



The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg: Building Bridges, Celebrating Community

From the Board of Trustees

In the past church year, the UCH Board of Trustees has focused on issues of transition, two-campus management, and financing. We also thank all the lay leaders who have stepped up these past years to keep the Church humming and even expand our operations in the face of huge challenges.

Ministerial Transition

After our interim minister Rev. Mike Walker completed his two-year contract, we said a fond farewell on June 11. Rev. Mike helped us improve our organization and led us through a time of healing. He is now taking up another interim position in his hometown of Auburn, CA. The Board organized a farewell luncheon that proved once again that the best meal you could hope for is a UU potluck.

A sub-committee of the Board contracted our new interim minister, who will guide us through the final leg of our transition to a settled ministry. The committee was unanimous and unreserved in their enthusiasm for the Rev. Lyn Cox. Rev. Lyn comes highly recommended by both Board members and long-time colleagues, and we hope you will see why for yourself by checking out her website at www.revlyncox.com. We are confident that she will do great work with our congregation.

The Search Committee for our next settled ministry (2018) has already begun meeting, and will be much more visible in the coming year. The committee is composed of Kevin Geist, Margaret Carrow, Erica Lambert, Jim Handshaw, Dorothy Brown, and Mary Lynn Fecile (chair). Every UCH household was contacted by a Board member, and this committee was selected from the names most often suggested from UCH members. The committee was confirmed at a congregational meeting held in March. They will represent the congregation in the effort to match a settled minister to the needs and wants of our Church. They have our full confidence and support. A brief report appears on page 3. You can follow the activities of the Search Committee by accessing their [webpage](#).

Moving Forward on our Two Campuses

Rev. Walker, Kel Kyle, and a small team of volunteers have been readying the rooms in Market Street that we hope to be able to rent out. Work to finalize the readying of rooms for renting continues to move forward. The Church also confirmed the hiring of a building manager, who will help facilitate the rental process and manage the physical plant of Market Street. We plan to be able to rent the majority of the space this year. In the coming years, we will also work to define our mission and vision and the role of the two campuses. (Continued on page 10)

Worship Services

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

Aug 6 White Supremacy Teach-In

Laura Edinger/Sara Palmer

Over the last few months, the UUA has focused attention on the effects of systemic racism within our denomination. This service will leverage the work done by [Black Lives UU](#) and provide us with the chance to deeply reflect on where we are, where we would like to be, and how to move ever forward.



Aug 13 Inspiration

David Spear

Aug 20 Aspirations and Inspiration

Rev. Lyn Cox

Aug 27 Perspiration

Rev. Cox

A series of services on the continuum of Inspiration → Aspiration → Perspiration. The hopes of the community are some of the things that inspire us to boldness as we embrace what we are called to do. We then turn toward transforming ideals into action.

August Share the Plate:

Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice

Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization. This month's recipient is Pennsylvania RCRJ, a newly incorporated non-profit organization that serves as Pennsylvania's affiliate of the national organization.

A profile of this newly formed nonprofit appears on page 7.





By Laura Edinger, President

Greetings, Beloved UCH Community! By way of introduction, for those who may not know me, I am Laura Edinger, your faithful and committed Board president for the 2017-18 church year. I became a member of UCH in 2006 and have served on the Board since 2012. Although we have

been in transition for a spell, UCH is a vibrant community of which I am proud and happy to be a part. UCH is the church in which my heart soars and my spirit evolves. In saying this, and in describing UCH, I will often use the term beloved community. What does that mean? To me it means that you are safe here. You are accepted here. You are loved here.

To provide a bit more of my history in relationship to community, the first beloved community to which I belonged was my extended family. My dad is the middle child of seven and many of his siblings had kids near to my age, and we all lived within about a 20 minute drive of each other. Just about every Sunday in the summer (or the sacred football season) we would get together, usually gathering at my uncle's small and cozy home where we would talk and laugh and just enjoy each other's company. When there were crises in one of the family units, we would be there for each other. This is where I first learned what it meant to be in community – what it meant to lift each other up – what it meant to be committed to the well-being of others, in addition to myself. We didn't always get along and we certainly didn't agree on everything, and so this is where I learned that differences of opinion - as well as new ideas - can be great and productive. It's how those differences are managed and how the community stays intact through the differences that really matters. It takes commitment to the community and compassion for everyone in it.

