



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

Minister's Message



Anyone who has been around our faith for a while knows that both this church and the Unitarian Universalist Association have tried a number of marketing campaigns. We at UCH have had various mission statements, most of which are far too long to remember, much less recite. The UUA has run national media campaigns with little lasting success—the most recent

being the “Uncommon Denomination” campaign. Little lasting success that is until the last couple of years! Then we seem to have suddenly gotten it right. We suddenly seem to have found a handle that everyone can grab on to. It doesn't matter if you are theologically Humanist, pagan, Christian, or Buddhist. A few years ago, we discovered something universal and Universalist. We went back to our roots and reclaimed the theological centrality of love.

“Standing on the side of love.” So simple. So clear. So positive and forward looking. Who wouldn't want to stand on the side of love? Link it with a typeface and a unique

**NATIONAL
STANDING ON THE SIDE OF
LOVE
MONTH**

color and you have something all UUs can get behind. But here is the really radical thing about the *Standing On the Side of Love* campaign—it fits whatever you want to put it on. If a church is working for immigrant rights—it is

standing on the side of love. If a congregation advocates for marriage equality for gays and lesbians—it is standing on the side of love. If UUs are working to end hunger or torture or gun violence—they are standing on the side of love. If saving our fragile ecosystem is where a UU group puts its energy—that group is standing on the side of love. How cool is that?!?

From a 1967 address by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr to the anti-war group, Clergy and Laity Concerned:

When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.

Love unlocks the door. Love tears down the wall. Love spans the raging river. Love crosses the widest ocean. Love traverses the driest desert. Love wins. And we, you and I, are standing on the side of love. I am so glad to be in this work with you. On we go.

Love, Howard

February Services

Feb 12 – 9:00 a.m. Forum at Clover Lane,
11:00 a.m. worship at Market Street
All other Sundays: two services as follows;
9:00 a.m. at Clover Lane, then 11:00 a.m. at Market St

**Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
February 2012 At-a-Glance**

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Wed 1	6:00	Queen Spirit, Kandy Melillo
	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 3, Sparkie Radcliffe
Sat 4	9:00	So You Want to Be a UU? Leta Beam
	5:30	Clover Grove: Imbolc celebration
Sun 5	9:00	Sunday Worship, Rev. Addae Ama Kraba,
	11:00	“Love Everlasting”
Mon 6	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
	7:00	Adult RGL: What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty (off-site)
Tue 7	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
Wed 8	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 4, Radcliffe
	7:00	UCH Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Sat 11	9:00	Community Café, Clay Lambert
	4:00	Families with young children, Pete/Kendra Trufahnestock
Sun 12	9:00	Moral Issues Forum, David Spear
	11:00	Youth Sunday! Multi-Generational Worship
	2:00	Turkish concert/coffee house, Bart Carpenter
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Dick Hoke
Mon 13	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
	7:00	Adult RGL: Learn about Poverty (off-site)
Tue 14	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 15	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 5, Radcliffe
Sun 19	9:00	Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Howard Dana, “Discovering Universalism – I”
	11:00	
Mon 20	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 21	7:00	Silent Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 22	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 6, Radcliffe
	7:00	Harrisburg Area Humanists, David Spear
	9:00	Community Café, Lambert
Sat 25	10:00	Day of Mindfulness, Chuck Daley
	7:30	Green Sanctuary concert, Michael Mark
Sun 26	9:00	Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Dana, “Discovering Universalism – II”
	11:00	
Mon 27	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
	7:30	Special Coffee House, Carpenter
Tue 28	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 29	6:00	Getting Ahead, Session 7, Radcliffe

Market Street Event Off-Site

President's Message



We are now at the midpoint of the Church's fiscal year. So far the completion of the Strategic Goals voted on last year is progressing quite well. I hope to have the timeline consisting of the completed goals as well as an estimated time for completion for the rest of them posted

on the church website shortly. On looking them over, I was particularly happy about what has been achieved by the hard work of staff. Most of the building improvements at Market Street have been completed, the classrooms are painted and decorated, and the sanctuary is brighter because of the refurbished lighting. We now have a sexton (Joe Fechter) working to keep both buildings in fine condition.

One of the goals that the Board prioritized for this year deals with financial soundness. I am very pleased with our year to date financial situation (see below). At the end of December the church was about \$26,000 in the black, thanks to your generous giving to the plate (which we have been splitting with a local charity), your faithful payment (and sometimes over-payment) of pledges, and the efforts by staff to limit expenses. Month by month

we have slowly built up our cash reserve. It still isn't as much as it should be, but at least it is growing. Again, thank you for being so generous.

