



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

Minister's Message

Excerpted and expanded from the sermon of 2/17/13



Our time together as minister and congregation is quickly coming to a close. Soon the Board of Trustees will settle on an interim minister to serve UCH next year. I have accepted an invitation to serve as Senior Minister of First Parish Church in Concord, MA; I will be leading worship at UCH twice more—April 21 and May 12. In a matter of weeks our

ministry together will be over. And this is a very natural progression. Ministers and their congregation have satisfactorily parted ways for as long as there have been churches. Our parting means the beginning of an exciting new chapter for you and for me.

After we formally say goodbye on May 12, I want to assure you that things will run smoothly until the interim minister arrives in mid-August. The UCH staff has been planning for this transition since December. I will continue to be employed by UCH through the end of the fiscal year. I will take three weeks of vacation in May and the month of June as my study leave. Should a pastoral emergency arise before the end of June, I will be happily available. For July and the first part of August, Rev. Kathie Teeter and the UCH Pastoral Associates will be available for pastoral care.

Worship will continue as well. We are planning a wonderful summer series just like we have for many years. Members of UCH will provide worship leadership at both campuses. This year we have a new Worship Arts Ministry, headed by Kate Carpenter and Linda Pehlman, which is actively recruiting speakers for the summer series; Sparkie Radcliffe and I are assisting with logistics (page 3). You can look forward to engaging services at both campuses through Labor Day weekend, just like last year. Once we know who the interim minister is, we will be in touch with him/her to do some worship planning for the fall.

In the time that we have together, I hope that we will bring as much intentionality to parting well as we have in walking together for 13 years. I have learned so much from you all and continue to have a deep and abiding love for UCH. My dearest hope is that you make it through the brief transition to the interim ministry well. And then I hope that you will engage with that interim minister to get ready for another fruitful, long, settled ministry. I know both of these things are possible. Harrisburg needs UCH, and UCH needs you.

See you in church.

Love, Howard

**Annual Meeting
Saturday May 18**

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

April 2013 At-a-Glance

Please check website for last-minute updates

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Mon 1	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 2	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG), Chuck Daley
		Green Sanctuary Film/Discussion, Rachel Mark
Wed 3	6:00	Queen Spirit, Randa Todd
Sun 7	9:00	"Hope Amid Transition," Rev. Dr. Richard Speck, Joseph Priestly District Executive
	11:00	Book Shuffle Drop-Off (both services)
Mon 8	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 9	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 10	7:00	Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Sat 13	9:00	Common Ground Café, Clay Lambert
Sun 14	9:00	Moral Issues Forum: <i>The Changing Understanding of Sexual Identity</i> Book Shuffle Drop-Off (both services)
	11:00	Multigenerational Service: <i>Music for the Soul</i> Book Shuffle Drop-Off (both services)
	12:30	Helping Women in Prison and their Families, John Hargreaves
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Don Brown
Mon 15	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 16	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 17	7:00	"Seven Candles," JD Stillwater
		Clover Grove, Nikki Stone-Thonus
Fri 19	7:00	LaGrone Book Shuffle, Jessica Chuckalovcak
	7:00	The OLIVER COLLECTIVE art sale, Gary Fey
	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House, Bart Carpenter
Sat 20	9:00	Clover Lane Ground Clean-Up, Ron Skrabut
	9:00	Adopt-a-Highway, John Hargreaves
	7:30	Movie Classics Night, Judy Linder
Sun 21	9:00	"The Workshop of Our Common Endeavor," the Rev. Howard Dana
	11:00	Book Shuffle, Art Sale
Mon 22	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 23	7:00	Silent MMG, Daley
		UCH 101, Bart Carpenter
Sat 27	9:00	Common Ground Café, Lambert
	9:00	Rebuilding Together workday, Dave Powell
Sun 28	9:00	"Joy in the Midst of Sorrow," Rabbi Carl Choper
	11:00	Book Shuffle, Art Sale
Mon 29	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 30	7:00	MMG, Daley

Market Street Event

President's Message



Last month we paused for Memorial Services for three life members and the spouse of another long-term member. We took time to honor and reflect on the lives of Dick Anliot, Dick Hoke, Polly Schell, and Tom Brown. All contributed to our community in many ways over the years. As a newer member of only four years, I knew Dick Anliot from Sunday services and Dick Hoke through the Philosophy and Literature Group. I will miss both of them. Our long-term members will, of course, miss them all.

