



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

Minister's Message



There's a new energy at UCH, especially on Sunday morning. Have you felt it? I felt it on September 7 when the new choir at Clover Lane – nonexistent until three days before– sang a wonderful a cappella processional while coming down the aisles, led by Ann Hossler. I felt it again on the 14th at Market St., when the new worship band played "I Can See Clearly Now," led by Sparkie Radcliffe.

With a pastor and a music leader for each location, worship is becoming vibrant in new ways. If you have not joined us for worship recently, now is the time – at either location!

And speaking of pastors: we are ordaining Donna Renfro! The soon-to-be-Rev. Renfro will have the "soon-to-be-" removed from her title at her ordination service at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, at Market Street. Clergy and lay speakers, singers, and dancers from several states will participate in this worship, and our congregation will perform the act of ordination. A potluck reception will follow at Clover Lane. Due to limited parking near 16th and Market, many people are carpooling from Clover Lane. We're renting a van, and also encouraging drivers who can carry multiple passengers to bring people from Clover, then back after the ordination. To carpool, please be at Clover Lane by 4:00 p.m., drivers by 3:45.

This new energy gives us a chance to renew our commitment to this church that has renewed itself. To resolve our budget deficit, UCH will hold a Close the Gap stewardship campaign in October. We'll focus in early October on families who pledged last year but have not yet pledged for 2014-15; we'll invite these families to reclaim their formal financial commitments, at the level that best matches their resources with their generosity and commitment. Later in October, we'll call on all pledging families, asking whose circumstances and engagement leads them to increase their pledge. We look forward to continuing to engage our members in the renewal of energy and renewal of spirit at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

In Faith, Eric

Assistant Minister's Message



L'Shanah Tovah! As I write this we are in the middle of the High Holy Days of Judaism. I preached today about forgiveness and starting over in the new year. I have no direct Jewish background, yet I love this time of year and these holy days. It is good to reflect on what we might wish we could have done better, and to start again in love. To ask the question – "What Would Love do Now?" That was the title of my sermon and the reading. That is the also title of two songs that are deeply meaningful for me. We (Continued on Page 4)

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

October 2014 At-a-Glance

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER
Wed 1	6:00	QueenSpirit
Thu 2	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Fri 3	7:00	Concert with Ann Feeney
Sat 4	10:00	Gender Identity Workshop
Sun 5	10:30	"Welcomed as Blessing," Annette Marquis
	11:00	"Dancing the Beloved Community," Renfro
	4:30	Ordination Ceremony
	6:45	Post-Ordination Reception
Mon 6	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 7	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 9	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 11	9:00	Community Café
Sun 12	10:30	"Plain Members and Citizens," Rev. Posa
	11:00	"Born That Way," Rev. Renfro
	7:00	Philosophy and Literature
Mon 13	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 14	6:30	Women's Night Out (offsite)
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 16	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Fri 17	7:00	Cinema 2 Make UU Think
Sat 18	6:00	Clover Grove
	6:30	Circle Dinners (off-site)
Sun 19	10:30	"Creation," Lay-led
	11:00	"Plain Members and Citizens," Posa
Mon 20	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 21	10:00	CroneSpirit
	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Thu 23	7:00	Choir Practice, both locations
Sat 25	9:00	Community Café
Sun 26	10:30	"Dia de Los Muertos," service for all ages at both campuses
	11:00	
Mon 27	6:30	Amrit Yoga
Tue 28	7:00	Mindfulness Meditation Group
Fri 31	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House

Occurs at Market Street campus

President's Message



September at UCH was filled with activity; it is a great start to our new church year. Religious Growth and Learning (RGL) classes have started, and enrollment at both campuses is very strong. Worship services were well attended, and the energy levels are high. The choirs have been adding so much joy to the services.

We are so fortunate to have such a warm and welcoming congregation.

Special events in September included a lecture/workshop by Cheri Huber. She is a well known student and teacher of Zen for more than 30 years. Her "three keys" are "pay attention to everything, believe nothing, and don't take anything personally." The Clover Lane sanctuary was filled to capacity; many were visitors who had never been to UCH. She will be returning sometime next year, so if you missed her this time there will be another opportunity. The workshop was sponsored by our Mindful Meditation Group (MMG), which has been a Lay Led Ministry at UCH for about 15 years.

