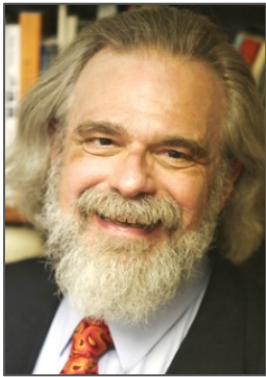




**From the Minister**

The Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson is serving as UCH Minister 2018-20.



The Ingathering Service on August 25 was joyful and well-attended by all age groups. The choir and lay liturgist interspersed reading and singing in a combined prelude and call to worship. Kevin Geist presented a wonderful Member Reflection. The Religious Exploration (RE) Committee led the Blessing of the Backpacks, and Sara Palmer told us one final story in her role as Director of Religious

Exploration. Knowing this would be a very full service, I had a short (19-minute) written sermon. I still had to cut material to keep the entire service to an hour and fifteen minutes, since it was 11:20 when I was able to step up to the pulpit.

Thank you to Sara Palmer for her commitment and leadership of the religious exploration program. I hope she will have great success in her next endeavor.

September is the month when the programs of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg go into high gear.

Here is some of what I will be doing. I invite anyone interested in speaking with me in a group to join the un-programmed Open Conversation in Fuller Chapel on Friday, September 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The agenda is whatever is on your mind.

On September 17, I begin a three-session discussions course on Urban Discipleship (page 3), based on a publication of that title that I edited for the [Veatch Urban Social Justice Project](#) in 2006. It will meet from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Thoreau Room on September 17, October 1 and October 8. The October 1 session on theology may be of interest to individuals who are not especially interested in urban ministry.

I will be in the pulpit on four of the five Sundays in September.

There will be a special congregational meeting on September 22. The main business will be to vote on the Statement of Vision the members created over the past year. I will lay out the plan for Missioning, which I want to complete before the end of this calendar year. I will also update you on the search for a new religious educator, which has already begun. In the interim, RE Chair Amy Firestine will coordinate the Religious Exploration program.

In all of this, I will be available to the members and friends of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. During most weeks I will be available for appointments on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Other times can be arranged.

It is good to begin another year together.

*The Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson*

**Share the Plate: Shalom House**

*Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization. This month, we share the plate with Shalom House.*

Founded in 1986, Shalom House is a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services for women and children in Harrisburg. Shalom House provides temporary, safe, and secure shelter for women and children who experience homelessness. The organization supports emergency sheltering for homeless women and children, permanent housing for women with disabilities who experience homelessness, and transitional housing for returning women veterans and their children who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. In collaboration with Capital Area Head Start, it has purchased our former Market Street campus with plans to operate a Head Start program there this fall.



**Worship Services**

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Date	In the Pulpit	Title
1-Sep	JD Stillwater	Fiddling While Rome Burns
8-Sep	Rev. Tony Johnson	Do You Have a Mission in Life?
15-Sep	Rev. Tony Johnson	In Covenant: Treat Everyone with Respect
22-Sep	Rev. Tony Johnson	Is Privacy Still Possible, or Even Desirable?
29-Sep	Rev. Tony Johnson	Truth and Reconciliation

President's Message



By David Spear, President, Board of Trustees

After a superb series of summer services, we now focus our thoughts toward the fall. Vacations are mostly finished, schools are back in session, Rev. Johnson is back in the pulpit, and our fall programs have begun.

Start again with good news. The finances for the 2018-2019 church year have been finalized, and we ended with

a surplus of \$38,757! And this is on top of the surplus from selling the Market Street property. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!

How did we do it? Part of this surplus is from expenditures that were lower than expected, saving us \$18,512. We also received \$20,235 more in income than expected. And of that amount, nearly \$18,000 came from members who exceeded their original pledge commitments. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What will we do with this money? We will put \$10,000 in the capital fund, \$10,000 in the endowments, and the remainder in the operating reserves, to restore our practice of maintaining a reserve of at least one month's expenses. We will also pay for the repairs to the elevette, which we anticipate costing around \$4,000.

We said farewell to our RE Director Sara Palmer at our service on August 25, with her final day on staff August 31. She has been with us since 2015, leading the programs for the children and youth and delighting us with her stories on Sunday mornings. We thank her for her service these many years.

Amy Firestine will coordinate the volunteers and programs starting in September, until we can hire another director. Since Amy is the chair of the RE Committee, she is very familiar with the programs and their needs. Amy already has

a full-time job, so please give her your full support and let her know how you can assist.

