



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

Minister's Message



Strengthening Our Spirit (& Our Stewardship): This is the name of a new team in the church: "SOS" for short. But there's no emergency here; the team's acronym also stands for "Sharing Our Service!" The SOS Team is exploring a new way to promote greater connection between our individual gifts and our opportunities for service in the church. We all have gifts – particular strengths of our spirits and personalities. Whether or not we have paid vocations that draw on and engage these gifts, we each can benefit from opportunities to provide service that brings out our gifts, that allows us to serve according to our strengths. The SOS Team plans to learn more about the gifts of our members, to help us connect with volunteer opportunities in UCH that not only strengthen the church, but strengthen our own spirits as well.

"Strengthening Our Spirit" is also the theme for the 2014 Stewardship Campaign this month. This year we will focus on stewarding our time and talents, along with stewarding our financial treasures. All members and pledging friends will receive an invitation in the next few days to attend a potluck dinner with your neighbors, either at a member's home or at one of the church campuses. At these dinners, we will discuss the value of the church, how we are nurtured by it, and how we can nurture it. Not only will you have an opportunity to reflect on your financial commitment, but we'll have a fun and interactive activity to explore our gifts and help us steward our time and talents as we strengthen our spirits as well. Please contact me directly minister@harrisburguu.org for questions or details.

Frank Schaefer: Many of us remember the case last fall, when then-Rev. Frank Schaefer, serving a Methodist church in Lebanon County, was brought up on charges of violating the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, for officiating his son's same-sex wedding. Just before Christmas, his church conference defrocked him, removing his formal credentials as a Methodist minister. At that time, I reached out via email to the person I still think of as Rev. Schaefer. (He may no longer be an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church, but our UU tradition affirms that while ministerial credentials may be revoked by a denomination, the ordination to ministry is for life, and no one else can end it.)

I am honored to report that Rev. Schaefer will be a guest in our pulpit at both services Sunday, March 16. The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, in collaboration with the Unisingers, will sing at both services. This will be a Sunday to remember for our church – please join us.

Transition: This is the month for a sad farewell. March 23 is the final Sunday that Trish Brandon serves our church as Director of Religious Education. Please join us after worship at Market Street for a farewell celebration of Trish's 16 years of service to UCH. The celebration will start about 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Cake will be provided.

An update on our staff re-structuring: The search for an Assistant Minister is well underway. We have had a successful "pre-candidating weekend" already with the first of the finalists. The last pre-candidating weekend will be in late March, and we hope to make an offer in early April, with an announcement to the congregation expected by Easter. Plus, we are now in the process of hiring two RGL Coordinators, one for each campus, to carry us through the transition between Trish's leaving and the new minister's arrival in early August. We plan to have these positions filled in early March; Trish will work with them in her last couple of weeks to train them on the work ahead of them.

In faith, Rev. Eric Posa

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
March 2014 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 2	9:00	Youth Sunday Service
	11:15	"Nothing Is Permanent," Rev. Eric Posa
	1:30	Congregational Meeting Rescheduled
Mon 3	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 4	5:30	Call to Action re: Gun Violence
	5:45	Friedman's Fable, "Cinderella"
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 5	noon	Friedman's Fables, "Cinderella"
	5:30	Getting Ahead
Fri 7	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House
Sat 8	9:00	Community Café
	7:30	Movie Night at Clover Lane
Sun 9	9:00	"Nothing Is Permanent," Rev. Posa
	10:15	Parents as Sexuality Educators
	10:30	Second Sunday Forum
	11:15	Youth Sunday Service
	12:45	UU Christian Fellowship
Mon 10	7:00	Philosophy and Literature
	6:00	2014 Auction Planning/Kickoff
Tue 11	7:00	Amrit Yoga
	5:45	Fables, "Caught in Her Own Web"
Wed 12	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
	noon	Fables, "Caught in Her Own Web"
	5:30	Getting Ahead
Fri 14	7:00	Board Meeting
Fri 14	7:00	UUPlan Film, Anita Mentzer
Sun 16	9:00	Love As You Are Loved," Rev. Frank Schaeffer, Unisingers, Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus
	11:15	
Mon 17	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 18	10:00	CroneSpirit
	5:45	Fables: The Wallflower
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 19	noon	Fables: The Wallflower
	5:30	Getting Ahead
	6:00	Clover Grove
Sun 23	9:00	
	11:15	"Saying Goodbye," Rev. Posa
	12:15	Trish Brandon Farewell Fete
Mon 24	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 25	5:45	Fables: Panic
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
	7:00	UUCF
Wed 26	noon	Fables, Panic
	5:30	Getting Ahead
Sat 29	9:00	Community Café
Sun 30	6:45	MMG, Bhante Sujatha
	9:00	"There Is More Love Somewhere," Jim Cavanaugh
Mon 31	11:15	
Mon 31	6:30	Amrit Yoga

