



The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg is an inclusive, gloriously diverse, deeply connected spiritual community dedicated to the practice of radical service.

Minister's Message

By Rev. Eric Posa



I am sad to say that our time together is coming to its end. I will be in the pulpit twice in June, one last time at each campus - June 7 at Clover Lane and June 14 at Market Street, with a farewell reception following worship on June 14. Clover Lane attendees will have time to come over to Market Street in time for the start of the

reception. My wife, Suzi, and I will come to church that day with our car packed, having moved out of our home two days earlier; we will hit the road that afternoon, spending the week traveling across the country to General Assembly (GA), our national UU convention, in Portland, OR. Serving as your delegate at GA will be my final official service to the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

I do regret that my leave-taking comes at such a complex time in the life of this church. Your Ministerial Search Committee did excellent work; truly, I have been very impressed with their thoughtfulness. But the final vote was lower than expected, and your co-ministry candidates declined the offer to call on that basis. It is an uncomfortable time in the life of any church. In particular, here at UCH, the conversations held over the two weeks following the vote have revealed a depth and complexity to conflicts here that previously had only been hinted at.

Awkward as that may sound to some of you, please hear that I take it as a hopeful sign. Getting to the roots of these conflicts will be key for your reaching the place where you can move forward together. Your Board of Trustees has done excellent work in a short period of time, under intense circumstances. I am confident that you are now as well-positioned as you possibly can be to do the work you need to do as a church. I am convinced you can weather this storm.

One final note of thanks: it was my great pleasure to work last year with the Transition Team. Kevin Geist, Karen Grimm-Thomas, John Hargreaves, Andrea MacDonald, and David Spear were stellar companions in the interim ministry tasks. I am most grateful for their insights and commitment to the interim work. I thank them particularly, and I thank you all truly. Go in peace, UCH.

In faith, *Eric*

p.s. We will conclude our travels this summer in Memphis, Tennessee, where I will serve next as interim minister at First Unitarian Church, AKA "Church of the River."

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June 2015 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Mon 1	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 2	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 3	6:00	QueenSpirit
Thu 4	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 6		Clover Lane Garden Clean-Up
Sun 7	10:00	"Sweet Sorrow," Rev. Eric Posa
	10:30	All Ages Flower Ceremony, Rev. Donna Renfro
Mon 8	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 9	6:30	Women's Night Out, Masala Bistro
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 10	7:00	Clover Grove
Thu 11	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 13	9:00	Common Ground Café
Sun 14	10:00	All Ages Flower Ceremony, Rev. Renfro
	10:30	"Sweet Sorrow," Rev. Posa
	11:30	Farewell reception for Rev. Posa
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature
Mon 15	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 16	10:00	CroneSpirit
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 10	7:00	Clover Grove
Thu 18	7:00	Choir Practice, Clover Lane only
Fri 19	7:30	Coffee House / Ice Cream Social
Sun 21	10:00	"The Six Sources in Words and Music"
	10:30	"Honoring Fathering," Rev. Renfro
Mon 22	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 23	6:30	Auction planning: Show YoUUR Colors!
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Sat 27	9:00	Common Ground Café
Sun 28	10:00	"First Source," JD Stillwater
	10:30	"First and Second Independence Days," Rev. Renfro
Tue 30	7:00	MMG Labyrinth Walk

Occurs at Market Street

Election Results for New Minister

The congregation convened May 17 and voted 141-19 (88% affirmative) to call the Revs. Christian and Kristin Schmidt as our new minister. There were 315 members eligible to vote. With 88% lower than the recommended UUA threshold, the Schmidts declined to be called. *-Submitted by Chris Dutton, clerk*

Ice Cream Social
7:30 p.m. June 19

Share the Plate for June:
Gather the Spirit

Joint Message from Minister/President

By Judy Linder



May was quite a month. Our call for new co-ministers was declined just two weeks ago. The Board is responding to the situation with determination, perseverance, and hope. There have been several discussion forums giving us a chance to be together in the same room, to speak our minds, and listen to others. There was a town hall style meeting after our formal

