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Unitarian Church of Harrisburg September 2012 At-a-Glance

Sept 2: Alex MacDonald

Note: this is our final installment of "This I Believe" and our last service following the summer schedule.



Alex MacDonald grew up on the New Jersey shore about an hour's drive from Manhattan. He currently lives in Lemoyne with his wife Andrea and their 5 year old daughter Josie, a Boston Terrier and a Pit Bull mix. Alex enjoys old buildings, plants, and

traveling/exploring.

He has worked for the PA Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources since 2008 and feels very privileged to work with local and statewide groups to develop trails across the Commonwealth and advance recreation and conservation-related initiatives.

He has no prior religious affiliation; he and his wife found the UCH in the Yellow Pages. They first attended the UCH in 2008 and became members in 2009.

Sept 9: Second Sunday

Today marks the beginning of the new church calendar. We will have the Moral Issues forum at 9:00 a.m. at Clover Lane and a multi-generational (all family) service at 11:00 a.m. at Market Street.

Sept 16: Two Services

This is our first Sunday with two full services. Rev. Howard Dana will lead both the 9:00 a.m. service at Clover Lane and the 11:00 a.m. service at Market Street.

Sept 23: Rabbi Carl Choper

The Jewish High Holidays start Sept. 17-18 with Rosh Hashanah ("Jewish New Year") and end Sept. 26 with Yom Kippur ("Day of Atonement"). We welcome to the pulpit Rabbi Carl Choper, executive director of the Religion and Society Center, a Harrisburg-based nonprofit organization that fosters the exploration and development of religiously-based social teachings as they can apply to today's multi-cultural and multi-faith society. Rabbi Choper has agreed to preach six times over the coming year, serving as *de facto* "Rabbi in Residence."



DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 2	10:00	"This I Believe," Alex MacDonald
	11:00	Sunday Gathering, Wendy Colby
Tue 4	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG), Chuck Daley
Wed 5	6:00	Queen Spirit, Randa Todd
Sat 8	9:00	Common Ground Café, Clay Lambert
	4:00	Families with Young Children, Pete Trufahnestock
Sun 9	9:00	"Islam and the West - Mutual Misunderstanding" Joyce Davis
	11:00	"100 Years of the Market Street Church," Rev. Howard Dana
	2:00	Monarch Day, Kathy Stewart
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Dick Hoke
Mon 10	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 11	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 12	7:00	Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Sun 16	9:00	"Covenant and Commitment," Rev. Dana
	11:00	
Mon 17	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 18	7:00	Silent MMG, Daley
Wed 19	7:00	Clover Grove, Nikki Stone-Thonus
Fri 21	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House, Bart Carpenter
Sat 22	9:00	Prison Re-Entry Breakfast, Jim Cavanaugh
Sun 23	9:00	Jewish High Holy Days, Rabbi Carl Choper
	11:00	
	2:00	
Mon 24	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 25	7:00	MMG, Daley
Sat 29	9:00	Common Ground Café, Clay Lambert
Sun 30	9:00	"Awakening," Rev. Dana
	11:00	

 Market Street Event

Religious Growth and Learning

Sept. 2: Summer schedule

Sept. 9: Multi-Generational Service

Sept. 16 onward:

- ☀ 9:00 Clover Lane, K-5 grade
 - ☀ 11:00 Market St, all grades
- Youth Group kickoff, page 5

Sept. 23: 12:15 Market St, Young Adults, page 6

Minister's Message



Welcome to the start of another wonderful year at church. As a congregation we are thriving and growing in many ways. And we are making a difference in the City of Harrisburg and the region. There are lots of things to celebrate as UCH enters its 85th year. Recently some newer people have been wondering how we wound up being "one congregation with two church buildings."

Here are three typical questions and their answers:

Why did UCH decide to buy the Market Street Church?

Since 2001 our Clover Lane building has been too small for the congregation. To alleviate Sunday morning crowding we went to two services in 2002. As the congregation continued to grow, we ran out of space for our children, too. The congregation explored building a new building, but the cost was prohibitive. So congregational leaders began exploring other options. When the Market Street church came along, we saw that it would satisfy two critical needs. It would provide a sanctuary big enough to seat 400, giving us more space cheaply. And it would also allow for much more social justice work, something else the congregation had long wanted.

Why do we meet at Clover Lane at 9:00 am and Market Street at 11:00 am? More people prefer to attend church at 11:00 am than at 9:00 am, especially families with children. To accommodate them, we hold the larger service in the larger sanctuary.

