



## Minister's Message



Some days you walk into a church board meeting dreading it, and walk out filled with gratitude for the good work done. That was certainly true for me, at the November board meeting for UCH. Our Close the Gap campaign in October and early November went well, but it needed to close a very large gap. Preliminary numbers showed it closed almost half that gap, but a significant shortfall

remained. (We will publish final numbers once they are confirmed.) The board had to answer some hard questions: Do we cut expenses (including staff)? Do we dip into reserve funds? Do we try to earn more money in other ways?

Allow me to commend the board for the way in which they engaged this work. It would have been easy for any group, faced with a difficult set of decisions affecting the financial and staffing future of the church, to have focused on specific numbers, or on the details of a particular staff position, in isolation. Instead, they took the broad, future-focused view that is the rightful purview of church boards. They spoke not about despair, or blame, or minutiae; they articulated clearly what our church is about, our values, mission, and vision. They re-committed to the goal the congregation affirmed in passing the budget in May – a vision of two, fully staffed church campuses, and continuing to bridge between the suburbs and the inner city. Other than minor cuts in operating expenses with minimal impact, the board affirmed our church functioning at the staffing levels at which we began the church year.

This was not looking with rose-colored glasses at our financial challenges. It was a recognition that this is a short-term solution for the next year, which will then need to be re-evaluated. More importantly in my mind, the way they reached this decision trumps the outcome itself. Instead of panicked, narrow thinking about the short-term worries, the UCH board engaged in long-range thinking about the purpose of our church. Faced with hard decisions, they stepped forward with visionary leadership.

I explain all this, because you deserve to know how well your elected leaders are doing the work of the church. In the face of some who criticize our board for past missteps (which may actually have been missteps, or maybe not), this board is staying true to its work of leading this congregation. As you continue the search for your future ministerial leadership, know that your lay leadership is strong and healthy – a real blessing for UCH.

In Faith, *Eric*

## Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

### December 2014 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Mon 1	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 2	5:45	Adult RGL: Dinner/Video
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 3	6:00	QueenSpirit
Thu 4	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 6	7:00	Bhante Sujatha
Sun 7	10:30	"God Known by Many Names," Rev. Posa
	11:00	"Deck the Halls," Rev. Renfro
Mon 8	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 9	5:45	Adult RGL: Dinner/Video
	6:30	Women's Night Out (offsite)
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 11	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 13	9:00	Community Café
Sun 14	10:30	"Deck the Halls," Rev. Posa
	11:00	Christmas Pageant, Rev. Renfro
	6:00	Philosophy and Literature
Mon 15	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 16	10:00	CroneSpirit
	5:45	Adult RGL: Dinner/Video
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 17	11:00	World Peace Mandala (Opening)
	7:00	Clover Grove
Thu 18	3:00	Peace Mandala (in progress)
	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Fri 19	10:00	Peace Mandala (in progress))
Sat 20	2:00	World Peace Mandala (Closing)
	7:30	Coffee House
Sun 21	10:30	All-Ages Pageant, Rev. Renfro
	11:00	"God Known by Many Names," Rev. Posa
	5:00	Winter Solstice Celebration
Mon 22	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 23	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 24	6:30	Family Service, Rev. Renfro
	9:00	Contemplative Service, Rev. Posa
Sat 27	9:00	Community Café
Sun 28	10:30	Lay-led service
	11:00	Lay-led service

Occurs at Market Street campus

## President's Message



The month of December is before us: a time to reflect on many of our faith heritages (Pagan, Jewish, Christian and Hindu). The days become shorter as we draw near to the winter solstice, and we have the opportunity to contemplate an end and a beginning. This time of year we can have opportunities to express our core

values of Loving Kindness, Connection, Transformation, and Joy. For some of us it can be a sad time of year: seeing others enjoying family gatherings when we cannot; thinking of those who refuse to make peace with us; being in poor health; or seeing crass commercialism and selfishness at its height. This is a time to fulfill our mission: to build bridges between ourselves and those that are experiencing dark times and to celebrate our community by being a safe, respectful place for shelter. Think of the words of the hymn "Comfort Me," and reach out and be a comfort to someone.

