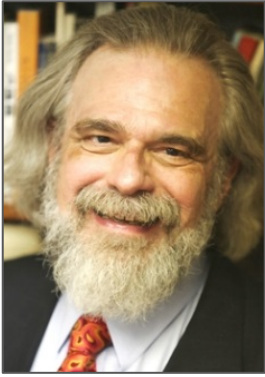




From the Minister



The Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson is serving as UCH Minister 2018-21.

This is how I concluded my column in June 2019 issues of The Reporter:

When I return to the pulpit for the Ingathering Service on August 25, we will launch into our second year together.

And what a year it will be!

And what a year it has been!

We consolidated activities at Clover Lane and continued to engage in ministry in the city. People who felt attached to one building or the other came together as one congregation. Sara Palmer, the long-time Director of Religious Exploration (DRE) resigned over the summer and Religious Exploration (RE) Committee chair Amy Firestine stepped in as acting DRE. A search committee identified a new director through a national search. We welcomed first-time visitors more Sundays than not. A significant number signed the membership book, and it became clear that the church could grow again and was beginning to do so. There were many successful lay-led events that built and sustained fellowship. The board appointed a ministerial search committee. Church members developed a statement of Mission, which was adopted at the congregational meeting on May 17, 2020.

But the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted activities, and we have not had in-person worship services or meetings since March 8. There was no service on March 15. On March 22, we shifted to on-line prerecorded worship followed by a live coffee hour. Meetings and classes have moved on line. Religious exploration for all ages continues. The transition was not seamless, but UCH is now functioning as a virtual congregation.

None of us wanted to make such a move. But we had to. It is a testament to the strength of the church, the hard work of the staff, the devotion of the leadership, and the loyalty of the membership that we made the transition together. None of us wants virtual church to be our modus operandi forever, but it will have to be for a long enough period to ensure the safest possible reopening. A message from Susan Frederick-Gray, the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), urged congregations to be prepared to worship remotely through May 2021. This is good advice. The health and safety of the members, friends, and neighbors of the church must be our top priority as we proceed.

But that does not mean the church is standing still. On July 1, the new director of religious exploration, Correna Ness, will begin her service. She has already moved to the area and participated in virtual meetings. I have faith in Cory and the RE Committee to lead the program UCH needs in the circumstances we face.

UCH as a church will move forward. I am confident that you will not be paralyzed by fear, but will move with care and a healthy respect for the difficulties ahead.

And I will be there with you. *Rev. Tony Johnson*

Worship Services

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Date	In the Pulpit	Title
7-Jun	Jim Cavanaugh	Judge Not: Our First Principle Is for Every Body
14-Jun	Rev. Johnson	Flower Festival: A UU Communion
21-Jun	JD Stillwater	A New Way
28-Jun	General Assembly	Shared Celebration

Each Sunday morning, the church will email:

- 📧 A link to the components for the Sunday service
- 📧 A link to Zoom session for 11:30 coffee and conversation

Check-in with Rev. Johnson

Rev. Johnson is scheduling times when you can reach him by Zoom, without an appointment, to check in, talk about your concerns, and stay connected. These virtual office hours will be on [Wednesday](#) from 11:00 a.m. to noon and [Thursday](#) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No office hours during General Assembly (June 24-28) Rev. Johnson is also available by phone at 717-564-4761.

The Mission of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg

Adopted by the Membership, May 17, 2020

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg is an inclusive community of faith committed to welcoming and nurturing all with dignity and respect. We make a difference by encouraging lifelong spiritual exploration, equipping individuals for service, and empowering them to act for justice in the world.

President's Message



By David Spear, President, Board of Trustees

I recently watched a documentary about the development of the polio vaccine in the early 1950s. I knew that Jonas Salk had led its development, but I am too young to have any memory of life before polio was brought under control.

Throughout the 1930s and 1940s, polio would break out in clusters every summer in cities and towns across America. It mostly affected children, infecting thousands and killing hundreds every year. It brought terror into the hearts of parents around the country.

Amazingly, no one at the time completely understood how it was transmitted. It appeared mysteriously, did its harm, and vanished at the end of the summer. No one could predict when and where an outbreak would occur or who would be affected. The documentary reminded me that our pandemic is not the first in human history, and that we are not the first to suffer their miseries.