Annual Meeting on May 30 that gave many an opportunity to volunteer their support and ideas for the coming years. I was encouraged that so many wanted the assistance of an outside specialist to help us deal with problems that are both seen and unseen. I had a conversation with Sandra Greenfield, Director of the Adjunct Staff Program for the Priestly District. She will be letting us know which consultants with skills helpful to us are available. She also remarked that the Board's plan for Healthy Congregation sessions on a regular basis will be very effective for helping us identify our issues and then deal with them. Laura Shemick, Vice President of our Board, will be organizing a group of members who have completed the Healthy Congregations workshops; they will then be leading the discussion groups. It is my hope that as many members of our congregation attend these sessions as possible.

At our Annual Meeting, we passed a budget that will be reviewed and re-visited in October, once there is more information about staffing. One change in staffing that you asked for was to have someone in charge of the administration of RGL. We should know more about our options in a week or so and have someone in place for the start of RGL. We also discussed the need for parents to continue their support and volunteer for the RGL program. With approximately equal number of children at both campuses, there has to be adequate staff or volunteers to make this important program for the church a success.

Stewardship Report

This is a HUGE thank-you from your stewardship team as we wrap up the campaign. We heard from 217 families and received 181 pledges, for a total of almost \$325,000. The team will be getting together shortly to complete and mail the Thank You letters, so keep an eye on your mail box. If you are among the 30 families that we weren't able to reach, we still want to speak with you. Just see one of the team co-leads, [Jim Cavanaugh](#) and [Donna Hoskins-Helm](#) at worship services or call the church and leave a message for the stewardship team.

Another huge thanks goes to all the folks who helped with this year's stewardship events: Molly Dougherty, Don Hoskins, Phil Hoskins-Helm, Judy Linder, Michael Mark, Laura Shemick, Patti Hazell, and Kathy Stewart.

Farewell Luncheon for Rev. Posa

Rev. Eric Posa's last Sunday with UCH is June 14, with him preaching at Market Street. Please join us for a farewell luncheon potluck following the service, at 12:15 in the Common Room. Beverages and cake will be provided. Please bring a dish to share—vegetarian preferred—to serve 4 to 8. Rev. Eric will be attending the UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon as a delegate. It will be the congregation's opportunity to say farewell.

— Submitted by Nan Cavanaugh, for the Board of Trustees

Another idea brought up at these sessions was the desire of members of the congregation to form what used to be called the Worship Committee. While it may have a different name under our style of governance, the objective is to have more input from more people for our worship. For at least 15 years this type of collaboration was discouraged. With the prospect of having only one minister for two campuses and the desire for overlapping service times, most likely there will be more lay led services and guest speakers. Having a group working with the minister and staff will in turn generate more opportunities for collaboration and new ideas. When Larry and I were considering to move to Harrisburg, we attended summer services (winter travel from Syracuse was not an option). We heard only lay-led services, and their quality was one reason for moving to Harrisburg and joining UCH. My hope is that these high quality services will inspire us as a community, encourage us to persevere with UCH, and make us think about our spiritual direction.

Over the next few months the Board will continue to keep you informed. If you have any questions or comments please feel

JUNE TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	CLOVER LANE	MARKET ST
7	Mary Henninger-Voss	Laura Shemick
14	Dave Forster	Tom Conners
21	Marilyn McHenry	Dennis Hursh
28	Laura Edinger	Dennis Hursh

free to call me. May we be well, happy, and peaceful! *Judy*

We are painfully aware of the difficult times our congregation is facing and the anxiety that can overcome us if we let it. Please stay in touch with the good work our Board is doing as they draw on all the resources at their disposal to make thoughtful decisions. We are a strong congregation, and we have weathered storms before. Stick with us, and we will weather this one together. Your strong financial support for UCH is needed, now more than ever.

Note: UCH accepts payment via an [e-payment provider](#). The interface is ready to accept e-payments for the 2015-16 church year, if you would like to automate your payments. The interface also works for automating grocery gift card payments..

—Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh and Donna Hoskins-Helm

Assistant Minister's Message

By Rev. Donna Renfro



Thank you to all who came to the Coming of Age Worship Service on May 31. I realized as I put it together that it may have been a new experience for you. As I've told you before, I gave Coming of Age my greatest attention in RGL this year. I firmly believe that keeping our youth connected at this important time in their lives helps ground them to this faith.

We have much work to do in RGL during the time I continue to serve as your Assistant Minister. I have some strong ideas of what next steps should be in terms of curriculum and programming for next year. I have even stronger ideas of what it will take to have a robust RGL program in this time of transition. It does require greater involvement in the program by parents of children and by congregants. I know summer is looming, so getting everyone together may be a challenge.

I will be leading an All Ages worship June 7 at Market Street and June 14 at Clover Lane, as a combination of Flower Communion, volunteer, and RGL recognition. I invite all who have participated in RGL this year to attend. After each Service, I invite all those who have voiced their desires to have a strong and robust RGL program to have a planning

session for next year with me. We will meet in the Latimer Room at Market Street and Priestley Room at Clover Lane.

Planning Sessions for RGL 2015-16

- 11:00 June 7 (Market Street)
- 11:30 June 14 (Clover Lane)

I will lead services at Market Street on June 21 and 28. Summer RGL will begin on those dates, and we still need many volunteers to help. All ages will be together at both sites. Kimber will plan and lead at Market, and Sara at Clover. They need assistants all through the summer. Please email me and them with your availability.

I look forward to being back in the pulpit in June and July. The church schedule and my schedule prevented that for over a month, and I miss that. This first year of ministry has surprised me in how much I felt called to being in the pulpit, and how that has been a priority on Sunday mornings.

I appreciate all who have supported my ministry at UCH. What I have missed is having a pastoral presence for all congregants, and I look forward to being that to all congregants in the months ahead.

In love, faith and hope,

Donna

Coming of Age

UCH youth from this year's "Coming of Age" class traveled to Boston in April. Among other things, they visited UUA headquarters and attended services led by Rev. Howard Dana (photo) in Concord, MA.



UCH Youth with Rev. Howard Dana
First Parish, Concord MA

Clover Lane Summer Services

Unitarian Universalism's Six Sources of the Living Tradition will be the focus for lay-led services at Clover Lane this summer:

- ☉ **Direct experience** of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- ☉ **Words and deeds of prophetic women and men** which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- ☉ **Wisdom from the world's religions** which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- ☉ **Jewish and Christian teachings** which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- ☉ **Humanist teachings** which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- ☉ **Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions** which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

In each instance, lay sermons will discuss the role one of the Sources has played in the individual's life and how the Source has helped inform his or her spiritual development and journey.

The series begins June 21 with "The Six Sources in Words and Music," an overview presented by the Clover Lane choir and others. The congregation will be invited to join in songs and readings that relate to all Six Sources. It continues June 28 with J.D. Stillwater speaking on the First Source. July speakers include Sandy Hamstra, Greg Boyd, and Don Brown.

—Submitted by John and Linda Hope

Other News

UUPlan Activities

UUPLAN's [Anti-Mass Incarceration \(AMI\) Team](#) gathered on May 4 at the Capitol to express concerns about the state of mass incarceration in Pennsylvania and the economic consequences to families of returning citizens who cannot get work due to criminal records. The AMI Team is in support of the record expungement and Ban-the-Box legislation currently stalled in the PA House Judiciary Committee.



Our **Economic Justice** work with the [Raise the Wage PA Coalition](#) has gained new momentum. The Coalition has just re-launched an online version of our petition to raise the minimum wage: [Click Here to Sign On!](#) Petitions and letters will be delivered to lawmakers during the first 10 days of June.

In **Reproductive Justice** news, a new campaign to support the [PA Agenda for Women's Health](#) has been launched by the Women's Health Caucus (a bi-partisan, bi-cameral committee) of the PA Legislature.

