



The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg is an inclusive, gloriously diverse, deeply connected spiritual community dedicated to the practice of radical service.

August Services

All Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. through Labor Day. All held at Clover Lane; sanctuary is not air conditioned.

Aug 7: Summer Lay-Led Service

The closing act of our popular series of lay-led sermons! This one stars Kelly O’Neill, supported by Robert Wimer. Playing a supporting role is Lewis Latimer, an African-American colleague of Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell – and prominent Unitarian in New York City.

Aug. 14: “Sanctuary” (1 of 3)

Welcome Rev. Howard Dana back from Mexico! Howard begins the new church year with a three-part series on the basic elements of the UCH, using metaphors of sanctuary, social hall and parish.

Aug. 21: Bhante Sujatha

We welcome Buddhist monk Bhante Sujatha, leading our Sunday worship as part of a three-day contemplative weekend organized by the UCH Mindfulness Meditation Group (page 4). The weekend includes a sitar concert Friday night by John Protopapas, a teaching session on meditation Saturday (open to all), and preaching on Sunday with lay leader Ann Stillwater assisting. The weekend marks Bhante Sujatha’s fifth visit to the UCH.

Aug. 28: “Social Hall” (2 of 3)

Rev. Howard Dana presents his second sermon on UU/UCH basics. Come hear about community-building and how we care for each other!

**Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
August 2011 At-a-Glance**

Date	Time	Speaker
Mon 1	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 2	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
Wed 3	6:00	Queen Spirit, chez Anne Moore
Fri 5	8:00	Clover Lane Coffee House, Bart Carpenter, \$5 donation
Sat 6	9:00	New Member Orientation, Leta Beam
Sun 7	10:00	"How Do You Live Your Faith?" (final)
Mon 8	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 9	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
		Radical Hospitality training, Leta Beam
Wed 10	7:00	August Board Meeting (Clover Lane)
	7:00	Green Sanctuary, Rachel Mark
Fri 12	8:00	Clover Lane Coffee House (Carpenter)
Sat 13	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
	1:00	Youth Group Painting Party, sleepover
Sun 14	10:00	“Sanctuary,” Rev. Howard Dana
	7:00	Philosophy & Literature, Dick Hoke
Mon 15	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 16	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 17	7:00	Clover Grove (Pagan), Ed Hazell
Fri 19	8:00	Sitar Coffee House (Carpenter), \$5
Sat 20	8:00	Market St cleanup, Sparkie Radcliffe
	10:00	“Learn To Be Still,” Bhante Sujathe
Sun 21	10:00	Worship service led by Bhante Sujather
Mon 22	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 23	7:00	Silent Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 24	7:00	Humanist DVD/discussion, David Spear
Sat 27	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
Sun 28	10:00	“Social Hall,” Rev. Howard Dana
Mon 29	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
Tue 30	7:00	Special MMG w/Daishin McCabe (Daley)

Market Street Event

A Message from Our New President



Editor’s Note: Congratulations to the new president of the Board of Trustees, Judy Linder! She was elected at the July meeting (page 10). Her message to the congregation appears immediately below.

Greetings from your new president! I am so honored to have been elected to this position. First of all, I would like to thank the members and officers of last year’s board for their accomplishments. The eight strategies adopted by the congregation at the annual meeting gives us all an impressive task. There were literally hours of work in each of them. Most are still a work in process, although many have been implemented. This year we will continue the process of completing them and keep you apprised of our progress.

I feel that the most important part of this church is its vibrant congregation. In spite of diverse philosophies, we manage to come together as a community in the true sense of the word. We have amazing resources of such talented, skilled people. As we go through this year I am hoping that more people will donate their time and talent to the projects at

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What Else Is Happening This Month:

Coordinate your calendars for these UCH events.

Mon 1 6:30 Amrit Yoga (weekly)

Amrit Yoga moves and stretches every part of your body, for an energetic workout with a calming relaxation at the end. Two one-hour sessions, led by Ed Sykes (esykes@state.pa.us). No experience necessary! Repeats every Monday.

Tue 2 7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly)

Two 25-minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion and rest between. Coordinated by Chuck Daley, (MMG@harrisburguu.org). Repeats every Tuesday. Third Tuesday (Aug 17) is silent meditation.

Wed 3 6:00 Queen Spirit: Music that Moves Our Spirits

QueenSpirit is a co-created women's spirituality circle. This month, the group meets chez Anne Moore. Details, page 3.

Fri 5 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – IV

Emily Yanek, Clarissa/Henrik Karlsson, and Jennifer Kathleen. \$5 donation; all are welcome. Series information, page 3.

