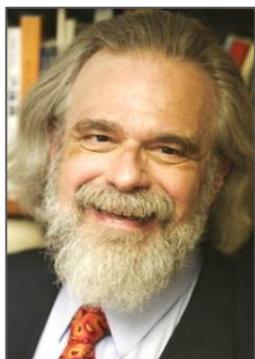




**From the Minister**



*The Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson is serving as UCH Minister 2018-19.*

April is a very full month at the UCH, and it is the ninth month that you and I are working together in relationship of contract ministry.

We have done so much in those nine months! Whatever the form of the ministerial relationship, be it settled, interim, contract, or developmental,

the ministry of a congregation is shared by the minister, the professional staff, the administrative staff, the elected leadership, the appointed leadership, and the membership as a whole. This church is working hard. As we enter the spring season, the annual stewardship drive is in full gear. On April 6, church member and minister-in-training Gregory Boyd will lead a workshop titled "Banking on Community" (page 4). Worship in all its variations continues and will undergo changes as spring proceeds. The social justice work continues in the City of Harrisburg and beyond. The Board and the congregational administrator are managing the sale of 1508 Market Street. The minister and members are exploring the shape of ongoing ministry to the city. Religious exploration for children and adult activities are plentiful. Visioning has been productive (see inset). The many new members who have joined since last June are integrating themselves into the congregation.

As UUs drawing on many traditions, we give many meanings to spring— from Earth-entered spiritualities we get the theme of rebirth, from Judaism we get the theme of freedom, including commitment to freedom for others, from Christianity we get the theme of life in the face of death. These themes all speak to the human spirit. Wherever we have come from or gone to on our spiritual journeys, these themes are meaningful in our lives. In 2019, Beltane, Passover, and Easter all fall within a two-week period. (Sometimes these holidays are spread over six weeks.) Depending upon their history and membership, UU congregations will celebrate one or more of these or other spring holidays. Some congregations mark the Vernal Equinox (March 20/21) in an Earth-centered or scientific manner, or as Nowruz, the Persian New Year observed by Bahais and Zoroastrians.

April on our Western calendar is a rich time of the spirit – in many forms and understandings. This Church exists to nurture the spirit in whatever form it takes in its members' lives.

At the start of April, the Church is conducting its canvass for pledges of support for the church year that begins on July 1. The canvass will conclude on April 28. Your pledge of support is for rebirth, for freedom, and for life in the face of death—all through the year. These themes are part of our Unitarian Universalist faith and are concretized in the ministries of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

*The Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson*

**Worship Services**

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

Date	Topic	In the Pulpit
7-Apr	Funding the Beloved Community	Greg Boyd
14-Apr	Emergence in Irregular Circumstances	Rev. Johnson
21-Apr	Easter: More Resurrections than I Can Count	Rev. Johnson
28-Apr	The Opposite of What You Believe is also True	Keva Brown

**A Vision of The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg in 2029 (Draft)**

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg will support and be relevant to people with diverse ethnicities, ideologies, and abilities.

It will be important in the lives of its members as a hub of community engagement, as a place of lifelong spiritual exploration, and as a family of members who care for and are cared for by each other. The church will transform lives within the congregation and among those we serve in the community. We will have built an infrastructure to live these values and to enact our good intentions.

The church will provide both digital and physical spaces to gather and act. These spaces will be a home to the congregation and will be made sacred by the energy that members bring into them.

Toward this end, we will develop a statement of intent and a strategic plan to make this vision real.

President's Message



By David Spear, President, Board of Trustees

This continues to be a very busy time in the life of the church. The stewardship campaign is underway. The budget for the next church year is being prepared. And the sale of the Market Street property is about to be finalized.

Thanks to everyone who attended the stewardship kickoff luncheon. Ed Sykes and the stewardship team have been working hard to make sure we have sufficient funding to support the work of the church. Pledging amounts to about 3/4 of our total income, so it's essential to make this year's campaign a success. Please make your pledge soon.

