



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

October Services

Two services each week: 9:00 a.m. at Clover Lane, then 11:00 a.m. at Market Street. For second Sundays, the 9:00 a.m. service is our "Moral Issues Forum," with a multi-generational service at 11:00 (no RGL).

Minister's Message



The religious life is one of devotion. It asks much of a person—and gives even more in return. We churchgoers must be ready to open ourselves up to the transformation that can happen on an individual and congregational basis when we allow the religious to flow through us. We must pray separately and worship collectively. We must become more religiously mature.

There is no such thing as a Unitarian Universalist in isolation. More than anything else, collective worship defines us. It is only by coming together week after week, year after year, young and old together that we will understand enough about the religious life to truly live it. It is only by singing, listening, responding, and praying together that we will ever care enough about one another to form a community.

If Unitarian Universalism is going to survive the next 50 years, it won't be because its churches did more social justice work. It won't be because we gave our children good sex education. It won't be because we enabled many to live better lives. These are all good things. But they will not save Unitarian Universalism. Only deep sense of the religious life can save our churches and our denominations. Ministers can lead this effort. But only church members can make it happen. This means you. See you in church. — Howard

President's Message



Understanding generational poverty is difficult and complicated. As we increase our presence in a new community, becoming more multi-racial, more multi-cultural, and more multi-class, we will all make some mistakes. UCH President Judy Linder reflects on the unique role UUs can play on Allison Hill (page 6).

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

October 2011 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 2	9:00	"One Friend at a Time,"
	11:00	Rev. Howard Dana
Mon 3	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
	8:00	RGL, Steelton 101, Bart Carpenter
Tue 4		Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
	7:00	RGL, "What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty," Howard Dana
Wed 5	6:00	Queen Spirit
Fri 7	7:00	Coyote Run!
Sat 8	9:00	Community Café Breakfast
		Crohn's & Colitis Walk-a-Thon
	4:00	Families with young children, Pete Trufahnestock
Sun 9	9:00	Moral Issues: School Vouchers and the Public School System
	11:00	"All Souls," Rev. Howard Dana
	1:30	Philosophy/Literature, Richard Hoke
Mon 10	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Sykes)
Tue 11		Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
	7:00	RGL, Learning about Poverty, Howard
Wed 12	7:00	October Board Meeting (Clover Lane)
	7:15	RGL, Compassion, Bart Carpenter
Sat 15	8:30	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
Sun 16	9:00	"Buying Off the Poor,"
	11:00	Rev. Howard Dana
Mon 17	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Sykes)
Tue 18		Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
	7:00	RGL, Learning about Poverty, Howard
Wed 19	7:00	Clover Grove (Pagan), Ed Hazell
Sat 22	9:00	Adopt-a-Highway, John Hargreaves
Sun 23	9:00	"Nearer My God To Thee,"
	11:00	Rev. Howard Dana
Mon 24	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Sykes)
Tue 25		Silent Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
	7:00	RGL, Learning about Poverty, Howard
Wed 26	7:00	Humanist Forum, David Spear
Sat 29	9:00	Community Café Breakfast
		New Membership Class (Market Street)
	12:00	Samhain, noon – 8 p.m., Ed Hazell
Sun 30	9:00	"Halloween and Harry Potter,"
	11:00	Rev. Howard Dana
	12:15	Youth Halloween party, Wendy Shaver

Market Street Event

What Else Is Happening This Month:

October 2011

Coordinate your calendars for these UCH events.

Mon 3 6:30 Amrit Yoga (weekly)

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. Two one-hour sessions, led by Ed Sykes, esykes@state.pa.us. No experience necessary! Repeats every Monday.

Mon 3 8:00 An Insider's View of Steelton (RGL)

For much of the 20th century, the name Steelton represented a great industrial complex that stretched nearly four miles along the Susquehanna River south of Harrisburg. Immigrants from all over Europe, particularly Slavs and Italians, worked with African-Americans from the South at the Bethlehem Steel Co. and gave Steelton its reputation for ethnic diversity, second only to its fame for industrial productivity. Catholics, Protestants, and Jews filled the town's various houses of worship, but the taverns on Front Street, across from the mill, were crowded too. Steelton native Rick Vucmanic will talk about his own experiences growing up among the ethnic communities of Steelton, the culture and traditions of Croatian-Americans, and the role of music and dance in the community.

Adult RGL, in collaboration with Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Tue 4 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 (Oct. 18) is silent meditation.

