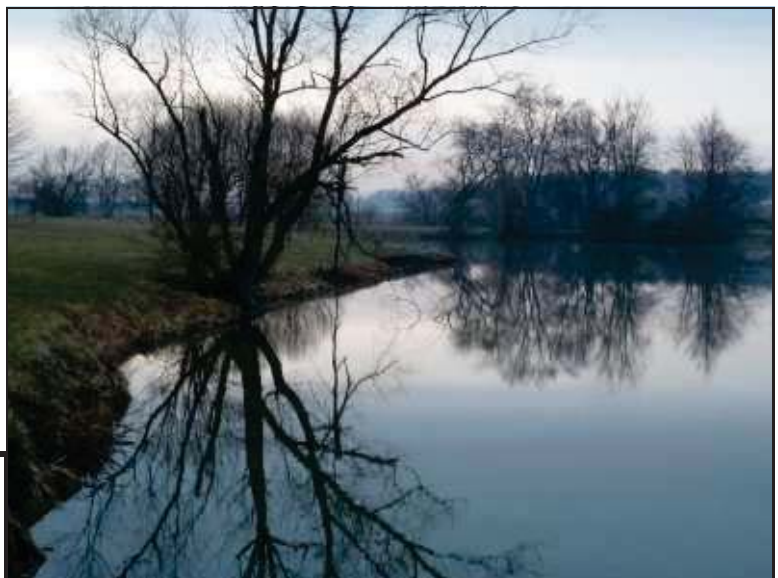
### Sunday, June 2

#### **10:00--UUFYS Annual General Meeting**

On Sunday, June 2, the meeting will be election of officers for the Board and Leadership Development committee and presentation of the budget for next year. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

#### **11:45—Potluck Luncheon**

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## May 10th Building Rental

From Charlotte B.



The Fellowship building has been rented for a private memorial gathering for five hours midday on Friday, May 10. Members should

**avoid work in the building at this time.**

## Women's Social Supper

The Women's Social Supper Group will meet at Williams Eatery at 6:30 on May 9.

All fellowship women are welcome!

## 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](mailto:shbuzz2001@sbcglobal.net).

She is happy to answer your questions.

This newsletter is published monthly. Please submit contributions no later than the **next-to-the-last Sunday of each month**, to Peg P. at:

[petefine@woh.rr.com](mailto:petefine@woh.rr.com)

The **Religious Education Committee** will meet at 9 AM on **Sunday, April 28, and May 26.**

Please join us if you want to offer input and involvement with our children.

## 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.

## 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.

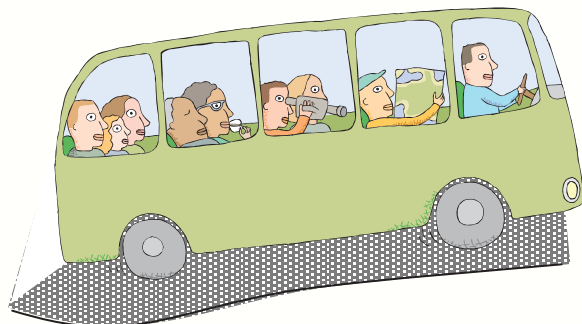
**New Members**—Meets last Sunday of the month.

**Program**—Meets first Sunday of the month.

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

## ***The Tar Hollow bus will roll again!***

The bus to the *Annual Tar Hollow Camporee* will depart Yellow Springs in the late afternoon on Friday, May 17, with a dinner stop in Washington Courthouse.



Bus riders will leave Tar Hollow mid afternoon on Sunday, after the camp is clean. The cost is a suggested donation of \$10 each way (\$20 round trip).

There are only 36-40 seats, so if you would like to reserve one, email Corrie V. at:

[YSTarHollow@gmail.com](mailto:YSTarHollow@gmail.com)

## **Do You Want to Be a Leader?**

People in this fellowship have frequently talked about starting a discussion group about death, but no one has actually done it.

We all know how sometimes death can come unexpectedly and suddenly, and how at other times death can be a lingering and sometimes painful experience. Perhaps now is the time to start the discussion.

There is a new resource for such a discussion. ***Before You Die*** is a 32-page collection of reflections and resources—both practical and spiritual—that talks about death with sensitivity, directness, and even a touch of humor. It was compiled by pastors and writers from the United Church of Christ, a progressive denomination that shares many values with UUism.

The book has chapters such as *I'm dying and No One Will Let Me Talk About It* and *Cremation vs. Burial*; a funeral planning list; and suggested scripture readings and hymns. The book costs \$6.50 for a single copy but only \$3.00 each for larger quantities.

If you are willing to organize and lead such a group, held at the meeting house or someone's home, please contact:

Mary S. at 767-1603.



## **Want an exciting five days?**

The annual UUA General Assembly will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on June 19—23. We can drive there!!

This is a great opportunity to meet UU's from across the nation, learn a lot, and be inspired. There are special workshops for all kinds of interests. The energy level of these five days is extraordinary!

**Registration**—The earlier you sign up, the less it costs. (Rates will increase on May 1.)

Let's have a large group attending! We can carpool and share hotel rooms.

(If you register, please also notify Mary S. so we can figure out rooms and carpooling.)

