

# THE REPORTER

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## Summer Services

### Roots and Wings - Personal Spiritual Journeys to Unitarian Universalism

For our summer lay led sermon series, UCH members will reflect on the faith they were raised in and how they found their way to Unitarian Universalism. For those who were raised UU, the focus will be on how they have changed and grown while remaining Unitarian Universalist. Each speaker and Lay Liturgist will come up with his or her own personal faith statement. Come reflect on your own spiritual journey as you learn about how others have grown from their roots and developed their wings.

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| June 28  | 10:00 | ☼ | Melissa Trainor and Brian Kahler        |
| July 5   | 10:00 | ☼ | Della Hoke-Uvick and Donna Hoskins-Helm |
| July 12  | 10:00 | ☼ | Karen Grimm-Thomas and Blaise Liffick   |
| July 19  | 10:00 | ☼ | Kevin Geist and Karen Sykes             |
| July 26  | 10:00 | ☼ | Nick Wilson and JD Stillwater           |
| August 2 | 10:00 | ☼ | Dennis Hursh and Joan Hellmann          |
| August 9 | 10:00 | ☼ | Tammy Adams and Hannah Belser           |

## From Your Minister

*The Reverend  
Howard N. Dana*

Unitarian Universalist minister  
Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed  
writes:

The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all.

There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice. It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own, but as members of a larger community. The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done. Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

The marvelous, imperfect community that we form and reform at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg does just this—it unveils the bonds that

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Well, it's summer, and things have settled down a little. I could tell you how really really *really* close we are to closing on the Market Street property, but you'd probably start throwing things at me. So, something different.

*Let's talk about theology.* Did that sentence increase your stress level? I have a feeling it may have. Ann and I have visited a lot of UU churches, in Virginia, New York, Ohio, even Alaska. In spite of being a religion that welcomes a diversity of theological perspectives, UUs don't actually talk a whole lot about theology. Someone once told me that there are three things people get crazy about: their kids, their money, and their religion. Church pushes all three of those buttons (sometimes pretty effectively!) It is reasonable that we would shy away from topics that are likely to be uncomfortable, or to elicit negative judgments from others. This past year we had the courage to start a frank conversation about race...maybe it's time we began to engage our friends in real conversations about theology.

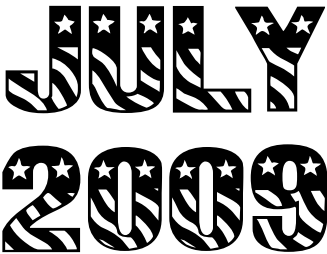

I've noticed that when we do talk about theology at UCH we tend to do so with those likely to share our perspective. For example, I know there are robust theological discussions at QueenSpirit and at Mindfulness Meditation events, and at Humanist Society events, but these are gatherings of mostly like-minded folks, who come together to discuss a particular world-view. That's not a bad thing, but I think we're missing an opportunity. With such a diversity of viewpoints in one church, and a compellingly articulate group of people, we *could* be challenging one another to greater clarity, greater depth, and deeper communion than we are now.

"A free and responsible search for truth and meaning." I think we do a great job of allowing one another this freedom, but do we allow ourselves the same freedom? I'll be the first to admit that I shy away from initiating conversations with people whose theology is likely to differ from mine—I have too many uncomfortable memories of people trying to push their theology onto me, and I do NOT want to replicate that myself. But does that mean there's no constructive dialogue to be had? That we can't have a

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## President's Message

J.D. Stillwater

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Narcotics Anonymous 4:00 pm Queen Spirit Potluck & Circle 6 pm Al-Anon 6 pm Community Cmte 7 pm	2 Unisingers 7 pm	3 UCH Playgroup 9:30 am	4 
5 <b>Service 10 am</b> Explore UCH 11 am Doyle COUCH 7 pm	6 Yoga 6:30 pm Hellmann COUCH 7 pm	7 Mindfulness Meditation Group 7 pm FINANCE CMTE 7:30 PM Helping Women in Prison & Their Families 7:30 pm	8 Narcotics Anon 4 pm Al-Anon 6 pm <b>Board Mtg 7 pm</b>	9 Dooley COUCH 1 pm <b>Special Coffee House 7:30</b> Unisingers 7 pm	10 UCH Playgroup 9:30 am REPORTER deadline 2 pm	11 <b>1508 Market Street Work Day 10 AM to 4 PM</b>
12 <b>Service 10 am</b> <b>SILENT WITNESS TRAINING 11:30 AM</b>	13 Yoga 6:30 pm	14 MMG 7 pm	15 Narcotics Anon 4 pm Al-Anon 6 pm <b>CloverGrove 7 pm</b> Funeral Consumers Alliance Mtg 7 pm <b>SILENT WITNESS TRAINING 7 PM</b> Community Cmte 7 pm	16 Unisingers 7 pm	17 UCH Playgroup 9:30 am <b>Clover Lane Coffeehouse 8:00</b>	18 Craft Group 10 am
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26 HS Youth Overnight <b>Service 10 am</b> MMG presents Cultivating a Compassionate Heart 2:30	27 Yoga 6:30 pm	28 MMG 7 pm Membership Action Council 7 pm	29 Narcotics Anon 4 pm Al-Anon 6 pm	30 Unisingers 7 pm	31 UCH Playgroup 9:30 am	
<b>CHALICE CAMP</b>						