September also marked the 35th anniversary of the Philosophy and Literature group. The group reads 11 books a year, with the twelfth month (December) a potluck dinner at which the group selects books for the coming year. This correlates to 385 books over the past 35 years! Please contact Don Brown (page 6) for the current book list. Larry and I joined the group shortly after joining the UCH and have enjoyed the conversation and friendship as well as a very interesting reading list. MMG and Philosophy and Literature are two of the many Lay Led Ministries at UCH.

October has a full calendar as well. The Gender Identity Workshop, sponsored by the Joseph Priestly District, is a unique opportunity to explore the issues of gender identity and the lack of acceptance by society of transgender people. It is an opportunity for UCH to earn the "T" in our Welcoming Congregation certificate. Hopefully those attending will gain

insight into their own ability to accept transgender people and to treat them with dignity and respect.

Another exciting event in October is our new Assistant Minister's ordination. As of October 5th we will be able to call her Reverend Donna Renfro. As I write this column Nan Cavanaugh is busy organizing the details of food, carpooling, and a thousand other things. Ordination is the beginning of Donna's professional life as a minister and validates the entire process of her education and approval by the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee. A UU ordination is a very moving service, including the "laying on of hands" by everyone in attendance.

Our Search Committee is working hard to compile the surveys and to keep up with the various deadlines. They have been holding "cottage meetings" after the services to find out what the congregation wants in a new settled minister. I urge all of us to provide them with our opinions about the qualities of a called minister. Linda Hope is the chairperson of the committee, and more than willing to listen to you.

The annual UCH Auction will be November 8 at Clover Lane. Mark your calendar for an evening of fun. To donate an auction item go to www.timetosignup.com/eatpraylove/sheet/27684.

May we be well, happy, and peaceful! *Judy*

Some Great Things We Are Doing

- ➔ Gender Identity Workshop
- ➔ Participants in Climate Change March in NYC
- ➔ Cheri Huber Meditation Seminar
- ➔ Celebration Sunday in November
- ➔ Full RGL at both Campuses



UCH Annual Auction | Saturday, Nov. 8 | 5:30 PM

Honor the time, talent, and treasures of our cherished church at our annual auction, EAT, PRAY, LUUV. We have an amazingly diverse and talented congregation and we want your donations for the auction. Items such as a basket of goodies, a product or service, or a special talent, service, or event are appreciated.

Visit www.timetosignup.com/eatpraylove to let us know what you can offer.

Tickets are on sale each Sunday during coffee hour: \$10 per person or \$20 per family (free childcare). Delicious food, music and activities are included. Contact [Patti Hazell](mailto:Patti.Hazell).

OCTOBER TRUSTEE ASSIGNMENTS

DT	CLOVER LANE	MARKET ST
5	Judy Linder	Debbie Reihart
12	Mary Henninger-Voss	Chris Dutton
19	Nan Cavanaugh	Laura Shemick
26	Judy Linder	Laura Edinger

Brew with the Board



The Board of Trustees invites all members to a "Brew with the Board" forum, following services on the Third Sunday at each campus.

Ministerial Search Committee

A huge thanks to all of those who have spent time filling out the survey. We have **150** surveys completed to date, and 10 more in process. This is not just incredibly helpful so that we can describe our congregation; it also lets us know what is most important to you as a congregation. While some of the questions may have annoyed or confused some of you, the answers to these are what candidates compare across churches. Eliminating questions may send up a red flag to a candidate about why we didn't ask that question.



Now the MSC must hunker down and create two large documents: the Congregational Record, which includes much of the survey data, and the Congregational Packet, which is where we describe the life of UCH. The Congregational Record is the first thing a prospective candidate will read about our church. It contains lots of facts and figures about us, what we desire in a minister, and our strengths and weaknesses. If that person is interested she will send her online packet and specific information about herself to us and we will send our packet to her. This exchange of information begins in January. So the fall is a time of preparation for the spring, when we actually have candidates to review. Not exciting, but very important.

