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March Services		
7	9:30 & 11:00	Social Insecurity
14	9:30	at Clover Lane: Second Sunday Forum
	11:00	at 1508 Market Street: Music for the Soul: Lets Fall in Love!
21	9:30 & 11:00	Was Isaiah a Socialist?
28	9:30 & 11:00	Lyrics to Live By

From Your Minister

*The Reverend
Howard N. Dana*

This month I would like to tell you about my recent experience with one of the most exciting churches within the UUA. I spent four days with 20 other colleagues at All Souls Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma as part of a continuing education program I have been part of.

All Souls Church is much larger than UCH, but we are doing many of the same things that make it a success.

All Souls values children and youth. They have clean, safe, attractive classrooms for children and youth of all ages. Their youth room is one of the most attractive spaces in the whole church. They include children and youth in their worship life. Like us, they are growing rapidly with young families. Like us, they understand that they are raising the next generation of UUs.

All Souls takes worship seriously. They have four different services to meet the congregation's needs — Sunday traditional service, Sunday contemporary service, Wednesday evening chapel, and Friday night praise service. The sanctuary is full twice each Sunday. Three choirs serve many of the congregation's music needs. Like us, All Souls takes its spiritual life seriously.

All Souls gives back to the community. They give away the cash portion of their offering each week to a different organization. A committee chooses the recipients. These offerings allow the church to give away hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The wider community knows and needs this church. Like us, All Souls is generous. Like us, it lives its abundance.

All Souls speaks up on important issues. The senior minister is well known in the community and he leads the church to stand up for its values. The church is active in interfaith work. It has a voice in the wider religious community. Like us, All Souls is an important player in the wider political

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EVERYTHING You Wanted To Know About UCH Finances, But Were Afraid To Ask

by Tom Winner, Church Treasurer

In an effort to keep members and friends better informed of how we are doing in the support of the mission of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, I have decided to start a Treasurer's Commentary. It will be included in the weekly reminders, *The REPORTER*, the UCH website, and any other UCH communications requested by the congregation.

I will talk about the \$300,000 loan on the Clover Lane property that was used to purchase and improve the Market Street property, including a tally of the improvements. I will explain monthly variances to our finances. I

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The REPORTER is Going Green!

This is the last issue of the newsletter that will be automatically mailed. The April issue will be posted online only.

Copies will be mailed to those without email or internet connection and to those that request paper copies. Of course, there will be copies available to guests and visitors at Church.

Contact Sandy in the Church Office to request mailed copies.

*Della Hoke-Uvick
Editor*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yoga 6:30 pm Hellmann COUCH 7 PM	2 Mindfulness Meditation Group 7 PM Helping Women in Prison 7:30 PM	3 QueenSpirit Potluck/Circle 6 PM AI-ANON 6 pm Community Cmte 7 pm	4 Tyger COUCH 9:30 AM Unisingers 7 pm	5 UCH Playgroup 9:30 AM	6
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Directory Updates

Reserved for Members of UCH

JOYS & CONCERNS

Reserved for Members of UCH



"Cooking for UUs" cookbooks are available

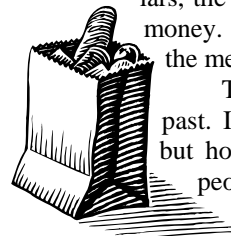
To get your copy,
look for Karen Sykes & Joyce Hoskins at UCH,
or put your information on the sign-up sheet
in the Common Room and we'll see you. The
price is \$15.00 a copy
or two for \$25.00.

FOOD PANTRY

What a winter! Many of the people who come to the Food Pantry for food are unemployed, and the rest are under-employed. Most don't get paid for a "snow day." If they can't get to work in the snow, or their employment is closed for the day, they don't get a penny for that day.

School-aged kids get free lunch if their family's income is low enough, and some get breakfast that way too. But on a snow day, they don't have that. They go hungry, and they may be cold also since heat costs a lot of money.

Please, please, please, remember to donate to our food ministry. If you don't remember to bring food, you can donate money. Don't be embarrassed to write a small check -- if 100 people write a check for a couple of dollars, the Pantry can buy a lot of food with that money. Just be sure to write "Food Pantry" in the memo line of your check.



Thanks for all you have given in the past. I wish I could stop begging for food, but how can I as long as there are hungry people?

submitted by Nathalie Hoke

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From Your Minister

Rev. Howard N. Dana

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and religious world. Like us, its community needs it.

All Souls trusts its leadership. The church's three ministers and its staff operate well with Policy Governance. Its Board finds meaningful work in providing long-range leadership to the congregation. Its Senior Minister enjoys the trust and love of the congregation. All leaders assume good intentions of one another. Like us, All Souls is well led by capable people.

All Souls takes risks. A year ago the church absorbed an African American Pentecostal church that had become Universalist in its theology. Over 100 black Christians joined All Souls at once and began to be welcomed into the congregation. Four of the black church's staff joined the All Souls staff. While there have been disagreements in the All Souls congregation relating to worship style, member integration, and long range vision, it remains committed to becoming a multi-racial congregation — "One congregation, many expressions." Like us, All Souls seized a great opportunity and made a commitment to see it through. Like us, they are a brave, visionary people. Like us, they are truly living out Unitarian Universalism in the world.

There are a hundred more ways that UCH is on the road to becoming like All Souls Church in Tulsa. We are lucky to have them as an example. We are well equipped for the work ahead. See you in church.

Love, Howard

Notes from the NOMINATING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- John Quincy Adams defended it!
- Harrisburg's Lavinia Lloyd Dock went to jail for it!
- Rosa Parks passed a test to do it!
- You just have to show up on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 12:30 PM at 1280 Clover Lane.

What am I referring to? Our precious right to vote. Democratic decision-making is one of our honored Seven Principles. Unitarian Universalists exercise that principle in a number of ways. One of the most important means of participating in decision-making is by attending and voting at our annual Congregational Meeting. At our congregation's Annual Meeting, members have the opportunity to vote on an annual budget and elect members to UCH's Board of Trustees. This is your chance to decide who will lead our church and how our hard-earned pledge money will be spent.

Throughout history, many Americans have been denied the precious right to vote. In the colonial period, only wealthy white men could vote. Most ordinary white men could not vote until the 1840s, and black men were kept from voting even after the 15th Amendment enfranchised them. Women of all races could not vote nationally until 1920. Adults under the age of 21 voted for the first time in 1972. As UUs, we are fortunate because all members in good standing can vote.

