



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

Interim Minister Eric Posa



The Rev. Eric Posa has agreed to serve as interim minister at the UCH for the next two years. His approach to interim ministry emphasizes listening and relationality. Following UUA guidelines, the first year of interim ministry focuses on helping the congregation attain clarity in its mission while the second focuses on calling the new minister.

Eric is a former atheist. His theology today is diverse, focused on "faith seeking understanding" from multiple sources. He is inspired by stories of the ministry of Jesus, found in the Gospel writings, especially Jesus' teachings on serving the marginalized while rejecting idolatries of empire. He values Gospel and other sacred stories, not for any literal truth they claim, but for the metaphorical truth of their teachings.

Eric notes: A church and an interim minister with contrasting theological perspectives often find themselves matched together. Eric believes this contrast is good, even healthy: "We as people of covenant, not creed, are called to accept, even affirm, those people whose perspectives differ from our own. That includes hearing our various views on life and faith with minds open enough to be changed, even as we continue to affirm our core values."

Eric is a native Texan who spent most of his life in the Southwest. He became a UU in 1994, at Denton UU Fellowship, Denton, TX. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in philosophy from University of North Texas (UNT). He was ordained to the UU ministry in 2005, after completing Master of Divinity degrees at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Over the past 10 years, he has served in multiple religious positions, including hospital chaplain, called minister (College Station, TX), and interim minister at several congregations. He has completed three tiers of training with the ecumenical Interim Ministry Network (IMN) and is IMN-certified as a Transitional Ministry Specialist. Within the UUA, he attends the annual seminars of the UU Interim Ministers' Guild, receiving specialized training at each one on issues ranging from staff supervision to facilitating mission and vision work in congregations. Eric makes a point to seek out additional training annually, understanding that learning interim ministry, like all learning, is a life-long process.

He comes to the UCH from the UU Church of Greensboro, NC, where he just completed a term as interim minister -- and was actively engaged in social action, as he has been throughout his ministry. Among other things, he worked with Occupy Greensboro's Alliance Building Working Group to make connections throughout the community and led interfaith worship at the encampment site; in March, he participated in the United for Marriage rally in Washington, D.C., on the day the Supreme Court heard arguments on same-sex marriage.

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

June 2013 At-a-Glance

Please check website for last-minute updates

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 2	10:00	"This I Believe" service, Marj Forster "Seven Candles," JD Stillwater
	10:30	"Attitude of Gratitude" service, Tammy Adams
	5:00	HPIPATF dinner, John Hargreaves
Mon 3	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
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
	7:30	Movie Classics, <i>The Iron Lady</i> , Judy/Larry Linder
Sun 9	10:00	Moral Issues Forum, "A Thoughtful Discussion on Guns," David Spear
	10:30	"Attitude of Gratitude," Marjy Schubauer-Hartman
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Don Brown
Mon 10	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 11	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 12	7:00	Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Sun 16	10:00	"This I Believe" service, Debbie Reihart, followed by Coffee with the Board
	10:30	"Attitude of Gratitude" service, Kathleen Daugherty, followed by Coffee with the Board
Mon 17	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 18	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 19	6:00	Clover Grove, Nikki Stone-Thonus
Sun 23	10:00	"This I Believe" service, Paul Haidet
	10:30	"Attitude of Gratitude" service, Mary Kay Doyle
Mon 24	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 25	7:00	Silent MMG, Daley
Sat 29	9:00	Common Ground Café, Lambert
	4:00	Humanism Lay-Led Ministry picnic, David Spear
Sun 30	10:30	"This I Believe" service, Laura Shemick
	10:30	"Attitude of Gratitude" service, Wendy Shaver, Nick Wilson, and Maggie Shaver-Wilson

Market Street Event

Summer Services

10:00 a.m. Clover Lane
10:30 a.m. Market Street

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President's Message



I'd like to thank all who attended the Annual Meeting and participated in the governance of our church. Trustees elected for 3-year terms are Nan Cavanaugh, Dave Forster, Clay Lambert, and myself, and Andy Loza, elected for a 1-year term. Retiring from the Board are Warren Hardman, Phil Hoskins-Helm,

and Tom Teeter. We should thank all of them for their service and effort to care for our church.