Our community offers us many opportunities to do just that. This season we will be collecting items for those in need in our area. We are a very generous group and extend ourselves to lend a hand up to someone that we may never actually meet. We are also generous with our support of members of our community that are experiencing difficult times. We share the joys and sorrows of our friends. Our Pastoral Care group works quietly ministering within the congregation.

December is, of course, the last month of the calendar year. Our mailboxes will not only have holiday cards with newsletters from our friends and family, but also seem to brim with requests for donations to worthy causes. At the end of the tax year, many of us give a bit more in December. While I don't have the current figures for the increased pledges and special donations, UCH is grateful to have a very generous congregation. If you are so inclined, please add UCH to your holiday gift list and let us fulfill our mission through our generosity and good will.

The calendar for the month is filling up for most of us. There are events, potlucks, parties, solstice celebrations, church services... the list goes on. There are two Deck the Halls events this year! The one at the Market Street is December 7th (including a pancake breakfast) and on December 14th at Clover Lane. Consider going to both and have double the fun and fellowship. Take time, enjoy the season, and use the opportunities to practice our core values.

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

DECEMBER TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	CLOVER LANE	MARKET ST
7	Judy Linder	Laura Shemick
14	Nan Cavanaugh	Debbie Reihart
21	Dave Forster	Laura Edinger
24	Judy Linder	Debbie Reihart
28	Marilyn McHenry	Chris Dutton

## Get Ready for the SOS Fair!!!

Did you know: through UCH you can help keep a neighboring highway clean, practice yoga or meditation, talk about some excellent non-fiction books, participate in charity walks, work with our children on Sunday mornings, beautify the church grounds, and many other diverse activities? Your chance to learn more about these opportunities and many others comes on **Sunday, January 18**, at Market Street, and **Sunday, January 25**, at Clover Lane, during the SOS Fair. The SOS team (Share our Service/Strengthen Our Spirit) is hosting some 25 lay-led ministries and other organizations that are looking for new people to join their ranks.



The Fair will be held in the Common Room at each campus following worship. Each participating group will have a display explaining its purpose and work, handout materials, and a sign-up sheet for new members. Someone from each organization will be at the display to discuss the group's activities, the time commitment involved, and the need for new members. Each group also will provide some snacks to go with your coffee!!

SOS was formed to help UCH members and friends recognize service to the church as an integral part of one's spiritual journey. In working together on a variety of projects through our church, we help build the beloved community that we seek.

At the SOS booth, we will have "Discovery of Gifts" forms to be filled out by those who have not yet done so. The answers on the form help us match people with particular skills and interests with those church activities in need of their help. The final decision always rests with the individual on whether to accept a "match."

By working together in a variety of ways, we can do great things at both of our church locations, building a stronger bridge between the suburbs and the city. The SOS Fair is a fun way to find out what all is going on and how you can be a bigger part of the action. Please join us in January to Share our Service and Strengthen our Spirit.

— Submitted by John Hope

# Ministerial Search Committee

It may seem as if there is little to report unless you are part of the Ministerial Search Committee and are working furiously to finish our packet. This website and document will show all the terrific things going on at UCH. It will review our history and talk about the geographic area in which we are located. This shows us at our best and, we hope, makes us attractive to the right candidate. When this is complete (sometime in December), it will be made available to everyone to view.

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

*“Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met?  
Will the minister understand what I’m living with? How will the community respond to our minister?”*

In answering these questions, a picture of the “ideal minister” (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our “picture,” we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

On Sunday, January 4, UCH will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The UCH Ministerial Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and to help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a Sunday morning worship service at each campus with the BCT workshop facilitators, followed by a three-hour workshop at Clover Lane. In the workshop, UCH members will do all of the following:

- consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister;
- learn more about the ministerial search process; and
- explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

The workshop will be led by Amanda Schuber and Mary Esther Johnson of the UUA. Transportation from Market Street to Clover Lane is also available.