In my young adult life, living in a new place, I found myself searching for spiritual community. I grew up Catholic and, while I found many parts of the religion to be lovely, it didn't feel like the right choice to me (and it didn't seem right to www.beliefnet.com either), so I kept looking and found Unitarian Universalism. I thought this may be just the thing for me. I was scared to try something so completely new to me, but I went anyway – to a UU church in Charlottesville, VA.

SUNDAY TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	MARKET STREET	CLOVER LANE
Aug 6	Guy Dannelley	Ed Sykes
Aug 13	Laura Shemick	Marilyn McHenry
Aug 20	Laura Edinger	Patti Hazell
Aug 27	Rima Cameron	Debbie Reihart

I instantly felt like I had made the right choice. Upon learning that we would be moving to Central PA, my husband Dave and I, two months before we moved here, attended a service at UCH. Everyone was warm and welcoming and made it very easy to want to join this church. UCH has become, for me, as beloved a community as my extended family in my childhood.

Beloved community doesn't mean that we like everything about each other or that we agree on philosophies, ideas or theology. It means that we stand together in peace, love and respect for one another. It means that we work to lift each other up so that we can all walk tall together, unified in our desire to make each other and the world around us the absolute best we and it can be. It's taking this sense of community and welcoming others into the fold. With our intentional and committed community standing strong with us, it's going out into the world and giving our best selves to it, knowing that we are not doing this business of living all alone. We will be stronger together than standing apart. Individually, our differences add variety and dimension to the whole – every person is therefore needed and very important to the functioning and well-being of the community at large.

May you find your spirit warmed by the knowledge that you belong, and have the opportunity to contribute to your beloved community in a profound way by committing to a vision of a better world, by opening your heart; by committing to being compassionate within your community and beyond it, serving as a representative of what your beloved community offers to the world – and what you offer through being a part of it.

I am so grateful to be a part of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. I have faith that we will continue to move through this time of transition together with love and compassion – in beloved community with one another.

With Gratitude,

Laura Edinger, Board President



#UUWhiteSupremacyTeachIn

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
Sunday, August 6, 2017

Roll With Panache...

As we go to press, most “Panache” events have sold out. The following events have openings.

- ☼ **Brunch and Brain Games** (12:00 p.m. Saturday, 8/26) **Multiple Slots Available**
Feed body and mind at this midday gathering. A meal of quiche, homemade bread, and salad will give you the brain energy to compete at Scrabble or team crossword challenges. Hosts: Laura Shemick and Rima Cameron
- ☼ **Just the Funny Parts** (7:00 p.m. Saturday, 09/02) **Two Slots Available**
Saturday Night Live: some parts are so funny, and some make you wonder why you just didn’t go to bed. Join Debbie Reihart and Marjy Hartman for an evening of SNL, culled of dead wood. Movie snacks and interesting cocktails will enhance your viewing pleasure. Hosts: Debbie Reihart and Marjy Hartman
- ☼ **Walk in the Woods A CULINARY REWARD** 10:00 a.m. Saturday 09/09 **One Slot Available**
We'll meet at 10 am for coffee at the home of Dorothy Brown. After we bond, we'll carpool to a pleasant, not too demanding section of the Appalachian Trail. We'll hike about 2 hours on a slight incline running along a stream in deep woods. You may need ankle support because of rocks and roots. We'll return to Dorothy's house for a picnic lunch--poached salmon and Caesar salad, and maybe a celebratory glass of wine. Host: Dorothy Brown

Please go to the [Sign-up Genius page](#) and secure your place! Then you can mail a check to the Church (Attn: Ed Sykes) or put it in the offering plate; enter “Panache” on the memo line. Your participation will be warmly appreciated!