It is interesting that the book this month for Philosophy and Literature is Alan Watt's *The Wisdom of Insecurity* (page 8). Watts discusses both life and death in terms of impermanence:

Music is a delight because of its rhythm and flow. Yet the moment you arrest the flow and prolong a note or chord beyond its time, the rhythm is destroyed. Because life is likewise a flowing process, change and death are its necessary parts. To work for their exclusion is to work against life.

We all have to deal with changes in our lives. Some are painful, some are joyous. Our Beloved Community at UCH can buoy us through these changes; our fellow members can be an important support when we need it. Our church can indeed be a beacon of love as well as a place for spiritual exploration as we face the ultimate questions of existence.

As a church we are also experiencing change, now at an accelerating pace. In August our Interim Minister will be arriving. The Board has completed another step in the process of requesting a minister that will fill the needs of our church for the next two years. We have sent in the formal application ahead of the April 11 deadline and will be asking the UUA for a recommendation. The application included feedback from "Brew with the Board" sessions and careful thought by all trustees.

After checking references, including his/her last assignment, the Board can either accept the recommended minister or ask for a different one. We are hoping for someone who will, of course, be perfect! Joking aside, we will be looking for someone who is a certified interim minister and experienced with the process the congregation needs to transition to a settled minister.

Dr. Richard Speck, our Joseph Priestly District Executive, will be at both services on April 7 to discuss the process with all of us. I highly recommend that all of you make an effort to attend one of those services. He will be there to answer your questions about the purpose of an interim ministry, including your responsibilities. I feel that it is important, of course, to welcome our interim minister, be patient and kind, support his or her ministry, be open minded to his or her counsel, and maintain our Covenant of Right Relations in all situations.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful!

Judy

Springtime at Market Street



Sunday Service Assignments for April

APRIL	9:00 CLOVER LANE		11:00 MARKET STREET	
DATE	TRUSTEE	USHER	TRUSTEE	USHER
Apr 7	Laura Edinger	John/Carole Gilbert	Phil Hoskins-Helm	Karen Mallah, Paul Moore
Apr 14	Marilyn McHenry	David Spear	Dennis Hursh	Steve Todd, Chris Dutton
Apr 21	Judy Linder	Andrea/Alec MacDonald	Mary Henninger-Voss	Nej Meflah, Ruth Salinkas
Apr 28	Tom Teeter	Jim/Nan Cavanaugh	Chris Dutton	Deb/Bill Manlove

Summer Worship Services

The ministerial staff and the Worship Arts Ministry are actively planning for summer services and beginning to prepare for the fall. For the summer, we are planning a set of first-person sermons on "This I Believe" at 10:00 a.m. at Clover Lane. At Market Street, summer services will be at 10:30 a.m., with a separate theme each month. All services are lay-led. The newly formed Worship Arts Ministry comprises Kate Carpenter, Linda Pehlman, and Sparkie Radcliffe.

How are lay speakers chosen? Earlier this year, all those involved with planning our worship met to discuss potential summer speakers who might have stories to share from their personal spiritual journeys, with preference given to folks whose voices have not been heard. Please feel free to nominate yourself or (with their permission) another church member. Approximately 20 are being selected, with an attention to creating a balance between gender, age, and newer members versus longer-standing members. The balance is often difficult to maintain, depending upon how people respond to the invitation.

Once we have the final slate of speakers, a group meeting will be held for all speakers, to share information on sermon-writing and tips on running a productive worship service. Each speaker is paired with an experienced lay liturgist to help guide him/her through the assigned worship service.

—Submitted by the Worship Arts Ministry

Fiscal Year End Reminder — Request from your Stewardship Coordinator! As you know, we're starting to wind down the pledge year and will soon be starting a new fiscal year. Please clearly mark your check with the fiscal year to which your check should be posted. Simply write "2012-13 Pledge" or "2013-14 Pledge" on the memo line and we'll take it from there! Thanks in advance for your help!

