



From the Minister



Rev. Lyn Cox is serving as Interim Minister 2017-18.

February is a month of commitment. When the Worship Team and I chose this theme back in August, we had multiple commitments in mind. We thought about the

commitments of prophets, teachers, and sages of the past whose names are remembered with extra gratitude during Black History Month. We thought about the commitments people make to their families, friends, and partners, love in many forms, celebrated around Valentine's Day. We thought about the commitments many people make during Lent, which starts on February 14; dedication to spiritual disciplines such as prayer, service, and simple living. January may be a time of resolutions, but February is the time when we actually study the past, gather our accountability partners, and plan for the future so that we can sustain our commitments for the long term.

We did not realize when we chose the theme that February would also be the perfect time to consider our commitments to the congregation. I am looking forward to the volunteer fairs on February 4 and 11, one at each campus. These festivals of connection will help you find a way to channel your gifts, to make new friends, and to be part of a team supporting the mission and ministry of the congregation. We'll also celebrate congregational connections at the Stewardship Potluck on February 9 (please RSVP to Tavia@harrisburguu.org) and throughout the month through the Annual Appeal (otherwise known as the stewardship campaign or the pledge drive). You have every reason to be excited about the future of UCH, and the annual appeal is a great opportunity to share that excitement. Please complete your pledge form and Gifts & Talents form by March 4. One of the sweetest celebrations of commitment this month will be the new member ceremony, when we'll welcome those who have recently signed the book.

Commitment is woven through the worship services all month long. On February 4, we'll celebrate the Pagan holiday of Imbolc, which brings together themes of creativity, perseverance, planning ahead, fire, water, and the growing light. The goddess Bridget is an important figure on Imbolc, and we'll pay attention to the artistry and commitment of women and femmes. On February 11, we'll recommit to being a welcoming place for LGBT folks, especially with regard to our understanding of Transgender and gender non-binary identities. Special guests Kendra and Pete Trufahnestock will offer their thoughts about commitment during the February 18 service. We'll finish up the month with "The Wisdom of Love," noting that groundedness, embodiment, and interdependence help us to keep our commitments to the people we care about.

Take courage, friends. There is much that calls for our attention in this season of planning, dreaming, and growing light. There is also something left of the introspection of winter, the time when unpredictable weather draws us together and reminds us of the joy and necessity of being a community. Let us center ourselves in love, and let us move boldly into the future.

Blessings, -Rev. Lyn

Worship Services

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Market Street, 11:30 a.m. Clover Lane

February 4: Imbolc

Rev. Lyn Cox

As the wheel of the year turns and the end of winter creeps into the edge of our imagination, we make our commitments for the year ahead and we practice the creativity that will sustain us through the rest of the current season. In this earth-centered service, we will invoke the four directions, we will bless and be blessed, and we will hear the choir sing, "The Heart of the Mother."

February 11: Symphony of Gender

Rev. Cox

Some of us were raised with the worldview that gender is a duet: two distinct voices set apart from each other. We are learning that gender is a whole symphony, a beautifully complex universe of perspectives and expressions. Let us open our minds and hearts to create a community that supports and encourages the entire orchestra. The choir will sing "Take Down These Walls."

February 18: Commitment

Kendra and Pete Trufahnestock

Members and music enthusiasts Kendra and Pete Trufahnestock will tackle the theme of the month, "Commitment." The choir will sing "We Want Harmony."

February 25: The Wisdom of Love

Rev. Cox

Love keeps us here, rooted in the world as it is. Love is active, practical, and at one with our physical selves. Love remembers data and frameworks that our intellect may have forgotten. The wisdom of love teaches groundedness, embodiment, and interdependence. We'll hear special music written by Alice Peacock from Kel Kyle and friends.

**February Theme
Commitment**



By Laura Edinger, President

February can be one of the more difficult months of the year to move through. The dark of winter has not quite lifted. We may have a few warm days but Spring is not quite close enough to grasp. The time of renewal is drawing closer but too far away to catch the

fever of it. Humans are in a state of reduced Vitamin D limbo.