– Submitted by Mary Henninger-Voss

Search Committee Report

You have selected a team of 7 to search for our next minister. We have begun our work, and want you to know where we are in the process.

We have spent a considerable amount of time in our first meetings discussing what is important to us in a minister, what our vision is for the minister we need at this point. We are also preparing to consult with you on your view of what qualities you think we need in our new minister. To that end, we are working on a survey and on planning for small group meetings where you will raise your concerns and ideas. The point is a process of thinking about who we are, where we want to be, and who can best help us achieve our goals.

We are a congregation that shares some of the same needs and concerns of other congregations. We are also a congregation with some unique qualities and situations. To find a good match requires reflection, discussion, and discernment. We would like to find a minister who will work with us for a reasonable period of time. The people on the committee are supportive of the church and engaged in the process. We have had a retreat where we worked on an overview of the process. We are meeting weekly. As well as the formal meetings, we would like to be available for casual conversations where you can share your ideas. Maybe you can write down questions or thoughts you have and speak with us informally at coffee hour, or you can wait for the survey and the small group meetings.

We care about what you think. We’re on this search together.

–Submitted by Dorothy Brown

First Tuesday Journey to Justice

The First Tuesday forums will resume on Sept. 5 with guest speaker Susan Spicka, Director of Education Voters of Pennsylvania. Susan is an advocate for public education. Discussion will include Act 76, the elimination of property tax. Join us at 7:00 p.m. at our Clover Lane campus.

–Submitted by Rachel Mark



Save the Date: Handbell Workshop Coming!

If you have ever had the slightest inkling that you might want to become a ringer of handbells, have we got an offer for you! On Saturday, September 16, Jeffrey Clouser, a local handbell expert, will be coming to UCH to conduct a workshop on playing handbells! There is no commitment expected (only hoped for!) beyond the day of the workshop, so come give it a try. Anyone in Middle School or older is welcome. The more, the merrier to ring in a new church season at UCH!

– Submitted by Ann Hossler, Director of Music

UUCF Report

Many thanks to all who helped prepare for and carry out our quarterly communion service on July 23. The service was conducted by Rev. Richard Gordon. Our next communion service is Sunday, Oct. 1. This is World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday every October.

–Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh



Racial Justice Report

A group of 22 UUs from five area congregations met July 22 at Clover Lane for a Racial Justice Gathering, led by Paula Cole Jones, a life-long member of All Souls Church, Unitarian, in Washington D.C. Paula is Racial & Social Justice consultant for the Central East Region (CER) and the former the Joseph Priestly District of the UUA. Over the course of the day-long seminar, the group talked about Black Lives Matter, white supremacy, and general movements within the UUA to combat racism.

Paula also discussed the proposed 8th principle, now being discussed by multiple UU congregations for addition via petition to the 2018 GA agenda. Current wording of the 8th principle is as follows:

Members and congregations of the UUA affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

The five congregations represented at the gathering were UCH, UU Congregation of York, the UU Church of Lancaster, First UU Church of Berks County (Reading), and UU Church of the Restoration in Philadelphia.

The group is hoping to organize "Jubilee," a weekend seminar sometime in early 2018.

– Submitted by Margaret Carrow

Gather the Spirit

Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTS) 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. Among other things, it operates Common Ground Community Center three mornings a week and the Common Ground Café (CGC) on the last Saturday of the month.

Jeff Sigel has just completed a three-year term as president. The new president is Clay Lambert. The current board and staff are:



GTS Board of Directors		GTS Staff
- Clay Lambert, President - Tom Miller, Vice President - Darlene Kvaternik, Secretary - Ryan Tobin, Treasurer - Sarah Ballard (CGC lead)	- Chuck Daley - Wanda Givens - Beth Ann McCoy - Jeff Sigel - Ann Van Dyke - John Hargreaves (UCH Liaison)	Jacquie Rucker, Program Director

Please note: breakfast is now once a month, on the last Saturday. Please contact UCH member [John Abbot](#) to volunteer. In addition, GTS accepts donations via its [website](#). You can also purchase Giant gift cards in \$50 denominations by contacting [Jacquie Rucker](#), Program Director.

