



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

July Services

Our summer series is one of the highlights of the year. As in years past, the lay-led series is presented by UCH members reflecting on a common topic. This year's series is entitled "How Do You Live Your Faith?" and focuses on the role that Unitarian Universalism plays in the lives of our members. Come hear personal reflections by a broad spectrum of UCH members (bios, page 3).



For these services, the children's sermons feature stories about significant American UUs, using the mini-biographies from *A Lamp in Every Corner*, by Janeen Grohsmeyer. During the subsequent children's program, the discussion focuses on the personal beliefs of the particular UU and how the child might apply it to his/her life in contemporary society.

All Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day.

Please note: there is no air conditioning in the sanctuary – please dress for the weather.

July 3: Summer Lay-Led Service (2 of 7)

Join us on the Fourth of July weekend, with Jim Cavanaugh in the pulpit and Kathy Stewart as lay liturgist. Today's "UU Hero" is Theodore Parker (1810-1860), a Transcendentalist involved in almost all social movements of his era.

July 10: Summer Lay-Led Service (3 of 7)

A feminist trio! Hannah Smith and Tammy Adams lead us in today's service, with background support by Maria Mitchell (1818-1889). Maria Mitchell was a scientist/astronomer, the first professor hired for nascent Vassar College, and an early suffragist.

July 17: Summer Lay-Led Service (4 of 7)

Jim Bogdan with Donna Hoskins-Helm, with assistance by Thomas Starr King (1824-1864). Starr King was a Unitarian and a Universalist, long before the two denominations merged. Abraham Lincoln credited him with keeping California in the Union in the 1860s.

July 24: Summer Lay-Led Service (5 of 7)

Susan Jones-Sink with Dennis Hursh. Supporting role by Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911), an African-American writer, lecturer, and political activist who promoted abolition, civil rights, women's rights, and temperance.

July 31: Summer Lay-Led Service (6 of 7)

Corinna Wilson with Karen Sykes, supported by Olympia Brown (1835-1926). A Universalist, Brown was the first woman to be ordained by a U.S. denomination. She was one of the few "First Wave Feminists" still alive and thus able to vote after passage of the 19th amendment.

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

July 2011 At-a-Glance

Date	Time	Speaker
Sun 3	10:00	<i>How Do You Live Your Faith?</i> With Jim Cavanaugh and Kathy Stewart
Tue 5	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
Wed 6	6:00	Queen Spirit, "Nature and Animals," led by Tammy Adams and Debbie Reihart
Fri 8	8:00	Coffee House (\$5): Ryan Sweer/Nate Malarich, plus Moe Weimer & Friends
Sat 9	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
Sun 10	10:00	<i>How Do You Live Your Faith?</i> with Hannah Smith and Tammy Adams
	5:00	Philosophy & Literature Group, Dick Hoke, featuring <i>The Blue Orchard</i>
Mon 11	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 12	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 13	7:00	Board Meeting (Market Street)
Fri 15	8:00	Coffee House (\$5): Hot Club du Jour
Sat 16	9:00	Market St cleanup, Sparkie Radcliffe
	4:00	Humanist All-Church Potluck Picnic
Sun 17	10:00	<i>How Do You Live Your Faith?</i> with Jim Bogdan and Donna Hoskins-Helm
Mon 18	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 19	7:00	Silent Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 20	7:00	Clover Grove (Pagan), Ed Hazell
Fri 22	8:00	Coffee House (\$5): The Stray Birds (duo)
Sun 24	10:00	<i>How Do You Live Your Faith?</i> with Susan Jones-Sink and Dennis Hursh
Mon 25	9:00	Chalice Camp – Day 1
	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 26	9:00	Chalice Camp- Day 2
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 27	9:00	Chalice Camp – Day 3
Thu 28	9:00	Chalice Camp – Day 4
	5:15	Potluck, Chalice Camp Talent Show
Fri 29	9:00	Chalice Camp – Day 5
Sat 30	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
Sun 31	10:00	<i>How Do You Live Your Faith?</i> with Corinna Wilson and Karen Sykes



Market Street Event

What Else Is Happening This Month:

Coordinate your calendars for these UCH events.

Tue 5 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly)

Two 25 minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion and rest between. Coordinated by Chuck Daley (MMG@harrisburguu.org). Repeats every Tuesday. Third Tuesday (July 19) is silent mediation.

Wed 6 6:00 Queen Spirit

QueenSpirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle. This month, Tammy Adams and Debbie Reihart facilitate a circle on nature and animals. Hear their stories and explore your views through the "open but unbroken" circle of the feminine divine. Potluck is at 6:00, followed by the circle. Contact Kandy Melillo (KandyUU@aol.com).

