



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

## “Message from the Minister” as we begin the new church year



It is with great joy that we embark on this first year of full-service church in two locations. Over the years, many people have found our faith at 1280 Clover Lane and many more will continue to do so. This is exciting. And equally exciting is how many people will find us now that we have a steady presence in the City of Harrisburg—people who never knew a religion like Unitarian Universalism existed. Our free, accepting faith speaks to people of all ages, all races, all socioeconomic levels, and all sexual orientations. Of course new people will join us at our Market Street church. How could they not? We are offering something good.

**Special Edition:**  
Welcome to the new church year! This edition of the **UCH REPORTER** introduces the year ahead, including a 9-month calendar of important dates.

I truly believe the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg can become a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-class congregation. I truly believe our congregation can have a different face in the next decade—a face that looks much more like the America we live in. This belief is what keeps me hopeful about the direction our congregation is going slowly, but steadily. We continue to bravely embrace a changing world that needs Unitarian Universalism badly.

The last 84 years of our congregation’s life have prepared us well to be one of the boldest churches in the Unitarian Universalist Association. The steady vision and concrete actions of UCH’s leaders over the past eight decades has prepared us to have a bold mission in the City of Harrisburg and beyond. We did not get here by accident. We did not get here by mistake. We got here because we are a church that is interested in changing people’s lives for the better.

The best part of this great adventure is that we get to “have our cake and eat it, too.” Within each church building, we can continue to feed the spiritual lives of the members and friends who make up our congregation’s community. Our two churches are both beautiful and unique in their settings and their functions. We need not give up our own spiritual sustenance to enlarge our vision and our mission.

The truth is that many Americans hunger for a liberal religious message that calls for real-life changes in this world. They also hunger for assurance that there is no punishment after death. Unitarian Universalism does this—it always has. All we need to do as a congregation is open our doors and our hearts to meet people where they are. All we need to do is listen well, judge not, and act kindly. Each of us found our way to this wonderful, life-giving church. Let us simply offer the same to people who seek it. Feeding people this way will change the face of our congregation. It will be what truly saves us.

May it so. Love, Howard

## "State of the Congregation" Letter from your President



Dear Congregation,

I'm looking forward to this year, a year of challenges and opportunities. We are facing some of the usual issues for the coming year. The most obvious one is financial. For the last few years we have run short of money for the last two or three months of the year, and had to institute a "Close the Gap" campaign. We are hoping to avoid that situation this year with a very tight budget. Our shortfall last year could have been avoided if everyone just put in an additional dollar in the collection every week. Instead we had to raise about \$25,000 over the period of a few weeks, and had the possibility of severely curtailing church activities just to pay the normal operating expenses. I am hoping to avoid that scenario this year. Hopefully more of us will continue to put in that

additional dollar or two each week. Another way that we are conserving cash this year is reducing our pledge to the UUA (national organization) and the Joseph Priestly District (local organization). The church had to revise the way we report our membership numbers, since both use that as a basis for their assessment. The annual per person dues for UUA is \$58.00, and \$26.50 for the JPD. We had been using 425 as our membership number, but on investigating, only had 360

people that were "of record" giving money to the church. That adjustment resulted in decreasing our payments by about \$5,500. For those of you who are not "of record" in giving money to the church, please consider putting an envelope in the collection basket of \$7 a week (\$84.50 a year) so that we can include you in the membership count for the districts. Remember that in order to vote at the annual meeting you have to have some kind of donation "of record", either money or time, to the church. We are only two months into the current year and are not meeting our collections goal. At the end of August, total "Pledges" received year to date are \$14,592.64 below our goal. In addition, past due pledge payments for last year are approximately \$3,685.00 short. Unless these figures improve, the church will likely again be in a loss position. If you are past due on your pledge from last year or this year please make every effort to bring it up to date. If everyone pays their pledges, we should be able to make it to the end of the year.

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Looking at other short term goals, we are very close to filing the papers for our 501c3 non-profit entity. Having a tax exempt entity will let us apply for grants not available to churches. The grants will fund various social justice programs. The reason that we had to wait is because we didn't receive the completed forms from Rev. Suzanne Marsh until the middle of August. I am hoping that the forms will be submitted within two months. As you may know, forming the 501c3 is one of our strategic goals.