Religious Exploration

— Submitted by Sara Palmer, Director of Religious Exploration

Looking Back: UCH's Dumbledore's Army Fights Horcruxes, Makes a Difference in the World

Young UUs from both campuses served as unlikely but successful branches of Dumbledore's Army in RE last year. Professor Dumbledore is the infamous Head Wizard from the Harry Potter books. Midway through the series, a group of student witches and wizards begin meeting secretly to learn how to fight injustices and dark magic in the world. They call themselves Dumbledore's Army.

UCH Witches and Wizards and their

Professors used Harry and UU, a social justice curriculum, to learn about 7 Horcruxes - terrible forces that exist in the world - and discovered ways to combat them:

- ☺ Illiteracy - collected 10 bankers boxes of books for the Steelton-Highspire School District
- ☺ Hunger - collected 12 totes of food for the Ecumenical Food Pantry
- ☺ Oppression - sold Vegetarian Bean Soup Mix - sent \$607 to the ACLU
- ☺ Sickness - sold homemade Essential Oil Sugar Scrub - sent \$30 to the Children's Miracle Network at Hershey Med Center
- ☺ Child Slavery - wrote letters and petitions to Hershey to speed up their switch to Fair Trade Chocolate before 2020
- ☺ Animal Abuse - held a Dog vs. Cat Coin-a-Thon - sent \$42.26 to the Humane Society of Harrisburg
- ☺ Environmental Degradation - sold Milkweed Seed Packets - bought \$60 worth of milkweed seeds and butterfly-friendly plants to be planted at Market Street and Clover Lane

It was magical, indeed!

August: MakerSpace

We have one more month of [MakerSpace](#) this summer, and we need Adult Guides to accompany our Makers on their journeys. No lesson plans, no prepping materials - just sign up, read the MakerSpace Guide I'll send, show up at 11:15am, and have a blast! Use the link to our MakerSpace Adult Guide [Sign-Up Page](#) or you can email [Sara Palmer](#) or call/text her at 717-579-2026.



Fall Registration

We're building our 2017-18 Religious Exploration offerings for UUs of all ages! If you haven't already registered yourself (18+) or your family for this upcoming RE year, please do so [here](#) or through our [UCH Website](#). If you have any questions, contact DRE [Sara Palmer](#) or text/call [717-579-2026](#). Join the Exploration!



Register for Fall Covenant Groups: Deadline Aug. 10

Covenant Groups are groups of 8-10 adults who make a 9-month commitment to meet monthly for a 2-hour session. Led by co-facilitators, Covenant Groups provide:

- ☼ a place to belong
- ☼ a place for spiritual exploration where each person's journey is honored
- ☼ a sacred space where the stories of our lives are heard
- ☼ a safe place, strengthening the fabric of our beloved community
- ☼ a place to listen better and care more

The new Covenant Groups will begin meeting in September and continue on a monthly basis through May 2018. This year, we are offering four covenant groups that meet monthly during the 2nd week of the month at the following times:

- ☼ Monday 7-9 pm at Clover Lane
- ☼ Tuesday 7-9 pm at Clover Lane
- ☼ Wednesday 10 am - noon at Market Street (begins in October)
- ☼ Wednesday 7-9 pm at Clover Lane

Please use the [internet link](#) to sign up. You can also email the Covenant Group Ministry Team at Covenant@harrisburguu.org or call Joyce Stoltzfus at 717-519-9322.

Deadline for sign-up is August 10.

To facilitate group process, we encourage couples to sign up for separate groups. Any questions, please contact the Covenant Group Ministry Team at Covenant@harrisburguu.org.

–Submitted by Joyce Stoltzfus

LaGrone Formation for 2017-18

YoUU are cordially invited to participate in UCH's Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Program during the new church year.

