



The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg: Building Bridges, Celebrating Community

The Wayside Pulpit:

Community and Connection



Dear friends,

We recently welcomed four new members into our church community, and this followed our welcoming of six new members a few months ago. The one singular thing I heard the most often, when getting to know our new folks, is that they came to UCH seeking community and connection. I suspect that if we took a survey of the congregation, this would be one of the top reasons why most members joined. Yes, we collectively engage in a search for truth and meaning, whatever that may mean for each one of us. Yes, we pool our resources and join our voices in common cause to do good for society at large. And, yes, many came to find a “Sunday School” for their kids that is aligned with the values of that family and would not proselytize. All of these things are true. And, yet, community and connection still rises to the top as a major reason why people seek out a church.

We are social animals. We love our families and usually maintain life-long connections to them. In those instances, when we do not or cannot maintain connections to our families of origin, we usually create some kind of family of choice. For many people, at least some (if not all) members of their chosen family come from their church. I’m especially mindful of this as we start up the new church year. Traditionally, our church years begin on the Sunday after Labor Day, and we usually call that the Homecoming or Ingathering Sunday, because we are gathering our chosen family back together in our spiritual home, after a summer in which many folks were away (hopefully someplace cooler!)

Please join us on Sunday, September 11th, for Homecoming services and a party to follow, at both campuses. If you have been away, we will all be happy to see you again. If you are new, you are welcome. If you’ve been here all summer, well, I guess you can come, too... (ha!) Come one, come all – bring a friend, if you wish. Or, just bring yourself and enjoy renewing your connections and building new relationships. Oh, and there will be ice cream.

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

Sept 4 The Ties that Bind **Rev. Michael Walker**

What are the bonds that connect us to our communities, families and friends? In this service, we celebrate those things that connect us: shared culture, history, commonality of purpose. A defining characteristic of our communities, families and friends is the deep need for relationship and bonds of caring that we share with each other, and all the work we each engage in to nurture those relationships.

Sept 11 Homecoming: It Feels Great to be Home **Rev. Walker**

The first Sunday of the church-year, we gather together again and welcome friends who may have been away for the summer. It can feel good to go home (literal or figurative) again – while, at other times, some challenges that may arise. However, for us on this Sunday, we mark the joyful ingathering of the UCH community.

These services will be followed by celebrations at both campuses. We hope to see you there and feel free to bring some friends, too.

Sept 18 Inherent Worth and Dignity (Seven Principles series) **Rev. Walker**

This will be the first in a series, to be spread out through the year, about the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism. Following our first principle, we publicly and frequently affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people (and some would add, all life), regardless of color, class or creed, affectional orientation or gender identity, and so on. It has long seemed important to UUs that we live out this principle on a daily basis and make a difference in our surrounding communities.

Sept 25 The Day that Changed my Life **Andy Loza**

A long-time member of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Andy Loza will share with us part of his life journey.

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg					September 2016 At-a-Glance				
Week	Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	
1	a.m.						10:00 Comm. Center		
	p.m.						7:00 Adult RE		
2		4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	
	a.m.	9:30 Worship 10:00 Forum 11:30 Worship	Labor Day Holiday		10:00	Comm. Center	10:00	Comm. Center	8:00 Comm. Breakfast
				7:00 MMG					
	p.m.			7:00 UUPlan Forum	6:00	QueenSpirit: SoulCollage	7:30	Coffee House: Bulgarika	
3		11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep	17-Sep	
	a.m.	9:30 Worship 10:00 Forum 11:30 Worship	10:00	Comm. Center		10:00	Comm. Center		
	p.m.	7:00 Phil/Lit	6:30	Amrit Yoga	7:00	MMG	7:00	Adult RE	7:00 Building Beloved Community
4		18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep	24-Sep	
	a.m.	9:30 Worship 10:00 Forum 11:30 Worship	10:00	Comm. Center	10:00	Crone Spirit	10:00	Comm. Center	8:00 Comm. Breakfast
	p.m.		6:30	Amrit Yoga	7:00	MMG	6:00	Clover Grove: Mabon	
5		25-Sep	26-Sep	27-Sep	28-Sep				
	a.m.	9:30 Worship 10:00 Forum 11:30 Worship	10:00	Comm. Center					
	p.m.		6:30	Amrit Yoga	6:30 Auction Comm. 7:00 MMG				
Non-Repeating					Ⓜ Market Street				

Message from the President

By Laura Shemick, President



Unitarian Universalists do not subscribe to a creed. We are a free association, guided by our principles and purposes, bound together by love and compassion and a desire to make a better world. Our first principle: The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

“Every person” means exactly that. We believe that children have inherent worth and dignity, and should not be sold into slavery.

