



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

September Services

Beginning Sept. 11, two services each week: 9:00 a.m. at Clover Lane, then 11:00 a.m. at Market Street. For second Sundays, the “Moral Issues Forum” will occur at 9:00, with a single multigenerational service at 11:00.

Sept. 4: Parish

Rev. Howard Dana completes his three-part series on UU basics: Sanctuary, Social Hall, and (today) Parish! Labor Day weekend is our **final week of summer hours**.

Sept. 11: Second Sunday

9:00 Moral Issues Forum (Clover Lane)

Our church has been involved in Allison Hill for two years now. What is our congregation doing? What have we learned about the community? What plans do we have for the future? UCH members Brian Kahler and Tom Connors will update us and answer questions about our Market Street involvement.

11:00 “Ten Years Later” (Market Street)

Rev. Howard Dana reflects on the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Also note multiple commemorative events around town later in the day (page 9).

Sept. 18: Craving Joy

Our first two-service, two-site Sunday! Rev. Howard Dana in the pulpit, with Lay Liturgist Holly Hartman of our Alcoholism/ Addiction Recovery Ministry and guest musician Jamie Marich (page 3).

Sept. 25: Getting to the Heart of It

Welcome Rev. Richard Gordon of Shared Ministry, preaching at both services. Richard has also invited his congregation to join us at 11:00 for a shared service.



Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

September 2011 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Sun 4	10:00	“Fruits of Labor,” Rev. Howard Dana
Tue 6	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation, Chuck Daley
Wed 7	6:00	Queen Spirit
Sat 10	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
	2:00	Monarch Butterfly Day, Kathie Stewart
	4:00	Families with young children, Pete Trufahnestock
Sun 11	9:00	Moral Issues: Update on Allison Hill
	11:00	“Parish,” Rev. Howard Dana
	7:00	Philosophy/Literature, Richard Hoke
Mon 12	6:30	Amrit Yoga, Ed Sykes
Tue 13	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 14	7:00	September Board Meeting (Market St)
Fri 16	7:00	Clover Lane Coffee House (Carpenter)
Sat 17	4:00	Addictions/Recovery Workshop
	7:00	Special Coffee House (Carpenter)
Sun 18	9:00	“Craving Joy,” Rev. Howard Dana, with guest musician Jamie Marich.
	11:00	
Mon 19	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
	7:00	RGL: Croatian dance, Bart Carpenter
Tue 20	6:00	Solstice Service Planning (Randa Todd)
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 21	7:00	Clover Grove (Pagan), Ed Hazell
Sat 24	9:00	Breakfast at Market Street
Sun 25	9:00	“Getting to the Heart of It,” Rev. Richard Gordon of Shared Ministries
	11:00	
Mon 26	6:30	Amrit yoga (Sykes)
	7:00	RGL: Croatian dance (Carpenter)
Tue 27	7:00	Silent Mindfulness Meditation (Daley)
Wed 28	7:00	Humanist Forum, David Spear

Market Street Event

What Else Is Happening This Month:

September 2011

Coordinate your calendars for these UCH events.

Tue 6 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 (Sept. 20) is silent meditation.

Wed 7 6:00 Queen Spirit: Music that Moves Our Spirits

QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle. This month, Ann Stillwater and Rima Bowser co-facilitate a circle about the mother aspect of a woman’s life, the final Circle of the trilogy for this year. Let us women together share, as we are moved to do, our impressions, feelings, and experiences centering on mothering and nurturing. Potluck at 6:00, followed by the circle. Contact Kandy Melillo (KandyUU@aol.com).

More UCH events.

Sat 10 9:00 Breakfast at Market Street (also Sept 24)

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 10 2:00-5:00 Monarch Day (field trip for children of all ages)

Find a caterpillar and nurture it to butterflyhood! Contact Kathy Stewart (gram-s@comcast.net). Further Info, page 3.

Sat 10 4:00 Young families' potluck and parenting fellowship

Join hosts Pete and Kendra Trufahnestock (ptrufahnestock@verizon.net) for a family potluck, followed by children's playtime and an adult program on UU parenting. Childcare available.

Sun 11 7:00 Philosophy & Literature Group

The Invention of Air, by Steven Johnson, chez Marilyn McHenry. Contact Dick Hoke (Rrhone@aol.com).