Unitarian Universalists from all eras of history have affirmed the rights of humans to participate in the decisions that concern them. In 1836, Unitarian Congressman John Quincy Adams said the following in defense of women who'd presented Congress with an anti-slavery petition, "Are women to have no opinions on subjects relating to the general welfare?" Do you have an opinion on the welfare of this church? Then please attend the Congregational Meeting!

Coming Next Month: How my brother said a swear word on the radio, and got away with it, and what this has to do with UCH.

Submitted by Susan Rimby

Alcoholism/Addiction Recovery Ministry

In the February issue of *The REPORTER*, Reverend Howard Dana announced that UCH is one of four churches in our denomination to earn the distinction of a "breakthrough congregation." In addition to the list of qualities listed by Rev. Dana which are evident in a breakthrough congregation, he also says this distinction means "we are doing new and daring things." We in the AARM are striving to be part of these efforts. Denominationally speaking, addressing addiction issues is still relatively recent, especially on the East Coast. UCH is one of only three congregations in the Joseph Priestly District that have a lay-led effort to focus on addiction. Following is a listing of upcoming events involving our ministry - we hope to see you at them.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



I put my hand in yours and together we can do what we could not do alone.

by the accounting firm of Dewy, Cheatum and Howe - just kidding. Our lay-led ministry is crunching the numbers and will publicize the results soon - stay tuned.

o April 11, 9:30 AM at Clover Lane: Our own Susan Jones-Sink will speak about addiction at the Second Sunday Forum.

o April 16 & 17 Clarion Hotel Park Ridge, King of Prussia, PA: The AARM ministry will have an exhibit table at the Joseph Priestly District 2010 Spring Conference.

o August 28 & 29: We will be hosting the Alcoholism & Addiction Awareness, Prevention and Recovery Fair at Clover Lane. This will be a regional event that is open to the public.

Thanks to all of you who completed our congregational survey regarding alcoholism and other addiction issues. The results are currently being tabulated

Submitted by Maria Gregg

Treasurer's Commentary

1st installment: Building costs for the Market Street Campus

Between 2/20/2009 and 6/30/2009, the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg spent \$18,260.57 to acquire and fix up the Market Street property.

The costs included:

Inspections & legal fees to acquire the property	-	\$2,060.00
Down payment	-	\$5,550.00
Roof repairs (Costs over the \$50,000 that Shared Ministry paid)	-	\$9,084.14
Misc. Repairs (painting, leaky plumbing, etc.)	-	\$1,566.43

Most of the miscellaneous repairs were performed by UCH volunteers.

On July 24, 2009, the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg secured a \$300,000 loan on the Clover Lane property from M&T Bank and bought the Market Street property. During this church year, that started 7/1/2009, we have made numerous "capital repairs" to protect our investment. The following list summarizes how the loan was used:

Purchase of Market Street property	-	\$110,690.81
Misc. Repairs (painting, leaky plumbing, ceiling, etc.)	-	\$1,133.16
Most of the miscellaneous repairs were performed by UCH volunteers.		
Carpeting (High School room)	-	\$589.00
Replace outside doors (side & back) (security need)	-	\$4,932.50
Replace locks & upgrade security	-	\$1,496.40
Repair, clean & stabilize parapets, roof and outside masonry.	-	\$45,209.26
Upgrade Sound system	-	\$13,240.27
Upgrade phone system	-	\$1,449.50
Replace windows in RE building, remove outside metal stairway, upgrade bathrooms.	-	\$23,901.00
Upgrade heating system	-	\$2,015.00
Repair stained glass (at least two sections were close to collapse), paint frames, install protective covering, create & install Chalice over chancel.	-	\$49,235.00

We presently have \$272,152.47 invested in the Market Street property. There is \$46,108.10 remaining from the original loan. In addition, the JPD Chalice Lighters program granted the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg \$20,000 to make capital improvements at Market Street. Improvements are "in progress" or "scheduled" that will exhaust the \$66,108.10 (remainder of loan & JPD grant). When complete, the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg will have \$338,260.57 invested in the Market Street campus.

In addition to the purchase and capital repairs at Market Street, we have spent \$15,293.33 of a budgeted \$30,000 on Operating expenses since 7/1/2009. Operating Expenses include:

- Custodial services
- Heating fuel
- Grounds care (mowing & snow removal)
- Custodial supplies
- Telephone/internet
- Maintenance services (includes thorough cleaning of the buildings)
- Maintenance supplies
- Refuse/water/sewer
- Security monitoring
- Gas
- Electricity

I will update this report when the remaining \$66,108.10 has been spent. That report will inform you what projects were completed at Market Street.

Financially yours,
Tom Winner

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know...

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will also post that report on the "members only" section of our website. I will explain the difference between Market Street Operating Expenses and Market Street Building Expenses (Capital Improvements). I will explain why pledging is better for the UCH rather than just writing a check from time to time. I will talk about our efforts to make contributing to the church easier, including EFT (electronic fund transfers), credit cards, auto pay, etc.

In addition, I am working to ensure that the monthly Financial Statements are posted immediately after the Finance Committee meeting on the "members only" section of our website. Also, Howard and I hope to start forums for those of you who would like to learn more about UCH finances.

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg (both the Clover Lane and Market Street campuses) belongs to us. Your support allows our mission to be successful. If you have any questions about our finances, please contact me, the Finance Committee or Howard. Your questions will be answered during the forum or by the Treasurer's commentary.

Financially yours,
Tom Winner



Suzanne's Corner

From April 16th to the 17th I will be in King of Prussia, attending the JPD Spring Conference. The theme this year is: *Redefining 'The Good Life': Faith & Values for a Sustainable Future*. I am hoping to entice some of you to join me!

Each year, delegates and guests from the sixty-seven Unitarian Universalist congregations that make up the Joseph Priestly District come together for two days, to mix and mingle and meet folks from many other congregations as well as to teach and learn from each other. This year, the festivities begin early Friday evening with the opening worship and banner parade and conclude on Saturday at 6 PM with a Celebration service and Bridging Ceremony.

The 24 hours in between are packed with great programming including lots of workshops to choose from, the Keynote Address by the Rev. Dr. Michael Schuler and a Coffee House featuring Grammy-nominated Rev. Dan Schatz! And of course there will be a little time to conduct the District's business at the Annual Business meeting. There is also an Exhibit Hall with various exhibitors and a bookstore for your browsing pleasure. There is also programming available for children and youth.

