



The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg: Building Bridges, Celebrating Community

Minister's Message

The Wayside Pulpit: What Sustains Us

By Rev. Michael Walker, Interim Minister



Dear friends,

Our worship theme for December is *What Sustains Us*, which seems appropriate for this holiday season! Many of us reach out to family and friends during the holiday season to sustain us. There will be time for rekindling long-time relationships, sharing all the trials and tribulations of the last

year, and wondering in amazement at how fast our youngest relatives or the children of long-time friends are growing up. This is also a time to listen deeply to those personal sorrows that may not have been spoken out-loud all year – and reaching out to support those with such sorrows. The holidays may be happy for some, but may also be a time of sadness for others. Let's reach out to everyone we can – let's covenant, you and I, to be sure that no one in our community is forgotten during this holiday season. Reach out, and share the love.

This is the season when we reach down into our hearts, and pull out our compassion and good cheer. Why we don't do this all year along, I've never really figured out. But it has been proposed that these customs arose from days when people could not travel far (no motorized vehicles), only so far as the horse would go in the bad weather. And so, staying around one's little village, with all the same people, cold and miserable...well, finding excuses for frivolity, showing compassion, and feeling a sense of cheerfulness became very important. It was a survival mechanism. Or so some have theorized.

If that be true, or even if it's not, we cherish the customs now associated with the winter holidays – Christmas, Chanukah, Yule, and others. This time of year gives us an opportunity to help others, to give to charity, to repair any broken relationships in our families or other circles, and to find joy in each other's company. It is time for drinking mulled cider or egg nog, singing carols and trimming a tree, spinning dreidels and eating latkes, and showing compassion for those who may have less than us. It is a beautiful time of year!

May it ever be so and blessed be you all!

— Rev. Mike

Rev. Michael Walker is the Interim Minister at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. He is interested in connecting with you! You may email him with questions and concerns at revmike@harrisburguu.org. If you need an appointment, you may schedule one by calling the office at 717-564-4761 or emailing one of the [administrative](#) staff.

Worship Services

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Market Street, 11:30 a.m. Clover Lane

Dec 6 *Sitting Under the Bodhi Tree* Rev. Michael Walker
The first in a series of interfaith sermons, we will hear the story of Siddhartha, later known as Buddha, in recognition of Bodhi Day this week. His childhood was a life of privilege, in which his eyes were shielded from the privations of those who had less. When he grew older and learned the way of the world, he dedicated his life to ending suffering – and became enlightened in the process.

Dec 13 *The Candles of Chanukah* Rev. Michael Walker
The second in a series of interfaith sermons, we will learn the story of the Jewish holiday, Chanukah – the eight-day Festival of Lights. This service is not a religious observance of Chanukah, but rather a telling of the story behind the holiday. We will honor the faith, struggle, and perseverance of the Jewish people, seeking self-determination and the end of tyranny in their homeland.

Dec 20 *Jesus, the Teacher (or, The Life and Times of the Real Dude)* Rev. Michael Walker
The third installment of the interfaith series is a story about *Yeshua ben Yusuf*, the man and teacher (before he became known as a god), and some of his teachings that are applicable to life today. Before he was a rabbi, he was a boy — a carpenter's apprentice, one who we would not really expect history to remember. History records the doings of kings and prophets, not carpenters, and certainly not their apprentices. Who was this boy, and who was the man he came to be?

Dec 24 (Thursday) *Christmas Eve: Beauty in the Stillness*
Rev. Michael Walker
Market Street @ 6pm **Clover Lane @ 8pm**
You and your family are invited to join us for an evening of candles and carols, sharing in good cheer and company. It is the custom of UCH to include a children's activity in the earlier service at Market Street; while the service at Clover Lane will be more contemplative.

Dec 29 *Dark of Winter* Sparkie Radcliffe
"Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me. Let my thoughts go where they will, ease my mind profoundly."
-Shelley Jackson Denham.

At this time of year, when the days are shortest and the holidays are almost over, we often find ourselves contemplating the coming of a new year. During this service of readings and meditations, we will ponder and share what eases our minds profoundly.

December Theme
What Sustains Us

Help people in
our community!
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Message from our President

By Laura Shemick, President



A few years ago, I took an adult religious education class, “Your Money or Your Life,” at UCH. The purpose of the class was to help participants make decisions about their priorities, including how much time and energy they wanted to devote to making money, attaining social status, and acquiring possessions. I don’t recall how others in the class came out, but I decided that having a high-prestige job wasn’t worth the time and energy. Having a highly

satisfying job, however, was well worth the time and energy. Similarly, I decided that having rewarding life activities outside of work was worth a great deal.