—Submitted by Alanna Berger

Espresso Your Love for the UCH!

Pledging Allows for Planning!

I am a member of the UCH Stewardship Committee because I know that our outreach activities, RGL programs, Sunday services, and ministry to members and the community will not continue without dependable support from a successful stewardship drive. Your pledges allow our planning for the coming year! If we pledge generously, we will be able to welcome our interim minister with a budget that provides for adequate staffing, well maintained buildings, and a caring and cared-for congregation. If you have returned your pledge card, thank you for partnering with UCH for the coming year. If we haven't received your pledge, please return your card to a Stewardship Committee member, add it to the collection plate, or go to the UCH web site. We're counting on you as we plan!

—Submitted by Meg Conners



Helping Women in Prison and Their Families: Diane Metzger

HWIPF is pleased to announce completion of the fund-raiser to "Free Diane's Spirit." Diane Metzger (b. 1949) has been in prison continuously for 37 years. Her extraordinary accomplishments during that time have been recognized in educational, religious, and cultural forums. She is the first woman in prison in Pennsylvania history to earn a bachelor's degree while incarcerated; she subsequently received a master's degree in history/humanities. When we visited her in December, she reported increasing physical difficulty in writing by hand. In response, HWIPF raised more than \$300 to obtain a typewriter and typing supplies via the prison commissary.

—Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh



LaGrone Events This Month

The mission of The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee is to generate, broaden, and nurture post-secondary aspirations of Harrisburg School District students by providing personal support and advocacy; providing financial assistance for post-secondary education; involving UCH members in action toward this purpose; and maintaining the legacy of Oliver LaGrone as the inspiration for the scholarship. Our Oliver LaGrone Scholarship program offers the largest local scholarship available to graduates of the Harrisburg School District. Scholars receive \$5000 over four years, i.e., \$1250 annually. Twice-annual fund-raisers sustain the scholarship and here's how **you can help**.

Groundwork: Two Sundays, April 7 and 14

If you are an artist in any medium, **THE OLIVER COLLECTIVE** welcomes your talent (and the output thereof)! Please contact Gary Fey gary.fey@fedex.com to have your art added to this year's catalog. If you have books, CDs, DVDs or other items related to narrative and literary arts, intake occurs before and after services April 7 and April 14 at both campuses. If you can offer a refreshment on "LaGrone Friday," please contact Margaret Carrow margaret.carrow@navy.mil to add your name to the list.

Opening Night Soirée: Friday, April 19

Friday, April 19, is "LaGrone Friday." Clover Lane Coffee House (page 9) is co-hosted this month by **THE OLIVER COLLECTIVE** and the Book Shuffle. Come early to browse for books or art, then stay for the concert, the art boutique, and the book sale.

Exhibition, Book/Art Sale Two Sundays, April 21 and 28

Join us in the celebration by viewing, admiring, and acquiring gorgeous works of art, decorative and functional, created by members and friends of UCH. All of the monies received support college scholarships for Harrisburg High School graduates. To date, over \$13,500 has been raised!

At Clover Lane, both the Book Shuffle and a boutique art show take place following Sunday services. At Market Street, the main art exhibition will be held. Please note: cash and checks only; no credit cards.

Religious Growth and Learning

Thank you to the Kraft Group for the generous donation to the children's program. Under the leadership of Lauren Welker, and with the support of folks at coffee hour, their time and creativity raised \$240!

Do you want to get to know some of those cute children you see gathered on the chancel during the children's message? Volunteers are needed for children's RGL during summer services. The story-based program is fun and relaxed. Contact Trish Brandon at RGL@harrisburgUU.org if you can help a couple Sundays or if you'd like to be an activity leader. Specific dates can be decided later if necessary.