Our board of trustees is now at 12 members. A goal for this month is to form permanent standing committees so that more of the board business is conducted before the monthly meetings. If anyone is interested in being a member of one of the committees please contact me or any other board member.

Another long term goal is a Capital Campaign. The first step is having a UUA consultant assess our situation, and help us with the campaign. As you know, our Clover Lane campus has a need for updates and repairs. It needs to have the "elevette" replaced so that we have true handicapped accessibility. It also needs parking lot resurfacing, carpeting, and air conditioning in the Sanctuary. The Market St. campus needs a handicapped elevator, replacement of the oil burner (reducing demand for oil starts at home), as well as a fund for future repair of the roofs at both buildings.

These are just a few of the things in store for us in the coming year. Our community in UCH is a strong, willing group of people. Our community is our most important asset, but we have to use that asset to move the church forward.

May we all be well, happy, and peaceful!

*Judy Linder*

President

### **From the UCH Strategic Plan:**

Full text of the 13-page strategic plan is available at the members-only web site.

**Strategy 1:** The Clover Lane campus will continue to be a center for worship, spiritual growth and learning, an oasis for inner-focused retreats and special events and the administrative headquarters for UCH.

**Strategy 2:** Transform UCH Market Street campus into a vibrant, welcoming worship and community center that sits as the hub of a social justice zone in the South Allison Hill neighborhood.

**Strategy 3:** Establish a 501(c)(3) entity that is separate structurally from UCH.

**Strategy 4:** Maintain and enhance highly effective day-to-day operations

**Strategy 5:** Develop, communicate, and implement a comprehensive plan for intentional church community.

**Strategy 6:** Co-create, share, and implement a comprehensive communication plan.

**Strategy 7:** Develop, communicate, and implement a comprehensive financial plan.

**Strategy 8:** Refine and implement organizational and governance structures.

## Navigating the Neighborhood

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Tips for getting out and about in our Market Street community!

### ***Parking Your Car***

- There is abundant street parking on Allison Hill. Do give yourself a little more time to get to church.
- Park on the street wherever you can find a spot.
- The UCH/Shared Ministry lot across Market Street and the spaces on Market Street located immediately in front of the church are reserved for senior, handicapped, and mobility- issues parking. The lot is small and usually fills up quickly. DO NOT park in the MLK Baptist Church parking lot or any other church lots.
- Park in the vacant lots behind the church.
- Carpool whenever possible.
- Great Long Term Solution! Purchase the vacant lots behind the church and donate them to the church. Chances are good you will have a reserved parking space for life!
- Keep your sense of humor. Don't let parking deter you.

### ***Brother Can You Spare a Dime?*** What to do when you are asked for money:

- For many of our neighbors, panhandling is a matter of survival when there just isn't enough money – when there is too much month at the end of the money.
- If you are approached for help at church on Sunday, simply explain that you are there to worship, to nurture your soul, and suggest that they come back on Monday during community hours. NO MONEY SHOULD BE GIVEN OUT ON SUNDAYS – except for the offering!
- Other times, you may be asked for money for a variety of reasons, e.g., rent, utilities, prescriptions, doctor, gas for someone's car, a meal, etc. If you decide to help, do so directly when possible. Instead of giving cash, buy a meal, drive to a gas station and pay for the gas, write a check to the landlord or utility, etc.
- Chances are good you'll never know if your help was used for the stated purpose, or for alcohol, drugs, or whatever. Treat each request individually; don't judge based on previous experiences.
- If you decide not to help, simply say "no", or that you have no money – elaborate excuses do not ring true, your discomfort is obvious, and you may end up giving money out of guilt or a desire to escape the uncomfortable situation.
- All you can do is follow your heart, with no expectations of gratitude or outcome – no strings. Whether you decide to help or not, treat the person with respect – love, don't judge.