[Housing Reservations](#)

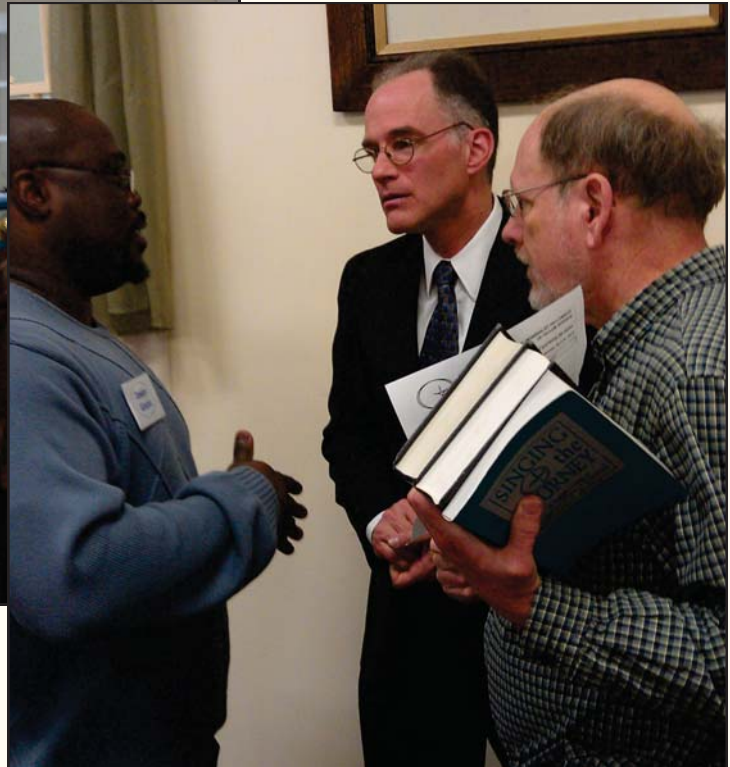
[General Assembly 2013 Schedule](#)

[General Assembly \(GA\)](#)



# Pictures of Fellowship Life

by Peter W.



Right, members of the fellowship talk with Kirk R. after his talk, *The Psychology of Climate Change*, April 21st.



and by Rubin B.



UUFYS members and friends singing up the sun (not visible!) on Easter morning

## Religious Education Classes

The curriculum being used for the pre-schoolers is named "Wonderful Welcome" and is designed to help them begin feeling a sense of belonging to their faith community. We are teaching welcoming behaviors that are appropriate with classroom peers, as well as family members, neighbors, animal friends, and nature itself."

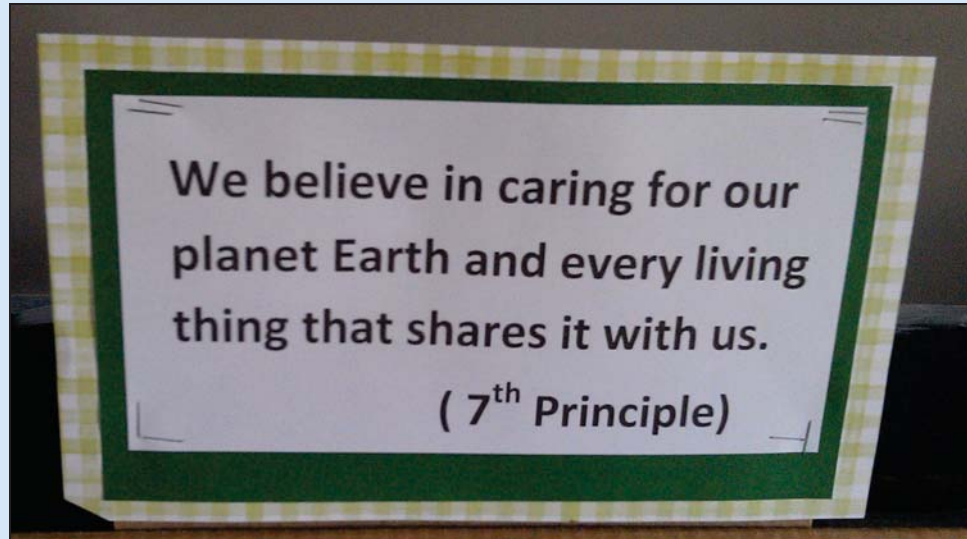
"Elementary school-aged children are involved in the "Faithful Journeys" curriculum in which the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism form the basis for examining life stories of famous and not-so-famous people, as well as spiritual practices relevant to their lives."

### RE Committee Meetings

From Joann H.

The **Religious Education Committee** will meet at **9 AM** on **Sunday, April 28**, and **May 26**.

**Please join us** if you want to offer input about and involvement with our children.



## Advice and Church Etiquette

By Mary S.

- Bring the children into the circle! As we prepare to say our covenant, please help bring the children into the room quickly and let them link hands with the adults.
- Need a name badge? Please leave a note in the office **IN** box.
- Be courteous! Wear your name tag, and chat with visitors.
- Want your Sunday announcements immortalized? Send them to Mary S. by Wednesday night (by email or phone) for inclusion in the written announcements. That way, people can take the information home.

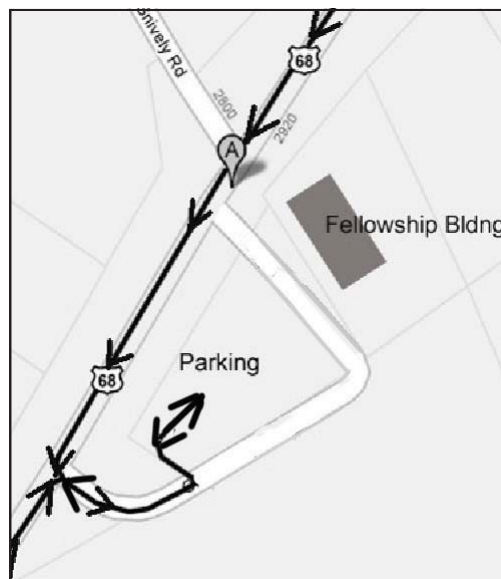
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## Drive Safely!

Please always enter and leave the parking lot by the southern (toward Xenia) end. That way you won't be in danger of squashing pedestrians at the north end and it will be easier to see Rte 68 traffic coming from either direction!



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