For too long, we have approached our finances from a perspective of scarcity. This was somewhat understandable, given our financial situation, but now the tide is turning. Let us begin nurturing a perspective of abundance, so we can begin thriving again.

And thanks to Lois Voigt and Ed Sykes for showing us the first draft of the budget for the next church year at the town hall meeting. They have worked extremely hard in developing a responsible and balanced budget.

Our financial situation is somewhat improved from a year ago, thanks to your impressive generosity last year. The pending sale of the Market Street property has also improved our financial situation, by eliminating the mortgage and various utility and maintenance costs.

But we still have significant costs. We need to adequately pay our staff, who are the machinery that keeps our operations running. We also need to address some maintenance issues at Clover Lane that have been deferred for too long. And we

need to increase our contributions to the UUA, since we paid only 25% of our fair share amount last year.

I think we can make the numbers work, but only if we are strategic with our

Sunday Trustee Assignments		
Date	Market Street	Clover Lane
7-Apr	Guy Dannelley	Ed Sykes
14-Apr	Rima Cameron	Patti Hazell
21-Apr	Guy Dannelley	TBD
28-Apr	Lois Voigt	Lileigh Brown

expenditures and generous with our contributions. We're striving to develop a budget that includes programs that provide community, solace and challenge to both current and prospective members.

The sale of the Market Street property is proceeding quickly. We're in the final stages of contract negotiation, and by the time this goes to press, we may have signed the contract. As soon as Shalom House provides the payment, we will have closing and hand over the keys to them.

I attended a meeting last week with Shalom House, their contractor, engineer, and financial and strategic advisors. I was reminded what an impressive team they are. They have a vision of how to provide services to Allison Hill, and they have a strategic plan of how to accomplish it. This could be the beginning of a small renaissance in that community, and I'm honored that UCH could be a part of the catalyst for it.

This time of busy-ness may continue for a few months more as we stabilize our finances and plan our future together. Now is the time to shift from scarcity to abundance. I firmly believe there are good days and years ahead of us, and I ask you to join me and making that future a reality.

Sincerely,

David Spear

Stewardship Campaign Ends April 28

Our annual Stewardship Campaign continues apace, and we are looking at yoUU! The campaign dates are from March 17 through April 28, 2019. The members of the Stewardship team are Sharon Vaughn, Denny Byrne, Dave Forster, John Hargreaves, Ray Harris and Ed Sykes (chair). People are invited to contact any of the team with questions. Information about the campaign is located on the church website. The pledge forms can be sent to the church office, a member of the Stewardship team, or put into Ed's mailbox at the Clover Lane campus.

—Submitted by Ed Sykes, Chair



## RE Question Corner with DRE Sara Palmer

By Sara Palmer, DRE



I adore watching the daffodils and crocuses pushing up through the frost-heaved ground when it still seems far too cold for them to survive. The tight green buds on trees and bushes. The cheerful orange of the robin's breast. A rogue dandelion taking advantage of two warm days to not just perk up but burst into flower.

One of the best things about spring is also one of the scariest: all that change.

I mean, most of us love seeing the unfolding and rebirth and appearance of new... everything. That particular color of green that only exists in the first month or so. Tiny plants sprouting up everywhere. Glorious sun and replenishing that long-depleted vitamin D!

But the change? Ugh. There's the unpredictable weather. The mud. The dawning realization that those spry green shoots popping up in the patch by the road aren't plantain but poison ivy. Not. Cool.

Rebirth and revitalization are beautiful and terrifying at the same time. That's what we're experiencing as a UCH family and in RE. We're learning what we *want to do*, what we *can do* and what we *get to do*, even when the change can seem overwhelming.

Luckily, we don't do any of this alone. And often, sharing the hidden-in-plain-sight details can make scary things less... scary. So let's talk about some of the most visible of the service roles in RE: the Leaders and Helpers.

### Q. What do Leaders and Helpers DO?

A. Leaders and Helpers work directly with babies, children, and youth on Sunday mornings to build relationships, guide discussion and exploration, and engage in the practice of our UU principles.