Our current pandemic has some similarities with these polio outbreaks, but we are in many ways more fortunate than previous generations. Medical knowledge has made astonishing advances, and we largely know how the coronavirus is spread. We know the basic steps to lower our risk of infection. We have better treatments that can stabilize a person's health while the body fights off the infection. We have better programs to support individuals and businesses as we weather this storm.

We also have better ways of remaining socially connected, even when we are physically distant. We have the miracles of the internet, email, texting, and even video conversations. There are also television and movies to keep us distracted, entertained, and even informed. I am grateful for all of these.

Despite the virus, we held two Congregational Meetings in May, voting in favor of five separate items. Please see the separate article for an overview. Thanks to the nearly 100 members who attended each meeting.

Congratulations to Mary Lynn Fecile, Justin Sciamanna, and Jessica Chuckalovcak, who were elected to the Board of Trustees. Congratulations also to Patti Hazell and Ed Sykes, who were re-elected to another term.

Our Stewardship Campaign continues, as we make plans for our next fiscal year, which begins on July 1. As of press time, we had received 80 pledges for a total of \$237,745. This represents about 67% of households and 71% of our goal of \$335,000. If you have not done so already, please submit your pledge card to help us plan our budget.

You also approved the new Church Mission, which you developed over the past year, and it's a good one. It is clear and establishes who we are and what we want to do. It will help us as we prepare budgets, develop programming, and choose activities. It should underlie everything that we do.

The Mission is also a great tool for the Ministerial Search Committee, helping them to search for candidates who can help us fulfill our mission. It will also help prospective candidates, as they determine which congregation would be a good fit for them.

I will probably still curse the virus every day, but I remain grateful that I have the tools to remain connected to my various circles, especially this church. It literally gives me joy to see our congregation continue its work, even as we are confined at home and separated from each other. Good work is being done by the church and for the church, and it will continue, virus or no virus.

David Spear

Re-Opening Clover Lane

As America grapples with how to relax our physical distancing and reopen our society, many have been wondering what this means for our church congregation. Your board, your minister, and other leaders have been following the situation closely. We have seen guidance from the UUA, our Governor, and our Secretary of Health, and all of it indicates that we are not ready to open yet. It may be several months before that time arrives.

We have already seen a few churches around the country hold services prematurely, often leading to coronavirus outbreaks. Choir practices and social times seem to be especially problematic, because that is when we sing and talk and share our germs with others. We cannot risk this in our church. We will need to have a churchwide discussion before we can reopen. We will need to make sure that people feel safe to attend. We will need to have procedures in place to avoid spreading germs. And the building will need a good scrubbing.

Until we can reopen, please keep yourself connected and keep our church community strong. Continue to watch our Sunday services online. Join our online coffee hour. Join our online events. Call your friends. Write letters to others. Create online events.

We long to be together again. Let us keep strong as individuals and as a community until that time arrives.

—Submitted by David Spear and Rev. Johnson

Sunday Worship

2020 has presented us, as humans, and us, your Worship Team, with a whole host of new challenges, concerns, hurdles, and, yet, opportunities. Beginning in mid-March, at the onset of the implementation of COVID-19 protection protocols that rightfully prevented us from gathering, the Worship Team held several additional meetings (via Zoom). With the help of talented and tech-savvy staff and congregational members Kel Kyle and Bill Brown, we developed a plan to create and release pre-recorded services to the congregation each Sunday morning. Kel, Bill, Yvonne, and Rev. Johnson, along with other lay leaders, record, and compile pieces of the service every week through a process that we are continuing to refine as we enhance our cinematic capabilities. This process is fast with necessarily firm deadlines to make sure everything can be pulled together in advance of Sunday morning. UCH staff and members have shown an astonishing breadth of talent, creativity, adaptability, compassion, patience, gratitude, and grace. UCH is full of people who rise to the occasion and lift others up along the way.

Currently we are planning to pre-record services through June in the same manner that we have been since March. We are in discussion about what the remaining months of the summer (and going forward) may look like. The type of video services/online worship is currently in the planning and discussion phase. If you are interested in attending a Zoom Worship Team meeting, we meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please send an email to Worship@harrisburguu.org, and one of us will forward you the Zoom link. Worship Team intends to provide regular updates throughout the summer as plans are developed and refined.

We do not yet have plans to come back together in worship at Clover Lane (page 2). The Worship Team will continue to work closely with Reverend Johnson and all those who help create our Sunday services to cultivate and reaffirm this UCH community. We will also continue to follow the guidance of Gov. Wolf and Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine to determine when we can safely congregate in person once again.