Fri 8 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – I



Presented by UCH young adults! Jazz with Nate Malarich on keyboard and Ryan Sweer on trumpet, with "Moe Weimer & Friends" doing a closing set. These are the sons of Kathy/Mark Malarich, Karen/Leon Sweer and EvAnn/Rick Hawley, respectively. Special "Sounds of Summer" series. \$5 donation; all are welcome (Series info, page 5)

Sat 9 9:00 Breakfast at Market Street (also July 30)

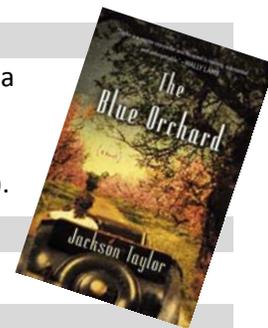
Experience community in action – no experience necessary! UCH operates our own Common Ground Café, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Drop-ins welcome. To join the e-list of volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert (clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com)

Mon 11:30 Amrit yoga (weekly)

Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. Two one-hour sessions, led by Ed Sykes, esykes@state.pa.us. No experience necessary! Repeats every Monday.

Sun 10 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The UCH literati review *The Blue Orchard*, by Jackson Taylor. An unblinking look at abortion in America many decades before Roe v. Wade, set in Harrisburg and environs. Based on the true story of Verna Crone. If you haven't read it yet, now is your chance. Newcomers welcome. Rachel/Michael Mark host the soirée, in the air-conditioned comfort of Clover Lane. Contact Dick Hoke (Rrhoke@aol.com).



Wed 13 7:00 UCH Board Meeting (Market Street)

UCH members are always welcome to attend. Notes on June meeting, page 9.

Fri 15 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – II

Hot Club du Jour plays Gypsy (Rom) jazz, Robert Bobby Trio opening. \$5 donation; all are welcome. (Series info, page 5)

Sat 16 9:00 Market Street Cleanup

Morning trash/brush pickup, followed by lunch (details, page 5). Contact Sparkie Radcliffe, sparkier@comcast.net

Sat 16 4:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists – Potluck

Humanism focuses on human reason and ethics as the basis for moral decision-making. They are hosting an all-church potluck, this year at Shank Park, Derry Township. \$2 donation (park rental).

Directions at this URL: <http://shankparkpicnic.wordpress.com> RSVP to michaelmark@paonline.com

Wed 20 7:00 Clover Grove

This month's session is on smudging, a Native American technique of burning plants, herbs or spices to cleanse areas for magic work, or to clear spirits. This is similar to incense. Contact Ed Hazell (eahazell42@aol.com).

Fri 22 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – III

The Stray Birds (Maya de Vitry and Oliver Craven). \$5 donation; all are welcome. (Series info, page 5)

Mon 25 9:00 Chalice Camp 2011: UU Peacekeepers (Monday-Friday)

Open to children entering 1st through 7th grade; wait-list registration as of June 26.

Thu 28 5:15 Chalice Camp Family Night ~ Pot Luck ~ Talent Show

The annual extravaganza, with campers performing skits, songs and other memorable moments.

Speaker Bios: Summer Lay-Led Sermons

One of the most popular aspects of our summer lay sermons is the chance to find out more about each other – how and why our co-congregants think the way they do. Here is background on our speakers for 2011.

Anita Mentzer (June 26)

Anita Mentzer is a Harrisburg native and was raised United Methodist. She was a 2nd Grade classroom teacher for six years, but has spent most of her professional career as a school librarian, including a stint at HACC. She currently works in Annville Cleona School District. Anita first experienced the UCH when she attended the wedding of Rachel and Michael Mark on Sept. 28, 2002, the Rev. Howard Dana officiating. Since joining in 2005, she has assisted at Common Ground Café (including assisting with the children's books); written grant proposals for various UCH endeavors; and served on the Community Committee. She and her husband, John, are members of the UCH Landscaping Committee, responsible for the 600 square foot bed along the east side of the Clover Lane campus.



Anita and John have two children. Ethan is a rock musician based in Boston who frequently travels in the Far East. Erica (Lambert) is a school music teacher and lives in Harrisburg with husband Clay and son, Aiden.

Jim Cavanaugh (July 3)

Jim Cavanaugh has been a UU since 1968, a member of the UCH since 1974, and a volunteer chaplain at Dauphin County Prison since 2005. He served two terms on the Board of Trustees in the 1980s and helped create the Helping Women in Prison and their Families (HWIPF) Lay Led Ministry in 2001. He worked for the Commonwealth for more than 30 years, including service at Pennsylvania Correctional Industries. After retiring in 2005, he attended Lancaster Theological Seminary and received his Master of Arts in Religion in 2007. He is a block chaplain with Dauphin County Prison assigned to the women's work release center, and continues to serve as co-chair of our HWIPF steering committee.



Jim and his wife, Nan, have two sons, Dave and Rob, a newly fellowshiped UU minister. Jim attended his 11th General Assembly this year (page 11) of the Living Tradition (SOLT) ceremony where Rob was recognized (page 11). They also have grand-twins Ben and Maddy

(via son Dave). Among other things, Jim has taken trapeze lessons from his daughter-in-law, an instructor with the Trapeze School of New York, and hopes to be successfully caught later this summer on his third and reportedly final try. Jim and Nan are both life members of the UCH.

Hannah Smith (July 10)

Hannah Smith grew up in a small town in northern Pennsylvania, where she was free to explore the wonders of nature: ancient forests, underground caves, slate-bottomed creeks, and bountiful lake-effect snow. Today, the love for nature she developed as a child manifests itself in living simply, mothering trustingly, exploring frequently, and working authentically. She joined the UCH in 2000.