The selection of a minister is important. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

*—Submitted by Linda Hope, Chair*



Search Timeline	
✓	UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative (MSR) visits
✓	Ministerial Search Committee selected
✓	Search Committee meets with MSR and plans its work
✓	Search Committee holds its retreat
✓	Congregational Survey distributed and tabulated
✓	UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative visits
✓	Congregational Record Completed on UUA Transitions website
✓	Cottage Meeting results summarized
	Packet completed (Dec. 31)
➔	<b>Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop</b>
	Search committee begins considering potential candidates
	Search Committee interviews and observes several candidates
	Search Committee selects one candidate
	Candidating Week and Congregational vote

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## Assistant Minister's Message



I write today with a heavy heart, in this time of holidays that call us to be thankful and joyful. The spirit of the Christian recognition of Advent is calling to be with me - patiently waiting. Waiting for love and hope and faith, truth and justice, in what Jesus called us to do. To love our neighbor as ourselves, to care for those who are in need. My heart is heavy, to know how best to address the injustice

that was the shooting of Michael Brown and the grand jury investigation of Darren Wilson. Do we hold a vigil or a protest like many of our congregations will do, for our larger community? Do we offer a prayer vigil for just our church? As I write these things, I am aware that there may be those among us in our church who do not share the outrage of another young black man killed by police. I am painfully aware of this from having heard stories of church members who seem to characterize black men as thugs, and, from just having heard that one of our own children recently called a neighborhood child a thug during RGL class time.

I am painfully aware of my black friends and their families and of our congregants and their sons and daughters who live with the fear of violence from being black. I am painfully aware also of other friends' and congregants' fear of violence from those who are black. The online UU church that I belong to, [www.clfuu.org](http://www.clfuu.org), published this statement:

So let this be a lesson to us moving forward. Black people are not the enemy; white people are not the enemy; Immigrants are not the enemy; Latinos, Asian people, Transgender people, Bisexual people are not the enemy. The only enemy is when any of us is treated like "The Other," and turned away from a table that should be

set first with love. And let's not forget that even then the real enemy is not "The Other" but "The Us."

I sincerely hope and pray, after this season of waiting, for anticipation of an ever-expanding idea of the divinity in each and every one of us, that in the new year you will join me in frank and respectful discussions about fear around race in our church. Let us keep that holiness and divinity as the reason for this season, and our lives.

In this month of December, as we add some new aspects to some familiar parts of our RGL activities, we invite everyone's participation. We will have traditional Christmas pageants as the worship service, Dec. 14 at Market and Dec. 21 at Clover. The week before at each location we will have very short all-ages worship, then for the remainder of the hour decorate our buildings and Christmas trees with decorations that we will make together after the service. We invite volunteers to bring supplies for ornaments or decorations. At Market we have volunteers to cook a pancake and sausage breakfast, and we are hoping someone will volunteer at Clover as well.

On Dec. 21st at Market, we would like to have the children together for a cookie-making and decorating party in the community room during the service time and, again, need supplies and volunteers.

December 24 we will have the traditional family service at Market St. at 6:30 p.m. and a candlelight service at Clover at 9 p.m. There will be no special activities for children and youth on Dec. 28 during the regular worship and class time.

We hope you will join us in many of these celebratory activities, to build bridges and create community for our church members and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to us all!

Donna

## Lay-Led / Other Ministries

### UUCF

There were 17 of us at the UU Christian communion Nov 23, and several others unable to attend. The service went well, especially after we learned how to 'light' the chalice.

We discussed the nature of the group. There was consensus that the national UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF) slogan "Freely following Jesus" works for us. We agreed to have a service in each calendar quarter and set the dates for the next two: February 22 and March 29 (Palm Sunday). The content of the service seemed appropriate, and since a few suggested that Bible readings be included, that will be a part of future services, using a Revised Common Lectionary link found on the national UUCF website. Thanks to all who made the service a success!

—Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh.