Sat 6 9:00 New Member Orientation (Clover Lane)

So you're thinking about becoming a UU? Here's the place to find out more about us. Details, page 3.

Tue 9 7:00 Radical Hospitality

Membership Action Council wants YOU to volunteer as usher or concierge next year! Orientation open to all (page 7).

Wed 10 7:00 UCH Board Meeting; Green Sanctuary

Board meetings are open to members (page 10); Green Sanctuary has a movie/discussion on Canada tar sands (page 4).

Fri 12 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – V

The Thrives (John Bollinger et al), with Paul Derek Moore opening. \$5 donation. (Contact, series information, page 6)

Sat 13 9:00 Breakfast at Market Street (also August 27)

Experience community in action – no experience necessary! UCH operates our own Common Ground Café, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Drop-ins welcome. To join the e-list of volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert (clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com).

Sat 13 1:00 Teenage Paint-In

Our high school youths have scheduled a painting party at Market Street followed by a sleepover at the church. Painting and other "hands on" activities are being coordinated by Jane and Libby Bechtel (mjbechtel@paonline.com).

Sun 14 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The UCH literati review *Cloud Atlas*, by David Mitchell. Ann Sitrin hosts the soirée, in the air-conditioned comfort of Clover Lane. Contact Dick Hoke (Rrhoke@aol.com).

Wed 17 7:00 Clover Grove: "Sex Magick and Ritual Sexual Practices"

Clover Grove is a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUP) and is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. This month's session is adults-only. Contact Ed Hazell (eahzell42@aol.com)

Fri 19 8:00 Sounds of Summer Coffee House – VI

Cosponsored by MMG, a sitar concert with John Protopapas. \$5 donation; all are welcome. (Series information, page 6).

Sat 20 8:00 am Market Street Cleanup

Sparkie Radcliffe leads an early morning cleanup crew, aka "The Return of the Dirty Dozen," (page 4)

Sat 20 10:00 Bhante Sujathe workshop

Bhante Sujathe leads a workshop on contemplation, entitled "Learn to Be Still." (Contemplative Weekend, page 4).

Wed 24 7:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists: DVD/Discussion

Our humanists start the new season with *The Social Animal*, by David Brooks. Contact David Spear, spear130@gmail.com.

Tue 30 7:00 Daishin McCabe

For "Fifth Tuesday," Mindful Meditation Group (MMG) welcomes Daishin McCabe of Mt Equity Zen-dō (page 6).

August Events

Background information on UCH events.

6 pm Aug 3: Music that Moves Our Spirits (QueenSpirit)

QueenSpirit meets this month chez Anne Moore, hosting the fifth annual circle on *Music that Moves Our Spirits*. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share; eating implements; lawn chair or blanket, if desired; and a CD to share, with music sung or performed by women.

Technology note from the hostess: I can play MP3 format that is on a CD, but I do not have an iPod. If anyone wants to bring something to play their music, they are welcome to do so. Please contact Anne Moore for directions.



8 pm Aug 5, 12, 19: Sounds of Summer ~ \$5 donation

Clover Lane Coffee House continues its popular "Sounds of Summer" series, at 8 pm on three Fridays in August. At an unbeatable \$5 admission, it's the best deal in town! All are welcome. Contact Bart Carpenter for details.

■ 8 pm Friday, Aug. 5: CD Release Party!

Our first concert this month features three short sets, including UCH talent! First up is Emily Yanick, 19, who graduated last year from Capital Area School for the Arts. She has just released her first CD.

The second set will be done by cello/guitar duettists Clarissa and Henrik. Clarissa is a new UCH member. She has a bachelor's degree in cello performance from Peabody Institute of Music and is completing her thesis for a Master of Music Therapy degree.

The third set is by Reading-based Jennifer Kathleen, who has produced two CDs of original songs, *Anything Can Happen* (2006) and *With a Little Stardust* (2008).

■ 8 pm Friday, Aug. 12: UCH Talent

This coffee house features a local indie rock band, The Thrives, with "our own" Paul Derek Moore (at right) opening. The Thrives is John Bolling (photo), David Kemper, Kevin Daboin, and "Mr. Walter." John and Emily Bolling joined the UCH in February; Paul and his wife Karen Mallah joined last year.

The Thrives is one of the house bands at Appalachian Brewery; they bill themselves as indie and "post punk." The Thrives released an EP, *All Rockets*, in 2006 and a full-length CD, *The Fence You Built*, in 2010. They have promised an evening of music accessible to the coffee house community. Both John and David are involved in youth education.

UCH members will recognize Paul from prior sets at the "Moore on Moore" house concert (2010 auction) and Kaleidoscope 2011. Paul is a big-time Jimi Hendrix fan, and his music reflects his *in utero* exposure to one of the greatest electric guitarists in the history of rock music.