This leads me to consider my own highly rewarding activities at UCH, and the life of the typical member of our church. No one comes to UCH, I think, because of the enormous social prestige membership might confer. I doubt that anyone comes because of important political connections we can make during coffee hour. I have no doubt, on the other hand, that people come to UCH and join our community because they feel at home, because they feel they can do work that is valuable and valued, and because they can explore new ideas and challenge old ones without fear of ridicule or dismissal. We also laugh, make jokes, and sing from time to time, which is very nice.

We are not perfect, of course, and occasionally fail to live up to our own highest standards. Forgive me, please, for pointing this out. Sporadic bouts of deafness to cries for help or blindness to obvious need are inevitable when our lives are as busy and hurried as they are. I firmly believe that people have good intentions, although we may not be able to discern them at a specific point in time. Whenever someone does something that to me seems absolutely senseless, all I can conclude is that it must have seemed to them to have been a good idea at the time – or they wouldn’t have done it.

This leads me to the matter of why we, as a church, adopted a deficit budget in May. I concede that it wasn’t a great idea, financially, but it was better than the alternative, which was to immediately and drastically scale down staff and programming at a time of relative crisis. It also allowed for us to budget for a full-time minister for the current year. We on the Board wrestled for what seemed like forever with the various possibilities, knowing full well that we could not continue to draw funds out of our reserves to maintain our situation. We did, however, entertain the hope that squarely facing our issues, collecting information, outlining possible courses of action and setting timetables for the congregation to make important decisions would encourage members to stay the course, walking with congregational leaders toward the future – walking with faith in this congregation, and hope, and the knowledge that we are an extremely determined and clever group of people.

As of today (Nov. 28), the Board is collecting information on the programs and costs for each of our two campuses, how other

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December 2015 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Tue 1	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG)
Wed 2	6:00	QueenSpirit
	7:00	Choir practice, Market Street
Thu 3	6:00	Solstice Planning Meeting
	7:00	Choir practice, Clover Lane
Sun 6	Various	Sunday worship, followed by showing by OLIVER COLLECTIVE , both campuses
Mon 7	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 8	6:30	Women’s Night Out
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 9	7:00	Choir practice, Market Street
Thu 10	7:00	Choir practice, Clover Lane
Sat 12	9:00	Common Ground Café
Sun 13	various	Sunday worship, both campuses
	5:00	Community Family Christmas Party
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature
Mon 14	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 15	10:00	CroneSpirit
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 16	7:00	Clover Grove/Solstice Planning
	7:00	Choir practice, Market Street
Thu 17	7:00	Choir practice, Clover Lane
Fri 18	7:30	Coffee House: Christmas Cèilidh
Sun 20	Various	Sunday worship, both campuses
	4:00	Solstice Celebration
Mon 21	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 22	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 24	6:00	Christmas Eve Family Service
	8:00	Christmas Eve Contemplative Service
Sun 27	Various	Sunday worship
Mon 28	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 29	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group

 Occurs at Market Street

DECEMBER TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	MARKET STREET	CLOVER LANE
6	Debbie Reihart	Nan Cavanaugh
13	Tom Conners	Marilyn McHenry
20	Laura Edinger	Laura Shemick
24	6 p.m. Debbie Reihart	8 p.m. Dave Forster
27	Tom Conners	Marilyn McHenry

churches do multi-site ministries, and what unrealized potentials exist for us. Every Board member will be working on this rather immense task, and after the holidays, we will arrange meetings to share, discuss, and refine the information and possibilities. The

Board is also working on proposed changes to the bylaws that would require congregational approval for highly important decisions, with a high level of participation. We are also considering changes in how congregational voting occurs.

The Healthy Congregations Task Force has been reconfigured (page 3), with four members rotating off and two members added. Under the continuing leadership of Sandy Hamstra, the Task Force will focus on improving the functioning of our congregation as a community through education, open discussions, and such interventions as may be requested.

We on the Board have taken very seriously the report that our consultant gave us in October and are working steadily (if quietly) on his recommendations. Drafting changes to bylaws is just not all that exciting, unfortunately, and collecting and analyzing information on multi-site churches is a time-consuming and somewhat painful process. The Board has scheduled an extra session to consider our financial status and review progress on the multi-site church project, among other things.