For me, I find myself seeking the warmth of community to cheer these mid-winter blues. And so being in relationship with my church community provides the life-affirming warmth that my weary soul seeks. The community is the primary driver of my commitment to UCH – how this community heals me and the potential for how this community can bring joy and healing to the broader Harrisburg community and beyond. I have seen the power that flourishes within the collective of UCH members and friends. We are a force for good in the world.

Reflecting further on the driver of my commitment to UCH, the chorus from *The Fire of Commitment* immediately started playing in my mind:

*When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.*

Indeed. I feel that fire here. I see that fire in the work that UCH members do together, in the participation in all things church related, and especially in the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

February is also the time of year when UCH members reaffirm our commitment to our church by pledging valuable time and/or monetary resources to our church going forward. This is an ongoing commitment to our future – to ensure that we have the volunteer resources to keep our programs running and to ensure that we have the proper level of funding to fairly compensate our gifted staff and to maintain our infrastructure. Every pledge is important, valuable, and worthy – no matter the number of hours or dollars. By pledging, you are making a profoundly important statement that you wish to invest in the future of the church community

Sunday Trustee Assignments		
Date	Market Street	Clover Lane
4-Feb	Rima Cameron	Joe Melillo
11-Feb	Laura Shemick	Debbie Reihart
18-Feb	Guy Dannelley	Patti Hazell
25-Feb	Laura Edinger	Marilyn McHenry

and see it succeed. You want to participate in this pooling of resources understanding that any and all participation matters.

Every member and friend of the UCH community is important and valuable to this process. During this month and into March, you will be receiving much more detailed information related to stewardship campaigns and how you can participate and reaffirm your commitment to this beautiful and life-saving faith community.

Included in this forthcoming information will be details regarding the current financial situation of UCH, how we can manage current finances, and how we can launch a successful new chapter with settled ministry. In times of transition, revenue typically decreases. While this is true for UCH, we are fortunate to have committed and generous members and friends who continue to support the good work and witness of the church.

We have every reason to be excited for our future – with commitment and fortitude, we can launch our church into a bright and beautiful new chapter. As you receive additional information related to fundraising and stewardship campaigns throughout this month and next month, please feel free to reach out to me or other Board members if you have questions or concerns. We are here for you and here to serve UCH.

The church is us and we are the church. The church is every bit as strong as the commitment of its members and friends. UCH, as a collective, has much to offer, much to contribute to our local community and beyond. May it ever be so.

With gratitude,

Laura Edinger, Board President

Share the Plate: Fair Districts PA

Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization.

This month we will be sharing the plate with [Fair Districts PA](#) Education Fund, an arm of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. Their goal is to end gerrymandering in Pennsylvania by supporting bills that will create fair congressional districts.



Feb. 25 Congregational Meeting

Please take note! The Special Congregational Meeting to consider bylaw changes will occur at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, after the service at Clover Lane. Rides to Clover Lane will be provided for anyone who needs one – please contact [John Hargreaves](#) to coordinate ride-sharing. Please feel free to bring your lunch, and light snacks will be available. Please contact Director of Religious Exploration (DRE) [Sara Palmer](#) one week in advance if you need childcare.

After the Congregational Meeting, Board President Laura Edinger will lead an informal discussion about the state of church finances.

As previously reported, the Board of Trustees has been contemplating a number of important governance issues over the past three years, in response to suggestions from church members and in response to observed needs of the congregation, to keep UCH moving forward.

The three bylaw change proposals have been published to the congregation and discussed in Town Hall-style meetings.

- ☺ The first proposed change concerns our Nominating and Leadership Development Committee; the Board proposes to split the existing Nominating and Leadership Development Committee into two parts. Leadership Development henceforth will be undertaken in a separate program that will enable interested members to learn about church leadership roles over time, and thus create a pipeline of trained lay leaders over time.
- ☺ The second is changing the number of Board members. Our bylaws currently provide for 12 trustees, and the change being proposed (after discussion at Town Hall meetings) is that we reduce that number to nine. We may, in the future, consider a further reduction should that seem appropriate.
- ☺ The third change would allow for advance balloting when the congregation votes on whether to call a minister. The Board desires to broaden the voting base by ensuring that people who are physically unable to attend a Sunday meeting will be able to participate. This is especially important given that most candidates will not accept a call with less than 90 to 95 percent of voting member approval. The process will ensure that the minister-candidate will know the voting results shortly after the congregational meeting.
The proposal would allow advance votes by those who cannot be at the meeting, but have had significant contact, formally noted, with the candidate. The Board and the Search Committee will confer on the precise method by which advance balloting would occur. The process will be rolled out well in advance of Candidating Week.