We believe that adults who knowingly commit crimes have inherent worth and dignity, and should not be humiliated and tortured by state jailors. We believe that motorists who are pulled over for minor equipment defects have inherent worth and dignity, and should not be shot in the back by police if they flee.

This first principle has long been a foundation of UU thought. During World War II, two Unitarians worked to help frightened residents of Nazi-occupied countries flee their homelands. Martha and Waitstill Sharp went to Europe at the request of the American Unitarian Association (AUA); their saga is the basis of a Ken Burns documentary, *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*, being aired on September 20. The [current issue](#) of *UU World* describes the film in detail. Seventeen Unitarian ministers had turned down the AUA's request to step forward, to put their religious values to a most severe test. The Sharps saw the inherent worth and dignity of people being attacked and stripped away by bigoted, murderous politicians, and courageously put their own lives at risk to spirit the oppressed away from their oppressors. Thousands of people are alive today because of their willingness to stand up for what they believed was right.

The UUA's #Wedefy campaign is designed to raise awareness about the similarities between current anti-immigration rhetoric and the reluctance of the United States in the run-up to World War II to reach out to oppressed peoples. I think the Sharps' story can easily be applied to the Black Lives Matter movement as well, although there are some important differences.

The Black Lives Matter movement is not simply about police officers who shoot black men. There is a Black Lives Matter organization, with local chapters, activities, and events, reminiscent of the Civil Rights movement. The organization says:

[\[W\]e are broadening the conversation around state violence to include all of the ways in which Black people are intentionally left powerless at the hands of the state. We are talking about the ways in which Black lives are deprived of our basic human rights and dignity.](#)

The 2015 UUA General Assembly passed an Action of Immediate Witness supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. A year later, I'm hard-put to distinguish between a discussion about BLM and a discussion about how the Nuremburg Laws enacted by the Nazis to deprive German Jews of their livelihoods and property constituted state-sponsored oppression of a specific class of people. I cannot distinguish the BLM movement from the anti-apartheid movement of the 1980s and '90s, which aimed to force

SUNDAY TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	MARKET STREET	CLOVER LANE
Sept 4	Debbie Reihart	Laura Edinger
Sept 11	Tom Conners	Laura Shemick
Sept 18	Guy Dannelley	Nan Cavanaugh
Sept 25	Laura Shemick	Marilyn McHenry

the government of South Africa to respect the inherent worth and dignity of all its people, not just white people. We who condemn murders by the bigoted leaders of the so-called Islamic State of gay men - can we not see the faint echoes of such views in our own culture? Do we not demand that such “leaders” in foreign places respect the inherent worth and dignity of all people?

Our society should not condone the murder by a wanna-be cop of a young black man walking in a wealthy neighborhood, or ignore the incredible fact that one-third of all black men in America spend some time in jail or prison during their lives, or shrug when a police officer pumps 16 bullets into a drug-addled teenager who fails to instantly drop a four-inch knife when ordered to do so. In *The New Jim Crow*, lawyer Michelle Alexander details how our society, officially color-blind, manages to impoverish, jail, and disenfranchise a shockingly high percentage of black citizens. The structures we have built, or have allowed to stand, in The Land of the Free have consistently been used to deny the inherent worth and dignity of people of color, and particularly black people.

The Sharps did their dangerous and courageous work in war-torn Europe, in lands ruled by foreigners, where oppression was officially sanctioned. It is easy for us to say that our situation in the United States today is different, that we need not post “Black Lives Matter” banners to let passers-by know that we respect the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Oppression is no longer officially sanctioned – except when it is captured on camera and no charges are brought, no changes in procedure are made. Discrimination is no longer legal – except when crimes committed by blacks are prosecuted and crimes committed by whites are not. Every citizen is equal now – except when we decline to provide services equally to all those in need. I believe there is a reason that heroin addiction is now being viewed as a disease rather than a crime; today, large numbers of white middle-class people who turned to heroin after becoming addicted to prescription painkillers are saying they should not be treated like criminals. Before heroin addiction became more of an equal-opportunity crime, yes, addicts were treated like criminals.

Our seventh principle is this: respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. John Donne said it best:

[Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.](#)

Yes, all lives matter. And not all lives are treated equally in these United States. To borrow from George Orwell, some people are more equal than others. If we believe in our first principle, it behooves us to let the world know we believe that Black Lives Matter.

Respectfully submitted, *Laura Shemick, Board President*

FY16 Financial Results Summary

With many thanks to Rev. Mike and the hard work and difficult decisions made by the Board and staff members, I am pleased to report the following financial highlights for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016.