Occurs at Market Street campus

March theme:
Letting Go

President's Message



Looking forward, as a congregation, we have a very important task ahead of us. We need to field a Search Committee and start the process of choosing a settled minister. The first step is to have the opinions of as many members of the church as possible concerning the qualifications of being a member of the Search Committee, and suggestions of who should actually be on the committee.

The members of the Board of Trustees have the important responsibility of inviting members of the church to form the Search Committee. In order for as many as possible to give their recommendations for this important assignment, every voting member of the church will be telephoned by a member of the Board. Each Board member has about 35 members to call. Hopefully all of the calling will be completed by March 1, which is after publication of this newsletter.

Once the Board has compiled the list of people suggested by the congregation, they will take that list and invite five to seven of them to be on the Committee. Not everyone suggested may have the time to commit to a project that will take many hours of their time. Other considerations in forming the committee will be whether they can work well together as a team, are committed to the church, and are generous donors of their "time and treasure" to the church. Once the committee is formed it will be announced to the congregation.

Then the hard work of the Search Committee begins. They have to prepare a description of our church, congregation,

and community. They have to determine what qualities and skills our settled minister should have, and review the applications of those ministers interested in serving at UCH. When they have compiled a short list of candidates they have to see and hear them preach at a neutral location and then make a choice of which one to present to the congregation. The congregation then decides whether to call or not to call that candidate. The Search Committee has an enormous responsibility and must have the trust of the congregation to do its best work.

We have change and challenges still to face; a normal process. Let us meet these challenges as opportunities to grow. To quote Jan Richardson: "If you could see the journey whole you might never undertake it; might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not." May we be well, happy, and peaceful!

Judy

MARCH TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	CLOVER LANE	MARKET ST
2	Nan Cavanaugh	Judy Linder
9	Marilyn McHenry	Dennis Hursh
16	Mary Henninger-Voss	Laura Edinger
23	Dave Forster	Tom Conner
30	Nan Cavanaugh	Dennis Hursh



The Board of Trustees invites all UCH members to an open "Brew with the Board" forum, following Sunday services on the Third Sunday at each campus.

Getting Ahead, Dec. 4 – April 16

The UCH is hosting a weekly cycle of the Getting Ahead program at our Market Street campus, through April 16. The program is a structured means of showing participants how to use the hidden rules of class to build up financial, emotional, social, and other resources to create initial steps toward self-sufficiency. We are responsible for space and meals.

Getting Ahead: A Pathway to Prosperity

MARCH			
DATE	GREETER	SPONSOR AND/OR COOK	OPERATIONS (SETUP 4:30 – 5:30, EAT AT 5:30, CLEANUP)
5	Marj Hartman	Anita Mentzer, Karen Sykes	Laurie Brown, Josh Hooper, and kids
12	Marj Hartman	Mary Hess	Mary Hess, Nancy Hall, Anne Lebo, Brian Kahler
19	Chris Dutton	Don/Barb Hoskins; Troy Coleman, Judith Samkoff	Chris Dutton, <this could be you!>
26	Chris Dutton	Troy Coleman, Judith Samkoff	John Aponick, Chris Dutton, Nancy Hall, Anne Lebo

**Help Wanted
March 19**

Please contact wendy.colby@gmail.com to volunteer.

