



## The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg: Building Bridges, Celebrating Community

### The Wayside Pulpit

#### We Are Building a New Way

By Rev. Michael Walker, Interim Minister



Dear friends,

A well-loved hymn in the UU tradition has the words: *We are building a new way, feeling stronger every day.* Indeed! It seems this has been a rallying cry for every religious organization

(churches, retreats, summer camps) I've been involved with over the last 30 years. Not to be depressing, but as I get closer and closer to age 50, I'm finally beginning to realize that such a future is not yet built and may never be finished. Okay, so maybe that is depressing. Unless... Unless... We look at who we are and where we are going using a Process Theology lens. That is to say, we are ever in the process of becoming who we are meant to be. The cliché says: it's the journey, not the destination. Or, to return to the hymn we began with, we are continuously building a new way, knowing that this is work that will never be 'finished'. It is an ongoing process.

It seems to me that we can apply this to our families, as well as our church community, our workplaces, and many other parts of our lives. If we keep on building a new way (let's say, building relationships with those we care about), we keep on getting stronger every day. It seems apparent to me that this is applicable to our church community, as well. I arrived at what might be considered a turbulent moment in the church's history. Even so, lay leaders (elected and

volunteers) and staff have worked hard at this "building a new way" concept. We have had to make some difficult decisions to ensure we are financially sustainable over the next couple of years, while some have been working on a longer-term plan to ensure financial sustainability over the long haul. But what is even more exciting (because talking about the budget is never exciting), is that there is discussion about our mission, vision and identity.

A proposal is coming your way soon, from our Multi-Site Task Force. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find an invitation to a number of discussions where members can hear about the proposal and give your feedback. This really is building a new way, and if the congregation eventually approves the proposal, it will help us to build a mission and vision that is enlivening and allows us to be of service to others, as well as ourselves. It's an exciting time, and I'm honored to be a part of it. It's my hope you will all feel the same. Just remember, though, that this building of a new way will be ongoing — and that's the way it should be!

May it ever be so and blessed be you all

— Rev. Mike

### Worship Services

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Market Street, 11:30 a.m. Clover Lane

#### Apr 3 *Lessons from Cesar*

Rev. Mike Walker

In observance of Cesar Chavez Day, we discuss the status of farm workers in America today, and immigrant labor in particular, through the UU lens of social justice. Although his life was not without some controversy, Chavez is often seen as a leader in labor reform and the prevention of exploitation of workers. As immigration continues to be a debate in this country, Rev. Mike asks us to consider how our spiritual paths and values inform our opinions on this debate.

#### Apr 10 *Living with Uncertainty*

UCH Worship Team

Please join the Worship Team as we explore what it means to *Live with Uncertainty*. We will learn what living with uncertainty means to different people and how uncertainty is managed — including how prisoners handle uncertainty; improvisation and an unexpected lesson derived from managing uncertainty; and working with uncertainty to live in a state of active hope. This exploration will also showcase different ways in which we can worship together including both familiar (participation through singing hymns) and less familiar (participation through chant). Ironically, through this writing we are trying to provide a level of assurance as to what to expect as we journey through Living with Uncertainty. We hope to see you there — even if you're not completely certain about this...

#### Apr 17 (10:30) *Music for the Soul*

Sparkie Radcliffe and choir

NOTE: There is only one service today, 10:30 a.m. at Market Street

The Unisingers will share some of their favorite worship music and readings, weaving song and spoken word into a heart-centered service. The service begins at 10:30, although all are invited to join us early (at 10:20) for congregational singing and dancing! Following the service, please join us for a party honoring our longtime Director of Worship Arts, Sparkie Radcliffe, as she is retiring. This will be Sparkie's last service at UCH in her current role.

#### Apr 24 *For the Love of Gaia*

Rev. Mike Walker

In honor of Earth Day, this earth-centered, justice-oriented, love-affirming sermon from Rev. Mike celebrates the summer and environmental spirituality found throughout UU history, up to the modern day. Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau are sure to make an appearance, along with more contemporary thinkers.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held **Sunday, May 22**. Please save the date.