Hannah offers the words of Howard Thurman: "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Hannah comes alive when she is connecting people to their local food source. This is particularly true in connecting folks to farmers who are farming in sustainable ways that honor the needs of the earth and are giving back in nutrients, habitat, and splendor at least as much as they are taking to grow our food. Hannah works for the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture and gets to do just that: strengthen the farm-to-consumer relationship. In Hannah's words, "Can you imagine being any luckier?"

Jim Bogdan (July 17)

Jim Bogdan, and his wife Korryn, have been attending the UCH since 2003. Jim studied at Bloomsburg University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Secondary Education and a Master of Science in Exceptionalities. He also has an M.A. in Applied History from Shippensburg University. He has taught high school students as both a special educator and social studies teacher in Virginia, Connecticut, and Harrisburg. Since 2003 he has taught at the Milton Hershey School, a K-12 residential school designed to educate socio-economic disadvantaged students. At Milton Hershey, he is also the faculty advisor for Amnesty International and the Model United Nations,

Speaker Bios (cont.)

and is the local president and lead negotiator of the Milton Hershey Education Association.

Jim reports that his proudest accomplishment is being the father to his two preschool aged daughters, Sarah (photo) and Rachel, and that he and Korryn look forward to the newest addition of their family, due to arrive in late November.



Susan Jones-Sink (July 24)

Susan Jones Sink is a professional nurse and psychotherapist with 40 years of professional experience. As a therapist she practices from the



theoretical base of “Relational Psychotherapy” or relational psychoanalysis. As a therapist, Susan has also learned the importance of “experiencing the world” through the eyes of the client, regardless of his/her religious orientation.

Prior to joining UCH she was an active member of the Episcopal Church. She has studied world religions and theology at the Lancaster Seminary and La Salle University. She and her husband, Skip, joined the UCH in 2009. She has served on the Addictions and Recovery Ministry and the Membership Action Council. Susan is the mother of two, UCH members Dana Sink and Christy Myers, and “Nana” to five grandchildren – soon to be six! She loves to read, travel and kayak.

Corinna Wilson (July 31)

Corinna Wilson is a licensed attorney and vice president for programming at PCN, the nonprofit “C-Span” cable network dedicated to public affairs programming in Pennsylvania, and a strong advocate for government transparency. She is learning to do on-air work; you can catch her on the network hosting various programs from time to time.

Corinna’s proudest professional accomplishment is her contributions to the 2008 Right-to-Know Law. She also has served as chief counsel to the state’s Office of Open Records and as a senior advisor to the current Pennsylvania State Treasurer, Rob McCord. Outside the

office, she does volunteer work at the Shalom House, a 22-bed emergency shelter for women and women with children, located across from our Market Street church. Shalom House gives women the chance to address the causes of their homelessness and take the steps they need to move to self sufficiency.

Corinna and her husband, Peter, joined the UCH in 2008 along with their children, George and Lulu. She reports: “Our first service at UCH happened to be the annual holiday pageant, which that year consisted of a series of vignettes showing faith rituals throughout history – one about a Jewish family in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, another about a family in pre-Christian Ireland. We left that morning not knowing much about Unitarian Universalism, but certain that we’d found a church home!



“While I embrace all seven principles of this church, I am particularly moved by the first and fifth – the inherent worth and dignity of every person and the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. In fact, I think these two simple beliefs sum up the best parts of my life’s work.”

Kelly O’Neill (Aug 7)

Kelly O’Neill works to strengthen Pennsylvania’s agriculture and improve water quality, primarily through advocacy for state and federal policies to provide farmers with technical and financial resources to maintain soil and nutrients on farm lands. She previously worked as a community development



extension agent in north central Pennsylvania, a grassroots organizer in Nebraska working on environmental and farm issues, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras organizing a dairy goat cooperative that significantly improved children’s nutrition. She enjoys hiking, kayaking, skiing and photography. Originally a native of rural, northeastern Pennsylvania where her family has been farming for over 150 years, Kelly has lived in Harrisburg since 2000.

July Events

Here is background information on event happening this month.

Sounds of Summer

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to present a six-week summer series, featuring a variety of local and other musicians! Three Fridays in July, three in August. 8 p.m. in the Common Room. At an unbeatable \$5 admission price!

■ **8 pm Friday July 8: Ryan Sweer/Nate Malarich and Moe Weimer**

Homegrown talent! The evening features trumpeteer Ryan Sweer, celebrating his recently completed Master of Music in Jazz Studies and Jazz Trumpet. He will perform with Nate Malarich on keyboard. Closing set by Hershey-based, Moe Weimer and Friends.

- **Ryan** last performed at Clover Lane as part of the Messiah College Jazz Combo. He is the son of Karen and Leon Sweer.
- **Nate** plays classical piano and jazz/rock keyboards. He was most recently featured as a Young Artist by the The Wednesday Club for the Performing Arts, the oldest continuously operating music organization in the U.S. He is the son of Kathy/Mark Malarich.
- **Moe** is the son of EvAnn Hawley, currently attending Kutztown University. This will be his third appearance at Clover Lane Coffee House.