Members choose tasks that mesh with their interests and are readily manageable. LaGrone "Groupies" choose task-specific roles, but are not formal members of the Committee. Representative tasks include: early spring Selection Panel administration, website management, display case, twice annual financial disbursements to Scholars, electronic correspondence, donor thanks, etc. Other sample tasks are: Book Shuffle administration and publicity, spring Award ceremony reception, updates on Scholars and Mentors for the **REPORTER**, document our processes, etc.

Members of the LaGrone Committee meet monthly at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday, for about 90 minutes at Clover Lane.

If interested in participating in any capacity, please contact [Amy Allen](#), [Cordell Affeldt](#), [Jessica Chuckalovcak](#), or [Rick Hawley](#). (Long-time groupie Margaret Carrow is directing her energies to the UCH Search Committee this year.)

Be forewarned: we enjoy ourselves!

– Submitted by Cordell Affeldt

LaGrone Scholars and Groupies



Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice

The newly incorporated and now tax-exempt Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice (RCRJ) is a group of people of faith who are allying with each other in Pennsylvania and beyond to provide a voice for women needing access to birth control and abortion services in accordance with the beliefs of their faiths.

We call for treatment of women as moral agents who are constitutionally

guaranteed the freedom to practice their faiths free of government interference. Barriers to women's choice of reproductive health care procedures they determine necessary to protect their lives and the lives of their families are barriers to that freedom of religion and disrespect women as moral agents. The Coalition will sponsor educational programs about moral issues and religious perspectives that counter prevailing currents of anti-choice, anti-birth control, and anti-abortion activity. A Roe v. Wade Commemorative Service is being planned for January involving Unitarian Universalist, Christian, Jewish and Buddhist clergy and laypeople. Details may be found at our [FaceBook page](#).



We are the Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice, an Affiliate (Provisional) of the [national RCRC](#), raising the voices of religious lay leaders and of clergy for the cause of reproductive justice as a moral issue of our day for women and men and their families. Our mission is to educate, witness, serve, and advocate for reproductive justice as a spiritual and moral issue of our day.

For further information, contact [Jim Cavanaugh](#) or [Barb Pearce](#).

–Submitted by Barb Pearce

UUs in Action: Washington, D.C.

A number of UUs appeared on Capitol Hill on July 17, witnessing for compassionate health care policy and a moral budget. We were there along with friends from Repairers of the Breach, Red Letter Christians, Black Clergy Voices/ Black Clergy Uprising, Faith in Public Life, and some other partners. Soon after this photo was taken, Rev. Richard Nugent from the UUA Office of Church Staff Finances and Rev. Beth Johnson from Palomar UU Fellowship in California were arrested for Civil Disobedience outside the office of Sen. Mitch McConnell. Others in the photo marched together and supported the arrestees in various ways. Rev. Robin Tanner from Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, NJ, managed communication between UUs and our organizing partners leading up to the event. Wearing an orange vest, I served as a marshal for the march. Also present was Rev. Rob Keithan, son of UCH members Jim and Nan Cavanaugh.



– Submitted by Rev. Lyn Cox

Date	Time	Group	Location
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Tue 1	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)	Clover Lane
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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.

**Mindfulness
Meditation**

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.

Wed 2	6:00	Queen Spirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, explore your chakras through art, guided meditations, and sharing in a QueenSpirit Circle. Co-led by Ann Stillwater and Randa Todd. The circle will spend time outside lying on the grass, dependent on weather. For this, supply your own blanket and perhaps some netting or a sheet to prevent bugs from bugging you.

**QueenSpirit
Explore Your Chakras**

Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Circle from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact [Randa Todd](#) for further information.

Mon 7	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Weekly)	Clover Lane
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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

Tue 8	6:30	Women's Night Out (Monthly)	Off-site
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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.