UCH had an operating surplus of \$13,563, the church's first surplus in four years. The largest contributors to converting a deficit into a surplus were in two categories (1) Congregational Giving – the Close the Gap campaign raised nearly \$29,000 and (2) Staff Services (all non-ministerial salaries and benefits) – savings of approximately \$33,000 from attrition and staff restructuring. The bottom line would have been even better with stronger Gift Card Income, where the \$26,364 income fell short of the \$40,000 budget. As a source of income, Gift Card has stabilized, however, with the addition of another church partner. Gift Card income for FY15-16 was roughly the same as FY 14-15.

The largest negative expense variance was in Building and Property. With the exception of Market Street water and sewer bills, a milder winter meant utilities were back within budget this year, but both locations overspent building repairs, services, and supplies as the needs of aging buildings exceeded the slim amounts budgeted to care for them.

The surplus includes the \$15,000 budgeted transfer of Music Ministry Scholarship funds (and the standard 3% /\$4,000 spending from the operating endowment funds). In retrospect, we did not need to transfer the full amounts to balance FY16. However, the deficits of the past several years have depleted cash, and this surplus will aid with the low cash flow we typically experience in the first few months of each fiscal year.

Pre-Paid Pledges (FY17 pledges paid before June 30th, 2016) were relatively low at \$9,662.

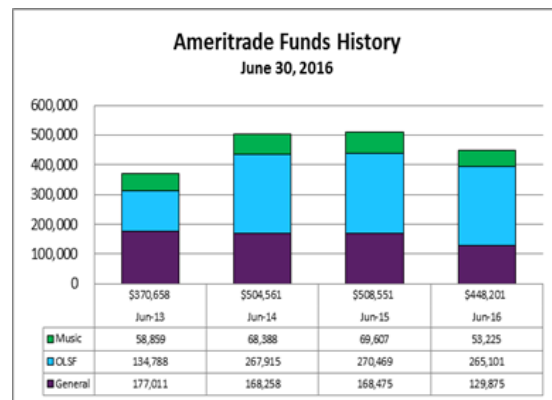
Scheduled Mortgage payments made throughout the year reduced the outstanding balance by more than \$8,000. The remaining balance is \$242,769.

Despite a poor investment environment during the fiscal year, and \$37,400 that was withdrawn to cover the FY15 deficit plus the FY16 budgeted withdrawals, the church had \$448,201 in the Ameritrade account at June 30 (general fund balance of \$129,875, plus \$53,225 Music Ministry Scholarship, and \$265,101 OLG Scholarship funds).

— Submitted by Lois Voigt, Finance Committee

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY16 Budget
Income			
Giving	\$386,547	\$364,858	\$333,950
Estate/Foundation	16,952	18,958	20,183
Music/End/OLG Trfs	7,500	25,567	22,700
Gift Card/Other	61,297	49,956	83,345
Total Income	472,296	459,340	460,178
Expenses			
Compensation ¹	345,314	289,892	325,224
Building / Mortgage	80,376	77,377	72,640
Admin / Program	87,292	78,508	94,522
Total Expenses	512,981	445,777	492,386
Net Income²	(\$40,685)	\$13,563	(\$32,208)

¹ Compensation includes Search Expenses (FY15), and for comparative purposes, custodial outsourcing costs (FY16)
² \$37,400 was transferred from Ameritrade (general unrestricted portion) after FY15 year-end to meet cashflow needs resulting from the FY15 deficit.



Community Building and Enhancement Task Force

We have another task force. Yes, we actually needed another one, because there is much work for the board to do! This short-term group is doing some initial research for the one of the board's goals for the church year and will report back before the end of September.

We are called the Community Building and Enhancement Task Force, and we have some weighty topics to work out.

- Improving strategies for communication
- Encouraging and enabling volunteerism
- Integrating new members effectively
- Expanding adult religious exploration
- Reworking the Healthy Congregation Task Force into a long-term support team for the congregation

This is an exciting time in the life of the church as we work to update and improve some structural issues and remove barriers. Stay tuned for exciting updates!

Input is always welcome. You can contact Nan Cavanaugh at nanjim65@verizon.net.

—Submitted by Nan Cavanaugh

Introducing Our New Music Director

Ann Hossler may need no introduction for many members. She was a member of UCH in the 1980s, and even got married in the Clover Lane sanctuary. A couple years ago, she came on staff for a few months, but this was at a time when the church had twice as many staff members as we do now, and the salary offered then was less than UUA standards. With the situation changed, we are very pleased to be able to welcome Ann back to our staff.

A long-time UU and musician, Ann has served as a music director in several churches, the longest being seven years at the UU church in Vero Beach, Florida. She is currently serving as organist/accompanist at a Methodist church and is excited about getting back to directing a choir and being in a UU church again.

We are planning to have the choir newly re-united and singing their hearts out by October.

