



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

Minister's Message



I recently had a surprise visit from the President of Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California—Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker. I know Rebecca well and count her among the people I most admire in the world. As a generous graduate of Starr King School, I was chosen to get this surprise visit.

What a joy to have Rebecca Parker come to Harrisburg! She had never been here before and was delighted at how pretty the city was with the Susquehanna River running through it. When she came into my house, her eyes lit up and she told me that the space fit me well. Then I took her out to our Clover Lane Church. She enjoyed its 1960s modern architecture and agreed with me that it held up well over time. She loved our green space and our trees.

Then I took her to our Market Street Church where she was wowed by the grandeur and beauty of our sanctuary there. She said she could see Fellowship Hall full of people in her mind's eye. She was keenly interested in the Allison Hill neighborhood and our work there. Then she turned to me and she said, "You really have found a home here, haven't you?"

She went on to observe that not only had I personally found a home in Harrisburg, but that my ministry had found a home here, too. And then she said, "I think you and your church are ahead of the curve." She reminded me of the recent trend in Unitarian Universalism in which UU congregations bought old movie theaters and car dealerships and pharmacies and turned them into churches. While quite serviceable, these spaces, she reminded me, often failed to inspire. They had not been built as religious buildings. And it was hard to turn them into churches.

She said to me, "Your church is so very lucky. It has bought a beautiful building that comes with a mission. What a joy that must be."

What a joy it is—most days. We have our squabbles. We have our disagreements. We have our differences and our doubts. But most days, what a joy! Most days, what an honor.

See you in church.

Love, Howard

May Services

May 13 – 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

May 2012 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Tue 1	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
Wed 2	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 14, Sparkie Radcliffe
	6:00	Queen Spirit, Kandy Melillo
Thu 3	7:00	UCH 101, Rev. Howard Dana
Sun 6	9:00	Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Howard Dana, "No Divine Plan for Your Life"
	11:00	Children's RGL: Greenbelt Clean-Up
Mon 7	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 8	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 9	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 15, Radcliffe
	7:00	UCH Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Thu 10	7:00	UCH 101, Bart Carpenter
Sat 12	9:00	Community Café, Clay Lambert
	4:00	Families with young children, Pete/Kendra Trufahnestock
	5:30	All-church Potluck
	6:30	Annual Meeting
Sun 13	9:00	Humanist Forum: Harrisburg Politics
	11:00	Multi-Generational Flower Communion Worship
Mon 14	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 15	7:00	Silent Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 16	5:30	Getting Ahead, Session 16, Radcliffe
	7:00	Clover Grove, Ed Hazell
Thu 17	7:00	UCH 101, Judy Linder
Fri 18	7:30	Coffee House, Bart Carpenter
Sun 20	9:00	Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Dana, "Generation Absent"
	11:00	
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Dick Hoke
Mon 21	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 22	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Daley
Wed 23	7:00	Harrisburg Area Humanists, David Spear
Sat 26	9:00	Community Café, Clay Lambert
Sun 27	9:00	Sunday Worship Service, Rev. Dana, "Memorial Day Poems"
	11:00	
	2:00	Green Sanctuary, Holly Hartman
Tue 29	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Daley

Market Street Event

ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTIONS 6:30 PM MAY 12 AT CLOVER LANE

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President's Message



It is time for our Annual Meeting! This is the opportunity for every member of record (those who have made a verified financial or service contribution) to participate in the governance of our church. Our church is a democracy, and that process works best when as many as possible participate by attending congregational meetings. Those

that vote have their voices heard. It also means, of course, that the majority vote carries and that the congregation abides with the decision of the majority vote. We will start with fellowship and a potluck at 5:30, and call the meeting to order at 6:30 in the sanctuary at Clover Lane.

This year we will have the standard issues to consider. The candidates for Trustees will be presented, along with the annual report and the budget for 2012-13. The Nominating Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) has worked diligently to find qualified candidates. They asked over 45 people to consider running for Trustee and identified six candidates. This means that there are no contested seats on the Board. Hopefully next year more members of our congregation will be willing to serve in a leadership position and have a voice in the policies and mission of the church.

THE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR is a product of a different process from past budgets. Instead of using a forecast of pledges based on what was needed for various operating expenses, we used the figure of actual pledges. In past years, using a method based on projected expenses instead of a realistic forecast of projected revenue has required "Close the Gap" campaigns that averaged \$20,000, waged at the very end of the church year. It was close the gap versus closing the church buildings and staff layoffs. This year the budget is driven by pledge amounts. Of course, fixed expenses of staff

and maintenance are still the bulk of the expenses. With that in mind, there is still a gap of \$5,820 (which is about \$1.50 per week per person of financial record). That gap may be smaller if some more late pledges come in. There are other changes that will be in the report by our Treasurer, Tom Winner.