# STEWARDSHIP R.E.M.I.N.D.E.R

# JOYS & CONCERNS

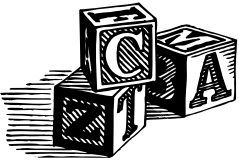
*Reserved for Members of UCH*

If you have not completed your 2008-09 pledge, we are continuing to accept payments! Just make sure to write 2008-09 pledge on the memo line so we credit your payment correctly. If your circumstances are such that you are unable to complete last year's pledge, please just let me know so we can close out the books for the last fiscal year.

If you're not sure about your pledge balance, email me at [stewardship@harrisburguu.org](mailto:stewardship@harrisburguu.org) or give me a call at 717-361-2992. I will be sending out notices after July 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone who has an outstanding 2008-09 pledge balance so you will know for sure.

*Alanna Berger  
Stewardship Coordinator*

## Nursery School Items Needed



If you hear of items looking for a good new home or see a great yard sale deal please think of the nursery/preschool child care room being established in the new church building.

Wish list for new nursery/preschool room at 1508 Market Street:

- ☺ Rocking chair
- ☺ changing table
- ☺ toys for babies
- ☺ toys for toddlers
- ☺ dress-ups
- ☺ play kitchen
- ☺ exersaucer
- ☺ child safe cars and trucks
- ☺ racially diverse dolls
- ☺ doll stroller
- ☺ doll shopping cart

Donations are welcome in the Beatrix Potter Room by the lower level entrance at Clover Lane. Items will be taken to Market St when room security is established. Questions? Contact Trish Brandon [rgl@HarrisburgUU.org](mailto:rgl@HarrisburgUU.org). Thank you!

*Submitted by Trish Brandon*

Vacation:  
When you spend thousands of dollars  
to see what rain looks like  
in different parts of the world.

*Robert Orben*

## From Your Minister

Rev. Howard N. Dana

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bind each to all. It is a place where our vision widens and our strength is renewed. I am thankful for this community and all it provides me and so many others. Our health and vitality is a sure sign of our increased vision and strength. We are lucky to have one another to share the journey.

As we have for the last six summers, we will have a lay led sermon series again this summer. A group of UCH members have been asked to prepare and lead the services. It is bound to be an enjoyable summer. This year's theme is "*Roots and Wings—Personal Religious Journeys to Unitarian Universalism.*" Our preachers have been asked to reflect on the spiritual journey that led them to Unitarian Universalism and to the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. Some of these journeys have had many twists and turns. Some are quite straightforward. Some of our presenters were raised Unitarian Universalist and will reflect on what changes they have witnessed and what keeps them UU. In all cases, our speakers will look specifically at what they appreciate about the religious stops they have made along the way. For it is in understanding and appreciating our roots that we might grow and develop wings.

As Unitarian Universalists we are quite used to participating in a religious tradition that has a fluid nature. Our tradition flows like a river between two banks—sometimes nearer one bank than the other. The banks of our river are reason and faith. Never are we completely without one or the other. Faith without reason is fundamentalism. And reason without faith is materialism. Many religious and non-religious people prefer one bank or another—we prefer to make our way between these two banks. We know how much richer life is when we take a "both/and" position rather than an "either/or" position. This summer we will have a chance to hear from our fellow UCH members about their own personal faith. We will hear stories that are similar to ours - and stories of religious journeys that are quite dissimilar to ours. In any case, we will understand ourselves better.