At this time of year, we are too often hurried and flurried, and can feel that life is out of control. Too many things occur in too short a time, and that includes church, where we have special programs and services, music and pageants, and fun festivities. Time is the universe's way of ensuring that everything doesn't happen at once, but it sure seems to go really quickly between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Take some time for yourself, remember what is truly important to you, and don't permit our greater society to lead you astray. You deserve a holiday season that is meaningful to you.

Finally, past President Judy Linder has resigned her position as Trustee, effective immediately, but will continue in her capacity as Treasurer. The Board of Trustees is deeply grateful for her for her long and devoted service as a Trustee. We now have two vacancies on the Board. Anyone interested in Board service should speak with a current Trustee about the duties of Board members. While there is no paycheck attached to the position, the intangible rewards are immense!

Respectfully submitted, *Laura Shemick*,

UCH News

Healthy Congregations Task Force

The Healthy Congregations Task Force (HCTF) is moving forward in addressing some of the recommendations presented Oct. 18 by our consultant, Mike Harris, and by Dr. Hope Johnson, Congregational Conflict Program Manager for the JPD District and Central East Region Group (CERG). Last month, the Board of Trustees reviewed a job description for the HCTF and charged us with fostering an increased sense of the commitment to nurturing the Beloved Community at UCH.

The HCTF has multiple options for the accomplishing these goals, including offering tools to help members improve their conflict management, listening, and communication skills. HCTF is also charged with promoting reconciliation between individuals or groups of individuals as well as the congregation as a whole. HCTF will be developing and implementing a process for managing any conflicts that might have an adverse effect on the congregations' ministry.

At the suggestion of our consultants, we are changing the composition of the task force itself. The four Board members on the HCTF, Chris Dutton, Laura Shemick, Laura Edinger and Debbie Reihart, are being released from their service with our thanks and deep gratitude. The reason for this change is to constitute a HCTF membership that is solely committed to the congregation's healing and mission above all other agendas. Kate Carpenter, Nancy Hall, and Sandy Hamstra will be joined by Karen Mallah and Bob Bargh, who finish Healthy Congregation training in December.

More specifics on plans for moving forward with the work of healing and reconciliation at UCH will be shared in future *News You Can UU's* and the REPORTER.

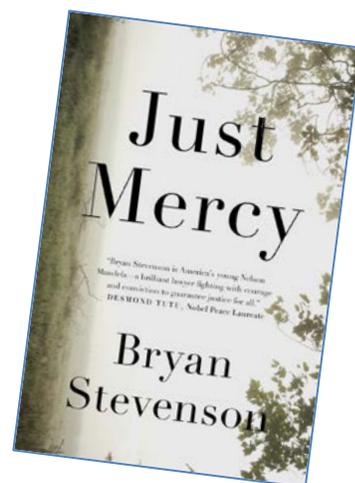
— Submitted by *Sandy Hamstra, Chair*

Helping People in Prison and Their Families

December marks the 14th anniversary of this lay-led ministry! **Looking back**, we celebrate delivering 14 years x 50 weeks (we're not perfect) x 5-10 copies of the Sunday classified ads, or 3,500+ copies to the PROGRAM, to help the women from Dauphin County Work Release find work. We celebrate presenting eight Reentry Breakfasts for women and men at halfway houses and work release centers.

Looking forward, we are preparing to participate in the [UUA Common Read](#) and will read and discuss *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson early next year. And we look forward to our next Reentry Breakfast, made possible only with lots of wonderful volunteers. Please save the morning of April 23 to assist!

— Submitted by *Jim Cavanaugh, Coordinator*



UCH Worship Team

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg now has a [worship team](#)! Rev. Mike Walker established the team in September to assist in planning Sunday morning services at our two campuses.

What is the focus of this team and what does it do? The Worship Team focuses on fostering excellence in Sunday services, which we regard as the spiritual center of church life. In this context, the team defines “worship” as that which honors what is worthy or important, creates moments that can be personally transformative, and is based in part on our six sources.

The team gives feedback to the minister about the services. For example, the minister may be considering small changes to services and can solicit feedback from the team. We also help to find speakers for the services during Rev. Mike’s Sundays off. The team wants to hear feedback from the congregation, to make sure the services meet your spiritual needs. A more complete description of the team is available at [this link](#).