There are some great workshops being offered, many that are on topics pertinent to us here at UCH. The workshops are on an amazing array of topics, including but not limited to: sustainability and interconnection; development of lay leaders; sustainable stewardship; public advocacy and witness; developing a culture that welcomes diversity and the future of UUism, to name just a few. The more UCH folks we have at different workshops the more wisdom we can bring back to assist in doing good works here at our congregation.

The registration fee is reduced from last year, it is only \$125 (through 3/26/10) for all programming including Saturday lunch. The hotel cost has also been reduced from last year, rooms can be had at the group rate for under \$100! You can attend both days or just come for the day on Saturday, but please do consider joining Howard and me at this year's District Meeting. For complete information, registration and hotel info, please see the Spring Conference brochure at:

http://jpd.uua.org/media/2010%20JPD%20Spring%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf?wb_session_id=da6f76fbace692f93a970d3d261e0929

And while I'm at it...I would like you to consider coming to our denomination-wide General Assembly in Minneapolis from June 23 to 27, especially if you have never been to a GA before. It is an amazing five days of learning fellowship and worship that every UU should try to experience at least once. There are always amazing speakers and preachers at this event; this year will feature Winona LaDuke, among others. There are also terrific workshops planned, with many notable workshop leaders such as: Rev. Rebecca Parker, Rev. William Schultz, Rev. William Sinkford and Rev. John Buehrens.

This is the PERFECT year to attend General Assembly, since UCH is being honored as a breakthrough congregation!

Early bird registration for General Assembly opens on March 1, but even more importantly, the housing reservations are available beginning that date as well. Some years the hotels fill up quickly, so I urge you to check out all of the information and registration links here: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/index.shtml>.

If I can answer any questions about the District meeting or General Assembly, or perhaps persuade you to join me, please feel free to call or email me. I really want UCH to have a presence at these very important district and denominational activities. Plus, they are great fun and I want to share that experience with some of you!

*Blessings,
Suzanne*

Green Sanctuary

*Affirming and promoting respect
for the interdependent
web of existence
of which we are a part*



Beginning on Sunday, March 21, Green Sanctuary will offer a workshop on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM for members and friends who are interested in learning about simple, practical ways to walk more lightly on our Earth and to help heal our environment. Currently, we are on an unsustainable course. By sharing what we know, and by supporting and encouraging one another, we can change that. Together, we can create the sustainable world we dream of. We all have things to learn and share. Please join us on March 21 at 10:30 AM in the Fuller Chapel.

If you are unable to attend but are interested in participating in practices of sustainability, please contact me at rachelmark@paonline.com or call 566-6055.

Submitted by Rachel Mark

*We worry about
what a child
will become tomorrow,
yet we forget that
he is someone today.*

Stacia Tauscher



Want to help improve cash flow at UCH?
Want to be even greener & save paper checks?

Contact Alanna Berger at stewardship@harrsburguu.org if you're interested in making your monthly pledge payment electronically.

We're still in the investigation stage, so we need to hear from you what would work best – monthly, weekly, etc.

***Generosity Campaign 2010 –
 Changing the World One Heart at a Time***

It's March, which can mean only one thing to your Stewardship Coordinator – it's time for the Pledge Drive Kick-off Campaign! All year long I dream about this day – the day that every single member of this congregation comes to church on Stewardship Sunday, signs their pledge card for the coming year, and the tally of the pledges is more than 10% above what the projected budget requires.

A girl can dream, can't she?

Actually, we got very close to our goal last year, even though it took me several months to get there, so I don't think this goal is impossible. With everyone in this church acknowledging our spiritual home as their charitable giving priority, I believe this goal is achievable!

So here are the details:

Sunday, March 14th is Music for the Soul at our Market Street campus. Following the 11:00 AM service will be a delicious brunch prepared and served by the Common Ground Café team, with music provided by the tremendously popular Messiah Jazz Combo. You'll hear a few words from our leaders about our vision for the future and an opportunity to have your questions answered. Volunteers will be standing by to accept your pledge card! If Scott Gilbert can borrow a cowbell from WITF, we'll ring it every time someone pledges 5% or more of their income!

It's that simple!

What do you need to do? Look for your Stewardship Packet – you should be receiving it the first week of March. If you don't have it by March 7th, we'll have extra copies in church that Sunday. Then come to church on March 14th at Market Street, satisfy your soul with a musical menu provided by our Unisingers, satisfy your appetite with delicious food from our Common Ground Café, and satisfy your need to give to this community by making your generous pledge to our beloved community!

Alanna Berger

I volunteered to serve at the breakfast because it is an easy way to give back to our community. What surprised me was I came away wanting to do more and excited that our new location was going to afford me that opportunity.

I was also very aware that we must know the needs/culture of our neighbors and be thoughtful in how we do things. Baby steps!

Annette

When we became members of UCH, we felt it was important to participate fully in the mission of the Church. The Market Street church offers many opportunities for a person to do important work. Working on the community breakfasts has given us the opportunity to do good works and more importantly to create relationships with people we would not have had the opportunity to meet. Working with church members, Shared Ministry, and community residents is extremely rewarding. As the church's programs expand for the Market Street church we look forward for more chances to live our faith.

Judy & Larry Linder

Please take a moment to thank this year's hard-working Stewardship Team:

- Bart Carpenter
- Jim Cavenaugh
- Tom Conners
- Donna Hoskins-Helm
- Mary Ann Rhoads
- Ann Sitrin

Spring Regional Middle School Event

- Who : Youth in Grades 6-7-8 are invited to participate! Chaperones are needed, please contact Laura Barta.
- When : Sunday, March 21, 2010. Leave UCH at 9:00 and return at 3:45.
- What : A fun day with other UU youth! Participants will attend the 10:00 worship service, have lunch, play games and enjoy labyrinth activities.
- Where : Carpool to and from York will be arranged.
- How : Information was emailed to registered 6th, 7th and 8th graders and is available at the RGL resource center on the lower level. Questions? Contact Laura Barta at ljbarta@hotmail.com.

Religious Growth & Learning Volunteer Appreciation

The annual RGL Volunteer Appreciation event enjoys a well earned reputation of delicious food in a delightful atmosphere! All of the volunteers who participate in making the children and youth programs and the adult programs possible are invited to attend the celebration on **March 27th at 6:00** in the Priestley Room. Please respond to your e-vite! Childcare and the supervision of older children will be provided upon request. Contact Leslie Collins at mommagic@comcast.net for childcare and questions.