- 👤 **Leaders** take a more front-and-center role (supporting opening and closing rituals, leading discussions, sharing content.)
- 👤 **Helpers** support the group (attendance taking, getting nametags for kids, running snack, cleaning up.)

Some Sundays we run ChUUrchcraft - Leaders and Helpers talk about different religions, spiritual paths, and belief systems. They use a pre-written curriculum to play games, watch videos, ask and answer questions, create crafts, and oversee

kids on Minecraft as they add to their online UU House of Worship. Oh, and snack!

Other Sundays we have MakerSpace. Leaders and Helpers supervise areas of interest (CrafterSpace, TinkerSpace, BakerSpace, GardenerSpace, and more!) where kids can self-select activities or work on a project that you introduce or continue from a previous MakerSpace. (Example - March TinkerSpace saw many small hands repairing chairs in the Priestley and Common Room!) And, of course, snack!

### Q. What do I have to do ahead of time as a Leader or Helper?

Before Sunday:

- 👤 **ChUUrchcraft** Leaders and Helpers both get the session plans at least four days in advance. They both read a few spiritual guidance questions to get themselves ready. Leaders get familiar with the session, the powerpoint presentation, and the activities. Helpers look over the session to find places they may need to provide extra support to kids or youth.
- 👤 **MakerSpace** Leaders and Helpers may think about and prepare a project for their Space ahead of time, but they don't have to. Sometimes they'll collaborate with the DRE!

On Sunday:

All Leaders and Helpers (ChUUrchcraft and MakerSpace) come about a half hour early to set up the Priestley Room, kitchen, etc. There are lists of what to do and where to find stuff on the bulletin board. Afterwards, all Leaders and Helpers clean the room(s) and check in with the DRE before leaving.

(In the future, we want to divide out the jobs so we have RE folks who just set up and clean up without working with the kids and youth, thus lightening the load for everyone.)

If you have any questions or would like to become an RE Leader or Helper, please talk to the members of our RE Committee (Amy Firestine, Bridgette Parker, Tony Morgan, JT Thomas, and Lenka Platt), me, or anyone you see who's currently serving our children and youth.

Next month we'll talk more about why "volunteering" is a bad word (really!), and about the behind-the-scenes roles you can take in RE.

Remember: change is great and scary. Enjoy watching the beauty of spring unfold, but keep an eye out for the mud and the puddles!

### ***April 6: Banking on Community***

Mission-based budgeting clearly aligns the values of an organization with the resources it accumulates and expends. When budgets directly reflect the values of a religious community, members can be confident about how those resources are funding the Beloved Community for generations to come.

Please gather for a workshop that (1) asks what our resources should do before asking how we should spend them while also (2) learning the skills, dispositions, and practical changes needed for creating mission-based budgets in our communities and in our home lives.

The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Market Street. It will be led by UCH member and minister-in-training Gregory Boyd.

### ***April 12: Talk with the Minister***

The Minister is eager to hear from members! Please join Rev. Johnson from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Fuller Chapel (Clover Lane) for an open discussion of whatever is on your mind. Light refreshments will be served.

### ***April 13: The Future of the Market Street Ministry***

Attention members who worship or volunteer at market street: Given the pending sale of 1508 Market Street, we need to meet about the future of the ministry on Allison Hill and in the city as a whole. We have had two exciting and productive meetings, with good ideas and the energy of commitment, but haven't heard from all of you. You are someone with a personal stake in the future of the ministry.

Please plan to meet in the Market Street sanctuary on Saturday, April 13, noon — 2:00 p.m. Pizza, salads, and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to [revjohnson@harrisburguu.org](mailto:revjohnson@harrisburguu.org).

### ***April 14: Trip to local Buddhist Center April 14***

Join us as RE hosts an all-ages visit to the [Kalpa Bhadra Kadampa Buddhist Center](#) in Harrisburg on Sunday, April 14, from 9:45-11am.

This center is a part of the New Kadampa tradition - focusing on practical ways to apply Buddhism to our real lives.