Our theme for summer 2020 is *Building a New Way*. As we typically do, summer services will feature guest speakers, relaying their experience of the theme. Building a new way, indeed, is what we will be doing, both as a church community and as human community. May we move forward in all we do with patience and love, understanding that we are part of the UCH community no matter from where we are experiencing services or where we are expressing our UU values. We are the church. UCH resides in all of us. May we keep our personal chalices lit to guide our way through this time together in spirit, if not in body.

— Submitted by Laura Edinger

2020 Annual Meeting(s)

UCH conducted two congregational meetings this month, both via Zoom. Thanks to all who participated.

May 17: The congregation voted in favor of three motions:

- 👉 Elected the following people to the Board of Trustees:
 - ✓ Mary Lynn Fecile (three-year term)
 - ✓ Justin Sciamanna (two-year term)
 - ✓ Jessica Chuckalovcak (one-year term)
- 👉 Re-elected the following individuals to a three-year term:
 - ✓ Patti Hazell
 - ✓ Ed Sykes
- 👉 Conditionally approved the budget for 2020-2021. We will approve a final version within four months, when we have finished the pledge cycle and confirm the logistics of the loan forgiveness for the Paycheck Protection Program.
- 👉 Approved the Mission for our congregation (page 1)

May 31: The congregation took the following actions:

- 👉 Commissioned the members of the Search Committee: Jane Bechtel, Marsha Dulaney, Chris Dutton, Laura Edinger, Bridgette Parker, Dan Vaughn, and Emily Webb
- 👉 Voted to ordain Robin Stillwater. Robin is the daughter of JD and Ann Stillwater and a member of the congregation. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Davis & Elkins College and her Master's degree from Union Theological Seminary.

— Submitted by David Spear

Panache to UU: Tired of the Same Old, “What’s for Dinner?”

In years past, Panache was a summer fundraiser to support the mission of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. Until we can all be together again hosting events, we have decided to put a new twist on a wonderful tradition. With your support, we take the worry out of planning at least one meal for a UCH family. Sounds good, right?

Panache 2020

Flamboyance, Flair and Flavor



We are looking for volunteers to make a favorite recipe/meal (to feed a minimum of 4 people) and deliver the meal to a fellow member of our community, all for a minimum donation of \$40 to UCH from that family--just like takeout but homemade. Yum!

Please contact [Patti Hazell](#) with your meal idea by June 30 if you are interested in making a culinary donation!

Example Meal: Brunch for a Bunch

Donated by Patti Hazell

- 🍷 Quiche Lorraine
- 🍷 Spinach Mushroom Quiche
- 🍷 1 dozen muffins (choice of blueberry, pumpkin, cranberry or banana)
- 🍷 Fresh fruit in season
- 🍷 Mimosa

Share the Plate: Oliver LaGrone Scholarship

Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit. This month, we share the plate with the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship fund.

The Oliver LaGrone Scholarship program offers the largest local scholarship available to graduates of Harrisburg Public High Schools. Scholars receive \$10,000 (\$2,500 annually) and are assigned a mentor to provide advice and guidance during their post-secondary education. The scholarship is named for former UCH member Oliver LaGrone (1906-1995), a nationally noted poet, sculptor, philosopher, and humanitarian.



Examining Whiteness: The Inside Word

*Since 2017, a lay-led group of UCH members and friends has been exploring [Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum](#) and developing thought-provoking synopses. This month's focus: *The Inside Word*.*

Bring your increasing awareness of unacknowledged racism into your personal world, beyond being ‘nice’. From a prior participant: “I learned that there is a community of people like me—white people—who are aware of the inequities of our society, often uncomfortable about race, who are looking for ways to make things better.”

- 🍷 “Color Blind or Color Brave” – TED speaker urges us to deliberately surface the race issue in our interactions – 14.5 minute [video](#) (listen as you complete other tasks)
- 🍷 “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Discussing Racism” – TEDx talk – 12 minute [YouTube video](#).

– Submitted by Cordell Affeldt and Kate Quimby

From the Office

Submitted by Kel Kyle

Joys and Sorrows/Concerns

During this time, while we are apart, we want to continue to hear from you. Members and friends can [submit](#) their joys and or concerns to be read (with your permission) by Reverend Johnson during prerecorded services.

Grocery Shopping & Delivery

A reminder that we have a group of members who have offered to help those who need grocery shopping. If you need help, please submit an [online request](#), and you'll be hearing from one of the team members. Feel free to type your shopping list into the form or dictate it to the person who calls you. In either case, someone will call you to discuss the order and confirm logistics.