Share the Plate for April  
Joshua Group

Message from our President

By Laura Shemick, President



We are at a tipping point. This month, the Multi-Site Task Force (page 3) is hosting three meetings to air and discuss proposals they have developed for the use of our two buildings. Your presence at least one of these events is vitally important to the life of the church.

“Such a bald statement!” you might say. “So melodramatic!” No, it is not.

We have been struggling with how we are to be as a church community for many years. In 2008, we had grown in numbers to the point where we could not all fit in the Clover Lane sanctuary; we had gone to two services on Sunday and one on Saturday night in an effort to accommodate all those drawn to our faith in the Harrisburg region. We contemplated expanding the Clover Lane building again (it had been expanded twice since construction in 1963); we considered a second building on our property (not possible, for physical reasons); and we considered moving to a new site and building a new building (many millions of dollars). The building at 1508 Market Street became available; we quickly evaluated the property, distributed fact sheets to the congregation and held meetings. The building was bought and repaired and put into use.

The democratic process is a wondrous thing. We are observing (probably with a certain amount of horrified fascination) our country’s democratic process as it pertains to the presidential election. In the end, the person running for president will win that office if, when the Electoral College meets, there is one more vote for that candidate than for any other candidate. That candidate then is imbued with great power and is authorized to direct one of the three branches of our government. That is the traditional method of democracy in the United States of America.

Church life doesn’t do well with this kind of democracy, in my opinion. Church members do not elect representatives to the Board of Trustees to represent their interests. The Board of Trustees imposes no taxes. A congregation is more of a voluntary association of like-minded people than it is a nation; its members are far more able to “vote with their feet” if they do not like the direction leadership is taking. Conversely, they are far more able to provide “hands-on” work and support if they like the direction. For us to be in community, we must candidly yet kindly set forth our visions of what the congregation should be, or can become. It should not be a surprise that the vision may differ from person to person.

We are called upon as faithful members of our church community to participate in shaping our congregation. For me, the Principle calling for “use of the democratic process” means each and every one of us has the right and obligation to participate in processes that will guide our steps. This does not mean simply showing up at the annual meeting, listening to what people say, and casting a ballot. Our form of democracy requires informed rumination and civil discussions. For me, this is a spiritual practice, a way to become closer to my church community.

That being said, we are all very busy people, raising children and caring for our parents, going to jobs and dealing with major life crises. The April meetings hosted by the Multi-Site Task Force will be video-recorded and made available for later viewing on the Web, and at church, for the convenience of those who cannot attend live events. By viewing them, members who wish to participate in the process of determining the best uses for our two campuses can see and hear what others have to say. Written materials will be distributed to clarify the proposals to be discussed, available to all. The Board’s earnest hope is that no one comes to the Annual Meeting on May 22 with confusion

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

April 2016 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sat 2	8:30	Conflict Resolution Workshop
Sun 3	Various	Sunday worship, both campuses
	1:00	Multi-Site Info/Feedback Session
	6:00	<i>Mariposa and The Saint</i>
Mon 4	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 5	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 6	6:00	QueenSpirit
Thu 7	7:00	Choir practice, both campuses
Sat 9	9:00	Common Ground Café
Sun 10	Various	Sunday worship, both campuses
	11:00	Multi-Site Info/Feedback Session
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature
Mon 11	6:30	Amrit Yoga
	7:00	Multi-Site Info/Feedback Session
Tue 12	6:30	Women’s Night Out (off-site)
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 14	7:00	Choir practice, both campuses
Fri 15	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House
Sun 17	10:30	Sunday worship, <b>Market-only</b>
Mon 18	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 19	10:00	CroneSpirit
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Wed 20	6:00	Clover Grove
Thu 21	7:00	Choir practice, Clover-only
Sat 23	8:30	Re-Entry Breakfast
Sun 24	Various	Sunday worship, both campuses
Mon 25	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 26	6:30	Auction Committee
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 28	7:00	Choir practice, Clover-only
Sat 30	7:30	Race Against Racism (off-site)
	9:00	Common Ground Café
	9:00	Clover Lane Grounds Clean-Up

Occurs at Market Street campus

APRIL TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	MARKET STREET	CLOVER LANE
April 3	Tom Conners	Nan Cavanaugh
April 10	Debbie Reihart	Marilyn McHenry
April 17	Laura Shemick	
April 24	Laura Shemick	Laura Edinger

about our options, and that everyone comes fully prepared to work toward making a collective vision of UCH real.