■ 8 pm Friday, Aug. 19: John Protopapas

Sitar musician John Protopapas kicks off our contemplative weekend (page 5, below)

9:00 am Aug. 6: New Member Orientation

Come one, come all! Our summer class for those interested in learning about Unitarian Universalism is ready for blast off! At press time, we already have eight enrolled – and room for more. The class offers a way to learn more about UUs and, if desired, an opportunity to "Sign The Book." Members are welcome to attend and/or bring a friend. Please contact Leta Beam (leta@vantage-inter.com) to enroll.

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August Events (cont.)

Additional information on UCH events.

Starting Aug. 7: RGL Shoe Drive for Market Street

Throughout the summer, children's RGL has focused on UU heroes. In class on July 24, we decided to have a shoe drive in August-September for distribution at our Market Street church. The children are acting on their beliefs and want to help do something like our summer UU heroes did. New shoes or used shoes that still have a good sole and no holes. All sizes, genders, seasons. Shoes may be dropped off at the donation center near the elevator at Clover Lane or the stage area at Market Street



– Submitted by Trish Brandon, Director of Religious Growth and Learning

7 pm Aug 10: Green Sanctuary Film and Discussion on Canada Tar Sands

Bituminous sands, colloquially known as oil sands or tar sands, are a type of unconventional petroleum deposit. The largest concentrations in the world are in Canada and Venezuela. The "Keystone Pipeline System" transports crude oil from tar sands in northeastern Alberta to refineries in Illinois and Oklahoma, then further to the U.S. Gulf Coast. The proposed Keystone Expansion (XL) has faced lawsuits from oil refineries and criticism from environmentalists and some members of the U.S. Congress. Green Sanctuary is pleased to present a documentary on the topic at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Clover Lane campus, organized by UCH member Rachel Mark (RachelMark@paonline.com).

From Rachel:

Tar sands, the dirtiest energy source, has a miserable energy ratio: it takes tons of energy and water to obtain and refine the oil from the sand. This fall, the U.S. State Department will rule on the proposed extension of the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to Texas. If approved, it will give the clear message that we want more and more of this ecologically and environmentally disastrous energy source. Environmentalists are frantically trying to persuade the State Department to veto the pipeline, but moneyed interests have the power.

Susan Norris and I are joining a protest in Washington at the end of August - we would be very happy to have more of you join us! Come to the meeting - see why it is important - see why we need to say NO to the XL pipeline. Everyone welcome. Please RSVP for child care.

– Submitted by Rachel Mark

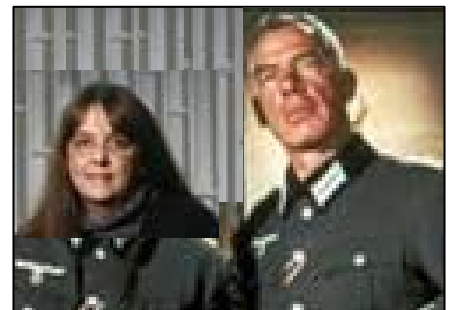


8 am Aug. 20: Return of the Dirty Dozen (Market Street)

Casting call for a remake of *The Dirty Dozen*! In July, "our own" Sparkie Radcliffe led a cast of 12, plus "extras" from the neighborhood, in cleaning debris from the city lots behind our Market Street campus. "Act I" uncovered a previously hidden alley; Act II will complete the saga.

No experience necessary. Walk-ons welcome! Lunch and fellowship will follow.

- **8 am Saturday, Aug. 20: Outdoor work day at Market Street**
Lunch provided



August Events (cont.)

Additional information on UCH events.

Aug 19-21 Contemplative Weekend

The UCH is pleased to present a weekend of meditation and music Aug. 19-21, sponsored by the Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG). All events at the Clover Lane campus. Additional information: [Chuck Daley](#).

John Protopapas

John Protopapas is a noted musician who studied sitar for 19 years in the *guru-shishya* tradition. This is the Hindu tradition of spiritual relationship and mentoring where teachings are transmitted directly from a गुरु (*guru*, teacher) to a शिष्य (*shishya*, student). Knowledge is imparted through the developing relationship between the guru and the disciple. It is considered that this relationship, based on the genuineness of the guru, and the respect, commitment, devotion and obedience of the student, is the best way for subtle or advanced knowledge to be conveyed. The student eventually masters the knowledge that the guru embodies.