AS I LOOK OVER the *Annual Report for 2012-13* I am amazed at what we, as a church, have accomplished. There are 17 lay-led ministries, five day-to-day ministries, and five Market Street programs. These groups, plus staff, compiled a 30-page report. I remember one reason that Larry and I joined UCH was because of the diversity and choice of activities. There are so many opportunities to be part of the vibrant life of this church. Other ministries are possible if the interest and volunteers are there.

The format of this year's Annual Meeting was the same as last year. We had the formal business meeting first, elected Trustees, and discussed and approved the budget for next year. The meeting was then adjourned, and an informal meeting followed. I am pleased to say that everyone stayed for the informal meeting. We had an unstructured discussion that offered a variety of opinions, and the Board received insightful and helpful feedback. Our Covenant of Right Relations was followed by everyone, giving voice to the minority as well as the majority in a respectful way.

OF COURSE THE BIG NEWS is the hiring of Rev. Eric Posa as our new interim minister. Eric will be joining us on August 8 after moving, with his wife Suzi, to the Harrisburg area. As a member of the UU Interim Ministers' Guild, he has had specialized training in facilitating mission and vision work,

staff supervision, and engaging conflict constructively. Eric sees himself as a "coach" to guide our congregation through our transition to a settled minister. He is joining us because of his experience and skill in impartially identifying the issues in a congregation. Once he has helped us assess our strengths and weaknesses he will initiate specific strategies for us. In addition, he will be responsible for worship, pastoral care, and other ministerial duties. To read about Eric's background, theology, and interim ministry, please visit Eric's web page: <http://revericposa.blogspot.com/>.

ONE OF THE FIRST TASKS that Eric asked us to do was to assemble a Transition Team for him. I'm pleased to announce that five thoughtful, skilled members have accepted the invitation to join his team. They are Kevin Geist, Karen Grimm-Thomas, John Hargreaves, Andrea MacDonald, and David Spear. Their responsibility is to provide Eric with their insights, their facilitative talent, and their willingness to help where needed as we go down the path of transition.

In August the team will be setting up meetings for Eric with staff and lay leaders. Eric will be available for pastoral conversations beginning Friday, August 9. For those of you interested in reading more about the transition process from interim to settled minister I recommend you read *In the Interim: Strategies for Interim Ministers and Congregations*, available in paperback from www.uuabookstore.org or as an e-book from Amazon.com.

I've started reading this book, and it is a well written outline of the transition process and the role of an Interim Minister. It is a good way for all of us to share reasonable expectations about our next two years. As a congregation we will have lots of interesting work to do.

May all be healthy, happy, and peaceful! *Judy*

Sunday Service Assignments for June

Summer Services

10:00 a.m. Clover Lane
10:30 a.m. Market Street

JUNE	10:00 CLOVER LANE		10:30 MARKET STREET	
DATE	TRUSTEE	USHER	TRUSTEE	USHER
June 2	Marilyn McHenry	Cordell Affeldt, Pat Kaufman	Laura Edinger	Steve Todd
June 9	Mary Henninger-Voss	David Spear	Phil Hoskins-Helm	Amy Allen and Jeff Sigel
June 16	Tom Teeter	Kevin Geist, Andy Back	Laura Shemick	Ann and JD Stillwater
June 23	Laura Shemick	Carole and John Gilbert	Tom Connors	Nej Meflah, Ruth Salinkas
June 30	Tom Teeter	Joan Hellmann	Judy Linder	Paul Haidet and Mary Lynn Fecile

Summer Services

This month we begin our popular summer series of lay-led services, with sermons by members of the UCH community! Services are at 10:00 a.m. at Clover Lane and 10:30 a.m. at Market Street.