### ***Common Sense in the City***

- If you're nervous coming into the city, use the buddy system.
- Don't appear frightened.
- Exercise common sense – don't behave like a victim.
- Put your purse over your shoulder and hold it under your arm.
- Don't walk down the street talking on your cell phone.
- Don't check to see how much cash you have.
- Lock your car and make sure valuables are out of sight.
- Do not leave valuables, coats, etc. unattended anywhere inside the church.
- Regardless of appearance or apparent demeanor, greet neighbors with a warm smile, a "Hello!" or a "Good morning." You will almost always receive an appropriate response. This will greatly increase your comfort level.
- These are generally good ideas whenever and wherever you're out and about these days – not just in a city!

# Children's Religious Growth and Learning, 2010-11

Submitted by Trish Brandon, Director of Religious Growth and Learning



## Logistics

Nursery care (infant – age 3) is available 15 minutes before the service and continues for 20 minutes after the service. Please take your child directly to the nursery. For older children, to start the year, they should go directly to the service and sit with their family. They should leave with the RGL leaders after opening rituals if participating in the children's program.

First time visitors and guests are encouraged to arrive early and go to the room to meet the leaders, see the space, and hear about the plans for the morning. If new participants do not have an opportunity to do this before the session, an adult should escort their children to their rooms after the opening rituals. One of the leaders will talk to the adult visitor briefly and in more detail after the session. Leaders need to know of allergies and special needs of guests so it is important for an adult to check in with leaders of a child visiting for the first time.

Note: Parents are responsible for their children during coffee hours; church staff do not provide supervision indoors or out. Please make sure your children clean up after themselves.

## 9:00 a.m. Service, Clover Lane

GRADE	ROOM	TEAM COORDINATOR	NOTES
Nursery	Olympia Brown	Varies	Nursery open from 8:45 to 20 minutes after service ends
PK – K	Beatrix	Jessica Chuckalovcak	Curriculum: UU Identity Inspiring Stories and Activities
1 – 4	Priestley	Kathy Malarich	Themes: September, <i>Welcome!</i> October <i>Lessons of Loss</i> , November – May: UU Identity Curriculum

**Coffee hour:** The Alcott Room has games available, if desired.

## 11:00 a.m. Service, Market Street

GRADE	AGE	ROOM	LOCATION	TEAM COORDINATOR
Nursery	Infant-age 3	Williams	Same as always: out the side door of sanctuary, down a few steps, first door on the right	Varies
PK – K – 1	4 ~ 7		L rear of sanctuary	Kate Newtown
2 – 4	8 ~ 10	Jordan & Harper	Out corridor from Fellowship Hall, Jordan is first room on the R	Jane Bechtel , Wanda Abou El Nagga
5 – 8	11 ~ 13	Outreach	Out corridor from Fellowship Hall, immediate L	Tracy Richards
8 – 9	13 ~ 14	Latimer	Exit left, facing the kitchen	Brad Bechtel, Dianne Dusman
9 – 12	14 ~ 18	Eaton	L exit from sanctuary, down half flight, turn R, walk halfway down the corridor; turn R	Wendy Shaver

**Coffee hour:** Children may use the stage area in the Fellowship Hall as a play area for indoor games.

## Curriculum Topics

		CURRICULUM TOPICS BY MONTH									
SITE	GRADE	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Clover Lane	PK – K	UU Identity Curriculum: Inspiring Stories and Activities									
	1 – 4	Welcome!	Lessons of Loss	Identity Curriculum - "Moral Tales"							
PK – 1	Identity Curriculum - "Love Surrounds Us"										
2 – 4	Identity Curriculum - "Moral Tales"										
5 - 8	Amazing Grace: Exploring Right and Wrong										
Market Street	8 – 9	Our Whole Lives Sexuality Program (registration closes Sept. 30)									
	9 – 12	Small groups, individual topics				Interfaith Connections			Poverty, Appalachia, TBD		

## RGL Curriculum

### *Lessons of Loss*

This program helps participants understand loss in general, and death and grieving in particular. From an early age we all experience emotions from losses related to friends, illness or injury, divorce and transitions. Talking about it in a caring atmosphere helps participants recognize, understand and deal with their emotions when they face loss. This series of three classes has been well received in the past and is offered in age-appropriate ways for all ages every three years.