Rev. Johnson is assembling a search committee to find our next RE Director. The process may take some months, but we want to make sure we find the right person for our congregation. Please note that the RE program is overseen by the minister, not the Board, so please speak to Rev. Johnson if you have any questions.

Sunday Trustees	
Date	Trustee
1-Sep	Ed Sykes
8-Sep	Joe Melillo
15-Sep	Guy Dannelley
22-Sep	Rima Cameron
29-Sep	Lois Voigt

Please put Sunday, September 22, on your calendar. That is when our next congregational meeting is scheduled. There is just one important item to be voted on at the meeting: The vision statement that the congregation has developed over the past year.

The vision statement is an essential part of our future. This is a time of planning, and we must know where we are headed.

After the vote, we will update you on a number of important topics, such as finances, the religious education program, our search for a settled minister, and others. Please look for further details in the coming weeks, and please plan to attend.

With each passing month, I grow more and more optimistic about the future of this congregation.

With our finances stabilized, our vision being developed, and a vibrancy among our members, I see only positive things for this congregation in the coming year.

Thank you for joining me on this journey!

David Spear

Auction

The Forget-Me-Not is one of the birth flowers for September. If we had been at Woodstock in 1969, we might have forgotten some of it by the time September started. Many people who were there didn't/don't remember much of it. But please don't YOU forget to donate a service, event, or item to UCH's Woodstock-themed auction, Peace, Love and MUUSIC. Perhaps you can help someone organize their photos, create a calendar system for the new year, or host an event to play Clue, or the card games Concentration and Go Fish. Just remember to email donations to UCHAuction@gmail.com by September 22 for inclusion in the auction booklet and don't space out: remember the auction on November 2!

— Submitted by Patti Hazell

Sat, Nov 2nd,  
5:30 PM  
\$10/person  
\$20/family

PEACE  
LOVE  
& MUUSIC

## Religious Exploration

These courses are intended for adults and older teens.

### ***Reading and Discussion on Urban Discipleship***

☉ **Three Tuesdays:** September 17, October 1, October 8 in the Thoreau room

The Urban Disciples were a group of lay and ordained ministers gathered together in 1999 by the [Veatch Program](#) of the UU Church at Shelter Rock, NY, to develop and model urban social justice ministries in six settings. In 2006, the project published a small (82 pages) volume on the theology and practice of urban social justice ministry. Rev. Tony Johnson, who led one of the six ministries, edited the volume.

Dr. Johnson will lead a discussion of Urban Discipleship on three Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Thoreau Room at the UCH. While the course will be based on the publication, he will present additional material to reflect developments over the 13 years since publication.

- ☉ September 17: What Is Urban Discipleship in a UU Context?
- ☉ October 1: Theology and Personal Credos
- ☉ October 8: Praxis: How We Do It

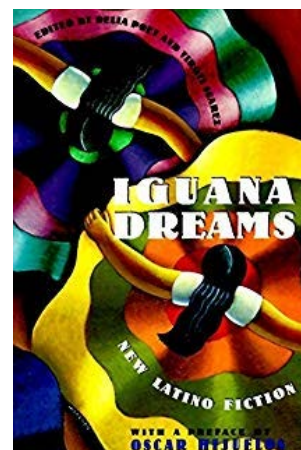
Please sign up in advance. The book is out of print, but copies of some materials will be provided.

— Submitted by Rev. Dr. Johnson

### ***Learning Lite: An Exploration of Latino Short Stories***

☉ **Three Sundays:** September 29, October 27, and November 24 in Fuller Chapel.

Every autumn I wax nostalgic about the opening of the school year. After over 6 decades of returning to a classroom each fall, it's no wonder! For the past 25 years I taught American Ethnic Literature at Messiah College, and, to be honest, I miss it a lot. That's why I'm inviting you to join me in exploring selected stories from an anthology of Latino fiction entitled *Iguana Dreams: New Latino Fiction*, edited by Delia Poey and Virgil Suarez. It's filled with well-written compelling literary gems, some as short as three paragraphs and none longer than 16 pages. Latinos from Spain, South, Central and North America are the authors of these mini masterpieces. Although Latinos share the same language, they can be quite different when it comes to their customs, their heritage, and the foods that they eat. Chicanos and NewYorRicans, Spaniards and Guatemalans, Dominicans who grew up on an island in the Caribbean or Mexicans who call home a barrio in Chicago, all have much to teach us.