How well are our outreach efforts working at our Market Street church? Our programs are well used and growing. We are wise to expand slowly and not do more outreach and social justice than we can handle. That said, more and more people are finding meaningful volunteer work through our Market Street church that helps them step out of their comfort zones and establish meaningful relationships with people. In church year 2011-12 alone there were over 10,000 points of contact with people through our Market Street church. This means that on more than 10,000 occasions, people were able to find help, support, and/or educational opportunities because of our church. This is significantly more social justice than UCH has ever done. And we are just getting started!

I am so pleased to be starting another year as your minister. I look forward to all the good things we will do together.

Love, Howard

President's Message



As we start a new church year, I'd like to take a moment for a quick look back concerning membership and financial stewardship. Over the last four years, our congregation has continued to grow. A continuing issue has been meeting the financial needs of this growing church, and this is a common issue in most churches. I recently

visited West Shore UU Church in Cleveland, OH, and they have about the same number of members who cannot or will not pledge and have to deal with deficit spending.

The table below shows membership over the past five years, including non-pledging members who volunteer their time and are thus eligible to vote.

Year	Mbrs	Voting Mbrs	House-holds	Pledge units	Total Pledges	Ave. Pledge
2008-09	416	N/A	296	222	\$374,207	\$1,686
2009-10	410	N/A	312	247	\$428,926	\$1,737
2010-11	427	386	313	256	\$447,742	\$1,749
2011-12	427	366	335	243	\$446,712	\$1,838
2012-13	437	TBA	331	220	\$426,154	\$1,937

These are totals per year. Each year we have also lost members, mostly due to death or relocation.

Other good news is that we closed 2011-12 with a modest surplus of almost \$8,000. The reason for the surplus instead of the need for one of the traditional "Close the Gap" campaigns that were conducted for prior years is a fundamental change in our budget process. The budget for 2011-12 was based as closely as possible on actual pledges minus expected non-payments. Staff also worked diligently to keep expenses at or below the budgeted amount. Instead of having monthly cash flow and revenue worries caused by expenses constantly exceeding projected revenue, this budget is an attempt to reduce expenses before they exceeded revenue. The budget for the upcoming year is also a product of this way of protecting church finances. Our members are an extremely generous group giving both time and treasure, but we are all impacted by the current economy, life stage (children, work, school loans, retirement) as well as other feelings about how we can or cannot support the vision and mission of our church.

The Board is responsible for not only the finances of the church, but also for carrying out its vision and mission. It is

the Board's intention to be proactive in facing the challenges of our community. About two years ago the congregation approved by a significant margin (after intensive debate) the Strategic Goals, drawn up by committees made up of members of our congregation. (These goals can be found on the UCH website along with the timeline for accomplishing these goals.) Two of them will be a focus for us this year. The first one is:

Strategy 6: Co-create, share, and implement a comprehensive communication plan
Develop a communication plan to enhance internal church communications.

The first phase of implementing Strategy 6 was done by the UCH Listens initiative, led by Jim Cavanaugh. As a result of some of the information from the survey, we held the first Open Conversation Session last June. It was attended by about 23 people, and the topic was "Is Conflict a Good Thing" based on an article written by Dan Hotchkiss. This process will continue, with an emphasis on remaining in relationship, focusing on the future, and recognizing that change can be difficult. To continue the process of implementing Strategy 6, trustee Mary Henniger Voss is chairing a Communications Task Force. She will be working on additional opportunities to improve the dialogue. There will probably be more open conversation meetings as well as surveys for those that do not wish to speak in front of a group but would still like to express their opinions. Open Conversation Sessions will most likely start with a re-statement of the Covenant of Right Relations.

The second goal that will be our focus this year is:

Strategy 7: Develop, communicate, and implement a comprehensive financial plan
The CEO and Board shall plan and conduct a capital campaign for identified needs of both church campuses.

Please note that there is no time specified for starting the capital campaign in the Strategic Goals. Capital campaigns

are usually lengthy processes: most campaigns are carried out over three to five years after careful debate by the congregation.