THE NEW ITEM IN THE AGENDA is the presentation of the Covenant of Right Relationship for congregational approval. One of the Strategic Goals is to improve communication within the congregation. The covenant is the basis for what will follow in that very important process. It is a guide for how we will conduct our discussions. Please take time to review the final version which is on the members website.

This is really the second step in our communications plan. The first step was the UCH Listens project conducted by Jim Cavanaugh and his team. Hopefully UCH Listens will be an ongoing project so that there will be a formal method of gathering feedback through respectful listening. The next step is in the planning stage. There will be some kind of regularly scheduled meetings during the next year to allow a better flow of information between members and between members and the board. That will be an opportunity to allow facts to be shared with the congregation and prevent inaccurate rumors from circulating (such as the existence of various secret plans). Those types of rumors can be very destructive to the fellowship of our community.

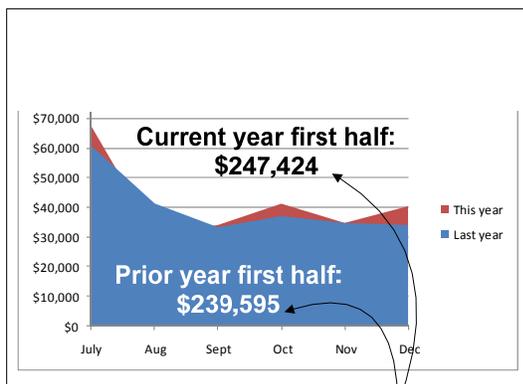
There is another addition to the evening. After the formal business meeting is adjourned, I and some of the board members will stay and continue with an informal listening and discussion session. The focus will be on the present and the future, not the past. I hope that many of you will stay for that conversation.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful! *Judy*

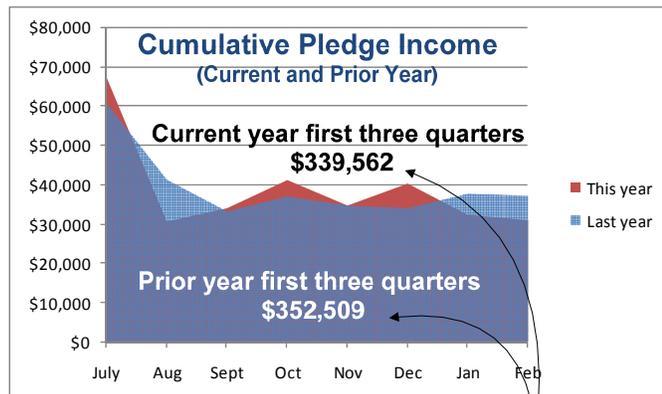
Financial News

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

We are a little behind last year's year-to-date income, in contrast to second-quarter reporting as of 12/31/11. The accompanying graphic shows YTD income as of 12/31 and as of 3/31/12.



As of Dec. 31, 2011, we were \$8K ahead of last year



As of March 31, 2012, we were \$13K behind last year

An expanded calendar, with information on UCH activities.

Tue 1 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 (May 20) is silent meditation.

Wed 2 5:30 Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity, Session 14

The Getting Ahead Program continues on Wednesday nights at the Market Street campus – and we’re almost finished! The sessions are lead by the county to help people get out of generational poverty. By hosting, we the congregation are providing food and child care. There are also opportunities to help with clean-up, cooking, childcare or more. **Every Wednesday**, through May 16. Contact Wendy Colby, wendy.colby@gmail.com.

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

– Submitted by Wendy Colby



Ed. Note: LeShelle is a graduate of the first Dauphin County class and is now a facilitator for the second class. She also spoke briefly at services last fall to explain the program. From a recent note to Sparkie Radcliffe:

"I wanted to thank you and the Unitarians for all you do to support the Getting Ahead Program. The Getting Ahead graduate class will be emailing formal invitations to people, inviting them to join the Guiding Coalition. As we move the program from county-run to community-organized, the Unitarian Church has set the bar and has served us in an absolute spirit of excellence."