LaGrone News

The UCH provides a scholarship each year to a graduate of Harrisburg High School, renewable for up to four years.

Update: Dana Washington

Our 2010 LaGrone scholar, Dana Washington, will graduate with honors from Penn State Main Campus in May. She is a biobehavioral health major planning to take off a year, then enter medical school in 2015 and pursue a career in neurology.

Dana reports that college has not been easy, but despite the ups and downs, she has had a good experience and really appreciates the helpful support of her professors and teaching assistants. Dana was also fortunate to have been very well-matched with her LaGrone mentor, long-time UCH member Maureen Callahan, whom Dana describes as “amazing,” “encouraging,” and “very impactful” in her life. Dana and Maureen became close friends and kept in touch on a regular basis until Maureen’s death last October. Dana would very much like to be paired with another mentor as she begins the next phase of her education, if possible. If you are interested or know another church member who might be, please contact a member of the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee. . — submitted by Amy Allen



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Book Shuffle Intake: March 23/30 and Sale: April 4, 6 And 13

Please scan your shelves for books, DVD's, or CD's for the annual Book Shuffle benefitting the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund. UCH members can drop off books at either campus on March 23 and 30.

The sale begins Friday, April 4, during the Coffeehouse, and resumes April 6 and 13 after the service at the Clover Lane campus. Please call Jessica Chuckalovcak at 526-4203 with any questions or to arrange alternate drop-off arrangements. — submitted by Jessica Chuckalovcak

April 6: Countdown to Count

Former UCH member Paul Fritz and his wife, Lydia, will be present for a book-signing and book-purchase opportunity on Sunday, April 6, at both campuses. The book is Paul’s just-published novel, *Count*, inspired by Oliver LaGrone. A portion of proceeds from the book sale will go to the Oliver

Paul and Lydia now live in South Jersey, where Paul remains active writing under the pseudonym Max Blue. “Count” on it: Sunday, April 6, 2014. — submitted by Cordell Affeldt



Art Show, April 6 and April 13

A number of UCH artists donate their works via **THE OLIVER COLLECTIVE** for the semi-annual art shows that support the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund. The next show will be held in the community rooms at both campuses on April 6 and 13.

Items include textile wearables, table lamps, knitted wearables, capes, tote bags, pillows, crocheted wearables, purses, scarves, framed photography, jewelry, needlework, hand spun and hand woven wearables, note cards and more. Each item is clearly marked with a minimum donation amount; contribute that amount or more. — submitted by John Hope

Other News

News from lay-led ministries or other items of interest

Bus Trip to New York, all day March 22

The Breast Cancer Awareness lay-led ministry and UCH members Nej Meflah and Ruth invited you to participate in a “Relay for Life” event. The team is planning a NYC bus trip on 3/22/2014 to benefit the American Cancer Society. The \$45 trip is a “do as you will” trip, departing from Harrisburg at 7:00 a.m.. Please contact Nejoua Meflah @ [717-343-1100](tel:717-343-1100) if you are interested.

Please join us in raising money for a great cause and have fun visiting one of the greatest cities."



Prison Ministry Concert, 7:00 p.m. May 7

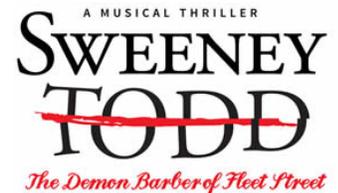
Please save the date for the sixth annual "Concert of Hope" sponsored by the Prison Action Committee (PAC) of Christian Churches United of the Tri-County Area. PAC is the oldest ministry of the organization and the umbrella organization that sponsors the monthly Re-Entry Breakfast for former inmates. UCH's lay-led ministry, Helping People in Prison and Their Families (HPPTF), usually hosts the September breakfast.