Here are a couple of closing thoughts:

☀ **The Joseph Priestley District annual meeting** (page 4)

UCH delegates will be voting on whether to make JPD one part of the Central East Regional Group (CERG) of the UUA, a move designed to improve services and reduce administrative expenses for congregations. The most immediate result of this action would be to eliminate UCH's dues to the district; the UUA budget will then include resources specifically directed toward congregations in CERG, and the UUA dues structure (our fair-share contribution) would change accordingly. Please look at the CERG [website](#) for exhaustive details on this issue.

● **Dr. John's Conflict Resolution workshop**

This is Saturday, April 2, at Clover Lane, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please attend if you can, if only to learn about helping others in our society to find ways to come to win-win solutions to conflict situations. I will be there, and look forward to learning what Dr. John can teach us.

Respectfully submitted, *Laura Shemick*

## Reports from UCH Organizations

### *Multi-Site Task Force*

Dear Congregants:

The Board's Multi-Site Task Force (MSTF) has identified what we believe to be a feasible option for our congregation, and at this point we need your insights, ideas and advice. We cannot proceed any further without you, and hope that each of you will participate in this process, as you are willing and able.

Three (3) Multi-Site Information and Feedback sessions have been planned. You may attend more than one if you wish. There is no need to sign-up. The times and locations are as follows; if you need childcare, please contact [Sara Palmer](#).

- ☀ 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3 (Clover/Priestley Room)
- ☀ 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 10 (Market Street/Eaton Room)
- ☀ 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 11 (Clover/Priestley Room)

Each meeting consists of a short presentation followed by breakout sessions of approximately eight participants. Each group will include a member of the MSTF, who will generally lead the group, answer questions and provide information. Members of the Healthy Congregations Task Force will assist in leading the groups. Notes will be taken in order to create a record of your input.

After the sessions are completed, the MSTF will review members' input to develop a proposal that will be presented at two town hall style meetings in May, with open discussion from the floor. Our hope is to be able to vote on a proposal at the May 22 Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your patience as we work through the details of this process.

—Submitted by *Chris Dutton*

### *Healthy Congregations Task Force*

The Healthy Congregations Task Force (HCTF) continues to work diligently on your behalf to help guide our congregation forward in a spiritually and emotionally healthy way.

We have been busy! Over that last several months, we offered opportunities for members to come together to strengthen the fabric and depth of our Beloved Community. We have focused on providing both tools for healing and time to have fun, to get to know each other, to talk and to laugh.

UCH needs your participation in this. Strengthening our community is not something that it is the sole job of the HCTF, nor can any task force solve a problem on its own. "It Takes a Village" to create an atmosphere that promotes and supports the health and growth of individuals. It takes the efforts of all of us to move UCH toward a healthier way of being together.

Please plan to participate in the Multi-Site Task Force meetings (above). Take advantage of these opportunities to learn, discuss, share, and listen to each other as we prepare to make a decision that will set a path for the future of UCH. The voice of each member needs to be heard and considered so this decision truly becomes a collaborative creation.

The HCTF thanks you for your participation in this ongoing process as UCH moves forward! Members of the HCTF include Kate Carpenter, Nancy Hall, Bob Bargh, Karen Mallah, Joyce Stoltzfus, Kendra Trufahnestock and Sandy Hamstra. If you have questions and concerns, you can write to us at [hctf@harrisburguu.org](mailto:hctf@harrisburguu.org).