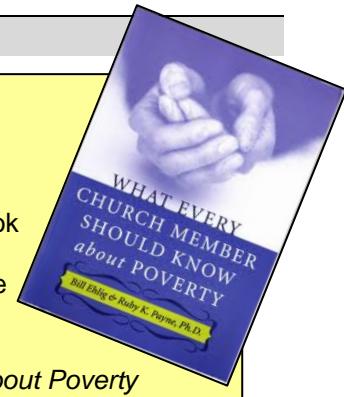
Tue 4 7:00 What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty (RGL)

This interactive RGL class is the first of four sessions, based on the book with the same name by Bill Ehlig and Ruby K. Payne. Together we will explore poverty, cycles and cultures of poverty, and classism. Feel free to come to any or all of the classes. Bring an open mind and prepare to learn about yourself and others. Repeats weekly through Oct. 24. Led by Rev. Howard Dana and Sparkie Radcliffe, staff coordinator for Market Street ministry.

As churches engage in urban ministries and invite the poor into their congregations, many issues arise. This book attempts to address some of the issues that churches face in dealing with individuals from poverty. The book also is intended to continue the conversation about how your congregation can better serve the poor.

— from

What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty



Wed 5 6:00 Queen Spirit: Blessings, Loss and Balance

QueenSpirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle. This month, Betsy Stone and Mary Ann Rhoads facilitate a circle on maintaining balance between life's blessings and its losses:

As the wheel of the year turns to this season of the Fall Equinox, we experience a balance between light and darkness. How do we balance our life blessings and losses? How do we balance our QueenSpirit life? The October Circle will be a time to consider our soul balance and to consider our QS Circle soul balance.

Potluck at 6:00, followed by the circle. Contact Kandy Melillo (KandyUU@aol.com).

Fri 7 7:00 All-Family Concert with Coyote Run!

A perennial UCH favorite in their farewell tour, Coyote Run is a high energy, "New Celtic" alternative band that gets the audience up on their feet, clapping their hands, laughing out loud and dancing. They draw on the deep wellsprings of Celtic and Maritime traditions, bending them in new and exciting ways with rock and alternative stylings. Their music is driving, powerful, and yet resonates and is layered with Celtic traditional music.

Final Concert: the group is disbanding at the end of the season. \$10/adult, \$5 children/youth. Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.



Sat 8 9:00 Breakfast at Market Street (also Oct. 29)

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).

Sat 8 4:00 Young families' potluck and parenting fellowship

Join hosts Pete and Kendra Trufahnestock (ptruflahnestock@verizon.net) for a family potluck, followed by children's playtime and an adult program on UU parenting. Childcare available.

Sat 8 4:00 Crohn's and Colitis Walk-a-Thon (City Island)

Donna Hoskins-Helm is team leader for the UCH Walkers, the new walk team being formed to raise funds and awareness for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Crohn's and Colitis are a collection of bowel diseases that touch the lives of many church members. To join the team or donate, please contact Donna Hoskins-Helm, dhoskinshelm@verizon.net.

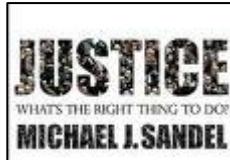
Sun 9 9:00 Moral Issues/Forum: School Vouchers and the Public School System

First of three sessions on public education.



During the past decade, Pennsylvania made unprecedented new investments to improve basic education programs. The results have been well-documented, including national recognition as the only state to see standardized test results climb annually for each of the past eight years. So, what is behind the current push in the state legislature for vouchers and school choice? What are the issues and controversies regarding privatizing education?

Prepare for public debate Oct. 26 (below), with wrap-up at the November 13 Moral Issues discussion of *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*. Contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 9 1:30 Philosophy & Literature Group

Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? by Harvard professor Michael Sandel. Sandel's discussion, based on a popular course he teaches, mixes a good dose of 'history of political philosophy' with an interesting selection of hypothetical and real life cases. The discussion is meant to stimulate thinking and understanding of the difficulties one faces when one's mission is to distribute 'justice'. **Note early time.** Contact Dick Hoke (Rhoke@aol.com).

Wed 12 7:00 UCH Board Meeting

Board meetings are open to members; contact Judy Linder (jclinder09@gmail.com) for an agenda.