Women's Night Out

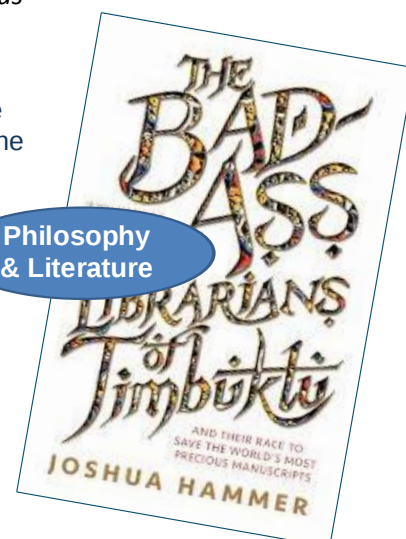
Our group meets Tuesday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. at [Tomato Pie Café](#), 3950 TecPort Drive, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to [Ann Sitrin](#) (717-766-4767 or 717-439-6090) by the Sunday beforehand.

Sun 13	7:00	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Clover Lane
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The Philosophy & Literature Group normally meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. Our book this month is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts*, by Joshua Hammer.

Timbuktu, often considered to be a metaphor for any faraway place, is actually a very fascinating city rich in history and culture. Located between the Sahara Desert and the Niger River in the West African nation of Mali, it dates back to 200 B.C. It was one of the greatest academic centers in the world for religion, arts, math and sciences. Abdel Kader Haidara has spent much of his life searching for centuries old books and manuscripts written by these early scholars. He located 337,000 in all. Then in 2012 Islamic Militants invaded Timbuktu and began the destruction of monuments and tombs. Knowing that the precious and valuable books and manuscripts would be next, Haidara, with contacts in Europe and America began soliciting money to move and preserve them. He organized fellow librarians, teenagers, donkey carts and small boats to smuggle metal lockers full of books out of the libraries during the dark of night, through town to the river, load them on the boats and send them to Bamako which was 555 miles away. Always in fear of being caught. This is the story of that heroic endeavor, the people involved and the horrors perpetrated by the Jihadis. What a read!!

**Philosophy
& Literature**



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

Date	Time	Group	Location
Tue 15	10:00	CroneSpirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "Coping with Politics." 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.			
Wed 16	6:30	Clover Grove (Monthly)	Clover Lane
Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday. Gather around the Circle for an evening of Sigil writing and Petition Magic. Yve is presenting a workshop on how to create Sigils, and Lord Fairy Bottom is planning to offer a workshop and practicum on Petition Magic. If the weather is good, we will be outside by the big rock under the maple. We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room at Clover Lane. All are welcome. Please contact Wayne Minich for further information.			
Tue 22	6:30	Auction Committee	Clover Lane
Time to put your thinking cap on! Watch for upcoming details on how you can join in to donating your time, talent or service for this year's annual fundraising auction. The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room at Clover Lane. Come brainstorm ideas, themes and be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2017 All-Church Auction is always welcome. Watch for upcoming details on this year's theme: HATS OFF TO YOUU! A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY. Please contact Patti Hazell for additional information.			
Sat 26	9:00	Common Ground Café (Monthly)	Market
Common Ground Café now occurs on the last Saturday of the month at our Market Street campus. 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. Please contact Clay Lambert or John Abbot to volunteer.			
Sat 26	10:00	Lay Liturgist Workshop	Clover
Join us on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10am-12pm at Clover Lane for a Lay Liturgist workshop with our new interim minister, Rev. Lyn Cox. Whether you are a seasoned lay liturgist, or would like to begin to serve in this capacity, we invite you to attend this session. During our time together, we will review lay liturgist duties, worship service logistics, the member reflection writing process, and plan out our lay liturgist calendar through the end of this calendar year. Please note that that session is mandatory for anyone who wishes to serve as a lay liturgist, regardless of prior experience. Please contact via email Julie Brown or Laura Edinger with any questions or concerns. Please confirm your attendance by signing up here: UCH Lay Liturgist Workshop			



A Call To Action – Taking A Stand For Immigrants

Mark your calendars for a unique multigenerational social action event on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 3:30-4:30. The UCH lay-led ministry, We March. We Act., is hosting the monthly interfaith vigil to support the immigrant women and children being held at the Berks Detention Center. We will be praying, chanting, showing signs of support to the families, as well as making a statement that we do not believe this is the way to treat immigrants. In addition, we have reserved a picnic pavilion at Blue Marsh Lake (a five minute drive from the center) so that our community can enjoy food and fellowship before and/or after the vigil. Look for signups to participate in the vigil, carpool, and bring food for the picnic.