The **Immigration Team** joined in a demonstration with immigration attorneys and others from the faith community to protest the detention of immigrant mothers and children who are being held indefinitely at the [Berks County Detention Center](#). Most of these women and children are asylum seekers fleeing terrible violence in their home countries, and instead of finding the protection they need, they're being met with indefinite detention.

Monthly UUPlan Conference Calls		
Call in number: 760-984-1000 Access code: 107933#		
Team	Meeting Day	Time
Anti-Mass Incarceration	Last Monday	8:00 p.m.
Economic Justice	Second Monday	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.

If you share my desire to have our UU principles reflected in public policy on these and other issues, please consider joining one of our statewide UUPLAN Justice Teams, shown in the accompanying chart. Call in once a month to stay informed about social justice issues that matter to you and hear about what we're doing to bring UU values to the public square in Pennsylvania. If you are not yet a member and would like to join, please click [here](#) for additional information!

—Submitted by Anita Mentzer

Sunday Soup Group

The "Sunday Soup Group" at Market Street is serving sandwiches for the summer! If interested in signing up to provide sandwiches after services on any Sunday this summer, please contact [Kate Carpenter](#).

Mark Crespo



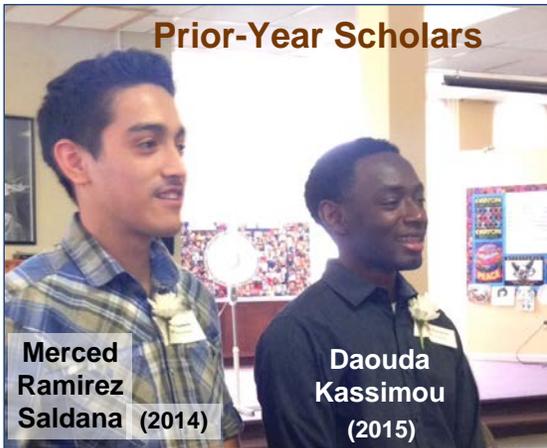
Mark Santana Crespo is the 2015 LaGrone Scholar and was honored at the annual LaGrone Scholarship award ceremony at services May 31, at our Market Street campus. He graduated from John Harris High School later the same day.

At John Harris, Mark was president of the National Honor Society and was Prom King of his senior class. Among other things, he was recognized by the *Harrisburg Patriot-News* as one of the “Best and Brightest” of the 2015 high school graduates in Central Pennsylvania. Mark is the first in his family to go to college. He plans to study criminal justice, pre-law, or communications at the Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg.

John Hargreaves, correctional consultant, will serve as UCH Mentor and offer personal support and encouragement throughout Mark’s educational career. John is the state Director of Volunteers for the Pennsylvania Prison Society, a non-profit whose mission is to promote a humane and compassionate criminal justice system. Since 1979, when the Dauphin County chapter was initiated at UCH, John has been involved in leadership positions. He was also a juvenile court consultant for 30 years. His work includes drawing up treatment plans when a youth is found delinquent and identifying appropriate residential treatment programs.

The 2015 Scholar Selection Panel included UCH member Wendy Colby; UCH youth Charlotte Henninger-Voss; and Shamaine Daniels, Esq., a Harrisburg resident and City Council member. The major criteria in determining the recipient are motivation to continue one’s education despite obstacles; financial need; and knowledge and skills gained from life that will be helpful for a successful future. Also present at the ceremony were scholars from the two prior years, Merced Ramirez Saldana (2014) and Daouda Kassimou (2015).

Mark’s scholarship is renewable for \$750 per semester for four years of accredited post-secondary education, for a total of \$6,000. The award may be used for any legitimate cost connected with schooling, such as tuition, books, room and board, transportation, child care, etc.



At least 32 congregants have this year been active, direct participants in supporting and coordinating this social justice program. Funding for the scholarship comes from donations by members of the UCH, non-members and from ongoing fundraisers.

– Submitted by Cordell Affeldt



Save the Date

Aug 30: Cheri Huber Mindful Meditation Group (MMG) is pleased to sponsor a return visit by Cheri Huber, a student and teacher in the Soto Zen tradition. Contact [Chuck Daley](#) for additional information.