High School Graduates

Please congratulate these high school graduates!

Jonathan Haidet

Jonathan Haidet is the son of UCH members Mary Lynn Fecile and Paul Haidet. In June, he will graduate from Hershey High School. Alas, as is true for 2020 graduates world-wide, there will be no pomp due to the circumstance of COVID-19. Jonathan has been an active participant and leader in many activities and organizations throughout high school including marching band, symphonic and jazz bands, choir, pit orchestra, Brain Busters, Memory Club, Youth and Government, Link Crew and National Honor Society. His open mind and willing heart have enabled him to find ways to connect with and serve others in ways big and small.



At UCH he worked his way through Religious Exploration classes, survived three levels of OWL, and participated in Youth Group and service trips. Jonathan will attend Penn State University as a member of the Schreyer Honors College in the fall, majoring in Biochemistry; that is, unless most of society remains shut down due to the pandemic, in which case he may take a gap year to become a beach bum, or more likely, a contact tracer for the state. He aspires to become a physician; his parents hope that by the time he graduates medical school, being a healthcare provider will once again be a less dangerous profession than snake charmer or stuntman.

Ben Hursh

Ben Hursh is the son of Dennis and Yvonne Hursh and the youngest sibling of Rachel, John, and Lydia. He graduates this year from Middletown Area High School. Ben will be attending Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts in the fall, majoring in "undecided."



During his time at Middletown, he was an on-air personality for six years on WMSS 91.1, the student-run radio station. He served as assistant station manager this past year. He is a long-time chorus and sometimes band member. He portrayed Elton John and other characters as part of the band's field show at football games for four football seasons. He was in several plays and musicals, most recently this spring's *All Shook Up!* musical. Academically, he was usually on honor roll and participated on the Science Olympiad and Brainbusters teams. While at UCH, he was an occasional choir member, and participated in youth group.

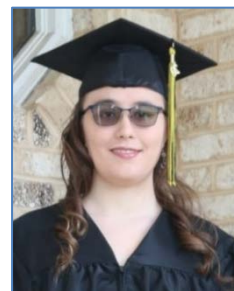
Natalie Newton

Natalie Newton is the daughter of UCH members Glenn Newton and Kate Walker Newton. She is graduating from Cumberland Valley High School and will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania's nursing program in the fall. Her UCH highlight was the trip to Boston as part of the Coming of Age program.



Lenka Platt

Lenka Platt is the daughter of David and Olga Platt. She graduates in June from Halifax High School as valedictorian. At Halifax, she created and led the Student Environmental Action Club, was a member of concert and jazz band, and was an executive officer of the Halifax High School Student Council. She plans to attend Chatham University in the fall, intending to major in Biology.



At UCH, she participated in the Coming of Age trip to Boston and in the Youth Group community service trip to Shenandoah National Park, where she helped with the removal of invasive species.

JT Thomas

JT Thomas is the son of Karen Grimm-Thomas and Jack Thomas. He graduates from CD East High School this June. During his time at East, JT was heavily involved in the school community. He was a varsity runner for both the cross country and track teams, as well as a four-year member of the Wind Ensemble and Choraliers. He was also a participant in all of East's plays and musicals, earning roles such as Lenny (*Rumors*), Paul (*Barefoot in the Park*), Harry (*Mamma Mia!*), and JD (*Heathers*). JT was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honors Society, where he served as both Vice President and President.



At UCH, JT is an active member of Youth Group, as well as the Youth Representative on the RE Committee. In the Fall, JT will be attending Penn State main campus and will major in the Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies.

JT has learned many lessons and made many friends during his time with UCH. Although it's time for him to move on, he knows he'll cherish those lessons and friendships for the rest of his life. So thank you, and farewell. Until we meet again.

Other Milestones

Please congratulate these members of our community!

Greg Carrow-Boyd

Greg Carrow-Boyd, son of Margartet Carrow, has been granted Credentialed and Master Level Religious Educator statuses by the UUA Religious Education Credentialing Committee.

Fallon Hartman

Fallon Hartman has completed her Master of Arts degree in World Religions from Georgia State University in Atlanta, while completing a Wellstar Fellowship in bioethics at a local hospital. She is the daughter of UCH member Marjy Schubauer-Hartman.

