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September Services

5	10:00	Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History: High Times and High Tea Featuring Women Who Were Contemporaries of Margaret Fuller, or Could Have Been. A Recognition of Two Not-Always Well-Behaved Women Who Have Made A Difference at UCH
12	9:30	At Clover Lane: Responsible Aging - Yours & Your Elders
	11:00	At 1508 Market Street: Glad to Be Together
19	9:30 & 11:00	Create in Us a Clean Heart
26	9:30 & 11:00	Civil Disobedience, Pink Underwear and Arizona SB 1070

SECOND SUNDAY IN THE CITY: SEPTEMBER 12

The UCH is happy to inaugurate a new season of "Second Sunday in the City" with a neighborhood potluck immediately following services on September 12. Members should bring a covered dish to share; hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Suggested donation \$5 donation per family to cover drinks, paper products and hot dogs.

We are also inviting the neighborhood, as an extension of Saturday breakfast. People interested in helping with setup (Saturday) or clean up (Sunday) should contact Clay Lambert or Tom Conner. Otherwise just bring a friend, a covered dish, and a welcoming smile, and be prepared to exercise Radical Hospitality.

*Welcome back to
"Second Sunday!"*

Second Sunday Forum

The September Second Sunday Forum, organized by the Humanism Lay Led Ministry, will be led by UCH member Marj Forster. The topic is "Responsible Aging - Yours and Your Elders." The forum will be at Clover Lane on Sunday, September 12 from 9:30 to 10:30, leaving time for those who wish to attend the Market Street service at 11:00.

Marj received her Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Lock Haven State College and worked for Dauphin County human services for 36 years. She spent the last 28 years of her career with the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging. Marj will bring her extensive experience in dealing with the needs of elderly people to lead a discussion that promises to be both stimulating and useful.

Submitted by Peter Houts



From Your Minister

*The Reverend
Howard N. Dana*

We are about to embark on a second year of transition to being one congregation with two buildings. This intentional two-year process is designed to allow us all to move gently but deliberately into our exciting, uncharted future together. As far as I know, the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg is the only congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association to try the two-campus model. We are leaders in the denomination, again! And we will experience risk along the way. Many around will watch us with interest to see how we navigate these new waters.

One of the main hurdles to face in the coming year is how (or if) we will grow into relationship with The Shared Ministry in our Market Street building. We have had a year to get to know one another and that has mostly gone well.

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President's Message

Cathy Montes

Looking Forward. As we begin this church year, I'd like to share with you some upcoming activities of your Board of Trustees: coordinating the UCH auction, implementing our strategic plan, developing a performance review for Rev. Dana, and "calling" Rev. Marsh.

Coordinating the UCH Auction in November. This year the Board accepted a proposal from the pastoral staff to take leadership for our annual auc-

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Queen Spirit POTLUCK & CIRCLE 6 PM Al-aNON 6 pm Community Cmte 7 pm Community Building Task Force 7 PM	2 UCH Playgroup 10:00 AM Unisingers 7 pm	3	4
			5 Service 10:00 AM at Clover Lane Explore UCH after service	6 Yoga 6:30 pm Hellman COUCH 7 PM	7 MAC: Concierge & Usher Mtg 6 PM MMG 7 PM FINANCE CMTE 7:30 Helping Women in Prison 7:30	8 al-aNON 6 pm Board Mtg 7 PM at Market St.
12 Forum at Clover Lane 9:30 AM Second Sunday in the City 11:00 AM (1508 Market Street) Phil & Lit Group 7:30 PM (offsite)	13 Cmte on Ministry 6 PM Yoga 6:30 pm	14 MMG 7 PM	15 al-aNON 6 pm Clover Grove 7 PM Adult Religious Growth & Learning: Reiki 7 PM <i>Community Cmte 7 pm</i>	16 Tyger COUCH 9:30 AM UCH Playgroup 10:00 AM Unisingers 7 pm	17 Coffeehouse 7:30 PM	18
19 Services 9:30 & 11:00 AM at Clover Lane Youth New Orleans Trip Presentation between services Explore UCH after services	20 Yoga 6:30 pm Adult RG&L: Encountering God 7 PM Hellman COUCH 7 PM	21 MMG 7 PM	22 al-aNON 6 pm Humanist Presentation: An Ethical Diagnostic 7 PM	23 UCH Playgroup 10:00 AM Unisingers 7 pm	24	25 Market St. Last Saturday Community Breakfast
26 Services 9:30 & 11:00 AM at Clover Lane	27 Yoga 6:30 pm Adult RG&L: Encountering God 7 PM	28 MMG 7 PM Adult RG&L: The Book of Job 7 PM <i>Membership Action Council 7 pm</i>	29 al-aNON 6 pm	30 UCH Playgroup 10:00 AM Unisingers 7 pm		