Here's the plan: Beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, the short stories we will be reading will be available for you during coffee hour after church. Please pick up the printed copies and read them ahead of time. We will meet in Fuller Chapel on the last Sunday of the month; we will begin promptly at noon and finish our discussion by 1:45 PM. We will meet September 22, October 20, and November 17. If you enjoy the Fall Sessions, we will reconvene in the Spring. Details about those dates to follow.

Please join us in Learning Lite, a lively discussion where we will learn much and, I promise, no boring lectures, no tests, not even a pop quiz, and absolutely no essays or themes or final exams. We welcome your voices, your participation, and what each of you can bring to the table! And speaking of table, please feel free to bring a light lunch or snack.

If you have questions, please contact [Kate Quimby](#). Other members of the committee are Cordell Affeldt and Chris Dutton.

— Submitted by Kate Quimby

### ***Examining Whiteness: New Racism***

Since 2017, a lay-led group of UCH members and friends has been exploring [Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum](#) and developing thought-provoking synopses. This month's focus: *Segregated Knowledge*.

Racism is in the DNA of American culture, not primarily as a result of animus today, but of deep denial of its pervasiveness.

- ☉ "Five Things You Should Know About Racism" ( 6.17 min.) [YouTube](#)

— Submitted by Cordell Affeldt and Chris Dutton

### *UCH City Scene*

The Urban Ministry Work Group aka UCH City Scene met in August to focus on UCH's future in the City of Harrisburg now that we no longer own the Market Street campus. The group's intention is to remain active in the City, leveraging the work we have done over the past ten years.

Here is a short-form reference list of the breadth of good work being done and the people who know the up-close satisfactions involved. The range of activities reflects diverse UCH member talents and interests. Big, and small, long and short-term commitments are available. The word from past participants is, "I got more than I gave." For an inside track on the action, or to just explore the effort, contact the listed coordinator.

- ⊕ **Urban Discipleship** (page 3) is a reading and discussion series starting Sept. 17. Contact [Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson](#).
- ⊕ **Learning Lite: American Ethnic Literature** (page 3) is a reading and discussion series that meets on the last Sunday of the month September-November, with plans to continue in the spring. Contact [Kate Quimby](#).
- ⊕ **Share the Plate:** Volunteer Opportunities— changing monthly, community social service organizations that receive half of UCH Sunday service plate collections. Beginning this church year, UCH members will also learn of volunteer opportunities with each given cause inserted with the the Sunday Order of Service and/or in the **REPORTER**.
- ⊕ **Gather the Spirit for Justice** (page 5) is a 501(c)3 organization that brings together residents of Allison Hill, civic organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. Previously based in our Market Street campus, it now operates out of Christ Lutheran Church, 124. S. 13 Street. Contact [Clay Lambert](#), President, or [John Abbot](#), Vice President.
- ⊕ **We March, We Act** – monthly gatherings, currently focused on monthly door-to-door non-partisan voting promotion on Allison Hill, as well as tabling at local festivals, and hosting listening sessions. No experience necessary. Training provided for all events. All work done in pairs. Contact [Wendy Shaver](#).
- ⊕ **Shadow's Garden** is a program of Gather the Spirit for Justice which creates access to fresh vegetables and flowers and a chance to play in the soil. Meet community folks near Market and 13 Street, just west of Boli's Pizza; artists and friends of children sought! Contact [Darlene Kvaternik](#).
- ⊕ **Helping People in Prison and Their Families** is a lay-led ministry that supports multiple prison-related initiatives. This month, the group hosts a re-entry breakfast at Clover Lane (page 5). There are also volunteer opportunities partnering with The PROGRAM—It's About Change, the Pennsylvania Prison Society, and CADBI. Contact [Jim Cavanaugh](#).
- ⊕ **Oliver LaGrone Scholarship** is a lay-led ministry that provides a scholarship and mentoring support to Harrisburg High School graduates. Contact [Rick Hawley](#)
- ⊕ **American Heretic: The Politics of the Gospel** — This nationally acclaimed documentary features All Souls Unitarian, Tulsa, and several United Church of Christ congregations, challenging the hardline evangelical narrative of their communities. We are seeking a public showing at Midtown Cinema, with potential follow-up public discussions in informal settings focused on connecting millennials with City service opportunities. Contact [Kate Carpenter](#).