Wed 12 7:00 Charter for Compassion (RGL)

In 2008, British author and former nun Karen Armstrong won the \$100,000 "Make a Wish" TED prize and used it to set up an international, web-based process to synthesize common elements from the world's great religions into a single text. The process involved thousands of users submitting text and commentary and resulted in a 312-word "Charter for Compassion" common to Christianity, Islam, Confucianism, etc. Karen presented the Ware Lecture at General Assembly in Charlotte this year. This class will watch the recording of her lecture, then discuss the charter itself.

Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Thu 13 6:00 "Gen Silent" (Penn State)

"Gen Silent" is the critically acclaimed film that asks six LGBT seniors if they will hide their friends, their spouses—their entire lives in order to survive in the care system. Their surprising decisions are captured through intimate access to their day-to-day lives over the course of a year. It puts a face on what experts in the film call an epidemic: lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender older people so afraid of discrimination by caregivers or bullying by other seniors that many simply go back into the closet. Sponsored by Central PA LGBT Aging Network (CPLAN).

Contact Donald Anklam, donank71@gmail.com.



Sat 15 8:30 Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk (City Island)

This is not a race; it is a celebration of survivorship, an occasion to express hope and a shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many we love. When you raise funds for a Making Strides event, you're helping create a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays - where breast cancer never steals another year from anyone's life. There is no registration fee and people of all ages are welcome to participate. Contact Jim Cavenaugh, nanjim65@verizon.net.

Wed 19 7:00 Clover Grove

Clover Grove is a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUP) and is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. This month is a planning session for Samhain on October 29. Contact Ed Hazell, eahazell42@aol.com.

Wed 26 7:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists: Discussion/Debate on Pennsylvania's School Choice Legislation

Second of three sessions on public education. Final session Nov 13.

If you were a low-income parent desperate to get your children out of a public school and into the school of your choice, would YOU support the proposed voucher legislation now before the General Assembly? If you were paying tuition at a private school, would

YOU support the proposed voucher legislation? How would such a vote serve our democracy in both the short and the long run? "Our own" Scott Gilbert moderates an outstanding panel of eight subject matter experts in education and public policy.

DEBATE PANEL	
PANELIST	ORGANIZATION
Otto V. Banks, Executive Director	Road to Educational Achievement through Choice (REACH)
Dr. Jill S. Bartoli, Ph.D.	Associate Prof of Education Emeriti, Elizabethtown College
Matthew J. Brouillette	Commonwealth Foundation
Dr. Joan Duvall-Flynn, Ed.D.	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Hon. Mike Folmer (R)	Senator, Pennsylvania Senate District 48
Andy Hoover	American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania
Dick Komer, Esq.	Institute of Justice
Dr. Timothy Slekár, Ph.D.	Associate Professor of Education, Penn State/Altoona

Childcare available. Contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sat 29 9:00 UCH New Member Class

Come one, come all! For those interested in learning more about UU history and the UCH, our fall class is ready for blast off! The class offers a way to learn more about UUs and, if desired, an opportunity to "Sign the BookThe class is at Market Street this quarter and occurs during a full-house of activity: Al-Anon (every Saturday), Community Café (second and last Saturday), and HIV and syphilis testing by AIDS Community Alliance/Alder Health Services (last Saturday). See the UCH in action! Members are welcome to attend and/or bring a friend. Contact Leta Beam, leta@vantage-inter.com.

Sat 29 1:00 - 8 pm Samhain Saturday

The Celtic festival *Samhain* begins at dusk on October 31 and marks summer's end, the final harvest. UUs can celebrate in style this year, with an afternoon of workshops, potluck dinner, ritual celebration, and bonfire. All are welcome! The accompanying table is our schedule for the day. A final schedule of workshop topics will be posted on the UCH website.

Contact Ed Hazell, eahazell42@aol.com, or Wayne Minich, wayne2@att.net.

TIME	TYPE	POTENTIAL TOPICS
Multiple short workshops, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Informational	Symbols and Signs, History of <i>Samhain</i> , ShapeShifting with Costumes and Masks, Veil between the Worlds,Candle Magic
	Craft	Masks, Broomsticks, Wands and Staffs Pumpkin Carving
	Divination	Tarot, Runes, Palm, Tea Leaf Reading, Séance Spirit Boards/Channeling Boards
	Meditation	Open Star Pentacles, "Face Your Death" Dead Times Pentacle
5:00 p.m.	Potluck	With lecture/presentation on Samhain traditions
6:00 p.m.	Ritual Service	
7:00 p.m.	Fire/Drum Circle	



Sat 29 8:00 Steelton 101 Field Trip (St Lawrence Club, Steelton)

Live Croatian music by Zadnja Stanica, a *tambura* ensemble made up of five Croatian-Americans! An ethnic experience with our neighbors to the south, a field trip for the RGL class, and a public event co-sponsored by Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Admission \$10 at the door.