Sept 19: PAC Breakfast The Prison Action Committee (PAC) is a ministry of Christian Churches United (CCU) of the tri-county area. One Saturday each month, churches in Central Pennsylvania welcome pre-release inmates to eat breakfast and hear a message of hope. UCH’s turn to host is September 19, coordinated by our lay-led ministry Helping People in Prison and their Families. Volunteers needed (cooks, servers, table host etc.) – no experience necessary! Please contact [Margaret Carrow](#) for information.

Graduating Seniors

Congratulate these high school seniors!



Alaza Myers

Daughter of Dan and Frances Myers, Alaza Myers graduates from The Circle School this month. She will begin classes at the Keystone Job Corp in Drum, PA, this summer.

Katy Alberici

Katy Alberici is the daughter of Theresa Alberici and Sheila Brumbaugh and a senior at Susquehanna Township High School, where she was a member of the marching band, concert band, freshman basketball, LGBT club, and indoor/outdoor track. In track she was a member of the 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay and did long jump and triple jump. The relay teams broke all of the school records, and the 4x100 relay broke the records of several invitationals, such as Mid-Penns. This relay team also participated in Penn Relays, coming in 3rd place in the small school division. Katy set new school records for both indoor and outdoor long jump and triple jump and plans to continue in track at Millersville University, where she plans to major in meteorology.



Darby Brown

Darby Brown, daughter of Laurie Brown and soon-to-be stepdaughter of Josh Hooper, is a senior at Camp Hill High School, where she was voted "the most likely to start a protest" by her senior class. Darby will attend LaSalle University in Philadelphia, with a major in economics and entrepreneurship and hopes to someday launch a socially responsible organization. She serves UCH as a nursery worker on Sunday mornings and at church events. Darby's love for children extends beyond Harrisburg: she intends to spend her spring 2016 semester teaching English, art, and dance to children in rural southeastern India through an organization called Communities Rising.



Class of 2011

Most of the UCH "Class of 2011" finishes college this year. Here's an update:

Emily Alberici graduated cum laude from West Chester University with a degree in Music Education. Accepted as a piano major, she became more interested in voice, so later auditioned and was accepted as a voice major. During her 4 years at the university she was a member of the marching band, concert choir, master singers, GraceNotes (a student run *a capella* group), Music Teachers Association, SAI, a professional music fraternity and the LGBT club. She also continued in the UU tradition by attending and performing at the West Chester congregation whenever possible.

Cam Brandon graduated with distinguished honors from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in neuroscience. He is looking for a job in research, then intends to go to graduate school to pursue a PhD in neuroscience.

Eric Bronder is in a five-year program at Drexel University. He is an Environmental Science major and is enjoying his co-op in the Academy of Natural Sciences. He will graduate June 2016.

Nate Malarich graduated from Penn State University, Schreyer Honors College, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Science. He has been offered full funding (teaching and research assistantships) for Ph.D. studies in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he plans to join the research lab of Dr. Greg Rieker. Nate played piano all eight semesters in a PSU large and/or small jazz ensemble and plans to audition for a place in one of Colorado's jazz ensembles after moving to Boulder.

Taylor Wright graduated cum laude from Stevenson University with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. She was a member of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, and made the Dean's list all four years. Each summer between school years, she worked with Maryland Job Conservatory in Catonsville MD, where she was in charge of at-risk youth (females) from Baltimore city. She was also a four-year member of the Women's Lacrosse team, which was champion (2014) and runner-up (2013, 2015) in the Mid-Atlantic Conference. The 2014 team also participated in the NCAA tournament.

Other Transitions

Maya Daley

Daughter of UCH member Chuck Daley, Maya starts this fall at Landmark College in Putney, VT.

Greg Boyd

"Our own" Greg Boyd, son of UCH member Margaret Carrow, has accepted a 3/4-time position as Interim Director of Religious Education (DRE) at Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church in Pasadena, CA, the largest UU church in the state. He will also begin part-time studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC.

Robin Stillwater

Robin Stillwater, daughter of UCH members Ann and JD Stillwater, will enter Union Theological Seminary in Manhattan in September.