— Submitted by Trish Brandon

Youth Group

"Thank you" from the Youth Group to all who supported and attended our *Youth Sunday Service: Questioning Assumptions*. Through the two-month development process, we uncovered hidden musical talents, questioned/discussed opposing points of view, and shared favorite poets, writers, and songs. We learned more about each other's passions, ideas, and talents; learning and bonding are achieved through the process. Some teen quotes from post-Youth Sunday reflections: "The final product was very cohesive and impressive, and accurately reflected the feelings of the youth." "I felt great and proud." "I enjoyed feeling part of a group."

Youth Group is gearing up for our mission trip to The Pilgrimage in Washington, DC from June 16 – 22. On March 24, April Ocasio, from Isaiah 61 Ministries, shared images and experiences from her work with the homeless in Harrisburg. We now have a better understanding of the causes and obstacles associated with homelessness. On April 21, we will be preparing and sharing lunch with women and children at Bethesda Mission. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of the work we can do in our own backyard!

—Submitted by Leeann Rhoades



Membership

News about your fellow UUs

Chandler Scott-Smith

Congratulations to Chandler Scott-Smith for being awarded a scholarship to the 2013 Adirondack Backpacking Adventure by the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). NOLS is a non-profit outdoor education school based in the United States dedicated to teaching environmental ethics, technical outdoor skills, safety and judgment, and leadership on extended wilderness expeditions.

The NOLS mission is to be the leading source and teacher of wilderness skills and leadership that serve people and the environment. NOLS has courses for almost all wilderness environments and for almost any age group. Skills taught include backpacking, canoeing, whitewater kayaking, packrafting, caving, rock climbing, fly fishing, horse-packing, sea kayaking, mountaineering, rafting, sailing, skiing, and snowboarding. NOLS has trained more than 120,000 students.

Jim Calhoun and Donna Gaffney



UCH members Jim Calhoun and Donna Gaffney were married on Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Clover Lane, the Rev. Howard Dana officiating.

Jackson Douglas Stone



Jackson Douglas Stone was dedicated during 9:00 a.m. services on Sunday, March 17, 2013, the Rev. Howard Dana officiating. He is the son of UCH members Ben and Nikki Stone-Thonus and grandson of UCH member Pat Kauffman. Rev. Dana conducted a ceremony that focused on the four elements: earth, air, water, and fire. Also present were Jackson's maternal grandparents, Vickie and Mike Stone, and his godparents, Courtney and William Maurer.

Dick Hoke

Richard Roy Hoke, 84, a life member of the UCH, died March 10 at his home in Camp Hill. Services were held March 23 at Clover Lane, the Rev. Howard Dana officiating.

Dick is survived by his wife, Nathalie; five children and their families: Della Hoke, also a UCH member; Sharyl Strong; Lara Hoke; Christina Anderson; and Jeremy Hoke; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Kevin. At the UCH, Dick served on the Board of Trustees for many years and was a member of the Philosophy and Literature Book Group for 30 years; he loved books and learning. Memorial contributions may be made to the UCH or to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Polly Schell

Pauline Schell, 96, a life member of the UCH, died March 16 at her home in Mechanicsburg. Services were held March 21 at Myers Funeral Home, the Rev. Gloria McPherson is officiating.

Polly is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bob; their two children, Russell Schell and Janet Roux; multiple grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

At the UCH, for many years she was responsible for flower arrangements in the sanctuary at Clover Lane, both for weekly services and special events. Contributions can be made to Hospice of Central Pennsylvania, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110.

Membership

News about your fellow UUs

Susan Rimby

Congratulations to Susan Rimby on publication of her book, *Mira Lloyd Dock and the Progressive Era Conservation Movement*, the first biography of the noted conservationist. The book was also "Pick of the Month" by WITF. From [Amazon.com](#):

Mira Lloyd Dock was a Progressive's Progressive. An ardent conservationist, a well-trained botanist, and a tireless member of the Pennsylvania State Forest Commission, this early 20th Century Pennsylvanian fought hard for women's rights and conservation in the Keystone State and throughout the country.

Dock is a reminder, Susan Rimby's fine biography makes clear, of the power that an engaged citizenry holds in its quest for social equality and environmental justice.

Susan is a Professor of History at Shippensburg University.