We are organizing and sorting the data from the survey and cottage meetings. Below are some responses we can share with you easily and quickly. Total respondents

“Choose up to three responses below that describe your current beliefs.” This is how our congregation answered.

“In which of the following church activities have you participated during the last year?” (The data below are only for those in which respondents have participated every month). Keep in mind that many people are involved in numerous activities. To put this in perspective, 3% of 150 people is about 4-5 people. Our current voting membership is well over 300 people.

CURRENT BELIEF	PCT OF 150
Theism	13.2
Deism	7.6
Atheism	16.7
Non-theism	15.3
Naturalistic Theism	16.7
Agnosticism	33.3
Humanism	38.9
UU Christian	9.7
Mysticism	36.1
Earth-centered Spirituality	16.7
Feminist Spirituality	6.9
Paganism	6.9
Rationalism	36.8
Other	16

ACTIVITY	PERCENT OF 150
Adult RGL	3
Auction	2
Board of Trustees	5
Children's RGL	5
Choir	3
Committee or Task Force	3
Common Ground (Sat. Breakfast)	3
Community Hours	5
Denomination	3
Fund-raising/stewardship	4
Service as Congregation Leader	4
Social Action/Social Service	2

SAVE the DATE – Jan. 4 is our Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop. The entire church is invited to join two UUA consultants who will help us identify biases we might have that relate to hiring a new minister. Please put it on your calendar and return from your holiday vacation in time to join us for our Sunday services and the afternoon workshop.

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—Submitted by Linda Hope, Chair

Associate Minister's Message

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used the lyrics of one as the reading. I had wanted to play the other one, but there just wasn't enough time. So I share it with you here -

www.youtube.com/watch?v=00EXdHvTe4E.

It is by Jason Mraz, who is very popular with young adults, and fits in that spiritual but not religious category that we hear so much about now. He's part of the newest hymnal – not official from UUA headquarters – but what young adult UUs have made on Spotify as worship music for services they create.

I thank you all for the acceptance of the many forms of worship I bring.

This month we'll have my *Core of Fire* Dance Ministry at Market Street morning worship on Oct. 5, with my ordination service at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12 will be a more traditional service with a more complicated subject, and the last Sunday will be an all ages worship for Dia de Los Muertos at both campuses. Bring a picture or memento on October 26 for the altar.

I thank the RGL paid coordinators, Wendy Colby and Jessica Chuckalovcak, for the amazing way they took over and did the heavy lifting of finishing last year after Trish Brandon retired, having summer programming done and getting so much ready for this year. They will be leaving their paid positions at the end of October. We reconvened the RGL Committee to help ease the transition, and the Committee offered to take on their roles for the rest of the year. What generosity! That is a significant savings on a budgeted expense.

This month there will be a Close the Gap campaign to eliminate or reduce the deficit in the budget. I invite us all to look at creative ways like the RGL Committee took on so we can ease the financial strain on the congregation. To look at this time of year as another way to start over, to begin again in love, to know deep in your bones what an amazing and extraordinary group of people you are, what amazing things you have already done, and envision what you still want to do and to be. To let my ordination be a time of celebration, so that our shared ministry may be even sweeter! May it be so.

Blessings on us all! *Donna*

Music at Clover Lane

Throughout the centuries and throughout the world, music has been an integral part of worship – from the organ and choral works of J.S. Bach to the chanting of Tibetan monks. Our hearts and minds and souls are fed by music.

Here at UCH we are carrying on this fine tradition. We have congregational singing, choral singing, and instrumental music. The more folks who are involved with this beautiful tradition, the better!

There is always room for more. Do you have an instrumental piece that you could share during a worship service? (On the flute? The banjo? The zither?) Do you like to sing, but cannot commit to the rehearsal schedule of a choir? (As a solo? A duet? An octet?) Do you think you can't sing, but have always felt the urge to be part of a choir? We have the place for you!!

The grand tradition that has soared through the ages is represented each Sunday morning at Clover Lane. We are always open to special music, and the choir is always open to new singers. Our choir rehearses each Thursday evening and is a warm and welcoming group. If you have any questions, please contact me, by email at dmm.uchclover@aol.com or speak with me on Sunday morning. Or just give choir a try on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30. The more music, the better!