### *Moral Tales*

Provides children with spiritual and ethical tools to make choices and take actions that reflect their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values. By Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann and Elisa Davy Pearmain. **Topics include:**

1: We Are All One	7: Seeing Others with Awe	12: Making a Difference
2: Conscience: Hearing The Inner Voice	8: Do unto Others	13: Justice for All
3: Faith, Hope and Prayer	9: Generosity: Give and Ye Shall Receive	14: Courage
4: In Another's Shoes	10: Footprints: Treading Softly on Earth	15: Courage and Perseverance
5: Forgiveness	11: Do No Harm	16: Working Together
6: Welcome One and All		

### *Love Surrounds Us*

This program explores all the Principles in the context of Beloved Community of family/home, school, neighborhood. Participants engage in activities that emphasize the love they feel in community. By Rev. Lynn Kerr and Christy Olson.

**Topics include:**

1: Love Surrounds Us	6: Acceptance	11: Hear Our Voices
2: Love Surrounds Us Sharing	7: Love Surrounds Us in Ritual	12: A Peaceful and Fair World
3: New Friends	8: Love Surrounds Us in Our History	13: Peaceful Choices
4: Forgiveness	9: Love Surrounds Us in Our Search	14: Love Surrounds Us in Nature
5: Love Surrounds Us Without Boundaries	10: Our Words Matter	15: Caring for the Earth
		16: Our UU Principles

### *Amazing Grace*

This program guides sixth graders through ways to determine right from wrong with a Unitarian Universalist perspective, and act on their new understandings. By Richard S. Kimball. **Topics include:**

1: Introducing Amazing Grace	6: The First U	11: Rules, Rules, Rules
2: Curious Faith	7: The Second U	12: Human And Divine
3: Being Good, Being Bad	8: UUs In Action	13: Bad Guys, Good Guys
4: Telling Right From Wrong	9: Spirituality And Me	14: Doing Your Good Side
5: Unitarian Universalism	10: Right And Wrong Together	15: Saving The World
		16: Look At Me, World

### *Our Whole Lives Sexuality* (Closed to visitors after Sept. registration)

Our Whole Lives, or OWL, is a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. It is taught with a religious supplement which includes UU values. Supporting parents in their role as primary sexuality educators and helping them reinforce or establish healthy communication on the topic of sexuality is a primary objective of the OWL program.

The yearlong OWL program is offered to youth in grades 8 and 9 this year. Dianne Dusman and Brad Bechtel are the primary leaders of the course. Both are experienced OWL leaders as well as parents and Unitarian Universalists. Please join me in expressing appreciation for their time commitment to our children as leaders of OWL.

The **mandatory parent orientation** is 9:00 on Sunday morning, September 18th, at Market St. Participants must register for the course and attend regularly. Due to the sensitive nature of the content and the importance of group building new participants may not enroll once the course begins.