Clover Lane, 10:00 a.m., This I Believe

This year's theme is a repeat from 2012, back by popular demand. *This I Believe* was a 5-minute CBS Radio Network program hosted from 1951 to 55 by journalist Edward Murrow. The show encouraged famous and everyday people to write short essays about their own personal motivation in life and then read them on the air. *This I Believe* became a cultural phenomenon that stressed individual belief rather than religious dogma. Its popularity both developed and waned within the era of U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy and the Cold War. The show was revived on NPR from 2005-09.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE for children 4 and younger in the nursery from 9:45 to 11:15. Participation may be limited based on staffing; we will accommodate children on a first-come, first-served basis. Grade-school children should attend the first part of the service, then leave to attend the session for children. Middle school and older should remain in the sanctuary for the entire service unless they have been given permission to be helpers in the children's program.

FOLLOWING OPENING RITUALS IN THE SANCTUARY children will meet in the Priestley Room. They will experience rituals, stories, games and activities to promote understanding of the relationship between the principles of our faith and the decisions and behavior in the everyday life of children. Children should be picked-up shortly after the service ends. Please monitor children in your care during coffee hour and make sure they clean-up after themselves.

Our June speakers are profiled below, in chronological order. **Note:** Humanist Forum (page 10) occurs June 9.

June 2: Marj Forster



Marj Forster is a native of Harrisburg's Allison Hill where she attended a Presbyterian Church at 14th and Derry Streets. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Lock Haven State College and worked for Dauphin County human services for 36 years,

Marj first attended the UCH in 1988 with her husband, Dave, and their two children, and she feels enriched from being a member for 23 years. She has chaired the Religious Education Committee, taught or assisted in RGL for most of those 23 years; served two years on the Board; served on the nominating committee; canvassed members during the annual pledge drive and hosted canvass meals at her home; served as a Silent Witness; assisted at Chalice camp for three sessions; and helped chaperone the high school youth on a service trip to New York City. Currently, Marj is a Pastoral Care Associate and will serve as its leader later this year. She is also a member of the Craft Group.

June 16: Debbie Reihart

Debbie Reihart is a lifelong UU but didn't know it until she came to UCH in 2004 (better late than never!). She has been a passionate Unisinger since that time and loves helping to bring a message of love, acceptance, peace and tolerance through music. She also is a zealous member of the UCH garden care crew and enjoys bringing beauty through plants at the Clover Lane and Market Street campuses.

One of the things she finds so appealing about UCH is the opportunity for constant learning and growth—another important theme in her life. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Penn State Harrisburg and a Master's in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and has completed some



coursework towards a PhD in Public Administration at Penn State. Debbie has been employed in various positions with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 22 years, currently as a manager with PennDOT. She is absolutely convinced that government can and should be efficient and effective and goes to work every day to do her part to make that a reality!

She lives in New Cumberland with her husband, Steve Kostelec, and daughter, Hannah, a junior at Cedar Cliff High School. Her son, Cameron, lives in State College, where he is taking a break from his senior year at Penn State and working hard at Ruby Tuesday. The household also includes two rescued pit bull terriers, Cassie and Rosie, and a rescue cat, Honey.

June 23: Paul Haidet

Paul Haidet is a physician, educator, husband, father, pet companion (reluctantly or otherwise), and lover of jazz. He grew up in Pittsburgh and has also lived in Boston and Houston. He and his wife, Mary Lynn Fecile, are faculty

members at Penn State Hershey; they moved to Hershey from Houston in 2009 with sons Alex and Jonathan.

Paul's work focuses on relationships in health care, and he researches and teaches about a variety of aspects of relationships, including those between patients and doctors, students and teachers, and individuals and organizations. His professional quest is to create changes in medicine that foster more humane and holistic care. Paul enjoys cooking, listening to music, playing all sorts of games, "putting love" on their dog Zu Zu and cats Cosmo and Waldo, and watching the winter X-games. His heroes are Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Parker Palmer, and John Coltrane.



