

Second Sunday Forums at the Clover Lane Unitarian Church

When do Forums happen?

On the second Sunday of each month a Forum will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Clover Lane Church. A regular Unitarian church service will be held at 11:00 at 1508 Market Street and people are welcome to attend both. At 10:30 there will be a brief reminder for people who want to attend the Market Street service to leave. The forum will continue until discussion ends or 11:00 whichever occurs first and will be followed by coffee and conversation downstairs. Child care is provided.

Who organizes the Forums?

Forums are planned and conducted by the Humanism Lay-Led Ministry. Consistent with Humanist principles, we focus on discussing moral and ethical issues from a nonreligious viewpoint and without rituals. As Humanists we believe in the dignity and worth of all human beings and in their potential for creating a good, just, and humane society through free discussion and sharing of ideas. These forums are intended to facilitate that process.

What happens in a Forum?

A speaker presents his or her views on a topic with ethical and moral implications for us as individuals and for our church for approximately 30 minutes. After the speaker's presentation, the floor is open for discussion and questions. People in attendance share their views on the day's topic so that we learn, not only from our speaker, but from each other – while showing respect for each others' views.

What topics will be discussed at Forums?

Topics for future forums will include separation of church and state, the health care system, environmental issues, the plight of the Palestinians, and other current topics with ethical and moral implications. Some of our speakers will be controversial and may express views different from most Unitarians, but all will be listened to respectfully and responded to thoughtfully. Suggestions for topics are welcome. Contact us at forum@harrisburguu.org

If this kind of program appeals to you, please join us.