



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

Minister's Message



It has been a busy first few weeks with you here at UCH for me - but busy in the best ways. I've had the opportunity to meet with many of you, either formally in a small group meeting, or informally before or after worship, at coffee hour, Common Ground Café, the all-church picnic at Pinchot State Park, etc. It has been good to talk with you all. As I'm continuing to learn your names (and please consider wearing your name tags at church!), I also hope to learn more of your stories, struggles, and successes as well. There is so much we all can learn from each other.

I particularly look forward to re-engaging our regular fall worship schedule this month. Sept. 1 will be the final service in our summer schedule, with lay sermons by church members at 10:00 a.m. at Clover Lane, and at 10:30 a.m. at Market Street. We'll then start the fall worship schedule on Sept. 8, with the Second Sunday Forum at 9:00 a.m. at Clover Lane and "Worship for All Ages" at 11:00 a.m. at Market Street. (Our worship will be on the theme of forgiveness, inspired by the High Holy Days being celebrated that week by our Jewish friends and neighbors.) I'll be away on Sept. 15, co-facilitating a UU "unconference" in Tennessee. We'll keep the regular 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. schedule, but with a different lay preacher at each location - you can come hear them both! I'll be in the pulpit at both times and locations on the 22nd and 29th.

I also want to keep you as informed as possible on the transitional work we are engaging. One tool for communication that will be live by Sept. 1st is a blog, an online journal I'll be keeping, to update the congregation on the tasks of interim ministry. This will be available for viewing in the "Members Only" section of the church website. Also, the recording of my Q&A Forum at Clover Lane on Aug. 11 has been posted online, in the same section of our website; whether or not you attended that session, you can listen to it at your convenience. See you in church!

In faith,
Rev. Eric Posa

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

September 2013 At-a-Glance

Please check website for last-minute updates

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 1	10:00	"This I Believe" service, John Hope
	10:30	"Beloved Community" service, Laura Edinger
Tue 3	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG), Chuck Daley
Wed 4	6:00	Queen Spirit, Randa Todd
Thu 5	6:45	Unisinging for all, Sparkie Radcliffe
Fri 6	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House, Bart Carpenter
Sun 8	9:00	Second Sunday Forum, David Spear
	11:00	"Days of Awe," Rev. Eric Posa; New Member Ingathering
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature, Don Brown
Mon 9	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 10	7:00	MMG, Daley
Wed 11	7:00	Board of Trustees, Judy Linder
Sat 14	9:00	Common Ground Café, Lambert
	7:30	Movie Night at Clover Lane, Judy Linder
Sun 15	9:00	"My Life's Perspective," Clay Lambert
	11:00	"This I Believe," Andrea MacDonald
Mon 16	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 17	7:00	Silent MMG, Daley
Wed 18	6:00	Clover Grove, Nikki Stone-Thonus
Sat 21	8:00	Re-Entry Breakfast, Jim Cavanaugh
Sun 22	9:00	"The Journey Home," Rev. Eric Posa
	11:00	
	Noon	Youth Group Family Lunch, Leeann Rhoades
Mon 23	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes
Tue 24	7:00	MMG, Daley
Sun 29	9:00	"Afflicted and Comfortable," Rev. Eric Posa
	11:00	
Mon 30	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Sykes

Occurs at Market Street campus

Community Hours, 10:00- noon, every MWF except holidays

Staff office hours vary by person; please check website



Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013

President's Message



So what is next in our transition to a settled minister? The Board and Rev. Posa have just begun planning this process, following a template of sorts, as described in *In the Interim*. I realize that this is about the fourth time I have mentioned this book, but it is for a good reason. As our congregation prepares for our next settled minister, there is a process for us. It is not uncharted waters. It is a process that many other congregations have gone through in order to make themselves ready for their path forward. This book is a resource that describes the process.

I talked about a pilgrimage last month, about how we can search for our roots. One of the issues in the transition process is coming to terms with our history. David Keyes in *In the Interim* quotes Loren Mead: "Every congregation is strengthened immeasurably by its history, but every congregation has also been deeply wounded by its past. It is both heir and victim of its story." So part of the process of our interim period is taking a good look at the past. Rev. Posa describes it as our legacy. As we have a dialogue within our congregation about the history of our church, the congregation will define both the milestones as well as the millstones. As Keyes also remarks: "What is unseen, like nine-tenths of an iceberg, is the shadow side of the congregation's history, the milestones that some consider millstones. These points of shame and discomfort are hidden under carpets or closets, or are buried in the churchyard."