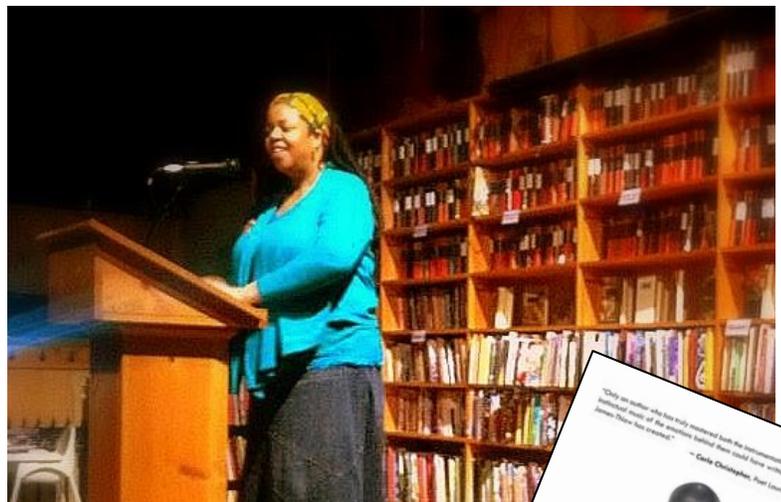
Maria Thiauw

Congratulations to Maria James-Thiauw upon the publication of *Talking "White,"* a collection of lyric poetry that takes a hard look at the intra-cultural bullying that takes place within the African American community. It is the most recent publication from [postdadamedia.com](#).

Maria is a professor at Central Pennsylvania College.

With poems like "Ostracized," "Keeping It Real," and "The Post-Black Manifesto," Maria James-Thiauw skillfully brings cultural identity politics to light. At the same time she honors literary ancestors including Langston Hughes, Jean Toomer and others in her own family who rose above their circumstances and overcame obstacles. James-Thiauw bridges the gap between page and stage with a collection of poetry that is moving and emotional, unapologetically tackling tough issues. *Talking "White"* is a thought-provoking look at how a new generation of African Americans define identity.

— Marilyn Kallet, prize-winning poet and professor at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville



Nominations for Board of Trustees

Nominations are currently being taken for positions on the Board of Trustees. If interested in running, please contact a current Board member or the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC).

Mon 1 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.

Led by Ed Sykes, esykes@state.pa.us. No experience necessary!

Repeats every Monday.

Tue 2 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.

Tue 2 7:00 Green Sanctuary

Green Sanctuary meets monthly to develop environment-related programs that support our members, our church and our wider community. This month, the group sponsors a viewing and discussion of the provocative film, *We Are All Apocalyptic Now: Moral Responsibilities in Crisis Times*. The film is a recording of a presentation by Prof. Robert Jensen (University of Texas/Austin) at the Public Affairs Forum of First Unitarian Universalist Church in Austin.

In this amazing talk, Jensen discusses the need for a "calm apocalypticism" that takes seriously the social and ecological crises we face. Rather than search for magical solutions in religion or technology, he argues for a realistic program that challenges the unjust and unsustainable systems of power that currently structure our world. Coordinated by Rachel Mark, rachelmark@paonline.com.



Wed 3 6:00 Queen Spirit: "The Joys and Blessings of Essential Oils"

Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, Kandy Melillo and Debbie Page present a circle sharing the many uses of essential oils, showing how they can enrich and improve your life. All women are encouraged to bring something for the altar that has improved and enriched their lives. Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share, plus your place setting and serving spoons and plates.

We come 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 13 9:00 Common Ground Café

Market Street

In collaboration with the Shared Ministry, the UCH is now in its fourth year of operating the Common Ground Café at our Market Street campus. It occurs on the second and last Saturday of the month, and attendance continues to increase!

The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome. We also need volunteers to work with neighborhood children. To join the e-list of community volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert, commongroundbreakfast@gmail.com. **Repeats April 27.**

Sun 14 9:00 Moral Issues Forum: "The Changing Understanding of Sexual Identity"

The Forum meets on the Second Sunday each month for lecture/discussion on moral and ethical issues from a non-religious viewpoint. Normally, a speaker presents his/her views on a topic with ethical and moral implications, then the floor is open for discussion and questions. This month, our topic is "The Changing Understanding of Sexual Identity."