Membership Action Council Report

The Membership Action Council (MAC) is pleased to welcome 10 new members into our congregation! We conducted our quarterly orientation class for would-be UUs on Saturday, August 7, complete with UCH Jeopardy. We are gearing up for an exciting new year in September – please contact Leta Beam if interested in MAC or other “welcoming” services.

Newly enrolled members (drum roll please):



Fran

Fran Campo was born and raised Catholic near Princeton and had 12 years of Catholic education. She graduated from Bucknell University and Penn State, where she obtained her Master of Arts in Health Administration. She has worked for SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, the largest union for health care workers in the state, since 1984. She has strong social justice principles and

prior experience as a nursing home worker – and a “healthy respect” for the work of healthcare workers in the U.S. Her Connection Coach is Marsha Dulaney.

Ryan Szuch is a nature-lover and progressive thinker. A native of the Pittsburgh area and a graduate of Susquehanna University, he is also a Professional Wetland Scientist (PWS) who did field research in Australia as a Fulbright scholar and worked as an environmental scientist in New Jersey for several years. He moved to Harrisburg this spring with his wife, Erin, and “Westie,” a West Highland Terrier, to be nearer to his family. He is doing volunteer work for the USDA while hunting for a permanent job. He is also a volleyball player and Steelers fan. His Connection Coach is Steve Todd.



Ryan

Erin Klock lives in Carlisle and is interested in graphic design, fashion, writing, science, philosophy, and film (in no particular order). She has a degree in Fashion Merchandising from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and attended graduate school at Savannah College of Art and Design; she is living at home while looking for a job and wants to help out at UCH events as much as she can. She was raised Presbyterian but never attended church; she heard about the UCH from the Internet. She was drawn to us by our social activism and is interested in anti-racism and cross-cultural understanding, en-



Erin

vironmental/Green Sanctuary issues, and feminist spirituality. Her Connection Coach is Laura Edinger.

Paul Moore, Karen Mallah and daughter, **Eliana**, moved here from Denver several months ago and were attracted to the UCH

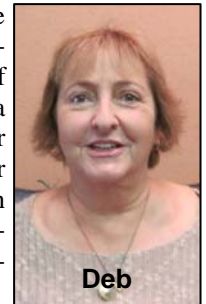
by its progressive ideology. Karen is a native of NYC and loves language and languages. She is a psychologist and director of the Pennsylvania System of Care Partnership, employed by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). Paul is a



Paul, Karen & Eliana

family physician and musician (in no particular order). He reports: “After experiencing *in utero* a live show by Hendrix, I was born in Denver and raised largely alone by my mother after my father’s death. Like Jowinnie, I write lyrics. Like Clay, I write melodies. Circuitously, I became a family physician, who adores his wife and daughter.” Their Connection Coaches are Kendra and Pete Trufahnestock.

Deb Musselman is a Harrisburg-area native with 25 years of legislative experience on the Hill at the State Capitol. She is now a lobbyist for the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, mother of two adult children, John and Norah, and a resident of Bellevue Park. She expects her involvement with the UCH to deepen her appreciation of this world and foster her own spiritual journey; she is interested in gardening, reading, walking, and knitting. Her Connection Coach is Kate Quimby.