Alex Haidet

Alex Haidet graduated in May from the University of Pittsburgh, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude. He completed a dual major in Physics and Math, and a minor in Computer Science. He will pursue a PhD in Physics at Florida State University in the fall, at long last realizing his ambition to become a theoretical particle physicist (which is actually a thing). He is the son of UCH members Mary Lynn Fecile and Paul Haidet.

Aidan Loza

Aidan Loza graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia, with a major in Math and Computer Science. He has accepted a job offer in information technology with a firm in Philadelphia, starting in June. Aidan is the son of UCH members Andy and Kate Loza.

Adam Malarich

Adam received a Master of Music degree in Jazz Performance (trumpet) from Rutgers University last month. He is the son of UCH members Kathy and Mark Malarich. Adam is engaged to a middle school band teacher he met as an undergraduate at Rowan University. Their wedding was originally scheduled for June 20 but will be postponed due to COVID-19. Adam and his fiancée are fixing up a home they purchased in Tom's River, NJ. Adam will continue giving private lessons (online, for now) and hopes to grow his studio and find more playing opportunities when it is safe again to have social gatherings.

Obituaries

We mourn the lost of these UCH members.

Chandra Hill (1985-2020)

Chandra Hill, a long-time UCH member, died May 17 of complications from epilepsy. She was 34. She is survived by her husband, Jason Strunk; daughter Aaliyah Hill; her mother; a sister; and two nieces.

Chandra was born Sept. 13, 1985. As a child, she was brought to the UCH by her godmother, Cathy (Larsen) Williams, and attended Religious Education classes here. She joined the church as an adult and later married her husband here. In recent years, she was active in the lay-led ministry We March. We Act., and in teaching Religious Exploration. She was also a proud activist in the Allison Hill community.

A memorial service will be held at the family's convenience. The church is also accepting donations to the Chandra Hill Memorial Fund to help Jason with funeral and related costs.



Gloria Stewart (1927-2020)

Gloria Stewart, a life member of the UCH, died May 19 at Country Meadows in Lancaster. She was 93.

Gloria joined the UCH in 1962 and was an active member for decades. Among other things, she served as President of the Board of Trustees for several years and was active in the breakfast ministry at Market Street. She is survived by two daughters, Alison (John) Karnish and Betsi Zikmund, both of whom grew up at UCH; a stepson, Rob Stewart; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert S. Stewart, died in 2010.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mechanicsburg Wildcat Education Foundation or the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg.



Date	Time	Group	Location
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Wed 3	7:00	QueenSpirit (Monthly)	Zoom
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QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month we will be meeting via Zoom, due to the world-changing pandemic. Rebecca and Ann will be facilitating a circle on acknowledging and nurturing our emotions. Please bring a journal or other notebook and a pen. All women and those who gender-identify as women are welcome in a co-created sacred space. Everyone is welcome to join as early as 6:30 for conversation, circle 7-8:30. Contact [Rebecca Waldemar](#) for further information.



Fri 5	6:00	Online Trivia Night	Zoom
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Our weekly trivia night continues tonight, hosted each week by a different member of our community. Join your church friends for a unique set of trivia, combined with humor and merriment. Meeting ID: 971 7118 3287. **Repeats weekly at 6:00 p.m.**

Please contact [Dan Vaughn](#) for additional information.



Tue 9	6:00	Scattergories	Zoom
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Scattergories is a creative-thinking category-based party game. The game’s objective is to score points by uniquely naming objects within a set of categories, given an initial letter within a time limit. We will play in groups of 4 players using breakout rooms in Zoom. You have the option to create your team of 4, or we can match you up with a group.



All you need is a piece of paper, a writing element, and an internet connection. The rest will be provided on your screen the night of the game. Please [sign up electronically](#) if you are interested in playing, and we'll send you more info before game night!

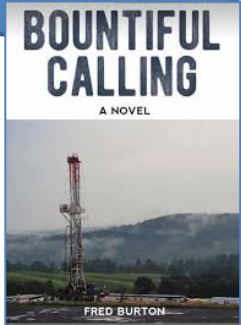
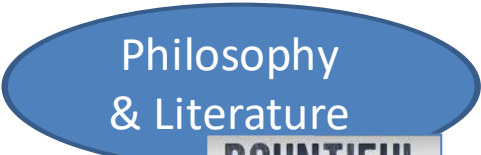
Please contact [Kel Kyle](#) for additional information.