We at UCH will have an opportunity to list and discuss these milestones and millstones. We can do this within the framework of our interim period, with the guidance of Rev. Posa, our very skilled interim minister. We have our Covenant of Right Relations as a guide; a promise of how we will treat each other. The purpose is to see how we can define, and re-define ourselves. This will allow us to look at our successes and problems with new, impartial eyes. We can step back, begin to disengage ourselves from personal viewpoints, and look at things from a new direction. As Rev. Posa has said, he will be with us to walk through this period of change. And our ability to

move forward will indeed be closely tied to how hard we all work on the issues of transition.

In addition to legacy, another of the five issues that we as a congregation will be working with Rev. Posa on is to determine our identity and common mission. According to Keyes, "That discovery will best be made when a congregation has examined its old identity and compared it to present reality." I ask that all of us ask ourselves the following questions (again from *In the Interim*) and write down our answers:

- What was it that first brought you to this church?
- Tell about a time when the church was important to you.
- What was your most moving moment here?
- How would it feel to arrive at UCH one day and discover the church was gone?
- Imagine coming to this church in five, ten, twenty years. Tell about what you see and what you feel on those visits.

Sometimes these types of questions and their answers can be used to develop a vision statement for the church, stretch the reach of the congregation, and help us find a way to make plans "as big as (our) dreams."

Five Core Issues for Discussion

1. History/Legacy of the church
2. Mission/ the way forward
3. Connections: to the UUA, JPD, and others that share our values
4. Leadership/Governance
5. Future/Commitment to a new direction

As a congregation we have work to do. Our success as a congregation that is ready for the future, and wanting to enthusiastically move forward is proportional to the amount of time and effort each of us puts in the process. Rev. Posa and the Board will be working

closely together through this time of transition. There will be meetings, discussions, opportunities for all of us to be in the same room together, face to face, to deal with the "five issues." Basically the question is the same one I asked last month: "What does your Unitarian Universalist faith mean to you?"

We have an opportunity to transform our community, but it will take an effort by each and every one of us. Let us remember the words attributed to Transylvanian Unitarian Francis David: "You don't have to think alike to love alike."

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

Sunday Service Assignments for September

SEPTEMBER	CLOVER LANE		MARKET STREET	
	TRUSTEE	USHER	TRUSTEE	USHER
Sept 1	Dave Forster	Wally Wenkler	Judy Linder	Steve Todd
Sept 8	Mary Henninger-Voss	Michael Mark	Judy Linder	Bart Carpenter
Sept 15	Nan Cavanaugh	John/Carole Gilbert	Chris Dutton	Chris Dutton
Sept 22	Dave Forster	Joan Hellman	Laura Shemick	Nej Meflah, Ruth Salinkas
Sept 29	Marilyn McHenry	Pat Kauffman	Andy Loza	Bart Carpenter

Children's RGL

Welcome to the start of the new church year! Classes begin Sept. 15. We are actively completing assignments for children's religious growth and learning (RGL), with details to be available in hard copy at church and on the website. Childcare is available every Sunday at both locations.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Clover Lane

- ☺ Nursery care for babies and toddlers
- ☺ *Beginnings* for Preschool and Kindergarten
- ☺ *Faithful Journeys* for Grades 1-6

Market Street

- ☺ Nursery care for children up to five years old
- ☺ *Faithful Journeys* for Kindergarten through 4th Grade
- ☺ *Heeding the Call – Social Justice Making* for Grades 5-8
- ☺ Youth Group for high school students

Worship Services Support

A Worship Services Children's Message Ministry is forming. If you are willing to consider providing the children's message at either church on a Sunday morning please contact Rev. Eric Posa or Trish Brandon.

Kudos to RGL Volunteers

Special thanks to our volunteers who made the summer RGL Program available and fun!