Our understanding of sexual identity has changed dramatically in recent decades. With the recognition of L, G, B, and T, we are no longer one type, or even two, but many. How does this change our understanding of what sexual identity is? What implications does it have for the heterosexual community? Note: this session will involve mature themes but will be appropriate for a general audience. A video on a related topic is click-able from the event website, featuring a talk by former Episcopal bishop Gene Robinson. For more information, please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.



Note: following the Forum, we will discuss planning and scheduling for next year (2013-2014). Please bring your best ideas for an exciting new year!

Sun 14 11:00 Multigenerational Service: Music for the Soul

Market Street

Music for the Soul. This year we celebrate the 10+ year anniversary of Sparkie Radcliffe as our Music Director! April 14 is "Music for the Soul," and we plan to celebrate in style! All and sundry are encouraged to mail or bring a card with a personal memory of Sparkie's ministry. There is a collection box near the freezer at Market Street and a mail slot on the far right end over the coat rack at Clover Lane. And at the end of the service, everyone will have a chance to put 'em together for our own Director of Music Ministry!

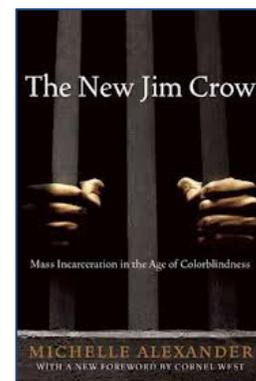


Sparkie has been a part of the music ministry at UCH for most of her life. She started playing the piano for worship services at age 12. For many years she served in the volunteer position as chair of the music committee. In 2003, she was hired as Director of Music Ministry. She also serves on the leadership team of the Dauphin County Getting Ahead Project and as a liaison to the Joseph Priestley District for the UU Musicians Network (UUMN).

Sun 14 12:30 Helping Women in Prison and Their Families

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness (2010) has sold over 175,000 copies, was on the *New York Times* Best Seller List for 10 consecutive months, has been called the "secular bible for a new social movement in early twenty-first-century America" by philosopher Cornel West — and has become the source of scholarly debate and criticism. It is also the UUA's "Common Read" for 2012-13.

Author Michelle Alexander is a graduate of Stanford Law School and served for several years as director of the Racial Justice Project at the ACLU of Northern California, which spearheaded a national campaign against racial profiling by law enforcement. She directed the Civil Rights Clinic at Stanford Law School. As a practicing attorney, she specialized in plaintiff-side class action suits alleging race and gender discrimination. She now holds a joint appointment at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State.



In *The New Jim Crow*, Alexander argues that mass incarceration in America functions as a system of racial control in a way similar to how Jim Crow once operated. Her work draws attention to the racial disparity that exists in the criminal justice system. Alexander notes, "Race plays a major role—indeed, a defining role—in the current system, but not because of what is commonly understood as old-fashioned, hostile bigotry. This system of control depends far more on racial indifference (defined as a lack of compassion and caring about race and racial groups) than racial hostility—a feature it actually shares with its predecessors."

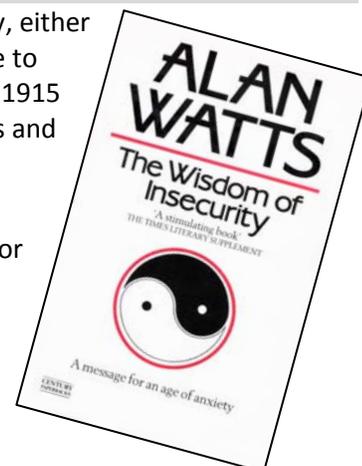
Join the HWIPF lay-led ministry in a passionate discussion of this important work! Additional information available from Jim Cavenaugh, nanjim65@verizon.net, or John Hargreaves, cierpinski@comcast.net.

Sun 14 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month except May, either at Clover Lane or in a church member's home. This month, the group meets at Clover Lane to discuss *The Wisdom of Insecurity: A Message for an Age of Anxiety*, by Alan Watts. Watts (1915–1973) was a British-born philosopher, writer, and speaker, who wrote more than 25 books and articles on subjects important to Eastern and Western religion, including *The Way of Zen* (1957) and *Psychotherapy East and West* (1961).