Trish/Gerry Brandon

Gerry Brandon starts a new job as Director of the Masters in Human Resources program at Villanova University in August. He and his wife, Trish, have a contract on their Mechanicsburg house and will move to Newtown Square at the end of June.

Trish is our former RGL Director; she and Gerry have been attending UU Cumberland Valley (UUCV) for the past year.

Octavia Alma Comfort

Congratulations to UCH members John Forest and Cathy Montes on the birth of John's granddaughter, Octavia Alma Comfort. She is the daughter of Jade and Martin Comfort and was born May 16 in Hamburg, Germany, 4.02 kg (8.8 lbs) and 51 cm (20.1 inches) long. Octavia joins two sisters, Lumina and Paloma.

Jordy William Pyle

Congratulations to UCH member Barbara VanHorn on the birth of her first great-grandchild. Jordy William Pyle was born May 15 in Williamsport, weighed 6 lb 11 oz, and was 19" long, to Tara and Matt Pyle. Tara is Barbara's granddaughter.

Hannah Brubaker-Smith

UCH Member Hannah Brubaker-Smith was named Deputy Secretary for Market and Economic Development at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. She was sworn in May 20 in Harrisburg. Hannah and her family live on an organic farm near Mifflintown; she is also the former president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union.

Joan Haas (1931 - 2015)

Former UCH member Joan Haas, 84, died May 21 in Harrisburg. She was the widow of lifetime UCH member Frank Haas, who died April 18. At Joan's request, there will be no funeral service. She is survived by two sons, their spouses, and two grandsons.

New Membership

Welcome these new members into our congregation! They signed the book on April 29.

Betty Ann Barnes

Betty Ann Barnes grew up in Troy PA and attended the Martha Lloyd School for many years. She and her husband, Ron, have been married 31 years and have two sons, Ron and Mathew. Betty Ann feels fortunate to live across the street from our Market Street campus since she needs a cane to get around. She also keeps an eye on the church for us.



Betty Ann is a regular at Common Ground Community Center, the Saturday breakfasts, and the Sunday service. She loves the Monday/Wednesday/Friday community hours and sits at the "regulars table," where she enjoys the conversation about the local area and sense of fellowship. Betty Ann feels the Common Ground Community Center offers a safe and welcoming place to meet with other Allison Hill folks. At times, she needs

transportation and medicine for herself and husband and relies on the community volunteers to help meet those needs.

Her husband has long-term health care needs that requires her to be a care-giver. Betty Ann always takes soup and the Saturday breakfast eggs and pancakes to him. She always has a smile on her face and is gracious to anyone new who drops in. We are fortunate to have such a loving, caring person in our congregation. Her Connection Coaches are **Denny Byrnes** and **Tom Atkinson**.

Christine Brewster

Christine Brewster was raised in an extremely religious Christian family – as a result, she seldom attended church as an adult. She moved to Harrisburg to care for her mother (now deceased) and brother.

Her Connection Coach is **Kathleen Daugherty**.



Bill Brown

Bill Brown has been attending the UCH sporadically since 2004, when he was married here to long-time UCH member, Julie. They have two daughters, Samantha, 20, and Rhyan, 6. The universe, through Rhyan, finally convinced Bill that it was time to join.

Bill is a multi-instrumentalist with the Celtic band Kilmaine Saints and is also a member of the Clover Lane Choir. In his spare time he enjoys gardening and tending to the family's furred, feathered, and finned members. His Connection Coach is **Julie Brown**.



Carolyn Cass

Carolyn Cass was a member of the Delaware County UU congregation many years ago. Since moving to Harrisburg, she has been to the UCH on many occasions, but when she attended the Market Street campus for the first time on Christmas Eve 2014, she knew she had found her "home."

She works for the Department of Health and also teaches at West Chester University. In her free time she enjoys watching birds, and playing with cats and dogs.

Her Connection Coach is **Sandy Hamstra**.