Deb

Amy and Andrew Bellanca live in Marysville with their vegetarian dog, Spark. Andrew is a licensed social worker, a mental health professional, and a member of the Harrisburg Area Humanists. He is also an accomplished jazz bass player who leads various configurations of his own combo at multiple



Amy & Andrew

venues in Central PA. Amy is an environmental engineer specializing in waste and site remediation who enjoys travel, singing, and cooking. She is

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Membership Action Council Report

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also interested in social action on environmental issues, helping women in prison and reproductive rights. Their Connection Coach is David Spear.

Lisa Driver lives in Dauphin with husband, David, and 2-year-old son, Joey. They also have two dogs and a cat, enjoy being outdoors and getting dirty in their beautiful garden. Lisa is interested in yoga, Mindfulness Meditation Group, and feminist spirituality. She is a professional plumber, employed by Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 520. She is considering a career change and is taking steps toward achieving an MSW. Her Connection Coach is Kelly Cain.

submitted by Bart Carpenter and Leta Beam



Lisa Driver

Associate Minister

The Rev. Suzanne Marsh

I have been away from Harrisburg for a great deal of the summer. I spent a week in Minneapolis at General Assembly, time at a resort with Nancy in Wisconsin, a few days in Chicago christening my grandniece, Neve, then on the UUSC Civil Rights Journey through Georgia and Alabama with my son, and finally almost three weeks of my study leave in a quiet lakeside cottage in Maine.

I give you this travelogue for a reason. I went to a number of places this summer, coming in contact with a diverse group of folks in several regions of this country. In all of these places I was privileged to have some terrific conversations about a broad array of topics. As I was on that lake in Maine at the end of my travels, I sought to find a common thread that might emerge if I carefully thought about all of those conversations. What I heard was that most people are weary of the way that public discourse is conducted in our country. No less than six people said some variation of: "what happened to good old fashioned manners?"

The news is filled with so much dissension and name calling. There are so many issues on which the nation is not just divided but polarized. The loudest voices come from the extremists on both sides, we hear daily of the "tea-baggers" and "birthers," of the "illegals" and "socialists." To many of us it feels more like an argument between 2nd graders than an adult discussion about deeply important issues.

And those on the extremes of both sides have us right where they want us. By playing on our fears and hidden (or not so hidden) prejudices they keep us perpetually off balance; blaming, shaming and politicizing that which deserves to be resolved through careful education, balanced information and thoughtful discussion. We approach every issue with an "us versus them" mindset. In the midst of the enormous amount of deception, propaganda and obfuscation there is no room for fact finding and truth telling. And certainly no room for a dialogue that might result in the two sides finding common ground.

I, for one, am not afraid of "socialists" or "tea-baggers" or even lunatic rantings on the television or radio. What I am afraid of are more mundane things that don't make good sound bytes or film clips. These are the things I fear may ultimately destroy our country: poverty, homelessness, poor health care, crumbling infrastructure and declining educational systems.

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Directory Updates

Please log into the Online Directory for change for the following people:

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kelly Cain

NEW MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST 8

Andrew & Amy Bellanca

Fran Campo

Chuck Daley

Lisa Driver

Erin Klock

Paul Moore Karen Mallah

Deb Musselman

Ryan Szuch



TAKE NOTE!

The OLIVER COLLECTIVE Art Showing

Coming Soon

Get ready for Sundays, October 17 and 24, 2010: The OLIVER COLLECTIVE will be showing member's work in the Common Room of UCH at Clover Lane immediately following each church service. You will be able to select art creations for your holiday giving.

COLLECTIVE members will be offering items such as: jewelry, crochet, oil paintings, framed photographs, textile wearables, framed assemblages, pottery, notecards, functional art, and more. Minimum contributions levels will range from \$5 to \$150. All proceeds go solely to the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Fund.

COLLECTIVE members have taken a pledge not to tell if you select something for yourself.

Submitted by Cordell Affeldt

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Religious Growth & Learning

YES, YOU!

Sunday morning 9:30 Elementary Class Leaders and nursery volunteers are needed for the coming year. Also needed are Sunday morning 11:00 nursery and Kindergarten Leaders. PLEASE contact rgl@harrisburgUU.org if you may be interested in spending some time with our young UUs!