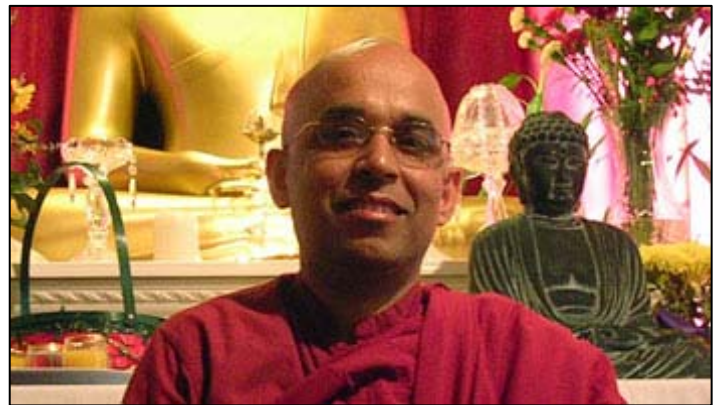


- **8 pm Friday, UCH Common Room, Clover Lane campus, \$5 donation**

This is the final concert for our “Sounds of Summer” coffee house series (page 3).

Bhante Sujatha

Born in Sri Lanka, Sujatha was 11 when he entered the Sri Subodharama International Buddhist Centre (monastery). It is a part of the Theravada tradition, regarded among its practitioners as the lineage closest to the original form of Buddhism. After graduation, he taught meditation at Sri Subodharama and in Brisbane, Australia, before moving to the U.S. in the late 1990s. Originally focused on teaching to the Sri Lankan community, he eventually realized that the people he was living among already “got it” and he could teach the typical stressed-out, overworked Westerner how Buddhism could bring peace and happiness to their lives. He now teaches from his home base at the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple near Chicago.



Bhante says that he “believes in change, rather than tradition,” particularly when dealing with life in our fast-paced Western society. His approach to teaching is easy-going rather than dogmatic, and he makes every attempt to explain things to an American audience so that even absolute beginners can understand how to practice meditation and how to apply the spiritual teachings to their own daily lives.

- **10 am Saturday, UCH Common Room, Clover Lane campus, freewill donation**

On Saturday, Bhante will conduct a workshop entitled “Learn to Be Still.” No experience necessary! The event is free and open to the general public; a freewill donation will be gratefully accepted. All donations go to Bhante.

- **10 am Sunday, UCH Sanctuary, Clover Lane campus**

On Sunday, Bhante will lead our regular Sunday workshop service, with Ann Stillwater as lay liturgist.

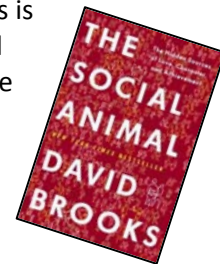
August Events (cont.)

Additional information on UCH events.

7 pm Aug 24: *The Social Animal*

The unconscious mind, it turns out, is most of the mind, where most of the brain's work gets done. This is the realm of emotions, intuitions, biases, longings, genetic predispositions, personality traits, and social norms: the realm where character is formed and where our most important life decisions are made. The natural habitat of *The Social Animal*.

David Brooks is a *New York Times* columnist, regular contributor to the PBS's *The News Hour*, and bestselling author. The group will watch the author discussing his book in an interview, then have open discussion.



- 7 pm Aug. 24, UCH Sanctuary, Clover Lane

7 pm Aug 30: *Soto Zen Meditation*



Zen is a school of Mahāyāna (महायान) Buddhism. It emphasizes experiential wisdom in the attainment of enlightenment, i.e., direct self-realization through meditation and dharma practice. For "Fifth Tuesday," Mindful Meditation Group (MMG) welcomes Daishin McCabe of Mt Equity Zen-dō, located near Williamsport.

坐禪 (Zazen) is at the heart of Zen Buddhist practice. The aim of zazen is just sitting, "opening the hand of thought," i.e., suspending all judgmental thinking and letting words, ideas, images and thoughts pass by, without engaging in them. Daishin McCabe, a Soto Zen priest from Mt Equity Zen-do, will lead the group in a focused meditation. Prior exposure to Zen Buddhism recommended; all are welcome. Donations will be accepted on behalf of Mt Equity.

- 7 pm Aug. 30, freewill donation



Other Events of Interest

7 pm, Saturday, Aug 6: Justin Ryan Concert

MCC of the Spirit Church, 2973 Jefferson Street, Harrisburg, is pleased to sponsor an evening concert with Christian artist Justin Ryan. Justin is a gay musician, currently on an "I've Been There" tour. The Kentucky native was rejected by his family and Christian church when he came out at age 17. In music and words, he shares his story and his affirmation of the love of God for all people. Admission \$5 at the door.