Sun 14	7:00	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Zoom
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The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month, normally at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We meet on the third Sunday this month to avoid conflicting with Mother’s Day. This month, the group meets to discuss *Bountiful Calling: A Novel*, by Fred Burton. From Wikipedia:

Joe has a successful government position working with a state senator in Pennsylvania, Nicole and her family enjoy their life on their rural campgrounds, and the two seem headed towards romance and possible marriage. But Nicole’s very way of life is threatened when the government takes over her father’s property for fracking, stealing away the life her family has known for years. Responding to this tragedy, Nicole finds her personal relationships strained, even the one with Joe. What will she do? As Joe weighs his career goals against his personal morals and individual aspirations, he’s left with this fundamental question: Does he put his job above everything else, or risk a total professional loss for Nicole’s sake?

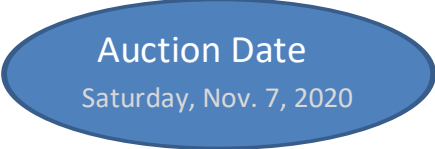
In June, the session is a virtual meeting via Zoom. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.



Tue 23	6:30	Auction Planning Committee	Zoom
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Theme: The Roaring 20s Date: November 7, 2020
 The Auction Planning Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Come brainstorm ideas, themes, and be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2020 Church Auction is always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success.

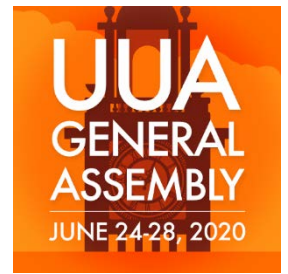
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are planning to meet via Zoom. If you are already a member of the Auction Committee, you will receive an email invite to attend the meeting. Otherwise, please contact [Patti Hazell](#) if you wish to attend.



Virtual GA

General Assembly (GA), originally scheduled for June 24-28 in Providence, RI, will be a virtual event this year. The [theme](#) this year is "Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!" As noted at the GA website, "We are in touch with our theological roots, we are engaged in transforming our faith, and we are fired up to take action in the wider world."

The general sessions and worship sessions are open to the public. [Registration](#) (\$150) is required for most of the remaining sessions. The list below is a highlight of some of the program sessions. The final schedule will be posted prior to June 24.



SESSION	DESCRIPTION
A New Paradigm for Young Adult Ministry	The Young Adult Ministry Initiative, a project of UU San Francisco, seeks to network and support all UU young adult communities. In this workshop we will discuss what we learned from our first year and do an exercise that will leave participants enlivened and excited about creating young adult ministry.
Ancestral Roots & Wings: Ritual of Recharging	This ritual reconnects us with our roots, healing and recharging our weary spirits. With movement, music, and storytelling, this accessible experience fosters joy and restores vitality, equipping us for our journeys toward the Beloved Community.
Anti-Racism as a Spiritual Practice	Anti-racism ally-ship is the context for transformative spiritual work. The workshop/lecture will focus on letting go of the identity forged in a white supremacist society and redefining ourselves as change agents who can come fully into the promise of Unitarian Universalists who embrace the 8th principle.
Building Communities to Counter White Nationalism/ White Power	This workshop addresses the dangerous rise of white nationalism, and how these groups utilize liberal language about free speech to gain a platform and propagate their message. Identifying good and bad-faith actions and discourse will help people identify and dismantle white nationalism in their own communities.
Building Resilience as White Folk for Uncomfortable Conversations	Allies for Racial Equity will convene a panel and interactive workshop about ways for white people to stay resilient and engaged. Addressing how individuals and congregations can stay connected while in the discomfort of conversations about race and oppression as UUism evolves as a more racially just faith.
Charting a Future for Inclusive Democracy	In the next decade, inequality is set to exceed anything the world has seen before. This presentation examines structural disparity by attending to race, wealth, and technology. Drawing on anti-racist activism, it identifies major challenges to democracy and proposes transformative strategies to chart a bold future for inclusive democracy.
Climate Justice as Young Adult Ministry	Climate disaster faces our generation of youth and young adults, calling us to leverage our spiritual and activist communities to rapidly confront this crisis. Join this workshop to ground our engagement in this work in solidarity with frontline communities and the youth at the forefront of this global movement.
Collaborative Planning of Highly Interactive Family Worship	Rooted in awareness that parents are their child's primary religious educator, highly interactive family worship starts conversations in church that deepen relationship and promote the active living out of faith. What are the building blocks of this format? How can ministers and religious educators collaborate effectively on family worship?
Colonialism's Impact on Palestinians and Indigenous North Americans	Palestinians and the Indigenous Peoples of North America have suffered similar historical oppression and continued trauma as a result of colonialism. This panel will explore their experiences with settler colonialism and other aspects of colonial projects from their cultural and political perspectives.
Covenants and Colonialism	We remember the Pilgrims and the first churches in New England as forerunners of our contemporary Unitarian Universalism. We especially cherish their covenants. Yet we know that these churches advocated and blessed the conquest and genocide of the original people of this land. Who do we covenant with, and why?
Creating a Community of Communities	Paula Cole Jones introduced the notion of congregations as a Community of Communities to foster inclusion and diversity at last year's Fah's Lecture. We'll expand on how to introduce and begin practicing this new framing in your congregation.