—Submitted by *Sandy Hamstra, chair*

## Getting Ahead, Now through June 29

Once again, the Getting Ahead program is taking place at our Market Street campus, each Wednesday through June 29. UCH donates space for the classes; members and friends are asked to consider providing a meal for approximately 20-25 folks on a Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. These meals can be prepared by an individual, a family, a lay-led ministry, or by an organization you may belong to outside of UCH, i.e., Rotary Club, scout troop, etc. Please see/contact [Marjy Hartman](#) to sign up for a Wednesday meal. –Submitted by Marjy Hartman

ALL DATES WEDNESDAYS, DINNER SERVED AT 5:30 PM

<del>March 16</del>	<del>April 13</del>	May 11	June 8
<del>March 23</del>	<del>April 20</del>	May 18	June 15
<del>March 30</del>	<del>April 27</del>	May 25	June 22
<del>April 6</del>	May 4	June 1	June 29

This could be you!



## Helping People in Prison and Their Families

You can help our UCH effort to fight the new Jim Crow that afflicts our society, and support just mercy! Please consider any/all of the following activities supported by the Helping People in Prison and their Families Lay-Led Ministry:

### ⊕ Saturday, April 23: Re-Entry Breakfast (Market Street)

On April 23, we will host the Community Connections Re-Entry Breakfast at our Market Street campus. There are lots of different opportunities for “learning through service,” as another UU congregation calls it. This is our chance to show women and men in halfway houses and work release centers we recognize their inherent worth and dignity!

Volunteers are needed Friday for table setup; then Saturday for cooking at 7:00 a.m.; meal setup and serving at 8:00 a.m., table hosts at 8:30a.m.; and cleanup at 10:00 a.m. Please contact [Margaret Carrow](#), [John Hargreaves](#), [Chris Dutton](#) or [Jim Cavanaugh](#) if you want to help.

Also note a new task: pick up women at Promise Place in Steelton at 8:30 a.m. and bring them to the breakfast. Jim drove the three women his Prius would hold from Promise Place to the March breakfast, and having two cars would really help.

### ⊕ Saturday, April 16 Concert of Hope @ Historic Grace United Methodist Church

In collaboration with the Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United, our lay-led ministry invites you to hear wonderful music from area choirs, listen to inspiring speakers, and join us in lifting up the healing power of prison ministry to inmates, returning citizens, and the community. This year's theme, from 2 Corinthians 5:17, is "New Beginnings: Forgetting What's Left Behind." Secretary of Corrections John E. Wetzel is a confirmed speaker, and Rev. Robert Burhanan, a successful ex-offender, will share his testimony.

### ⊕ Sunday, May 15, Just Mercy

Many of us are reading *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Brian Stevenson, the UUA Common Read for this year. Find out why the [Washington Post](#) says, “*Just Mercy* is an easy read — a work of style, substance and clarity.” Then join us at Market Street after services on May 15 to get into some of the issues this important book raises.

–Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

## UUPlan

### ⊕ April 3: Mariposa and the Saint

Prison reform is currently in the eye of the general public perhaps more than it has ever been. UUPLAN's Anti-Mass Incarceration team is partnering with [Decarcerate PA](#) to sponsor a nationally touring play, [Mariposa and the Saint](#), a play that confronts the horrors of solitary confinement. Details, page 5.



### ⊕ Clean Slate Justice

A big shout-out and thank-you to everyone who contributed to UUPLAN's project on the UUA crowd-sourcing website, Faithify. We have surpassed our goal of \$7,500 to sponsor four Expungement Clinics.

–Submitted by Anita Mentzer

## JPD District Assembly, April 8-9, York

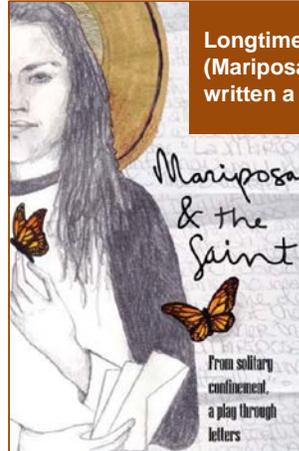
Registration is [open](#) for the 2016 District Assembly scheduled for April 8-9 in York. The topic this year is “Congregations in Covenant: Living the Interdependent Web,” with the keynote address by UUA Moderator Jim Keys. Moderator is the highest volunteer position in the UUA and the chief governance position. The moderator chairs the UUA Board of Trustees, facilitates the plenary (business) sessions at General Assembly, serves as an important interface with UUA congregations, and consults with the president in developing a common vision for the UUA. Jim is serving a single six-year term, 2013-19.