Our day:

- 🕒 9:45 Meet at the center - 251 Wiconisco Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.
- 🕒 10:00 Attend a 45-minute family-friendly meditation with resident teacher Kelsang Chondzin.
- 🕒 10:45 Participate in a 15-minute open question-and-answer session especially for us!

Kids and youth under 18 are able to attend with a parent/guardian or an adult you designate ahead of time. This is not an RE-chaperoned visit.

Let [Sara](#) (717-579-2026) know if you're planning to attend - she'll be sure you get a copy of the "Ways to be a Visitor to the Kampa Bhadra Kadampa Buddhist Center" handout the kids will receive in ChUurchcraft. (We will have copies the morning of April 14, too.) We hope to see lots of you (kids, youth, families, and adults) on April 14th!

### ***April 20: Mulching Day at Clover Lane***

All and sundry are invited to participate in the annual garden clean-up and mulching! This is perhaps one of the easiest and most satisfying ways of serving the church: what needs to be done is not complicated and the improvements are quickly obvious. It's also good exercise, so you can take a day off from going to the gym.

The ideal is to have people assume continuing care-taker responsibilities for individual garden spots. Please contact [Ron Skrabut](#) if this interests you. However, there are also many one-time tasks that can be attended to without any further commitment! All are welcome to assist – no experience necessary.



### **Who Owns the Congregation?**

Dan Hotchkiss, UU minister and long-time consultant for the Alban Institute, reports that he frequently asks this question of congregational leaders. I suspect that many of us would respond that the members are the owners of the congregation. Hotchkiss says that this is a frequent answer. He then goes on to explain that if this were true then the goal of the Board would be to make sure that the congregation members get what they want, to please them. He states, "A congregation that limits its vision to pleasing its members falls short of its true purpose."

So, what is a congregation's true purpose? Peter Drucker, a management consultant, wrote that the core product of all social-sector organizations is "a changed human being." Hotchkiss agrees with Drucker. He encourages congregations to answer the questions, "Whose lives do we intend to change and in what way?" When we answer these questions, we are forming our vision and mission. Hotchkiss says that as we formulate and embrace this mission, we are, in fact, acknowledging that the owner of the congregation is its mission and that the congregation exists to serve its mission. He suggests that the mission has a moral right both to control the congregation's actions and to benefit from them.

Here at UCH, we have spent several months thinking and talking about our vision and mission. Our "working vision" was recently published in the stewardship campaign brochure. As a reminder, our vision (page 1) at this point includes:

- Be a congregation of people of diverse ethnicities, ideologies, and abilities
- Transform lives within the congregation and beyond.
- Be a hub of community engagement.
- Provide both physical and digital meeting spaces, made sacred by the members' energy.
- Build a solid infrastructure through which to live our values and intentions.

In the coming months, we will be looking to find the mission that belongs to us, the real owner of UCH, for whose benefit we will hold and deploy our resources. May it be that we find that mission to which we will give our passion and our energies in the years ahead.

— Submitted by Sandy Hamstra, Chair, UCH Congregational Life Team

### **April Share the Plate: Neighborhood Dispute Settlement**

*Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization.*

[Neighborhood Dispute Settlement](#) (NDS) is a community-based mediation center that seeks to promote and provide conflict resolution solutions. It originated in 1968 as a response to difficulties experienced by African-American students at John Harris High School. It began its community mediation service in 1978 and continues those services today in Dauphin and Cumberland counties, and serves as a referral service for area police departments as an alternative to citing individuals in community disputes. NDS is available to anyone who needs help in resolving any kind of disputes. They provide services at no cost for those who cannot pay. UCH member Barbara Van Horn has served as a volunteer NDS mediator for many years.



### **Gather the Spirit**

[Gather the Spirit for Justice](#) (GTS) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings together Allison Hill residents, area organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. Among other things, it operates the Common Ground Community Center three mornings a week and the Common Ground Café (CGC) on the last Saturday of the month. It operates from UCH's Market Street campus.