- ☺ Summer RGL Coordinator at Market Street: Kate Carpenter
- ☺ Summer RGL volunteers at Clover Lane: Emily Bolling, Lori Gilbert, Amy Firestine, Christine Csyk, Kim Cain
- ☺ Summer RGL volunteers at Market Street: Wendy Shaver, Wendy Colby, Nancy Hall, Kate Newton, Andrea MacDonald, Margaret Carrow, Wally Wenklar, Paul Moore, and Kate Carpenter

And a thank-you to volunteers in the 2013-14 children and youth program who don't have children in RGL! These are Peter Adams, Cordell Affeldt, Gerry Brandon, Michelle Heh, Craig Raisner, and Karen Sykes. And thanks to Amy Allen, assisting with Youth Group while her children are in the younger RGL classes.

—Submitted by Trish Brandon

Youth Group and Families, Lunch with Rev. Posa

Come one, come all! All high school youth and their families are invited to lunch with Rev. Eric Posa and Youth Group leader Leeann Rhoades to plan out the new church year! Lunch will be held after the 11:00 a.m. service at Market Street on Sunday, Sept. 22.

—Submitted by Leeann Rhoades

How Purchasing Giant, Weis, or Karns Gift Cards Helps UCH

If you shop at Giant, Weis, or Karns, you can also support UCH by buying their gift cards through UCH. There is no extra charge or markup. Giant pays 10% of the face value to the church; Weis and Karns pay 5%. Last year, we made nearly \$32,000 from this program. Here is a way to support your church at no additional cost to you.

You can be on the automatic monthly purchase or purchase them as you need them. You can place your orders with Anne Moore via email (giftcard@harrisburguu.org) or leave her a note in her mailbox at Clover Lane. You can also purchase additional Giant gift cards most Sundays at coffee hour from Judy Linder or another designated Board member.



September Lay Speakers

Background on this month's lay speakers.

John Hope, Sept. 1, Clover Lane

A member of the Quaker Meeting in Harrisburg for more than 40 years, John Hope began attending UCH in 2011 when dating Linda Pehlman (now Linda Hope). He has appreciated the worship services on both campuses with their loving attention to words, music, and images that nurture him and give him much to think about each week after the service. At UCH, John sings with Unisingers and has helped with the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship activities; he also serves as editor for the online print edition of our lay sermons.



He and Linda are both members of the percussion section of Keystone Concert Band, for which John also is assistant conductor. Professionally, he has been a writer and editor for more than 40 years, starting as a reporter for United Press International and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and then as a communications executive for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Pennsylvania Blue Shield, and the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. For the last 15 years he has been a freelance journalist, specializing in healthcare.

Laura Edinger, Sept. 1, Market Street

Laura Edinger grew up in Elmira Heights, NY, as part of a Catholic family. Her dad is the middle child of seven and most of her aunts and uncles, and therefore cousins, lived in the same 20-mile radius of Elmira. Laura looked most forward to Sundays as a child – it meant visiting with grandparents (including home-cooked Italian food) and seeing most of her extended family – the very first beloved community to which she belonged. While there were many things she loved about the Catholic religion, she left it to explore other spiritual practices, and through good fortune (and a beliefnet.com quiz), Laura discovered Unitarian Universalism. She attended her very first UU service in Virginia and knew that she had found her religious home.



Laura is married to Dave Edinger and they live in Hershey with their two cats who, graciously, allow them to live in the same apartment with them. For income, Laura feels fortunate to work in the field of energy efficiency and conservation. To nurture her soul, spirit, and relationships (her personal holy trinity), she feels

privileged to be a part of UCH and to have the opportunity to support the social justice work that UCH does in addition to the spiritual exploration that UCH provides.

Clay Lambert, Sept. 15, Clover Lane

Clay Lambert is originally from Richmond, VA, where he was raised in the Baptist church tradition. He graduated from James Madison University, where he met his wife, Erica. Clay serves as volunteer coordinator for the Common Ground Café community



breakfasts and works in business development for the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. In his spare time he enjoys bike riding, golfing, performing with his brass quintet, and spending time with his family.

Clay has been a member of UCH since 2005 and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Andrea MacDonald, Sept. 15, Market Street

Andrea was born in Erie but grew up around the Great Lakes - in the Buffalo area, Michigan, Indiana - and even did a stint in South Georgia. Although at the time, Andrea didn't enjoy attending four different high schools in three states, she now appreciates how those experiences contributed to who she is today. Who's that? She's still figuring it out.