Coming of Age

Facing the transition from childhood to youth with intention, in a caring and supportive community is a gift that is offered to middle-school-aged participants and their families. Among other things, this year-long rite of passage program includes exploring and articulating values and beliefs, building relationships, community service, and developing faith statements. A team of dedicated leaders and mentors guide participants on their journeys.

All families of registered youth in grades 6 to 8 have received information about this program. If you have not received information please contact DRE, Trish Brandon.

Are You Interested in Being a Mentor?

Criteria for mentors include: a clean background check to ensure youth safety, settled in your own life at this time (not dealing with death of a loved one, divorce, major illness...), settled in your own religious beliefs (understand your own religious journey and are still pursuing it), comfortable being a Unitarian Universalist and have time to spend with a youth. If this is you, please contact DRE, Trish Brandon. Mentor pairs will be determined in September.

Summer Program

Many thanks to Kate Newton and Tracy Richards for their leadership in the summer program for elementary-aged children! Kate and Tracy provided continuity through their presence and leadership in the weekly rituals all summer. Thanks also go to Rebecca Waldemar for filling in and being on call to substitute.

Each Sunday a special guest shared some of their experiences, values and practices that exemplify their Unitarian Universalist faith. We are very fortunate to have people in the congregation willing to take the time to share themselves with the children!

Much Gratitude to: Cynthia Tyger, Melissa Trainor, Julie Brown, Tracy Richards, Dawn Duffins, Don Brown, Jeanne and Maria Shellman, Cordell Affeldt, Donna Hoskins-Helm, Maggie and Wendy Shaver-Wilson and Thersa Alberici.

Chalice Camp 2010 a Huge Success

*Thanks to Many
Wonderful
Volunteers*

The children of UCH enjoyed another fun week of Unitarian Universalist summer camp. They spent a week strengthening friendships, singing, swimming, doing crafts, and performing plays about moments in UU history. This was the fourth UCH summer camp, and the number of campers has grown each year. In addition to the hard-working staff of the camp, many volunteers donated valuable talents and hours to Chalice camp to make it a success. So "Hip, hip, hooray" and a thousand gold stars to Kate Newton, Marj Forster, Kate Carpenter, Katy Alberici, Dawn Huffins, Teresa Alberici, Sheila Brumbaugh, Alice Winner, and Olivia Gregg. And a shout out to the fabulous staff: Julie Slaybaugh, Beverly Roth, Emily Alberici, and Libby Bechtel.

Submitted by Wendy Shaver

September Schedule

- 5 Labor Day weekend, no RGL Classes, child care provided
 - 12 9:30 Forum at Clover Lane
Second Sunday in the City! 11:00 Multigenerational Service at Market Street with potluck lunch following the service. *
 - 19 9:30 and 11:00 services and welcome back classes at Clover Lane
 - 26 9:30 and 11:00 services and classes at Clover Lane
- * Please note child care for ages five and under is provided every Sunday all year during all services.

Regional Middle School Event: Ethical Eating

- Who:** Youth in Grades 6-7-8
Chaperones needed, please contact Trish Brandon
- When:** Sunday, October 3, 2010
- What:** A fun day with UU youth from area UU congregations focused on community and ethical eating which will include a trip to a local farm
- Where:** Meet at UCH to carpool to Boiling Springs to attend the 10:30 service.
- How:** Detailed information will be sent to registered children and available at the RGL resource center on the lower level.

Questions? Contact Trish Brandon

Sunday Morning Children & Youth Groups

9:30

Nursery/Preschool
Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten
First/Second/Third Grades

11:00

Nursery/Preschool
Pre-K/Kindergarten/First
Second/Third/Fourth/Fifth Grades
Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Grades
Ninth-Twelfth High School Group

Content focus information for each group is available in each classroom, at the RGL resource center by the lower level entrance and on the UCH web site.

QueenSpirit

POTLUCK & CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg,
Clover Lane Campus

6:00 to 9:00 PM

- o Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share
- o Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates

THE GODDESS & FEMININE SEXUALITY

Megan Borrer will facilitate our co-facilitate our September QueenSpirit Circle on the topic of the Goddess and Feminine Sexuality. Everyone has an opinion and a level of comfort/discomfort on this topic. Join us as we explore these views through the “open but unbroken” circle of the feminine divine. As always, we cherish this time together to share our stories, be nourished and affirmed in our journeys, and provide and receive spiritual enrichment.

QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle.

Submitted by Kandy Melillo

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Associate Minister

Since I heard so many folks express **The Rev. Suzanne Marsh** frustration at this “new” way of political discourse in our country, I wonder how many of us are ready to move towards “them” and engage in constructive conversations about how we can solve the mounting problems that face our country and our world.

As for me, I’m going to try even harder not to be swayed by the loud voices trying to distract me from the real facts and issues at hand. I am going to seek out balanced information and not assume that information coming from “my side” is necessarily true. I am going to look for opportunities to engage with those who have a different perspective. And above all, I am not going to be drawn into the name-calling and broad brush assumptions that rage about me like wild fire. I am going to heed these words of Hosea Ballou:

If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good.

Maybe you will decide to join me in this effort, just imagine if we started a trend!

*Blessings,
Suzanne*

Helping Women in Prison and Their Families

Theresita Patterson – the PROGRAM’s Client of the Year 2010: “I have been clean for eleven years” is probably the most important fact Theresita would want us to know about her, but there is so much more. Like the smile when she says that, or the even bigger smile when she speaks of being with her family at Christmas to cook for them, decorate a tree, and watch the children sleep.

All this is after being abused since childhood, doing time in the Philadelphia prison system (where she chose not to do drugs and get high), and being tied to a chair in an ‘abandoned building’ (aka abandoned building) by her attacker till she was rescued by folks coming in to get high and taken to a hospital. She is still in touch with her rescuers, who have also stayed clean to this day, and they celebrate each other’s ‘clean days.’ She is an eight-year graduate of Promise Place, and recalls my coming there to deliver donated clothes – and how happy the women were to get clothes they really needed.

Theresita was selected for the honor of ‘Client of the Year’ not only because of her hard work while a resident at Promise Place, but because since then she visits frequently to encourage the residents (often with her children or grandchildren), gives back to the community in many ways, works hard (she has health benefits where she works and is in the union), and helps many women coming out of prison to understand that the process of reentry takes a long time.

Theresita will readily say how blessed she is, but would rather widen that realization to say “we are blessed.”

Guess Who’s coming to Breakfast? A lot of men and women from work-release centers and halfway houses will be our guests for breakfast on Saturday, October 23, at Market Street, as we again host the Community Connections Reentry Breakfast on behalf of the Prison Action Committee of Christian Churches United. Attendance has been running 40 – 50 guests, so we will need many volunteers to make this the welcoming breakfast it has been each time we hosted. If you can help with cooking, table setup, serving, being a table host, or cleanup, let one of our steering committee members know: Margaret Carrow, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hargreaves, Chris Dutton or Dick Hoke. The guests generally arrive by 9 AM, and must be back by 11 AM, so we need to be ready when they arrive and keep things moving so it runs timely. Join us for an uplifting time!

The Book: *Change Or Die* generated an animated discussion at our August meeting, and a few copies are still left – find out what we found so interesting by checking with a steering committee member during coffee hour.

Join us when we meet on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30 PM, both to work out how we will do the breakfast, and to address our newest and biggest project to date, offering **GED training** for clients of the PROGRAM. It is in the planning stage as this article goes to press, but it is clear that having rotating instructors plus classroom assistants will help a lot, so if you can help, let us know. The plan is to have two 9 AM to noon classes each week, for units of six - eight weeks, so as to cover all five GED subject areas. Let us know if you can help, even a little.

Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

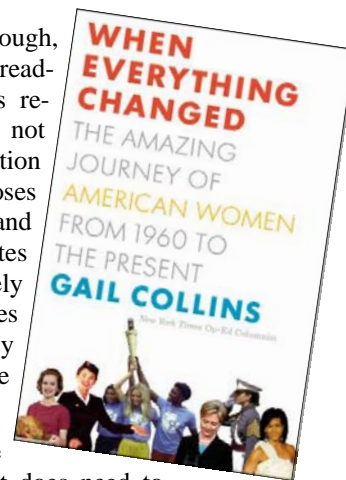
Philosophy & Literature Group

The Philosophy and Literature Group will meet on Sunday, September 12, at 7:30 PM at the home of Tucker Susskind. We will be discussing *When Everything Changed*, by Gail Collins.

