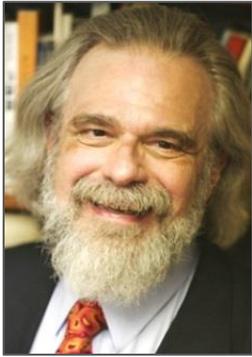




From the Minister

The Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson is serving as UCH Minister 2018-19.



Almost on cue, the summer’s over-heated weather gave way to unusually cool fall weather. The change was a relief. But the fact that late September seemed cooler than usual reinforced the reality of climate change. Overall the earth’s atmospheric temperature has been rising, but the symptoms

of this rise include more extreme swings in weather. The 2018 hurricane season is already more active than is typical.

At the same time as our world is actually changing, you the people of the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg are looking at changes in the size and wealth of the church and considering how to shape the future of the church.

Now, I can imagine some prophet of climate doom throwing down the challenge, “Why are you worried about this church composed of 300 or so adults and children when the world is burning up?”

Why? Because this is where people—that’s you and me—make sense of the world and our lives in good times and in bad. It is where we gather to figure out how—in ways great and small—to bend the course of history toward health and justice. Survival? Yes! But more than survival: human striving and thriving!

And this striving and thriving occurs at many levels. The church is one place where people learn to thrive as individual human beings while being of service to others and to our shared values.

The UCH is a force for survival. It is a force for human thriving. In September, you heard how churches like this one save people’s lives. You also heard that faith is not blind belief but, rather, your experience and understanding of the world and your life as meaningful. You also heard that hope is not the certainty that things will turn out well, but, rather, the certainty that however things turn out you will experience the outcome and your path there as meaningful.

So I encourage you in this month of October to stay with the process that began with the Congregational Life Team’s cottage meetings, take in the financial and membership information the Board of Trustees will disseminate, take part in the informal and formal discussions that will happen at Market Street, Clover Lane, and in your homes and neighborhoods. Do not leap to fast conclusions. When you think you’ve got your answer, listen some more and think some more. Talk some more with your fellow church members.

I don’t know what the outcome for this church will be in five years and I don’t know what the weather will be like. But you will each have a hand in shaping it. If your church is strong, it will help you shape you lives in a positive direction, bring a measure of justice to this community where we live, and heal our hurting planet.

And that will be meaningful. *Rev. Tony Johnson*

Information Session Oct. 7

The Board will begin presenting additional information about our financial situation after both services on October 7th. Please plan to attend, as these are important steps in our congregation’s planning. We will present an overview of our financial situation, along with a comprehensive handout, followed by questions and answers.

The information will also be placed on the church website after the meetings. —Submitted by David Spear

Worship Services

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

Date	In the Pulpit	Topic
7-Oct	Rev. Johnson	Don't Just Do Something, Said Buddha. Stand There!
14-Oct	Rev. Johnson	The Moon over the Beach
21-Oct	Rev. Johnson/ Sara Palmer	Dialogue Sermon
28-Oct	Yvonne DuVal/ Dean Leverett	Samhain Service

Website: <http://www.uchbg.org/>
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UCHBG>



President's Message

By David Spear, President



I had the chance to visit my sister and her family in North Carolina, just as Hurricane Florence was barreling down on the state. Luckily, my sister had just moved from Raleigh to Asheville, which is 300 miles inland. So while people along the coast were being buffeted by heavy winds and flooding, we ate dinner at outdoor restaurants under blue skies and drove along the beautiful Blue Ridge Parkway afterwards. We were

extremely grateful for our good fortune.

The news coverage of the storm reminded me that life requires advanced planning. This is also true for our congregation's finances. We are in a financial difficulty now, and we need to make some changes so our congregation can continue our important work.

Our Finance Committee is akin to a buoy hundreds of miles offshore, warning of coming changes in the weather. They began sounding the alarm more than a year ago, warning that our current spending habits could not continue.

Perhaps we could imagine Lois Voigt, our Finance Chair, as a meteorologist on television, telling us when storms are coming our way. And while I would love to see Lois facing down hurricane winds in a yellow raincoat, it would be better to hear her reports while any storm is still far out at sea.