Richard Gordon

Six years ago, shortly after UCH entered into an agreement to purchase the Market Street building from The Shared Ministry (a United Church of Christ / United Methodist congregation), Rev. Richard C. Gordon began providing pastoral leadership for The Shared Ministry and served as a principal liaison between the two congregations as they shared the building and proceeded to engage in ministry to/with the Allison Hill neighborhood. A close working relationship developed and Richard felt more and more 'at home' in Unitarian circles. The Shared Ministry closed in November, 2014 and Richard retired then after 45 years of ministry (in churches in Connecticut, Hawaii, and Central Pennsylvania). Although he wished to maintain his ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ, it was his desire to hold his local church membership in the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, and he was granted permission by the UUC's authorizing body to do so.



Richard and his wife, Sandy, a mental health therapist, live in Camp Hill. They have four adult children and three grandchildren. His Connection Coach is **Chuck Daley**.

Joy Horton

Joy has been a friend of Unitarian Universalism since 1996; has attended the UU church in Clearwater, Florida, sporadically over the past 15 years; and is happy to have a home with us at UCH.

Her Connection Coach is **Judy Linder**.



Susan Naeye

Susan is Hong Kongese by birth, a housemother to several cats, and graduated from Hershey High School. The Sunday Service at Clover Lane with Jim Cavanaugh as lay pastor was especially spiritually enriching ("If reproductive justice is the answer, what is the question?"). This is the season of C's in her life: choir, candidating week, CroneSpirit, camping, chalice, cooking, and Cat Corridors (future group... symphoniq_meow@aol.com) all growing in her spring garden.



While some have taken root and others have not, she thanks the many people who have welcomed her to the UCH. She shares with us the following quotation from conservationist Terry Tempest Williams: *To protect what is wild is to protect what is gentle. Perhaps the wilderness we fear is the pause between our own heartbeats, the silent space that says we live only by grace. Wilderness lives by this same grace. Wild mercy is in our hands.*

Her Connection Coaches are **Jim Cavanaugh** and **Karen Sykes**.

Yvonne Werzinsky

Yvonne Werzinsky is a recent transplant to Harrisburg. She works as an Environmental Scientist with a transportation consulting agency. She is originally from northeast Pennsylvania but has also lived in various locations along the East Coast including Florida, North Carolina, and New Jersey.

She enjoys the outdoors, movies, reading, cooking, traveling, and volunteering and has been trying to become a birder.

She is looking forward to becoming an active member of the congregation and is already engaged in environmental activism with fellow UCH members.

Her Connection Coach is **Rachel Mark**.



Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.

Mon 1 6:30 Amrit Yoga (weekly) Clover Lane
 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 2 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly) Clover Lane
 Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced during meditation and vital in our everyday lives. The Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG) provides a space to practice together in support of one another.



- ⊕ Everyone is welcome. Affiliation with any organization/belief system is neither promoted nor discouraged.
- ⊕ Engaging in safe, respectful, and welcoming conduct is the only expectation. Participation is entirely voluntary.
- ⊕ Two 25 minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion, and rest between. Stay for one sitting or both.
- ⊕ Bring your own seating or use our cushions, benches, and chairs.

Contact [Chuck Daley](#) or [George Hellmann](#). **Repeats every Tuesday.**

Wed 3 6:00 QueenSpirit Clover Lane

Queen Spirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Come join us in a circle facilitated by Debbie Page: on “The Untethered Soul.”
 Come visit with us on June 3rd.....as we further explore the landscape of
 "THE UNTETHERED SOUL" (Part II)



Our altar will hold a space for you to share whatever represents freedom and/or "flying."
 Dinner starts at 6:00; please bring your own table service and a dish to share; our flight is from 7-8. Contact [Randa Todd](#).

Sat 6 9:00 Clover Lane Field Day Clover Lane

For those whose spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, the UCH Grounds Committee has scheduled a half-day seminar at Clover Lane. This is a hands-on class “en plein air,” where the *objet d’art* arises from the collective effort of the masses. Field work at its best!