In a New York Times Sunday Book Review (10-15-09) Amy Bloom writes about this book:

“During the last 15 years, there have been at least a dozen sitcoms starring physically unattractive, infantile, selfish, dimwitted husbands (ugly babies, really), unconditionally loved by their beautiful, clever, kindhearted and competent wives. It is hard to think of a single show in which this premise was reversed. *Did feminism fail?* Less than 3 percent of stay-at-home parents are men. *Did feminism fail?* This year, the radio host and comedian Steve Harvey wrote in *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man* that ‘men want women to act like ladies at all times.’ The book has been on the best-seller list for months. *Did feminism fail?*”

Gail Collins’s smart, thorough, often droll and extremely readable account of women’s recent history in America not only answers this question brilliantly, but also poses new ones about the past and the present, as she explicates moments that were widely recorded and illuminates scenes that were barely remarked upon at the time.”



All are welcome to the group’s meetings. But the host does need to know that you are attending (imagine you are having a gathering at your home. Two people may come, or 25 people may come. Wouldn’t you like to know which?)

Contact Tucker at otmsusskind8@yahoo.com or 238-8768 to let her know you will attend, and to get directions if needed.

submitted by Dick Hoke

Humanists Announce Fall Series

The Humanism Lay-Led Ministry begins its fall series on Wednesday, September 22 with a lecture/workshop by Fritz Williams, a long-term friend of UCH. The session, titled *An Ethical Diagnostic*, will investigate different methods that individuals use to distinguish right from wrong and to determine a moral path. It will be a fun and interactive session on a serious topic. Fritz worked as an Ethical Culture Leader for 20 years and is well-known for his energetic and engaging style.

Continuing on Wednesday, October 27, UCH member Mary Henninger-Voss will investigate how people develop and expand their world views. In *The Problem of Knowledge*, she will help us explore how we consciously and unconsciously decide how to get knowledge, and what to believe in. We will especially look at science as one answer to the problem of knowledge, and explore the benefits and limitations of that solution. Mary is a UCH member and a lecturer at Messiah College.

And on Wednesday, November 17, we will hold our first book discussion. Join John Forest in discussing *Ishmael*, by Daniel Quinn. This novel examines human supremacy, mythology and its effect on ethics, and how that relates to sustainability. The book is an easy read, and was a winner of the Turner Tomorrow Fellowship Award. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at our September meeting.

All sessions begin at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary of the Clover Lane church. More information is available on the Humanism page of the church website, or by contacting David Spear at humanists@harrisburguu.org or 731-9688.

Submitted by David Spear

Alcoholism/Addiction Recovery Ministry



**YOU ARE NOT
ALONE**

*I put my hand
in yours and
together we
can do what
we could
not do alone.*

As I sit in front of this computer, I realize that writing a brief article for a church newsletter should not require such jumping through mental hoops. What if I say “I” too much? - this article should reflect the whole lay-led ministry. What if I have nothing clever or thought provoking to say? Etc., etc. ...

So I shall go back to that phrase used in recovery and other circles - KISS, as in “keep it simple stupid.” Of course, calling myself stupid doesn’t send me to the head of the recovery class. Amidst the pile of recovery books beside me is a simple bookmark entitled “Just for Today.” The following is an excerpt - I hope it speaks to somebody out there.

“Just for today... I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do anything for twelve hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime. Just for today ... I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my “luck” as it comes, and fit myself to it.”

Simple ideas, but they are still a challenge to me. Namaste. Submitted by Maria Gregg

Joseph Priestley District *presents*
Women & Religion Fall Retreat, October 1 - 3, 2010
The Theme Within: An experiential weekend of self-discovery. For further information contact: Anne Slater, Registrar: 610-896-6468 or slater.anne@gmail.com. Watch for updated information on www.jpjdw.org.
Submitted by Randa Todd

September Coffee House

Clover Lane Coffee House opens the fall season with Amy Speace in concert at 7:30 PM Friday, September 17, at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane. Admission is \$10 donation at the door; all are welcome. Please note the early start time.