Mon 12 6:30 Amrit yoga (weekly)

Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body, resulting in an energetic workout with a calming, meditative relaxation at the end. Two one-hour sessions, led by Ed Sykes (esykes@state.pa.us). No experience necessary! Repeats every Monday.

Wed 14 7:00 UCH Board Meeting (Market Street)

Board meetings are open to members; contact Judy Linder (jclinder09@gmail.com) for an agenda.

Fri 16 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House: Butch Ross on mountain dulcimer

Our first coffee house of the new season! \$10 donation, \$15 for Sept 16-17 combo tickets, \$45 for 11-concert season tickets. Contact Bart Carpenter (a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com). Concert details, page 3.

Sat 17 4:00 Addictions/Recovery Workshop with Jamie Marich

"Joy and fun in recovery," a one-hour workshop open to all touched by or interested in addictions/recovery. Contact, details, page 3.

Sat 17 7:00 Clover Lane Coffee House: Jamie Marich

Coffee house number 2! After finishing her Bachelor's degree, Jamie Marich moved to her ancestral homeland and ultimately spent 2.5 years in Bosnia-Herzegovina teaching English at a children's home and playing music with an international folk group. Her first two CDs featured Americana and traditional folk. Her most recent release, *Under My Roof*, is an anthology of songs she wrote as part of her own journey of recovery and healing.



Part of Addictions/Recovery weekend. Jamie will also perform during services on Sunday morning, Sept. 18.

Mon 19 7:00 Adult RGL: Steelton/Croatian dancing (3 Mondays)

Co-sponsored by Susquehanna Folk Music Society. A 3-week class, \$20 fee. Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Tue 20 6:00 Solstice Planning

Planning session for this year's winter solstice ceremony, sponsored by Queen Spirit. All are welcome, men and women.

Wed 21 7:00 Clover Grove

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 is a planning session for Samhain in October. Contact Ed Hazell (eahazell42@aol.com)

Mon 26 8:00 Adult RGL: The Croatians of Steelton

Interactive presentation on the history/culture of Steelton; all are welcome. Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

Wed 28 7:00 Harrisburg Area Humanists: Renaissance as the Rise of Humanism

Lecture/discussion by Christopher Couch of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran. Contact David Spear (spear130@gmail.com).

September Events

Background information on UCH events.

6:45 pm Sept. 1, 8: Unisinger Orientation

If the song in your heart is looking for a new outlet, out yourself as a Unisinger! Orientation for new members of the choir is at 6:45, followed by rehearsal. Contact Sparkie Radcliffe (sparkier@comcast.net). All are welcome.

2 pm – 5 pm Sept. 10: Field Day for Kids

Kathy Stewart invites all children to the annual “Monarch Day,” from 2 pm to 5 pm at her home, 6510 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Kathy is our resident expert in the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. She will talk about their migration to Mexico, teach the children how to care for the caterpillar and watch its metamorphosis into chrysalis, then butterfly. She will then lead them into the fields behind her house so that each child has a caterpillar to take home.

WEAR: sturdy shoes and socks – and long pants, please

BRING: a shoebox and a plastic container, circa 8 to 12 oz.

Kathy is also planning a preview program at Market Street that same morning.



Sept. 16 – 17: Double Coffee House

Clover Lane Coffee House kicks off the new church year with a double header! Single tickets \$10, double tickets for both concerts \$15, and season tickets on sale: 11 concerts September-May for \$45! Contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com.

7:30 pm Friday, Sept 16: Butch Ross

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to present Butch Ross, from Chattanooga, TN. This is his second appearance with us – last year he stopped by en route to his debut at the Philadelphia Folk Festival. Butch transforms the lowly mountain dulcimer into a virtuoso *instrument extraordinaire*, playing everything from traditional Appalachian songs to the Beatles. His own songs are highly literate, poetic ballads about people, places, and situations you might read about in a good book of short stories.



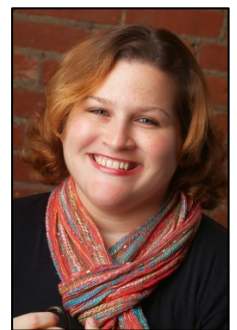
7:00 pm Saturday, Sept 17: Jamie Marich

Presented in collaboration with Alcoholism/Addiction Recovery Ministry (see below).