This January we will take the first step toward a capital campaign by having Rev. Tricia Hart visit us. It is extremely important that we have a strong turnout: even though the congregation approved having a capital campaign, there was no decision on when to start it, or what it should include. This meeting will be a discussion where we will look at a variety of factors: the distribution of pledges (average, median, total dollar, quartile analysis), the annual budget, membership figures, worship attendance, religious education attendance for the past three years, as well as exploring whether the church is ready for a campaign - financially and emotionally. The meeting will be conducted under the Covenant of Right Relations. Rev. Hart has suggested that we have at least 150 people attend the meeting, and I hope that we can exceed that. As soon as we have a firm date we can distribute the information to those who wish to review it prior to the meeting.

The Board has also been continuing its work developing a governance system appropriate for a 440 member organization with a budget of \$600,000 and assets of over \$2 million. Three Board members and myself attended a seminar on Advanced Policy Based Governance last month. We brought back tools for assessing ourselves as well as monitoring the implementation of the Vision and Mission of the church. We have adopted a new format for the agenda for the monthly board meetings that should focus our efforts on the business of achieving the short term and long term strategic goals as well as monitoring and evaluating the Ends Statements.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you, especially at the Second Sunday Intergenerational Service this September, starting our new year and celebrating the 100th anniversary of our "new" building.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful!

Judy

From the UCH Strategic Plan:

Full text of the 13-page strategic plan is available at the members-only web site.

Strategy 1: The Clover Lane campus will continue to be a center for worship, spiritual growth and learning, an oasis for inner-focused retreats and special events and the administrative headquarters for UCH.

Strategy 2: Transform UCH Market Street campus into a vibrant, welcoming worship and community center that sits as the hub of a social justice zone in the South Allison Hill neighborhood.

Strategy 3: Establish a 501(c)(3) entity that is separate structurally from UCH.

Strategy 4: Maintain and enhance highly effective day-to-day operations.

Strategy 5: Develop, communicate, and implement a comprehensive plan for intentional church community.

Strategy 6: Co-create, share, and implement a comprehensive communication plan.

Strategy 7: Develop, communicate, and implement a comprehensive financial plan.

Strategy 8: Refine and implement organizational and governance structures.

Please check website for last-minute updates.

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 is silent meditation.

Wed 5 6:00 Queen Spirit: Celebrate the Fall Harvest

QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Bring a favorite dish, dessert, or beverage to share, and bring your place setting, serving spoons, and plates. This month, Pam Desch and Debbie Reihart will facilitate a Harvest Circle. Celebrate as the wheel of the year turns. Prior to the circle, enjoy a walk to gather a one to two foot thin-ish tree branch with twigs attached, dried leaves, and fallen treasures, to use in a craft project celebrating the fall harvest.



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 Randa Todd, lrrt1946@yahoo.com.

Sat 8 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 are always welcome. Job assignments are made the morning of the event. Organizer Clay Lambert reports a continuing need for additional help with children’s activities, if you find that role appealing.



To join the e-list of community volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert, clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com. Event repeats September 25 (last Saturday of the month).

Sat 8 4:00 Families with Young Children

The UCH Families With Young Children Lay Led Ministry meets September to May on the Second Saturday for a potluck social from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Clover Lane campus. Please bring a family-friendly dish to share and \$5-\$10 cash for childcare services. A different family hosts each gathering and is responsible for opening and closing the church (don’t worry – everyone pitches in and helps!) This year, we will hold socials on Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, March 9, April 13, and May 11. Hope to see you there! Contact Pete Trufahnestock, ptrufahnestock@verizon.net.

Sun 9 9:00 Moral Issues Forum: Islam and the West - Mutual Misunderstanding. Joyce Davis.



Why is there so much misunderstanding between the East and West? Why are so many Americans fearful of Muslims? And what do Muslims in the Middle East really think about America? Do they all hate us? Joyce Davis is an award-winning journalist and internationally acclaimed author who has lived and worked around the globe. She is former foreign correspondent and foreign editor for National Public Radio and Knight Ridder Newspapers. Davis specializes in foreign affairs and the media and has written extensively on terrorism, national security, and Islam. She is also founder and president of The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg. Davis is author of two books: *Between Jihad and Salaam: Profiles in Islam* (St. Martin’s Press, 1997) and *Martyrs: Innocence, Vengeance, and Despair in the Middle East*, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2002). She has also authored a chapter in *The Trauma of Terrorism* (Hawthorne Press, 2005) as well as numerous articles.

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. For more information, please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 9 2:00 Monarch Day

Kathy Stewart invites children and families to the annual "Monarch Day," from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at her home, 6510 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Kathy is our resident expert in the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. She will talk about their migration to Mexico, teach the children how to care for the caterpillar, and watch its metamorphosis into chrysalis, then butterfly. She will then lead them into the fields behind her house so that each child has a caterpillar to take home.