Andrea is a huge fan of people and likes to believe everyone is her friend. She believes in community service and often volunteers cleaning out her borough's rain gardens. Andrea serves on the Lemoyne Planning Commission and works for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. One of her favorite things to do is to explore Pennsylvania's back roads and find out where the locals eat. She's also a big fan of food.

Her family is what keeps her life interesting. Josie, the littlest usher at UCH, likes to hand out the *Order of Service* and see how much she can get away with at age 6. Alex is that handsome bald-headed dude with a lengthy goatee who is so sweet you just gotta love him. Andrea loves that she found UCH five years ago and has been excited to learn about its patchwork of possibilities.

Membership News

News about our community

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our congregation! They have both signed the book and will be presented to the congregation at 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 8.

Sandy Hamstra

Sandy Hamstra moved to Harrisburg last year after a 30-year residence in York. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of York (UUCY), where she taught in the OWL program and sang in the choir. She is a registered nurse and serves as case manager for Capital Blue Cross. Since she started attending the UCH earlier this year, she has become very active in serving at the Common Ground Café twice a month.



Her Connection Coach is Nancy Stump.

Erin Rothermel

Erin Rothermel lives in Elizabethtown with her husband, Sam, and their children Elizabeth, Emma, and infant son, Xavier. A former middle school teacher, she now stays at home with the kids and is an active member of her local chapter of Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS). In her free time, Erin enjoys reading, running, and yard sales. She is so grateful to the random conversation three years ago with a friend that led her to research Unitarian Universalism and eventually to this wonderful community in Harrisburg!



Her Connection Coach is Christy Myers

Xavier John Rothermel



Erin and Sam Rothermel are pleased to announce the birth of their son Xavier, born at 2:18 am May 24. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20.75 inches long. He was joined at home by sisters Elizabeth and Emma.

Bill and Beverlee Lehr

UCH member Beverlee Lehr and her husband, Bill, will receive a Governor's Award for the Arts this year, according to a press release from the office of First Lady Susan Corbett, chair of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The 33rd annual awards ceremony will take place Oct. 22 at Whitaker Center. Four awards will be given by Gov. Tom Corbett.

Bill and Beverlee will receive the Patron's Award honoring their long support for artists across Pennsylvania. Bill is a former chief executive officer of Capital BlueCross; Beverlee is a professional ceramicist. Among other things, they established the Bill Lehr Fund, administered through the national Americans for the Arts organization.



David and Olga Platt

UCH members David and Olga Platt celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Aug. 26. They celebrated their anniversary at Catocin Mountain Park in Maryland.



Affiliated Organizations

News from organizations affiliated with the UCH or its lay-led ministries.

UUPlan

The UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) does advocacy work at the state and national levels, giving a voice to UU values on social justice issues. Its non-profit affiliate is the UU Pennsylvania Legislative Ministry (UUPALM).



Dick Hoke Memorial Gift Opportunity (September)

For the month of September, UCH has selected UUPALM as our designated "Share the Plate" recipient. Half of the Sunday plate collection will be given in memory of social justice advocate and lifetime UCH member, Dick Hoke, who died March 10. Dick was a founding member of the UUPLAN and an original UUPLAN state board member. During September, UCH friends of Dick have an opportunity to remember his social justice work by giving a gift to UUPLAN in Dick's memory. The beneficiary is UUPLAN's 501(c)3 organization, UUPALM.

In addition, the organization has been offered a 100 percent matching opportunity, through October 1, 2013, effectively allowing donors to double the value of their donation. Please consider making a generous contribution in memory of Dick Hoke and his life-long dedication to social justice issues. Checks should be made payable to UCH with a memo line noting "plate" (September collection) or "Dick Hoke Memorial." You can also make a direct contribution with checks payable to UUPALM.

Food for Thought Forum Oct. 19 at Clover Lane

The UCH and UUPLAN will co-host a leadership training forum at Clover Lane from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, October 19. Admission is \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch; registration closes Oct. 5. Register online at www.foodforthoughtpa.org.