Saturday, Sept. 17: Fun and Joy in Recovery

Today is the first day of the rest of your life – so why not enjoy it? Join Dr. Jamie Marich in an interactive discussion on how to find joy and fun in one's personal recovery. Jamie has worked in mental health residential treatment and in chemical dependency treatment as an inpatient, outpatient, and dual diagnosis counselor. She is also involved in coaching speech and debate in her local high school, so prepare to be stimulated!

- **4:00 p.m. Workshop**, for anyone touched by or interested in addiction/recovery issues
- **5:00 p.m. Potluck** (please bring a dish to share)
- **7:30 p.m. Coffee House** – open to general public. Jamie's music includes Americana, folk, and songs written from her own recovery experiences.



About the speaker: Jamie is a Licensed Supervising Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC-S) and Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC) in Ohio. She has a Ph.D. in Counseling Studies from Capella University.

Contact: Holly Hartman (purdytig@yahoo.com).

7 pm Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3: Steelton 101

In collaboration with Susquehanna Folk Music Society, Adult RGL presents a series of three kolo dance classes (\$20 fee), a presentation about ethnic history of Steelton open to all (page 4) – and a field trip to the St. Lawrence Club for music and dancing on October 8! No partners – these are circle dances. Check the website or RGL booklet for details.

September Events (cont.)

More background UCH events.

7 pm Wednesday, Sept. 28: "Renaissance as the Rise of Humanism"

Harrisburg Area Humanists present academician Christopher Couch (Messiah College, Trinity Lutheran Church), in a presentation entitle "Renaissance as the Rise of Humanism." Renaissance humanism was an activity of cultural and educational reform engaged during the 14th and the early 15th Centuries, emphasizing practical, pre-professional and -scientific studies. Scholasticism focused on preparing men to be doctors, lawyers or professional theologians and was taught from approved textbooks in logic, natural philosophy, medicine, law and theology. The main centers of humanism were Florence and Naples.

Contact: David Spear (spear130@gmail.com).

8 pm Monday, Sept. 26: "An Insider's View of Steelton" (Adult RGL)

For much of the 20th century, the name Steelton represented a great industrial complex that stretched nearly four miles along the Susquehanna River south of Harrisburg. Immigrants from all over Europe, particularly Slavs and Italians, worked with African-Americans from the South at the Bethlehem Steel Co. and gave Steelton its reputation for ethnic diversity, second only to its fame for industrial productivity. Catholics, Protestants, and Jews filled the town's various houses of worship, but the taverns on Front Street, across from the mill, were crowded too.

Steelton native Rick Vucmanic will talk about his own experiences growing up among the ethnic communities of Steelton, the culture and traditions of Croatian-Americans, and the role of music and dance in the community. Presented in collaboration with Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Open to the public.

Rescheduled to Monday, Oct. 3 at 8 pm

Contact: Bart Carpenter (a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com).



Other UCH News

News from the UCH community.

Circle Dinners 2012

Want to meet new people or visit with old friends? Want to take part in challenging conversation and **enjoy great food?** **Join 2012 Circle Dinners.**

Sign up for the 2012 season begins now and runs through November 15. The schedule of dinners, instructions, and list of participants and alternates are sent to all in late December.

Dinners start in January and run through May, on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Usually there are 8 to 10 people at each dinner. You host one dinner at your home and go to 4 others. If your home is not suitable for some reason, the dinner may be scheduled somewhere else, possibly at the church (contact Sandy to reserve a room and the kitchen) or as a picnic at the park. The host plans the menu, reschedules the date (if necessary), requests a food item from each guest, and sends directions. The Host usually prepares the main course. Meals may be as simple or elaborate as you chose. One to two weeks prior to the dinner, the host notifies each guest of the time for the dinner and gives directions. When regularly scheduled guests cannot attend, the host may invite alternates to fill out the table.



You may choose to join Circle Dinners for the full season or be on the alternate list. To sign up now or for more information, contact Willie Calhoun 566-5167 (williejim@verizon.net)

COUCH News

Meilillo/Shemick COUCH welcomes Nan and Jim Cavanaugh to their group.