Submitted by Trish Brandon



Mark Your Calendars for Chalice Camp 2010

Chalice Camp 2010 will be held from July 26-30, from 9 AM to 5 PM each day. At Chalice Camp, Unitarian Universalist children immerse themselves in our faith through interactive worship, theatre, swimming, cooperative games, crafts and more. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your children to strengthen their connection to Unitarian Universalism. Registration forms coming soon. Contact Wendy Shaver for more information. 795-9013 or wendy-shaver@verizon.net

Submitted by Wendy Shaver

The Six Components of a Balanced Youth Program

Is Your Church Participation Balanced?

To build strong and complete youth groups, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists across the continent base their programming on the balance of six components. The high schoolers at UCH are no exception. As you learn about these six components, is there one that could use a little boost in your church life?

The "R" in YRUU is for Religious. Youth participate in their own interactive and non-traditional **worship**, as well as participating in multigenerational worship. Youth have just chosen the topic of Spirituality in Music for the theme of Youth Sunday. Come to church on March 28 to enjoy a service created from the spirits and talents of youth.

YRUU provides a place for youth to learn **leadership** skills. Youth serve on church-wide committees. Youth with a passion are able to organize an event to share that passion with their peers. Last month two youth did a fine job of organizing a regional overnight retreat, inviting youth from UCH and other area UU churches.

Multigenerational relationships are fostered in YRUU. Dedicated advisors spend many volunteer hours at youth events, building friendships and sharing their UU spirituality. UCH youth can be found alongside UUs of all ages at many UCH events including serving drinks at the Common Ground Cafe, donating items to the auction, and waving from the Pridefest float.

Youth need lots of time for **community building**, or just plain hanging out. Every year youth have a few just-for-fun events like Hershey Park and Field of Screams. And nothing beats a late-night game of sardines during an overnight. This month youth will enjoy a Spring Equinox hike.

Social action projects allow youth to explore their values and act on them. This summer will be the third annual summer service trip. Youth will spend a week at the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal, a UU volunteer center in New Orleans. Youth will work to rebuild flood-damaged areas. They will also participate in workshops to gain an understanding of the social issues surrounding the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Sunday morning is a time of **learning** together. Youth just completed a program called Freedom and Responsibility in which they learned the "real" truth about drugs. Next month youth will work with Reverend Marsh to learn "How to Talk Like a UU", which will help youth to answer questions from friends or relatives who are curious about the UU faith.

What have you done in the past year that fits in these categories?

Submitted by Wendy Shaver

Respecting Women's Rights as Thinking, Religious People

With special thanks to the Rev. Suzanne M. Marsh and to James Cavanaugh, the Reproductive Rights Lay Led Ministry also thanks donors who recently contributed \$870 to help area women of limited resources pay for reproductive health care they have chosen for themselves.

That the right of women as thinking, religious people to choose abortion in the face of pregnancies that they find problematic must not be abridged on religious grounds was part of the message of the Roe v. Wade commemoration held Sunday, January 24, at the Church. The quotation, "No woman is required to build the world by destroying herself," of Rabbi Moses Sofer, 19th century, headlined printed material distributed at the service.

More than 30 attendees heard Associate Minister Marsh's homily and interfaith perspectives related to a woman's need to manage her reproductive life without interference and laws laid on by antichoice clergy, legislators, and sister citizens. Such interference makes a mockery of religious freedom.

The service featured Buddhist Osho Andrea Minick Rudolph of the Blue Mountain Lotus Society; the Rev. Lloyd Steffen, Lehigh University chaplain and professor of Religion Studies there; and Rabbi Eric Cytryn of Beth El Temple.

Giving remarks on behalf of the Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid-Penn Fund for Choice was Anne Davies Newman, who is also a church member and a member of the Reproductive Rights Lay Led Ministry. Judy Chronister, an escort at a local women's health center, related the published stories of two women who have had abortions and the struggles they faced. Lisa Paige and her daughter Annie Stone provided moving and thoughtful piano and vocal music. The service was organized by James Cavanaugh, a Church leader and volunteer chaplain to women at the Woodside Family Center.

A reception set up by Reproductive Rights Lay Led Ministry members Marilyn McHenry, Margaret Blough and Barb Pearce followed.

For further information on the Reproductive Rights stance of the Unitarian Universalist denomination and this church, contact Barb Pearce, 697-4114 before 9 PM, or Margaret Blough, 652-7633.

Submitted by Barb Pearce

LaGrone Scholarship Benefit

The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee will be sponsoring a matinee theater benefit on April 17, 2010 at the Theatre Harrisburg:

Show - Arsenic and Old Lace

Location - The Krevsky Center - Uptown Harrisburg

Date and Performance Times - Saturday, April 17 at 2:00 PM.

Tickets will be on sale in the Common Room on Sundays after both services in March.

Submitted by Margaret Carrow

QueenSpirit POTLUCK & CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 3

6:00 to 9:00 PM

Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
Common Room and Joseph Priestley Room

- ☞ Bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share
- ☞ Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates

THE MOON: MAGIC AND METEOROLOGY

Since the time of human consciousness, stories of the Moon have impacted the way we think and live. In many cultures the Moon was an aspect of the Great Mother Goddess. As such, She held power over birth, fertility, growth, death and rebirth. It is said the temperature drops at least a touch when the Moon is full. We know that high tide comes with the Full Moon. During this Circle, we will explore the Moon's magic and meteorology.



Circle will be facilitated by Sandy Eckert and her mystery helper.

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

Submitted by Anne Moore

CHILI NIGHTS & HOT TOPICS COMING

The author of the book *The Means of Reproduction: Sex, Power and the Future of the World* is coming to town. Michelle Goldberg, journalist and columnist, will be the featured speaker in March at the sixth annual Chili Nights & Hot Topics being held just up the road.

Members of the Reproductive Rights Lay Led Ministry are helping with the work of putting on the event.

Chili Nights will be held Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn - Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg. The evening benefits Planned Parenthood of Northeast and Mid-Penn's Fund for Choice. Tickets start at \$45 and include a chili buffet, the opportunity to hear Goldberg, and participation in other activities during the evening.

Watch your mail for an invite if you're on the PPNMP's Fund for Choice mailing list. If you're not, then give Barb Pearce a call at 697-4114 before 9 PM or e-mail her at barbpearce@comcast.net for your invitation.