■ **8 pm Friday July 15: Hot Club du Jour**

In the tradition of Django Reinhardt, "Hot Club" plays gypsy (Rom) jazz using string instruments. The ensemble seeks to recreate the excitement and spontaneity of jazz music – with strings rather than the more typical setting of horns, piano, and percussion. Hence the guitar takes on the role of both rhythm accompanist and ersatz percussionist, working in conjunction with the bass to create a solid rhythm over which the soloists can create unbounded flights of improvisation. The band includes Ryck Kaiser, David Stevenson, Ernie Pugliese and Victor d'Asure. Lancaster-based Robert Bobby Trio opening.

■ **8 pm Friday, July 22: Maya de Vitry and Oliver Craven**

We are pleased to present Maya de Vitry and Oliver Craven, singing traditional Appalachian music and American folk. De Vitry is a student at the Berklee College of Music, where in her first year, she was a finalist in all four Berklee songwriting contests, including 1st prize in the "Songs for Social Change" contest. Craven was a long-time member of Lancaster-based Craven Family Band. He plays fiddle, guitar, mandolin and the resonator guitar; he is also an accomplished singer/songwriter. The duo formed The Stray Birds in 2010; they will be performing in Ireland in August.



Other UCH talent this summer includes Paul Moore and John Bollinge (August 12).

Market Street "Whistle While You Work" July 16

The Music Ministry is pleased to host a "Whistle While You Work" clean-up party at our Market Street campus, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 16. All members and friends of the congregation are invited, not just musical people. The group will clean up the grass lots behind the church (trash, brush); work gloves recommended. Lunch will be provided.

Silent Witness Training

If you are interested in serving as a Silent Witness, you must go through orientation/training before working at one of the Pride Festivals. Please plan to attend one of the following:

■ **Harrisburg/UCH**

Captains: 1 pm July 9 (Sat), prior experience required

Basic Training: 7 pm July 13 (Wed); 7 pm July 18 (Mon);

1 pm July 24 (Sun)

Upcoming PrideFests		
Date	Day	Location
July 17	Sunday	Reading
July 30	Saturday	Harrisburg
Aug 14	Sunday	Wilkes-Barre
Aug 21	Sunday	Allentown

Looking Back

June was a busy month for our church, both at home and about.

Planting New Roots



Sixteenth and Market Street was a mass of gardeners on June 12 as the UCH celebrated "Second Sunday in the City" in a joint service with Shared Ministry. Approximately 150 people attended the service, with most staying afterward for lunch and planting. The service itself ended with Rev. Howard Dana escorting the congregation to Market Street, where all were encouraged to join in a ceremony imbuing the tree with our conjoined best wishes. One group of youth, led by Wendy Shaver and Garret Richards (above left) ferried shrubs and other perennials to the front of the church for planting while a group of mostly males undertook the planting of the first tree (above right), near the alley at 16th Street. The event quickly became a neighborhood affair.



Clearing the land, planning and procuring the materials, and organizing the work was the Eagle Scout project of UCH youth Garrett Richards. The plants, railroad ties, and mulch were purchased with \$1,060 in donations by 23 UCH families and a \$1,000 animal habitat grant from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Thanks to those who donated time/talent in planting, those who donated monetary treasure, and special thanks to UCH member Theresa Alberici for identifying and coordinating the grant! In his post-planting thank you note, Garrett cited Theresa, as well as Howard, RGL Director Trish Brandon, and UCH member Ellen Roane, for assisting with logistics. Also assisting was his father, Greg Richards, assistant scout leader, and members of Boy Scout Troop 203 of Hershey.

Historically, the bed along 16th Street was a grassy plot which, over the years, was used for partial off-street parking. In more recent years, the beds had become totally bare except for mulch and mud. Senior members of Shared Ministry are thrilled with the landscaping, and several offered their congratulations to Garrett et al on a project well done. The new landscaping includes three Japanese lilac trees and various hostas on 16th Street; evergreens and sunflowers along Market Street; and a large number of spirea in both beds. As part of his landscape research, Garrett selected spirea because of its extreme drought resistance and ability to flourish in both sun and shade.



Many thanks also to the various members of the congregation and neighborhood who helped with planning, planting, and picnic support! And a special thanks to Rick Hawley, photographer extraordinaire, for capturing the day. A full set of photos is available by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/rickhawley/sets/72157626965276942/show/>.

Suzanne Marsh Farewell

On June 19, the UCH celebrated the ministry of Associate Minister Suzanne Marsh and her many contributions to our community over the past two years. She preached her final UCH sermon, "Juneteenth," assisted by UCH member Maria Thiaw; this was followed by a farewell reception in the Clover Lane Common Room. The dessert reception was organized by Nan Cavanaugh.