New Member Profiles

Six new members signed the book in August! Please extend a hearty welcome to these folks:

Pat Kauffman is a retired I.C.U. nurse who has lived in Central PA all her life. She comes from a varied Protestant background and found us via her son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Nikki Stone-Thonus, who joined earlier this year. Pat says she was looking for a church with inclusion and respect for all people and loves the connection she feels here: it's called home.



Her Connection Coach is **Randa Todd**.

Michele Avery is native of Central PA, a proud member of the LGBT community, and a legal stenographer at the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office. She lives in Lemoyne with her 20-year-old son, Justin; her rescue pit bull, Olive; and her three cats. She says she has spent her life working hard, learning a healthy lifestyle, and volunteering with animal rescue.



Her Connection Coach is **Tammy Adams**.

Jenny Callahan lives in Hummelstown with her husband, Sean, their dog, and three birds. They have a son, Max, at York College, and a daughter, Veronica, at West Chester. Jenny found us on the Internet a few years ago. She reports that Unitarian Universalism fits her world view and that she is happy to have connected with like-minded liberals. She is interested in environmental concerns, gardening, and the food bank.



Her Connection Coach is **Rachel Mark**.

Dave Smith is a Palmyra native and former member of multiple Protestant churches. He first heard about us more than 10 years ago from UCH Interim Minister Jackie Ziegler. In the intervening decade, he did online research and had multiple conversations with others about UU. Dave describes himself as "a conservative with a liberal stripe down the middle of his back." He is an adult volunteer for Boy Scouts at the local and district level. He is interested in Mindfulness Meditation, humanism, and inter-religious forum.



His Connection Coach is **Dale Dourte**.

Marjy Schubauer-Hartman rejoins the UCH after a hiatus of 20 years. A science teacher at Red Land H.S. for 22 years, she recently completed an RN degree and is working this summer in a vascular surgeon's office. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters at Cedar Cliff H.S.



Marjy is interested in continuing to work with Silent Witnesses and the Community Café at Market Street. Her Connection Coach is **Leta Beam**.

Helen Lambright is a retired mental health professional who was raised in a fundamentalist Protestant family. During her sophomore year in college, she visited a UU church and promised herself to explore further. Years later she joined the UU church in Youngstown as a 40th birthday present to herself. Over the next 25 years of transfers and relocations, she continued to participate in UU services. Upon her retirement she moved to Central PA to be near her grandchildren.



Her Connection Coach is **Randa Todd**.

Zahra Fazlollahpour is a Moslem refugee, who fled Iran with her husband, a Bahai, and daughter, Nazanin (Nazi), age 9. The three have lived in Harrisburg for more than a year and found us at Market Street last fall. Nazi attended Chalice Camp, and Zahra helped in the kitchen each day. Zahra says she is enthused about the acceptance in our community of all religions. (Photo unavailable).

Her Connection Coach is **Kate Newton**.

Next new member class: Oct. 29 at Market Street
Next UCH 101: Nov. 1-15 (three Tuesdays)

Pastoral Care, Pastoral Associates

The UCH is pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Kathie Teeter as chaplain for Pastoral Care and head of a team of fellow UCH members Pastoral Associates. They are all trained to provide a confidential, compassionate, and listening presence for their fellow UCH members. These are all volunteers, trained to listen, provide presence and support, walk with you on your journey, and maintain confidentiality.

Referrals

The purpose of Pastoral Care is to assist UCH members in life-changing situations. Naturally, they can only assist if they know that someone needs help. **Please contact Pastoral Care** for yourself or other UCH members in any of the following situations:

- People who are hospitalized
- People who are grieving a loss
- People who are separated or divorcing
- People in need of long term care
- People who are terminally ill
- People experiencing job loss
- People experiencing financial struggle
- People facing legal difficulties
- People in abusive situations
- People adjusting to life-changing situations

Pastoral Associates

The UCH has identified and trained nine members to serve on the Pastoral Care Team (see below). These caring volunteers have completed the training program consisting of topics in ethics, legal issues, guidelines for active listening and responding, confidentiality, and maintaining boundaries. In addition, they have a manual with more in-depth training on specific areas of concern, such as serious and chronic illness, death and dying, and grief and loss. Team members meet during the church year to receive on-going continuing education in order to better serve the congregation.