I hope you will come to church every Sunday that you are in town this summer. We will have one 10:00 AM service each week followed by coffee hour. Your fellow members will work hard to prepare lay led services that are informative, engaging, self-revealing, and spiritually enriching. Each will work with a trained Lay Liturgist to ensure that the services flow smoothly. Of course there will be music, joys and sorrows, and a chance to see your friends. Remember that the sanctuary can be really warm during the summer—dress accordingly. We will have the fans out and air conditioning downstairs afterward. Come and support one another. Come and learn more about other people's journeys - and your own.

Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed reminds us: "It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own, but as members of a larger community." Let us make this community as nurturing and accepting as possible. Let us each offer what we can to it. And let us come to it in times of joy and times of sorrow, knowing that it will accept us as we are. See you in church.

Love, Howard

## Mindfulness Meditation Group

No wrong, no right  
No dark, no light  
No good, no bad  
No sane, no mad

No low, no high  
No yours, no my  
No rich, no poor  
No less, no more

No weak, no strong  
No short, no long  
No big, no small  
No spin at all

No there, no here  
No far, no near  
No gain, no name  
It's all the same

It just is...

-from *The Bridge*

Please join us to spend time un-wrapping your mind from those concepts that tend to bind us all. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Margaret Fuller Chapel. The Meditation on July 20<sup>th</sup> (the third Tuesday) will be held in complete silence.

**We have a special guest teacher, Bhante Sujatha, joining us on Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon meditation workshop.** Please see our separate announcement on page 10 in this *REPORTER* for details.

Please direct questions pertaining to MMG to Jeanne at [mmg\\_of\\_uch@comcast.net](mailto:mmg_of_uch@comcast.net) or 774-1479.

Submitted by Jeanne Shellman

The REPORTER  
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Dear Harrisburg  
Unitarian Universalists,

# Yes!

By the time you are reading this, my joyful ordination (still upcoming as I write this) will be history. I will either be at the UUA General Assembly in Salt Lake City, or else back from SLC, packing up my townhouse full of books to move to Boston this summer.

My time in Harrisburg is drawing to a close, as is my time serving, as faithfully as I knew how, as your Acting Associate Minister following a year of ministry internship here.

I loved my time here, working with Howard, a gifted and devoted staff team, the remarkable leadership of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, and each one of you who are a part of the congregation. Were it my choice, I am certain I would have opted to stay on. But that was not to be, and so it is my faithful conviction that there must be a blessing in this for you and me both, looking forward.

For those who were not present to hear my "Gratitude is Not Enough" sermon in early June, I must reiterate something I said from the pulpit that day.

You will have a new minister here in mid-August, Suzanne Marsh, and I wish her and you every success in your congregational life together. She is an excellent choice for the congregation. I will be available for conversation with her, if she wishes and only if she wishes.

A colleague of mine who is leaving the UU church she has served for three years wrote these words to them; I invite you to hear them as said by me to you. "My promise to you is that I will be your cheerleader as you take up your bold next steps, confident in your capacity for success and transformation in fulfilling your promises and dreams. I will also fulfill the

covenants of my professional associations and obligations, and refrain from involvement or influence in your ministries going forward." (Beyond June, that is.)

This disconnection is not only my professional duty; it is my gift to you, and to Suzanne, and to Howard, and by that I mean I whole-heartedly agree with that ethical requirement and will live by it. It is for the good of all of us that this standard has been articulated in the UU ministry code of professional practice. You, Howard, and Suzanne each deserve freedom from any interference from me once I am no longer your minister.

This does not mean we can't enjoy simple human connection. I hope, for example, that from someone I will hear the news of babies' arrivals; when there is a death, I hope someone will let me know that news, too, as you *must* know I will grieve that loss along with you. Barring a convincing argument, I have no intention of severing Facebook ties (which are, after all, rather shallow). I hope to visit back here now and then, and if you are in Boston, perhaps you might like to join us for worship at the historic, beautiful Arlington Street Church.

By virtue of the time we had together in ministry, you and I will be forever connected.

I will be forever grateful for the time we had together, for the ministerial formation I experienced here, and for your affirmation as expressed in the ordination ceremony. I will reflect on that covenant daily. I will be watching from my new location in ministry as your bright light will continue to shine on.