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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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## UUPLAN Meeting Draws 83 Representatives from 18 Congregations



UCH sent 10 delegates to the annual meeting of UUPLAN on Nov. 15, held at our Market Street campus. In addition to Anita Mentzer, Director, participants included Barbara Van Horn, Karen Sykes, David Smith, Betsy Conover, Rachel and Michael Mark, Jim Cavanaugh, Tammy and Diana Radcliffe, and Ann Lebo.

In addition Sparkie Radcliffe led delegates in song throughout the day, Brian Kahler welcomed all visitors, and Rev. Donna Renfro opened the general meeting with words of welcome from UCH. UU advocates met in the context of a changed political environment in Harrisburg, which will provide new challenges to our values as well as potential opportunities with a new governor.

The centerpiece sessions covered (1) including awareness of racism in our policy work and (2) methods for building effective coalitions. Statewide "teams" on Anti-Mass Incarceration, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice, Immigration Justice, and Reproductive Justice met to define goals for the 2014-15 year. A grant award of \$10,000 to UUPLAN from the UU Funding Program was announced, along with a \$5,000 challenge grant.

For more information on any aspect of UUPLAN and how you can contribute time or financial resources, please contact Anita Mentzer, UUPLAN Congregational Liaison to UCH, at 717.507.5646 or [anita.s.mentzer@gmail.com](mailto:anita.s.mentzer@gmail.com). Further background can be found at [www.uuplan.org](http://www.uuplan.org).



## World Peace Sand Mandala

Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG) is pleased to co-sponsor a sacred art tour and sand mandala, created by monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery. The monastery for advanced studies and practice on Buddhist philosophy is currently based in Uttar kannada, Karnataka, India. The monks are part of the Tibetan community now living there.

The Sand Mandala (Tibetan: འཕྲིམ་འཛོམས།) is a Tibetan Buddhist tradition involving creation and destruction of mandalas made from colored sand. A sand mandala is ritualistically destroyed once it has been completed and its accompanying ceremonies and viewing are finished. This symbolizes the Buddhist doctrinal belief in the transitory nature of material life. The sacred art tour includes multiple events in Central Pennsylvania during the days preceding and following the mandala. The monks will create the mandala at Clover Lane over a four-day period, then destroy it in a closing ceremony. The four-day mandala has the following schedule; all are welcome to attend/observe:



### Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony/Chanted Prayer  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Work begins on the Mandala  
3:30 p.m. Chanted Prayers

### Thursday

3:00 p.m. Chanted Prayers  
3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Work continues on the Mandala  
6:00 p.m. Chanted Prayers

### Friday

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony/Chanted Prayer  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Work on the Mandala continues  
1:30 p.m. Chanted Prayers

### Saturday

10:00 a.m. Chanted Prayers  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mandala is complete  
2:00 p.m. Closing/Dissolution Ceremony

— Submitted by Chuck Daley

**William Isaac Smith**

UCH member Suzanne Smith and her husband, Tim, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, William Isaac, born at 12:11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2015. He weighed 7 lbs 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