We are just getting started, so look forward to more information as the team begins its work on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact us at worship@harrisburguu.org. Current team members

include Hannah Belser, Kate Carpenter, Jim Cavanaugh, Marsha Dulaney, Laura Edinger, Mary Henninger-Voss, Linda Hope, John Hope, Rachel Mark, Sara Palmer, Sparkie Radcliffe, Debbie Reihart, David Spear (chair), Karen Sykes, Libby Tisdell, Pete Trufahnestock, and Rev. Walker.

— Submitted by David Spear, Chair

Can You Hear Me Now?

Do you have trouble hearing during our worship services? We want to hear from you! The UCH is investigating how to make it possible for everyone to hear well.

What would make it easier for you? Perhaps some technology like Bluetooth or Wi-Fi? A smartphone app? Headphones? Or a technology-free approach?

Whatever your ideas, please let us know. Send your ideas to [David Spear](#) at with a full description.



Stewardship Task Force

We are working on three time-frames, all related to the financial health of UCH:

- Short-term, helping the Close The Gap campaign to succeed
- Annual, beginning to craft a plan for the next Pledge Campaign
- Long-term, both working to create a culture of generosity, and beginning to lay the groundwork for a Planned Giving program that recognizes and encourages UCH members and friends to remember UCH in their wills or estate plans.

We’ll meet next on December 15 at Clover Lane, at 7pm. If you have remembered UCH in your will or estate plan, please let us know – we want to thank you!

— Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh, Chair

UUPLAN Report

The UU PA Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) held its annual meeting Nov. 14 in State College, with 69 participants attending the meeting hosted by UU Fellowship of Centre County (UUFCC). The session opened with a reading by UUFCC interim minister, Rev. Gabi Parks, entitled “A Drop in the Bucket.” Speakers during the day included John Poole, State Director of Pennsylvanians United to Amend, and Neil Goldstein, UUPLAN Economic Justice Co-chair and Liaison to PA United to Amend. They presented an informative session on the influence of money in politics and their work in Pennsylvania to pass a resolution to convene an Article 5 Convention of the States. Irene Habermann, State Organizer for PA Interfaith Impact Network, conducted a workshop on how to engage others in social justice work using one-to-one conversations.

The afternoon included an opportunity to “speed date” three different Justice Teams. Small groups moved through a 15 minute overview to learn about issues faced by the team; UU clergy participated in the minister’s caucus. The afternoon concluded with meetings of the statewide “Issue Teams” on Anti-Mass Incarceration, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Immigration Justice, LGBT Equality and Reproductive Justice to define their goals, allies, strategies and tactics for the 2015.

UUPLAN’s 2016 annual meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 12, 2016, location TBD. To find out more about the work of any of our Justice Teams, please feel free to participate in monthly conference calls (chart) or contact [Anita Mentzer](#).

—Submitted by Anita Mentzer

Monthly UUPLAN Conference Calls		
Team	Meeting Day	Time
Anti-Mass Incarceration	Last Monday	8:00 p.m.
Economic Justice	Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Environmental Justice	Second Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Immigration Justice	Third Monday	Noon
LGBTQ	Fourth Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Reproductive Justice	Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
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Detail Calendar

December 2015

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Tue 1	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)	Clover Lane
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Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced while meditating but vital in our everyday lives. Mindfulness is helpful in reducing stress, managing pain, focusing attention, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and developing awareness and insight.

The ability to be mindful is strengthened through consistent practice. Mindfulness Meditation Group provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another. Contact [Chuck Daley](#). **Repeats every Tuesday.**

Wed 2	6:00	Queen Spirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, all women are invited to come to a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a recycled, wrapped gift and join the fun!! Extra gifts available so please come even if you don't have a gift.

Bring a dish to share. Potluck starts at 6:00 p.m.; please bring your own table service and a dish to share; circle starts at 7:00 p.m.

Contact [Randa Todd](#). QueenSpirit is also hosting the Solstice this year; planning session is Dec. 9 (see below).



Thu 3	6:00	Solstice Planning Session	Clover Lane
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Come and give your input as we finalize the solstice ritual. This year's themes are exploring marginalization and building community. More people are needed for parts large and small. Contact [Ann Stillwater](#) with questions.

Mon 7	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Weekly)	Clover Lane
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Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body for an energetic workout and includes a calming, meditative relaxation at the end.

Repeats every Monday. Contact [Ed Sykes](#). No experience necessary!