Wed 2 6:00 Queen Spirit: Creating Our Healing Quilt

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, Debbie Page and Randa Todd will facilitate the circle focused on creating our healing “quilt.” Please come prepared to get MESSY. We will be dipping our hands in fabric paint and creating an image on our quilt. Bring a story of a time when someone did something for you that helped you through a hard time. As always, we cherish this time together to share our stories, be nourished and affirmed in our journeys, and provide and receive spiritual enrichment.

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

Thu 3 7:00 Adult RGL: UCH 101

Are you new to UCH? Have you been around for awhile but would like to know more about what goes on around here? Join various church leadership for a three-part discussion about the historical view of Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), an overview of the activities and ministries offered at UCH, and Board vision and activities. Contact: Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

- May 3, 2011: Rev. Howard Dana, facilitator
- May 10, 2011: Bart Carpenter, facilitator
- May 17, 2011: Judy Linder, facilitator

Mon 7 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. No Yoga on Memorial Day.**

Wed 9 7:00 UCH Board Meeting

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

Sat 12 9:00 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! 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 May 26 (last Saturday of the month).



Sat 12 4:00 Families with Young Children

Each month, UCH families with young children gather at Clover Lane for a family potluck, play date, and adult discussion on parenting and spirituality topics. Childcare is available for babies, with supervised play for the children. Everyone shares a communal dinner, then the adults and children separate for their respective programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet like-minded parents and discuss how we apply our UU beliefs to our immediate environment. And it's a great opportunity for UU children to enjoy each other's company.



No reservations needed. Please contact Pete Trufahnestock, ptrufahnestock@verizon, for additional information.

Sat 12 5:30 Potluck, 6:30 Annual Meeting

Bring a food item to share (5:30) or voice/opinion to share (6:30), but COME. The Annual Meeting is for all contributing members of our community.

Sun 13 9:00 Moral Issues Forum: Harrisburg Politics

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, the Forum presents a lively discussion of Harrisburg politics. The city faces an enormous debt, possible bankruptcy, and an unpopular mayor. What is happening in city politics? What is the way forward? Neil Grover of Debt Watch Harrisburg will present his views on what is going on in city hall and answer questions about the status of our capital city. For more information, please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.



PRINCIPLES:

Debt Watch Harrisburg seeks to demand that taxpayers have standing and be heard in those public, legal proceedings that will determine the future of our City.

We want to make known that *taxpayers' rights* and *taxpayers' interests* need to be placed ahead of those who knowingly and irresponsibly facilitated this Debt Crisis, ahead of those people and entities who authorized or participated in the creation of a municipal debt burden that now threatens to crush local taxpayers.

Where possible, we need people to be held accountable.

In doing these things, we must push **to transform our local government** to ensure that from now on, responsible and transparent use of public monies will be the practice and good government the new norm.

Wed 16 7:00 Clover Grove: Monthly Meeting

Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. This group meets monthly at Clover Lane 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. Contact Ed Hazell, eahazell42@aol.com.

Fri 18 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House \$10 admission

Clover Lane Coffee House offers a series of concerts by local and traveling artists, normally on the Third Friday. This month we are pleased to welcome singer/songwriter Rhianna Larocque. Admission is \$10 at the door. All are welcome.

LaRocque grew up in Annapolis, where she was active in the music scene in Baltimore/Washington D.C. She published her first EP in 2009, *Only Thing I Can Do*. She won the 2010 grand prize in the Professional Artist Support System (P.A.S.S.) contest of the Washington Area Music Association (WAMA). Among other things, the award enabled her to publish her second EP, *Hotel Songs*, in 2011. She was also a featured performer at the subsequent Wammies in February 2011, held at the State Theatre in Falls Church, VA.

Currently a student at Northeastern University, LaRoque is active on the music scene in Boston. She also has shared the stage with the likes of Eric Hutchinson, Tom Paxton, Freedy Johnston, and Cliff Eberhardt. This spring, she completed a semester abroad in Italy and will have just returned to the U.S. prior to this engagement. *Benvenuta*, Rhianna!



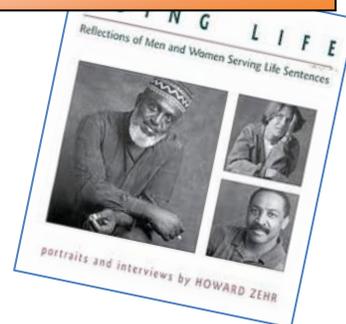
Sun 20 12:30 Men and Women Serving Life Sentences

The Helping Women in Prison and Their Families lay-led ministry is pleased to offer a book discussion after the second service today, facilitated by "our own" John Hargreaves. John has been volunteering and working in Pennsylvania state and county prisons since 1979 and now works for the Pennsylvania Prison Society, a non-profit that advocates for a just and humane prison system. The discussion topic is *Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences*, and the group will have copies on sale after both services on the first two Sundays in May.