June 30: Laura Shemick

Laura Shemick grew up in the UU Fellowship of Centre County and received a journalism degree from Penn State and a law degree from Villanova. While at First Unitarian

Church in Philadelphia, she attended the Unitarian Universalist Leadership School (UNILEAD), a program for training lay leaders in the Joseph Priestley and Metropolitan New York districts, and served as director of UNILEAD for several years. She subsequently moved to Central Pennsylvania, continuing her interest in lay leadership by regularly volunteering as a facilitator for the leadership school and pursuing yet another degree, this time in adult education and organizational development.



She is a third-degree judo black belt and teaches at the East Shore YMCA; she does occasional cat rescue work; and she enjoys experimenting with unusual grains in bread-making. She has served on the Board of Trustees at First Church in Philadelphia and at UCH and is a co-facilitator of the Melillo-Shemick "Connecting Our Unitarian Church of Harrisburg" (COUCH) group. Her personal motto: "Assume positive intent."

Market Street, 10:30 a.m., Attitude of Gratitude

Market Street Services will be held in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. For the month of June, our lay speakers are focused on "Attitude of Gratitude," based on their life experiences.

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FOLLOWING OPENING RITUALS IN THE SANCTUARY children will meet in the Jordan Room. They will experience rituals, stories, games and activities to promote understanding of the relationship between the principles of our faith and the decisions and behavior in the everyday life of children. Children should be picked-up shortly after the service ends. They will be in the Jordan room or, if extra space is needed, in Fellowship Hall. Please monitor children in your care during coffee hour and make sure they clean-up after themselves.

JUNE SPEAKERS ARE PROFILED BELOW, in chronological order.

June 2: Tammy Adams

Tammy Adams was raised in western Pennsylvania but has lived in Harrisburg for more than 25 years. She discovered the UCH about five years ago and has been with us ever since.

She loves animals of all stripes (or any other characteristic).

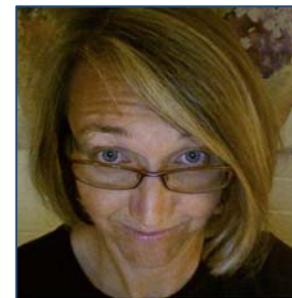


June 9: Marjy Schubauer-Hartman

Marjy Schubauer-Hartman grew up in Middletown and had the special privilege of turning 13 on April 2, 1979, only days after Three Mile Island threatened to melt down. All of the guests for her 13th birthday party had evacuated,

and she had no way to reach them in the days before cell phones.

She now lives in the West Shore School District, where she has taught high school Biology for 24 years (Cedar Cliff and Red Land high schools); she has coached the Science Olympiad at Red Land for the past 10 years. She also does part-time work as a psychiatric nurse. She and her husband, Mike, have two teenage daughters: Alex is a sophomore at Millersville University and Fallon is a senior at Cedar Cliff.



Her parents are both graduates of John Harris High School, and she has always had a special fondness for the Market

Street Campus. Marjy loves being a Unisinger and helping with breakfast at the Common Ground Café. She is looking forward to checking out Queenspirit in the future.

June 16: Kathleen Daugherty

Kathleen Daugherty joined UCH in August 2012 after a lifetime as a Lutheran, beginning with birth into a pastor's family in Butler, PA. She is semi-retired, working part-time for a Democratic candidate who is challenging Tom Corbett for governor in 2014. A Pennsylvanian for most of her life, Kathleen graduated from Thiel College with a sociology degree and then worked either in government or for advocacy groups trying to influence government by advocating for anti-poverty policies and those that enhance a more just society. Between 1980 and 2005, she worked in national Lutheran church governmental affairs, first in Washington, D.C., then in Pennsylvania. UCH has been a natural transition for her because of her longstanding focus on religion's relationship to justice and government policy.



Kathleen lives in the City of Harrisburg with her dog Matigan, an also-aging creature who has fulfilled his life's purpose of making a human being laugh every day. She enjoys cooking, knitting, caring for plants, political television in either drama or punditry, music, and the company of dogs and people (sometimes in that order!)