As part of the ceremony honoring Suzanne's ministry, UCH President Cathy Montes read aloud a letter of commendation from the Board of Trustees. The letter described 19 specific contributions for which we all offer our sincerest gratitude, including:

- For her generosity, hope, and vision in accepting an uncertain future with us.
- For walking with us on our first steps in Allison Hill, including sharing in clearing out, organizing, and refurbishing our new spaces at Market Street.
- For working compassionately with members of Shared Ministry to ease a difficult transition.
- For filling in both pastoral and managerial roles during Howard's sabbatical, including managing the conduct of significant repairs on the roof at Market Street.
- For initiating efforts to become a "healthy congregation," assembling volunteers to take training, and then developing a covenant to guide our behaviors toward right relationship with each other.

After the service, Suzanne left for General Assembly (page 11). She will be on vacation during most of July but accessible via email. Among other things, she plans to complete IRS registration as a 501(c)3 for the new non-profit corporation, Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTSJ), which we established as a secular organization to support social justice in the Greater Harrisburg area during her first year in Harrisburg. At the end of July she will move to Idaho, where she is serving as a Consulting Minister to two small UU fellowships in Pocatello and Twin Falls, about 1.5 hours apart. This is a one-year position with options for renewal while the two congregations call a minister; she will also be eligible to be called there. Among other things, Suzanne is thrilled to be living within driving distance of her son, who lives in northern California.

Other farewell celebrations included a dinner hosted by the Associate Minister Search Committee and the Committee on Ministry, organized by Joan Hellmann, and a dinner with the Board of Trustees, organized by Cathy Montes.

LaGrone Mentor

Margaret Carrow is pleased to announce the selection of Nick Wilson as mentor for this year's Oliver LaGrone scholar, announced at our June 5 service. When we award the scholarship each year, we promise the recipient not just money but also the support of our extended community, including assignment of a mentor for the four-year period of the scholarship. Where possible, the LaGrone Committee tries to match the scholar based on his/her field of interest.



Durrell Burns, our Oliver LaGrone scholar for 2011(right), will attend Millersville University this fall and plans to study secondary education. His proposed course of study led the LaGrone Committee quite naturally to Nick, an Assistant Principal for Special Programs in the Cumberland Valley School District. Nick has prior experience in the Harrisburg School District, where he was the Adventure-based Education Coordinator and a Student Behavior Specialist. Nick has a B.A. from the University of Tennessee/Knoxville and an M.Ed. in Special Education from East Tennessee State University. He has 11 years' experience in teaching, counseling, and coaching. Nick joined the UCH in 2004. His wife, Wendy Shaver, is Youth Advisor for RGL. They have one daughter, Maggie, age 8.



Other UCH members serving as mentors to currently studying scholars are Maureen Callahan, Susan Rimby, and Anita Mentzer. Members interested in assisting with the program should contact Margaret.

Youth Group Service Trip to New York



The UCH Youth Group (above) completed its annual summer service trip, this year in New York City. Sixteen UCH youth spent June 19-24 serving underprivileged residents of New York under a program sponsored by the Quaker Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP). YSOP is committed to helping young people become part of the solution to societal problems by showing them how even their smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others.

The group traveled via Philadelphia to Manhattan by Megabus and stayed in a youth hostel. Sunday afternoon they settled into their hostel, bought groceries at a neighborhood grocery store, and competed in a cell phone scavenger hunt of the Broadway/Times Square area. They cooked spaghetti for dinner at the hostel.

During the day they traveled in small groups of five or six youth and one adult to the assigned work site. Daily, they reconvened at YSOP headquarters for discussion activities such as “Design Your Own Soup Kitchen”. Each day they also met for small group Chalice Circles, where they journaled and discussed the feelings invoked by this spiritual journey of service. During the evenings, the group had time for multiple activities, including a ride on the Staten Island Ferry and ultimate Frisbee in Central Park. Meals were simple, including pizza one evening, where they were joined by New York City resident Ian Forster, son of Dave and Marj Forster. Ian also assisted with travel logistics on the final day.

Unfortunately, the Megabus from New York to Philadelphia got stuck in tunnel traffic leaving Manhattan, arriving in Philadelphia 2.5 hours late – long after the final bus from Philadelphia to Harrisburg had already left. Various parents ended up driving to Philadelphia to pick up the group and transport them home to Harrisburg.

Attending the trip were Emily Alberici, Katy Alberici, Libby Bechtel, Cameron Brandon, Eric Bronder, Zach Cincotta, Orlando Forest, Olivia Gregg, Olivia Hayes, Annisa Lopez-Jacobs, Jazmin Montgomery, Alleyah Myers, ZoeRoane-Hopkins, Danielle Roth, Kaily Sweer, and Josh Thompson. Chaperones were Wendy Shaver, Peter Adams, and Marj Forster.

Dateline: New York City

Watch for youth commentary and additional photos on the bulletin board at Clover Lane – and a mid-July special edition of *The UCH Reporter*, featuring extended text and pictures!

This is the fourth consecutive summer the Youth Group has done a service trip. In prior years UCH youth performed community service in New Orleans, Washington D.C., and the Navaho Nation.