*Love, love, love, always love, and more love,  
Yvonne*

yesyvonne@gmail.com

## SCRUB, HAUL, PAINT, SORT!

**Work Days @ 1508 MARKET STREET**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  Jobs for all!**

**Saturdays, July 11th and August 15th**

Cleaning supplies provided - bring tools

*Snacks and lunch provided*

Childcare available

*Come for the whole time or just an hour*



# Religious Growth & Learning

## President's Message

J.D. Stillwater

Dear Friends,

Thank you! I was deeply touched by the outpouring of appreciation, gratitude, love and caring as UCH recently recognized my milestone of ten years as DRE. It has gone by too fast. We have accomplished a great deal. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I will save the many cards I received. I will cherish the memories for all time.

I feel very fortunate to be able to do this work. I feel passionate about it and I enjoy the privilege and pleasure of working with so many people whom I admire. To hear from you that it matters and is appreciated warms and fills my heart.

I hope your summer days are rich with things you enjoy.

In faith with gratitude and love,

*Trish*

### JOIN THE FUN!

Elementary aged children will enjoy stories, engaging their senses and imaginations, labyrinth walking, fun with friends and pop-sicles on Sunday mornings at church this summer. Tracy Richards and Brittany Nace will be leading the program which will be held on the lower level during the service time.

Child care for children under five will be provided every Sunday as usual.

### CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

If you enjoy working with children and are interested in volunteering at church on Sunday mornings please contact Trish Brandon at [rgl@HarrisburgUU.org](mailto:rgl@HarrisburgUU.org) or 564-4761. Parents who have attended at least one year are asked to help out in the classroom. Adults without children in the program are needed too. It is fun, meaningful and flexible work!

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS GROWTH AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

Tracy Richards is retiring from committee work after serving on the committee for seven years! Congratulations and thank you Tracy! Tracy plans to remain active in the children and youth program.

The committee is excited to welcome Cherrie Boeshore! Cherrie is a retired teacher and has experience teaching Sunday school. Cherrie's experience and love of children will bring a lot to the program.

The 2009 – 2010 Committee: Chair- Kathy Malarich; Members: Jane Bechtel, Wanda Abou El Nagga, Cherrie Boeshore and staff- Youth Director Wendy Shaver and Trish Brandon

*Submitted by Trish Brandon  
Director of Religious Growth & Learning*

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respectful, mutually-affirming conversation? Of course not. When I am afraid to talk about theology with my friends, I deny *myself* access to a fully free search for truth and meaning.

I dare you. Sometime this summer, go up to someone at church, someone who's not in your COUCH group, who you think might be "one of THEM" theologically, and sincerely ask: "What is your perspective on life after death?" or "What kind of image does the phrase 'Spirit of Life' bring up for you?" Be prepared to just listen, not interrupting, and not sharing your point of view on the question, unless asked. Just explore the incredible palette of theological colors at UCH without throwing any of your own theological paint around. Let's make it a summer of theological inquiry and exchange.

You know that old party ice-breaker, where you get a paper that says at the top "Find someone who...?" Wanna play? Sometime this summer, find someone at UCH who...

...believes in reincarnation ...accepts Christ as their personal savior ...believes in a clockwork universe ...is a Pantheist (or Panentheist) ...believes everything is an illusion ...finds Communion meaningful ...has a reverence for the moon ...meditates daily ...believes God is still speaking ...believes there are no miracles ...finds comfort from their Rosary ...celebrates Pesach ...has a personal relationship with a 'Higher Power' ...perceives divinity as feminine.

I believe you will find this game enlightening and fun, and I suspect that somewhere in our church you will find all these, and more. I hope that in the ensuing dialogue, you will find reasons to adjust, to clarify, or even to completely change your own personal theology. Let us rub off on one another, and benefit from the collision!

Onward and upward,  
*JD Stillwater*

*Today we face many problems. Some are created essentially by ourselves based on divisions due to ideology, religion, race, economic status, or other factors. Therefore, the time has come for us to think on a deeper level, on the human level, and from that level we should appreciate and respect the sameness of others as human beings.*

*The Dalai Lama*

# Membership Action Council Annual Report

The Membership Action Council (MAC) is pleased to report lots of action over the past year! If you notice a number of new faces beside you in church, it is because the UCH church is continuing to grow as more people find us. Since MAC was formed last year, we have:

- Set up a welcome table, with an array of name tags for visitors
- Assigned a MAC member to “Welcome Wagon” duty each service
- Established quarterly “So You Want to Be a UU?” seminars
- Enrolled 58 new members!

After enrollment, we take photographs of new members for the “Pathway to Membership” bulletin board and also publish them with a brief bio as inserts in the Order of Service; we are pairing new members with a “Caring Coach,” to serve as friend and mentor during their transition into our church community;

and we are asking UCH members to host “get acquainted” events to welcome them to the UCH.