Submitted by Barb Pearce

Music Ministry

March 14, Market Street Messiah College Jazz Combo

We are pleased to welcome the Messiah College Jazz Combo to our "Second Sunday in the City" concert on Sunday, March 14, immediately following morning services. A freewill donation will be taken.

This is the combo's third UCH appearance. They will play during the Pledge Sunday brunch at Market Street.

March 19, Market Street "Bulgarian Blues"

Clover Lane Coffee House goes to Market Street this month with a special "Bulgarian Blues" coffee house featuring local jazz/blues musician Don Johnson and Bulgarian kaval player Valeri Georgiev. The concert is part of a two-day event co-sponsored with the Susquehanna Folk Music Society and funded in part with a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. Dr. Kalin Kirilov, a noted ethnomusicologist, will provide commentary on the music as part of the grant.

This concert focuses on the Don Johnson Project, a quartet of musicians based in Allison Hill, with Valeri as guest artist. A freewill donation will be taken; \$10 suggested.

March 20, Steelton "Battle of the Bands"

As a follow-on event, on Saturday, March 20, the Don Johnson Project goes head-to-head with Lyuti Chushki, a Bulgarian band based in Washington. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. at the St Lawrence Club at 13 Highland Street, Steelton; the two bands will alternate sets throughout the evening. Admission is \$10 at the door.

For booking inquiries please contact
a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com

About Don Johnson: Born in Chesapeake, VA, in 1957, Don Johnson began playing guitar at age six and sang in the gospel choir of his church for many years. He played his first paying gig at age 13 and played with a variety of groups in Virginia and Pennsylvania throughout his teens. Like many men of his generation, he joined the U.S. Army at age 17 in 1974 and served for nine years. While stationed in Germany, he formed a blues band that played to much acclaim at U.S. bases and German night clubs.

After leaving the Army, Don was drawn to the blues scene in Harrisburg, where he has lived most of his post-Army life. He has been a fixture in Harrisburg's Allison Hill community for almost 20 years. He was a regular at the weekly blues jam at the Lochiel Hotel and heavily involved in gospel music and blues. He performed with several Harrisburg-based bands until he formed the Don Johnson Project in 2004. Since 2002, Don has also served as music director of a respected Harrisburg-based men's gospel group, Chosen, which sang at Market Street in January.

About Don Johnson Project: Don Johnson Project is a quartet of blues musicians who offer a wide variety of original music and cover tunes. They are all full-time musicians and well-known in the African-American community as well as across multiple musical environments in Central Pennsylvania. The four musicians are Don Johnson (guitar, vocals), Trixi Greiner (keyboards, vocals and accordion), LeRoy Flowers (bass) and Doug Hoyle (drums). The quartet is a two-time winner (2008 and 2009) of the Blues Society of Central Pennsylvania's competitions for entry into the annual International Blues Challenges (IBC) in Memphis, TN. The IBC hosted 100 blues bands from across the U.S. in this competitive event; thus, the Don Johnson project ranks among the top 100 blues bands in the country. The group has performed at multiple music festivals in Central Pennsylvania; at a recent jazz festival, Don was a key member of Dauphin County All Star Jazz band.

About Valeri Georgiev: Valeri Georgiev was born in Nikopol in northern Bulgaria and has played kaval since his youth. He attended the prestigious Philip Kutev Folk High School of Music in Kotel Bulgaria, studying kaval and Bulgarian folklore. He then completed a degree at the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts in Plovdiv, where he was also a member of Zvezdi na Trakia (Stars of Thrace), one of the most well-known folk orchestras in Plovdiv. After graduation he organized and worked with various ensembles in Russe, North Bulgaria, including the orchestra Horo and the orchestra of the Folk Dance Theater Naiden Kirov. He traveled extensively in the 1990s and performed across Europe; he has also recorded albums with major Bulgarian musicians, including Yanka Rupkina, Kalinka Vulcheva, Kremena Stancheva, Binka Dobрева, Nelina, Gloria, Petar Petrov, Nikolay Vladimirov, Manol Kushlev, Plamen Dimitrov and others. Since emigrating to the U.S. in 2000, he has served as musical director for Lyuti Chushki (based in the Washington, D.C. area) and has taught at multiple music camps on the East Coast and in California. He also teaches kaval for the East European Folklife Center and has trained more than 50 students over the past six years.

About Dr. Kalin Kirilov: Dr. Kalin Kirilov received a B.A in Music Education from the Academy of Music and Dance in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, an M.A in Folklore from the University of Oregon, and a Ph.D in Music Theory from the University of Oregon. His dissertation, Harmony in Bulgarian Music, traces the development of harmonic languages in Bulgarian music starting from the earliest examples of triadic harmonizations and concluding with the incorporation of modern jazz harmony. The harmonic vocabulary of Bulgarian music is based on an amalgam of Middle Eastern makams (modes), microtonal structures, pentatonic scales, diatonic modes, mode mixtures, and major and minor collections.

Dr. Kirilov is currently a member of the music faculty at Towson University, Towson MD. Kalin was born in Bulgaria, and began to sing and play the accordion at the age of four. He has received multiple awards as a performer and singer of Bulgarian music. A master of 11 instruments, Kalin has performed

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extensively in Bulgaria and Western Europe. In 2003 and 2005, he toured the United States with Ivo Papazov, founder of the Balkan jazz style and recipient of the 2005 BBC audience award in the world music category.

About Lyuti Chushki

In the Bulgarian language Lyuti Chushki means "Hot Peppers", and that is the kind of spicy traditional Bulgarian music this band plays. The toe-tapping music, played on traditional instruments from Bulgaria, takes you back to the old country — it is joyful, evocative, compelling and lyrical, in modes and rhythms generally not found in western music.

Lyuti Chushki brings together professional musicians from Bulgaria and American musicians from the Baltimore/Washington area. They have been playing together for festivals, weddings, concerts, and other special events since 1997, all along the East Coast. They have also participated as key supporters in the summer music and dance program founded in Plovdiv in 2005. Band members are Valeri Georgiev (kaval); Tzvety Weiner (vocals); Len Newman (tambura); Varol Saatcioglu (gaida); and Larry Weiner (tupan). Their instruments include kaval (end-blown flute), gaida (bagpipe), gudulka (bowed stringed instrument with resonating strings), tambura (fretted instrument similar to a guitar) and tupan (large drum). All of these serve to accompany the unique Bulgarian vocal style, which has a beauty all its own.

Submitted by Bart Carpenter

Not only must
we be good,
but we must
also be good
for something.