Amy is a roster artist on Judy Collins' Wildflower Records and frequently opens for her. In fact, Judy Collins has released a cover of Speace's majestic anti-war ballad, "The Weight of the World," which Collins proclaimed one of the best anti-war songs ever written.

Born in Baltimore and raised in small-town Pennsylvania, Speace graduated from Amherst College with a degree in Theater and toured with the prestigious National Shakespeare Company. After moving to New York City, she had roles in various off-Broadway productions and independent films, ran her own theater company, and taught Shakespeare in the New York City school system.

After teaching herself to play guitar, she began setting her poetry to music, and quickly found songwriting to be the most creatively fulfilling thing she'd ever done. She soon began performing as half of the female duo *Edith O*. Speace made her solo debut with the 2002 release *Fable*, recorded with \$5000 donated by fans and released on her own Twangirl label.

Giving up her hard-won acting career to become a full-time musician, she hopped into her car and hit the road, booking herself into every club, café and college that would have her.

Season Tickets

Season tickets (9 shows, \$45) will be on sale at the September coffee house or by prior arrangement. Contact Bart Carpenter for details.

After catching a performance at the South by Southwest (SXSW) music industry festival, Judy Collins' manager brought Speace to the attention of Collins, who signed her to her Wildflower label. Her debut for the label, *Songs For Bright Street*, received warm praise from critics, including those in Europe, which has enabled her to build a strong touring base there.

Her latest album, *The Killer in Me*, was written in the rural isolation of a rented cabin in the Catskills after her final separation from her husband.

"It was just me, some books, my journals, my guitar and the songs, with no phone and no TV," she explains. "I spent a lot of time reading and hiking and chopping wood for the stove, and wrote the songs that form the emotional center of this album.

"The situation forced me to sit with a lot of silence, fear and confusion and make a kind of peace with them by writing songs to keep from going crazy. That's when the album started

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tion. The auction is both an important fundraiser AND an all-church community event. Plans are still forming, but hold the weekend of November 13-14! We will soon be seeking volunteers, donations for the auction, entertainers, and folks to come share the fun. Check the Weekly Reminder for confirmation of the dates and event updates!

Completing the UCH Strategic Plan. As you know from my recent columns and the Annual Meeting report, we will be completing draft goals for the strategies we developed last church year. You will have the opportunity to provide comments on the draft goals around the middle to end of September. Then we will have a Congregational vote on the goals. When the goals are complete, we will have a finished strategic plan.

Implementing the Strategic Plan. Remember that the strategic plan will help us realize our vision. So once we complete the plan, then we implement it and monitor our progress. In other words, we "do" the ministry of our church. This will be an ongoing effort for the Board, ministers and pastoral staff, and you—the volunteers and members of UCH!

Developing a Performance Review Process for Our Senior Minister. One of the key jobs of the Board is to ensure the quality and continuity of our ministerial leadership. Performance reviews are an opportunity to review the ministries of the church, to clarify the Congregation's expectations of the Minister, and to identify opportunities and goals for professional improvement. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the specific talents and accomplishments of our Minister.

Not too long ago Rev. Dana had asked the Board for a performance review, but we did not really have a good process in place at the time. In cooperation with Howard, we plan to develop a meaningful evaluation process based on recommendations from the Joseph Priestley District (JPD) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

"Calling" Rev. Marsh. When we decided to bring on a second minister almost two years ago we had hoped to go through a process our denomination knows as "calling a minister." In this process, the Congregation votes to bring on a minister recommended by its ministerial search committee. Those who were with us during that time will remember that due to our financial circumstances, we felt it would be unwise to call a second minister when we weren't sure we could continue to pay her salary after the first year. Instead, Suzanne agreed to join us in a process known as "hire to call." That is, we hired her with the intent to go through the "call" process later. Well, "later" is upon us. You will hear more about this process in the coming months. It will be significant in the life our church and in Suzanne's ministry, and we all will play a part.