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
Creating a Listening Community: Introduction to Restorative Circles	Restorative Circles are a UU congregation tested way to restore relationships, build community and resolve conflict. Join us to experience the benefits of reflective listening in facilitated groups as a trusted approach to handle conflict your community. Restorative/Social Justice applications will be discussed. For ministers, staff, lay leaders, youth 12+.
Decolonization and Earth Justice	Our earth nourishes and gives us life, yet the values and practices of settler colonialism have been ecologically destructive and now threaten life itself. Sustainable indigenous ways of life were violently replaced. Learning life giving practices from Turtle Islands original peoples could make all the difference for generations to come.
Deeper Than the Skin: Musical Presentation on Race	A musical presentation on Race in America led by Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway: born three days apart, friends for three decades, one African American from Philadelphia, one white raised in the nostalgia of the South. A quintessential American story sung with uplift, told with unflinching truth. Two remarkable performers.
Embracing Our Roots: Unlocking the Power of Covenant	An interactive workshop created to help Worship Teams, Ministers and Worship Leaders re-ignite their people with the power of covenants. Working together, we'll craft a Sunday Worship Service focused on embracing our faith-based covenants, and revitalizing Unitarian Universalist spaces. You will leave enriched and equipped with rituals, tools, and resources.
Faith Forward: A Path for Engagement	How do you prepare people to lead within and beyond the walls of your congregation? Come learn about Faith Forward, a path for engagement that nurtures UU roots, inspires participants to give of themselves, and prepares them to engage sustainably in the world from a spiritually grounded, faithful place.
Having Anti-Racist Conversations and Inviting Into Action	How can we have more effective anti-racist conversations with people who aren't already onboard? How many of us focus on the "most racist" person while ignoring people who are open, moveable, could be invited into conversation and action. How can we connect, listen, invite in, and build up anti-racist power?
Heart Songs & Circle Songs	'Heart Songs & Circle Songs' is a musical worship experience. Elements of the service are delivered through song and invite participants of all ages and traditions to sing together in co-creating our worship. The service weaves together influences from the growing community singing circle tradition and the contemplative worship tradition.
Inspired Stewardship: Rooted in Spirit, Ready to Give	Explore how rooting stewardship in spirituality and trust can inspire generosity. Participants will consider the alignment of our resources and our UU values, as well as creating a culture of legacy in our congregations.
Leading Breakthroughs in Congregations and Communities	Creating multicultural, multigenerational congregations requires meeting the needs of people who identify with UUism but long for different expressions of it. Fortunately, there are proven tools for centering their needs, ideas and leadership. Come hear stories of success, learn approaches that work, and find support for your own change leadership.
Money as Medicine: Rooting, Inspiring, Readying Congregational Stewardship	Built around Edgar Villanueva's book, <i>Decolonizing Wealth</i> , we will apply his 'Seven Steps for Healing' to inspire congregational stewardship, help us root our finances in an "enough" paradigm for our congregations, and directly address equity and inclusion for readiness in our congregational financial systems.
Power Analysis as a Theological Tool	Theology is meaning-making. Liberation Theologian Gustavo Gutiérrez has written about theology as ongoing cycles of action-reflection-action-reflection-action. In other words, experience and meaning-making inform one another. In this workshop we will meet in caucus groups to practice theological reflection using power analysis as a primary tool.
Public Witness for Small and Remote Congregations	This workshop helps small and remote congregations to be ready and inspired to take a stand on important justice issues that are rooted in our UU beliefs and traditions. Even and especially in conservative communities, small congregations can do this important work of public witness and social justice.
Raising the Future, Beyond Rainbows	A panel of parents and teens will be discussing the challenges multicultural, multiethnic, multifait, LGBTQ+ families face. They will examine how colonization, systems of white supremacy, and racism affected their family histories and inform decisions they make about their families, particularly focused on their identities and spirituality.
Relational Organizing: Civic Engagement with Our Values	Relational organizing is a strategy for community organizing and voter outreach that is not only scientifically proven effective, but is also aligned with our values. In this workshop, you'll learn about relational organizing and how your congregation can use it in its social justice and civic engagement work.