I wish to express my profound thanks to our Music Director Search Committee: Marsha Dulaney, Laura Edinger, Jim Handshaw, and Debbie Reihart. Together, we considered the applications of eight very qualified candidates, and made some hard decisions to narrow down the field. In the end, we unanimously agreed that Ann Hossler would be the best fit for UCH, and we are all so excited to get to work with her. We will host a meet and greet soon. Watch for an announcement in a future *News You Can UUs*.

—Submitted by Rev. Mike Walker



Small Group Ministry to Start

The Small Group Ministry has formed a [Steering Committee](#) comprising Rev. Mike, Sandra Hamstra, Rima Cameron, Nancy Hall and Joyce Stoltzfus, and group leaders for the year have received their training. This year's Small Group Ministry will meet monthly from October through May. Groups will meet for 2 hours. They will be composed of 8-10 participants and 1-2 leaders. In May, group meetings will stop for the summer and then re-form in the fall. This will allow participants to get to know a new group of people the following year.

Registration will occur in September – please watch *News You Can UUs* for instructions. We have scheduled the groups/times shown in the accompanying table.

—Submitted by Joyce Stoltzfus, Chair

DAY	TIME	GROUP LEADER
2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Nancy Hall and Debbie Reihart
1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Joe Melillo and Jesse McCauslin
1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sandra Hamstra and Joyce Stoltzfus
3rd Saturday	11:30 a.m.	Rima Cameron and Kathryn Ersoz

Building Bridges Within Beloved Community: One Conversation at a Time

The Healthy Congregation Task Force is hosting a party for the UCH congregation! It's a social event that will include timed conversation periods. This in turn will provide members with opportunities to meet new people or deepen a relationship with people you already know. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare will be provided. Advanced registration for children and adult attendees is requested. If you plan to attend, please [RSVP](#) by September 10.

Worship Team Welcomes Ann Hossler!

The Worship Team extends a warm welcome to Ann Hossler, our new Music Director! We are glad to have her as a member of our team and look forward to working with her as she begins her ministry with us.

Thanks also to Laura Edinger and Karen Sykes for training our liturgists in August. We especially welcome our new liturgists, Dorothy Brown, Julie Brown, Jess Chuckalovcak, David Smith, Jim Handshaw, and Rebecca Waldemar. Laura and Karen will schedule the liturgists for the Sunday services for the coming church year.

—Submitted by David Spear

September Share-the-Plate

Each month we share half the Sunday plate with a nonprofit organization. This month, we share with the UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPALN), an organization that educates and communicates with UU congregations and partners to inspire action. UU Pennsylvania Advocacy Legislative Ministry (UUPALM) is a 501(c)3 organization that works with partners to provide analysis on issues of economic, immigration and environmental justice in Pennsylvania. UUPALM also works on leadership development with an emphasis on linking UU values and spiritual development to our advocacy.

—Submitted by Lois Voigt, Finance Committee



Program Overview 2016-17

The newly renamed Religious Exploration (RE) program is ready for YOU. For the 2016-17 church year, we will offer RE at both locations for all age groups. Here are the Children & Youth programs for each campus:

Market Street

Pre-K-12th: *Harry Potter & UU*:- Although most parents believe social action is important for children, and most children have a natural desire to make the world better, it can be difficult to find meaningful and relevant social action experiences for children & youth. *Harry and UU* is based on the Harry Potter series of books by J.K. Rowling, books that immerse children in the idea that one can work to make the world better. The curriculum includes fun wizarding activities, but the main purpose is social action. The class forms a chapter of Dumbledore's Army and fights against seven Horcruxes during the year. The Horcruxes are real world social action projects.

Clover Lane

PreK-1st - *World of Wonder* - This program delves deep into our UU seventh Principle. It instills respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, and appreciation of its beauty, excitement, and mystery. Time spent experiencing and exploring nature during the kindergarten and first grade years can set a pattern for the rest of children's lives, bringing lasting openness to the wonder nature can spark.

2-4th - *Spirit of Adventure* - Kids will experience and explore through a curriculum that teaches UU identity without the usual arts and crafts projects. We include activities like dissecting a computer, building cantilevered architecture using graham crackers, interviewing a sports coach, eating smoked oysters, and singing Jingle Bells in "dog" language! There are also circus arts, an Animal Blessing, and a Popcorn Sale. Bring those active busy children in and watch them be amazed!

Middle School - *Harry Potter & UU* - see description above for Market Street

Youth Group - TBD - Youth and Advisors will determine a curriculum that fits their goals and interests for this year.

Please feel free to contact Director of Religious Exploration [Sara Palmer](#) (717-579-2026) with any questions.

Children & Youth RE Registration

If your child plans to participate in RE next year, please [register](#) him/her ASAP; we used registration as of August 31 for setting up specific age groups. You can also find the registration form on the UCH website.

