

The Chalice Record

August 16th, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Lima, Ohio

Congregation founded 1952

Welcoming Congregation since 2002

Seeking the Spirit

Building Our Community

Changing the World

Sunday, September 7, 2008

Water Communion

Water Communion will kick off our Fall Sunday Services on September 7th. Everyone, children, youth and adults are invited to collect water during summer adventures to bring to this ritual. We will share about our summer and where the water (or rock or shell) came from. Usually we have water from far away rivers and oceans as well as backyard baby pools and sprinklers. This ritual reminds us how connected we are to one another even when we are far apart. Ask your children what water they would like to bring, and if you forgot to bring water home from the lake any water can become symbolic of your vacation.

Thoughts from Chuck

I have a thought that may be attractive to everyone for you proposed Wednesday evening services. This idea could be implemented more than once a month with less work for members than a study group where each person is committed to , at least, reading stuff. Okay, now that you're sold, here is the idea.

Invite leaders in the community to speak to your Wednesday evening group on the topic *WHAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS MEANS TO ME*. (Both

professionally and personally). The people you invite can come from those seen as leaders throughout the community. Some examples: Judges, Lawyers (not Rick) Elected Officials (city, county, township) College Professors, Religious Leaders, School Board Members, Library Board, Welfare Workers, Law Enforcement (police, sheriff), District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Parole Board, Radio and Television personalities, Newspaper (Editors, Reporters, Columnists), Leaders of Local Political Parties, Leaders of Groups Advocating Social Change (right to life, gay marriage, MADD etc.)

In order to make this more attractive to the speakers, the format should include a chance to interact with the audience, and you should open it free to the public and promote it every way you can. (This should be seen by Lima as a public Service) If it should really catch on you may need to find a larger venue. (Take it to a larger liberal congregation and help them continue it or figure a way to make the program pay for the space.) (I reluctantly mention a small Chalice Lighter's grant.)

Getting started would consist of selecting six, maybe ten, names and sending each of them a letter outlining the plan and promising to call them within the week to answer questions and let them select a date. (Follow through on the phone calls.) After you have a few commitments and maybe at least one speaker, send out another batch of letters to new people. This time you can reference earlier speakers and those already scheduled. (Oh, don't forget to send personalized thank you letters within a few days of each person's appearance. If the person was assigned by the person you originally contacted, send them a copy of your thank you.)

I didn't say this was work free, but it is a different kind of work than discussing a book that everyone agrees to read.

I'll bet that, once you float this idea at a meeting of the Fellowship, you will quickly have a list of dozens of people you would like to hear from on this subject. The worst thing that can happen is that a group of Lima leaders will spend a few minutes thinking about the Bill of Rights and that has to be a public service in itself.

With Purpose and Principle
Summer Religious Education

As a part of our summer religious education, we are reading Edward Frost's book on the UU principles, and the discussion is great with a lot of emphasis on how we can implement them in our lives and in our Lima Fellowship.

Attendance

Sunday, August 10th, 11:00 am 7

UU Executive Committee

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High Impact, Low Commitment

If you are casting about for a way to lend a hand at the Fellowship, we would appreciate your help any day removing cigarette remains from the walkway on the East side of our home.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

Bil Green Bil has an Indie band, and he cooks for Burgundy's! He's friends with Chas and Jeremy, and this summer, he's been enjoying a visit from his son, who lives in California. Bil will be directing our Music Program during the '08-'09 year.

Next Saturday Night Live

Saturday, August 30th, 6:30 p.m.

Margot Keller, at 654 West Northern, is hosting Saturday Night Live, on the 50th anniversary of her arrival in Lima. She and her late husband have contributed so much to our community's speech and hearing challenged kids and adults. We are so happy to help her celebrate this anniversary, and she's going to make a turkey.

Recipe from Margot Zucchini Casserole

4 cups grated (tightly packed) zucchini

½ cup grated onion

1 cup grated carrots

1 cup cream of chicken soup (if vegetarians, use celery soup)

1 pkg. bread dressing

½ - 1 cup oleo

1 cup sour cream

Saute oleo and all vegetables 5 min or in microwave on high 5 min. Stir in soup, sour cream, dressing with spices. Bake 350, uncovered, 30 min.

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, August 25, 2008. 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Notable Quote

“The faintest assured objection which one healthy man feels will at length prevail over the arguments and customs of mankind.”

(Walden and Other Writings by Henry
David Thoreau)