Tue 8	6:30	Women's Night Out (Monthly)	Off-site
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Women's Night Out is a lay-led ministry that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant, alternating locations between the East and West Shores. Each month at dinner, participants take a collection and contribute to the Ecumenical Food Pantry.

This month, we meet at [Café Magnolia](#), 4700 Gettysburg Road, Mechanicsburg. To join us for dinner and experience the friendship while providing support to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, please contact [Linda Brown](#) by Friday prior to the event.



Sat 12	9:00	Common Ground Café	Market
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Common Ground Café occurs at our Market Street campus on the second and last Saturday of the month. The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome. **The café is closed this month on the last Saturday, i.e., Dec. 26.** To join the list of volunteers, please contact [Clay Lambert](#).



Sun 13	5:00	Christmas Get-Together	Market Street
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Come one, come all for a Christmas Get Together to include preparation and consumption of festive food and drink, seasonal music, and general merry-making, sponsored by the UCH Fun Committee! The timeline for the festivities is as follows:

- ⊕ 4:00 pm Communal preparation of the meal
- ⊕ 5:00 pm Meal is served
- ⊕ 6:15 pm The choir will present a program of seasonal music followed by a sing-along

To participate in the fun, a donation of one of the following is required:

- ⊕ Non-perishable donation, to the Food Pantry, collected at the door
- ⊕ Cash: \$10 per person or \$20 per family
- ⊕ Time/labor, such as help to prepare the meal or clean-up

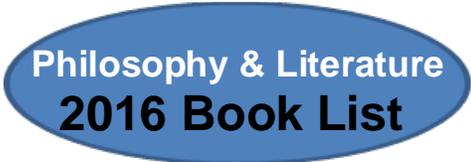
Please also bring a dessert to share with the group. If there are any questions, please contact [Marjy Hartman](#) or [Debbie Reihart](#). We hope to see you there!



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Sun 13	6:00	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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The Philosophy & Literature Group usually meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, the group will meet at 6:00 for potluck, then at 7:00 to select books for 2016. All are welcome.
Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.



Tue 15	10:00	CroneSpirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "Holiday Traditions Past and Present: Finding the Joy." We are:

- ⊕ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members
- ⊕ Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power
- ⊕ For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of 10 women
- ⊕ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip or speaking disrespectfully to or about each other

We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact [Joan Hellmann](#).



Wed 16	6:00	Clover Grove (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday. In December, we will meet on Wednesday the 16th to prepare for the UCH solstice celebration (see below). We resume our normal meeting schedule on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, in the Clover Lane Common Room from 6:00-8:00 pm. We hope you join us in the New Year! See you at solstice! If interested in joining the Clover Grove mailing list, please contact [Jen Wallitsch](#).

Wed 16	6:00	Solstice Planning	Clover Lane
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Join the Fun with the Solstice ritual preparations. The days are getting darker, and our souls need a lift. Even if you have not been involved with solstice planning, QueenSpirit, or Clover Grove before, you are welcome! Our planning will end with a solstice ritual rehearsal. The solstice ritual itself will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 20. Contact [Ann Stillwater](#) with any questions.

Fri 18	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House	Clover Lane
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Clover Lane Coffee House sponsors concerts monthly from September to May, normally at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday. Admission \$10 at the door, maximum \$25 per family. All are welcome. This month, we are pleased to host a Christmas Cèilidh. UCH member Bill Brown plays Irish bouzouki, banjo, tin whistle, bagpipes, acoustic guitar, and bass; for tonight's concert he will be joined by colleagues from The Killmaine Saints and other local Celtic musicians.
Please contact [Bart Carpenter](#) for additional information.

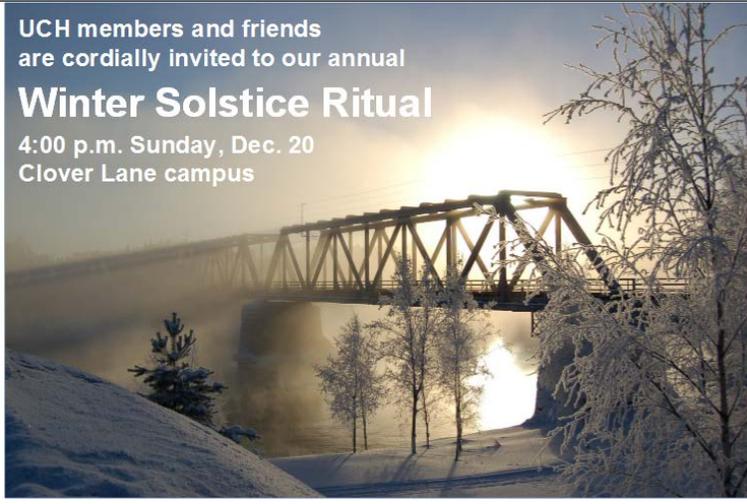


Sun 20	4:00	Winter Solstice Ritual	Clover Lane
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Oyez, Oyez, Oyez! All are welcome at the winter solstice ritual in the Clover Lane sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 20. Our apologies to those who had the prior day on their calendars and cannot attend on the Sunday.