Environmental Justice Team

The UUPLAN Environmental Justice team continues to track proposed legislation by Sen. Jim Ferlo calling for a moratorium on fracking pending a full investigation on environmental impacts. The bill will be introduced this fall. UUPLAN also plans to participate in the global Frack Down rally on October 19, 2013. Anticipated locations are Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

— Submitted by Anita Mentzer and Rachel Mark

IPL Conference Oct. 5 at Colonial Park UCC

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) has scheduled its annual environmental conference in Harrisburg again this year, with the theme, *One Creation, Many Faiths: A Call to Action on Climate Change*. The event takes place Saturday, October 5, at the Colonial Park United Church of Christ (UCC). The conference was held at UCH's Clover Lane campus last year.

The Green Fair begins at 10 a.m., with the conference from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The keynote panel will address the question of how different faith traditions respond to climate change. The panel includes Peter Adriance, National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís, Washington, DC; Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia; Sister Pat Lupo, Mt. St. Benedict, Erie; and the Rev. Dr. Gil Waldkoenig, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.



The Green Fair features non-profits, businesses, and faith groups offering creative ideas to care for the environment. After lunch, attendees can participate in the workshop of their choice highlighting practical actions congregations can take and work to be done in our communities. Please pre-register at www.paipl.org.

— Submitted by Rachel Mark, on behalf of Green Sanctuary

Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.

Tue 3 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly) Clover Lane

Two 25-minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion and rest between. Coordinated by Chuck Dailey, MMG@harrisburguu.org. **Repeats every Tuesday.** Third Tuesday is silent meditation.

Wed 4 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, Patti Hazell welcomes you to the circle to get your creative groove on! Bring your artistic mind and creative hands as we will be painting and upcycling ornaments to sell at Oliver LaGrone Art Show in November. In the field of sustainability, "upcycling" is the process of converting waste materials or useless products into new materials or products of better quality or for better environmental value, i.e., the ultimate value proposition in recycling! It also aligns with the artistic tradition of reusing found objects (*objet trouvé*).



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.

Thu 5 6:45 Unisinger Rehearsal Clover Lane

Unisingers wants yUU to give it a try! Tonight and the following Thursday, we welcome all and sundry to our weekly rehearsals, no experience necessary! If you've been wondering about how to lift your voice, we'll show you how! No reservations necessary ~ just come a little early (6:45) for orientation. Contact Sparkie Radcliffe, sparkier@comcast.net.



Unisinging for the Uninitiated
 Through all the tumult and the strife
 I hear the music ringing;
 It finds an echo in my soul—
 How can I keep from singing?

Fri 6 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House: Cary Cooper Clover Lane

Clover Lane Coffee House kicks off the new season with Cary Cooper, the Texas musician who was a smash hit with us last year! Cary is on a CD-release party for her latest CD, *Zuzu's Petals*. Admission is \$10 at the door; all are welcome. Please note: season tickets (\$45 for all nine concerts) will be on sale at this concert. That's nine concerts (September - May) for half price!



In the early years of her career, Cary toured primarily as half of the The Dreamsicles duo, with husband Tom Prasad-Rao. They later toured as double-billed solo artists, sharing shows and occasionally performing duets. With the advent of children and growth of their separate careers, they have taken to touring solo.

Season Tickets
 \$45 for nine concerts

Cary is performing with Brad Yoder and Jason Rafalak.

Her music is light and whimsical in nature, with a message derived from "life in these United States." As one writer noted, "She draws you in with her own sense of charm then hits you over the head with lyrics that are deceptively deep. Songs like "Suzanne," about a 43-year-old woman who takes a brief reprieve from the drudgeries of her life to join the circus, and "Jimmy Stewart," a sweet-natured yet angsty song, about the differences in real life love and the love you find in old movies. Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Sun 8 9:00 Second Sunday Forum: The Function of Art and Theater in Our Lives Clover Lane

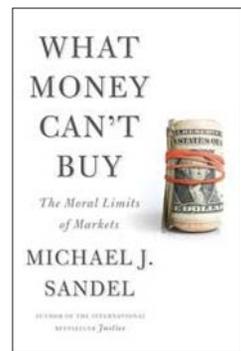
The Forum meets on the Second Sunday each month for lecture/discussion on moral and ethical issues from a non-religious viewpoint. Normally, a speaker presents his/her views on a topic with ethical and moral implications, then the floor is open for discussion and questions. This month, our guest speaker is Anne Alsedek, speaking on *The Function of Art and Theater in Our Lives*.