June 23: Mary Kay Doyle

Mary Kay Doyle was born in the Midwest as the middle of five daughters in a Roman Catholic family. She went through high school in Catholic school and credits that experience for helping her to form her own ideas.



She and her husband, Jim, have been in the nursery business together since 1977. They raised two wonderful children amongst growing plants and critters in their little haven in Linglestown. They have a high regard for the interdependent nature of all things in an ideally organic, recycled universe. She loves Central Pennsylvania for its green

space as well as its closeness to culture and the arts.

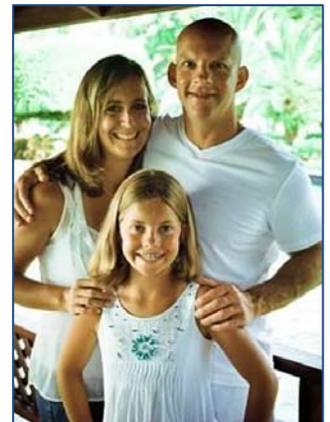
Mary Kay found community at UCH through Howard more than 10 years ago and joined the Unisingers soon after that.

She has enjoyed many opportunities for personal growth and public service through the many branches of our church. She is glad to have found this family where so many diverse individuals can come together to celebrate the beauty and messiness of our humanity...a place where boredom is an unlikely resident.

June 30: Shaver-Wilson Family

Ten-year-old Maggie Shaver-Wilson has been attending the UCH since she was an infant. Maggie is a rising 5th Grader at Silver Spring Elementary. She is active in Girl Scouts and soccer and is in the process of starting a Harry Potter Fan Club. Maggie is an avid reader and writer, plays the cello, and enjoys acting in plays. With the aid of the RGL program, Maggie is still sorting out her answers to the Big Questions.

Wendy Shaver was raised by two professors, mainly in Kansas and West Virginia. As a child, she was active in the Grace Baptist Church in Kansas. As a teen, she was devoted to a non-denominational and fundamental Independent Bible Church in small town West Virginia. Her road to Unitarian Universalism began when she took a class called "Judaism and Christianity" at Bucknell University and realized that many religions hold a piece of the truth. She is now an active and proud member of the UCH, including a 9-year stint as the Director of Youth Ministry, many Saturday mornings doing crafts with the children at Common Ground Café, and six years as director of Chalice Camp. Wendy is also a high school teacher who has served students in many settings.



Nick Wilson was born and raised in small-town Tennessee. The son of a dairy farmer and an office secretary, Nick attended Southern Baptist churches as a child and teen. While in college, he took a class called "Varieties in Religious Communities" and came to the realization that there are many truths and many perspectives in one's own spiritual journey. Nick has worked in public and private educational settings since graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1995. Today, Nick is thankful to be a part of the ever-growing UCH, where perspectives from all walks of life are acknowledged. He spends his professional hours as a principal at a local high school. In his free time, Nick likes traveling with his family, playing guitar, working out, and playing in an over-30 baseball league. Nick still believes that almost everything he needs to know in life was learned through playing baseball. To date, no one has been able to disprove this.

LaGrone Scholarship

The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee hosted a reception May 19 at Clover Lane, following the service in which our new scholar was announced. Pictured at right are UCH mentors with the three scholars present for the event: Dana Washington (2010), Daouda Kassimou (2013), and Durrell Burns (2011).



The scholarship committee this year included Cordell Affeldt, Amy Allen, Margaret Carrow, Jessica Chuckalovcak, Linda Hope, Lee Olsen, and Lois Voigt. Most were present for the ceremony (photo at left), along with current and past mentors and multiple members of **THE OLIVER COLLECTIVE**, which is responsible for helping sustain the scholarship fund.

Cordell Affeldt made the following report on LaGrone financials: "Thank you to all who helped boost the Oliver LaGrone Scholarships Fund during our Spring 2013 fundraisers. Impressive support, and much appreciated! Coffeehouse refreshments, \$27; Book Shuffle, \$768; art sale, \$2200. Total raised, just this spring: \$2995."