The concert will feature gospel and other Christian-themed music provided by choirs from God's Army of Tenacity (G.A.T.) Fellowship; North 17th Street Church of God, Harrisburg; and Trinity Church of God, Camp Hill. A love donation to support the prison ministry will support the PAC's program, including efforts to hire a second chaplain at Dauphin County Prison. Please contact Jim Cavanaugh (nanjim65@verizon.net) for information. He has been a member of the organization for many years.

HPPTF also encourages helping people on work release by patronizing their employers, including: Applebees, Paxton Street; Liberty Tax, Harrisburg; The Firehouse restaurant; MoMo's BBQ and Grill; Underdog sports bar; LaQuinta Inn; Capitol Diner; Wingate hotel; Arby's Jonestown Road; Warf & Mac Contracting; Buffalo Wild Wings; FedEx; Harrisburg City Cab Inc.; KFC Walnut Street; McDonalds Eisenhower Blvd.; Front Street Diner; Old Country Buffet; and Nellie's Southern Style Café.

Sweeney Todd, 8:00 pm May 9

Join us for an evening at the theater to benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry. This is an evening at Theatre Harrisburg/Main Stage Production of Steven Sondheim's hit musical masterpiece, *Sweeney Todd*, presented in at Whitaker Center in downtown Harrisburg. Tickets are available for \$35 from Michael Mark, mmarkpa@aol.com. We have reserved a block of front orchestra seats. The musical won eight Tony awards. Information on the Ecumenical Food Pantry is available at their website, www.ecumenicalfoodpantry.org



Inside UCH Connection Coaches Help New Members Find Their Way

Inside UCH highlights church programs and services so UCH members and friends better understand all that is going on in the church and how they can become more involved.

UCH can be a confusing organization to newcomers with its two campuses, activities going on at each campus, and multiple types of spiritual traditions and practices. To help new members find their way around and learn about the many opportunities available to them, the Membership Action Committee (MAC) appoints a "Connection Coach" for each new member.

Bart Carpenter, interim chair of MAC, has been assigning coaches for the several years the program has existed.

"Basically, when a person or family joins the church (signs the book), we match them with another member to serve as coach," he says. "Usually we try to identify another member with similar demographics—lives in the same neighborhood, has kids the same age, has a shared interest of some sort, etc.

"If they already know someone in the church or have developed rapport with a current member, we'll try to match them up based on that pre-existing relationship."

The intent is to give new members a single point of contact so they have someone to turn to with questions about anything at UCH.

"We ask the Connection Coach to keep a benign eye out for the newcomer, introduce him or her to others at coffee hour, etc.," Carpenter says. "Sometimes they meet outside church for dinner or coffee; sometimes it's purely a Sunday morning relationship. The 'assignment' is a little open-ended in duration. I think most questions, if there are any, will occur during the first few months."

Cordell Affeldt and Larry Byer were the Coaches for Bob Coleman, who was a Midtown Harrisburg resident like them. They invited him to dinner and also have been able to see and speak with him at church and at various events around town.

They currently are the Coaches for Eric and Jody Choi, also Midtown residents, although everyone's busy schedule has been something of a barrier to spending much time together. The Chois stopped by Cordell and Larry's house one Saturday and they talked a bit about Unitarian Universalism then.

How You Can Help

Any UCH member is eligible. Serving as a Connection Coach is a "nice, relatively unstructured way to contribute to the church," says Coach coordinator Bart Carpenter. Please contact him at a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com if interested in serving.

Eric and Jody and their new baby are regularly seen at the Market Street service on Sunday mornings and are able to ask questions of Cordell and Larry at church or to talk with anyone else as need be.

Mary and Jim Henninger-Voss are the Connection Coaches for Amanda and Mike Thomas. Mary says they clicked because both she and Amanda work in higher education and the two families have children who are about the same age. Their time together has been mostly social.