Henry David Thoreau

Moment for Mission

One year ago, Brian began volunteering at Market Street. He showed up on the third Monday in January, noting to himself that it was indeed a good day to begin this work. When he got there, the building was closed for the holiday! He determined then that the next year would be different. Brian and I decided to throw a birthday party for Martin Luther King, Jr. We asked Suzanne to join us and we were going to serve cake, coffee and conversation.

Our neighbor on Market Street, Miss Wanda Chenault, played a huge part in making the morning an actual birthday party. Late Saturday evening we received a call from her and she relayed the following:

- The grocery store at 13th and Market had donated 10 liters of soda.
- Father Kevin at St. Francis of Assisi has said he would send down two cooked turkeys and two pans of tuna macaroni.
- Someone had donated 42 Chicken quarters. Someone had donated 56 hot dogs.
- 10 loaves of bread, 10 packs of hot dogs rolls were donated by the market on 17th Street.
- An Uptown Church was going to pay for the birthday cake (and four other cakes "appeared").
- Checks totaling \$30 had been made out to UCH.
- Naed from the Catholic Worker House had donated 50 lbs of potatoes for potato salad.
- The mini mart on 15th Street had donated six dozen eggs for the potato salad and deviled eggs as well as aluminum pans to cook food in.
- Another neighbor said she'd bring a cooked turkey.
- 100 copies of MLK's *I Have a Dream* speech had been made for distribution.
- Five neighborhood kids have volunteered to be the clean-up committee for the block before the party.
- And the placing of balloons on the shrubbery along Market Street had been threatened.

All that happened and more! People showed up with candy, cranberry sauce, cookies and crock pots of beans and greens. There was a melee with balloons, and decorations were hung inside and out.

Before the food was eaten, Rev. Cash, a retired AME minister gave a welcome and an opening prayer. He told us about losing the sight in his right eye to a high pressure stream of water from a police fire hose when he was targeted at a Peace Rally in Maryland during the Civil Rights Movement. We all sang *America the Beautiful*. MLK's *I Have a Dream* speech was read by men and women in the room. Then Brother Victor brought greetings from the Nation of Islam. He thanked us for opening our doors. Who would have ever thought?! After the meal, Mother Wright, who informed us that she was old enough to be MLK's mother (96), told us all how proud Dr. King would be with this group of people of different races and creeds coming together to continue the dream. Then we all held hands and sang *We Shall Overcome!* I, too, think Dr. King would have approved of this grass roots effort.

Wow! What a morning! We're still floating! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to all of you that showed up and participated in our first MLK Day event at Market Street. Some of you came early and stayed late. Some had multiple obligations and came for a short time. Some came to work. Some came to be in community. Whatever your part in the event, you were very much needed and appreciated. For all of you that missed this event, Miss Wanda has warned me that we'd better gear up for next year because she has a whole year to plan it!



Submitted by Sparkie Radcliffe

Kaleidoscope

Do you have a talent that you'd like to share with your fellow church folk? Is this talent something you can share with people of all ages? If so, the Music Ministry has just the opportunity for you!!

Kaleidoscope – a Celebration of the Lively Arts, will be held on April 30th and May 1st at 7:30 PM at our Clover Lane building. This is an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to share their talents with this church community. Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, actors, comedians, etc. are all welcome.

Do you enjoy hanging out with singers, instrumentalists, dancers, actors, and the like? Can you help with staging or refreshments? If so, the Music Ministry has just the opportunity for you, too!!

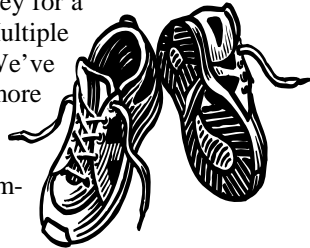
If you'd like to perform in Kaleidoscope, simply contact Sparkie Radcliffe at music@harrisburguu.org or 717-234-0842. She will arrange a time for an audition. If you'd like to help, either backstage or with refreshments or ushering, contact Donna Hoskins Helm at dhoskinshelm@verizon.net or 717-671-0245. Your name will be added to the roster of helpers and you will be contacted closer to the performance dates.

If neither of these opportunities is a fit for you, please be our audience. Without an audience – it's just a rehearsal! Tickets will go on sale on March 28th at coffee hour. Seating is limited each evening. On with the show!

Submitted by Sparkie Radcliffe

MS WALK-A-THON

Do you enjoy walking and raising money for a good cause? Then join the UCH Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk-a-thon Team. We've been walking as a church team for more than 10 years to raise money and awareness for a disease that has touched the lives of many church members and friends.



The walk is Sunday, April 18 starting at 10 AM (rain or shine), and we will be walking 4 miles through the residential streets near Cedar Cliff High School in Camp Hill. The walk is appropriate for folks of all ages and abilities, and dogs are welcome.

We'd love to have you join with us – please contact the Team Captain, Donna Hoskins-Helm at dhoskinshelm@verizon.net or 671-0245 for more information.

Can't walk? You can still support the team by pledging your financial support. Just visit our table during coffee hour starting in mid-March. Through your financial support, every step we take is one step closer to a cure!

Submitted by Donna Hoskins-Helm

Satisfy Your Curiosity!

A lot of work has been done to the physical plant of our Market Street Campus since we bought it on July 24, 2009, and much of it is not readily apparent. If you're interested in learning the details of the renovations and exploring the nooks, crannies, and secret places, and seeing the Hidden Windows, the Room of Mystery, the Harry Potter Room, and the Leprechaun's Lair, please call Brian Kahler at 234-0842 (home) or email him at goatskinboy@comcast.net to schedule a guided tour!

Submitted by Brian Kahler

MINDFULNESS Meditation Group

Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart.

Martin Luther King Jr.

An awareness practice provides ample opportunity to experience an understanding of who we are from a space that has no words. Just a simple felt sense, a knowing from within, from the heart ... Please join us in the Margaret Fuller Chapel Tuesday evenings at 7:00 as we sit together sharing readings, conversation, silence, and those precious moments that are meant to be encountered beyond the framework of words. The March 16th meditation (the third Tuesday) will be held in complete silence. We will also have a special fifth Tuesday of the month event held on March 30th. Please check the Sunday order of service for details.