Capitani-Powell

Congratulations and best wishes to UCH members Carlotta Capitani and David Powell. They were wed in a small, private self-uniting ceremony on April 30, 2013. She will retain "Capitani" as her last name.



Graduation Sunday May 19

Nate and Adam Malarich played piano and trumpet, respectively, for Graduation Sunday at both campuses. They are the sons of UCH members Mark and Kathy Malarich.



2013 Graduates

Congratulations to these high school seniors, graduating in June (and if we missed anyone, please notify the REPORTER!.)

Spencer Hooper

Spencer is the son of UCH member Josh Hooper of Camp Hill and of Cindy Yeiser, also of Camp Hill. He has been attending UCH since elementary school. He credits UCH with a number of things, including his sense of justice about marriage equality, and he has fond memories of joining with other UCH youth on the twice-annual cleaning of the Green Belt.



After graduating from Camp Hill High School, Spencer plans to attend Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He has been very involved with the performing arts over the past three years, participating in Camp Hill High School's Concert and Marching Bands, as well as Chorus, County Chorus and, in his senior year, participating in the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." He will remember UCH fondly, especially the Boston Trip, Youth Sundays, and Sardines with Howard. He hopes to re-connect with his friends here when home from college.

Alleyah Myers

The daughter of Frances and Dan Myers, Alleyah Myers is a graduate of the Circle School. She plans to become certified as a Child Development Associate (CDA) and to be a summer nanny/babysitter for families in Harrisburg. In the fall she begins classes at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) in child care, with the long-term goal of owning a daycare center.



Garrett Richards

Garrett Richards is the son of Greg and Tracy Richards. A graduate of Hershey High School, he participated in Marching Band, Concert and Jazz Band; National Honor Society; Future Business Leaders of America; Young Democrats; Model United Nations Club; Brain Busters (High School Quiz Bowl Team); and student representative to the Derry



Township School Board. Garrett will be attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN in the fall where he plans to major in Latin American Studies and Economics. Garrett was awarded a Naval ROTC Scholarship to Vanderbilt.

Garrett has been a member of UCH since 2nd grade. He participated in Youth Group and the service project in Haysi, Virginia in 2012.

Allyn Rosenberger

Allyn Rosenberger is the daughter of Marielle Hazen and Bob Rosenberger. Valedictorian of Susquehanna Township High School Class of 2013, she was the captain of the varsity cross country team and varsity soccer team, vice president of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), and editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. She was also a youth mentor, a regular volunteer at the skiing and soccer Special Olympics, a member of key club, and a student government officer. Allyn was a member of the National Honor Society and was named a National Merit Scholar Commended Student. She completed two summer service trips with UCH Youth Group: in 2010 helping clean debris in New Orleans and in 2012 helping rebuild housing in Haysi, Virginia.



Allyn will attend Georgetown University in the fall to study Biology of Global Health.

Maria Shellman

Maria Shellman is the youngest daughter of Jeanne and Dave Shellman. Maria is a graduate of Cedar Cliff High School, where she was heavily involved in the theater arts as a tech crew member. She is also a member of National Honor Society and the German Honor Society.



Maria has been coming to UCH for about 18 years. She is excited to become a part of Bryn Mawr College's religiously and ethnically diverse community. Maria will be pursuing a degree in English at Bryn Mawr before moving on to graduate school for Library Science.

Other UCH News

Green Sanctuary Report

Enjoy a night at the theater to benefit Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika, and an environmental justice project. The Harrisburg chapter of Friends of Jitokeze (FOJ) includes members of the UCH and Market Square Presbyterian. Last year, Harrisburg FOJ contributed \$8,000 for a sand dam project. Phase I was completed and blessed in May 2013 (photo). Harrisburg FOJ was formed following several presentations at UCH by its founder Philipine (Pini) Kidulah, who has since returned to her home in West Pokot, Kenya, where she is currently working in her community, and teaching practices of food security, economic and environmental sustainability.