Another goal that we are working on is improved communication with the congregation. Jim Cavanaugh's "UCH Listens" has started. His team chose a random and representative sample of 100 members and friends of the congregation for one-on-one listening sessions. Each interviewer has five members to contact. We look forward to hearing your answers to the questions; we may even make this an annual or bi-annual project.

If you would like to serve your church by donating your time and talent consider serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. The election will be at our annual meeting in May. There are several slots open, including some partial terms. It is a chance for you to serve your church by contributing your ideas, and implementing them. Being on the board is more than just one two hour meeting a month. It includes Trustee duty at least four times a year, reading and analyzing reports, writing policies, monitoring functions, and other duties. If you are interested, contact Andrea MacDonald, histrcln@aol.com.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful!

Judy

Financial News

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

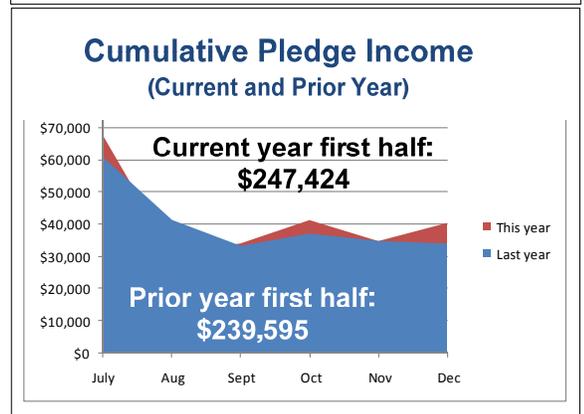
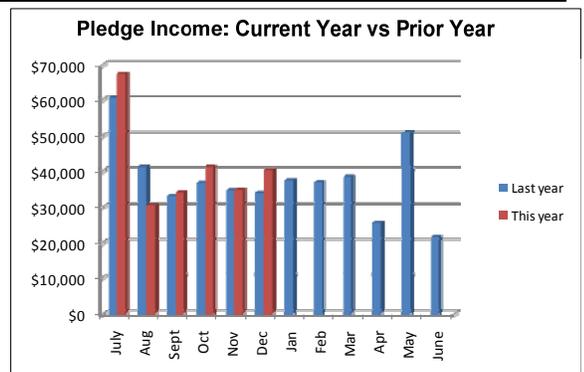
As most members know, the UCH substantially used up cash reserves over the past two years, and cash flow continues to be a concern. Year-to-date income is up very slightly compared to last year, as shown in the accompanying chart. Both income and expenses are roughly within budget. Nonetheless we have very little margin for error.

Per Tom Winner:

While our Operating Asset reserve increased during the month

of December by \$10,614, we still have only 50% of the minimum Operating Asset reserve (\$52,497) required by policy [i.e., \$26,000]. Based on projected income and current expense trends, I believe the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg will end this fiscal year with an Operating Asset reserve of \$0.00 (zero). As we continue to have less than the required minimum Operating Asset reserve, the Church Administrator will continue to hold bills and delay payments until cash is available.

Tom Winner



Full report available at:

www.harrisburguu.org/DocUpload/Documents/December%20Treasurer%20Report-final.pdf

Coordinate your calendars for these UCH events.

Wed 1 5:30 Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity, Session 3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The UCH is pleased to help host Dauphin County's second implementation of a new program designed to help people lift themselves from poverty, entitled *Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity*. Based on theory and practices articulated in *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World* (Philip DeVol, 2004) and *Bridges Out of Poverty* (Ruby Payne, Philip DeVol, 1999), the ground-breaking program is a structured means of showing participants how to use the hidden rules of class to build up financial, emotional, social, and other resources to create the initial steps to build self-sufficiency.

**GETTING AHEAD: A PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY
16-WEEK SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM**

Every Wednesday, from January 18 through May 2. Contact Wendy Colby, wendy.colby@gmail.com.

Wed 1 6:00 Queen Spirit: Pain, Grief and Healing

QueenSpirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle. Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share, and bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. This month, Randa Todd and Anne Moore facilitate a circle on the topic of pain, grief and healing from life's traumas. Yasmin Brown's inspired suggestion of making a quilt for the comfort of QueenSpirit sisters experiencing trauma will be part of the circle co-creation. Join us as we share and reflect on our own grief experiences, as we feel moved to do, and the blessings of supportive friends and families, including our own QueenSpirit family. Potluck at 6:00, followed by the circle. Contact Kandy Melillo, KandyUU@aol.com.