The final drafts of the bylaws will be sent to all members of the congregation at least 10 days prior to the meeting. A quorum will be needed at the meeting in order for us to approve the bylaw amendments.

Please feel free to talk with any Board member about the proposed bylaw changes. The Board has been considering these changes for the better part of a year, and we believe they will improve our church governance and enable more members to have a voice when the time comes for us to call a settled minister.

– Submitted by *Laura Shemick, Board Vice President*

Search Committee Report

On schedule, we're moving to another critical stage of the search process. Within the next few months we'll make our choice from an impressive pool of candidates. We want to remind you that we'll present only one candidate at the end for a yes or no vote.

Why only one? For a successful ministry, any candidate will want an overwhelming affirmation in the final congregational vote. If we presented multiple candidates, no candidate would receive the almost unanimous "Yes" vote that signifies that affirmation, and the congregation might be split into camps. We value the confidence and trust you have put in us to make this momentous decision. By the time we have made our selection, we will have studied many applications, checked many references, and interviewed candidates for many hours.

At every stage, we hold your wishes in mind and discuss the candidates with you as our first thought. When it comes down to a decision, we hope you'll respect the months of effort and thought that have gone into the selection. We trust you'll share our enthusiasm for our choice.

– Submitted by *Dorothy Brown*



Ministerial Search Committee

Reflections on Our Faith Formation Experiment

By Sara Palmer, Director of Religious Exploration

I recently shared my thoughts about our Children's Religious Exploration program with a Facebook group of fellow religious education professionals. Maybe you haven't been downstairs during Sunday RE time to see what we're up to and why we're trying some new ideas. Enjoy - and if you have any questions, reach out to me. I love conversation about Unitarian Universalist faith formation!

We are a medium/largish congregation (270 members, 70 registered children/youth in RE). Average weekly attendance is 25-30 at two campuses, with most kids attending the suburban one.

This year, after I was inspired at an RE Week at the Sea Teacher Development Ren Mod, we moved from age divisions to an Infant-8th grade set-up - we either use *Signs of Our Faith* (Tapestry of Faith curriculum) or hold ActionSpace/MakerSpace weeks.

It allows for:

- Broader acceptance of neurodiversity (kids who are 'ahead' or 'behind' academically or socially don't stand out among their same-aged peers).
- Easier transition for families, especially shy or newer kids, since they're all in the same room.
- Opportunities to select activities that interest them (one part of each week offers at least two separate options to reinforce the lesson - one gross motor/movement activity and one small motor/discussion-based activity, not divided by age).
- Far fewer attention redirections: older kids seem to pay better attention to model for younger ones, and the younger ones want to "be older" so they try to match behavior.
- RE LEADERS HAVE BEEN PLEASANTLY SUPRISED AT HOW OVERAL QUIET AND FOCUSED THE ROOM IS, EVEN WITH 18 KIDS AND 3 TODDLERS ALL DOING THEIR THING.
- Babies and toddlers are encouraged to participate/wiggle/dance/happily shriek as part of the group (and they have at least one adult assigned to them), but also have a small "nursery" section of the larger classroom for some toys (play kitchen, blocks, train track set, doll stroller). This is also a great place for the younger-at-heart to "take a break" from the larger session. They often pop in and back out.
- We ALL get to practice radical inclusivity - from smiling at the baby who gleefully disassembles the chalice alter on our low center table, to helping peers with scissors, to asking a friend if they would like a hug, to hearing a toddler shriek over what we're saying and then asking the toddler if they wanted to say anything else, or waiting an extra moment before continuing (rather than expecting the toddler to stay silent for our comfort.).
- Fewer adults are needed as RE leaders (from up to 12 per week last year to 4-5 per week this year).