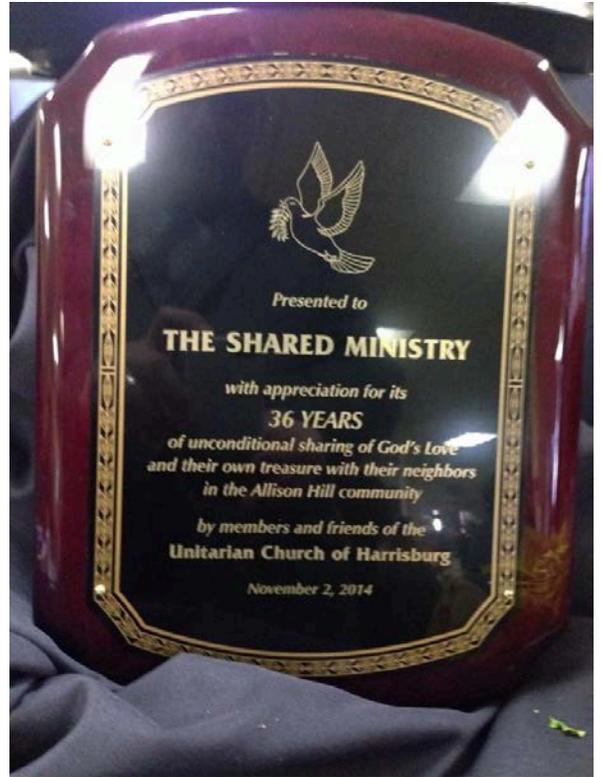


**Suzanne Marsh**

Suzanne Marsh, former Associate Minister at UCH, has been granted Final Fellowship by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, the culmination of a process that started well before she came to Harrisburg. She received her notification from the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) on Nov. 8.



Suzanne served at UCH from 2009-2011. After leaving Harrisburg, she served a year in Idaho at Pocatello UU Fellowship and Magic Valley UU Fellowship. Since 2012, she has served as settled minister at UU Church of the Desert in Rancho Mirage CA.



**Mary Hargreaves 1946 - 2014**

Mary Hargreaves, 68, wife of UCH member John Hargreaves, died Nov. 11 at their home in Harrisburg. Mary was employed as a nurse prior to retirement. She enjoyed international travel and was a talented chef and equestrienne. In addition to John, she is survived by two children, four brothers, six grandsons; and two great-grandsons.



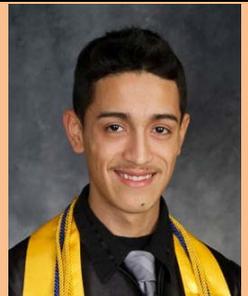
**Who to contact at UCH?**

As part of ongoing work to reimagine the UCH website, our Congregational Administrator has prepared a web page with contact information for staff and lay contacts at the following link: [FAQ](#)

**LaGrone Holiday Appeal**

The season of giving is upon us. For that hard-to-get person on your list, consider donating in his/her name to the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund.

The money directly benefits Harrisburg High School graduates, and your contribution is tax-deductible.



**Merced Ramirez  
2014 Scholar**

*Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.*

**Mon 1 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. **Repeats every Monday.**  
 Contact [Ed Sykes](#). No experience necessary!

**Tue 2 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly) Clover Lane**  
 Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced during meditation and vital in our everyday lives. It can be useful in focusing attention, managing pain, reducing stress, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and allowing for the development of awareness and insight. The ability to be mindful is strengthened through practice.



The Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG) provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another.

- ⊕ Everyone is welcome. Affiliation with any organization or belief system is neither promoted nor discouraged.
- ⊕ Engaging in safe, respectful and welcoming conduct is the only expectation. Participation is entirely voluntary.
- ⊕ Two 25 minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion and rest between. Stay for one sitting or both.
- ⊕ Bring your own seating or use our cushions, benches, and chairs.

Contact [Chuck Daley](#) or [George Hellmann](#) **Repeats every Tuesday.** Third Tuesday is silent meditation

**Wed 3 6:00 QueenSpirit Clover Lane**  
 Queen Spirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, we have an open circle where we will create our display for the SOS fair in January (page 5).



Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share; bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck at 6:00; discussion at 7:00. Contact Randa Todd, [lrrt1946@yahoo.com](mailto:lrrt1946@yahoo.com).

**Sat 6 7:00 Bhante Sujatha Clover Lane**  
 MMG is pleased to host Buddhist monk Bhante Sujatha for an evening session of Buddhist teaching. Bhante Sujatha says his approach to teaching is easy-going rather than dogmatic, and he makes every attempt to explain things to his American audience so that absolute beginners can understand how to practice meditation, and how to apply the spiritual teachings to their own daily lives. “I hope to help people here [in the U.S.] by teaching them to see their jobs and work as a form of spiritual practice,” he says. “Then they can learn to enjoy whatever they are doing in the moment, instead of always worrying about the future or the past. That’s the most important thing.”



Admission is free and open to the public; a goodwill offering will be taken to support Bhante's ministry. Contact [Chuck Daley](#).