Sat 4 9:00 So You Want to Be a UU?

Are you interested in becoming a member of UCH – or perhaps a current member looking for a refresher course? Either way, attend this class. Share what draws you to this faith, find out how to get more from your involvement in our wonderful congregation, hear from others who are thinking about joining, learn about our membership expectations, learn about how we get things done in this church, and more. Before the class is over, you will have an opportunity to sign the membership book, if desired. Contact Leta Beam, leta@vantage-inter.com.

Sat 4 5:30 Groundhog Day/Imbolc Celebration

Please join Clover Grove for a family celebration of Groundhog Day, also known as Imbolc, the pre-Christian holiday celebrating the sheep coming "in milk" which signaled the end of the winter and its fear of starvation. Luckily this fear is not as imminent in our lives, but it is good to honor the wheel of the year and the growing sunlight as a community.

Schedule of Events
5:30 Short, family-friendly ritual
6:00 Potluck
7:00 Taffy Pull

Children with parents welcome. Childcare is also available **with advance registration**. Contact Ann Stillwater, astill@alum.colby.edu.

Sun 5 9:00 & 11:00 Guest Minister

We welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Addae Ama Kraba, an Affiliated Community Minister at First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia and Consulting Minister to Dorothea Dix Unitarian UU Community at Bordentown, NJ. She is an adjunct faculty member at Starr King School for the Ministry, teaching classes on *Sacred Rest and Her story: African Goddesses*. She also serves on the Unitarian Universalist Minister Association (UUMA) Committee of Anti-Racism and Multiculturalism and is a former trustee for the Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center. Prior to ministry Rev. Kraba spent 20 years in the field of mental health, working in Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Hawaii. Her cultural journey to Africa in 2008 led to a name-changing ceremony in Elmina Ghana, adding "Ama Kraba" to her Ghanaian name, Addae. Ama Kraba was the name of a queen from Edina Essaman in Ghana, and the name was bestowed upon her by the late queen's great grandson.



Mon 6 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 6 7:00 What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty Session 3 of 4

A special adult RGL, co-sponsored by the UCH, Shared Ministry, and Colonial Park UCC, 5000 Devonshire Road, Harrisburg. The class is facilitated by "our own" Sparkie Radcliffe, who co-taught the course with Rev. Howard Dana last fall. Sparkie leads this interactive class 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. Bring an open mind and prepare to learn about yourself and others. All are welcome. Contact Sparkie at 439-8617 or sparkier@comcast.net. Repeats Feb. 13.

COLLABORATIVE RGL ON POVERTY

Tue 7 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 (Feb. 21) is silent meditation.

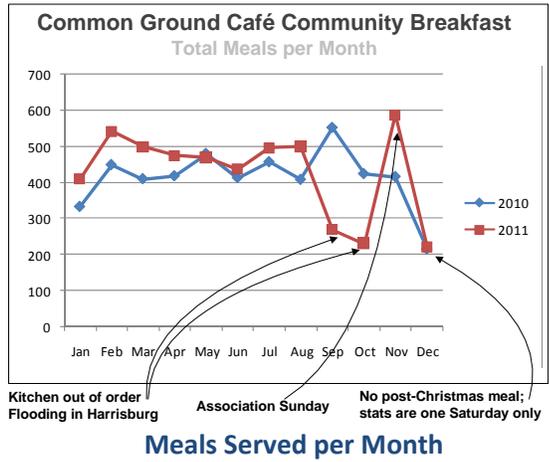
Wed 8 7:00 UCH Board Meeting

Board meetings are open to members. For an agenda, please contact Judy Linder, jclinder09@gmail.com.

Sat 11 9:00 Community Café



A typical crowd at Common Ground Café



The UCH is now in its third year of operating the Common Ground Café twice a month at our Market Street campus, and attendance continues to increase! In comparing monthly attendance to the prior year, we noted increased attendance month after month, except for the two months when we had to cancel the breakfast. The accompanying chart shows monthly attendance for each year. The café opens at 9:00 a.m. on the second and last Saturday of the month ~ and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins welcome. To join the e-list of volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert, clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com. Event repeats Feb. 25 (last Saturday of the month).