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<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Mariposa and the Saint</b>	<b>Market</b>
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UCH is pleased to collaborate in hosting a performance of Mariposa and the Saint at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at our Market Street campus. The performance is part of a national tour, including two performances at the historic [Eastern State Penitentiary](#) in Philadelphia, the birthplace of solitary confinement in the U.S. The local performance is co-hosted by UCH's Helping People in Prison and Their Families.

Subtitled, *From Solitary Confinement, A Play Through Letters*, the acclaimed drama premiered in New York City in December 2014. The [New Yorker](#) review draws parallels to *Orange Is the New Black* and *Guantánamo Diary*. All are welcome.



Longtime friends and current collaborators Sara (Mariposa) Fonseca and Julia Steele Allen have written a play through the prison wall.

Over the course of three years, crafted only by letters, they produced a story that is urgent, emotional and profound.

Now, from inside the isolation of solitary confinement, Mariposa speaks directly to an audience. Her words will change you.

6:00 p.m. April 3  
Market Street Campus

<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Amrit Yoga (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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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!

**Amrit Yoga**

<b>Tue 5</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced while meditating but vital in our everyday lives. Mindfulness is helpful in reducing stress, managing pain, focusing attention, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and developing awareness and insight.

The ability to be mindful is strengthened through consistent practice. Mindfulness Meditation Group provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another. Contact [Chuck Daley](#). **Repeats every Tuesday.**

**Mindfulness Meditation**

<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Queen Spirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Come join us on April 6 for a QueenSpirit circle facilitated by Kandy Melillo and guest facilitator Cindy Lehman on "What is Your Choice? We Live in Fear or in Love." This is about choosing Love, as taught by Sai Maa, a spiritual master in the light of the Divine Feminine. You are invited to bring something for our altar that represents the choices you have made. Potluck starts at 6:00 p.m.; please bring your own table service and a dish to share; circle starts at 7:00 p.m. Contact [Randa Todd](#).

**QueenSpirit  
Your Choice: Fear or Love**

<b>Sat 9</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>Common Ground Café (twice a month)</b>	<b>Market</b>
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Common Ground Café occurs 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 April 30.**

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

**Common Ground Café**

<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The Philosophy & Literature Group normally meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, we meet to discuss *Fire Underground: The Ongoing Tragedy of The Centralia Mine Fire* by Harrisburg author [David Dekok](#). From the *author's website*:

*Fire Underground: The Ongoing Tragedy of the Centralia Mine Fire* [is] an updated edition of *Fire Underground*, with three additional chapters and other interesting additions here and there. It contains some of the best of my photographs of Centralia from the 1970s and 1980s. Now in its third printing.

The group meets at Clover lane this month. All are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.

**Phil & Lit  
Fire Underground**

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<b>Tue 12</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Women's Night Out (Monthly)</b>	<b>Off-site</b>
<p>Women's Night Out is a lay-led ministry that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant, alternating locations between the East and West Shores. Each month at dinner, participants take a collection. Proceeds are divided between the Ecumenical Food Pantry and the UCH.</p> <p>Our group meets Tuesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m., at Gilligan's, Houcks Road, Harrisburg. Please call or email <a href="mailto:ann.sitrin@gmail.com">Ann Sitrin</a> at 717-766-4767 (ann.sitrin@gmail.com) or RSVP by Sunday, April 6.</p>			

<b>Fri 15</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Clover Lane Coffee House</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
<p>Clover Lane Coffee House sponsors concerts monthly from September to May, normally at 7:30 p.m. on the third Friday. Admission \$10 at the door, maximum \$25 per family. All are welcome.</p> <p>This month, we are pleased to present local legend Nate Myers, playing as Nate Myers Trio. Nate and his colleagues play a wide variety of styles, including blues, funk, hip hop, rockabilly, country, and improvisation. Nate began playing/studying harmonica in 1992 after hearing delta blues guitarist Artie Renkle, then began a musical partnership with Tom Rosencrans, a master of old time blues and Appalachian styles. He struck out on his own in 2004 and plays in multiple configurations. The trio is Nate, Chad Salvaggio on drums and vocals, and Pete Netznik on guitar.</p> <p>Please contact <a href="#">Bart Carpenter</a> for additional information.</p>			