— Submitted by John and Linda Hope

UU Plan



The Economic Justice (EJ) Team participated in a call-in to our federal legislators to raise the minimum wage and to index tipped workers' wages to it at 70 percent; the current base minimum wage in Pennsylvania is \$7.25, and \$2.13 for tipped workers. On Feb. 13, a rally to increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania was planned with Restaurant Opportunities Center at the Philadelphia office of Governor Corbett, but cancelled due to weather. Working families are relying more than ever on low-wage jobs to make ends meet. Many workers who lost manufacturing jobs are now working as cashiers or in restaurants. In fact the top three occupations that experienced job growth in 2010 are retail sales, cashiers and food prep workers – all with median wages below \$10 an hour.

Members of the Immigration Justice Team met with state Sen. Mike Folmer on Feb. 19 to urge him to schedule a vote in the Education Committee for the PA Dream Act. This legislation, introduced by Sen. Lloyd Smucker of Lancaster, would provide in-state tuition for undocumented individuals.

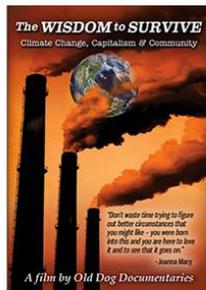
Medicaid Expansion is also on the agenda for the EJ Team. Gov. Tom Corbett's Healthy PA includes dangerous cuts for our senior citizens, pregnant women, and people with disabilities who rely on this critical safety net. Instead, UUPLAN is part of a large, diverse, coalition with the PA Health Access Network to pressure the governor to extend health care coverage to 500,000-700,000 Pennsylvanians via the Medicaid Expansion program offered in the Affordable Care Act.

UCH-Environmental Justice members traveled to Baltimore Feb. 20 to join 1,000 protesters opposing the opening of a new gas export facility in Cove Point. A new facility would result in a huge increase in gas drilling in surrounding areas and Pennsylvania. On Feb. 25, members attended a rally at Harrisburg State Capital to protest Corbett's decision to open state forests to fracking.

For more information on the work of any of the Issues Teams, stop by the UUPLAN table during coffee hour.

— Submitted by Rachel Mark and Anita Mentzer

Friday Film Forum: Cinema 2 Make U Think



Environmental Justice
March 14



Anti-Incarceration
April 8



Immigration
May 16



Economic Justice
June 13

Detail Calendar

March 2014

Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.

Sun 2 1:30 Congregational Meeting Clover Lane

Rescheduled for March 16

What is the Mission of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg?

Members of the UCH are invited to an all-congregation meeting at Clover Lane, as we continue the process of Interim Ministry. At this meeting, we will take concrete steps toward articulating a statement of our church's mission - including developing first drafts!



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.

Tue 4 5:45 Friedman's Fables & Food Clover Lane

—and—

Wed 5 noon Friedman's Fables & Food Market Street

DATE	FABLE
Mar 4/5	Cinderella
Mar 11/12	Caught in Her Own Web
Mar 18/19	The Wallflower
Mar 25/26	Panic

The weekly book study of *Friedman's Fables* continues! Tuesday evening at Clover Lane, Wednesday noon at Market Street. Each week, we read one fable, promptly on time. Then we spend the rest of the hour discussing its insights into our relationships with one another: in church, in

our families, and in other areas of our lives. Please bring a "brown bag" lunch or dinner with you, if desired. Contact: Rev. Posa, revericposa@gmail.com.



Adult RGL

Wed 5 QueenSpirit Clover Lane

Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, Come to the March Circle and create the Queen Spirit you want. Robin and Randa will facilitate us planning future circles that help to empower ourselves and each other for the coming year. Please come prepare to share your thoughts and ideas as well as a dish for the potluck. Contact Randa Todd, lrrt1946@yahoo.com.