Please direct questions to Jeanne at 774-1479 or mmg_of_uch@comcast.net

Submitted by Jeanne Shellman

Harrisburg Area Humanists

How Humanism Has Improved Christianity

Monday, March 22, 2010, 7:00-8:30 PM
UCH Sanctuary, Clover Lane

Professor Stephen Cooper

Department of Religion, Franklin and Marshall College

Christianity is practiced much differently in 21st-century America than it was in earlier times. Hear Professor Cooper describe how Christianity gradually included aspects of humanism, as well as modern science, psychology, and sociology, and how they broadened its perspective and softened its message.

Submitted by David Spear



UU's are definitely Standing on the Side of Love in Pennsylvania! As of this writing, UUPLAN liaisons in fifteen congregations have collected 552 valentines for 33 state senators and 556 valentines for 87 representatives. Most of

these were hand-delivered by volunteers from the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg and the UU Congregation of York.

Two of our members spoke at [Sen. Daylin Leach](#)'s press conference – **Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman**, Senior Minister of Main Line Unitarian Church and **Alanna Berger**, UUPLAN Board member and member of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.

One disappointing piece of information we picked up while we were in Harrisburg on Monday is that [Sen. Eichelberger formally introduced his bill \(SB707\)](#) that would **change our constitution to define marriage to be one man and one woman**. Once again, we are on the defensive, since [Sen. Stewart Greenleaf](#) has indicated he will quickly pass this bill out of the Judiciary committee, *probably without a hearing*.

It is crucial that members of our General Assembly hear from as many UU's as possible! Please contact Alanna Berger (alannaberger@comcast.net) to find out how you can help or visit UUPLAN's website at http://www.uuplan.org/current_issues.html#1.

The congregations who have sent in their valentines are:

- BuxMont UU Fellowship
- First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia
- First UU Church of Berks County
- Main Line Unitarian Church
- Unitarian Church of Harrisburg
- UU Church at Washington Crossing
- UU Church of Athens & Sheshequin
- UU Church of Lancaster
- UU Church of Meadville
- UU Church of the Lehigh Valley
- UU Church of the Restoration
- UU Church of the South Hills
- UU Congregation of York
- UU Fellowship of Pottstown
- UU's of Cumberland Valley

Thanks to everyone who is [Standing on the Side of Love!](#)

Submitted by Alanna Berger

Never judge a book by its movie.

J.W. Eagan

Philosophy & Literature Group

Our schedule of books for 2010 is as follows:

- Jan. *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry
- Feb. *The Sunflower* by Simon Weisenthal
- Mar. *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the C.I.A.* by Tim Weiner
- Apr. *Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China* by Leslie Chang
- May *Green, Inc.* by Christine MacDonald
- June *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder
- July *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali
- Aug. *Copenhagen* by Michael Frayn
- Sep. *When Everything Changed* by Gail Collins
- Oct. *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books Not Bombs in Pakistan and Afghanistan* by Greg Mortenson
- Nov. *Poetry Speaks Expanded*
Edited by Elise Paschen & Rebekah Mosby

We continue to meet on the second Sunday of each month, except in May when we move to the third Sunday to avoid Mother's Day. This year there is no presumption that we will meet in private homes. We will meet at Clover Lane Church unless some member chooses (for whatever reason) to invite us to their home. The meeting place and host for each meeting will be publicized in advance of each month's meeting date.

On March 14 we will meet at the home of Don and Linda Brown, 2915 Beverly Road, Camp Hill. If you plan to attend please notify the Browns at dlbr@comcast.net or 731-8755.

For information about the group contact Dick Hoke at rrhoke@aol.com or 737-3973.

submitted by Dick Hoke

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. Giant gift cards earn 10% profit, while Karns and Weis gift cards earn 5% profit.

Cards are mailed on the 1st and 15th 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.

If you would like to participate, simply fill out a form available on the Gift Card bulletin board or call Anne Moore at 877-8576, or e-mail giftcard@harrisburguu.org.

Submitted by Anne Moore

Helping Women in Prison & Their Families

Our Success Story is about Erica Mills, Certified Massage Therapist (CMT). I met Erica at Woodside Family Center (the women's work release center for Dauphin County Prison) back in March 2009, and recall that she liked to think for herself about religion. She was working third shift at the taxi company so we didn't see much of each other. She moved to Promise Place that June, and both Tammy Johnson (Administrator) and Ms. Clemons (House Manager) had smiles in their voices when they told me about her success. She worked two jobs (McDonalds and taxi dispatcher), and got her CMT – and has a job already. She has her own practice at 3814 Walnut Street in Harrisburg, phone 829-8146. She is reunited with her children, and deserves credit for her hard work and perseverance. We can be proud of her as we appreciate her achievements. Asked what she has struggled with on her way, Erica said "Patience. We get so used to instant everything we want our desires immediately – and that isn't the way life works. Promise Place helped me learn patience – I learned to breathe deeply, relax, and know that in due time what I seek will come."

Small Successes Which Continue: The PROGRAM's employment coordinator has assured me that the residents really appreciate having their own copies of the Sunday Patriot-News classified ads, for help in locating a job. So if you can, please bring your copy to church each Sunday and put it in the basket provided. If you'd **really** like to assist this process, talk to Dick Hoke about being part of the rotation that delivers the ads to the Community Center each Sunday after church.

Working Clothes for Working Women keep appearing (because you donate them) in the last alcove near the rest rooms upstairs. We changed the name a while back from Dress For Success, because that organization (which provides brand new suits for women to wear to interviews) was concerned about possible confusion. And our focus is more on everyday clothes a woman at Promise Place or Woodside Family Center can wear to a job at a restaurant or motel or such – slacks and blouses and sweatshirts are much appreciated, as are warm winter outerwear.

Coming Up in March: Please join us at the Steering Committee meeting March 2 (the first Tuesday each month). We'll be talking about our upcoming book discussion group, and follow up on all the continuing efforts at helping women in prison and their families.

Thoughts from Chaplain Jim: As a volunteer lay chaplain at Woodside Family Center, I had an interesting conversation with a Muslim resident recently. She smiled when I greeted her with 'Salaam aleikam,' and asked if I could find her any books or pamphlets for Muslim women. Luckily I met a number of Muslim chaplains (who serve inmates at various PA DOC institutions, including SCI Muncy where women are imprisoned) at last fall's Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains Association conference, and I was able to email a Muslim chaplain at SCI Muncy asking for help. As a Unitarian Universalist I am able to appreciate the importance of the inmate's faith to her, and it is good to be able to help her.

Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

GLBT ADVOCACY

After the presidential election in 2004, Liz Hrenda stood up at our post election potluck and declared that we needed to make marriage equality a priority. Her vision saw us standing in public places in Harrisburg, holding signs in support of marriage equality. Within a few months, members of UCH had created The Freedom to Marry Lay Led Ministry and were holding our first Freedom to Marry Rally.

A few years later, we realized that, in Pennsylvania, there were several other issues that were equally important to our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community – protection from discrimination, hate crimes legislation, and health care to name a few – and we changed the name of the lay led ministry to Rainbow EqUality Advocates.

Two years ago, UU's from all over Pennsylvania created a statewide organization called UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network (UUPLAN) and the primary issue on which they've been working has been GLBT Equality. The Adult RGL Committee is including some wonderful classes in its curriculum on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The Clover Lane Coffeehouse has included some fantastic gay and lesbian performers. As a result, I've taken another look at our lay led ministry, and questioned whether it is still something we need to maintain. Although we used to sponsor concerts, storytellers and education classes, the only other thing we currently do through this LLM – and the one that requires a budget line item – is the Central PA Pride Festival.

I have talked to both Rev. Dana and Tom Winner and would like to make the following proposal:

- o We continue to do our GLBT advocacy work through UUPLAN.
- o Anyone can recommend classes to the Adult RGL committee.
- o Anyone can recommend performing artists to Bart Carpenter for Clover Lane Coffeehouse
- o Tom Winner is creating a budget format that will elevate our community outreach projects, and believes we can put our participation in Central PA PrideFest as a line item under that category.
- o Disband Rainbow EqUality Advocates as a lay led ministry.

This does not mean there may not be opportunities for a similar lay led ministry. If anyone sees a need that is not being met by the above proposal, please contact me and we can investigate options.

Thanks for everything you've done in the past, and thanks for everything you continue to do for GLBTQ equality.

*Submitted by Alanna Berger
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UU – UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS

The UU-United Nations Office Envoy Program

Ever since the founding of the United Nations after World War II, there have been dozens of “non-governmental organizations” (NGO’s) from many countries trying to assist and provide citizen input. In the U.S. the largest NGO is of course, the United Nations Association. But a number of independent peace and social justice groups and religious denominations have also sponsored their separate agencies. The UUA has had a small but very active office in New York working at/with the United Nations for over 50 years. UCH has had our own “UN ambassador,” our congregation’s contact person, all through this period. Older members will recall Milton Adolphus’ many years of loyal efforts in this role, and in recent decades Bob Schell was a persistent devoted advocate. Currently, the title is “UU-UNO Envoy,” and Margaret Carrow has been serving dutifully in this role for several years.

Intergenerational Spring UU-UNO Seminar

A major feature of the UU-UNO Envoy Program is the exciting and educational Intergenerational Spring Seminar at the United Nations. Each year, a primary focus of Margaret’s activities has been helping to arrange for several young people from UCH to attend, and sometimes to accompany them. Every April, youth and adults from around the United States and Canada gather in New York City for this purpose. All participants gain a deep understanding on a topic of global concern and have a lot of fun in the wonderful intergeneration environment. During these four days approximately 75 youth and advisors stay at one of our Manhattan based UU congregations, learning, making friends, having fun, and mobilizing. Not only do youth attend the conference but many also take on important leadership roles in its planning and execution.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2010 INTERGENERATIONAL SPRING SEMINAR IN NEW YORK CITY AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS APRIL 8 TO 10 (Youth arrive April 7). Some scholarships are available to those in need. Contact Kathy Marlarich, chair of the RGL Committee, or Wendy Shaver, Youth Advisor. For more information about what actually happens at the seminar, contact Margaret Carrow.

A Theater Benefit for the Church *A View From the Bridge*

Want to see a timely play by Arthur Miller, who wrote *Death of a Salesman*? The director is our own Life Member Dick Anliot at the Little Theater of Mechanicsburg on Monday, March 22 at 7:30 PM. This is a fundraiser for our Church; tickets are \$20 for all ages and will be sold during coffee hours.

Currently being revived on Broadway, the play takes place in Brooklyn, where a lecherous “uncle” is obsessed with his household’s innocent, maturing “daughter”. Enter male relations from their poor homeland – including a handsome male teenager. Love blooms, the uncle’s jealousy leads to betrayal of his guests as illegal immigrants to deport. One of Arthur Miller’s most powerful dramas about a current unresolved national issue.

Submitted by Dick Anliot

Other UU-UNO Activities

A wide range of UN programs and activities are followed and influenced by our UU-UNO. In particular, LGBT concerns have consistently been addressed by reminders and appeals to UU congregations to write letters on these issues. During February the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights was urged to intervene to support LGBT organizations working in Iraq, where these groups have been severely harassed. Also, representatives of the UU-UNO LGBT Program have gone to Uganda to stand with the UU’s of Kampala to protest a proposed Ugandan law. If enacted, this law would have (among other severe repressions) broadened the criminalization of homosexuality by introducing the death penalty for those who are HIV-positive and others who are engaged in same-sex relations. By actively opposing this law, these courageous Uganda UU’s are risking arrest and future prosecution. International pressure helps to avert such outcomes.

Follow these events on twitter@uu_uno or on our blog at <http://uu-uno-lgbt.blogspot.com/>, or address postal inquiries to: Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, 777 United Nations Plaza, Suite 7G, New York, NY 10017.

Submitted by Dick Hoke

December 17, 2009

Dear Rev. Dana:



Thank you again for the Unitarian Church’s generous contribution to the Client Assistance Programs of AIDS Community Alliance. Over the last few months, the funds donated by your congregation have made a significant impact upon the lives of individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS in South Central Pennsylvania. This week, the final client assistance application drawing upon the Church’s contribution was approved and the check issued to assist a family in the region with help toward their housing and utility expenses.

Since September, the contribution made by the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg has assisted twelve households impacted by HIV/AIDS. Families and individuals in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon Counties directly benefited from the Church’s generous gift.

Again, thank you for your kind support of the programs and services of AIDS Community Alliance.

We wish you, and the members of your congregation, all the best this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Philip K. Goropoulos
President/CEO

Eva O’diam
Housing Service Coordinator

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**Wondering if a Church service or event has been delayed
or cancelled due to the weather?**

When inclement weather is expected, call the Church at 564-4761 for any special announcements regarding delays or cancellations of services or events or tune in to one of the following stations.

Television: FOX43, CBS21, CW15, WITF

Websites: abc27.com, fox43.com, cbs21.com, cw15.com, WITF.org

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