In my experience it has been a great success for most of the families. Kids:

- *Want* to attend RE
- Are accepted in their approach to faith formation from wherever they *actually* are, instead of where they "should" be
- Enjoy the friendships they're developing with a broad range of ages.

Our Youth group (grades 9-12) meets separately twice a month but is invited to join the group for ActionSpace and MakerSpace.)



-Submitted by Sara Palmer, DRE

Adult Exploration

Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness

UCH members and friends are invited to attend any/all conversations on whiteness, facilitated by graduates of last fall's Examining Whiteness class. This year, we will conduct a series of six conversations as we make "baby steps" toward examining whiteness. First up is "The Power of Illusion" on Feb. 18 and Feb 21.

Examining the concept of whiteness is one way to approach an understanding of the racism that continues to pervade our culture. Many ideas have been presented, going back to the 1950s, of how we might develop an anti-racist society. We will select and present these ideas so that participants may explore what a life-practice of anti-racism would look like today. Our purpose is to welcome you to take "baby

steps" on the path to understanding the concept of whiteness and how we may address its negative aspects. You are welcome to attend regardless of where you feel you are on that path.

There is no pre-registration for any session of the bi-monthly series. Participants determine their own degree of attendance and involvement. Resources from a considerable span of time will be used, including video and audio clips during sessions and the identification of articles, fiction and non-fiction books, and movies for further investigation.

All conversations will be held at the UCH Clover Lane Campus. The Sunday sessions will be in the afternoons, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; the alternative Wednesday sessions will be in the evenings, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

The conversations will cover the following topics:

- 🕒 **The Power of An Illusion**
Examine the idea that has shaped U.S. historical perspectives on minority status. Look together at how whiteness is socially constructed. Review your own story.
- 🕒 **Segregated Knowledge**
Examine the expectations upon which white normative culture rests. Look at how those expectations affect a way of seeing non-white people.
- 🕒 **White Identity Development**
What is the difference between being white and whiteness? How is white identity built? What can be seen as positive aspects of white identity? Negative aspects?
- 🕒 **Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack**
What structures unwittingly support racism? How does a colorblind society work? What does "racism without racists" mean to you?
- 🕒 **Expanding Knowledge of Non-white Stories**
Looking at what we didn't know we didn't know. Listening to non-white voices. Share your own eye-openers.
- 🕒 **On the Path**
Identifying means of personally continuing to examine whiteness. What experiences, readings, viewings do you recommend?

– Submitted by Cordell Affeldt

Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness

Topic	Facilitator	Date/Time	
		1:00 p.m. Sunday Fuller Chapel	7:00 p.m. Wednesday Priestley Room
The Power of an Illusion	Cordell Affeldt	Feb 18	Feb 21
Segregated Knowledge	Christine Dutton	Apr 15	Apr 18
White Identity development	Kara Schmidt	Jun 10	Jun 13
Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack	Christine Dutton	Aug 12	Aug 15
Expanding Knowledge of Non-White Stories	Cordell Affeldt	Oct 14	Oct 17
On the Path	Kara Schmidt	Dec 16	Dec 19

Helping People in Prison and Their Families

Here is a way to support both women and men at the Dauphin County Work Release Center (WRC), based on what WRC tells volunteer Chaplain Jim Cavanaugh when he is there. We can patronize businesses that give women and men a second chance by hiring them. Here are some:

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| ☉ Applebee's – Paxton Street | ☉ Dodge City Restaurant | ☉ Progress Grill |
| ☉ Best Western Plus | ☉ Front Street Diner | ☉ Subway – Middletown Airport |
| ☉ Burger King – Allentown Blvd. | ☉ Keystone Candle | ☉ Subway-Derry Street |
| ☉ Candlewood Suites | ☉ KFC Lemoyne, | ☉ Taco Bell-Harrisburg Mall |
| ☉ Checkers | ☉ McDonalds – WalMart. | ☉ UPS |
| ☉ Chili's - Mechanicsburg | ☉ Olive Garden | |

And if you like to write letters, consider joining our UU Church of the Larger Fellowship's prison ministry initiative, by signing up to write to a UU in prison. To learn more, visit CLF's [prison ministry website](#).

—Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

Volunteer Fair Feb. 4 and Feb. 11

The annual Volunteer Fair will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Market Street, and Sunday, Feb. 11, at Clover Lane. We will be hosting many lay-led ministries and other organizations that are looking for new people to join their ranks.

The Fair will be held in the Common Room at each campus following worship. Each participating group will have a display explaining its purpose and work, handout materials, and a sign-up sheet for new members. Someone from the organization will be at the display to discuss the group's activities, the time commitment involved, and the need for new members. Most groups also plan to provide some snacks to go with your coffee!!

We also would like to help UCH members and friends recognize service to the church as an integral part of one's spiritual journey. In working together on a variety of projects through our church, we help build the beloved community that we seek.

At the Discovery of Gifts booth at the Fair, we will have forms to be filled out by those who have not yet done so. The answers on the form help us match people with particular skills and interests with those church activities in need of their help. The final decision always rests with the individual on whether the request is something you want to do or have the time for.

By working together in many ways, we can do great things at both of our church locations, building a stronger bridge between the suburbs and the city. The Fair is a fun way to find out what all is going on and how you can be a bigger part of the action.

—Submitted by Guy Dannelly



Stewardship Potluck

6:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9

Clover Lane Common Room

Share a meal, share your pride in all that UCH has accomplished together, and share your hopes for UCH's next chapter! We'll celebrate the congregation in story, song, and just a little bit of silliness. Attendees will get the first look at this year's Stewardship brochure.

Please contact John Hargreaves or David Powell for further information.



LaGrone Report

Delightful. Daouda Kassimou, 2013 LaGrone Scholar, is a thoughtful, engaging dinner companion. His UCH Mentor, David Spear, joined Margaret Carrow and Cordell Affeldt, of the LaGrone Scholarship Committee, to celebrate Daouda's final semester at Penn State Harrisburg. He will graduate this spring with a degree in civil engineering.

Daouda described his complex senior project in engineering design: innovative and automated emergency tire change equipment for personal vehicles. Additionally, a full class load, work at a Sam's Club, his father's health, mosque attendance and a romantic friendship assure that his days are full. After graduation, he may attempt international travel to broaden his world view. He then anticipates employment in the U.S. in civil engineering, directing resources to a potential construction business with his brother, also an engineer, in Niger.

– Submitted by Cordell Affeldt



Book Shuffle

Gather those books, the LaGrone Book Shuffle is back!

Bring in your used books, walk out with 'new to you' books, all while benefitting a great cause, the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship. Collection dates will be April 8 and 15 at both campuses. The sale will be held April 22 and 29 at the Clover Lane campus. Want to volunteer for the church, but don't have time to serve on a committee? Come help with the book shuffle, a "once and done" volunteer opportunity!

Please contact [Jess Chuckalovcak](#), for more information.

– Submitted by Jess Chuckalovcak

LaGrone Book Shuffle

Intake: April 8 & 15 (Market/Clover)

Sale: April 22 & 29 (Clover only)

We March. We Act.

Members of the lay-led ministry We March. We Act. traveled to Philadelphia on Saturday, Jan. 20, to participate *Women's March on Philadelphia 2018: We Resist. We Persist. We Rise.*

– Submitted by Leta Beam



GTS Report

[Gather the Spirit for Justice](#) (GTS) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings together Allison Hill residents, area organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. Among other things, it operates Common Ground Community Center three mornings a week and the Common Ground Café (CGC) on the last Saturday of the month. It operates from the UCH's Market Street campus.

In December we served 234 meals at the breakfast on Saturday, December 30. On January 27, we helped to feed 277 men, women and children through 432 meals; volunteers included the girls basketball team from Cedar Cliff High School.

In addition, another 800 meals were served during the weekday Common Ground hours. During those days we also distributed clothing, personal care items and 21 state IDs. We were fortunate to receive two large food donations during the month. One was from a group of Muslim women and the second from a male martial arts class.



Cedar Cliff Girls Basketball Team
with GTS President Clay Lambert

Finally, 180 people attended the Gather the Bands fundraiser on January 14, raising more than \$4,000. Musicians included the New Arcona Reel Band and national recording artist Ethan Mentzer, son of "our own" John and Anita Mentzer.