A slideshow with 181 photos of the trip is viewable by clicking the following URL:

www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/creativeapps/slideShow/Main.jsp?sourceId=533754321803&cm_mmc=Share- -Personal- -Email- -Sharee- -Images

– Wendy Shaver provided photos and contributed to this report

Close the Gap Campaign

As we go to press, the UCH is pleased to report receipt of **\$27,668** toward our \$25,000 goal to “close the gap.” Many thanks to our generous community! Treasurer Tom Winner will complete year-end financial reporting in early July.

Board Notes

The board met on June 8 at Clover Lane, with all trustees present. Also in attendance for portions of the meeting were Suzanne Marsh, Jim Cavanaugh, Chris Dutton and Mary Henninger-Voss.

■ **Delegates to General Assembly**

The board named the following delegates to GA. All delegates are paying their own way. Kate/Bart Carpenter, Rachel/Michael Mark, Jim Cavanaugh, Margaret Carrow, and Rev. Kathie Teeter. (GA report, page 11).

■ **Life Membership**

The board is authorized to convey Life Membership upon UCH members who have made distinguished contributions to our community. Voting members of the congregation are encouraged to submit nominations, citing the accomplishments of the individual/couple under consideration. A Life Member must have at least 25 years’ membership in a UU congregation and at least 20 years at the UCH; continuing financial commitment throughout their membership; and exceptional contributions.

■ **Support for Automatic Payment (Pledge and Grocery Cards)**

Over the summer, the board intends to execute a marketing campaign to encourage greater use of e-payment via electronic funds transfer (EFT), both for pledges and for grocery cards. Use of EFT for recurring payments enables the church to plan cash flow more accurately. A task force will work with Alanna Berger, stewardship coordinator, and Anne Moore, coordinator for the grocery gift cards.

At the July 13 board meeting at Market Street, the new board will elect officers for the church year and consider interim appointments for three additional trustees with terms ending on June 30, 2012.

—Cathie Montes, Tom Winner, Karen Grimm-Thomas and Kate Carpenter contributed to this report

More News from Children/Youth

■ **Our UU Roots**

As part of their continuing focus this summer on significant UUs in American history (page 1), the children in RGL are visualizing Unitarian Universalism as a tree, with roots, branches, and leaves. Members are encouraged to check out the tree mural in the Common Room at Clover Lane to see the trunk expand as the children and youth learn about UU heroes. The roots are our six UU sources, the trunk our rich history, the branches the seven principles we are committed to, and the leaves represent the ways we act on our principles daily.

The mural was created several years ago by Della and Nathalie Hoke as an ongoing visual model for use by RGL.



■ **\$500 Challenge ~ and More**

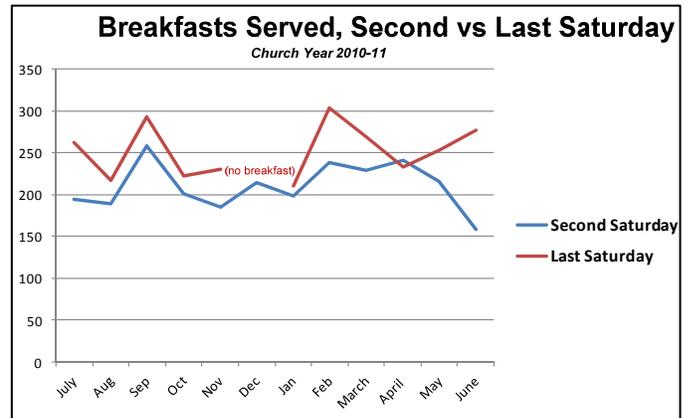
During the month of June, the *Children and Youth \$500 Challenge*, focused on Time, Talent and Treasure, raised \$662.56 to help “Close the Gap.” Each participant was asked to bring in a baked good or craft item to sell and/or \$10 they worked for on behalf of the church.

On June 26, the group organized a raffle for two baskets, hand-woven by women of Darfur, and filled with organic equal exchange products, e.g., chocolate, pecans and tea. Winners were Erica Bostwick and Eileen Beddall. Special thanks to Jane Bechtel and Kate Newton for leading the \$500 Challenge.

—Trish Brandon contributed to these reports

Community Café

The Community Café staff is pleased to report increasing popularity of our Saturday morning breakfast at the Market Street location. During the church year ending June 30, 2011, the group hosted breakfast on 23 Saturdays, twice per month except December, and served a total of more than 5,300 meals. The final Saturday of the month continues to be more popular than the Second Saturday, as shown in the accompanying chart. Tom Connors hypothesizes a link to food stamps running out toward the end of the month.



In addition to the UCH and Shared Ministry volunteers, the Community Café group continues to draw increasing support from the community, from other churches, and from various service organizations. We have an ongoing partnership with Colonial Park United Church of Christ (UCC), which provides volunteers almost every breakfast. Colonial Park UCC sponsored one of the May breakfasts, including providing food.

Over the past year, we have also given away hundreds of used books to children and adults and scheduled reading events for children on Saturday morning. In addition, free HIV and syphilis testing is available on the last Saturday, sponsored by the AIDS Community Alliance/Alder Health Services.

The group would also like to thank UCH member (and master electrician) Dale Dourte for repairing the 1950s-era dishwasher in the kitchen. We all look forward to returning to environmentally friendly breakfasts at Market Street.