After much searching Gather the Spirit has found a new home at Christ Lutheran Church 124 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. This church, although small in number, about 40, has an active outreach program that includes nurses, a prenatal clinic by appointment and a free dental clinic three days a month. We plan to have weekday community hours there. Saturday breakfasts are a possibility there, although the kitchen needs extensive renovations. We may use the St Francis soup kitchen for the breakfast temporarily. The last Saturday breakfast at UCH was 3/16. About 150 people attended.

The last Common Ground Community Center at UCH was 3/22 and we did a lot of packing 3/23. Moving day was 3/29. We hope to open for community hours in mid-April.

We rely on many volunteers from UCH for community hours and the Saturday breakfasts and fully expect our splendid relationship with UCH members and friends to continue as we enter this exciting new home.

— Submitted by John Hargreaves, UCH Liaison to GTS

## Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack

Beginning in 2017, a lay-led group of UCH members and friends collaborated in exploring the [Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum](#) available from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). JD Stillwater and Karen Mallah led the 2017 workshop, and Chris Dutton, Kara Schmidt and Cordell Affeldt facilitated bimonthly "Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness" in 2018. For 2019, Chris and Cordell have prepared a monthly "Home Alone" compilation of audio, visual and text materials on the topic.

### Unpacking the Invisible Backpack

Explore the structures that unwittingly support racism and how we keep them invisible to ourselves. Click the links to identify those that are new to you:

- 🎥 **Video:** *White Lies We Tell Our Children*, Colin Stokes ([12 min.](#)) White speaker, fresh view
- 🎥 **Video:** *Deconstructing White Privilege*, Dr. Robin DiAngelo ([22 min](#))
- 📄 **Article:** "Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack," Peggy McIntosh ([3 pages](#))
- 🧪 **Self-Test:** Implicit Association Test, register to add to research pool, select [Social Attitudes tests](#). Personal bias tests.

## Unpacking the Invisible Backpack



### White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

by Peggy McIntosh

Through work to bring materials from Women's Studies into the rest of the curriculum, I have often noticed men's unwillingness to grant that they are over-privileged, even though they may grant that women are disadvantaged. They may say that they

male privilege. So I have begun in an un-tutored way to ask what it is like to have white privilege. I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets which I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was "meant" to remain oblivious. White privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports,

I was taught to see racism only in individual acts of meanness, not in invisible systems conferring dominance on my group.

Talking makes learning richer. You are also invited to conversations on whiteness. Join us during coffee hour, immediately following Sunday services: first Sunday at Clover Lane (April 7), second Sunday at Market (April 14).

— Submitted by Cordell Affeldt and Chris Dutton

### LaGrone Book Shuffle: April 21 and 28

Spring is here and with it comes the LaGrone Book Shuffle. We want to "shuffle" some of your good reads to worthy buyers. And maybe entice you to make a home for someone else's well-loved, needy books.<sup>1</sup>

Bring in your used books on April 7 and 14 before and after services. Deposit them with a friendly volunteer in the Alcott Room at Clover Lane or bring your books during the week and they will be sorted and arranged for sale by our volunteers.

We will sell the books on April 13 at the coffee house and on April 21 and 28 before and after services at Clover Lane, to your fellow congregants and whoever else shows up for our unbelievable bargains. We'll also have an honor system for those who come by at other times.

**LaGrone Book Shuffle**

- Intake April 7 and 14
- Sale April 21 and 28

All funds raised benefit the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund. A LaGrone scholarship is awarded each year to provide financial assistance to students of the Harrisburg School District for post-secondary education. In addition to awarding the scholarship, the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee assigns to each scholar a mentor from the congregation, who keeps in touch with the student and provides encouragement and advocacy as needed.

Please contact [Diane Stables](#) for more information.

—Submitted by Diane Stables

<sup>1</sup> In addition to books, we accept CDs, DVDs and vinyl! Unfortunately, we cannot accept encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, cassette tapes, or VHS tapes.