Sharing Your Joys and Sorrows

UCH members are encouraged to share their concerns and sorrows. The Pastoral Care team monitors the email and voicemail daily and will forward specified concerns to the minister on duty for inclusion in the pastoral prayer during Sunday service. In addition, for joys and sorrows shared verbally on Sunday morning, we will continue to light individual candles as part of the service at Clover Lane. At Market Street, we will continue our practice of offering a collective pastoral prayer in place of individual joys and sorrows. The minister on duty will be responsible for incorporating shareable joys and sorrows from the 9:00 a.m. service into the pastoral prayer at the 11:00 a.m. service, as at present.

For personal milestones (page 10), please contact Bart Carpenter (a.bart.carpenter@gmail .com) to share your news in **The UCH REPORTER**; photo submissions are also welcome. For personal sorrows, you may light a contemplative candle prior to services at either campus, as at present.

Making a Referral

In person:

You may contact the Rev. Howard Dana, the Rev. Kathie Teeter, or any staff member directly to make a referral.

Voice mail:

In addition, we have established a voice mailbox for anyone wishing to leave a confidential, detailed message regarding any life-changing event.

Email:

We have also established a designated email address, pastoralcare@harrisburguu.org. You may send a confidential, detailed email notifying the Pastoral Care team.

Normally, both the voice and electronic mail will be checked by Kathie. She will also coordinate assignments to the Pastoral Associates. Among other things, you can also ask for a visit, a phone call, and/or request to be included in the pastoral prayer during the Sunday morning worship.

Want Ad: Helping Women in Prison & Their Families

The lay-led ministry, Helping Women in Prison & Their Families (HWIPF), encourages members to bring paper copies of the employment want-ads to church each week. HWIPF itself is now looking for a volunteer(s) to transport the copies from Market Street each week to the office of The PROGRAM – “It’s About Change” at 1515 Derry Street. Contact Margaret Carrow (margaret.carrow@navy.mil).

Pastoral Associates

In alphabetical order, here are photographs and mini-biographies of the the nine members of the Pastoral Care Team.

Denny and Barbara Byrne

Barbara and Denny Byrne have been members of the UCH for three years. Both volunteer at the Common Ground Community Café breakfasts, Barbara in the kitchen and Denny as a waiter. Denny also spends time at Market Street helping with small repairs and painting. Both have been long time members of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), whose mission is to provide emotional support and education for families affected by mental illness.



Denny is a member of our lay-led Alcohol/Addiction Recovery Ministry, which provides a non-judgmental, confidential ministry of presence to individuals (and to family members and friends of individuals) whose lives have been affected by alcoholism or addiction.

By becoming Pastoral Associates, Barbara and Denny feel they will be able to share their experience, strengths and empathy to provide a caring presence to members of our church community who are experiencing life's challenges.

Nan and Jim Cavanaugh

Jim and Nan Cavanaugh are life members of the UCH. Jim served two terms on the Board of Trustees in the 1980s and helped create the Helping Women in Prison and their Families (HWIPF) Lay-Led Ministry in 2001. He has served as a volunteer chaplain at Dauphin County Prison since 2005, and spends several hours each week with the women at Woodside work release center. He received a Master of Arts in Religion from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2007, and has completed two units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). He has been a Unisinger since shortly after joining UCH, and has led worship services since the late 1970s.



Nan served on the UCH board in the 1980s, holding the office of president, vice president and clerk. She has chaired many major church committees, facilitated a COUCH group, and volunteered with several versions of the Community Committee, an earlier form of the Pastoral Associates. She received an M.A. in Teaching from Cornell University and taught for several years in high schools in New York, Maryland and Virginia. Locally, she was Executive Director of the Central Pennsylvania Literacy Council and then served as Adult Services Outreach Coordinator for the Cumberland County Library System for nearly 20 years until her retirement in 2010.

Jim and Nan have two sons, Dave (a father of two) and Rob, a newly fellowshiped UU minister.