# Youth Group

Submitted by Wendy Shaver, Director of Youth Ministry

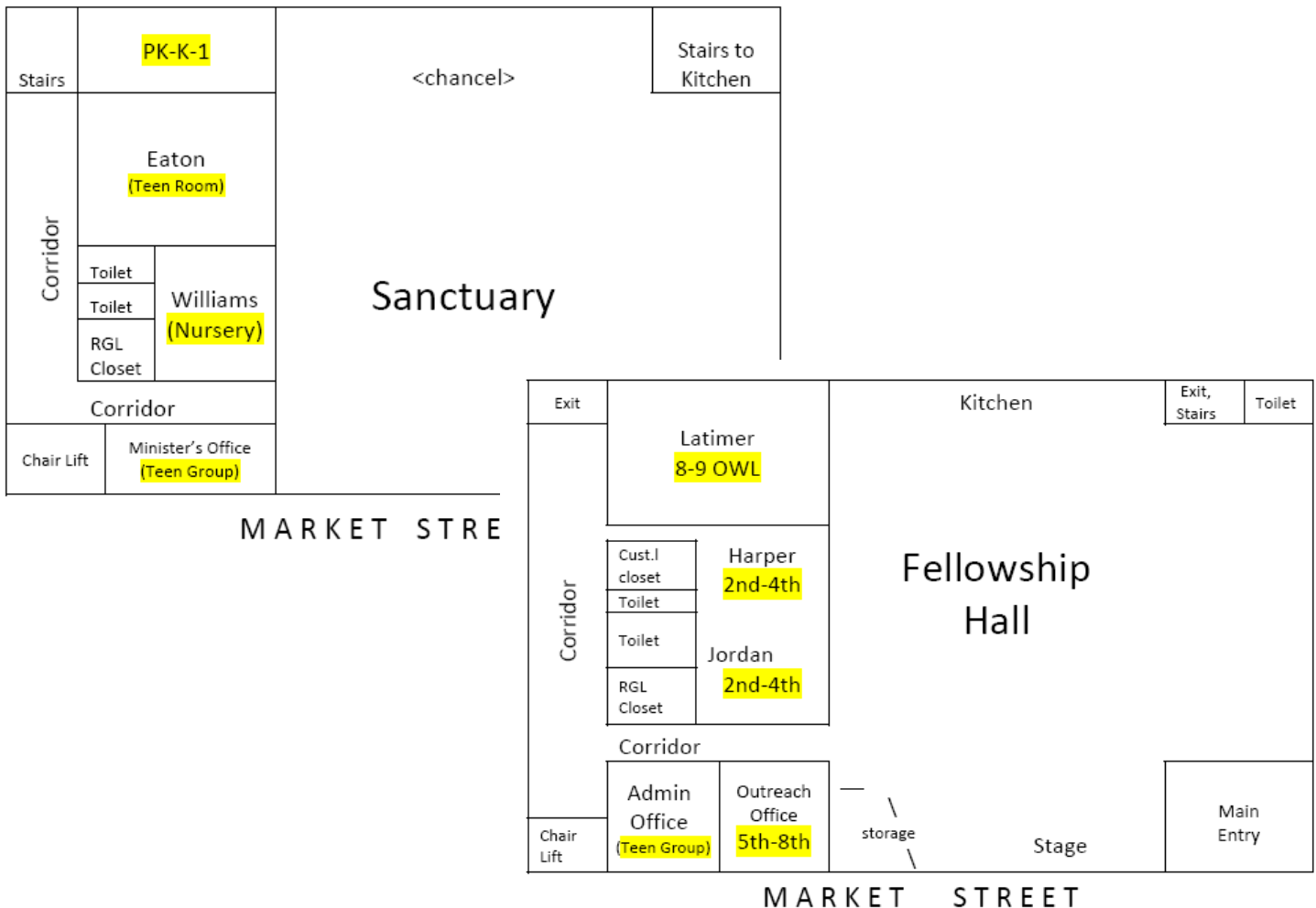


Quiet contemplation. A small circle of connected souls. Shared leadership. Intimacy and ultimacy. As the UCH youth group has grown bigger and bigger, these visions have faded a bit into the large-group model. But the youth are telling us with their actions and their words that they want more space for this quiet engagement with meaningful issues. Therefore, this year the teens and their adult advisors will experiment with the small group ministry model. Twice a month, during Sunday morning youth group, youth will meet with their small group for a program called "Sharing the Journey", a UUA-published resource for using the small group ministry with teens. The small groups will follow a light structure that isn't a pre-determined curriculum, but is much more than just hanging out. Each session will include an opening, check-in, a poem/video/news article for focus, questions for reflection and sharing, and a closing. Through the small group ministry model, the youth hope to strengthen their growing community through deeper sharing and deeper listening that lead to deeper bonds.

Of course, being present with the entire youth group is also important. Each month, one Sunday morning youth group will have all of the youth together, and each month there will be at least one large-group activity outside of the Sunday morning time slot. For example, the youth group is going on an afternoon canoe trip after the kick-off service on September 11.

Our youth group will grow stronger through the use of small group ministry. And the UCH congregation will grow stronger as there are deeper connections across the generations. Please thank the members of this year's youth advising team: Peter Adams, Sherry Bross, Laura Burdette, Marj Forster, Michelle Heh, JD Stillwater, Rebecca Waldemar, and Rob Wimer. And then take some time to make a deeper bond with a child or youth this year. Find a common bond and find a way to connect. This will enrich your life, the youth's life, and the life of the congregation.