WEAR: sturdy shoes and socks – and long pants, please

BRING: a shoebox and a 10 to 14 oz. round plastic container and lid

Adults should bring a lawn chair, if desired.

You will find a caterpillar and learn the care and feeding of same. You will learn about the migration of the Monarchs to Mexico and get to view a video about this. Contact Kathy at gram-s@comcast.net for additional information.



Sun 9 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of the month. This month, the group meets at Clover Lane to discuss *Madame Bovary*, by Gustave Flaubert. The group is reading a new (2010) translation by Lydia Davis, professor of creative writing at the University at Albany, SUNY, and Lillian Vernon Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at New York University. Ann Sitrin hosts. Contact Dick Hoke, Rrhone@aol.com.

Mon 10 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 except Labor Day.**

Wed 12 7:00 UCH Board Meeting

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

Sun 16 11:00 Youth Group Kick-Off/Family Social

Welcome teens grades 9–12 to the first Youth Group gathering of the new year! For opening worship, sit with your family or sit together in the back of the sanctuary, then proceed to the Youth Group room (Eaton) when the younger children are sung out. Your ideas, experiences, and curiosity make this program exciting!



Teens and their families are invited to a social in the Latimer Room at 12:15 p.m. for pizza, getting to know our teens and their families, and preview of the youth group program. Parent volunteers needed to help set-up and clean-up pizza lunch. RSVP to Leeann at youth.youngadult@harrisburguu.org by 9/9/12 with family count including teen.

Wed 19 7:00 Clover Grove: Seasonal Celebration

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. This month, we prepare for the Fall Season. Join our Circle for a brief Celebration of Mabon, which will lead into an Herb Swap. Mabon is a time of balance. Jen Wallitsch is leading this Ritual for seeking balance. The Herb Swap is a concept that allows folks to share the bounty of extra plants among others. If you have an abundance of extra plants in the gardens, dig them out and share them. If you are looking for more plants for your gardens, join us, as these extra plants are given away with Open Heart and Open Mind!

All are welcome. Contact Nikki Stone, bnlady79@yahoo.com.

Fri 21 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House \$10 admission

Clover Lane Coffee House offers a series of concerts by local and traveling artists, normally monthly on the Third Friday. This month we are pleased to sponsor Texas singer/songwriter Cary Cooper, with Brad Yoder opening. Admission is \$10 at the door; all are welcome.

For the bulk of her career as a performing artist, Cary toured as half of The Dreamsicles, along with her husband, Tom Prasada-Rao. In 2004 she was the winner of the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Competition and subsequently was a finalist in numerous local folk festivals, including Falcon Ridge (New York) and Rocky Mountain (Colorado).

Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.



Sat 22 9:00 Helping Women in Prison and Their Families: Re-Entry Breakfast (Market Street)

UCH hosts the monthly breakfast for recently released prisoners, sponsored by the Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United. Volunteer cooks, buffet line servers, set up crew, table hosts, and cleanup specialists welcome! Contact Jim Cavanaugh, jimcav3790@gmail.com, or the other coordinators: Margaret Carrow, Chris Dutton, or John Hargreaves.

Sun 23 12:15 Young Adults

The young adult (YA) group is an inclusive and empowering community for young adults to have fun, network, worship, and share a collective voice as participants in UCH community. Age range is open, generally post-high school through late twenties. Join together for lunch and conversation after the 11:00 a.m. service. This is a chance to get to know like-minded UUs in your age group.



Please RSVP to Leeann Rhoades, youth.youngadult@harrisburguu.org so we'll have a headcount for lunch.

Sun 23 2:00 Hospice 101: Everything You Want and Need to Know About Hospice

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of South-central Pennsylvania, a non-profit based at Clover Lane, will present an information session on "Hospice 101." Jeanne McClintick, the Community Outreach Nurse Liaison from Hospice of Central Pennsylvania will speak about the basics of hospice, including what it is, when it is appropriate, what/where services are provided, and how it is funded. Contact Donna Hoskins-Helm, dhoskinshelm@verizon.net.

Elsewhere in September

Sept. 22: Fall Leadership Conference

Joseph Priestly District of UUA is pleased to offer an all-day conference on "Leading into the Next 50 Years," at Main Line Unitarian Church in Devon, PA.