UCH volunteers have also worked with the following projects near our former Market Street campus.

- ⊕ **Joshua Learning Group** (1459 Market Street) serves more than 200 City children and youth, including after-school tutoring, preschool and pre-K programs, scholarships, and summer learning.
- ⊕ **Catholic Worker House** sponsors a variety of programs that intersect with residents of Allison Hill.
- ⊕ **The Rock Church** (1501 Market Street) facilitates after-school tutoring and mentoring, following the Harrisburg School District calendar. Contact Bill Jamison, Director , 717-238-2030

Participate with the UCH City Scene coordinating group next at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, at Clover Lane. Other ideas or questions? Contact [Margaret Carrow](#).

### ***Helping People in Prison and Their Families: Re-Entry Breakfast Sept. 21***

This year will be the 12th time UCH has hosted the Community Connections Breakfast, hosted each month by a different church. The guests are brought by vans or volunteer cars from work release and halfway houses in the Harrisburg area to enjoy a hot meal, an inspiring speaker, and our appreciation of their 'inherent worth and dignity.'

Each September, the breakfast succeeds because UCH members and friends pitch in. Here is what you can do:

- 🍳 Help bake breakfast casseroles on Friday afternoon at Clover Lane; Margaret Carrow has the recipe and will lead the effort
- 🍳 Help set up the tables and chairs Friday afternoon for the 40 or so guests we expect, plus 10-15 drivers and other volunteers
- 🍳 Help Margaret and the other cooks Saturday morning starting at 7:00 a.m. to prepare the food, brew coffee, pour juice, set out condiments and set the tables to make the guests feel welcome
- 🍳 As the guests arrive starting about 8:30 a.m., make sure they have coffee/tea/juice and snacks
- 🍳 Beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the invocation, be ready for the buffet line, staffed by volunteer servers. We expect many good appetites!
- 🍳 As the breakfast winds down and guests leave about 10:20, begin the clean-up to restore the room for Sunday's coffee hour

THANKS!

– Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh for the HPPTF steering committee: Margaret Carrow, Jim Cavanaugh, Chris Dutton, and John Hargreaves.

## Gather the Spirit

*Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTSFJ) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings together Allison Hill residents, area organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. It was jointly founded by UCH and the Shared Ministry. It now operates out of Christ Lutheran Church, 124 South 13th Street. The following message is excerpted from the GTSFJ newsletter.*

### ***Facilities Report***

In late August, contractors removed old, unusable fixtures from part of Gather the Spirit for Justice's new space at Christ Lutheran Church for asbestos abatement in that area. The abatement process is complete. New flooring for that area sponsored by an anonymous donor is currently under consideration and should be selected soon. Board Vice President John Abbott has been working diligently to address the flooring as well as lighting and wall covering needs in this space.

### ***John Hargreaves Re-Joins GTSFJ Board***

At its August meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to add John Hargreaves to the Board. During its years at the UCH campus on Market Street, John served as GTSFJ Board liaison to the UCH and was a regular volunteer at Common Ground Cafe breakfasts. John is an active member of UCH and currently works as Director of Volunteers at the Pennsylvania Prison Society.

## Membership News

We mourn the passing of two members from our community.

### ***John Mentzer (1952-2019)***



John Mentzer, 67, died August 2, 2019, after a long illness. He was the husband of UCH member Anita Mentzer, father of UCH member Erica Lambert, and brother of UCH member Rachel Mark. Services were held Aug. 10 at UCH. John was involved in UCH activities for many years prior to his illness, including serving on the Grounds






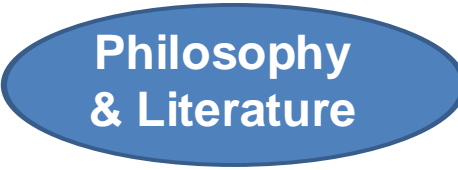
Committee. In addition to Anita, Erica, and Rachel, he is survived by a son, Ethan; two grandsons; and another sister.

### ***Bob Mroczkowski (1939-2019)***

Former UCH member Bob Mroczkowski of Elizabethtown died Aug. 20 after a brief but intense encounter with glioblastoma, a form of brain tumor. He was the husband of Ann Hossler, UCH's Director of Music 2016-2018.

Services were scheduled Aug. 31 at the UU Church of Lancaster. In addition to Ann, he is survived by two daughters; a brother; and a granddaughter.