Sun 12 9:00 Moral Issues Forum: The Occupy Movement

The Second Sunday Forum meets monthly for lecture and discussion on moral and ethical issues from a non-religious viewpoint. They are planned and conducted by the Humanism Lay-Led Ministry. A speaker presents his/her views on a topic with ethical and moral implications for approximately 30 minutes. After the presentation, the floor is open for discussion and questions. People in attendance share their views on the day's topic so that we learn, not only from our speaker, but from each other.

This month, local activist Jeff Lebo talks about the "Occupy" movements, including Occupy Harrisburg. For details, please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 12 11:00 Youth Sunday! Crossroads on My Spiritual Journey

High school youth of UCH have been exploring how encounters with other faiths have shaped their own spiritual beliefs. For Youth Sunday, they present a service where they will share their stories about these encounters, perform musical pieces from different faith backgrounds, and ask the congregation to share the faith encounters that have molded their own convictions. Don't miss this opportunity to travel on an interfaith journey with the fabulous youth of UCH!

- submitted by Wendy Shaver

Sun 12 2:00 Middle Eastern Jazz/Turkish Folk Music \$10 donation

In collaboration with the Susquehanna Folk Music Society (SFMS), our coffee house series is pleased to present a concert of Middle Eastern jazz and traditional Turkish music, performed by Hasan Isakktu Ensemble. Born in Adana, Turkey, into a family of musicians, Hasan began studying *kanun* (photo) and *keman* (violin) at the age of 8 with his father. Hasan went on to study and work with some of Turkey's most talented musicians before moving to the U.S. in 1989.



Hasan is a leading authority on the *kanun*, a zither-like instrument descended from the ancient Egyptian harp. It has been used in Arab music since the tenth century; its Arabic name means "rule" or "law," akin to the English "canon." According to a legend it was created by Ibn Al-Farabi, a philosopher born in the small village Wasij near Farab in Turkistan in 870. The *kanun* was introduced to Europe as early as the 12th century and became known in its European form during the 14th to the 16th century as a psaltery or zither. Nowadays, the instrument is constructed totally by hand by skilled craftsmen in workshops in Turkey. They use up to seven different kinds of wood in each instrument. The top is made of sycamore, the back of pine, the bridge of maple. The design on the sides and top is cut out of rosewood and white pine. The sound board is completed using either fish or calf leather, giving the *kanun* its rich resonance.

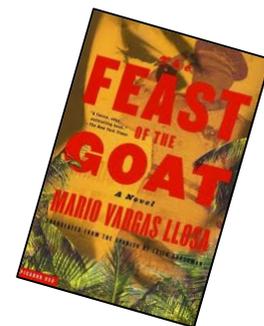


Post-concert dancing will be led by Ahmet Lüleci, a noted Turkish choreographer, dance teacher and performer. Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Sun 12 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets each month on the second Sunday, except in May when it moves to the third Sunday to avoid Mother's Day. This month the group meets chez Susskind to discuss *The Feast of the Goat: A Novel*. From Amazon.com:

In *The Feast of the Goat* [Mario Vargas Llosa] offers a vivid re-creation of the Dominican Republic during the final days of General Rafael Trujillo's insidious and evil regime. Told from several viewpoints, the book has three distinctive, alternating strands. There is Urania Cabral, the daughter of Trujillo's disgraced Secretary of State, who has returned to Santo Domingo after more than 30 years. Flipping back to May of 1961, there is a group of assassins, all equally scarred by Trujillo, waiting to gun down the Generalissimo. Finally there is an astonishing portrait of Trujillo – the Goat – and his grotesque coterie. Llosa depicts Trujillo as a villain of Shakespearean proportions. He is a preening, macho dandy who equates his own virility with the nation's health.



Contact Dick Hoke, Rrhoke@aol.com.

Wed 15 7:00 Clover Grove:

Clover Grove is a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) and is group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. This group meets monthly to discuss spiritual issues related to those of a similar path and celebrates with ritual the phases of the Earth and Moon. All are welcome. Topic this month TBD. Contact Ed Hazell, eahazell42@aol.com.