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Reparations: Rooted in Repair	The doctrine of discovery removed indigenous people from the land and African people from under the cover of GOD. Learn about the injuries and strategies for repair for the damages wrought by African chattel slavery. Understand the five injury areas and strategies to repair individuals and reshape institutions.
Restorative Circles for Faith Communities	In this workshop participants will be introduced to the basic principles of restorative practices. Trust and community building will be the central focus. Circles that address conflict will be included. Participants will leave with tools for responding to low level conflict and for community building circles.
Sacred Mental Health Matters	Welcoming is integral to UUism but can be challenging in the presence of those with mental health problems. This session will explore the most important elements found by a sample of UU congregations in meeting this challenge through mental health ministry and advocacy based on belief in the Beloved Community.
Social Class and Social Justice – Telling Our Truth to Build Bridges	In this gathering, we will look at how class and classism and race and racism shape our lives, our social justice work and our UU organizations. We will do this by telling our own stories and looking at ways to build class caucuses to bring home to our home communities to continue this work.
Social Justice Ministry 101 - Parish and Community	More congregations are making the commitment to a dedicated Social Justice Minister or Coordinator to enhance social justice ministry programming. This workshop provides perspectives, approaches, and considerations for UU communities who are currently engaging or planning to engage with professional Unitarian Universalist social justice ministry.
Soma Spiritus: Body-Centered Spiritual Practice	Soma Spiritus is a body-based spiritual practice. We will learn three ways of body listening: listening to self, others, and spirit. Participants will leave with deeper self-awareness, ability to witness others, and tools for future exploration. Every effort will be made to make this program accessible to all bodies. For your emotional and physical safety, we kindly request that you arrive sober to this movement-based gathering.
Spirituality: A Narragansett Perspective	Lorén Spears, Executive Director of Tomaquag Museum will share the intersection of spirituality, traditional ecological knowledge, language, music, thirteen thanksgivings, conquest, colonization, reconciliation and healing. Cultural items connected to topic will be shared and images via slide presentation of cultural belongings from museum collection shown.
Summer Solstice Service	As UU Pagans and Earth Centered Tradition Practitioners rooted in Unitarian Universalism we celebrate the sun and its power to foster life. At our Summer Solstice Service, through ritual, we return to our roots preparing ourselves to bring life-giving energies to every living being. Join us.
The Stonewall Generation: Sex, Activism, and Aging	This highly interactive workshop centers the words and images of LGBTQ elders who came out or came of age during the 1960s and 1970s. Their lives chronicle struggles for social justice around sexual orientation, race, gender, class, and disabilities. Focus will be on bringing these issues back to your community.
Tricks to Inspire: A Magic Ministry Workshop	Magic can bring a message alive during worship -- while providing a direct experience of mystery and wonder for young and old alike. This workshop will show how to integrate magic into a worship service, and participants will even learn some magic tricks to take back to their congregations!
We Can Do This! Faith, Conflict, and Antiracism	What in our faith calls us to build multicultural, antiracist Beloved Community? What can we do when we face the inevitable conflicts? Mistakes and Miracles co-authors Karin and Nancy and their panelists help participants name the faith that roots and inspires them and develop tools for dealing with conflict.
What Happened to the Journey	A historical overview of the UUA's journey towards becoming an anti-racist organization. The overarching themes will include: 1 understanding our institutional racial identity; 2 white fragility; 3 difficulty in changing systems; and 4 what is next on our journey. Participants will leave rooted in history, ready to act now.
When Red Flags Don't Work: Increasing Congregational Immunity	Misconduct happens in our congregations. We think education about right and wrong will make the difference. It doesn't always. We know that a congregation's "immune" system can help protect them. The UUA Safe Congregations Team will explore with you how to increase your congregation's immunity to bad behavior and misconduct.
Why We Want and Resist Diversity	"We want to look more diverse but we don't want to be more diverse." While it may not be said, it's a sentiment often lived out in our congregations. We'll explore the subtle ways in which our congregational systems keep ourselves in place and what we can do differently.