Zadnja Stanica is Mike Furjanic (violin and tamburica), Rick Vukmanic (tamburica), Pere Krpan (celovic), Mate Krpan (brac, accordion), and Steve Grassia (bugarija, guitar). The group plays the traditional instruments of a *tambura* orchestra and are the "house band" of the St. Lawrence Club in Steelton. Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpente@gmail.com.



Rescheduled from Oct. 8

Looking Ahead

Please save these dates:

Annual UCH Auction, 5:00 p.m. Saturday Nov. 5

Save the date! The UCH auction is a major fund-raiser for our community. This year's auction is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Clover Lane. We will have a shared meal (see sidebar), then a chance to bid on time, talent and potential treasure donated by fellow UCH members.

The primary focus of the auction is "time and talent." We are asking all members to consider donating T&T in the form of a dinner, party, event or service. Hook up with a friend to co-host, if you don't want to go it alone! For suggestions, please contact perennial auctioneer Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com. If you have space and inclination to host a soirée, he can also match you up with local talent: poets, musicians, gamesters and more.

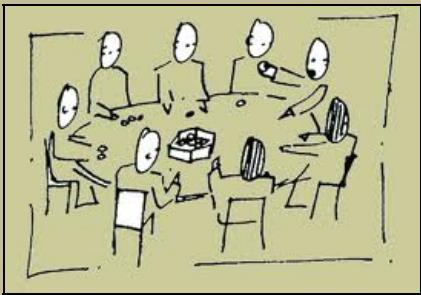
Auction Food Donations

I will be organizing the food donations. I love to try the delicious foods that our amazingly talented congregation can make. We will need appetizers, beverages, main courses, vegetables, breads, and desserts. I plan to ask many people personally, but feel free to take the horse by the reins and email or call with your donation.

This is not a potluck - we want to have a balanced variety. If you are just not a cook, we hope you will come to the auction and enjoy the fruits of the labors of others. A good cook loves an appreciative audience! Maybe Don Hoskins will make his amazing stuffed mushrooms!!!

Submitted by Ann Stillwater

2012 Circle Dinners



Save the third Saturday, January to May, for small-group dinners in the home of fellow UCH members. You host one and contribute a dish to the other four – and if you don't have space to entertain, you can host "your" evening at Clover Lane!

Registration deadline: Nov 15.

OLIVER COLLECTIVE

Nov 13, 20

The OLIVER COLLECTIVE is a group of talented UCH members and friends who donate pieces of their art to sell for the benefit of the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund. This biannual event raises several thousand dollars each year – save the date!

Daylong Songfest

Nov. 12

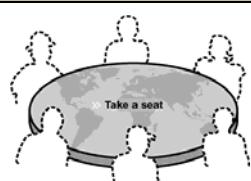
Building a Vocal Community: Singing in the African American Tradition, led by Dr. Ysaye Barnewell.

Association Sunday

Nov. 13



Dr. Barnwell leads worship for eight UU congregations! This promises to be an energy-filled experience for all.



Oxfam Hunger Banquet

Nov. 20

Sponsored by UCH Youth Group



A Message from our President

Submitted by Judy Linder, President, UCH Board of Trustees

This is my fourth letter in a series about the successes and challenges that we face as a community. As we increase our presence at Market Street, we offer a new type of church in the neighborhood. Our services are so different from the others in the area. There is no threat of hell, no discussion of sin, no condemnation of gays. There are many people who are looking for this type of church and community, and we are what they are looking for. This is one of our main missions as a Unitarian Universalist church. This is the purpose of our Sundays on Market Street. The rest of the week has other purposes: Common Ground Café breakfasts, Community Hours, providing space for other social service and social justice organizations to name a few.

AS WE BECOME PART OF the neighborhood we also need to understand the culture of Allison Hill and people who live in generational poverty. Some members of our congregation have extensive experience in that area. Of those people, many have said that we will need to "step out of the box" with Market Street. All of us, myself included, will, indeed, "step out of our boxes." Understanding generational poverty is difficult and complicated. Last month Brian Kahler, Sparkie Radcliffe, Tom Conners, and I attended a seminar held by Dauphin County in order to better understand the issues of generational poverty. The title of the seminar was "Bridges Out of Poverty." We were the only faith-based representatives in the group; the rest were case managers, law enforcement, advocates for seniors, youth, and other organizations with a presence in the city of Harrisburg. It was a special opportunity to network with the professionals who work with people living in generational poverty.