—Submitted by Ann Hossler, Director of Music Ministry, Clover Lane



The Shared Ministry, Closing Service of Worship, 2:00 p.m. Nov. 2

The Shared Ministry, a congregation formed in 1979 when Park Street United Methodist Church (UMC) and Fourth United Church of Christ (UCC) came together to function as one congregation, is soon coming to a close. Its Closing Service of Worship will be held at 2:00 p.m. Nov. 2 at 1508 Market Street. All are invited to attend.

The Fourth German Reformed Church of Harrisburg was founded in 1893 and eventually became Fourth Reformed, Fourth Evangelical & Reformed, and Fourth UCC. Park Street United Evangelical Church was founded in 1895 and eventually became Park Street Evangelical United Brethren, and Park Street UMC. When the two congregations became The Shared Ministry in 1979, the organizations sold the original Park Street building and worshiped jointly at the Market Street location. In 2009, that building was sold to the UCH. The two congregations, i.e., The Shared Ministry and the UCH, entered into covenant with one another, sharing the building and jointly doing outreach ministry in the Allison Hill neighborhood – the neighborhood of highest crime and highest poverty in the City. After the Shared Ministry closes on Nov. 2, the UCH will remain in the building and continue many of the outreach ministries previously associated with The Shared Ministry.

The Closing Service of Worship on November 2 will be an opportunity for members, friends, and long-time associates to come together to remember and give thanks for the long and faithful service of The Shared Ministry.

For more information, please contact the pastor, the Rev. [Richard C. Gordon](mailto:Richard.C.Gordon).



Ed. Note: Members of UCH and other representatives of UUPLAN joined 400,000 of their closest friends, including hundreds more UUs, at the People's Climate March in NYC on September 21. Here's the report from UCH members Steve Todd and Anita Mentzer:

Our bus dropped us off at 86th Street and we made our way to 58th, which had been blocked off from traffic. We joined thousands of marches who were organizing with their respective faith group. Small flags dotted the crowd to mark where each denomination was gathering and we soon found the section for Unitarian Universalists. Yellow *Standing on the Side of Love* shirts everywhere! Say what you will about that color, it is easy to find!

The street was packed – standing room only from curb to curb with approximately 50 people per row. We met UUs from New Jersey, Texas, Massachusetts, New York, Canada and Florida in our little area. And the signs! Such clever slogans.

We settled in, listening to the speakers, singing songs, taking photos and making new friends as we waited for our turn to march. Occasionally, a bubble or two would float above the crowd. The parade had started at 11:30, but the faith groups did not join in until almost 2 pm. Unfortunately, we missed the two minutes of silence just before 1pm – we were in the middle of a song.

Finally at 1:40 pm the faith groups were given the signal to join the march. We entered the parade by way of Columbus Circle, passing by cheering crowds, lots of onlookers and hundreds of people eating in outdoor cafes. The Earth Vigil group supported those marching by holding a silent meditation event in Central Park along the parade route. A few blocks later the Bard MBA in Sustainability students were hanging out of the 5th story windows of their building, waving banners and blowing whistles. And everywhere, people snapping photos.

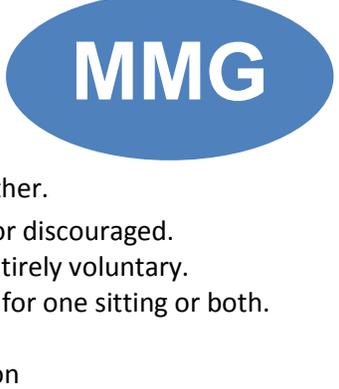
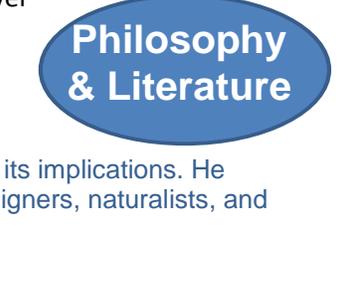
We followed five guys, who were holding the official *Standing on the Side of Love* banner, proudly carrying our own UUPLAN banner, until we made it to 40th Street.