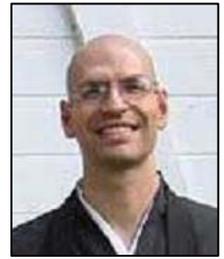
Wed 22 7:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists: Thank God for Evolution

Thank **GOD** for **EVOLUTION**

Revisit Michael Dowd's successful visit to UCH that stimulated such great conversation. We will watch a segment of the DVD, then discuss the major concepts more deeply. What exactly is this story? How can evolution be seen as the basis for an inspiring and meaningful view of our place in the universe? Come discuss why America's evolutionary evangelist believes this story restores realistic hope for virtually everyone, and how it calls us to lives of deep integrity. Warren Hardman organized Mr. Dowd's visit and will lead this evening's discussion. Contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sat 25 10:00 – 2:00 A Day of Mindfulness

Zen is a school of Mahāyāna Buddhism. It emphasizes experiential wisdom in the attainment of enlightenment, i.e., direct self-realization through meditation and dharma practice. Mindful Meditation Group (MMG) welcomes Daishin McCabe of Mt Equity Zen-dō, located near Williamsport for today’s event. Under Daishin McCabe’s gentle direction, we will do guided meditation, walking meditation, and sitting meditation. He will do a *dharma* talk before lunch, assist with reciting *gathas* to merge our meditation with our meal, then lead us in deep relaxation and sitting meditation. The day ends with a question and answer (Q&A) session.



This event is free and open to everyone. Bring your own brown-bag lunch. No previous experience required. Donations to Daishin McCabe on behalf of Mt. Equity Zendo will be gratefully accepted. Contact Chuck Daley, MMG@harrisburguu.org.

Sat 25 7:30 Green Sanctuary concert, \$15 admission

Green Sanctuary is a lay-led ministry focusing on environmental concerns. This month Green Sanctuary hosts a concert by folksinger/songwriter/activist Tom Neilson. Tom’s award winning songs are filled with social commentary, political satire and parody. He is warm and funny and fully engages his audiences. Over the years Tom has appeared with Amy Goodman, Cesar Chavez, Noam Chomsky, Ralph Nader, Howard Zinn and most recently at Occupy events.



This will be a cozy "living room" concert in the Joseph Priestly room so please make advance registrations of \$15. All are welcome. Contact Michael Mark, mmarkpa@aol.com, 566-6055.

Sun 26 Noon UCH Orchestra: Music for the Soul

Music Director Sparkie Radcliffe is assembling a one-time orchestra of amateur musicians for our special Music for the Soul celebration on Sunday, March 11. Anyone with three or more years’ experience with an instrument is encouraged to sign up. “Our own” Jim Haines, Professor of Music at Elizabethtown College, is arranging a special piece for the occasion, and Sparkie will distribute parts by mid-February. Your job is to practice your part, attend this rehearsal and dress rehearsal Saturday, March 10, then perform at the service. Contact Sparkie Radcliffe, music@harrisburguu.org, and tell her your instrument and level (intermediate, advanced, etc.) Reply requested by January 30th.



Mon 27 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House, \$10 donation

Clover Lane Coffee House occurs monthly, normally on the third Friday, normally at Clover Lane. It provides a convivial environment to hear local and itinerant singer-songwriters. This month we have a special **MONDAY** concert in the sanctuary, featuring Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin. Individually, each is an impressive singer songwriter; as a duo, they are phenomenal! Schmidt is best known for his riveting poetic lyrics, and gypsy spirit Carrie Elkin is best known for her incredibly soulful and dynamic vocals. \$10 donation at the door; all are welcome. Contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.



UCH Listens

Training for “UCH Listens” occurred Jan 14-15, led by Leta Beam and Jim Cavanaugh respectively. Leta’s firm, Vantage International, developed the inspirational curriculum on active listening. After the training, the interviewers began making appointments for their one-on-one listening opportunities, working from a sample of 25% of membership. They have 5-6 weeks to finish their interviews and prepare anonymous summaries for the UCH Listens team (Jim Cavanaugh, Dennis Darling, Andrea MacDonald and Cathy Montes). These four will read the aggregated reports to find patterns and themes and similarities in the responses and report their conclusions to the Board of Trustees.

Present at the training were the four-person UCH Listens team and Alanna Berger, Nan Cavanaugh, Jessica Chuckalovcak, Kevin Geist, James Henninger-Voss, Mary Henninger-Voss, Phil Hoskins-Helm, Judy Linder, Alex MacDonald, Marilyn McHenry, Ron Skrabut, David Spear, Randa Todd, Barbara Van Horn, and Lois Voigt. Thanks to all for attending, and thanks in advance to congregants who are interviewed! – submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

Other February Events

Feb. 14: Standing on the Side of Love Day

“Thirty Days of Love” is a collective visioning process about making sense of the present moment and what we are called to do. From January 16 (Martin Luther King Day) through February 14 (Valentine’s Day), UUs are encouraged to engage in self-reflection, active listening, sharing personal and community stories, and celebrating our lives and our heroes for their courageous love.