Marj Forster

Marj Forster has been a UCH member for 21 years and has served near-continually in multiple RGL capacities, including Chalice Camp and this year's Youth Group service trip to New York City. In addition, she served two years on the Board of Trustees; served on the Nominating Committee and Membership Action Council; actively participated in multiple canvassing events during the annual pledge drive; and convened a COUCH group for two years. She is also a member of the Craft Group.



A native of Allison Hill, she received her Bachelor of Social Work from Lock Haven State College and worked for Dauphin County human services for 36 years. She worked first in foster care then for nearly three decades at the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging. She and her husband, Dave, raised two children at UCH: Lauren is an Environmental Educator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Ian is an Office Manager/Production Coordinator for Art 21 in Manhattan.

Marj simply enjoys people and values their individual life stories and contributions. She feels that the Pastoral Care Team will allow her to be with people in their time of need, just as she would want like-minded people to be available to her should she be in crisis.

Joyce Hoskins

Joyce Hoskins has been a member of the UCH for 40 years. In this time, she has participated in almost every facet of church life, including serving three terms on the Board of Trustees, on two minister search committees, and on multiple committees related to hospitality, finance, and stewardship. She was chair of our first Community Committee, the 1980s-equivalent of the Pastoral Associates. She is proud to note she was the first female President of our Board of Trustees. She and her husband, Doug, were designated Life Members in 2010.



Joyce is a Mechanicsburg native and a life-long resident of Mechanicsburg and Shiremanstown. She has been involved in numerous civic organizations, including serving 36 years on the Board of the Mechanicsburg Area Public Library. She is a charter member of the Mechanicsburg Art Association. She served in volunteer and staff positions for the Cross and Capital Area Intermediate Unit related to swimming, life-saving, and water safety, and co-authored the Red Cross' national water safety instructor's manual.

She says she and Doug were elated to find kindred spirits at the UCH in 1971 and have supported the church and our denomination with mind, hearts and finances for 40 years. She and Doug have four children, all of whom grew up at the UCH, and seven grandchildren.

Erin Klock

Erin Klock was pleased to become a member of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg in August 2010; she says it has been an informative and wonderful year for her. Erin graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in fashion merchandising and attended Savannah College of Art and Design. She lives in Carlisle.



At the UCH, Erin has volunteered multiple Saturdays at the Common Ground Café on Market Street, has served on the LaGrone Scholarship Committee, and has done graphic design work for UCH. She is also a founding member of "Magnet," the younger adult social group

that formed last year. Erin loves to listen and get to know people and is excited to learn more about the beautiful people in our congregation as a Pastoral Associate.

Karen Sykes

Karen Sykes has been a member of the UCH since 1980, along with her husband, Ed. She has been a Unisinger for many years and has volunteered in our religious education program, including giving children books at our Market Street breakfasts. She is currently in charge of the Chalice Hands, a group that provides meals, rides or other services to meet temporary needs of our congregation.



Professionally, she is a first grade teacher in the West Shore School District, with prior experience teaching French and Reading at the secondary level. She is also a bereavement volunteer for the Labor and Delivery department of Harrisburg Hospital.

Karen and Ed are the parents of Erin Hayes and Jonathan Sykes and grandparents of Brianna Hayes, 2, and Jason Hayes, 2months. She looks forward to serving on our church's pastoral care committee.

Kathie Teeter

Rev. Kathie Teeter has been attending UCH since January 2009 and joined the congregation in August 2010. She is an ordained interfaith minister graduating from the School of Sacred Ministries affiliated with Pebble Hill Interfaith Church in Doylestown.



Kathie trained at, and is now a chaplain with, the Hershey Medical Center. She also serves as a volunteer hospice chaplain at Good Samaritan in Lebanon and Hospice of Central PA in Dauphin County. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Chaplains and the Alliance of Interfaith Clergy. She has had the great pleasure to assist at Chalice Camp and to sit on the UCH Community Committee.

Kathie and her husband, Tom, are the proud parents of three daughters: Deanna, a music teacher in the Cumberland Valley School District; Kaitlin, an artist in New York City; and Danielle, a senior at York College of Pennsylvania.