QueenSpirit

Fri 7 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House Clover Lane

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to present Minnesota musician and peace activist Sara Thomsen. Thomsen is on a CD release tour for her newly released album, *Somewhere to Begin*. Admission is \$10 donation at the door (\$25 max per family); all are welcome.

Thomsen is a singer-songwriter with a soulful voice, poetic lyrics, and haunting melodies. She has been compared by fans to Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, both of whom are important musical influences on her artistic development. Other major influences include troubadours of song Pete Seeger; Bernice Johnson Reagon (*Sweet Honey in the Rock*); the Argentinian singer Mercedes Sosa, an early proponent of socially committed genre nueva canción; and Peter Mayer, with whom she has shared the stage.

Thomsen won the Minnesota Folk Festival's New Folk Songwriting Contest in 2002 for "Irene Marguerite" and "Keepin' the Peace." Her song "Is It For Freedom" was a Top Finalist in the national *Bringing Music To Life* contest (2001), created by Noel Paul Stookey (of Peter, Paul and Mary) to recognize songs of sociopolitical concern.

Published in *Sing Out!* magazine and aired frequently on Democracy Now! radio news, the song's impact on listeners has expanded Sara's audience nationally and internationally. In the tradition of Pete Seeger, Holly Near, and Woody Guthrie, Sara is a weaver of song and community singing. At concerts, conferences, classrooms, workshops, retreats, jails, places of prayer, and lines of protest, to be with Sara is to want to sing. At the heart of her work is an increasing wonder and awareness, deepening spiritual connection, and widening social engagement through song. Please contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com for other information.



Clover Lane Coffee House

Social Engagement through Song

Sat 8 9:30 Pathway to Membership Market Street

Anyone interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism is cordially invited to a half-day seminar, "UCU 101," presented by Rev. Posa and Bart Carpenter. The class is an opportunity to find out [more] about our evolution since Puritan times (anti-slavery, women's suffrage, civil rights and more); our local church organization; and the multitude of growth and service opportunities in our community. Participants can sign the membership book afterward, if desired.

Please contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com to pre-register.

UCH 101

Sat 8 9:00 Common Ground Café Market Street

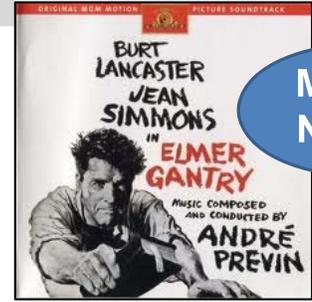
In collaboration with the Shared Ministry, the UCH operates the Common Ground Café at our Market Street campus on the second and last Saturday of the month. The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome. To join the list of volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert, commongroundbreakfast@gmail.com.

Common Ground Café

Sat 8 7:30 Movie Night Clover Lane

UCH members and friends are invited to our monthly Movie Night. This month's feature is "Elmer Gantry" (1960). Adapted from the novel by Sinclair Lewis, *Elmer Gantry* is a drama about a con man and a female evangelist selling religion to small town America.

Both Burt Lancaster and co-star Shirley Jones won Academy Awards for their performance in the movie. Come find out why! Contact Judy Linder, jclinder09@gmail.com.



Movie Night

Sun 9 10:15-11:00 Parents as Sexuality Educators Clover Lane

Children receive messages about sexuality from many sources, including teachers, friends, neighbors and the media. What messages are they hearing from their parents? Join Trish Brandon and other parents to learn and talk about how to raise and address sexuality issues with your children. Recommended resources will be available to look over including some to take home.

Child care/supervision will be provided.

Sex Education for Parents

Sun 9 10:30 Second Sunday Forum Clover Lane

Relationships have changed dramatically over the last century. Women got the right to vote, pursued higher education, and began earning their own income, which vastly changed the dynamics of traditional marriage. Now same-sex relationships are more accepted, single adults are adopting children, and blended families are commonplace. What is now the basis of relationships? And how are young people finding their way through such complexity?