## Our Market Street Campus



## ADULT RGL

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The purpose of UCH's Adult Religious Growth & Learning Program is to stimulate and enhance fellowship as well as religious and personal growth of the adult church community and the community at large by creating a haven for the nurturing of individual beliefs and by offering a wide range of educational opportunities that can help each of us:

- Fulfill our potential to develop intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, and ethically;
- Learn how to deal with and transcend the problems and stresses of adulthood
- Share life's problems by fostering attitudes and actions of mutual support
- Convey and practice our Unitarian Universalist heritage and values

For more information about the Adult RGL Committee, contact Warren Hardman at [deephought@paonline.com](mailto:deephought@paonline.com)

**LOCATION:** All programs are held at the Clover Lane campus, unless otherwise noted.

**CHILDCARE:** If you need childcare while attending these programs, please email [childcare@harrisburgUU.org](mailto:childcare@harrisburgUU.org) at least one week prior to the start of the course. Childcare cannot be guaranteed with less than one week notice.

Harrisburg Area Humanists

### Steelton 101

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In collaboration with Susquehanna Folk Music Society, four classes and a field trip. Contact: Bart Carpenter.

#### *Kolo Dance Classes*

**Three Mondays at 7 pm: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, Clover Lane Common Room**  
**Series tuition: \$20 UCH/SFMS members, \$10 teens (pay at first class)**

The *kolo* is the traditional dance done at weddings, festivals, and dances across Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia. When Croatians settled in Steelton more than 100 years ago, they naturally brought their music and dance with them. Local dance leader Rick Vukmanic, director of the Kolo Club Marian, teaches basic steps and styling. These are circle dances; no partners necessary.



#### *An Insider's View of Steelton*

**8 pm Mon Oct 3, Common Room, Clover Lane**  
**This lecture/presentation is a free event, also open to the general public**

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.

#### *Croatian Music and Dance*

**8 pm Sat Oct 8, St Lawrence Club, 13 Highland St, Steelton**  
**Admission \$10 at the door**

The dance is field trip for one and all! Zadnja Stanica is a *tambura* ensemble made up of five Croatian-Americans: Mike Furjanic (violin and tamburica), Rick Vukmanic (tamburica), Pere Krpan (celovic), Mate Krpan (brac, accordion), and Steve Grassa (bugarija, guitar). The group plays the traditional instruments of a tambura orchestra and are the "house band" of the St. Lawrence Club in Steelton. The event is open to music-lovers and dancers alike. Kitchen and bar will be open



## Harrisburg Area Humanists Fall 2011 Series

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Contact David Spear at 731-9688 or spear130@gmail.com

### ***The Renaissance as the Rise of Humanism***

Christopher Couch, Facilitator - Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 7:00-8:30 pm

Think humanism started in 1933? Not quite...its origins actually go back to the Renaissance. The Renaissance ended the Middle Ages and became itself an era of new discovery and accomplishment. In this session, we'll talk about the Renaissance as a humanist movement. In fact, the Renaissance ushered in a new allowance and exploration of humanist thought and expression. Without the Renaissance, we could not be humanists today. Come find out why.

Christopher Couch is a former lecturer at Messiah College and director of learning activities at a large Lutheran church.

### ***Pennsylvania's School Choice (Vouchers) Legislation***

Wednesday, October 26 2011, 7:00-8:30 pm

If you were a low-income parent desperate to get your children out of a public school and into the school of your choice, would YOU support the proposed voucher legislation which is supposed to be voted on by the PA legislature this fall? If you were paying tuition at a private school, would YOU support the proposed voucher legislation? How would such a vote serve our democracy in both the short and the long run? What are the pros and cons of vouchers? Where is the money trail?

This will be a discussion and debate between pro-voucher and pro-public schools presenters, including representatives from Elizabethtown College, the Commonwealth Foundation, NAACP, ACLU, and others. This event will be coordinated with the Sunday-morning forums on October 9 and November 13.

### ***Book Discussion***

#### **The Moral Landscape: How Science Can Determine Human Values, by Sam Harris**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 7:00-8:30 pm

*Morality must relate, at some level, to the well-being of conscious creatures. If there are more and less effective ways for us to seek happiness and to avoid misery in this world--and there clearly are--then there are right and wrong answers to questions of morality.* – Sam Harris (author and neuroscientist)

If this statement intrigues you or makes your blood boil, this book discussion should interest you. John Forest will offer a short presentation and then lead a discussion of this book, which explains how our brains are hard-wired for certain behaviors and investigates what this implies for ethics. This best-selling author of *Letter to a Christian Nation* and *The End of Faith* uses the written word as a sword to question outdated ideas, promote thoughtful dialogue, and give us an idea where neuroscience is inevitably leading us in the future. Whether you agree or disagree with his ideas, you will want to be part of this discussion.