Adult Volunteers

The new RE season is here, and we need YOU to help make it all a success. Do you like working with Children & Youth? We've got opportunities! We especially need adults who can co-lead sessions on seven or eight schedule-friendly Sundays this year. But we also welcome "now and then" volunteers as well as behind-the-scenes helpers. Everyone - get in the balloon! It's going to be a heck of a journey!

Click on this link to: [Volunteer in RE](#); we need YOU to help make it all a success.



Adult RE

Course offering: *A Chosen Faith*, with Rev. Michael Walker.

If you are interested in deepening your faith, becoming more educated about the sources of Unitarian Universalism, or just need something to do on the occasional Friday evenings, consider joining Rev. Mike and other UCH folks for an Adult RE class using a classic text about UUism, *A Chosen Faith*, by John Buehrens and Forrest Church. Books cost around \$16 and will be available at the first session.

The seven-session course will be on alternate Fridays, 7-9pm. Sept. 2 – Dec. 2, skipping Thanksgiving weekend.



New Members

Please welcome these new members to the UCH community! All four participated in our most recent New Members Class on Aug. 15.

Kathryn Ersoz

Kathryn Ersoz has recently moved from Hanover to Harrisburg, where she works as a software developer. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg and decided to join UCH shortly after she moved. She enjoys walking/hiking, reading, meditation, traveling and cooking.



She has also become involved in organizing the Sunday forum sessions at Clover Lane. Her Connection Coach is Susan Jones-Sink.

Barb Holms

Barb Holmes lives in Londonderry Township and has been attending the UCH Church since fall 2015. She is the Assistant Director of Information Technology for the Administrative Office of PA Courts, specializing in software design and development. She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister but has not attended church regularly as an adult. She was attracted to UCH for its philosophy of inclusion, its social conscience and active role in the community. She enjoys biking and other physical activities, especially outdoors, and is involved in companion animal rescue. Her Connection Coach is Marj Hartman.



Albert Harrison

Albert Harrison currently lives in Camp Hill, working as a data analyst for a Medicare contractor. He enjoys video and board gaming, hiking, disc golfing (when it's not crazy hot outside), bowling, and telling stories. For instance, he first discovered a UU church by walking the wrong way to a disc golf course in Flagstaff, AZ. To him, it's a gem! His connection coach is Jesse McCauslin.



Nikiah Kirven

Nikiah Kirven grew up in Philadelphia and moved to Harrisburg in 2009 to make a better life for her family. She has a daughter, Jayana, 11, and son, Jasir, 6. She found the UCH via Common Ground Café and says she was attracted to a church where the people are so positive and amazing. She has never belonged to another church – the UCH is her first. Her Connection Coach is Kate Carpenter.



Kilgore - Little

UCH member Kaylee Kilgore was married to Brea Little on July 25. They met as youths in Maine, where both grew up and plan to move to Vermont in September, with plans to start a small homestead farm. "As sad as I am to no longer be a part of the UCH family, I hope to keep in contact and keep up with all of the wonderful things you are all doing for the local community," Kaylee reports. "I am so thankful to everyone who welcomed me in this past year and all of the support and kindness I received."



Helping People in Prison and Their Families

We're doing a lot to Help People in Prison and their Families – Come Join Us!

Our Sept HPIPF meeting will be at the First Tuesday Forum, where the topic will be Rev. William Barber's "Third Reconstruction," based on his book of that name. It is available from [Beacon Press](#). The book's subtitle is "Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement," and those of us who heard him speak at UUA General Assembly know that he has a message for us UUs.

On Sunday October 2, we will offer the Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project (YASP) documentary, *Stolen Dreams II: Breaking the Cycle of Youth Trauma, Violence, and Imprisonment*, followed by a workshop presented by YASP at Market Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Since lunch is included, please RSVP to [Margaret Carrow](#) or call her at 717 260-9449.

[THE PROGRAM: It's About Change](#) will hold its annual "BLACK and WHITE GALA" September 23 from 5:00 - 9:30 pm at the Best Western on East Park Drive in Harrisburg. You are invited to attend as our "subsidized guest" for \$25 at the UCH table. To join us, get in touch with Margaret Carrow. Come meet the new CEO, the PROGRAM'S new board and hear updates on ways to help them help the women and men they serve, both in prison, at Work Release, and at risk in the community.

Bulletin: A county prison can be both clean and quiet!! Margaret Carrow and others from the Harrisburg chapter of Decarcerate PA with members of the PA Prison Society and UUPLAN Anti-Mass Incarceration (AMI) teams members visited the Pike County prison and met with Warden Lowe there. They experienced an atmosphere of respect for the inmates, and found it incredibly clean and quiet.