Please check out the “Pathway to Membership” corner every Sunday and look for new information on our members. This corner is a collective project, created with the assistance of many UCH members, including Josh Hooper, Randa Todd, Susan Norris, Dale Dourte, Tom Connors, Jonathan Murray, and Bob Kershner. And coming soon: an electronic photo montage, using an LCD screen donated by Nick Wilson and Wendy Shaver – UCH goes high tech!

Among other things, we would like the Pathway corner to serve as a focal point for people with questions about UCH. Our intent is to assign a concierge to the corner, in the same way that we assign a “Welcome Wagon” person at the front door. Volunteer concierges are welcome to sign up – duties include a big smile and an interest in welcoming

our visitors. (Full job description available upon request.) Our goal is to create a warm and inclusive community where all are welcome and connected.

The “get acquainted” events are informal gatherings, usually as potluck socials or something similar. Hosts so far this year include Nancy and Richard Pratt; Nick Wilson and Wendy Shaver; Ann Sitrin and Peter Adams; and Leah Kuhns.

MAC members include Leta Beam (chair); Alanna Berger and Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek (staff); and Bart Carpenter, Marj Forster, Nick Wilson and Ed Hazell. If you are interested in serving on the committee, volunteering as a Caring Coach, serving as a concierge, or hosting a welcome event for new members, please contact Leta Beam or another MAC member.

*Submitted by Leta Beam*

## AN INVITATION & A TRIBUTE

Green Sanctuary would like to hear from you. Are you a member of Sierra Club? A member of Clean Air Council? A member of PennFuture? Interested in lobbying with UUPLAN? Interested in life on earth? Interested in learning about transitioning to a lower energy lifestyle? Come and talk to us at our Green Sanctuary table at coffee hour.

We are continuing our Carbon Reduction Campaign. If you signed on last June, we need your recalculation. If you haven't signed on previously, we invite and encourage you to take the pledge. See us at coffee hour.



**Thomas Berry**, died at age 94 on June 1, 2009. He was a geologist, who wrote and taught about nature, environment, and us. His evolutionary message is echoed today in writers including Brian Swimme and Michael Dowd. Berry has written: “to learn how to live graciously together would make us worthy of this unique, beautiful, blue planet that evolved over billions of years,” and “Commercial rights to profit have prevailed over urgent needs of natural systems for survival. What is required is an ethical stance and courage seldom found in contemporary human societies.”

Together may we find the courage to confront the future. May we learn and evolve to a slower, kinder, more careful way of being and living. That is the message of Thomas Berry.

*Submitted by Rachel Mark*



Don't worry about  
the world coming  
to an end today.  
It is already tomorrow  
in Australia.

*Charles Schulz*

# Clover Lane Coffee House July 17

Our monthly Third Friday coffee house series continues this month with a trio of local artists at 8:00 PM. July 17 in the Common Room. Admission is \$5; all are welcome.

First up is ROOTBOUND, a duo comprising Henry Koretzky and Deb Kaufmann, takes the traditional sounds of Appalachian old-time, bluegrass, and early country music and brings them into the present. Henry is a native Harrisburger who made his stage debut in 1979 with a garage band whose repertoire ranged from traditional blues to Dave Brubeck to the Allman Brothers. In 1983, he joined High Strung, a central Pennsylvania bluegrass band known as much for its forays into jazz and celtic music as for its regional hit, "Beam Me Up, Scotty" on guitar, hammered dulcimer, and mandolin. He continued with that group off and on until its demise in the mid-'90s. But as High Strung reconstituted itself at various points in the '80s, Henry joined forces with various other groups, including The Old World Folk Band ([www.oldworldfolkband.org](http://www.oldworldfolkband.org)), a large klezmer ensemble with whom he continued to record and perform for 18 years. In the early '90s, Henry began playing for contradances, beginning with the quintet Medicinal Purpose, led by fiddler Ryck Kaiser. Deb Kauffmann is a powerful singer with a deep appreciation for both Appalachian old-time and Irish music traditions. Born near Boston, she now resides in Glen Rock, PA, a musical hotbed that has produced many fine musicians. Mentoring with West Virginia singer Ginny Hawker, Deb is a gifted vocalist whose lead and harmony singing and driving rhythm guitar is at the core of ROOTBOUND'S sound.