As always, if you have any questions about these activities, please contact the trustees by e-mail at trustees@harrisburguu.org.

Cathy Montes

Mindfulness Meditation Group

*There is a way between
voice and presence,
where information flows.
In disciplined silence it opens.
With wandering talk it closes.*
- Rumi

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 a group dedicated to experiencing life through a mindfulness awareness practice meets in the Margaret Fuller Chapel. During our time together we share readings, spend a little time in discussion, but mostly, we spend our time in support of each others' pursuit of coming to personal understanding through silence. Simply put, we are spending a little time together doing nothing.

As a reminder the September 21st meditation (the third Tuesday of the month) will be held in complete silence. A one hour mini-retreat as we sit as beginners together.

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Submitted by Jeanne Shellman



Coffeehouse

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making sense to me and became a whole different thing. Something shifted when I realized what was going on in the world outside mirrored what was going on inside of me, and I wanted to write songs that bridged that divide."

Speace appeared at Whitaker Center earlier this year; this marks her second appearance in Harrisburg.

Save the date: We have booked Coyote Run for Friday, October 15, at 7:00 PM. This "Celtic rock" band is a perennial favorite, and the evening is a family event. See you there!

submitted by Bart Carpenter

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Of course there have been hurt feelings, miscommunications, and unrealistic expectations on both sides, but we have stuck together. I am personally interested to see what new life might be breathed into The Shared Ministry in the coming year. My sincerest hope is that they wake up to the great need for liberal Christianity in Harrisburg and find ways to become stronger and more vibrant. The health and vitality of The Shared Ministry will add to our own health and vitality. More than being landlord and tenant, I hope we can be partners. I know the Christian UU's in our congregation would gladly partner with The Shared Ministry folk in exploring ways to faithfully follow Jesus of Nazareth.

Another hurdle to clear in the coming year is the natural tension between social justice and charity. We all know that charity is much, much easier to do than social justice. It is easier to feed and clothe people than it is to eradicate the causes of poverty. It is easier to stay a night with the homeless than to work to end homelessness. It is always easier to give money than to face the causes of oppression. Our Market Street building will be our main center for social justice efforts in the coming decades. We will need to decide how much of our efforts there will be charitable and how much will be justice-making. Both are needed, but justice-making has a greater impact. Church leadership will work this year to develop a social justice plan for our congregation that includes both charity and justice-making. We will also work on guidelines for the safe handling of food, property, and the care of children. We will insist that anyone doing charity or justice work in our building follow these safety guidelines.

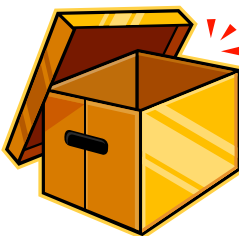
The most significant hurdle we will have to clear at our Market Street church this year is sustainability. We all know how programs start with much enthusiasm and energy. Then, month after month, must be sustained. Too often leaders get burned out, programs get scaled back, and things end in frustration. We must work this year to not take on too many programs. We must work to support the programs that are working well. And we must always seek new leadership so that a program's leaders do not burn out and quit in frustration. It is much better to do a few things well than lots of things poorly. In this second year of transition we have an opportunity to look critically at the programs we are offering and assess their sustainability. It is also an opportunity to get more people involved and excited about the possibilities that exist at both of our church buildings.

Of course we will spend the year planning for church year 2011-2012 when we move into full use of both our buildings. As we spend the year planning for one service at each church building each week, we will have to make plans for music, Religious Growth and Learning, membership, coffee hour, and many other things. If we are to truly be one congregation with two buildings, we must think ahead to how we will make space for future UCH members in both locations. We must remember to take care of the needs of the current congregation. And we must continually look to ways we can partner with The Shared Ministry and the residents of the City of Harrisburg, thus making us a much-needed addition to our own community.

We are blessed with a wealth of leadership. We can navigate this second year of transition well. I look forward to your joining in. See you in church.

Love, Howard

Summer attendance at church has been terrific. But somehow, there's less food for the needy in our donation box.



Have **YOU** donated to the food ministry lately?

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