Sponsored by the UUA, *Standing on the Side of Love* is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love’s power to stop oppression. It was inspired by the 2008 shooting at Tennessee Valley UU Church, which was targeted because they are welcoming to LGBT people and have a liberal stance on many issues. The Knoxville Community responded with an outpouring of love that inspired the UUA leadership to launch a campaign that would harness love’s power to challenging exclusion, oppression and violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, race, religion, or any other identity.

For two years in a row, UUs re-imagined Valentine’s Day as a social justice holiday. 2012 marks our third Standing on the Side of Love holiday!



Feb. 19: Concert at UUCY

In collaboration with the UU Congregation of York (UUCY), Susquehanna Folk Music Society (SFMS) is pleased to present the trio Väsen, from Uppland, Sweden, in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at UUCY, 925 S. George St., York. The trio plays contemporary and traditional folk music on viola, 12-string guitar, and the Swedish *nyckelharpa* (photo).



Details available at www.sfmsfolk.org/concerts/Vasen.html .

Fridays: Science-Based, Non-Religious, Non-12-Step SMART Recovery Group

A new recovery group for individuals wishing to abstain from alcohol/substance use or other self-destructive activities such as gambling, over/under eating, etc. , meets each Friday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center at Camp Hill Giant, 3301 Trindle Road. It is facilitated by UCH members Chuck Daley and Holly Hartman, who completed training in the program last year.

The “Self Management And Recovery Training” program is known by its acronym, SMART Recovery®. It is a scientifically based program that uses techniques and tools derived from cognitive behavioral therapy, rational emotive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing to assist those seeking to refrain from addictive or self-destructive behaviors, such as alcohol/substance abuse, eating disorders, or gambling addictions.

The program offers tools and techniques for each of the following program points: (1) Building and Maintaining Motivation, (2) Coping with Urges, (3) Managing Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviors, and (4) Living a Balanced Life. It provides a viable alternative for those who for various reasons do not identify with traditional 12-step programs. It is also useful as a supplement for 12-step programs.

Group meetings are facilitated by trained volunteers and are free of charge (donations welcome). Fridays at 7:00 p.m. GIANT Community Center, Camp Hill.

– submitted by Holly Hartman

Save the Date:

- **Sunday, March 4, 2012**, dedication ceremony for our “Seven Principles” mural at Market Street

LaGrone Scholarship News

The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship is designed to broaden, and nurture post-secondary aspirations of Harrisburg School District students by providing personal support and advocacy via UCH members and financial assistance for any form of post-secondary education.

LaGrone Researcher Visits UCH

Dr. Julia Myers, a Professor of Art History at Eastern Michigan University, visited our Clover Lane campus on Jan. 13, performing field research on Oliver LaGrone (1906-1995). Dr. Myers is currently curating shows on Detroit's Cass Corridor artists of the 1960s and 1970s and on African American artists in Detroit 1940-1985. [Ed. note: LaGrone attended Cranbrook Academy of Art and Wayne State University in Detroit and was active in its intellectual and arts scene for more than 20 years.] The working title of Dr. Myers new project is *Beginning Under a Shadow: Detroit's African American Artists Born Before the Modern Civil Rights Movement*, which will include background on LaGrone. She also intends to write a short article on LaGrone for the *International Review of African American Art*.

Dr. Myers was interested in collecting information on LaGrone's art and on his personal and professional life in Harrisburg. At UCH, she viewed the "Bust of George Washington Carver" (1950) in the minister's office, "Bust of Harriet Tubman" (1987), in the foyer (photo at right), and "Ballet to Disco" (1979) on permanent display in the Clover Lane sanctuary. Myers met with Rev. Howard Dana and with two UCH members with first-hand or institutional knowledge of LaGrone. These were Marilyn McHenry, who with her late husband, Lowrey, gifted the "Ballet to Disco" to the UCH and Mary Ann Rhoads. Both offered insights from their memories of Oliver's membership in our community (1970 – 1995). Cordell Affeldt displayed the LaGrone Scholars' scrapbooks and the LaGrone sculptures scrapbook and gave Dr. Myers information on the Scholarship program and **The OLIVER COLLECTIVE**.