Other Events of Interest

Here are other things happening in Central Pennsylvania:

2 pm Sept 11: Interfaith Alliance 9/11 Commemoration, St. Stephens, 221 N. Front St

Presentation by Imam Yahya Hendi, Islamic Chaplain at Georgetown University. Hendi came to the U.S. from the Middle East to study Judaism and Christianity in order to gain a better understanding of both traditions. He has been outspoken on the need to confront extremists within our own religious communities. As an Islamic leader, he is particularly vocal about the need to refute attempts from within Islam to use religion to sanction violence. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion by representatives of Christian, Eastern, Jewish and Islamic traditions.

3 pm Sept 11: Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra 9/11 Concert, The Forum

The HSO presents a cross-genre "concert of remembrance" as the U.S. observes the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. For the jazz-flavored first half, local legend Steve Rudolph will be joined by saxophonists Tim Warfield and Jonathan Ragonese, vocalists Diane Wilson and J.D. Walter, and the orchestra. For the second half, Stuart Malina conducts vocalists Sasha Piastro, Amy Yovanovich, Eric Rieger, and Damian Savarino, the Susquehanna Chorale, and the Harrisburg Symphony in a performance of Mozart's Requiem. Tickets \$10-\$35.

7 pm Sept 11: Multi-faith commUNITY Concert, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 2701 N. 3rd St.

Special "commUNITY" concert on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, featuring Grammy-nominated Neshama Carlebach of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale NY with Rev. Roger Hambrick and the Green Pastures Baptist Church Choir. The musicians are all neighbors in the Bronx; the concert is a musical synthesis of African-American gospel, Torah-inspired spirituality, and modern folk. The Harrisburg event is co-sponsored by the United Way of the Capital Region, the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, the Foundation for Enhancing Communities and the Jewish Community Foundation of Central Pennsylvania.



Tickets \$10; Family bundle 5 tickets for \$30.

6:30 pm Sept 21: Religion in India, Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Ave, Hershey

Entitled "Paths to Enlightenment," this presentation by Dr. Jeffrey Long, Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies and Co-Director of Asian Studies at Elizabethtown College, is an introduction to the world view that underlies the religions of India. Despite their many interesting and significant differences, the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain traditions share certain basic concepts in common. These include not only a set of values common to all religions - such as compassion, justice, and respect for life - but, in addition to these universal values, a set of distinctive ideas, such as karma (the principle of moral causation), rebirth or reincarnation, and the goal of becoming liberated from the cycle of rebirth through a process of realizing the true nature of existence.

Looking Ahead

Please save these dates:

	<p>Coyote Run! Our perennial favorite performs an all-family concert, at an all-family price! Note 7:00 p.m. early start time.</p>	<p>OLIVER COLLECTIVE Oct 9, 16</p>	<p>We raise \$3,000 per year by selling UCH art – all proceeds to the scholarship fund.</p>		<p>Association Sunday Dr. Ysaye Barnwell leads worship for 8 UU congregations, right here at Market Street! This promises to be an energy-filled experience for all.</p>
<p>Oct 7</p>		<p>2011 Auction Nov 5</p>	<p>All-Church Auction Potluck, potpourri and <i>beaucoup de plaisirs!</i></p>	<p>Nov 13</p>	

Milestones

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

Newton Anniversary

Kate and Glenn Newton celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary this month. They were married on Sept. 9, 2001, notable for two reasons: (1) It was two days before 9/11, and they were unable to depart for their honeymoon in St. Maartin until 9/15 and (2) it occurred on her parents' 40th anniversary, meaning that this year they celebrate their 10th simultaneously with her parents' 50th.

They are big-time music fans, naming their daughters after Natalie Merchant and Norah Jones, respectively. They also have two cats and a dog, all reportedly spoiled. Kate reports that she and Glenn both enjoy running to keep fit and sane and that being part of the UCH community has greatly enriched their lives as individuals and as a family.



James-Thiaw Poetry

Two poems written by UCH member Maria James-Thiaw have been accepted for the Fall 2011 issue of *Love Your Rebellion*, a feminist 'zine (<http://loveyourrebellion.blogspot.com>). The poems are "Rant of the Backslider" and "Double Whammy." Publication date is scheduled for Oct. 1.