Second Sunday Forum

Anne is Education Director at Open Stage of Harrisburg Studio/School, where she teaches teen and adult classes. She is one of the founders of Open Stage, now in its 28th year, and a co-founder of the Capital Area School for the Arts.

Sun 8 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 September is *What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets*, by Harvard professor and political philosopher Michael Sandel. From amazon.com:



Should we pay children to read books or to get good grades? Should we put a price on human life to decide how much pollution to allow? Is it ethical to pay people to test risky new drugs or to donate their organs? What about hiring mercenaries to fight our wars, outsourcing inmates to for-profit prisons, auctioning admission to elite universities, or selling citizenship to immigrants willing to pay?

In his *New York Times* bestseller, Sandel takes up one of the biggest ethical questions of our time: Isn't there something wrong with a world in which everything is for sale?

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

Mon 9 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.

Sat 14 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 September 28**

Sat 14 7:30 Movie Night at Clover Lane Clover Lane

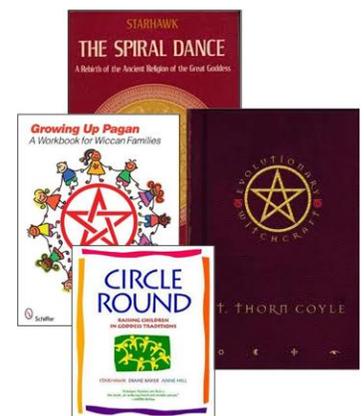
UCH members and friends are invited to a convivial "Saturday Night at the Movies." This month's feature is "Johnny Guitar" (1954). A strong-willed female saloon owner (Joan Crawford) is wrongly suspected of murder and bank robbery by a lynch mob after she helps a wounded gang member. Starring Crawford, Sterling Hayden, Mercedes McCambridge, and Scott Brady, the movie has been selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the U.S. National Film Registry as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."



Come find out why! Contact Judy Linder, jlinder09@gmail.com.

Wed 18 6:00 Clover Grove/Pagan Book Club 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, Suzanne Smith will facilitate a discussion on pagan books and authors that have influenced our personal spiritual practices. She will share some of the exercises/activities from books like *The Spiral Dance* that are part of her own regular practice. There will be a brief ritual honoring those who have shared their wisdom and knowledge and enriched our traditions with their writing.



Everyone is welcome to bring books from their own collections that they are willing to lend/exchange. We are a family-friendly group, we love our Pagan children and they are always welcome! Please bring something for the potluck, as well as your own beverage. Contact Nikki Stone-Thonus, bnlady79@yahoo.com.

This month is UCH's turn to host the monthly Community Connections (re-entry) breakfast for recently released prisoners, sponsored by the Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United. Our guests for the meal are men and women in halfway houses or on work release. Volunteer cooks, buffet line servers, set up crew, table hosts, and cleanup specialists welcome! From Jim Cavanaugh:

We'll welcome them at 9 a.m., serve a buffet hot breakfast, and then the program begins. It includes singing, prayer and an inspirational speaker and runs till a bit after 10 a.m. when the vans and cars that brought them depart so as to get them back before 11 a.m. This will be the seventh time UCH has hosted. Come join us and help us celebrate the inherent worth and dignity of women and men in prison!

The speaker this month is "our own" David Spear (photo), who will share how his experience as a GED tutor at HACC has helped him realize that many people have skills and abilities inside them they may not realize. Contact Jim Cavanaugh, jimcav3790@gmail.com, or the other coordinators: Margaret Carrow, Chris Dutton, or John Hargreaves.