Peach Festival, 7:00a.m.-1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 12, 2017

Join the annual Paulus Peach Festival at 522 E Mt Airy Rd, Dillsburg 17019 (near Ski Roundtop). Pancake Breakfast (served until 10:30am) \$8.50/Adult, \$6.50/Senior (Age 62+), \$4.50/child (Age 10 and under). PlayLand Admission \$5 per person

This [festival](#) benefits the [Ecumenical Food Pantry](#) in Harrisburg. \$2 for every adult and senior citizen breakfast ticket and \$1 for every child breakfast ticket plus \$2 for every play area admission will be donated to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Come for the all-you-can-eat breakfast (pancakes with peach glaze or maple syrup, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, coffee, and juice) and stay through the day for over 30 arts/crafts booths, you-pick berries, free food samples, live entertainment with the Jazz Me Band, tractor-pulled wagon rides and more!

–Submitted by Michael Mark



From the Board of Trustees (Continued from page 1)

The Board proposed, and the congregation affirmed, the investment of some of our reserve funds for the installation of air conditioning in the Clover Lane sanctuary and the patching of the Clover Lane parking lot. These improvements are meant to make our Church more attractive as a rental location in the hot months, when most weddings take place. We have in the past had many inquiries about the use of our Church as a rental, but the absence of air conditioning was a deal breaker. We trust the whole congregation will enjoy the collateral benefit of this investment in a long-run revenue stream, and well as enjoy cooler services over the summer. Installation of the air conditioning took place in late July.

Financial State

We should be proud of this past church year's financial health. However, our pledges for the 2017-18 year have fallen far short of last year's, on which our budget was projected. The Board is exploring the status of remaining pledges. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that any remaining pledges will meet the sizable deficit. Stay tuned for information regarding additional fundraisers and ways to participate in increasing the financial health of UCH.

Also, speaking of fundraisers, if you have not yet signed up to participate in one of the many amazing events offered in PANACHE, be sure to check them out; a list of open slots appears on page 3.

Our Thanks

The Board of Trustees would like to extend heart-felt thanks to the numerous volunteers who have stepped up to make this transition a positive step toward a more unified, more highly functioning Church. This includes not only the usual volunteers for grounds, music, Religious Exploration, and financing, but also lay leaders who have formed new ways for our Church to function, such as on Worship Team and through action groups like the Racial Justice Task Force.

We especially thank Sandy Hamstra and the Healthy Congregation Task Force for their great efforts in reaching out to all members in a time of crisis. The Task Force has now become a more permanent group, the Congregational Life Team. The team will evaluate and empower the congregation's fulfillment of its mission by offering assistance in assessment, education, and conflict resolution. Information on sign-up for Covenant Groups appears on page 6

Going Forward – 2017-18 Church Year

At its July meeting, the Board selected a new slate of Board officers as follows:

Laura Edinger, President; Laura Shemick, Vice President; Debbie Reihart, Secretary; Ed Sykes; Treasurer. Other Board members are Marilyn McHenry, David Spear, Guy Dannelley, Rima Cameron, Patti Hazell, Dennis Hursh, and Joe Melillo.

Your 2017-18 Board will meet with Rev. Lyn on Aug. 12 for the first Board retreat of the church year. The Board, with Rev. Lyn, will set its goals for this new church year.

Board meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month in the Joseph Priestley Room at Clover Lane and they begin at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to any congregant who would like to attend. We also incorporate time at the beginning of every meeting for public comment if that is desired. If you would like to follow the happenings of the Board or catch up on meeting minutes, you can visit the Board's [webpage](#).

The Board is committed to working faithfully to serve the members of UCH to the best of our collective ability.

–Submitted by the Communications Committee of the Board of Trustees