The seminar was based on the book by Dr. Ruby Payne, and it was the fourth such seminar that I have attended. The prior ones were part of my training while working for Even Start, teaching GED, and later teaching Financial Literacy at a State University of New York (SUNY) inner city school for adults. Dr. Payne has studied poverty through the eyes of a sociologist. Her studies define poverty as a lack of resources, not of money. She defines poverty in terms of culture and class values. Our congregation is going to find itself "stepping out of the box" as we meet our new neighbors who live in poverty. First of all, this is not about race. There are more whites living in poverty than people of color. There is a higher

percentage of people of color that live in poverty, but their total number is much lower. The largest group living in poverty are children.

Rev. Howard Dana and Sparkie Radcliffe will facilitate a series of four seminars based on Dr. Payne's work, *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty* (page 2). The seminars will be held on Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Market St. There will be information and discussion about the culture of generational poverty and the culture of the middle and wealthy class. Some of the points of discussion are:

- People in the culture of poverty live in the moment. Often they are faced with one dilemma after another, so there is no time to think of the future.
- A person in poverty's view of money is different. Money is to be spent, not saved or invested.
- Possessions are people, while in the middle class they are things, and in the wealthy class they are one of a kind objects, legacies, and pedigrees.
- People in poverty usually speak in "Casual Register," which has a vocabulary of only about 800 words. "Formal Register" is the language of school and work.
- Knowing the "hidden rules" of the three classes
- Barriers to crossing the bridge out of poverty

THERE ARE MANY WAYS in which we can guide people across the bridge out of poverty. There are also many ways to enable people to remain in poverty. Sometimes their situations are heart-wrenching. Our first instinct is to "help." However, we must ask ourselves: "Are we really helping someone, or are we enabling someone?" If we give cash to someone asking for help (for some kind of emergency), are we providing them with money for a potential fatal overdose, or do we provide the item itself? Are we sure that the item is used as they say it will be used? If someone asks you for money, can you just say no? What do you do when someone says to you "You are rich and have money, so you should give some to me"? Do we tell someone how bad the Harrisburg schools are, or do we visit the child's teacher with the parent? Do we tutor that child in reading or math? Can we give someone a ride to a food pantry? Can we give someone a ride to work if their car breaks down, or they have no car? Can we help someone find a job? What do we do if the person refuses to look for a job, even though they can

work? Do we encourage someone to move because of a neglectful landlord and not know that they owe the rent for the remainder of their lease? (The landlord can get a judgment for the money). Do we encourage them to move to a "better" neighborhood in another county and then they lose their welfare benefits for a month (food stamps, medical insurance, etc.)? Do we tell them to get a credit card to improve their credit score or do we help them obtain and read their credit report? Do we call their case worker and find out the "real" story? Do we refer them to a professional agency that can really help them?

AS WE TRAVEL FURTHER ALONG, becoming more multi-racial, more multi-cultural, and more multi-class, we will all

make some mistakes (I have made quite a few already). We need to realize that first of all, we are a community with deep values (the Seven Principles), and we try to live according to those principles.

We are moving out of our comfort zone, but can use the experience to grow. There is no instruction manual, and there are no shortcuts. We will all make mistakes, and sometimes say the "wrong" thing. It won't be an easy path, but it will be worthwhile.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful.

Judy

A Message from our Treasurer

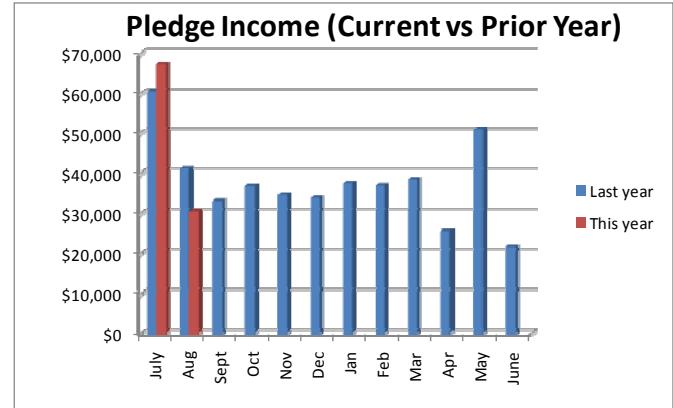
Extracted from Reports Submitted by Tom Winner, Treasurer, UCH Board of Trustees