Urinetown, The Musical, is a humorous tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold and the government has enforced a ban on private toilets. This irreverent Tony-winning satire features a delightful, eclectic score. It is presented by Theater Harrisburg at 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 14. Tickets are \$30, more than half of which goes to the project, but only if purchased from Rachel or Michael Mark, mmarkpa@aol.com, 566-6055.



Green Sanctuary members and other interested parties are also encouraged to view Bill Moyers' interview with Tim DeChristopher, the climate activist and co-founder of the environmental group Peaceful Uprising. DeChristopher talks about the environmental justice movement, democracy, his time in prison, and his decision to become a UU minister.

—Submitted by Rachel Mark

UCH-Based Team Helps Rebuild Home on Sycamore Street

Rebuilding Together Greater Harrisburg (RTGH) is dedicated to preserving and revitalizing houses and communities in Central Pennsylvania, helping low-income homeowners live in warmth, safety, and independence. For *National Rebuilding Together Workday* UCH member David Powell assembled a crew of fellow UUs and other like-minded "building engineers" to repair the Sycamore Street home of Ruthie Mae Johnson, 81. With a hard day's work, the team installed new lighting in her bathroom and basement; grab bars in the bathtub and at the toilet; a "comfort height" toilet; and railings on three stairs. They also repaired a leak in the sewer drain system; sealed off four vent openings in her roof to keep bats from the attic; repaired the dining room ceiling damaged from a previous water leak; pruned plants in her yard; and installed a new lock and deadbolt on her front door.



—Submitted by David Powell

UCH Picnic at Pinchot Park

Save the date! On August 24, we will come together as a congregation for a day of outdoor FUN! Local canoe instructors Phyllis and Scott Brown have offered to organize free morning and afternoon canoe session: paddling instructions, all equipment, and team building spirit included. You can enjoy swimming at the beach and/or hiking the trails! Details forthcoming.

—Submitted by Wendy Shaver

Autism Awareness

Thank you to Jackie Fischer from the Capitol Area Intermediate Unit for leading a program May 5 on understanding autism. Participants gained a better understanding of autism and some of the challenges of other special needs through viewing the "Intricate Minds" video for elementary children, a presentation, and discussion.

—Submitted by Trish Brandon

Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.

Sun 2 10:00 "Seven Candles" Clover Lane

If you missed the multimedia service earlier this year, you can catch it again, led by J.D. Stillwater! The "Seven Candles" are expressions of well-established scientific and cosmological phenomena. It 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.



Sun 2 5:00 Dinner for Decarcerate PA Market Street

Decarcerate PA is a coalition of organizations and individuals seeking an end to mass incarceration and prison expansion, planning a 10-day march from Philadelphia to Harrisburg that ends June 3. The march is timed to end with a rally at the Capitol, where the General Assembly is scheduled to discuss the 2013-14 budget. The proposed budget includes plans to build two new prisons in Montgomery County at a cost of \$400 million.



The UCH lay-led ministry, Helping PEOPLE in Prison and Their Families (HPIPTF) is hosting a dinner to feed the marchers. Small monetary contributions to pay for the food are welcome, as well as any helping hands to serve it. If interested in contributing or attending, please contact John Hargreaves cierpinski@comcast.net. All are welcome.

Mon 3 6:30 Amrit Yoga (weekly) Clover Lane

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 4 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly) Clover Lane

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 Clover Lane

Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, Patty Hazell and Nikki Stone-Thonus will be co-creating a circle on "Candle & Color Magic." Learn how to make color reinforce your desires and let the flame keep your focus during your meditations. All women are encouraged to bring something that represents a favorite color for the altar. 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, Irrt1946@yahoo.com.

Sat 8 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 volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert, commongroundbreakfast@gmail.com. **Repeats June 29**

Sat 8 7:30 Movie Classics Clover Lane

Come one, come all! UCH members and friends are invited to a family-friendly "Saturday Night at the Movies," featuring Meryl Streep as *The Iron Lady*. The 2011 British biographical film is based on the life of Margaret Thatcher (1925–2013). Streep's performance is considered to be one of the finest of her career. She received her 17th Academy Award nomination and ultimately the Academy Award for Best Actress for her portrayal of Thatcher across four decades. Bring snacks or finger food to pass. Contact Judy Linder, jclinder09@gmail.com.