**From Amazon.com:** Sam Harris seems to have a knack for staying on the cutting edge of the religious debates. His first book, "The End of Faith," ignited the so-called New Atheist movement. Now after several years and after earning a Ph.D. in neuroscience from UCLA Harris returns igniting a new debate, this time about the moral landscape of our world. People have been arguing back and forth whether there was anything new in the so-called New Atheist movement. But if this book counts as part of that movement then Harris does succeed in bringing something new to the table.

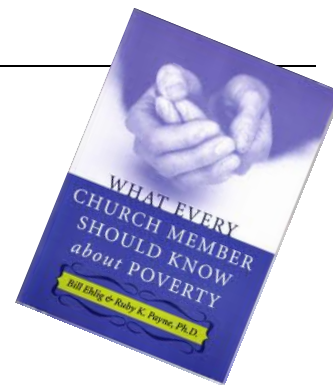
## What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00-9:00 pm, **Market Street campus**

Rev. Howard Dana and Sparkie Radcliffe, Facilitators

Howard and Sparkie will lead this interactive class based on the book with the same name by Bill Ehlig and Ruby K. Payne. Together we will explore poverty, cycles and cultures of poverty, and classism. Feel free to come to any or all of the classes. Bring an open mind and prepare to learn about yourself and others. All are welcome.

Contact Sandy Wilburn at 564-4761 or office@harrisburguu.org



## Charter for Compassion

**7:15 pm Wednesday, October 12, Thoreau Room**

In 2008, British author and former nun Karen Armstrong won the \$100,000 "Make a Wish" TED prize and used it to set up an international, web-based process to synthesize common elements from the world's great religions into a single text. The process involved thousands of users submitting text and commentary and resulted in a 312-word "Charter for Compassion" common to Christianity, Islam, Confucianism, etc. Karen presented the Ware Lecture at General Assembly in Charlotte. This class will watch the recording of her lecture, then discuss the charter itself. Facilitated by Bart Carpenter.



## UCH 101

**Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, Joseph Priestly Room**

Are you new to UCH? Have you been around for awhile but would like to know more about what goes on around here? Join various church leadership for a three-part discussion about the historical view of Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Universalist Association, Unitarian Church of Harrisburg governance, and an overview of the activities and ministries offered at UCH.

November 1, 2011: Rev. **Howard Dana**, facilitator

November 8, 2011: **Bart Carpenter**, facilitator

November 15, 2011: **Dennis Hursh**, facilitator

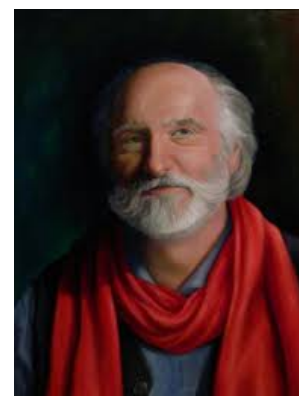
Contact Bart Carpenter at 234-3844 or a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com

## Writing as a Contemplative Act: The Flame in Every Hand

**7 pm Thur Nov. 17, Joseph Priestly Room**

York-based John Terlazzo is a noted poet, singer, songwriter and storyteller. He has published five collections of poetry and multiple recordings of spoken poetry; he leads retreats in writing, contemplation, and poetry. He firmly believes that the ability to make Art is a human birthright and that it involves "opening a place in the chest - allowing the River to flow forth."

In this session, John will read from his poems and discuss the contemplative writing techniques that he's been teaching for more than 20 years, as well as tell folktales from around the world – all of which pertain to William Blake's statement, "Imagination is the True and Eternal World of which this vegetable Universe is but a faint shadow." No experience necessary! Come and be inspired.



Contact Bart Carpenter for additional information.

**Note:** John is performing with "Voices in the Hall" the following night at Clover Lane Coffee House.