Traditionally, the solstice ritual is one of our largest non-Sunday-morning events. The still point of the solstice brings introspection and renewal.

We support ourselves and each other in community in this darkest time of the year. Potluck dinner and dancing and drumming around the fire to follow. Contact [Ann Stillwater](#) with questions.



Please welcome these new members to UCH!

Shapearl Carroll

Shapearl Carroll is from Harrisburg and has been attending Common Grounds events for several years. She was attracted to the UCH by how friendly, understanding, and helpful people are at the UCH. She has two daughters, Camari, 6, and Enyah, 11, both enrolled in RGL. Her Connection Coach is Bart Carpenter.



Tabitha Lewis

Tabby Lewis was raised around a variety of religions and adores the similar variety of views she finds around UCH. She lives in Bellevue Park and was thrilled to find a church in walking distance. She is a student and an IT professional, as well as a writer. She likes to stay busy, and is excited to jump into the community. She and Kaylee Kilgore (below) plan to work on the children's reading program for Common Grounds Café. They are sharing Marj Hartmann and Lois Voigt as Connection Coaches.



Kaylee Kilgore

Kaylee Kilgore was raised in a non-religious family but chose to attend a Pentecostal church because she liked the sense of community. A student at Lebanon Valley College, she was excited to discover the UU faith because she had never realized that there were churches so closely aligned with her values. From the first time she showed up at UCH, she felt welcome. She also says it didn't take her long to find where she can be useful in the nursery and with the Common Grounds Café the reading program. She and Tabby (above) are sharing Marj Hartmann and Lois Voigt as Connection Coaches



Jesse McCauslin

Jesse McCauslin found the UCH earlier this year and was attracted to the open, humanist-friendly philosophy. He is employed by EZ-Pass and enjoys movies, music and board games. He primarily attends services at Clover Lane. He was an active member of the 2015 Auction Committee ("Show Your Colors") and hopes to assist in similar activities next year. His Connection Coach is David Spear.



Clair Ryan

Clair Ryan is a recent transplant to Harrisburg, originally from Albany, NY, by way of Southern New Hampshire. She works as a restoration manager at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Harrisburg office and lives in midtown with her husband, Colin, and her two cats. Raised without religion, she was looking for greater spiritual connection when she discovered the UU faith in New Hampshire and is thrilled to now be part of the UCH community. She loves music, sings soprano with the Market Street choir, and is learning to play the harp. Her Connection Coach is Laura Edinger.



Ann Christine Warneka

Ann Christine Warneka relocated to Central Pennsylvania from Phoenix, AZ. She is a Registered Nurse passionate about worker safety and wellness. Working in the field of nursing for 22 years, she has varied experiences including entrepreneurship. Her personal hero is Mother Teresa. She holds a bachelor of science in nursing from Franciscan University, a certification in Toastmasters and a certification in occupational health. She is active in Queen Spirit. Ann Christine enjoys, baking, spending time with friends and family.



Her son, Jacob Warneka-Hanggi, is a 9th Grader at The Circle School. He was voted in as IT and technology clerk at the school this year. He is an active member in the OWL program. Jacob's interests include video games, humor and working out at the gym.

December Clothing Drive

—Submitted by Sara Palmer, RGL Director

At children's RGL on Nov. 29, our kids learned more about local families who need help with winter clothing needs. They said, "Let's do something!" The kids have directed me to share their posters on Facebook and other social media sites to get a huge response!

Here's the Clothing Drive Collection info:

- 🍌 **WHAT:** Collecting *New or Like New* Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves, Long Underwear, Coats, Long Underwear, Unopened Packs of Underwear and Socks
- 🍌 **WHERE:** Market Street and Clover Lane
- 🍌 **WHEN:** December 1-31
- 🍌 **HOW:** Hang it on the donating trees at either campus
- 🍌 **WHY:** To be generous, because we CAN