Jackie Ziegler

Rev. Jackie Ziegler, our Interim Minister from 1998-2000, has accepted a new interim position at Prairie Circle UU Congregation in Grayslake, a far northwest suburb of Chicago. While at the UCH, Jackie used her skills to promote unity and deepen our understanding of each other and our needs in calling a new minister. Since then, Jackie has served in Boulder, CO; Fort Lauderdale, FL; Stockton, IL; and most recently in Bozeman, MT. UCH member Joan Hellmann (left) and her husband, George, visited Jackie in Bozeman in May, and the trio visited Glacier National Park together. Joan reports that the lakes, with the reflection of the mountains on them, were unbelievably beautiful. You can also ask her about getting lost and ending up a couple miles from the Canadian border!
– submitted by Joan Hellmann



Last Month at the UCH

Here are reports on UCH events from July.

Green Sanctuary

UCH's Green Sanctuary sponsored the local vigil on Tuesday, July 26, at the Federal Building in Harrisburg (photo). It was one of multiple vigils held around the nation in solidarity with Tim DeChristopher, who was scheduled for sentencing that day in Salt Lake City for fraudulently bidding in 2008 for parcels of land that were being sold off to the oil and natural gas industry. As Bidder #70, he prevented the industry from purchasing the drilling rights on thousands of acres of Utah land. His action was in response to the warnings of scientists about the effects of climate change and the urgent need to reduce the use of fossil fuels. DeChristopher was sentenced to two years in prison for his civil disobedience.
– submitted by Rachel Mark



President's Message



September is a month of back to school, of the change of the season, and of a new church year. We have an exciting year ahead at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. This month I'm going to focus on one of the most important programs at church, our Religious Growth and Learning (RGL) program. Our RGL program is a vibrant, creative, and educational opportunity for the children and youth of this church. Last year we had a service honoring our youth where each member of the graduating class had an opportunity to summarize their spiritual journey. Their unique reflections were a credit to the success of our RGL program. Each graduate had a different philosophy, yet embraced our Seven Principles. I was envious because I never had the opportunity of developing my own viewpoint when I was that age. I didn't discover Unitarian Universalism until much later. (That is another story).

At that same service for the RGL program's year end, someone asked the congregation "How many of you are lifelong UU's?" Out of more than 100 people at the service, only about ten stood up. This tells all of us that right now we are mostly a congregation of "converts". Our RGL program for our children and youth is a way to grow our church's lifelong members. These children and youth will have an earlier start practicing our Seven Principles, and being thoughtful, active members of society. They have opportunities to put our faith to work. The older students have gone to New Orleans, New York City, to

volunteer their time to the homeless and hungry. These projects are not "hand out" projects, but "hand up" projects. Check the bulletin board downstairs for the students' reports, and the special edition of the Reporter from last month.

Presently they are doing a shoe drive for gently used or new shoes for children returning to school that may not have a new pair of shoes. Presently there are 28 pairs of shoes to be given away. If you don't have a child or teenager at home, consider a trip to a store and buying a pair of shoes for the shoe drive.

If you have time and interest to work with the children and youth of the church, there is a need for volunteers. Contact Trish Brandon if you would like to help.

There are 177 children and youth enrolled in the RGL program in our church. If you have a chance, talk to Trish Brandon, our Director of Religious Growth and Learning, and say "Thank you" for the success she has with managing, planning, and teaching the children and youth of the church. If you see Wendy Shaver, Director of Youth Ministry, say "Thank you" for guiding the growth and development of the youth in the church. When you see the other adult church members who volunteer to help in the classrooms and chaperone activities, say "Thank you" for caring for our most precious asset. Be generous with your appreciation to all of them for their dedication and skill in showing our children and youth the way to becoming responsible adults.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful.

Judy Linder

August Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met August 10, with all members present except Phil Hoskins-Helm. Most of the meeting focused on strategic planning. The board also confirmed three new trustees: Laura Shemick, Tom Teeter, and Robert Wimer. Next meeting is at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at Market Street.

YTD Financial Report

Pledge income for last year and the congregational pledge for this year are almost equal (within a few hundred dollars of \$450,000). As we start the new church year, we are slightly ahead of last year, shown in the accompanying chart. The spikes in July are primarily from donors paying their annual pledge in advance; the May spike is from last year's "Close the Gap" campaign. Members are encouraged to pay their pledge via recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT). You can set this up from the church website or by contacting Alanna Berger.