10 am to 7 pm, Saturday, Aug 13: Unity on Allison Hill

Four people have died from gun violence on Allison Hill over the past few months. As an effort to put "unity back into community," a coalition of neighbors and churches are sponsoring a SAVE OUR CHILDREN street fair on Hummel Street, a few blocks from the Market Street campus. Contact Wanda Chenault (608-7367) to volunteer.

Looking Ahead

Save these dates!

Sept. 17: *Fun and Joy in Recovery*

Save the date for a workshop and coffee house with Dr. Jamie Marich, an addictions therapist, researcher – and professional musician! Her most recent CD, *Under My Roof*, is an anthology of songs she wrote as part of her own journey of recovery and healing.

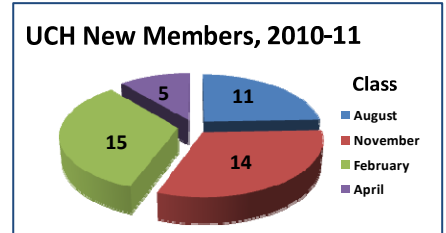


Other UCH News

News from the UCH community.

Membership Report, 2010-11

The Membership Action Council (MAC) is pleased to report 45 people joined the UCH during the 2010-11 fiscal year. This compares to 47 new members registered during the same reporting period of the prior year. Registration normally occurs once per quarter, as part of the Saturday morning orientation class. The accompanying chart shows enrollment by quarter; this includes three former members who chose to re-activate their membership. As we begin the new church year, we already have 5 people signed up for the orientation session on August 6 at Clover Lane. During the coming year, summer and winter sessions will be at Clover Lane. The fall and spring sessions will be at Market Street, scheduled for Second Saturdays to enable potential new members to see our “faith in action” at the Community Café.



During 2010-11, we also lost 30 members, primarily for involuntary reasons. This includes five deaths during the past year: Sandy Eckert, Albert Coons, Claranna Radcliffe, Marsha Guthoehrlein, and Fred Cox. For those who chose to withdraw from membership, the largest single reason for leaving is “No longer a fit.” While we are always sad to see members leave, we affirm them in their decision and wish them well in their ongoing spiritual journey. The accompanying table summarizes the membership loss during 2010-11.

REASON	MEMBERS	PCT
Involuntary		
Relocation	13	60%
Deceased	5	
Voluntary		
No longer a fit	9	40%
Changed status/Other	3	
	30	100%

As part of continuing “Radical Hospitality,” MAC has begun organizing/scheduling ushers and concierges to ensure we continue to extend a warm welcome to all guests. This will be particularly critical as we move to weekly services at two locations. Anyone interested in serving as an usher, greeter, or concierge should contact Susi Mapp (mapps@etown.edu) to sign up for the training session, scheduled for 7 p.m. August 9 at Clover Lane. We normally request that ushers serve once per month at either Market Street or Clover Lane; concierges usually serve once per quarter, or more frequently if desired.. Any UCH member who wishes to serve as concierge should contact Leta Beam (leta@vantage-inter.com).

RADICAL HOSPITALITY TRAINING
Anyone interested in serving as usher, greeter or concierge during the upcoming year should plan to attend a training session on our special brand of “Radical Hospitality.”
• 7 pm Tuesday, Aug. 9, UCH Common Room

– Submitted by Leta Beam and Susie Mapp

Cavanaugh Copyright

As mentioned in his sermon of July 3, UCH member Jim Cavanaugh has donated a basic copyright use for the GBLT chalice to [Interweave Continental](#), a member-based, grassroots organization of Unitarian Universalists working to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Jim’s design has been used to create cloth patches and jewelry pins by other organizations in the past. Interweave was founded in 1973 to serve as a UU-based organization advocating for the rights and interests of bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender, and queer (BGLTQ) UUs.



UCH Facebook

We’re on Facebook! The UCH encourages e-inclined members and friends to join the Facebook group for point-in-time updates from our community. Ours is an open group – anyone can join.

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...with capability to communicate instantly to our community

Other UCH News (cont.)

More news from the UCH community.

Women in Prison & Their Families

The lay-led ministry for helping Women in Prison and Their Families (WIPF) celebrates its 10th anniversary this year! Since 2001, WIPF has played an active force in assisting families touched by the prison system, primarily in Dauphin County. WIPF partners with the Pennsylvania Prison Society; another 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, *THE PROGRAM – It's About Change*; and the Prison Action Committee (PAC) of Christian Churches United (CCU) for much of the ongoing activities. Here's how YOU can help:

■ Saturday Morning Transportation

PAC holds a monthly breakfast at a Harrisburg-area church, focused on supporting re-entering men and women. UCH helps by driving women from the Promise Place (Second Street, Steelton) to the venue. If you are able to help drive, please contact Chris Dutton (cdutton51@gmail.com). This month's breakfast is August 27.