—Submitted by Jim Cavenaugh

UUPlan

On Monday, September 12, 2016, we are uniting for a "National Moral Day of Action" at 35 state capitols to take a stand for a Moral Revolution! Responding to the call of North Carolina Moral Mondays' Organizer, Rev. William J. Barber II, thousands will be taking action to demand a Moral Revolution for a Reset of Our Nation's Values.

On September 12, people of faith and moral courage will gather at state capitols to deliver the "Higher Ground Moral Declaration," which calls on governors, senators, state legislators and candidates to champion affordable accessible housing, living wages, fully funded education, and end destructive and immoral policies of violent racist policing, death-by-incarceration, and the expansion of the fossil fuel industry.

America has a heart problem! In this country today poverty and inequality are rampant, voting rights and democracy are being trampled, millions of people lack the health care, living wage jobs, and quality education they need, and racism, hatred, and bigotry are disintegrating any possibility for life, liberty and a pursuit of happiness for everyone in these United States. Rev. William Barber II told the nation during his Democratic National Convention speech a few weeks ago, "We are called like our foremothers and forefathers to be the 'moral defibrillators' of our time. Together, we can save the heart of our democracy, and 'shock' this nation with the power of love, mercy, and justice for all."

We are demanding that elected officials champion affordable accessible housing, living wages, justice for undocumented persons, fully funded education, and end destructive and immoral policies of violent racist policing, death-by-incarceration, and the expansion of the fossil fuel industry.

To find out more about the work of any of our Justice Teams, please feel free to participate in monthly conference calls (chart) or contact [Anita Mentzer](#).

—Submitted by Anita Mentzer



SEPT 12, 2016
MORAL MONDAY
NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION



11:00 a.m.
Monday, Sept 12
Pennsylvania State Capitol
(Capitol Steps)
N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120

Monthly UUPLAN Conference Calls		
Team	Meeting Day	Time
Anti-Mass Incarceration	Last Monday	8:00 p.m.
Economic Justice	Third Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Environmental Justice	Second Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Immigration Justice	Third Monday	Noon
LGBTQ	Fourth Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Reproductive Justice	Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Call in number: 641-715-3286 Access code: 107933#		

Weekly Forum Discussion

The lay-led Sunday Morning Forum meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at Clover Lane. Each week, we meet for an hour of discussion about an important societal topic. Topics change every week and are led by different individuals. The weekly facilitator will choose the topic in advance so attendees can read ahead. Please contact [Susan Jones-Sink](#) with your ideas for discussion topics. The group is on hiatus over Labor Day. The topic September 11 is, "What Are Rituals and What Do They Mean to You?" led by Susan Jones-Sink. Subsequent topics will be announced weekly in "News You Can UU's."

— Submitted by [Susan Jones-Sink](#)

October 15: Making Strides against Breast Cancer

October 15 will soon be here, and now is the time to join our UCH team, [the UUnistriders](#). Just go to the website, scroll down to 'UUnistriders,' and follow the prompts. Then ask family and friends to help Make Strides by donating either in person or on line – you can raise \$100 and more in no time!

There are many different ways to help *Make Strides against Breast Cancer* besides joining our team and walking with us on October 15:

- ☺ Say 'yes' when a UUnistrider team member asks you to donate. Checks are made payable to the American Cancer Society, and all donations are tax-deductible.
- ☺ Help us organize our annual 'Baking Strides against Breast Cancer' by soliciting donated baked goods, or by helping staff the sale a few Sundays before October 15.
- ☺ Then help by donating yourself, and by buying something yummy. What's not to like?

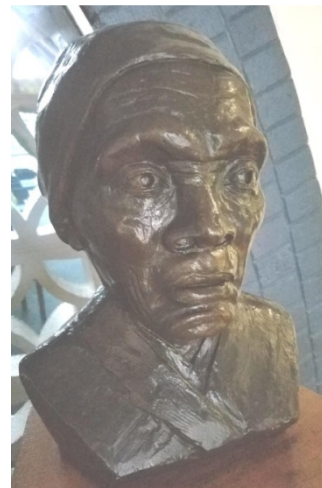
Our honorary team co-chairs, Kate Carpenter and Yvonne Hursh are both breast cancer survivors who encourage you to Make Strides against Breast Cancer as best you can. Thanks in advance!

—Submitted by [Jim Cavanaugh](#)

LaGrone Scholarship

Harriet Tubman: Bust by Oliver LaGrone

You notice it immediately--a riveting bust of Harriet Tubman gracing the foyer of the Clover Lane campus. Oliver LaGrone gave a bronze casting of his sculpture to UCH in about 1976. Oliver was deeply drawn to create powerful dimensional works that honored the strength, skill and resilience of noted African-Americans.