**Tue 9 6:30 Women’s Night Out Off-Site**  
 Women’s Night Out (formerly the Craft Group) is a lay-led ministry of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at a local restaurant chosen by our committee, normally alternating locations between the East and West Shores each month.

**Women's Night Out!**  
 Tuesday, December 9 @ 6:30pm  
 Radisson Penn Harris, Camp Hill

In honor of the holidays, we will have our annual holiday raffle. The raffle winner gets to choose the charity that will receive the raffle money. To join Women’s Night Out and experience the fun and friendship of our group first-hand as well as providing support to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, please contact [Ann Sitrin](#) (766-4767) by December 7.

**Sat 13 9:00 Common Ground Café Market Street**  
 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.



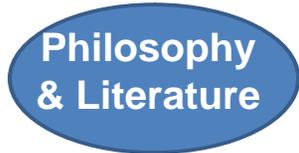
**Repeats December 27.** To join the list of volunteers, please contact [Clay Lambert](#).

**Sun 14 6:30 Philosophy & Literature**

**Clover Lane**

The Philosophy & Literature Group usually meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, the group will have its annual meeting to select books for 2015. As in prior years, the meeting will start with a traditional potluck.

All UCH members and friends are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) or [Judy Linder](#) or directions.



**Tue 16 10:00 CroneSpirit**

**Clover Lane**

The new lay-led ministry, CroneSpirit, meets from 10:00 a.m. to noon in Fuller Chapel. Our topic this month is " Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays: How They have Changed for You." We are:

- ⊕ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members
- ⊕ 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 10 women
- ⊕ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip or speaking disrespectfully
- ⊕ Discussion topics planned quarterly by those present; group guidelines established and refined at least annually

We look forward to seeing you. For information please contact Joan Hellmann, [joan\\_elizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:joan_elizabeth@comcast.net)



**Wed 17 6:00 Clover Grove**

**Clover Lane**

Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. The group gathers tonight for the last meeting of 2014 to go over the final thoughts of the Winter Solstice to be held on Sunday, Dec 21. Anybody interested in participating in planning the Winter Solstice event is welcome to join us on the lower level to review the ritual before we take it to the sanctuary on Sunday. We look forward to hosting another great Winter Solstice celebration - Native American Style!!

Please contact [Nikki Stone-Thonus](#) if childcare is needed or requested. All are welcome.



**Sat 20 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House**

**Clover Lane**

Clover Lane Coffee House welcomes Womack & Lowery for their sixth concert since 2008! Admission is \$10 at the door (\$25 max per family); all are welcome.

Womack & Lowery perform "music of many colors" including originals, blues, country, ballads, folk, Americana, and even old standards. Their style is acoustic, and their delivery is straight & true. They'll make you laugh – they'll make you cry – and that's what entertainment is all about!

This month we celebrate the 60th birthday of emcee Bart Carpenter, who extends a hearty welcome to all. Bart is paying the band directly, so any contributions at the door go to the church.

Please contact [a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com) for other information.



**Sun 21 6:30 Winter Solstice**

**Clover Lane**

It's that time of year when the Sun's Journey becomes dimmer and dimmer. The light of the day is shortest at this time of year and the nights are long. The Big Dipper reveals itself and the New Moon of December will begin the Journey of the Winter Solstice for UCH.

Clover Grove is heading the celebration this year. As we pondered our theme, we decided to continue our time-honored tradition of picking a pantheon and basing our ritual upon it. This year we are embellishing on a Native American theme. We are honored to have Grandmother Dawn help host this year's Ritual, for she has a special message for one and all.

Join us on Sunday, December 21, 2014 at 5 pm as we gather in the Sanctuary to offer sacred drumming and dancing with a guided journey told by an elder of the tribe. We will also have a traditional bonfire on the lower level with a pot luck dinner afterwards. We hope that you bring something festive and yummy to share!

Please contact [Nikki Stone-Thonus](#) if childcare is needed or requested. All are welcome.