■ Sept 17 Breakfast at Market Street

It's our turn to host! UCH is hosting the breakfast in September, and we need help with logistics. This can be for first shift or cleanup. We anticipate about 50 guests from halfway houses, work release facilities, and drug/alcohol recovery programs will be present for breakfast. Please add your name to the volunteer list by contacting Jim Cavanaugh (Nanjim65@verizon.net).

No experience necessary – on-the-job training available! We will need people to assist with setup and cooking (7:30); serving, greeting, and waiting tables (8:30), and cleanup (10:30).

■ Correspond with UU Prisoners

Like many Americans, most prisoners have never heard of Unitarian Universalism, and prisoners with non-traditional spiritual beliefs often despair of finding a religious community that will respect their beliefs and encourage their spiritual growth while they are incarcerated. They now make up more than 10 percent of the membership of the UU Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)! Most of them heard about us from other inmates or ultraconservative Christian chaplains ("Don't talk like that! You sound like a Unitarian!") CLF's Letter-Writing Ministry will match you with a UU in prison, for a friendly exchange of letters on topics of mutual interest.

Please contact Boston-based chaplain Patty Franz to participate. <http://clf.uua.org/penpals.html>

Jim Cavanaugh, Margaret Carrow and Chris Dutton contributed to this report.



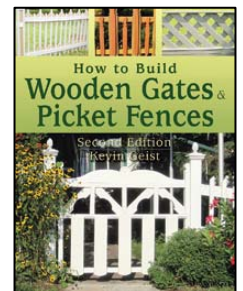
Kevin Geist, Author

Ed. note: UCH member Kevin Geist has updated and revised How to Build Wooden Gates and Picket Fences (Stackpole Books, 1994). The [revised edition](#) has 130 designs and new full-color photographs. We asked him for background on his book:

Back when I was in my 20s, I was looking for a book to help me construct a decorative fence for my circa 1910 home. I found a number of books that told me how to make a basic fence. I wanted to see dozens of patterns that I could choose from; however, only a few books contained more than a handful of ideas. I loved going through the Penn State library archives and perusing the old architectural pattern books from the late 1800s and early 1900s which contained dozens of fence patterns.

After I selected my fence pattern, figured out how to construct it and built the fence for my house, my mother said to me I should write a book about it. She said most people would have no idea how to find these designs and make them. I thought about it for about a year before I wrote Edition One of my book, which was one of Stackpole's best sellers in the 1990s. My new book contains several projects to help a weekend carpenter understand how to make a variety of fence designs. Both the old and new books contain patterns that were virtually lost to the public by the middle of the 20th century and many new patterns of my own origination.

– Submitted by Kevin Geist



Milestones

Please congratulate other members of the congregation for these major milestones:

Market Street Anniversary

July marked the two-year anniversary of our closing on the new campus at 1508 Market Street.

Casper-Breiningger Wedding

UCH members Tiffany Casper and John Breiningger were united in marriage on July 11, 2011, at Lauxmont Farms, across the Susquehanna River from Columbia PA. UCH member Nick Wilson performed the ceremony, with Rev. Howard Dana signing the marriage certificate.

Tiffany is the daughter of Nancy and Daniel Casper of Aliquippa, PA, and a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and works as an emotional support teacher at Cumberland Valley High School. John is the son of Craig and Fern Breiningger of Slatington PA, near Allentown, and a graduate of Slippery Rock University. He works as an itinerant emotional support teacher and behavior specialist in Lower Dauphin School District. Over the past year, John and Tiffany have each completed a Master of Education degree from Cabrini College.



John and Tiffany met working together in the adventure-based program at Harrisburg School District. They reside in Perry County with two “babies,” a wheaten terrier named Celtie and a Labradoodle named Nola. UCH activities include hosting “Chatanooga Choo-Choo” for the 2010 Time & Talent auction and assisting with Chalice Camp 2011.

Mischa Drew Sink

Dana and Rachel Sink are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Mischa Drew, born at 5:47 a.m. Monday, July 18, at Ephrata Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lb 2 oz and was 21.25 inches long. She was delivered by emergency C-section after a lengthy labor.

Rachel (née Ziegler) and Dana met in the January 2009 New Membership Class and began dating shortly thereafter. They were married last summer by “our own” Rev. Howard Dana. They are also “urban pioneers,” having settled into the historic Lingle House at 14th and Paxton streets on South Allison Hill. Mischa is also welcomed by her UCH grandparents, Skip Sink and Susan Jones-Sink, and aunt/uncle, Christy and Mike Myers.