Published in 1951, *The Wisdom of Insecurity* is described as an exploration of man's quest for psychological security and spiritual certainty in religion and philosophy.

Any person who loves serious fiction and non-fiction is invited to join the group. Contact Don Brown, dabrown57@gmail.com.



Wed 17 7:00 "Seven Candles"

If you missed the multimedia service last month, you can catch the discussion version, led by J.D. Stillwater! The "Seven Candles" are direct expressions of well-established scientific and cosmological phenomena. They are also seven deeply spiritual truths. Seven Candles is NOT "proof of God," nor is it "proof there's no God." It's just science, described in a way that deliberately uncovers, emphasizes, and embraces the spiritual implications of these scientific discoveries. We live at a time when discoveries by the scientific community are challenging our perceptions of reality. As in Galileo's time, we can choose to experience these new-found truths as obstacles in our spiritual paths, or we can embrace them, striding towards a deeper, more connected life.



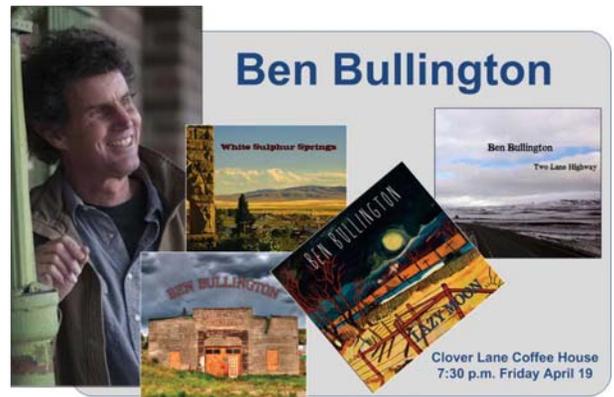
JD Stillwater is a science educator, author and thinker. He is a student of physics, cosmology and the workings and origins of the world in which we live. He is also a long-time member of the UCH and former president of the Board of Trustees. He has presented "Seven Candles" at multiple venues across the Mid-Atlantic.

Fri 19 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House \$10 donation

Clover Lane Coffee House offers a series of concerts by local and traveling artists, normally on the Third Friday of every month. This month, we welcome Ben Bullington, a Montana-based singer/songwriter - and a former family doctor! Admission is \$10 donation at the door; all are welcome.

Tonight's concert is co-sponsored by **THE OLIVER COLLECTIVE** and the LaGrone Book Shuffle (page 4). Refreshment sales benefit the LaGrone Scholarship fund as do book and art sales.

In the tradition of poet-troubadours like Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen, Bullington tells stories that explore what it means to be a citizen in these perilous times. His songs are urgent dispatches from the front lines of America's war with its own heart and soul. He finds his material in truck-stop diners, VFW dance halls, jittery waiting rooms, and the sun-warmed stones of a castle observed from his window in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, the small town where he helped raise three sons while working as a country doctor.



"Ben Bullington's work draws life-breath from the earth, rivers, sky and people of Montana," says Rodney Crowell, the Nashville legend who also plays guitar and performs a duet on Bullington's second CD, *White Sulphur Springs*. "In the same way Guy Clark's jeweler's vision captures the eloquent essence of Texas culture without being regional, Ben frames the stillness of Montana winters, the strength of her women and the spiritual bankruptcy of no-account politicians with disarming ease. Plus, the guy's a pretty damn good doctor for a songwriter.

Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Sat 20 8:55 Adopt-a-Highway

The Adopt-a-Highway cadre is responsible for two miles of Lindle Road near the Clover Lane campus. Policing actions are held in the spring, summer and fall. **THIS IS THE DAY.** PennDOT provides orange safety vests and highway warning signs that we use during litter pick-ups. It also provides trash bags and picks up the bagged litter from the roadside.

Volunteers must be at least eight years old, and those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact John Hargreaves, cierpinski@comcast.net. Meet at Clover Lane to start.