— Submitted by John Hargreaves, UCH liaison to GTS

UUPLAN

The [Unitarian Universalist Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network](#) (UUPLAN) educates and communicates with UU congregations and partners across the Commonwealth to inspire action. Its mission is to promote UU values to policy makers to advance just legislation and to advocate for fairness and transparency in the democratic process. It serves 6,000 UUs in 40 congregations across Pennsylvania.

Monthly Conference Calls

UUPLAN currently has seven justice teams with monthly calls.

To attend a conference call:

From a PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android click [the zoom link](#).

From iPhone one-tap (US Toll):

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+16465588656,7132347624#

From a telephone: Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1

646 558 8656 (US Toll), Meeting ID: 713 234 7624

Justice Teams' Monthly Conference Calls

Team	Day of Month	Time
Anti- Mass Incarceration	Last Monday	8:00 pm
Economic Justice	3rd Thursday	7:00 pm
Environmental Justice	2nd Thursday	7:30 pm
Good Government	4th Wednesday	8:00 pm
Gun Violence Prevention	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Immigration Justice	2nd Monday	Noon
Reproductive Justice	3rd Wednesday	7:00 pm

Save the Date: UUPLAN will host the [Daring Democracy](#) Book Tour on March 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Clover Lane.

Published by Beacon Press, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want* is the UUA's Common Read for 2017-18. The March 6 event features one of the authors, Adam Eichen, and Rabbi Michael Pollack, Executive Director of March on Harrisburg.

Learn about the state of democracy in Pennsylvania, what we can do about it and how to support the Poor People's Campaign. You will not want to miss these dynamic young speakers! Admission is free - all are welcome and bring your friends!

—Submitted by Anita Mentzer, UCH Liaison to UUPLAN

Detail Calendar

February 2018

Date	Time	Group	Location
Sun 4	10:00	Sunday Morning Forum	Clover Lane
<p>The lay-led forum meets each Sunday at Clover Lane, normally at 10:00 a.m. Facilitated by Barb Pearce and Fred Binkley, the group meets for an hour of discussion about an important societal topic. Topics change every week and are led by different individuals. Scheduled for February:</p> <p>Feb. 4: The rule of the “kleptocrats” in congress, Wall Street, and corporate board rooms who redirect our money to the rich, and what we might do about it.</p> <p>Feb. 11: Leta Beam will lead a follow-up discussion from last fall about the Pennsylvania congressional redistricting efforts in court and Congress.</p> <p>Feb. 18: What defines right and wrong, top-down legalism or bottom-up situation ethics? Is there a compromise between these two thinking methods?</p> <p>Feb. 25: Interpretation(s) of Don McLean’s <i>American Pie</i> song as a biography of the baby boom generation and its music in American history.</p> <p>Repeats weekly at 10:00 a.m.</p>			
Mon 5	6:30	Amrit Yoga (Weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body for an energetic workout and includes a calming, meditative relaxation at the end. No experience necessary!</p> <p>Repeats every Monday. Contact Ed Sykes.</p>			
Tue 6	6:45	Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)	Clover Lane
<p>Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced while meditating but vital in our everyday lives. Mindfulness is helpful in reducing stress, managing pain, focusing attention, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and developing awareness and insight.</p> <p>The ability to be mindful is strengthened through consistent practice. Mindfulness Meditation Group provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another. Contact Chuck Daley. Repeats every Tuesday.</p>			
Tue 6	6:30	Women’s Night Out (Monthly)	Off-site
<p>Women’s Night Out is a lay-led ministry that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community.</p> <p>We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant, alternating locations between the East and West Shores. Each month at dinner, participants take a collection. Proceeds are divided between the Ecumenical Food Pantry and UCH.</p> <p>Our group meets Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Dodge City Steakhouse, 1037 Paxton Street, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to Sandy Hamstra (717-854-8898) by the Sunday beforehand.</p>			
Sun 11	6:30	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Clover Lane
<p>The Philosophy & Literature Group normally meets on the second Sunday of each month, usually at Clover Lane, normally at 7:00 p.m. This month, the group will discuss <i>Ford County: Stories</i>, by John Grisham. From Amazon.com:</p> <p>Number 1 New York Times bestselling author John Grisham takes us back to Ford County, Mississippi, the setting of his first novel, <i>A Time to Kill</i>. This riveting collection of short stories features an unforgettable cast of characters: wheelchair-bound Inez Graney and her two older sons embark on a bizarre road trip through the Mississippi Delta to visit Inez’s youngest son, Raymond—on death row. A hard-drinking, low-grossing divorce lawyer fed up with his wife, his life, and the law plans a drastic escape after an unexpected phone call. A quiet, unassuming data collector sets out to bring down a flashy casino owner with his skill at blackjack—as payback for the theft of his wife.</p> <p>All are welcome. Please contact Don Brown for information.</p>			