Save the Date

Put these dates on your calendar:

- 🕒 **Friday, Oct 4**
Family potluck at Clover Lane, followed by concert with Renfaire artists Circa Paleo.
- 🕒 **Saturday, Oct 19**
Bhante Sujatha returns for a meditative teaching in the Buddhist tradition..
- 🕒 **Tuesday, Oct. 29**
Dan Cozort, UUCV member, author, and professor at Dickinson College, will discuss Buddhist social theory as described in David Loy's book, *The Great Awakening*, at MMG's Fifth Tuesday gathering.
- 🕒 **Saturday, Nov. 2**
Lights! Camera! Auction! We have a Hollywood theme this year - save the date!

LaGrone Report

The members of the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee were delighted with recent contact from the 1998 Scholar, Vivian Nuygen. After graduating Harrisburg High School she attended Penn State, main campus.

Since December 2000, Vivian has been working in New Brunswick, NJ, for Ethicon, a subdivision of Johnson and Johnson. Starting in international logistics, she has had several promotions since, all related to supply chain issues. In February 2013 she was promoted to account manager. She makes sure new products are manufactured according to applicable regulations, in a timely manner and in appropriate quantity. Additionally, she must interact with customers and distributors. In her latest job, she deals in beauty products, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices. Vivian is known at work for being reliable and a good problem solver.

Vivian was assigned to Singapore for work and thereby got to spend time with her Vietnamese birth family, primarily by bringing them to Singapore for extended weekends: her parents, two older brothers (including his 13-year-old twin sons), and two younger sisters. After the Vietnamese War ended, Vivian's father, who was high-ranking in the South Vietnamese military, was prevented from employment. Her mother created a modest fabric sales business. Vivian was chosen to be the child who would be sent to the U.S. for further education. To that end, she was formally adopted by her mother's sister, here in Harrisburg. A sister, 10 years younger than she, arrived in the U.S. in 2007. That sibling attends community college in the U.S.

Vivian has lived with a partner for about four years. He is Chinese. Vivian still has family in Harrisburg and would love to attend the LaGrone Ceremony some year. Both Jim Henderson and Cordell Affeldt served as UCH mentors for Vivian during her years in college.

—Submitted by Cordell Affeldt





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep
Final Summer Service	Labor Day	MMG	QueenSpirit	Unisingers R.Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah	
8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep
2nd Sunday Forum Worship for all Ages Philosophy/Lit	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Board of Trustees	Unisingers	Coffee House	Community Caf� Yom Kippur Film Night
15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	MMG		Unisingers		HWIPR: Re-Entry Breakfast
22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St Youth Group/Families	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Clover Grove	Unisingers		Community Caf�
29-Sep	30-Sep	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	MMG HWIPF		Unisingers	Family Potluck; Coffee House	
6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Board of Trustees	Unisingers		Community Caf� Samhain
13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct	19-Oct
2nd Sunday Forum Worship for all Ages Philosophy/Lit	Amrit Yoga Columbus Day	MMG		Unisingers		Food for Thought Bhante Sujatha
20-Oct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Clover Grove	Unisingers		Community Caf�
27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov	2-Nov
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	5th Tuesday MMG		Unisingers	Family Potluck; Coffee House	All-Church Auction
3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov	9-Nov
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St Daylight Savings Ends	Amrit Yoga	MMG HWIPF Election Day		Unisingers		Community Caf�
10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga Veterans Day	MMG	Board of Trustees	Unisingers		
17-Nov	18-Nov	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov	23-Nov
2nd Sunday Forum Worship for all Ages Philosophy/Lit LaGrone Art Sale	Amrit Yoga	MMG		Unisingers		
24-Nov	25-Nov	26-Nov	27-Nov	28-Nov	29-Nov	30-Nov
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St LaGrone Art Sale	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Clover Grove	Thanksgiving		Community Caf�
1-Dec	2-Dec	3-Dec	4-Dec	5-Dec	6-Dec	7-Dec
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St	Amrit Yoga	MMG HWIPF		Unisingers	Coffee House	
8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St Deck the Halls Philosophy/Lit potluck	Amrit Yoga	MMG	Board of Trustees	Unisingers		Community Caf�
15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec
"2nd" Sunday Forum Worship for all Ages	Amrit Yoga	MMG		Unisingers		Solstice Celebration
22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec
9 am CL/11 am Mkt St		6:30 pm Mkt St /9 pm CL	Christmas			

Key:	Market Street	Date-Related	Social	Children/Youth	All Other
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