By that time, it was 3:30. Since our bus was leaving at 4:30 from a parking lot between 21st and 18th Street, we had to drop out of the march before we reached the end. We made it back to the bus on time, grabbed a bite to eat, and waited for a few folks before we could start for home. An exhausting but exhilarating day for all!

The People's Climate March was about showing world leaders, who were in NYC for the UN climate negotiations, that there is a great deal of public demand for action. And part of the march was to awaken new people to the problem – to share our experience with others and to help build our movement. Having 400,000 people show up when 100,000 were anticipated, and having over 2,800 solidarity events worldwide with thousands of people, is an amazing display of strength at a critical moment. One of the key themes of Sunday's march was "To change everything, we need everyone." I think each of us can find our own unique way of contributing to stopping the climate crisis.

—Submitted by Anita Mentzer and Steve Todd

Please synchronize your calendar for these UCH-sponsored events.

Wed 1	QueenSpirit	Clover Lane
<p>Queen Spirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, we return to Clover Lane for potluck and discussion. Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share; bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck at 6:00; discussion at 7:00. Contact Randa Todd, lrrt1946@yahoo.com.</p>		
Sat 4	10:00 Gender Identify Workshop	Market Street
<p>The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1508 Market Street, will be the site of a gender identity workshop, led by Annette Marquis, Director of the Office for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Issues of the UUA. Entitled “Broadening our Understanding of Gender Identity and Expression,” the workshop includes several breakout sessions devoted to topics of gender identity. Dr. Rachel Levine, Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, will also speak.</p> <p>The workshop runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is free and open to all interested in respectfully discussing gender identity and expression; a \$6 donation is requested to cover the soup, salad, and bread lunch. Advance registration is requested, but not required. Please call 717-395-0551 to register, or send an email to Judy Linder.</p> <p>Please note: Annette is preaching the following morning at 10:30 a.m. at Clover Lane.</p>		
Mon 6	6:30 Amrit Yoga (weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body for an energetic workout and includes a calming, meditative relaxation at the end. Repeats every Monday.</p> <p>Contact Ed Sykes. No experience necessary!</p>		
Tue 7	7:00 Mindfulness Meditation (weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced during meditation and vital in our everyday lives. It can be useful in focusing attention, managing pain, reducing stress, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and allowing for the development of awareness and insight. The ability to be mindful is strengthened through practice.</p> <p>The Mindfulness Meditation Group provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Everyone is welcome. Affiliation with any organization or belief system is neither promoted nor discouraged. ⊕ Engaging in safe, respectful and welcoming conduct is the only expectation. Participation is entirely voluntary. ⊕ Two 25 minute periods of meditation with a short reading, discussion and rest between. Stay for one sitting or both. ⊕ Bring your own seating or use our cushions, benches, and chairs. <p>Contact Chuck Daley or George Hellmann Repeats every Tuesday. Third Tuesday is silent meditation</p>		
Sat 11	9:00 Common Ground Café	Market Street
<p>In collaboration with the Shared Ministry, the UCH operates the Common Ground Café at our Market Street campus on the second and last Saturday of the month. The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome.</p> <p>Repeats October 25. To join the list of volunteers, please contact Clay Lambert.</p>		
Sun 12	7:00 Philosophy & Literature	Clover Lane
<p>The Philosophy & Literature Group usually meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets at Clover Lane to discuss <i>The End of Night; Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light</i>, by Paul Bogard. From <i>Booklist</i>:</p> <p>In this artful blend of environmental and cultural history, Bogard manages to make a book about light pollution pure reading -pleasure. As he travels the world looking for dark spaces that best reveal the night skies, Bogard considers our affinity for artificial light, the false sense of security it provides, and its implications. He studies the skies of Las Vegas and Paris, Walden Pond and Mantua, Italy. He walks with lighting designers, naturalists, and astronomers while pondering the best way to embrace the night.</p> <p>All UCH members and friends are welcome. Contact Don Brown.</p>		

Tue 14 6:30 Women's Night Out

Off-Site

Women's Night Out (formerly the Craft Group) is a lay-led ministry of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at a local restaurant chosen by our committee, alternating locations between the East and West Shores each month.