Kay Cox

UCH member Kay Cox mailed the church a note (right) thanking all for supporting her through the death and funeral of her husband, Fred, on May 17. She has now moved from their home in Camp Hill to Country Meadows of the West Shore, located near the intersection of Trindle Road and Sporting Hill Road. She welcomes visitors. Country Meadows encourages daytime or early evening visits; the front door is locked at 8:30 p.m.

Dear Friends,
Thank you for sharing your love of Fred with me. Your many cards and gifts to the church have been very helpful for me in the many changes of my life. Call and come visit.

My love and appreciation, *Kay Cox*

Greg Boyd Sermon

The idea of the Promised Land is woven into the tapestry of many faiths around the world. But what is it? How do we get there? And, why do we care? UCH member Greg Boyd, Acting Director of Children's Ministry at River Road UU Congregation in Bethesda, delivered his first professional sermon, entitled “The Promised Land,” on Sunday, July 11. You can see the highlights at the following link:

www.ruuuc.org/showSegment.html?segID=828&scale=1.0<http://www.ruuuc.org/showSegment.html?segID=828&scale=1.0>

Last Month at the UCH

Here are reports on UCH events from July.

July 18: Humanist Picnic



On July 18th, a picture-perfect summer Saturday afternoon at beautiful Shank Park in Derry Township, 31 adults and three youth came to the UCH mid-summer picnic sponsored by the Humanist Lay-Led Ministry. The pot-luck buffet was absolutely outstanding, and the kosher franks off the grill had even the vegetarians drooling.

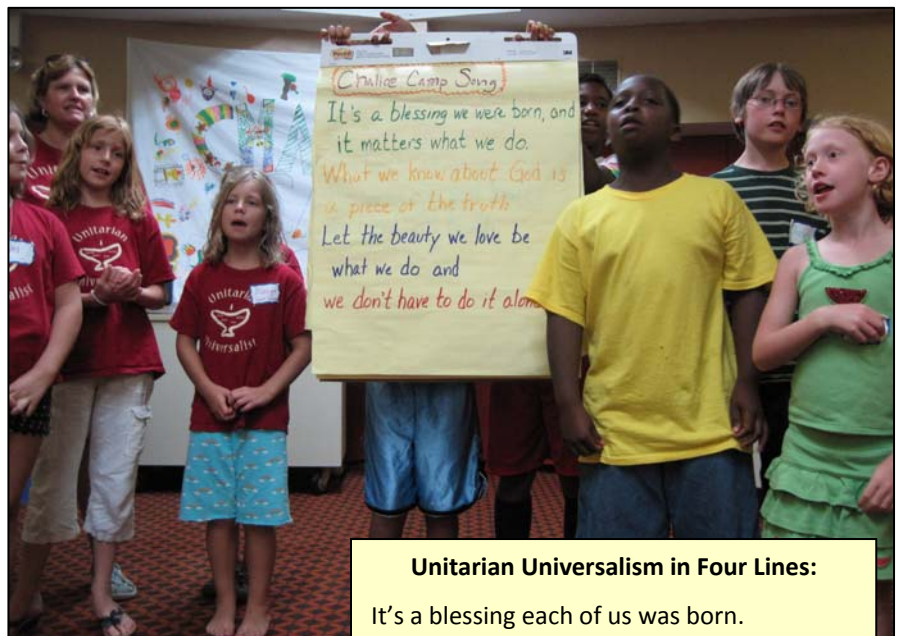
After the meal, David Spear provided a brief summary of events planned for the Fall. Activities of the day included walks along the nature trails, a consideration of our story of creation along a 100-foot time line starting with the Big Bang, and a vicious game of croquet. Just hanging out together in the shade of the trees was enjoyed by all.

– Submitted by Michael Mark and David Spear

Chalice Camp 2011: Peacekeepers

Chalice Camp was held July 25-29 at Clover Lane, with 30 children from grades 1 through 7 in attendance, including five children from Allison Hill. The theme this year was “UU Peacekeepers,” using a UUA curriculum based on the work of Martin Luther King. The UCH developed the curriculum leveraging the book *Fighting Fair: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for Kids*, material from “Win Win! Games,” and the original Chalice Camp theme articulated by Laila Ibrahim, Director of Children and Family Ministry at First Unitarian Church of Oakland, CA. These four lines also became the Chalice Camp Song and appeared on the T-shirts worn by each camper.