During the first two months of the current fiscal year, the church collected revenues of \$111,855.75 (includes pre-paid pledges of \$32,594.20) and paid expenses of \$96,071.47. This leaves an Operating Asset reserve of \$15,784.28 to start the month of September. The church typically requires \$52,947 to pay its monthly expenses; therefore, the church needs to collect at least \$37,000 in revenues during September to cover expenses.

At the end of August, total pledge for FY 2011-12 are \$14,592.64 below our goal. In addition, past due pledge payments for last year are approximately \$3,685 below our goal. Unless these figures improve, the church will likely exceed its budgeted "pledge shrinkage" (\$22,080) for FY 2011-12. That means expenses will start to exceed revenue during the FY.

As your Treasurer, I am greatly concerned that the church is quickly depleting its Operating Asset reserve. This increases the importance of everyone paying their pledge in a timely manner and helping to organize and participate in fund-raising for the church.

Tom Winner



Staff Report

Extracted from Rev. Howard Dana's monthly report to the Board of Trustees

- Cash flow continues to be a problem, due to depletion of our normal reserve last year. The office is sometimes juggling bill payment based on weekly income.
- We have received notification of a \$10,000 grant for use (1) in redesigning the UCH website, which is more than six years old and badly in need of an upgrade, and (2) in initial planning for a future capital campaign.
- Dr. Judith Samkoff is interested in helping with the UCH-related 501(c)3 after it is fully established. Among other things, she anticipates assisting in identifying potential grant money, particularly in the public health arena.
- Sexton Joe Fetcher completed significant clean-up and repairs at Market Street over the summer. He and UCH member Denny Byrne cleaned all of the light fixtures, installing compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) bulbs with a multi-year lifespan, and removing the crosses. Tom Conners has also put in hundreds of hours of repair work.

Other News

Other news about UUs:

QueenSpirit

Betsy Stone, a member of QueenSpirit's Goddess Council, was recently certified as a "Life is good-Playmaker" by the Boston-based non-profit organization. The Playmakers initiative provides training, resources and



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support to the adults dedicated to caring for children trying to overcome life-threatening challenges such as violence, illness and extreme

poverty. Betsy is a family therapist and is using her training to promote healing through play.

We are very proud of Betsy. — Submitted by Randa Todd

Youth Group

UCH Youth Group is distributing rainbow wristbands after services at Market Street as a sign of support for the LGBTQ community. The wristbands arose from a grassroots organization, Rainbow Delegation, that has distributed more than 75,000 wristbands in 66 countries since September 2010. Youth Group depleted its initial supply of adult-size wrist bands in the first two weeks, but will have plenty more to distribute in October.

— Submitted by Marjy Hartman



Buxmont UU Congregation

BuxMont UU Fellowship is a small congregation in Bucks County. When Hurricane Irene passed through in August, there was sufficient notice to prepare. Members used sandbags and worked through the night to contain the flooding to a few inches. When Hurricane Lee passed through a month later, they had no advance notice – and suffered nearly \$30,000 in uninsured losses. JPD is asking each of us in the district to donate \$2 to help BuxMont with its immediate losses. If you were unable to contribute to the plate collection Sept. 28, please feel free to write a check.



The congregation also celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 18 and has emerged with renewed determination in its mission. As minister Rev. Dan Schatz notes on the congregation's Facebook page:

BuxMont UU Fellowship
2040 Street Road
Warrington, PA 18976

The BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is carrying so much right now - grief in our recent floods and illnesses, joy in our 50th anniversary, determination to rebuild and move forward, and much discernment. Again and again I am amazed and uplifted by the fierce and loving commitment of our members.

Ed. note: Dan is a Grammy-nominated musician, scheduled to sing at Clover Lane on March 24 and preach on March 25.

REPORTER submissions

Please send text/photos for publication to a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com by Thanksgiving (early submissions gratefully accepted). If you need assistance with advertising or public relations, he can also provide ideas for promoting your UCH-related events.

Please note: we try to have paper copies of the REPORTER available at the guest registration table on the last Sunday of the prior month, so that visitors can have a calendar of events for the month ahead.