– Clay Lambert contributed to this report

Race Against Racism

The UCH fielded a virtual team of 44 donors in the annual *Harrisburg Race Against Racism* on Saturday, June 19. This was the rain date for the event originally scheduled for Saturday, April 30.

This was the seventh annual race, sponsored by the Harrisburg YWCA to demonstrate its commitment to racial justice and opportunity. The YWCA also seeks to raise awareness and address issues related to race in our community. Proceeds support YWCA and community-based programs dedicated to the elimination of racism.

The UCH provided 27 participants in the run/walk, most of whom appear in the accompanying photo taken at City Island.



–Robert Wimer contributed to this report

General Assembly

UUs celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. In addition to the UCH delegates cited above, also attending portions of GA in Charlotte NC were Nan Cavanaugh, Judy/Larry Linder, Howard Dana, Suzanne Marsh, and Greg Boyd.

UCH Highlights

■ UCH Banner

Rachel and Michael Mark carried the banner for the UCH, joining a parade of more than 500 banners for the opening procession. Congregational banners remained hung throughout the convention center for the duration of the assembly.

■ GA Planning Committee

At the opening session of General Assembly, Greg Boyd (page 12) addressed the entire group as one of four UUs from the Youth Caucus/Young Adults. On Saturday evening, Greg was one of four UUs elected to the UUA General Assembly Planning Committee, which organizes and supports the programming for our annual meeting of congregations. All were elected to four-year terms.



■ Workshop: UCH Model of Radical Hospitality, Shared

Along with Ken Beldon, minister at Wellsprings Congregation near Philadelphia, Suzanne Marsh and Bart Carpenter presented a highly acclaimed workshop on “Powerful Pathways to Membership.” The workshop described our processes for Radical Hospitality, leveraging the process and materials created by the UCH Membership Action Council – including UCH Jeopardy! In attendance was Joyce Hoskins’ sister, Kay Fisher, representing First UU Church of Columbus, Ohio.

■ Workshop: A Paradigm Shift for UUs

Howard Dana co-presented an experiential workshop on the “Great Commissioning,” designed to create a paradigm shift in how we think about ourselves and our congregation. Measured in terms of membership, Unitarian Universalism is about the same size as Jehovah’s Witnesses – why is it that everyone knows about Witnesses, and no one knows about UUs?

The workshop made a tremendous impact on the 100+ participants. The other presenter was Seattle-based Tandi Rogers from Pacific Northwest District.

■ Rev. Rob Cavanaugh Keithan



Rob Cavanaugh Keithan, son of Jim and Nan Cavanaugh, was welcomed into preliminary fellowship at the Service of the Living Tradition. The service has been held annually since 1945. At this year’s service, 42 ministers were welcomed into preliminary fellowship and 41 ministers were welcomed into final fellowship. Four credentialed music leaders were recognized. Five people were welcomed to the ranks of credentialed religious educators, with three people recognized for being religious educators at the master level.

■ Pastoral Care

Rev. Kathie Teeter attended two workshops designed for lay pastoral associates, in support of the new UCH program Pastoral Associates-Members Helping Members.

Karen Armstrong

The annual Ware Lecture was given by British writer/theologian Karen Armstrong, one of the world’s leading commentators on religious affairs. Since 9/11, she has become chiefly known for her work on Islam and Fundamentalism, particularly in the U.S. Her “Charter for Compassion” arose from her receiving the \$100,000 TED award in 2009. Karen challenged us to find compassion for all people – including radical Muslims, for example. Interested readers can view and sign the charter by clicking the following URL: <http://charterforcompassion.org/>

The Ware Lecture is an annual tradition at General Assembly, dating back to the American Unitarian Association in 1922. Past speakers include Jane Addams (1931), Martin Luther King (1966), and Alvin Toffler (1971).

General Assembly (cont.)

Yvonne Schumacher-Strejcek

Former Interim Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher-Strejcek also attended GA. She was called as minister of Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton, Mich. Her congregation currently meets in a local school but is planning a capital campaign. Her special report, filed via Facebook message:



Hi Bart, great to see you and Kate at GA.

Thanks for including me in your report to the beloveds! My congregation is relatively new, small, vibrant, and growing; lots of young families; a lot of kids relative to the size of the congregation (70 adults and about 35 kids plus one on the way). I'm the first settled minister. Lots of energy for engagement in justice work and standing on the side of love. Was deeply honored when Howard came to preach my installation service.

We're near Ann Arbor. UCH visitors should come see us! The CUUBies will provide a warm welcome. (That's pronounced "cubbies" and stands for Community UUs in Brighton.) I send love and blessings to everyone in UCH!

Personal News from UCH members

Hellman COUCH Group

The Hellmann COUCH group which generally meets at UCH Clover Lane on Monday evenings celebrated Randa Todd's return to the group (page 13) by meeting at the community room in Randa's senior housing facility. Randa provided us with soup, salad and bread, and we had a wonderful time catching up with each other. In fact, we spent all our time catching up and being supportive of each other so the topic of karma will have to wait until our next meeting.

This COUCH group has been meeting since March 2004. It has 10 members, including two original people, Randa Todd and Joan Hellmann.