Date	Time	Group	Location
Tue 3	6:45	Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="#">Chuck Daley</a>. Repeats every Tuesday.</p>			
Wed 4	6:00	QueenSpirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
<p>QueenSpirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that normally meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month Jessica Lybarger will be leading our circle as we learn about the history and use of tarot cards.</p> <p>Please bring a favorite snack or beverage to share. All women, and those who gender-identify as women, are welcome. Please bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Circle starts at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:30 pm. Contact <a href="#">Rebecca Waldemar</a> for further information.</p>			
Sun 8	9:30	Sunday Morning Forum (Weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>Facilitated by <a href="#">Fred Binkley</a>, <a href="#">Barb Pearce</a>, and others, the group meets for an hour of discussion on Sunday mornings at Clover Lane during the hour prior to services, with varying topics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☺ Sept 1: No forum</li> <li>☺ Sept 8: "Is Racism Something that Impacts My Friends of Color?" Led by Chris Dutton</li> <li>☺ Sept 15: "Desolation Row" (Bob Dylan), led by Fred Binkley</li> <li>☺ Sept 22: Gun Violence, led by Dennis Darling</li> <li>☺ Sept 29: No forum</li> </ul> <p>Please contact <a href="#">Barb Pearce</a> for additional information.</p>			
Mon 9	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>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.</p> <p>No experience necessary! Contact <a href="#">Ed Sykes</a>. Repeats every Monday. <b>No session on Labor Day.</b></p>			
Tue 10	6:30	Women's Night Out (Monthly)	Off-site
<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 UCH.</p> <p>Our group meets Tuesday, September 13, at <a href="#">Himalayan Fusion</a>, 2308 Patton Road, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to <a href="#">Chris Dutton</a> or <a href="#">Diane Stables</a> by the Sunday beforehand.</p>			
Sun 15	7:00	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Clover Lane
<p>The Philosophy &amp; Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month, normally at 7:00 p.m. at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets on the <b>third Sunday</b> to discuss <i>Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Rights</i> by Rebecca Todd. The book is published by <a href="#">Beacon Press</a>, a department of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).</p> <p>From one online reviewer:</p> <p>Here's a fact that we often ignore: unplanned pregnancy and abortion are a normal part of women's reproductive lives. Roughly one-third of US women will have an abortion by age forty-five, and fifty to sixty percent of the women who have</p>			

Date	Time	Group	Location
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abortions were using birth control during the month they got pregnant. Yet women who have abortions are routinely shamed and judged, and safe and affordable access to abortion is under relentless assault, with the most devastating impact on poor women and women of color.

Rebecca Todd Peters, a Presbyterian minister and social ethicist, argues that this shaming and judging reflects deep, often unspoken patriarchal and racist assumptions about women and women’s sexual activity. These assumptions are at the heart of what she calls the justification framework, which governs our public debate about abortion, and disrupts our ability to have authentic public discussions about the health and well-being of women and their families.

Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.

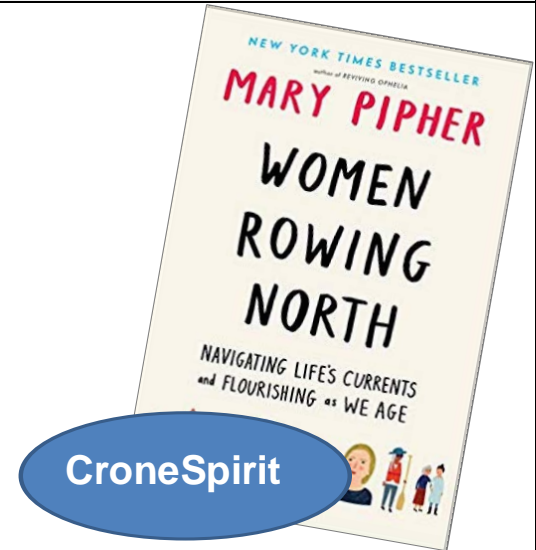
<b>Tue 17</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CroneSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel on the third Tuesday of the month. Our topic this month expands on *Women Rowing North: Navigating Life’s Currents and Flourishing As We Age*, by Mary Pipher.

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 to or about each other

We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact [Joan Hellmann](#).



<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Clover Grove (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday, with a program that varies based on the cycle of seasons and forces of nature. This month, we are learning the basics of the Nordic Runes with Lord Fairy Bottom. We get to see the Rune shapes and essential meanings. And we will practice throwing Runes to divine the future!!

