

David Walker Returns

I failed Sabbatical 101. Dismally. I called a Harrisburg Men's Chorus meeting at the church on a Thursday evening so I could hear The Unisingers sing. And I did not go to other churches to hear their choirs, as I'd hoped to do.

I failed, but The Unisingers passed with flying colors. They had the great, good experience of spending Thursday evenings with Jim Haines, to whom I am grateful. He worked with them to improve their sound and gave them the invaluable perspective of singing for a different director.

In January, I was back working with them to get a song together for that Sunday. As I stood in front of them and they started to sing, I realized how much I had missed that sound, the opportunity to work with those musicians for whom I have so much affection, how much I had missed exploring music together. And maybe that's what Sabbatical 101 was all about.

I love rehearsals more than performance. There's something fascinating and exciting about the process of turning ink stains

on a piece of paper into music.

Understand, I'm pleased that we add to your worship service experience. But as someone observed, "Getting there is half the fun." I love discovering what's in music, getting 40 U-Us to go in the same direction, lifting those ink stains off the page and putting those notes into your ears on Sundays. I did that for 20 years; I'm happy to be doing it again.

Thanks.

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Music Ministry Scholarship Fund announced

Two years ago, a wonderful musician, mother, wife, teacher and Life Member of this congregation passed away. A scholarship was developed in her name, the Vinnie Anliot Music Scholarship. Vinnie's love of music started in her childhood, with a music teacher that saw potential in her, and gave her lessons for over 12 years for – you guessed it – not a dime! Following in her teacher's footsteps, there were many lessons given to her own students for nothing. It was more important to her to have that student be able to reach their personal potential and enjoy the power of music than anything else. Reaching and

working for musical expression was her love in life.

Vinnie is certainly not the only individual who has received and given special gifts of music to this church. Claranna Radcliffe, together with Vinnie, worked very hard to develop the music within this church, now considered a music ministry. Claranna played for countless Sunday worship services and special events, and accompanied the Unisingers at its inception. She and Vinnie also started the Spring Concert idea which featured musicians from our congregation. This concert has had many name changes, but still continues to be an important part of the church music ministry.

Another grand dame of the Music Ministry is Barbara Hoskins. Barb has inspired us with her beautiful piano playing, has been a dedicated Unisinger for many years and has supported the Music Ministry in countless ways including hosting receptions, taking tickets, serving on the Music Ministry Council and currently taking on the task of Historian. We have come such a long way, with the help of these three women!

It is our honor to rename the fund the **Music Ministry Scholarship Fund** of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg in their collective honor.

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Take Note

As you may recall, the Berks UU congregation has been struggling in their efforts to establish funding for their music ministry. Basically, music was not in the budget – no money for musicians, no money for music, no money. UCH lent them music. I spent time with their music committee and with their minister, Rev. Sandra Fees, trying to figure out how to move the congregation to fund a music min-



istry.

Some of the Unisingers, our band, Sandra and I co-led a worship service in October. To say we were well received is truly an understatement! Something spiritual happened in that sanctuary that morning.

This past week, I received a phone call from one of the members of the Music Committee at the Berks church. Someone in their congregation gave them enough money to buy some music, their choir is now 21 strong (a church of about 170 members), and in September, they

will hire a ¼ time Director of Music.

This month, Unisingers will be sharing their ministry with the Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley and with the UU congregation in Gettysburg. Your generous financial support to UCH makes all of this possible. You all played a part in helping the Berks UU Church discover the power of Music Ministry.

I have the best job in the whole world! I love making music with all of you.

In harmony,

Sparkie

AND THE BEAT GOES ON.....

Because of your support and Bart Carpenter's enthusiasm and generosity, the Clover Lane Coffee House will be continued throughout the summer. Come to UCH's air conditioned Common Room on the third Friday of June, July and August and kick back for a summer evening of cool music!

Details of the performances will be included in the next issue of **qUarter Notes**.

Also note that an extra afternoon concert has been scheduled for April and a Saturday morning dance opportunity for children will take place in May. See insert for details of these two events.

MUSIC MINISTRY MISSION

The Music Ministry of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg seeks to engage heart and mind in a spiritual connection through music.

The Music Ministry encourages growth through creative expression and enables persons to participate in church in a different way.

The Music Ministry provides music that builds community, promotes healing, facilitates outreach, creates sacred space and enhances religious education.

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The intent of this scholarship is to foster the growth of a musician within this congregation. A person of any age, with any vocal or instrumental expertise with at least two years of study is eligible to apply. The money can be used toward books, lessons, courses, etc. Applications will be available in March. Judging will be done by

members and non-members of our church. The scholarship will be awarded in May.

All Kaleidoscope proceeds will be donated to the fund. The family members of these three women will donate a collective \$50,000 in their honor. It has been a lifelong endeavor for these women. Keep Vinnie,

Claranna and Barb's love of music alive by contributing to the fund yourself and attending Kaleidoscope.

In peace, love and song,
Linda A. Miller
Daughter of Vinnie Anliot

For information or an application, contact Sparkie Radcliffe, Director of Music Ministry.

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PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Kaleidoscope: A TribUUte to David Walker, will be held on May 2nd and 3rd at 8 pm. Come celebrate David's 20+ years as Director of the Unisingers!

Clover Lane Coffee House continues to be one of the best entertainment venues in Central PA. Plan on attending the third Friday of each month, year-round! You will not be disappointed!

The Unisingers will be singing for **ARTSFEST**, in Harrisburg, over the Memorial Day Weekend. Day and time TBA.

Voices United, a choral extravaganza, featuring the Unisingers, the Harrisburg Men's Chorus, the Cen-

tral PA Womyn's Chorus, and the choir from MCC of the Spirit, will be held on July 25th. Time and venue TBA.

The Flaming Chalice (UCH's marching band) will be marching in Harrisburg's **Pride Parade** on July 26th. If you are interested in playing in the band or being a part of the band front, please contact Sparkie. If a marching band is not your cup of tea, you can still march as part of the UCH contingent (see Alanna Berger), or be a spectator!

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