**Jason Mundok** is a singer-songwriter from Lancaster who performs a blend of acoustic, folk and country music. Since 2006 Jason and **Living Fables** have been performing in and around Lancaster County at coffee shops, private parties and art galleries. In 2007 they released two EPs, *Living Fables* and *Heading East*, the latter being a narrative six-part song cycle. Their original songs explore a wide range of human experiences from heartache to hope through the eyes of fictional characters that help make the music come alive. In addition to performing solo and with Living Fables, Jason sings and plays guitar in the Lancaster area eclectic Celtic duo **Fire in the Glen** and he plays bass with Lancaster songwriter **Jordan Rast**.

**Maria Wilson** is a premier solo guitarist with five albums; she has performed her unique instrumental contemporary guitar sound throughout Pennsylvania and the Atlantic Seaboard. Her song "Artuso's Dream" has aired on several radio stations throughout Pennsylvania. She has also opened up for Roger McGuinn and was a festival act at the Little Buffalo Arts Festival with Livingston Taylor. She was one of the early organizers of Clover Lane Coffee House.

*Submitted by Bart Carpenter*

# QueenSpirit POTLUCK & CIRCLE

Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 6 to 9 PM  
Unitarian Church of Harrisburg (UCH)  
Common Room and Joseph Priestly Room

- Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share
- Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates
- **Bring an object that represents your web of connections**

## CONNECTIONS

*Our lives are a web of connections, weaving in and through our days.*

Debbie Page will lead us as we contemplate our connections with others, and how those interconnections can create a better life and a better world for us all.

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

*Submitted by Anne Moore*

# Philosophy & Literature Group

The Philosophy and Literature Group will meet on July 12 at 7:30 PM, at the home of Dick Hoke to discuss *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, by Michael Pollan.

Please contact Dick at 737-3973 or [Rrhoke@aol.com](mailto:Rrhoke@aol.com) to let him know that you will attend. You're very welcome at the meeting, but the hosts need to know how many people to provide seating for.

*Submitted by Dick Hoke*

*Silence is argument carried out  
by other means.*

*Che Guevara*

# Helping Women in Prison & Their Families

The Committee is focusing efforts toward understanding the needs of children and families of the incarcerated. Coincidentally the state Senate and House has agreed to study this issue. At our June meeting we learned that children are afraid of being abandoned, of never seeing their incarcerated parent again, and of being taken away from the caregiver. They have concerns about the well being of the incarcerated parent and they worry that their current caregiver will not be able to take care of them. Children often feel responsible for their parent's behavior. They often suffer guilt for not being enough of a motivation for changing parental behavior. We may be proceeding toward establishing mentors for some of these boys and girls.

We are expanding the undercover fund to include the Woodside female work release center. We had been supplying undergarments to women at Promise Place who were in need but we now find that some of the work release women that have not yet procured employment are in need also. It makes for a tough job search without this critical attire. This adds another potential forty women to the rolls so any contributions are welcome. Cash is preferred as we do not want the upstairs Promise Place clothes rack to become a haven for underwear, this is our church after all.

Keep the classified advertisements from Sunday's paper coming to the baskets. Call John Hargreaves at 545-3010 for information

**Our next meeting is August 4 at 7:30.**

*One on one, a little at a time.*

*submitted by John Hargreaves*

## Food Bank



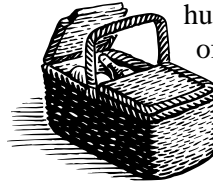
Summer isn't easy if you're cash-strapped. Kids are home in the summer, and they eat all day long! No free school lunch for them in the summer months.

So, please continue the good work you have been doing. Donate non-perishable food items as often as you are able.

*Submitted by Nathalie Hoke*

## Harrisburg Area Humanists SUMMER PICNIC

Join the humanists for a potluck picnic on Saturday, July 18, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Come to learn more about humanism, or just to enjoy the fellowship of others.



Bring a dish to share with others, and bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Soft drinks will be provided. The picnic will be held at the home of Peter and Mary Houts.

Please RSVP by July 13 so we know how many to expect. Call Willie Calhoun at 566-5167, or e-mail [humanists@harrisburguu.org](mailto:humanists@harrisburguu.org).