Sun 9 10:00 Moral Issues Forum: "A Thoughtful Discussion about Guns" Clover Lane

The Forum meets each month on the Second Sunday 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 "A Thoughtful Discussion About Guns," presented by Rob Malick.



We need a calm, well-reasoned discussion about guns in America. Why does our country have so many firearms? Why is there such a strong gun culture? Will proposed laws really help? Can gun owners and non-owners learn to understand each other? Behind all the headlines, there are serious issues to address. Let's begin the discussion.

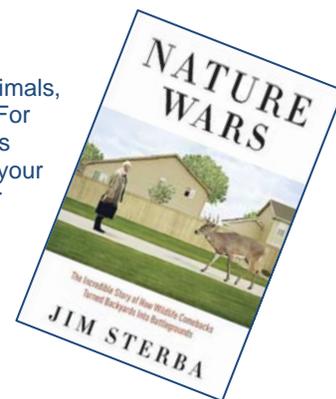
Rob is an adjunct professor of history at Harrisburg Area Community College. Join us for a thoughtful, broad-based discussion about the current state of matters, areas of agreement and disagreement, and a deeper understanding of the issues. For more information, please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 9 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group Clover Lane

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. The book for June is *Nature Wars: The Incredible Story of How Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlegrounds*, by Jim Sterba. From Amazon.com:

This may be hard to believe but it is very likely that more people live in closer proximity to more wild animals, birds and trees in the eastern United States today than anywhere on the planet at any time in history. For nature lovers, this should be wonderful news -- unless, perhaps, you are one of more than 4,000 drivers who will hit a deer today, your child's soccer field is carpeted with goose droppings, coyotes are killing your pets, the neighbor's cat has turned your bird feeder into a fast-food outlet, wild turkeys have eaten your newly-planted seed corn, beavers have flooded your driveway, or bears are looting your garbage cans.

Journalist Sterba (*Frankie's Place: A Love Story*, etc.) employs humor and an eye for the absurd to document the sometimes bizarre conflicts that arise as a consequence of America's transformed relationship with nature.



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

Wed 19 6:00 Clover Grove/Summer Solstice Celebration Clover Lane

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.

This month, Clover Grove celebrates the summer solstice also known as Litha. The term derives from from the Venerable Bede's *De temporum ratione* which provides Anglo-Saxon names for June and July as *se Ærra Līpa* and *se Æfterra Līpa* (the "early Litha month" and the "later Litha month," respectively) with an intercalary month of *Līpa* appearing after *se Æfterra Līpa* on leap years. The fire festival or Lith-Summer solstice is a tradition for many pagans.



Weather permitting, Clover Grove will host a ritual out by the large rock behind the church and will have a portable Fire Ring blazing to celebrate the longest day of the year. BYO chair or blanket for the ritual. Please bring something to share for the potluck afterward, as well as your own beverage. Contact Nikki Stone, bnlady79@yahoo.com.

Sat 29 4:00 Humanism Lay-Led Ministry Annual Picnic Off-Site

UCH members and friends are invited to the annual mid-summer picnic at Shank Park in Derry Township, hosted by the Humanist Lay-Led Ministry. Please bring a dish to share; paper goods and basic beverages provided. No alcohol allowed in the park. There will be one charcoal fire for grilling provided.

Shank Park has ball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, nature trails, and paved walking and biking paths. There is plenty to do for kids and adults. \$3 per adult (covers park rental and paper goods); children free. Please RSVP to Michael Mark, michaelmark@paonline.com.

What to Bring:

- 🍷 Food to share
- 👶 Kids
- 🛼 Roller blades, skate boards
- 🪑 Lawn chairs
- 🚲 Bikes, bats, balls, kite
- 🎾 Yard games – croquet, badminton, etc.