<b>Tue 19</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CroneSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
<p>The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "Sibling Relationships in Maturity." We are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members</li> <li>☺ Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power</li> <li>☺ For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of 10 women</li> <li>☺ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip or speaking disrespectfully to or about each other</li> </ul> <p>We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact <a href="#">Joan Hellmann</a>.</p>			

<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Clover Grove (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
<p>Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. This month, we celebrate Earth Day by honoring the earth. We will discuss what you can do to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. A snack to share is always welcome, but not required! Please join us! Contact <a href="#">Jen Wallitsch</a> for further information. Contact <a href="#">Kirsten Salvatore</a> about arranging childcare. All are welcome.</p>			

<b>Tue 26</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Auction Committee (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
<p><b>SPRING CLEANING?</b> Save your nice, gently used items to donate to the Cash and Carry Sale during the November auction. Drop off times will be announced in October. All proceeds benefit UCH.</p> <p>We meet at 6:30 and your talent and help planning the 2016 All-Church Auction is needed. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction the best ever! Please contact <a href="#">Patti Hazell</a> for additional information and mark your calendar for auction night: Saturday, November 5th, 2016!</p>			

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**Sat 30 7:30 Race Against Racism Off-Site**

The YWCA Greater Harrisburg is pleased to host its 12th Annual Race Against Racism, with a new route that forges a deeper connection between its mission of eliminating racism and the history of our city. The new route starts behind the Capitol and is built along Harrisburg’s 6th and 7th Street corridors. Following the Race will be a Humanity Festival featuring culturally diverse entertainers, food, vendors, and fun activities for children of all ages.

The UCH is fielding a team this year, as we have in the past. Captain is “our own” David Smith. Please register by accessing the [registration site](#). Click "join an existing team," then scroll down to find Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.



**Sat 30 9:00 Clover Lane Grounds Clean-Up Clover Lane**

The Clover Lane campus covers several acres in front and back of the church building, including 17 individual garden areas ranging in size from a few flower pots to 1,400 square feet. A group of about a dozen UCH members is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the assigned plots. In addition, Queen Spirit maintains a secluded area on the lower level.

Grounds work is an opportunity for a church member to plant roots in our community, literally and figuratively. Gardening activity generally occurs at the convenience of the individual, i.e., you can work this into your own schedule. The church has a supply of gardening equipment available for communal use.

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

Please contact Ron Skrabut, [ronskrabut@hotmail.com](mailto:ronskrabut@hotmail.com).



Crew Leader Ron Skrabut



**Membership News**

**Edward Hall**

Edward Hall, 87, died March 7, 2016. He was the father of UCH member Nancy Hall. Services were March 11, 2016, provided by Myers-Buhrig Funeral home, Mechanicsburg. Nancy wishes to express her deep appreciation to the UCH community for their support during this time of transition.

**General Assembly**

Registration for the 2016 General Assembly is open at the UUA [website](#).

**Early registration discount** ends on April 30.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION**  
**General Assembly 2016**  
**June 22-26, Columbus, OH**

**Save the Date:**  
**June 4, UCH All-Church Picnic**  
 An all-church picnic is planned for Saturday June 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at Woodlawn Pavilion of the Quaker Race Day Use area of Pinchot Park. Fun and frolic are guaranteed.

Admission	EARLY REGISTRATION (BEFORE APRIL 30)	LATE REGISTRATION
Full-time (Wednesday-Sunday)	\$350	\$405
One-day admission	\$135	\$150
Youth (Grades 9-12) Full-time	\$205	\$235
Youth (Grades 9-12) One-day	\$85	\$100
Off-site (Remote Access)	\$135	\$160