Looking ahead:

- Oct. 16: preparation for Samhain
- Oct. 19 (Saturday): Samhain celebration
- Nov. 20: Cornucopia of Caring
- Dec. 18: Yule Gathering

Please contact [Wayne Minich](#) for further information.



<b>Tue 24</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Auction Planning Committee</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Yep, the weather outside may be frightfully. . . hot, but really, we are soooo cool. Come join us for peace, love and music at our Woodstock-themed All Church Auction. More information will be coming soon, but for now think about what you can donate to make the auction and our church community even more fab. **Auction donation info must be submitted by September 22** to guarantee inclusion in the auction booklet.

Save the date: Be there or be square, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019.

The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room. Come brainstorm ideas, themes, and be a part of the fun, food, & fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2019 All-Church Auction is always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year’s auction a huge success,

Please contact [Patti Hazell](#) to volunteer or for additional information.



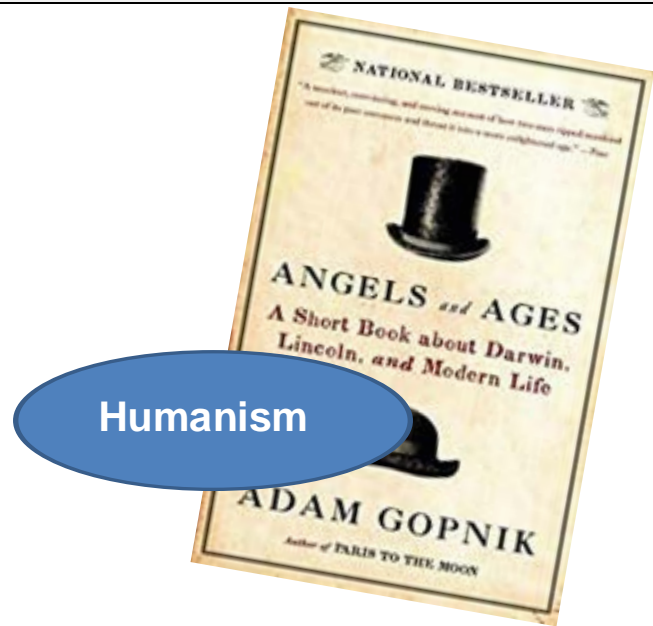
Date	Time	Group	Location
Wed 25	7:00	Humanism Lay-Led Ministry	Clover Lane

The Humanism lay-led ministry meets at 7:00 p.m. Sept. 25, for a discussion featuring Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin, both born February 12, 1809. In his captivating book *Angels and Ages*, Adam Gopnik searches for the men behind the icons of Emancipation and Evolution. Born by cosmic coincidence on the same day and separated by an ocean, Lincoln and Darwin coauthored our sense of history and our understanding of man’s place in the world. Lincoln and Darwin: Two pillars of the society we live in: one representing liberal democracy, the other, the human sciences.

On Lincoln’s death, Edwin Stanton was heard to say, “Now he belongs to the ages”. Or was it, “Now he belongs to the angels”? What is the difference and does it matter?

Read the book, join the conversation, or come as you are.

Please contact [Rachel Mark](#) for additional information.



### Clover Lane Coffee House

Clover Lane Coffee House kicks off the new church year with a performance by Belarus-based [Stary Olsa](#) (Стары Ольса) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. Tickets are \$10 at the door; maximum \$25 per family. All are welcome. Please save the date.

Stary Olsa is a medieval band founded in 1999, named for a brook in the west part of Mahilioŭ Region (Belarus). The band's repertoire includes Belarusian folk balladry and martial songs, Belarusian national dances, canticles of the 16th - early 17th centuries, as well as European popular melodies of the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

The band's music makes it possible to restore sounds of many forgotten instruments. For performance, Stary Olsa uses contemporary copies of medieval instruments such as Belarusian bagpipe, lyre, *gusli* (Baltic psaltery), *svirel* (reed pipe), Jew's harp, ocarina, Belarusian trumpet, birch bark trumpet, *hudok* (Belarusian rebec), tromba marina and drums.



7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at Clover Lane Coffee House

The band collaborates with museums and period musical groups across Europe. In the U.S., they frequently perform at Renaissance Fairs and other period musical events. They have 11 albums and have published seven collections of period music.

— Submitted by Bill Brown