

Il voce del cantante...the voice of the singers

While David is on sabbatical, this column is written by Unisingers.

Since 1991, I have blocked off Thursday nights on my calendar (now my PDA) for UNISINGERS. If any Thursday evening event conflicts with practice, I simply say no.

I am not a gifted musician but have loved to sing since grade school. Singing **low** bass in the UNISINGERS brings joy and a special dimension to my singing. There is an emotional peak when I've learned my part well and I am contributing to a beautiful blend of sounds especially if I'm hitting a low F and the sopranos are dancing way above me.

Larry Beyer
16 yrs participation

The Unisingers are a closely bonded group for we share special joys – the inner harmony that comes from working hard to create something greater than ourselves, the exhilaration of performance, the knowledge that through our music we can help others to feel life more deeply.

Mary Houts
9 yrs participation

When I joined the Unisingers this past spring I expected to meet some talented singers that would show up for Thursday evening rehearsals and sing at Sunday morning services and I hoped that I would be able to add something to them. What I didn't expect was that the

Unisingers are more than just a bunch of wonderful singers (and trust me, they are truly wonderful singers). When I saw how many Unisingers showed up for the Voices United concert and to march with the Flaming Chalices Band and the Silent Witnesses in the Harrisburg Pride parade I realized that I had become a part of a very unique group of caring individuals with a passion for the church and the Unitarian beliefs. Being a part of this group has instilled in me a deeper sense of commitment to the Unitarian church and I am proud that I can be counted among their numbers. Namaste.

Gary Fey
6 mnths participation

Carpenter remodels!

The Clover Lane Coffee House is under new management. Bart Carpenter has a wealth of knowledge in folk music, world music and dance. He is very active with the Susquehanna Folk Music Society and has agreed to manage Clover Lane Coffee House this season. Helping Bart, is Lew Maurer. Lew will be the house manager and will be looking for volunteers to help.

The coffee house will be held the third Friday of each month, September through April, at 8 pm, at the church. Complimentary tea and coffee will be served, as well as yummy snacks available for a donation.

If you would like to help make this season a success, please contact Lew at weegy@comcast.net or 566-8927, or Bart at carpentr@paonline.com or 234-3844.

They are looking for help with refreshments, set-up and artistic suggestions.

Details for the Sept. coffee house and a special concert are included in this publication. Watch for details of each subsequent coffee house in future *qUarter Notes*, and in the monthly *Reporter*.

Tone Chime Choir
InforMation and
Registration Night
Wednesday,
September 12th
from 7-8 pm
at the church
more info:
Call Jim Haines


Family Choir
 Information
 and
 Registration Night
 Wednesday
 September 5th
 from 7-8 pm
 at the church
 more info: Call
 Sparkie


MUSIC MINISTRY MISSION

The Music Ministry of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg seeks to engage heart and mind in a spiritual connection through music. The Music Ministry encourages growth through creative expression and enables persons to participate in church in a different way. The Music Ministry provides music that builds community, promotes healing, facilitates outreach, creates sacred space and enhances religious education.

Take Note

In June, I had the opportunity to attend General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. There were wonderful worship services, some very thought-provoking workshops, and I got a chance to see a part of this country I've never seen. I now know why Howard fell in love with Portland.

July was so much fun! Our lay-led summer service series was incredible and Pride weekend will stay in my heart for a



very long time.

In August, Jim and I attended the UU Musicians Network (UUMN) conference in Clearwater, FL. We had the privilege of singing with over 200 UU musicians and engaging in lively discussions about UU worship and the role music plays in social justice work. This is my first year as a candidate in the UUMN certification program. I am struggling to find a way to do the work involved in that program along with fulfilling my responsibilities to all of you and having enough time left over for my family and me.

As summer comes to an end, I eagerly await the start of a new church year. Traveling and learning are wonderful things, but nothing can compare to being home in this beloved community. I look forward to trying some new musical things as well as settling into some favorite routines.

I have the best job in the whole world! I love making music with all of you.

In harmony,

Sparkie

Calendar of Musical Events

Worship services at UCH are held every Sunday at 9:15 and 11 am.

Unisingers rehearse every Thursday, 7:00 to 9 pm at UCH.

Date	Time	Event	More Info
9/21/07	8 pm	Clover Lane Coffee House, UCH Judy Marti: Certified Naturally Grown Music	www.braodvalleyorchard.com
9/28/07	8 pm	Concert: Eastern Blok, UCH	www.easternblok.net
10/19/07	8 pm	Clover Lane Coffee House, UCH	www.harrisburguu.org
11/16/07	8 pm	Clover Lane Coffee House, UCH	www.harrisburguu.org

Music, speak to me now!

Would you like to attend an evening of singing the songs in our two songbooks? Would you like your questions answered and learn “just the basics” about music, i.e., what does *ff* mean, or *pp*? What’s a flat, other than a tire?

Would you like to know that a cadenza is not in your dining room, a canon is not a military weapon, a fifth is not a bottle of whiskey, polyphony is not the marriage of many fakes, and counterpoint is not needlework?

If so, join Sparkie on Tuesday, September 25th or Wednesday, September 26th, from 7-9 pm, in the Joseph Priestley Room. She may not have ALL the answers, but you will learn to sing some songs with confidence! (and you will have a great time!) No experience necessary, in fact, no experience preferred!

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PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Mark your calendars now for the ***Holiday Concert***. The dates are Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 at 7 pm, at the church. Participants will include the Unisingers, the orchestra, the family choir and the tone chime choir!

While you have your calendar open to December, please mark Saturday, December 1st as ***Deck the Halls*** at UCH. We will share a meal, make ornaments, sing a carol or two and decorate the church. More details to follow in the Reporter.

Plans are being made for another ***percussion workshop***. Last year's gathering, led by JD Stillwater, was

a huge success and many people asked for a repeat. Details in the next *qUarter Notes*.

The ***UCH Orchestra*** has a chair for you!. The orchestra performs a couple of times each year and rehearsals are scheduled prior to each performance. If you would like to play in this non-audition orchestra, or want more details, please contact Jim Haines.

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