\$10 COPIES ON SALE MAY 6 AND MAY 13

This excellent book supplements good photography with thoughtful essays by some truly interesting men and women. From www.restorativejustice.org:

The author interviewed and photographed 70 men and women who are imprisoned for life, with little or no possibility of ever returning to society. All were convicted of homicide or being an accomplice to homicide. He offers some of their experiences and perspectives, in their own words, in an effort to present them as individuals rather than stereotypes. One of the themes that emerged during the interview sessions was the search for meaning, individuals' desire to make some good come out of the bad.



Many of the people interviewed were involved in programs to assist others and to help young people avoid destructive situations. Others expressed a need to make each day count, to consciously work to do something worthwhile each day. Finding hope in an apparently hopeless situation drove many of them. So, too, did concern for their victims. While not all lifers are like those presented in this book, many do mature into thoughtful, responsible adults who are remorseful for what they have done and who seek ways to contribute to society.

– Submitted by John Hargreaves

Sun 20 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group THIRD SUNDAY

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the third Sunday this month, to avoid Mother's Day. The group meets at Clover Lane to discuss *The Ethical Brain*, by Michael Gazzaniga. From *The New York Times*:

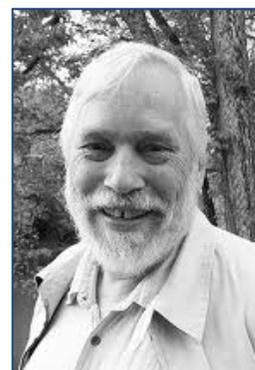
As director of the Center of Cognitive Neuroscience at Dartmouth College and indefatigable author of five previous books on the brain for the general reader alone, Gazzaniga is less interested in delivering verdicts on bioethical quandries -- should we clone? tinker with our babies' I.Q.? -- than in untangling how we arrive at moral and ethical judgments in the first place.

Take the issue of raising intelligence by manipulating genes in test-tube embryos. Gazzaniga asks three questions. Is it technically possible to pick out "intelligence genes"? If so, do those genes alone determine intelligence? And finally, is this kind of manipulation ethical? "Most people jump to debate the final question," he rightly laments, "without considering the implications of the answers to the first two." Gazzaniga's view is that someday it will be possible to tweak personality and intelligence through genetic manipulation. But because personhood is so significantly affected by factors like peer influence and chance, which scientists can't control, we won't be able to make "designer babies," nor, he believes, will we want to.

Contact Dick Hoke, Rrhoke@aol.com.

Wed 23 7:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists: Mythological and Psychological Roots of Belief Systems

For its May meeting, the Harrisburg Area Humanists has invited Jim McConkey to speak on the results of his cross-cultural research over more than four decades. Starting with his experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer in India in the 1960s, McConkey began exploring how cultures can be so different from each other. His investigation ultimately focused on the unquestioned assumptions, largely based in myth, on which different cultures build their belief systems. Because of those assumptions, a "true believer" and a "freethinker" in any single culture have more in common with each other than either has with his/her counterpart in another culture. McConkey's presentation will explore some of the more salient features of that proposition.



Contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 27 2:00-8:00 Green Sanctuary: Culture Change Workshop (\$10 donation)

In collaboration with Harrisburg Interfaith Coalition for the Environment and Transition Harrisburg, Green Sanctuary is pleased to sponsor a culture-change workshop, entitled *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream*. It is a powerful multi-media workshop that explores new ways of seeing sustainability and spiritual and social justice challenges. Through video clips, participants will hear from far-sighted community leaders—Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Julia Butterfly Hill, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Paul Hawken, Thich Nhat Hanh and many more—about everything from the

planet's dwindling biodiversity and growing socio-economic gaps to the emerging global movement toward more sustainable, fulfilling and just societies and the exciting new possibilities of our time.

The event also includes lively group discussion and provides participants with practical tools for creating effective, positive change. It provides a unique opportunity for participants to share their concerns about the state of the world with other caring and concerned members of their community while offering support to each other in taking steps to effect the changes that they wish to see. The workshop utilizes materials from the Pachamama Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, socially just human presence on this planet.



\$10 donation (covers expenses). In Fellowship Hall at Market Street; coffee and tea provided. Pre-register if possible via Holly Hartman purdytig@yahoo.com or 717-623-3051.