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<b>Mon 1</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Amrit Yoga (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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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. No experience necessary! Contact [Ed Sykes](#). Repeats every Monday.



<b>Tue 2</b>	<b>6:45</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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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.

<b>Wed 3</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>QueenSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Our Circle topic for April is Sound Healing. Please join us for a sound healing meditation with singing bowls and drums. Rebecca will lead a circle followed by a 45-minute sound session by Julie Moffitt. Julie is a certified sound therapist, reikisound practitioner, musician, and writer. We are excited that she will be sharing her work with us.



If you would like, please bring pillows and blankets – whatever you need to be comfortable for the session. You can sit in a chair or on the floor or lie on the floor. It tends to be cool in the room; as you will be still for some time, consider dressing warmly. All women, and those who gender-identify as women, are welcome. Please bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Circle starts at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:30 p.m. Contact [Rebecca Waldamar](#) for further information

<b>Sun 7</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Forum (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Facilitated by [Fred Binkley](#), [Barb Pearce](#), and others, the group meets for an hour of discussion on Sunday mornings at Clover Lane, with varying topics. This month:

- 🕒 April 7 - Rachel Mark will lead a discussion concerning Humanism and meetings that are taking place among interested individuals.
- 🕒 April 14 - Fred Binkley will address Green New Deal issues and other current events.
- 🕒 April 21 - Fred Binkley will lead a discussion about the American Family Farmer and other current events.
- 🕒 April 28 - Jim Cavanaugh will share his experiences in prison ministry and probe the causes of incarceration.



Please contact [Barb Pearce](#) for additional information.

<b>Tue 9</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Women’s Night Out (Monthly)</b>	<b>Off-site</b>
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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. Proceeds are divided between the Ecumenical Food Pantry and UCH.



Our group meets Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at [Zanelli’s Italian Restaurant and Bakery](#), 316 Bridge Street, New Cumberland. Please RSVP to [Chris Dutton](#) or [Diane Stables](#) by the Sunday beforehand.

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<b>Sat 13</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Clover Lane Coffee House</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Clover Lane Coffee House occurs September – June, usually on the third Friday. This month, we meet on a Saturday evening to welcome the bluegrass band, N.E.V., led by “our own” Dale Dourte (center). The band comprises Neving Jackson (banjo, guitar, vocals); Dale (guitar, mandolin, vocals), and Suzanne Molitoris (guitar, mandolin, vocals). Bart Carpenter will emcee the evening.

In May, we welcome York-based Wild Hymns in their second Clover Lane appearance. The Wild Hymns are the songs of singer-songwriter Megan Woodland Hewitt (néé Donley) and her band with her husband, guitarist Jeff Hewitt, performing as a trio with Cindy David on bass and vocals. Their music is a mix of modern folk with jazz and retro influences and ambient/improvisational rock and roll with touches of blues and Americana.

Admission \$10 donation at the door, \$25 max per family. Please contact [Bart Carpenter](#) for additional information.

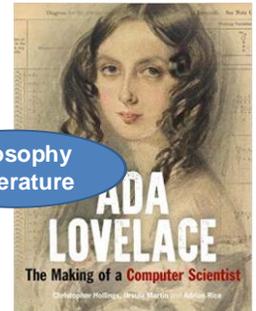


<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month (except May), normally at 7:00 p.m. at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets to discuss *Ada Lovelace, The Making of a Computer Scientist*, by Christopher Hollings. From Amazon:

Ada, Countess of Lovelace (1815--52), daughter of romantic poet Lord Byron and the highly educated Anne Isabella, is sometimes called the world's first computer programmer, and she has become an icon for women in technology today. But how did a young woman in the nineteenth century, without access to formal schooling or university education, acquire the knowledge and expertise to become a pioneer of computer science?