Last month, we made good progress in tending several outdoor spaces at Clover Lane. We weeded, topped the hollies, cut back the grasses, and spread a portion of the mulch. There is, however, still more to do. Specifically, I think our first priorities are mulching the garden between the church and walkway, and first weeding then mulching the island in the lower parking area. We also need a few people to help move some of the mulch from Clover to Market.

Please join in a communal effort! Many thanks to last month’s class: Bart Carpenter, Guy Danelley, Joy Horton, Don Hoskins, Deb Manlove, Debbie Reihart, and Steve Todd. Contact [Ron Sk...](#)

Sat 13 9:00 Common Ground Café Market Street

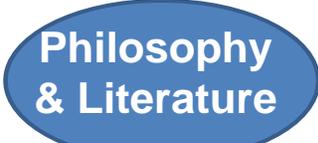
Common Ground Café occurs at our Market Street campus on the second and last Saturday of the month. The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome.



Repeats June 27. To join the list of volunteers, please contact [Clay Lambert](#).

Sun 14 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Clover Lane

The Philosophy & Literature Group usually meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets to discuss *The Physics of the Impossible: A Scientific Exploration into the World of Phasers, Force Fields, Teleportation, and Time Travel* by Michio Kaku.



The group meets at Clover Lane this month. All UCH members and friends are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for additional information.

Tue 9 6:30 Women's Night Out

Off-Site

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.

Masala Bistro
3401 Hartzdale Dr
Across from Capital City Mall

This month, we meet at Masala Bistro. To join and experience the friendship while providing support to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, please contact [Rima Cameron](#) by May 17.

Tue 16 10:00 CroneSpirit

Clover Lane

The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit will meet from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "Living Arrangements for Us As We Age." 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

Crone Spirit
Living Arrangements
for Us As We Age

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

Wed 17 6:00 Clover Grove

Clover Lane

Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday. This month, Nikki Stone and Kandy Melillo co-lead an informative and hands-on session on the many ways that essential oils can enhance your health and wellness.

Clover Grove:
Essential Oils

Please contact [Jen Wallitsch](#) for further information or to arrange for childcare. All are welcome.

Fri 19 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House

Clover Lane

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to present a free event to celebrate the season! This is a family-friendly ice cream social, open to all ages. Music for the evening will be provided by UCH member Ben Stone-Thonus and local musician Josh Dominick, performing as Trypod.

Clover Lane Coffee House
Ice Cream Social

The two have been playing together for more than 10 years. They started the band Alchemy their freshman year at Penn State University, in 2001. Alchemy played for six years, playing close to 500 shows and released an album *The Elemental Mishap* in 2005. Ben and Josh subsequently moved to Harrisburg and formed the acoustic duo Trypod in 2007.

Trypod is primarily a cover band, but not like any you have heard before. The duo cover a wide range of music from classic rock, to bluegrass, hip hop, and modern indie music. Their live performances have a little something for everyone in attendance and are performed with top quality musicianship. Josh and Ben continue to write their own music and have hopes of making another album in the future.

Please contact [Bart Carpenter](#) for information.

Tue 23 6:30 Auction Committee

Clover Lane

Come brainstorm ideas, themes and be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous auction committee. Your talent and help planning the 2015 All Church Auction is always welcome. The theme this year is Show YUUR Colors! Start planning your own donation by letting us know your – time, talent, or treasure!

UCH Auction
Nov. 7, 2015

The committee meets on the fourth Tuesday each month. Please contact [Patti Hazell](#) for additional information – and mark your calendar for auction night: Nov. 7, 2015!



Bhante Somananda

Tue 30 7:00 MMG Labyrinth

Clover Lane

Fifth Tuesday special event: **Labyrinth Walk with Bhante Somananda.** Bhante Somananda born in Sri Lanka in the small village of Lagamuwa, Kandy, the fifth of seven children. At age 10, he entered the monastery for his monk training at Subodharama International Bhikkhu Training College. Bhante Sujatha sponsored him to Blue Lotus Temple in 2012; he has now taken up residence in Gettysburg. Please welcome him to our Mindfulness community! Contact [Chuck Daley](#) or [George Hellmann](#).

Mindfulness
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