*Submitted by David Spear*

*I once wanted to become an atheist,  
but I gave up -  
they have no holidays.*

*Henny Youngman*

## SILENT WITNESS EVENTS & TRAINING DATES!

Members of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg are once again encouraged to participate in Silent Witness events this year. In addition to the Harrisburg Parade and Pride Festival on July 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be helping at Reading's Pride Festival July 19<sup>th</sup>, and Lehigh Valley's Pride Festival on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not been to a training session, we will be hosting three sessions at UCH. If you received training prior to last year, you are invited to attend a training session again this year to keep yourself updated with our most current information. Training dates are:

Sunday, July 12 11:30 AM at UCH  
Wednesday, July 15 7:00 PM at UCH  
Monday, July 20 7:00 PM at UCH

For more information, please check out our website at [www.SilentWitnessPA.org](http://www.SilentWitnessPA.org), or call Alanna Berger (717-361-2992).

*Submitted by Alanna Berger*



# Cultivating a Compassionate Heart

*An Afternoon with Bhante Sujatha*

**Sunday, July 26, 2009  
2:30 – 6:30 PM**

Please join the Mindfulness Meditation Group as we welcome Theravada Buddhist monk, Bhante Sujatha, for an afternoon of teaching, discussion, and meditation. Originally from Sri Lanka, he is the founder and acting leader of the Blue Lotus Temple of Woodstock, Illinois. Bhante Sujatha is known and appreciated for his easygoing practical approach to teaching others how to apply the spiritual teachings of Buddhism to their everyday lives.

- ◇ **Donations will be gladly received to support Bhante Sujatha's work.**
- ◇ **For planning purposes - Please RSVP by July 21.**
- ◇ **Walk-ins will be welcomed.**
- ◇ **Snacks and beverages will be available during the breaks.**

**Limited openings for childcare** are available through reservation only by contacting Holly Hartman by noon on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. For questions about the workshop or childcare you may contact Holly at [mmg\\_of\\_uch@comcast.net](mailto:mmg_of_uch@comcast.net) or 938-2089.

Bhante's Home Page -

<http://www.bluelotustemple.org/People.html>

*Submitted by Jeanne Shellman*

*If you want to make an apple pie  
from scratch,  
you must first create the universe.*

*Carl Sagan*

## Grocery Store Gift Card Fund Raiser

Participating in the Grocery Store Gift Card Fund Raiser is an easy way to help the church by doing something most of us need to do anyway – buying groceries and other supplies. Weis and Giant gift cards earn 10% profit (though Weis will be changing to 5% when our current supply is depleted), while Karns gift cards earn 5% profit.

Cards are mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, along with an order form for you to place your next order and a postage-paid envelope to use for your payment and order form. Simply return your form at least seven days prior to the mailing date to receive your cards in the mail in time for your shopping.

Tip for Gift Card Users: If your gift card does not scan at the register, ask the cashier to key in the number. Sometimes, the magnetic strip deactivates. Usually, keying in the card number solves the problem.

If you would like to participate, or if you have questions about this fund raiser, call Anne Moore at 877-8576, or e-mail [giftcard@harrisburguu.org](mailto:giftcard@harrisburguu.org).

*Submitted by Anne Moore*

## UCH LOGO NEEDED

Your creativity and talent are requested to design a new logo for UCH. The Board requested that the current logo, a photo of the church building, be replaced by something that more accurately reflects the "life of the church". You are asked to submit a creative logo that meets the following requirements:

- It can be any type of graphic, art, line drawing, etc.
- The design should look good in both color and black & white as it may be used on multiple items, i.e. Order of Service, letterhead, etc.
- Provide a relationship with UCH, UU, and real life of our church
- Needs to include mission statement and name of pastor, words and graphic
- Limit size to 8 1/2" x 7"
- Your name should not appear on the front of the design. Attach a card or paper with your name and contact information if it is not in the UCH directory.

You may submit more than one logo. A panel of a minimum of three UCH members/friends will review the submissions and select the one, or more, to use. A member of the panel cannot make a submission. This invitation is open to anyone in the church.

Please place your logo submission in the mail slot labeled Church Logo Submissions opposite the church office. Submissions are requested by August 9, 2009.

*Submitted by Cynthia Tyger*

# Special Concert & Presentation

by Meg Barnhouse

UCH is pleased to welcome Meg Barnhouse for an evening of music and magic at 7:30 PM Thursday, July 9. This is a special concert event, held coffee-house style in the Common Room at UCH, and includes both stories and music. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Meg is a UU minister, writer, retreat-leader and singer/songwriter. She travels nationwide as a speaker, musician and humorist, bringing a message that is at once wildly funny, deeply touching and spiritually renewing. She is also our designated speaker for Association Sunday in October, so this concert provides us an advance opportunity to hear her. She will be accompanied by her partner, Kiya Heartwood.