While in Harrisburg, Dr. Myers visited the State Museum and Penn State Harrisburg to view additional LaGrone artwork. Afterward, she reported viewing five sculptures at Penn State: The University as Family, Harriet Tubman, The Dancer, Dr. Carter Woodson and another one of a very elegant looking black woman with an Afro hairdo. This last sculpture is in plaster and is not clearly identified as a LaGrone work; if anyone in the congregation knows its provenance, she asks that they contact her via Cordell or another member of the LaGrone Scholarship Committee. Dr. Myers also viewed the bust of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (photo at left), which is on display at the State Museum. – submitted by Cordell Affeldt

Report on Current Scholars

LaCointeau Williams, our 2007 Scholar, had lunch last month with three members of her UCH support team: her mentor, Ann Sitrin (photo), and LaGrone Scholarship Committee members Cordell Affeldt and Lee Olson. After a hiatus that included marriage, pregnancy, and childbirth, she has returned to college, now attending Johnson C. Smith University, a historically black institution in Charlotte, NC. She has also switched majors from Business Administration to Communications. LaCointeau brought her daughter, Faith, to the luncheon.



LaCointeau was ardent in affirming that she has most valued the LaGrone Scholarship for its caring human side. "Ann has been a wonderful mentor. She is nonjudgmental and has been helpful through all of my experiences and now a move to NC," she said. "I appreciate that everyone connected with the Scholarship has been so nice to me."

– submitted by Jessica Chuckalovcak

Save the Date:

- **March 18-25**, spring art sale by **The OLIVER COLLECTIVE**
- **March 24**, benefit concert by Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Dan Schatz
- **April 21-29**, scholarship "Book Shuffle"

Other UCH News

News from our community

Be the Ultimate Volunteer!

Consider serving on the Board of Trustees and advance the good work you already support and believe in. Being a Trustee is a chance to stretch and expand yourself and build your leadership skills. The process of running for the board is simple:

- Decide to give it a shot
- Contact the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) with any questions
- Submit your bio for publication and distribution to UCH members
- Come to the congregational meeting prepared to speak briefly about your candidacy
- Resolve that if you are not elected at this time, you made the right decision and you can run again in the future!

If you are interested in serving on the Board or would just like to know more about it, contact Andrea MacDonald at 421-5545 or histrclpn@aol.com. Serving on the Board is a rewarding experience and an opportunity to be a part of planning the future of the church. Board members serve three year terms and make important decisions about the direction we will all take as our congregation continues to grow and evolve. *– submitted by Andrea MacDonald*

Chalice Camp

Do you love Harry Potter and Unitarian Universalism? If you do, then Chalice Camp Hogwarts (Harrisburg Branch) needs YOU. At Chalice Camp Hogwarts (held from July 23-27, 2012) children of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg will discover “The Magic Within” by exploring themes from the Harry Potter books and how they relate to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. Volunteers are needed to prepare items ahead of time, as well as to work directly with the wizard students during the week. Chalice Camp Hogwarts is also hiring three full-time wizard heads of house. Camp Headmistress Wendy Shaver is open to all ideas, and she has lots of ideas that need volunteers to make them happen. You can contact the headmistress at wendyshaver@verizon.net (795-9013).

Some possible volunteer jobs:

- Creating banners for the houses
- Operate a “store” at Diagon Alley the morning of July 23
- Collect sticks that can be made into wands
- Run or assist in a wizard class. Wizard classes are held Tuesday through Friday in the morning. Teach one day or all four. Create your own class or use materials from the headmistress (Care of Magical Creatures (aka the environment), Defense Against the Dark Arts (bullies), you get the idea!)
- Supervise and/or prepare equipment for the afternoon Quidditch games each day
- Making lots of chocolate frogs

and much, much more..... The possibilities are endless. *– submitted by Wendy Shaver*



Roe vs Wade

The annual Roe vs Wade service was held on Sunday, Jan. 22 at our Clover Lane campus, organized by our Reproductive Rights lay-led ministry. Participants included (from left) Jim Cavanaugh, Margaret Blough, Rabbi Eric Cytryn of Beth El Temple, Julia Hoskins, Fritz Williams, and the Rev. Susan Minasian, chaplain at Franklin and Marshall University in Lancaster.

– submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