Relationships in the 21st Century

Second Sunday Forum

Carolyn Grasse-Bachman is Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State Harrisburg. She teaches classes on Family Development and Family Relations. Join us for a thoughtful, broad-based discussion about this topic. All are welcome. Please contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Sun 9 12:45 Market Street

UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF) is group of UCH members who meet twice each month to explore Christian-themed topics of interest to UUs. The group meets on the second Sunday at Market Street and on the fourth Tuesday at Clover Lane. All are welcome.

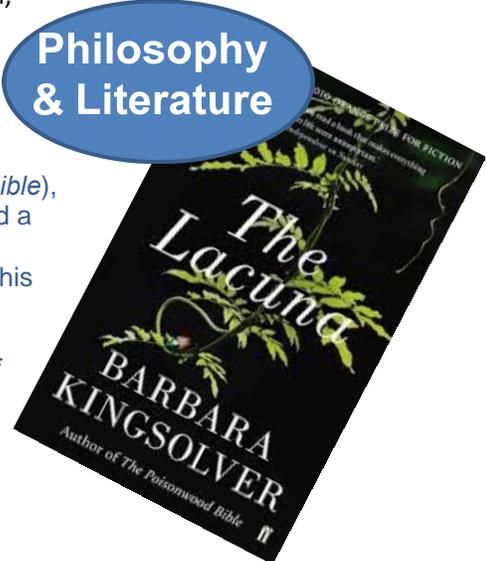
For more information please contact Linda Hope (497-3695, neesa46@gmail.com). Repeats at 7:00 p.m. March 25 at Clover Lane.

UU Christian Fellowship



Sun 9 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group Clover Lane

The Philosophy & Literature Group usually meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets to discuss *The Lacuna: A Novel (P.S.)*, by Barbara Kingsolver. The book is part of the Pivotal Moments in American History series published by Oxford University Press. All UCH members and friends are welcome. From Amazon.com:



Philosophy & Literature

Kingsolver's ambitious new novel, her first in nine years (after the *The Poisonwood Bible*), focuses on Harrison William Shepherd, the product of a divorced American father and a Mexican mother. After getting kicked out of his American military academy, Harrison spends his formative years in Mexico in the 1930s in the household of Diego Rivera; his wife, Frida Kahlo; and their houseguest, Leon Trotsky, who is hiding from Soviet assassins. After Trotsky is killed, Harrison returns to the U.S., settling down in Asheville, N.C., where he becomes an author of historical potboilers (e.g., *Vassals of Majesty*) and is later investigated as a possible subversive.

Please contact Don Brown, dabrown57@gmail.com, for additional information.

A film by Old Dog Documentaries

The Wisdom to Survive

Climate Change, Capitalism & Community



"This film is deeply moving and profoundly engaging. Indeed, it has the potential to transform lives because it provides visions of how we should live in the midst of massive environmental challenges. I cannot recommend it more highly!"

Mary Evelyn Tucker
YALE FORUM ON RELIGION & ECOLOGY

Friday Film Forum (UUPlan)

The Environmental Justice team of UCH's UUPLAN chapter is pleased to present the first of a series of screenings of *Cinema 2 Make U Think*. The movie this month is an hour-long documentary, *The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism, and Community*. The film features leaders and activists in the realms of science, economics and spirituality, discussing how we can evolve and take action in the face of climate disruption. It poses a simple question: *Climate change is here; will we have the wisdom to survive?* For additional information, please contact rachelmark@paonline.com.

A new lay-led ministry, CroneSpirit, met in February and approved the guidelines listed below. Our topic for Tuesday, March 18, will be "End of Life Decisions." We will meet from 10:00 a.m. -noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus.