After September

Oct. 14: UCH Hosts Statewide Environmental Conference

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light is a community of congregations, faith-based organizations, and individuals of faith responding to climate change as a moral issue, through advocacy, energy conservation, energy efficiency, and the use of clean, renewable energy. UCH is pleased to host the 2012 statewide conference, entitled "Power for Pennsylvania: Climate Change and Faith-Based Action." Details available at this link:

http://paipl.org/index_files/AM2012.htm

— Submitted by Rachel Mark



Oct. 20: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Walk with our UCH Unistriders as we take part in *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*. We start at 9:00 a.m., and the walk (with thousands of like-minded folks) takes about an hour — at the pace we choose. Each walker gets sponsors to raise money for breast cancer research, education, outreach and survivor support. Each year that I do this, I learn more about women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

— Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

Calling All Artists: LaGrone Art Sale starts Oct. 21

The COLLECTIVE is planning the fall show for October 21 and 28, 2012, and the spring show for April 21 and 28, 2013. If you have artistic inclinations, we'd love to talk to you! Contact Wally Wenklar wmmwenkla@tycoelectronics.com; Gary Fey, gary.fey@fedex.com; or Patti Hazell pahazell@yahoo.com.

— Submitted by Cordell Affeldt

Nov. 17: Living an Authentic Life

Pastoral Associates sponsors a day of spiritual growth, facilitated by Dr. Thomas Legere. Legere has been a university professor, author, and psychotherapist for over 35 years. He holds degrees in philosophy, theology, and spirituality and a Ph.D in psychology. He is also the author of three books on spirituality, including *Living an Authentic Life*.

— Submitted by Kathie Teeter

New UCH Members

Please welcome these new UUs to our congregation!

Nancy Hall

Nancy Hall is a former Air Force brat who had the privilege of living in many different places as a child. She raised two children, now adults, in Etters but currently lives in Enola with her cat, Max. She was attracted to the UCH by our commitment to social justice, diversity, and liberal views. She is interested in all of our adult education offerings as well as QueenSpirit. Her hobbies include attending concerts and plays, cooking, dancing, and gardening. She was also a volunteer at this year's Chalice Camp.



Currently unemployed, she is a nurse with many years' experience in hospice care now in the process of deciding what is next. She notes, "Life is exciting - full of possibilities." Her Connection Coach is **Susan Jones-Sink**.

Kathleen Daugherty

Kathleen is a Lutheran pastor's daughter, turned critical thinker after majoring in sociology, working in social justice advocacy for many years, and experiencing frustration with corporate religious institutions. She met Rev. Dana several years ago while helping to organize a conference with former Episcopalian Bishop John Spong. She was attracted to the UCH by our openness, focus on community service, and non-reliance on creed and dogma.



She is currently working part-time in communications at the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area. She lives off Berryhill Street in the City of Harrisburg with her dog, Matigan. Hobbies include gardening and photography. Her Connection Coach is **Kathy Stewart**.

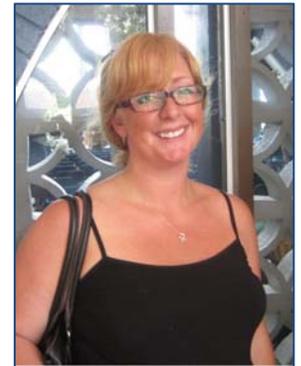
Suzanne Huffman

Suzanne Huffman is from a small town in Northwestern Pennsylvania. She graduated from Pitt in 2002 and moved to Harrisburg last year to work as a Customer Care Specialist with MARCO Promotional Products. She found the UCH online and was instantly attracted by QueenSpirit and Clover Grove. Her hobbies include dancing, running, reading and golf. She lives with her wonderful cat Amoonda and her amazing boyfriend, Tim Smith. Her Connection Coach is **Nikki Stone**.



Lisa Landis

Lisa Landis first heard of the UCH through her former Midtown neighbor, Howard Dana. With a strong background in volunteerism at soup kitchens and similar venues, she was especially attracted to our church by the "Deeds, not Creeds" focus. She is currently unemployed but does freelance marketing and graphics design; she also keeps an eBay store. She is also a soon-to-be first-time mom.



She is interested in meditation, philosophy, and yoga as well as most of our social action activities. Her hobbies including running, biking, gardening, photography and attending concerts. Her Connection Coach is **Kelly O'Neill**.

Donna Gaffney

Donna Gaffney is a retired mental health professional attracted to the UCH by our liberal views and acceptance of others. She found us through her friend, Jim Calhoun, who in turn has introduced her to Clover Lane Coffee House and the Melillo-Shemick COUCH group.