Although it was an unusual pursuit for women at the time, Ada Lovelace studied science and mathematics from a young age. This book uses previously unpublished archival material to explore her precocious childhood—from her curiosity about the science of rainbows to her design for a steam-powered flying horse—as well as her ambitious young adulthood. Active in Victorian London's social and scientific elite, Ada Lovelace became fascinated by the computing machines of Charles Babbage, whose ambitious, unbuilt invention known as the “Analytical Engine” inspired Lovelace to devise a table of mathematical formulae which many now refer to as the “first program.”



Philosophy & Literature

All are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.

<b>Tue 16</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CroneSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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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 "Navigating Housing Options." 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 to or about each other

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



<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Clover Grove (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday, with a program that varies based on the cycle of seasons and forces of nature. This month, Clover Grove is celebrating Earth Day with a Plant Swap. Bring plants from your gardens you would like to swap with others. Inspire others to reap the benefits that you have.

All are welcome. Please contact [Wayne Minich](#) for further information.



Date	Time	Group	Location
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>We March. We Act.</b>	<b>Market Street</b>
The lay-led ministry, We March. We Act., meets at 7:00 to plan spring activities, including the barbecue dinner for March on Harrisburg on Sunday, May 5 (below).			
<b>Tue 23</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Auction Planning Committee</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room, Clover Lane location. Come brainstorm ideas, themes, and be a part of the fun, food, & fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2019 All-Church Auction is always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success, Please contact <a href="#">Patti Hazell</a> for additional information.			
<b>Sat 27</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Race Against Racism</b>	<b>Offsite</b>
<p>UCH is fielding a team again this year in the annual <a href="#">Race Against Racism</a>, coordinated by Wendy Shaver. The race supports the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism, empower women and girls, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The funds raised are crucial to sustaining the YWCA's racial justice programs throughout the year ahead.</p> <p>The 5K run/walk starts at 8:30 a.m. at Soldier's Grove, behind the Capitol downtown. There is a kid's event at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>You can register in advance <a href="#">online</a>; same-day registration begins at 7:30.</p>			



**Other Events**

**April 27: UUPLAN Annual Meeting**

UUPLAN will hold its annual planning session from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the UU Congregation of York, 925 S. George Street, York. Keynote speaker is Paula Cole Jones, presenting "The Power of Networking: Building Communities of Communities." She will moderate a panel along with Ann Keeler Evans of the Poor Peoples Campaign, Carol Kuniholm of Fair Districts PA, Micah Simms of Common Cause, and Tonya Wenger, Social Justice Activist with First UU Church of Berks County. Other panel discussions will occur throughout the day. Please register at the UUPLAN [website](#).



Paula Cole Jones serves as Interim Congregational Life Staff for the UUA's Central East Region. She is a lifelong member of All Souls Church, Unitarian, in Washington, D.C. She is a past president of Diverse & Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM) and the founder of A Dialogue On Race & Ethnicity (ADORE). Paula is the author of "Reconciliation as a Spiritual Discipline," which appeared in *UU World* magazine in 2004 and a contributing author to three books, *A People So Bold: Theology and Ministry for Unitarian Universalists*, *Darkening the Doorways*, and *Justice on Earth*, which is this year's [UUA Common Read](#). She is also the editor of *Encounters: Poems about race, ethnicity and identity*, published by Skinner House Books and co-author, along with Bruce Pollack-Johnson of the 8th Principle, which is being discussed by many UU congregations and has been adopted by some. Lastly, Paula was honored to be invited to be the Sophia Fahs Lecturer at General Assembly this year.

**May 5: March on Harrisburg/Democracy BBQ Dinner**

Please plan to support March on Harrisburg (MoH) at the Democracy BBQ dinner on Sunday, May 5, at Reservoir Park, 5-7 pm. This is the grand finale of the [March to Make Corruption Illegal](#). We march. We Act. is hosting a BBQ dinner to welcome the MoH activists to the Capitol after marching here from Philadelphia. Food items for the picnic are needed. Please [click here to sign up to donate food or money](#). Also plan to stay for the picnic to talk to the marchers about their important work. After the picnic, they would love to have you walk the final steps of the march with them as they continue to their overnight home near the Capitol.