Harriet Tubman, 1820-1913, escaped in 1849 from enslavement on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She hated the repression of slavery enough to make more than 13 dangerous trips back into slave-holding Maryland. She led 70 families, via the Underground Railroad, a secret network of anti-slavery activist and safe houses, to freedom in the North. Those rescued included her sister and brother and their families, and even her parents.

Tubman worked for the Union Army during the Civil War, eventually as an armed scout and spy, freeing 700 in the armed battle she led. She also actively participated with the post-war effort for women's suffrage.

The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund is managed by UCH. This year's Scholar, Taryanna Peterson, enrolled in pre-med at Xavier University in Louisiana, is paired with UCH Mentor, Mary Lynn Fecile.

Art Show: Save the Date!

Twofer! You give to enlarge social justice through post-secondary educational access. You get a hand crafted premium from the artists' collective supporting the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund.

- ☺ Friday, October 21, 2016, at the UCH evening Clover Lane Coffeehouse
- ☺ Sunday, October 23, 2016, following both Sunday services
- ☺ Sunday, December 4, 2016, following both Sunday services

—Submitted by [Cordell Affeldt](#)

DATE	TIME	GROUP	LOCATION
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Tue 6 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly) Clover Lane

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

Tue 6 7:00 First Tuesday Forum Clover Lane

UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) is pleased to present a monthly *Journey to Justice* discussion series at Clover Lane on the first Tuesday of each month, starting Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. The first of the series focuses on the Rev. William Barber's *Third Reconstruction. Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement*. Rev. Barber spoke at General Assembly in June. Join us for a video presentation and discussion of his book. Contact [Anita Mentzer](#).

Wed 7 6:00 Queen Spirit (Monthly) Clover Lane

Queen Spirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, Susan Norris and Randa Todd guide the group through the SoulCollage process, with each person creating one or two 5 x 8 collage cards representing one of four areas or aspects of your life: your Committee (personality traits), your Council (archetypes), your Companions (chakras or animal guides), or your Community (family, ancestors, mentors).

These cards will be the beginning of your own personal "tarot" deck, which you will create over time, and which you may use to do readings to answer personal questions. Each card will be unique and uniquely yours. No artistic ability is needed, just the ability to cut and paste!

We will provide an ample supply of mat board and pictures to collage, but if there is any particular subject you want to work on, bring relevant pictures to use. Some types of pictures you may want to bring could include people, nature, animals, objects, family photos, etc.

For more information, visit www.SoulCollage.com.

Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Bring scissors, glue sticks, and pictures from magazines (cut out any words that the pictures may have). Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Circle from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact [Randa Todd](#) for further information.

QueenSpirit Soul Collage

Fri 9 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House Clover Lane

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to welcome a uniquely trans-Atlantic Bulgarian band. The group includes New York-based Nikolay Kolev (gadulka) and his wife, Donka Koleva (vocals), joined by two colleagues from Plovdiv, Bulgaria: Temelko Ivanov (Kaval) and Nikolay Kodzhabashev (tambura).

The musicians will talk about the Bulgarian folk orchestra and the role of each instruments. Event is co-sponsored by Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Admission \$10 donation, \$25 max per family. All are welcome. Season tickets (\$40 for eight concerts) are also on sale.

Bulgarika/Булгарика



Nikolay Kolev



Donka Koleva



Temelko Ivanov



Nikolay Kodzhabashev

Clover Lane Coffee House

Please contact [Bart Carpenter](#) if interested in assisting with the coffee house this season.

Sat 10 9:00 Common Ground Café (twice a month) Market

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 September 24.**

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

Common Ground Café

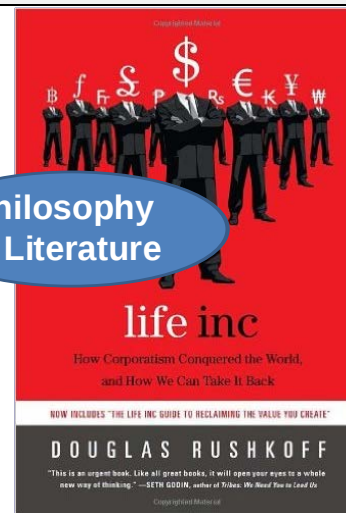
Sun 11 7:00 Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly) Clover Lane

The Philosophy & Literature Group normally meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, we meet to discuss *Life Inc: How Corporatism Conquered the World, and How We Can Take It Back* by Douglas Rushkoff. From Amazon.com:

In *Life Inc*, award-winning writer Douglas Rushkoff traces how corporations went from being convenient legal fictions to being the dominant fact of contemporary life. The resulting ideology, corporatism, has infiltrated all aspects of civics, commerce, and culture—from the founding of the first chartered monopoly to the branding of the self, from the invention of central currency to the privatization of banking, from the Victorian Great Exhibition to the solipsism of Facebook. *Life Inc* explains why we see our homes as investments rather than places to live, our 401(k) plans as the ultimate measure of success, and the Internet as just another place to do business. Most important, Rushkoff illuminates both how we've become disconnected from our world and how we can reconnect to our towns, to the value we can create, and, mostly, to one another. As the speculative economy collapses under its own weight, *Life Inc* shows us how to build a real and human-scaled society to take its place.