Women's Night Out!

Tuesday, October 9 @ 6:30pm
China Tea House/ Mechanicsburg

This month we will meet at China Tea House, 612 East Simpson St., Mechanicsburg. Besides the very social aspect of our dinners, members contribute, as they are able, to the support of a local charity, right now the [Ecumenical Food Pantry](#). To join Women's Night Out and experience the fun and friendship of our group first-hand as well as providing support to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, please contact [Ann Sitrin](#) (766-4767) by October 12.

Tue 21 10:00 CroneSpirit

Clover Lane

The new lay-led ministry, **CroneSpirit**, meet from 10 am -12 noon in Fuller Chapel. Our topic this month is "Responding to Changes." We are:

- ⊕ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members
- ⊕ Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power
- ⊕ For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of 10 women
- ⊕ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip or speaking disrespectfully to or about each other
- ⊕ Discussion topics planned quarterly by those present; group guidelines established and refined at least annually



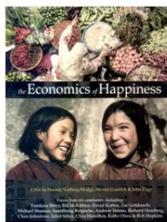
We look forward to seeing you. For information please contact Joan Hellmann, joan_elizabeth@comcast.net

Fri 17 7:00 Cinema 2 Make U Think t

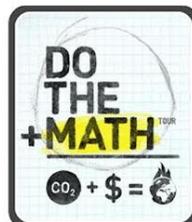
Clover Lane

Join us for the screening of *The House I Live In*, directed by Eugene Jarecki. The 2012 film is a documentary about the War on Drugs in the U.S. From the dealer to the narcotics officer, the inmate to the federal judge, this is a penetrating look inside America's criminal justice system, revealing the profound human rights implications of U.S. drug policy. Discussion will follow. Refreshments provided. Clover Lane, 7:00pm, October 19.

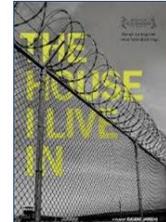
Friday Film Forum: Cinema 2 Make U Think



Economic Justice
Aug 22



Global Warming
Sept 19



Anti-Mass Incarceration
Oct 17

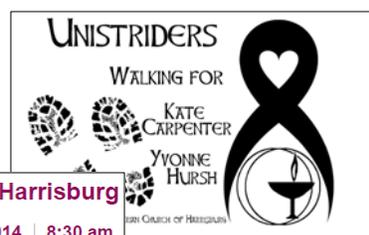


Reproductive Justice
Nov 21

Sat 18 6:00 Breast Cancer Awareness

Off-Site

UUunistriders will join thousands of others in a bazillion shades of pink in the annual walk/stroll/saunter (i.e. at our own pace) from City Island, across the Walnut Street bridge, along the river walk, and back to City Island for fun and snacks. This year to honor our very own Kate Carpenter and Yvonne Hursh and send positive vibes their way in fighting breast cancer, we are dedicating the T-shirt to her! If you can't march, you can donate to someone who will be walking. Contact [Jim Cavanaugh](#) (561-0634) or [Nej Meflah](#) (343-1100) for more information.



Jim Cavanaugh

Making Strides of Harrisburg

Saturday, October 18, 2014 | 8:30 am
City Island

349 teams and 1,870 participants have raised \$146,880.22

Sat 18 6:00 Clover Grove

Clover Lane

Screamings and Salvations to all of you Gremlins and Ghouls!! Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists. The group meets monthly at Clover Lane. This month's Clover Grove is slated for a Samhain (Halloween) celebration! We will begin the evening event with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring a favorite food item that is harvest-oriented.



At 7:00 pm, join us for the fun. The rest of the evening is for the Costume Party, dancing and whatever. Bring the kids, as we are a very family-friendly group. We will have lots of Hallowe'en Music and tons of fun. At some point, we will hold a small gathering - a Circle of sorts - to remember our ancestors. We will start to wind down around 9:30 or so... The party should be blast! Please contact Nikki, if childcare is needed or requested. All are welcome. Contact [Nikki Stone-Thonus](#).