Sat 20 9:00 Clover Lane Grounds Clean-Up

It's that time of year! Members of the congregation are encouraged to turn out for a morning of weeding, clearing flower beds, and spreading mulch. No experience necessary – just a willingness to pitch in! You can bring your own tools or use the church's.

To join the list of permanent volunteers (including having your very own flower bed!), please contact Ron Skrabut, ronskrabut@hotmail.com.

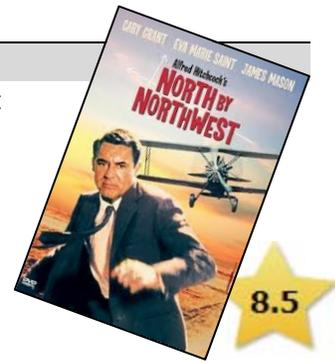


Sat 20 7:30 Movie Classics

Come one, come all! UCH members and friends are invited to a family-friendly "Saturday Night at the Movies," featuring *North by Northwest*. The 1959 thriller was directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason. 136 minutes.

A hapless New York advertising executive is mistaken for a government agent by a group of foreign spies and is pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive.

Bring snacks or finger food to pass. Contact Judy Linder, jclinder09@gmail.com.



Tue 23 7:00 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 the Rev. Howard Dana and Membership Action Council coordinator Bart Carpenter for a discussion about Unitarian Universalism in general and the UCH in particular! If you would like reading material ahead of time or advance copies of the handouts, please contact Bart Carpenter, a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.



Sat 27 9:00 Race Against Racism

It's that time of year! The UCH is fielding a team in the annual "Race against Racism" on City Island. The race raises significant funds to support racial justice programs at the YWCA of Greater Harrisburg and also promotes awareness of the issues that surround racial injustice in the larger community. Pre-register at www.ywcahb.org; please contact Libby Tisdell, ejt11@psu.edu for additional information.



Other April Events

April 3: Torch of Global Enlightenment

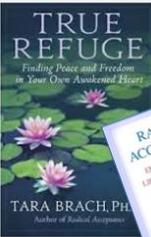
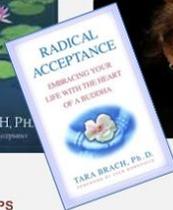
The Religion and Society Center and The World Affairs Council of Harrisburg are collaborating to present the Torch Awards at Dixon Center, 2986 North Second Street. The UCH will be honored as an organization that "advances the exploration and development of religiously-based social teachings for today's multi-cultural and multi-faith society." Pre-registration required for the awards banquet at 7:00pm.

—Submitted by Rabbi Carl Choper

April 5-7: UU Buddhist Fellowship Convocation

The biennial convocation of the UU Buddhist Fellowship will be held in the Baltimore area this biennium, led by guest teacher, Tara Brach, PhD, founder of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington. She is a leading Western teacher of Buddhist meditation, emotional healing and spiritual awakening. She has practiced and taught meditation for over 35 years, with an emphasis on *vipassana* (mindfulness/insight) meditation. A clinical psychologist, Tara is the author of *Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of a Buddha* and *True Refuge: Finding Peace & Freedom in Your Own Awakened Heart*. Advance registration required. —Submitted by Chuck Daley

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WORKSHOPS

- Nonviolent Communication and Prison Dharma
- What's in the Pure Land for Unitarian Universalists?
- The Hidden Lamp: Stories of Buddhist Women through the Centuries

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Rebuilding Together Workday: April 27

Today is *National Rebuilding Day*, and you can lend a hand! Rebuilding Together Greater Harrisburg's (RTGH) is the local organization that participates in this national program by helping preserve and revitalize homes in low-income neighborhoods. UCH member David Powell is an active volunteer and has issued a call for carpenters, painters, and other handi(wo)man types. If interested/available, please contact Dave at 717-796-7635 or xrsyz39@gmail.com. Participants also receive a free T-shirt, lunch on site, and a picnic dinner later in the day. —Submitted by David Powell

Save The Date

May 4 South Allison Hill Multicultural Festival

May 10 Farewell Party for Rev. Howard Dana

May 18 Annual Meeting at Clover Lane