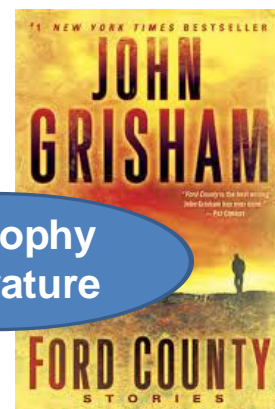
Sunday Morning Forum


Amrit Yoga

Mindfulness Meditation

Women’s Night Out
Dodge City

Philosophy & Literature



Date	Time	Group	Location
Fri 16	7:30	Clover Lane Coffee House	Clover Lane
<p>Clover Lane Coffee House occurs monthly from September to April, normally on the third Friday. This month, we are pleased to host Janie Womack and Jody Echterling, with Crossfire 3. Admission \$10 donation, \$25 max per family. All are welcome.</p> <p>Janie Womack is a perennial favorite at Clover Lane. She performs originals, blues, country, ballads, folk, Americana, and even old standards. In 2012, she released her first full-length CD of original music, "Songs in the Key of J." Since 2015, she has played as a duo with Jody Echterling. Together they've created a unique sort of acoustic act – music of many colors; from 1950s to current, country to pop, blues to old standards, ballads to alternative – a little something for everyone! This month's lineup features Janie and Jody with the Crossfire3 trio: Jeanine and Cherie Scarpato and Colette Eckert..</p> <p>Please contact Bart Carpenter.</p>			
			
<div>Coffee House Janie Womack & Co.</div>			
Tue 20	10:00	CroneSpirit (Monthly)	Clover Lane
<p>The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "How Do Societal Views Affect What We Deem As Appropriate Touching?" We are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members ☺ Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power ☺ For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of 10 women ☺ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip to or about each other <p>We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact Joan Hellmann.</p>			
			<div>CroneSpirit</div>
Wed 21	10:30	Minister's Monthly Discussion Group	Market Street
<p>All are welcome to this drop-in discussion group with Rev. Lyn Cox. This month's starting point is Commitment. The discussion may range far and wide from the starting point. Members, friends, Common Ground Community Hours guests, and neighbors are invited to this group. We meet in or around the Community Room at Market Street. Please contact Rev. Lyn for further information.</p>			
			<div>Minister's Monthly Discussion Group Commitment</div>
Wed 21	6:30	Clover Grove (Monthly)	Clover Lane
<p>Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday, with a program that varies based on the cycle of seasons and forces of nature. This month, we are celebrating Chinese New Year – the Year of the Dog! Bring a Chinese entree to share - something that is a favorite of yours. Robin Broderick will go over the Chinese Horoscope and offer oranges again. We always have a hoot with this one.</p> <p>We meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Common Room at Clover Lane. All are welcome. Please contact Wayne Minich for further information.</p>			
			<div>Clover Grove Chinese New Year</div>
Sat 24	9:00	Common Ground Café (Monthly)	Market Street
<p>Common Ground Café now occurs on the last Saturday of the month at our Market Street campus, hosted by Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTS). The café opens at 9:00 a.m., and you can be a part of the action! No experience necessary, and drop-ins are always welcome. Please contact John Abbott to volunteer.</p>			
Tue 27	6:30	UCH Auction Committee	Clover Lane
<p>The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room at Clover Lane. Come brainstorm ideas and themes, and be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2018 All-Church Auction is always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success and need your help. Please contact Patti Hazell for additional information.</p>			