Her Connection Coach is **Lila Darling**.



Lisa Kapp, Steve Long

Lisa Kapp and Steve Long are long-time Palmyra residents who began attending services here last year with UCH member David Smith. She is a housekeeping aide at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon; he is a liberal arts person, currently



unemployed. They were both attracted to the UCH by our focus on tolerance and acceptance of all people. Notes Steve: "I feel the UCH is not just the best church community to be a part of, but in fact the only place where I feel welcome, accepted and would be willing to participate."

They are both interested in adult education and social action. Shared hobbies include walking, travel, cooking, and movies. She does crafts; he enjoys writing, philosophy and theology. Their Connection Coach is **David Smith**.

Ken Boose, Jenn Benner

Ken Boose and Jenn Benner are engaged to be married at the UCH in September. In the free tradition of our UU heritage and in accordance with Pennsylvania law, they will self-officiate at the wedding. Jenn is a Harrisburg native who attended York College (History, Political Science, Women's Studies) and American University (Master of Public Policy). She returned to Harrisburg in 2010 to work for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, which is a project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. She has a friend who is a UU minister and located us via our website. Ken was raised by his father and has a four-year-old son from a prior relationship. Currently unemployed, he has worked as a factory machinist, carpenter, and landscapist.

The Boose-Benners are interested in our Adult Education program and the Parenting Group. His hobbies include basketball, woodwork, crafts, landscape maintenance, and dancing; hers include crafts, reading, walking and music. Their Connection Coaches are **Dana and Rachel Sink**.



April Walsh

April Walsh is a client manager at Highmark, who is starting a side business called "Food Presents." She and her husband, Dave, have three children: Blake (13), Conner (6), and Violet (2). They live in Mechanicsburg.



She was raised as a non-denominational Christian and later converted to Catholicism. She heard about a program started by UUs and then found the UCH on the internet. She is interested in helping with the website/Facebook, and assisting with children's RGL. Her hobbies include cooking, golf, and social media.

Her Connection Coach is **Wendy Shaver/Nick Wilson**.

Baby Bolling

John and Em Bolling are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Elizabeth Bolling, born at 7:01 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2012. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

She joins big sister, Brynne, at home.



Other News

Helping Women in Prison and their Families

This lay-led ministry has accomplished a lot over the past 10 years, including:

- Getting the Sunday classified ads to the women from the work release center so they can find jobs. You can help by bringing yours to church on Sunday or being part of the rotating delivery team that takes them to the PROGRAM's Community Center at 1515 Derry Street where the job search happens.
- Creative Writing classes for the women at Work Release. Lisa Acri and Mary Henninger Voss and their friend Niurka Reyes-Garcia have been leading these classes for many years, and the books of poetry that result are posted on our HWIPF bulletin board in the Common Room at Clover Lane - check them out!
- Book discussions of gripping ones like *Laughing in The Dark* by Patrice Gaines (our first and still valuable reading) to *Doing Life*, a portrayal of men and women serving life sentences in Pennsylvania prisons, our most recent one.
- GED tutoring at the PROGRAM's Community Center. We work mainly one-on-one with the women and men served by the PROGRAM. We offer math (the hardest subject) on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Language Arts /Social Studies on Thursdays, all 9:30 - noon. Michael Mark coordinates the volunteer schedule.
- Supporting the monthly re-entry breakfasts (page 6) organized at a different church each month by the Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United. UCH members have helped for many years by driving the women from Promise Place, a halfway house for women coming out of state prison, to the breakfast.

— Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

Kelly O'Neill Photos Published

Yellow-crowned night-herons, an endangered bird species in Pennsylvania, have been nesting in Midtown this year.

To raise awareness of their need for clean water and trees for habitat, UCH member Kelly O'Neill took many photos several of which were published with a detailed article in the *Patriot News* on August 5, still available at this link:

www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/08/endangered_birds_have_begun_ne.html



Judith Heh

UCH member Judi Heh was inducted into the Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame on August 12, with special honors. She first registered to vote in 1961 in Allegheny County and voted for the first time in the Primary of that year. In 1982, she moved to Cumberland County and has voted here ever since.

Pennsylvanians who vote in every General Election for 50 years are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Judith was recognized for "double" civic duty: voting in every Primary and General Election since 1961. The award was presented by the Cumberland County Commissioners.