RGL News

News from our Religious Growth and Learning program, submitted by Trish Brandon.

Please Register Children/Youth for Fall, by Memorial Day

Please register children and youth for the 2012-13 Religious Growth & Learning Program by Memorial Day. The information is used to configure groups and events for the upcoming church year.

Adults with children and youth in the program are asked to be part of the cooperative children and youth ministry. Please fill out the form indicating your preference regarding how and when you prefer to fulfill your responsibility. Forms are available at church, on the church web site: www.HarrisburgUU.org, and via email to families of currently registered children/youth. Registration forms may be submitted by mail, or dropped off at church.

It Takes a Village – and UU, too!

Children & Youth RGL needs participation/assistance from adult volunteers without children in the program. Volunteers are needed to work directly with children or youth and/or help out behind the scenes. It takes a village to raise UUs! Please consider helping to nurture the spiritual lives of children and youth! Volunteer forms are available at church, on the church web site: www.HarrisburgUU.org, under "Forms."

Greenbelt Clean-up May 6

On May 6, children, youth and adult volunteers will work on the UCH-adopted section of the Capital Area Greenbelt. Bring gloves and dress to work outdoors! Meet in the Common Room (Clover Lane) and Fellowship Hall (Market Street). The Clover Lane group will work on the ground of the Clover Lane campus from 9:00 to 10:00. The Market St. group will go to the Greenbelt from 11:00 to 12:00. Adult chaperones are needed! Please contact Trish Brandon to volunteer. Rain date is May 20.

Registration for Summer Chalice Camp closes May 27

Registration forms for Chalice Camp Hogwarts ("The Magic Within") are available on the website!!! Chalice Camp will be held from July 23-27 and is for wizards entering grades 1-7 for the 2012-13 school year. Final registration closes on May 27. For additional information, please contact wendyshaver@verizon.net.

Young Adult RGL

Former UCH youth Mary Braasch is forming an RGL group for young adults (ages 18-24). If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested, please contact her at 717-985-1341, childrensangeltheater@yahoo.com. She is also generally available at coffee hour after the Market Street service; photo attached to facilitate face recognition.



Board Candidates

These are condensed from self-submitted profiles available on the Internet and on bulletin boards at both campuses.

CANDIDATE	WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS TRUSTEE
<p>Tom Conner</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee: I hope to help our congregation to grow in the spirit of knowing and relating to each other and our neighbors. We must continue to make a difference in our church and city communities.</p> <p>Where I would like to see the UCH in three years: We are a very special church community. We should always look to serving others with courage and recognition of the individual's worth and dignity at both the Clover Lane and Market Street campuses.</p> <p>Other related experience: First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY: RGL leader, intermediate grades; adult leader senior high youth group; Towson Unitarian Church, MD: grounds committee</p>
<p>Laura Edinger</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee: I see UCH as a church that already works very hard to "walk the talk." Ultimately I want to serve the UCH mission by helping to grow this congregation even more – in both membership numbers and member participation, and I am more than willing to listen to, consider, and discuss the many ways we can work on doing this.</p> <p>Where I would like to see the UCH in three years: Now, three years from now, and beyond, I would like to see UCH on an even more spiritually and fiscally sustainable path. Spiritually, I would like to see UCH continue to be a place for members and visitors to feel at home with their beliefs and a place where all forms of spirituality can be discussed openly. Fiscally, I would like to see UCH pay down our debts while continuing to build on the good work that we are doing within our church community and within the wider Harrisburg community.</p>
<p>Andy Loza</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •To ensure the board receives the information it needs to make wise decisions. •To create channels of communications amongst board, staff and members, and empower members to have a meaningful voice in future church directions. •To see the board and staff value both those who are dedicating their energy – their persons -- to the Market Street initiative and those who choose to direct their energies elsewhere. •To have the board look for opportunities to add value to the children's program. <p>Where I would like to see the UCH in three years I hope to see the UCH not spending its endowment and for it to be in the home stretch of a successful capital campaign. I hope to see a congregation that is thriving at both campuses with the help of a second minister. I hope to see a church that is making a substantial difference to its members and to the world.</p>
<p>Marilyn McHenry</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee: I am eager to continue a policy where the board is open to listening and incorporating their ideas into future planning.</p> <p>Where I would like to see the UCH in three years: I would like to see both UCH campuses continue to evolve as in inspiration for the denomination as an example of a suburban church that can meet the needs of its original members while also providing an outlet for important outreach to the larger community.</p> <p>Other comments: I'm so proud to be a member of this congregation that is striving toward diversity.</p>
<p>Tom Teeter</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee: If elected as a trustee, I hope to use my background and experience in the finance and accounting disciplines to assist UCH in becoming a financially strong organization that will enable it to continue to flourish and provide its many valuable services to the congregation and the greater Harrisburg community.</p> <p>Where I would like to see the UCH in three years: My hope for UCH would be that, in three years, we would be a financially healthy organization, the result of increased membership financial support coupled with fiscally responsible spending.</p>
<p>Laura Shemick</p> 	<p>What I hope to accomplish as a trustee: I have no particular agenda for the congregation's future; my greatest interest is in exploring the possibilities open to us as a growing liberal force in south-central Pennsylvania, planning to accomplish the congregation's goals, and monitoring our progress in reaching those goals. I am very much a "process" person who deeply believes that our sometimes-lengthy democratic processes permit us to achieve our faith's desires – perhaps not all at once, perhaps not completely – but to achieve them, nonetheless.</p> <p>Other comments I emphasize use of the consensus process – not unanimity - in group decision-making on important issues, as I believe the consensus process allows for a stronger community and better decisions.</p>