Camp activity included crafts, games, music/dance, and stories. It also featured role-playing on non-violence, fighting fair, and other child-appropriate techniques for peace-keeping. One day the children learned a conflict-resolution rap song. On another, they talked about King’s “I Have a Dream” speech and created projects for their individual dreams. In one activity, they divided into three groups: “Assertive,” “Passive,” and



Unitarian Universalism in Four Lines:

It's a blessing each of us was born.
It matters what we do with our lives.
What each of us knows about god is a piece
of the truth.
We don't have to do it alone.

– Laila Ibrahim

“Aggressive,” and learned the power of the assertive voice over the other two. Most days they had opportunities for dance and for drama. Each day ended with swim time at Rainbow Swim Club, behind the Clover Lane facility.



Teen counselors included four prior-year campers, Charlotte and Eugene Heninger-Voss, Katy Alberici, Libby Bechtel. Adult staff included UCH members John and Tiffany Breininger, Kate Carpenter, Dawn Duffins, Marj Forster, Michelle Heh, and Beverly Roth, as well as Zahra Bahktiar, the adult sister of one of our Market Street campers. In addition, Teresa Alberici, Hannah Smith, and Rachel Mark organized the activities for Friday's "We are peacekeepers for the earth" day.

For the end-of-camp Talent Show, campers performed the “chant” of their specific group; danced “Teaching Peace” and “Blue Boat Home,” and did a performance of a drama based on Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955.

Many thanks to the following volunteers who drove the Allison Hill campers throughout the week: Mary Kay Doyle, Joe Heefner, Brian Kahler, Anita Mentzer, Sparkie Radcliffe, David Spear, and Karen Sykes. Thanks also to Amy Allen for preparing lunches for them. Camp director was Wendy Shaver, Director of Youth Ministry; co-director was Trish Brandon, Director of Religious Growth and Learning.



From the Board of Trustees

From July's Board Meeting:

The Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, July 13, at Market Street. The meeting was conducted by Vice President Phil Hoskins-Helm; all trustees except Karen Grimm-Thomas were present. Major actions included:

- **Election of Officers**

The board elected the following officers for the coming year: Judy Linder, president; Phil Hoskins-Helm, vice president; Karen Grimm-Thomas, clerk; and Tom Winner, acting treasurer.

- **Final Financial Report 2010-11**

The UCH balanced its 2010-11 budget by transferring \$17,500 from the endowment, as authorized by the congregation. With an earlier \$34,250 withdrawal to cover roof repairs at Market Street, the endowment fund now stands at \$160,000. In addition, current cash reserves are at zero, in contrast to policy requirements to maintain a balance of one month's expenses (\$52,000).

Among other things, THE UCH REPORTER will begin publishing a monthly financial status, showing year-to-date income and expenses. The final financial report is posted on the bulletin board at Clover Lane and at the website; online readers can view it by clicking on this URL (after logging onto the members-only website):

www.harrisburguu.org/DocUpload/Documents/TreasurerReport_7-12-2011.pdf

A copy of the approved budget for 2011-12 appears at this URL:

www.harrisburguu.org/DocUpload/Documents/2011-12_UCH_Budget.pdf

- **Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC)**

The Board is actively soliciting members of the congregation to join this year's Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC). UCH members interested in serving on the committee should contact Judy Linder (jlinder09@gmail.com).

A Message from the Treasurer

The next several years are extremely important to funding the mission of our church. As members and friends, you can help by pledging and generously contributing to the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

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church. We have several salient needs. One need is for more volunteers to make things happen. Think of what you can do, what committees you could serve or chair.

Another important issue is communication between the congregation, board of trustees, and staff. I urge everyone to talk to members of the board and staff about any of your concerns, suggestions, and criticisms. Please give the board feedback about how we are doing implementing the goals and any other aspect of our performance. I also encourage the congregation to attend the church meetings. If only a small percentage of the congregation votes, a minority controls the course of the church. Let us do better than the general public electorate that usually has a 35 percent voter turnout.

A concern that I have is the financial position of the church. The budget for this year is austere. Lay Led Ministries are expected to be "revenue neutral." If you participate in one, be prepared to contribute to its expenses and projects. One way is to "pass the basket" at your meetings. You may also have read that the amount taken from the endowment fund to balance last year's expenses was \$17,000. Let me put this in perspective. If you assume 300 contributing members, that comes out to about \$57 a person a year, or a little over \$1 per person per week. My question is, why can't we raise \$1 more per person per week? I challenge each of you to put in another dollar (or more) each week in the collection. If you have paid your pledge, instead of letting the plate pass by, consider putting in one more dollar.

I am looking forward to a year filled with interesting, stimulating, and spiritual events. We have so many venues of services, lectures, concerts, service projects, and youth-focused events, that I hope that all of you will sample them. As we move forward together, I hope that our community and membership grows. We have a unique church that deserves our love.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful.

Judy Linder