- 🍷 A discussion group for women over 65
- 🍷 A UCH lay-led ministry, which does not exclude non-member participation
- 🍷 Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power
- 🍷 For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of ten participants
- 🍷 Sharing, listening and learning
- 🍷 Meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the UCH Clover Lane campus
- 🍷 Discussion topics planned quarterly by those in attendance
- 🍷 Avoidance of gossip or speaking disrespectfully to or about each other
- 🍷 Group guidelines established and refined by the group at least annually



CroneSpirit

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact Joan Hellmann, joan_elizabeth@comcast.net

Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. The 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, the group will gather to perform an Ostara Ritual. They will be casting a Circle and Calling Quarters, and make a group decision who to call upon as Deity.

Clover Grove

Each participant is empowered to host an Act of Power. Please- bring anything and everything you need for the Act of Power you are hosting; also contact Wayne Minnich wayne2@att.net to coordinate Acts of Power to prevent duplicate hosting. If you do not wish to host an Act of Power, join us in Circle anyway to enjoy the Pagan fellowship. There's no commitment to host an Act of Power to be in Circle - ever.

Afterwards, the group will ground and center, via a shared potluck meal. Childcare available for the first hour, with \$12 cost split among whoever is using the service. Contact Nikki Stone-Thonus, bnlady79@yahoo.com.

Fri 28 7:00 Green Sanctuary

Clover Lane

Green Sanctuary presents the film *Groundswell Rising: Protecting Our Children's Air and Water*, an activist movie that brings us into the lives of people from all walks of life and all sides of the political spectrum who are dedicating themselves to resisting, slowing down or stopping fracking.

The film's Executive Producer is Mark Lichty, a member of UU Fellowship of the Poconos in Stroudsburg. Mark will screen and discuss the film.

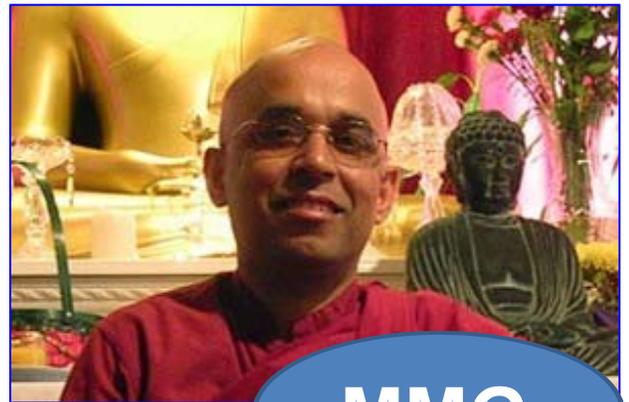
For additional information, please contact rachelmark@paonline.com.



Sat 29 6:45 Bhante Sujatha

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Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG) hosts Buddhist priest Bhante Sujatha for a special teaching session. Born in Sri Lanka, Sujatha was 11 when he entered the Sri Subodharama International Buddhist Centre (monastery). It is a part of the Theravada tradition, regarded among its practitioners as the lineage closest to the original form of Buddhism. After graduation, he taught meditation at Sri Subodharama and in Brisbane, Australia, before moving to the U.S. in the late 1990s. Originally focused on teaching to the Sri Lankan community, he eventually realized that the people he was living among already "got it" and he could teach the typical stressed-out, overworked Westerner how Buddhism could bring peace and happiness to their lives. He now teaches from his home base at the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple near Chicago.



Bhante says that he "believes in change, rather than tradition," particularly when dealing with life in our fast-paced Western society. His approach to teaching is easy-going rather than dogmatic, and he makes every attempt to explain things to an American audience so that even absolute beginners can understand how to practice meditation and how to apply the spiritual teachings to their own daily lives.

A freewill offering goes directly to Bhante's ministry. For additional information, contact Chuck Daley mmg@harrisburguu.org.

Sun 30 1:00 2014 All-Church Auction (Planning)

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We have a date (Nov. 8) and we're getting ready to roll! Come be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous auction committee. We welcome your talent and help planning the 2014 All Church Auction.

We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success and need your help. Please contact Patti Hazell pahazell@yahoo.com or Ann Stillwater annstillwater@gmail.com if interested in participating. All are welcome!