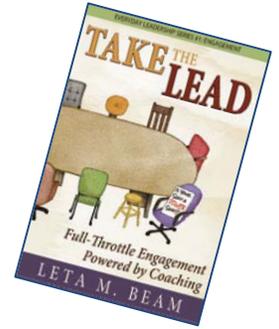
News from UCH Members

News from our community

Leta Beam Publication

Congratulations to “our own” Leta Beam on the publication of her book, *Take the Lead: Full Throttle Engagement Powered by Coaching*. As noted at the website of her firm:

In her new breakthrough book, "Take The Lead", Leta Beam offers a simple, powerful way to jump start our workplace communities so that we begin to enjoy what we all want more of success, belonging, fulfillment & satisfaction: Every seat must be a power seat! Every person must a leader!



Garden Support on Allison Hill

Donations would be greatly appreciated for the Community Vegetable Garden Project at Market Street. Needed are vegetable or herb plants, seeds, untreated wood that can be used to build garden frames, and garden tools that you no longer use. If you're separating your perennials, or digging out any landscape plants, we can always find homes for them in the neighborhood. The group meets most Fridays during community hours 10-noon. We can always use help to keep up with planting, weeding, mowing, watering etc. Please contact Mary Kay Doyle with donations and ideas at natureswaybonsai@comcast.net or 545-7899

May 20: Ecumenical Food Pantry Anniversary

A Celebration of Caring will be held at 2pm, May 20, 1012, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Sixth and Forster streets in Harrisburg, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Ecumenical Food Pantry. The Celebration will be filled with great music (including “our own” Unisingers!), history, story and song to recognize and honor Pantry founders, volunteers and supporters. The public is invited to this free event that promises to be a time of great joy and great meaning. Light refreshments and tours of the Pantry will be offered. The Pantry, started in 1972 in response to the hurricane Agnes flood emergency, now serves more than 2,500 people a month. Donors include the UCH and 65 other religious organizations in Central Pennsylvania.

– Submitted by Michael Mark

June 14: Sondheim Musical/Jitokeze Fund-Raiser

UCH Green Sanctuary is pleased to team with Harrisburg Interfaith Coalition for the Environment in support of Jitokeze, a Kenyan organization focused on building sustainable communities in Africa. In 2011, Philipine (Pini) Kidulah spoke at UCH about the impacts of climate change on her home in West Pokot, Kenya. She conducted several follow-up meetings to describe the work of Jitokeze to help marginalized women and girls in her community deal with the impacts of climate change through self-help groups engaged in food production, micro-enterprise, and peace-building.



The Harrisburg Friends of Jitokeze, including UCH Green Sanctuary, is hosting a night at the theater at 7:30 pm June 14. The show is Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music* presented by Theatre Harrisburg. Tickets \$25. For more information, please contact Rachel Mark: rachelmark@paonline.com or 566-6055.

UUA Triple Match

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) is currently executing a triple-dip fund-raiser, been inspired by the call to give to the UUA's top priorities: Get Religion, Grow Leaders, and Cross Borders. Each dollar donated prior to June 30, 2012, will be tripled via matching grants from the UU Veatch Program and the UUA President's Council. The goal is to raise \$100,000, which will triple to \$300,000, which will be used to educate and inspire the future leaders of our faith, promote our social justice work, create new religious education curricula, and support all the work of the UUA. Contact: friends@uua.org.