Sat 18 6:30 Circle Dinners

Off-site

The Membership Action Council (MAC) is pleased to announce the return of Circle Dinners, in a new and somewhat more extemporaneous format! We are planning to organize a quarterly event in members' home, with signup during the weeks prior to the event. We will assign participants to a "dinner circle du jour" (more accurately, a dinner circle *de la saison...*) for a potluck meal with other members.

Please contact [Sandy Hamstra](#), 717-854-8898, or [Bart Carpenter](#) to sign up. We will create "circles" of 4-8 people per dinner.



**October Circle Dinners
Saturday, Oct. 18**

Wed 22 7:00 Green Sanctuary

Clover Lane

Green Sanctuary welcomes all to a lecture/presentation Rev. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow, *The Future is Calling Us to Greatness: Evidential Inspiration and Climate Hope*. Science and religion must work together if humanity is to survive the 21st century. Humans have unwittingly become a planetary force, changing the very climate of our world? What vision will charge us with a sense of purpose that the future is calling us to greatness? Rev. Michael Dowd is an outspoken religious naturalist, evolutionary theologian, bestselling author (Thank God for Evolution). Connie Barlow is an acclaimed science writer and speaker. Please contact [Rachel Mark](#) for further information.



Fri 31 7:30 Clover Lane Coffee House

Clover Lane

Clover Lane Coffee House is pleased to welcome Japanese jazz/fusion musician Hiroya Tsukamoto to the October coffee house. The concert is co-sponsored by Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Admission is \$10 at the door (\$25 max per family); all are welcome.

A graduate of Berklee School of Music in Boston, Hiroya is a one-of-a-kind composer, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Kyoto. His music is a unique and original fusion of jazz, South American folkloric rhythms, Western harmonies, and the lyricism of traditional Japanese melodies.

Hiroya has performed extensively throughout the NYC-Boston area, including appearances at the Berklee Performance Center (Boston), Ryles Jazz Club (Cambridge) and Blue Note (New York City). His musical résumé also includes performances across the U.S, Japan and Korea, several songwriting honors, and four recordings. Please contact a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com for other information.



**Clover Lane
Coffee House**

Membership/Lay-led Ministries

Re-Entry Breakfast

Our annual Reentry Breakfast was a resounding success because we had enough volunteers, plenty of food, and guests from halfway houses and work release centers to fill the room. Our thanks to head cook Margaret Carrow and her staff, Tamara Hutchinson and Nan Cavanaugh; Pastor Donna Renfro; volunteers Chris Dutton, John Hargreaves, Nead Smith, Shea Davis and family, Brad and Grady Bechtel, Wendy Colby, and Jody and Eric Choi; Messiah students Mayim Moore, Erin Sharkey, Erin Besse and Kia Hitt; and transportation organizer Chaplain Larry Coleman along with others whose names we did not record. THANKS to all.

UU Christian Communion

UU Christians of UCH held a communion service Sept. 28 after the morning service at Market Street. We talked of timing for another gathering, and came up with the general pattern of holding communion services in connection with holidays. We discussed holding the next service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 23. Please contact [Jim Cavanaugh](#) if you like this idea or want to suggest a change.

The Sept 28 service was planned by only one person, and that is not the way it should be. Two or three of us should develop the next service – please let me know if you want to help plan.

– submitted by [Jim Cavanaugh](#)

Sweer -Childs

Kevin Sweer, son of UCH members Karen and Leo Sweer, was married to Lauren Childs on Aug. 31 in Mechanicsburg, the Rev. Mike Minnix Officiating. Lauren is the daughter of Bill and Sue Childs of Pottsville.



The couple met at Penn State in the Mechanical Engineering Department while working on their Senior Project, in conjunction with TE Connectivity and a student team in China. They traveled to China for the presentation and discovered a mutual interest in adventurous travel and exotic foods.

The newlyweds will make their home in York. Kevin works at Voith Hydro as a Control System Design Engineer for hydroelectric power plants. Lauren works at Graham Packaging as a Design Engineer designing plastic bottles for different companies.