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

Philosophy & Literature



Mon 12 6:30 Amrit Yoga (Weekly) Clover Lane

Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body for an energetic workout and includes a calming, meditative relaxation at the end.

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

Amrit Yoga

Tue 13 6:30 Women's Night Out (Monthly) Off-site

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.

Our group meets Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m., at Perkins Restaurant, 7 Erford Road, Lemoyne. Please RSVP to [Yvonne Werzinsky](#) (570-617-2768) by the Sunday beforehand.

Women's Night Out

Shore	Date	Location
West	Sept. 13	Perkins, Lemoyne
East	Oct. 11	La Fiesta Mexico, Techport
East	Nov. 8	Skyline Diner, Harrisburg
West	Dec. 13	Rock Bass Grille, Wormleysburg

Sat 17 7:00 Building Bridges Clover Lane

The Healthy Congregation Task Force is hosting a party for the UCH congregation! It's a social event that will include timed conversation periods (page 4). If you plan to attend, please [RSVP](#) by September 10.

Tue 20 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 "The Best States for Women in America." 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](#).

CroneSpirit

The Best States for Women in America

Wed 21 6:00

Clover Grove (Monthly)

Clover Lane

Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday. All are welcome! Snacks welcome but not required. In September, Clover Grove will mark the Autumnal equinox by celebrating the pagan festival of Mabon. At the time of the autumn equinox, modern pagans take a few moments to honor the changing seasons, celebrate the abundance of the season, and give thanks for our many blessings. All are welcome to join us for Mabon and our thanks giving feast!

Clover Grove Mabon

Please bring a potluck dish to share. We will have no child care for this event. Please contact Jen Wallitsch with questions. Contact [Jen Wallitsch](#) for further information. There is no child care available for this event. All are welcome.

Tue 27

6:00

Auction Committee (Monthly)

Clover Lane

HUUray for the Red, White and BIUU!

No, I am not talking about the election but the auction, our all-church auction theme. It is not too soon to start planning your donations for the November 5th auction. Let's focus on the really important event coming up this November! The committee meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month. 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 [Patti Hazell](#) for additional information and mark your calendar for auction night: Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016!



Save the Date:

Oct. 2: UU Christian Fellowship Communion Service

Our next UUCF communion service will be on Sunday morning October 2, which is World Communion Sunday. The Rev. Richard Gordon will lead the service in the sanctuary at Market Street at 10:45am.

You help it happen by: Bringing the bread and wine we will need; being a reader or song leader in the service; playing piano or organ to accompany singing; or simply participating. Please contact [Rev. Gordon](#) or [Jim Cavanaugh](#) if interested in assisting with the service.

Oct. 25: Lecture on Racial Profiling, Elizabethtown College

Elizabethtown College Alumni Peace Fellowship (ECAPF) is pleased to present a lecture on social (in)justice by Melanie Snyder, Executive Director of Lancaster County Reentry Management Organization (RMO), an initiative in Pennsylvania to improve community safety by helping people transitioning out of prison to become productive citizens and remain crime-free. She will discuss how American criminal justice policies and practices disproportionately affect people of color, from "broken windows" theory and police profiling to sentencing disparities, civil asset forfeiture and the collateral consequences of a criminal record. These racialized structures create a "Jim Crow" caste system and must be dismantled to provide true justice.

Prior to Melanie's involvement with the RMO, she spent several years researching and writing the book [Grace Goes to Prison: An Inspiring Story of Hope and Humanity](#) (Brethren Press, 2009), which tells the story of a woman who volunteered in Pennsylvania's state prisons for over 30 years, creating inmate education and reentry programs based on principles of restorative justice.

Join the Gift Card Program Family!!

If you shop at Giant, Weis, or Karns, you can also support the church by buying their gift cards through UCH. There is no surcharge or markup. Giant pays 10% of the face value to the church; Weis and Karns pay 5%. The \$500 a month you spend at Giant would mean \$50 to UCH, an annual contribution of \$600! The grocery gift card forms are available [online](#) or on the hallway bulletin board (near the restrooms) in the Common Room at Clover Lane and in the Fellowship Hall at Market Street.



Gift Card Sales at UCH: Gift Cards are also available for direct purchase after services, on the last Sunday of the month at Clover Lane and the first Sunday of the month at Market Street. If you have any questions about the gift card program, please email [Tavia Flanagan](#) or call the church office. Thank you for your support!