Meg grew up in North Carolina and Philadelphia and lived in Spartanburg, SC, from 1981 to 2009. After graduating from Duke University and Princeton Theological Seminary, she worked as Chaplain to Converse College for six years, teaching Public Speaking, Human Sexuality, and World Religions, trying not to get them mixed up. Meg has been active in the community, helping to found the SAFE Homes Network for battered women.

She is the mother of two wise, funny and handsome sons, ages 19 and 22; she also has a second-degree black belt in karate (supposedly unrelated to motherhood). She served as a commentator for North Carolina Public Radio on a segment called "Radio Free Bubba" and has also been heard on NPR's "Weekend All Things Considered." Her books include *Rock of Ages at the Taj Mahal*, *The Best of Radio Free Bubba*, *Waking Up the Karma Fairy*, and *Did I Say That Out Loud?* She has two CDs, *July Blue* and *Mango Thoughts in a Meatloaf Town*.

Kiya was raised in Tennessee and Kentucky and has lived all over the U.S. and Canada. She is the principal songwriter for Wishing Chair, which recently produced its eighth CD. Among other things, she received a Creativity Grant in 2008 to write an operetta; its debut performance was earlier this year at Cheltenham Arts Center in Philadelphia.

Submitted by Bart Carpenter

## LaGrone Scholar selected by Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

Charle' Lamb was honored as the 2009 Oliver LaGrone Scholar in a ceremony and reception on Sunday, June 7 at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. Lamb will receive \$1,250 per year, up to a total of \$5,000 over four years, for Lamb has been an outstanding student as well as a leader in academic, athletic, and community activities. Her activities include volleyball, softball, basketball, cheerleading, Delta G.E.M.S., HACC Kids Carnival characters, and Pancake Breakfast for Harrisburg's Homecoming football game each year. She was Multi-Cultural Student Union President, member and officer of the National Honor Society, and Class Council. She plans to major in Pharmaceutical Product Development at West Chester University in the fall semester of 2009. Ms Lamb's hobbies include jogging, sleeping, going to the movies, making specialty drinks at a local coffee company, and spending quality time with friends and family.

Members of the Selection Panel included Deborah Dresser-Niederer of the Harrisburg community, and Unitarian Church of Harrisburg members Susan Rimby, Sami Davies, and Rachel Ziegler.

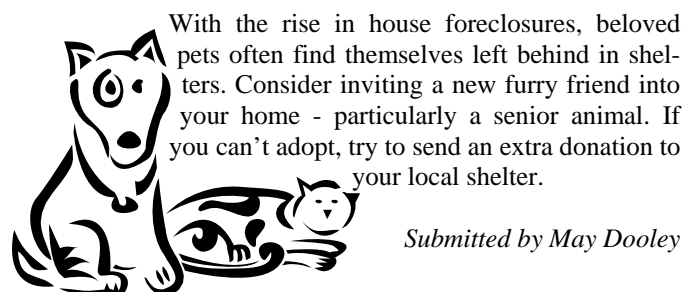
Oliver LaGrone, a longtime Unitarian Universalist, was noted as a poet, sculptor, educator, and humanitarian. He was personally a man of towering intellect and prodigious creativity, an elegant man with a knowing spirit. In 1975 he became Artist-in-Residence to all 21 branches at Penn State, and then Artist-in-Residence to the Hershey Foundation and the Boas Center for Learning in the Harrisburg School District. The LaGrone Cultural Arts Center at Penn State Harrisburg was named after him. LaGrone died in 1995.

All UCH LaGrone Scholars must be graduates of the Harrisburg School District. The LaGrone Scholarship is the largest of any local scholarship available to graduates of the Harrisburg School District. Over \$80,000 has been disbursed since 1992.

Submitted by Margaret Carrow

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Submitted by Bart Carpenter



With the rise in house foreclosures, beloved pets often find themselves left behind in shelters. Consider inviting a new furry friend into your home - particularly a senior animal. If you can't adopt, try to send an extra donation to your local shelter.

Submitted by May Dooley

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- ♦ **emailed to:** dellahoke@yahoo.com. *Please note that there will be a return reply acknowledgement - if you do not receive an acknowledgement within 24 hours, please call Della!*
- ♦ **or** dropped off in *The REPORTER* mail slot at the Church by 2:00 PM;
- ♦ **Call** Della at 737-9251 with questions, please, no calls after 9:00 PM.