– Submitted by Joan Hellmann

Melillo-Shemick COUCH Group

Joe Melillo wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, calls, and well wishes on his recent surgery. He especially thanks Denny Darling, Larry Linder, John Gilbert and Jim Calhoun, the four 'COUCH men' for their company during his first couple of days at home. Joe is recovering nicely and hopes to be back to work soon.

Our COUCH group sends best wishes to Peter and Linda Ericson on their move to Richmond, Va., where they will be close to their grandchild. They will be missed.

– Submitted by Willie Calhoun

Greg Boyd, Heidelberg Grant



UCH member Greg Boyd has been invited to participate in a conference Oct. 6-8 at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität in Heidelberg, Germany. The conference on "Religion and the Marketplace in the US" is a part of the celebration of the 625th anniversary of Heidelberg University. He is part of a delegation of 12 students from Penn State Harrisburg invited to attend, with travel costs paid by a Penn State grant. Greg recently completed his Master of Education in Teaching and Curriculum at Penn State. The son of Margaret Carrow, Greg grew up in the UCH and is now serving at River Road UU Congregation (Bethesda) as Acting Director of Children's Ministry.

Milestones

Please congratulate other members of the congregation for these major milestones:

Jason Alexander Hayes

Erin and Jason Hayes are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jason Alexander Junior, at 7:59 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. He weighed 7 lbs. 3.8 oz and was 19.5 inches long. He joins sister Brianna, age 21 months, whose first words on hearing of the birth of her baby brother: "A mama, a daddy, a baby, oh boy!" Erin is a Unisinger and the daughter of Karen and Ed Sykes. She and the Sykes are long-term members of the UCH.



Olivia Hayes, Young Religious UU Superstar

Olivia Hayes was named a 2011 "Young Religious UU Superstar" at the annual "Bridge to the Future" service on June 5. The annual award is given to one or more UCH high school seniors who demonstrate exceptional involvement in each of the following six Youth Group components: Community Building, Leadership, Social Action, Multigenerational Relationships, Worship, and Learning. Applicants for the award must describe their history of UU and UCH efforts in these six areas; the process involves a written application and/or oral interview. The award committee includes our Youth Director, our Director of Religious Growth and Learning, and a member of the congregation serving as youth advisor.

In describing particularly formative experiences, Olivia cited both Queen Spirit and our sexual education program, Our Whole Lives (OWL). "I participate in Queen Spirit, an all-women group dealing with the feminine divine. It is extremely cathartic to talk with one another and hear about other women's problems and experiences," she wrote. "I was [also] thankful for a sex ed course that wasn't afraid to tackle the issue of, say, practicing putting condoms on bananas."



She also cited our "Breaking the Rules" component of RGL: "It was not only about questioning authority, it also made me think about what I want out of life. It got me thinking about my insecurities, about what I do well at and what makes me happy, and what good things I'd done recently. It was a huge motivator and boost to my self-esteem." Breaking the Rules is a 10-session youth program that challenges them to examine the rules they are living by (mostly self-imposed) to determine which are healthy and which may need to be broken and reformed.

The award was presented by Youth Director Wendy Shaver and Associate Minister Suzanne Marsh. Olivia is the daughter of UCH members Megan Borrer and Tom Hayes.

Randa Todd, Back in Circulation

After an absence of more than a year, Randa Todd is pleased to announce her return to circulation at the UCH, with much gratitude to her UCH friends and benefactors. When she moved to seniors-only housing last year at Silver Spring Garden, she lost her regular means of transportation and was unable to attend UCH functions on a regular basis. She offers thanks to the many people who have offered rides during this time. Spearheaded by Mary Ann Rhoads, various members of Queen Spirit, Hellmann COUCH group, and the UCH Craft Group chipped in to procure a 2000 Dodge Caravan Sport and retrofit it for wheelchair accessibility. Many, many thanks to the large donor circle of "Friends of Randa."



Looking Forward

Save these dates for events in August and September!

August

■ **Youth Group Painting Party**

Our high school youths have scheduled a painting party at Market Street starting at 1:00 pm Saturday, Aug. 13, followed by a sleepover at the church. Painting and other “hands on” activities are being coordinated by Jane and Libby Bechtel.

■ **Bhante Sujatha, Daishin McCabe**

Buddhist monk Bhante Sujatha will lead our Sunday worship on August 20 as part of a contemplative weekend scheduled Aug. 19-21 by Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG). The weekend includes a sitar concert Friday night by John Protopapas, teaching session Saturday with Bhante, and a Sunday worship.

For Aug. 31, MMG has scheduled Daishin McCabe of Mt Equity Zendo for the “Fifth Tuesday” session.

September

■ **Jamie Marich**

Dr. Jamie Marich, a singer/songwriter with multiple licenses in counseling, will present a workshop and concert at UCH on Saturday, Sept. 17. She is a specialist in treating chemical & behavioral addiction, and Alcoholism/Addiction Recovery Ministry has arranged the event to celebrate Recovery Month (September). Please contact Holly Hartman if interested in assisting with the event.

News for Next Month?

Please send news items and/or photographs to a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

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