Thankfully, our financial storm is still out at sea. We have time to make adjustments. This is what Laura Edinger promised during her presidency earlier this year, and we are implementing that now. I am grateful that she laid the foundation for this work.

Sunday Trustee Assignments		
Date	Market Street	Clover Lane
7-Oct	Guy Dannelley	Dennis Hursh
14-Oct	Rima Cameron	Joe Melillo
21-Oct	Guy Dannelley	Ed Sykes
28-Oct	David Spear	Keva Brown

On October 7, we will start rolling out many of the financial details of our present situation. We know that many of you have been desiring more information, and now is that time. This will be Phase 2 of our decision-making process. The cottage meetings were Phase 1, and they are just now finishing. Thank you again to the 112 people who participated.

There will be a presentation after each service October 7. Note that these will be regarding our current financial situation. Discussion of potential solutions will occur in November, but first we need to establish the severity of our finances. We believe that most people underestimate how serious our situation is.

Please bring your questions to the meetings. The Board and Finance Committee have been preparing information for several months, so we likely have answers to most of your inquiries.

We also need your involvement and your participation throughout this entire process. We are skilled at calculating numbers and making spreadsheets, but ultimately we will rely on you to choose a path forward for our congregation. The financial meetings are the next step in that process.

Sincerely,

David Spear,

President, UCH Board of Trustees

Lay Liturgist Training Workshop - October 20

Anyone interested in exploring what it means to be a lay liturgist - and/or getting trained to become one - please plan to join Laura Edinger and Keva Brown for a fabulous morning of training merriment! On October 20, from 10 a.m. to approximately noon in the Joseph Priestley Room at Clover Lane, we will walk through the role of the lay liturgist in worship services - and we will schedule folks for the next few months - please bring your calendars. Reverend Johnson will be there! The role of lay liturgists is dynamic - especially at the beginning of each new church year and at the beginning of a new ministry. If you have served in the past and are interested in learning what is new for this year, if you're a newer member and interested in taking on a new role in the church, or if you've been a member for some time and always wondered what it would be like to serve as a lay leader on Sunday morning, please come join us! As always, there will be coffee and continental breakfast-style snacks provided. You will also receive hard copies of training materials and guidance from experienced lay liturgists. And lay liturgists tend to be a fun group to spend time with. Please consider joining us! So that we know how many goodies (and, importantly, how much coffee) to bring, please contact [Laura Edinger](#) and let us know you're planning to attend.

— Submitted by Laura Edinger, Worship Team Leader

UCH contacts

Sometimes it's difficult to figure out whom to contact with church-related questions. Many will ask the minister, a board member or even another church member, and that alone is enough to be confusing. You can find contact information on our [website](#) along with room reservations, *News You Can UU's* submissions and more! For convenience we have provided that list below as well.

Who Do I Contact at UCH?

Service/Function	Contact
Worship Services	Rev. Johnson or Worship Team Leader Laura Edinger
Choir/Bell Choir	Music Director Ann Hossler
Ushers & Greeters	Denny Byrne for Clover Lane Dorothy Brown for Market St.
Children & Youth Religious Exploration (RE)	Sara Palmer, Director of Religious Exploration (DRE)
Adult Religious Exploration	Sara Palmer, DRE for initial contact
Pastoral Care	Pastoral Care Team Leader, Jim Cavanaugh
Building/Facilities & Maintenance	Kel Kyle
Reserving a Room/Church including rentals	Kel Kyle or Tavia Flanagan (please complete forms on the UCH website)
THE REPORTER (monthly newsletter)	Bart Carpenter
Submissions to <i>News You Can UU's</i> (weekly e-news)	Kel Kyle (please use submission form on the website).
Check Requests & Disbursements	Alicia O'Rorey (leave in her mail slot at Clover Lane)
Pledges & Monetary Gifts	Alicia O'Rorey or Kel Kyle
Gift Card Program	Tavia Flanagan
Stewardship	TBD; contact Kel Kyle
Coffee House	Bill Brown
Building Rentals	Kel Kyle
Membership	Bart Carpenter
Other	Kel Kyle or Tavia Flanagan

Minister and Staff Phone Extensions & Email

To contact our minister or specific staff by phone, please call the church at 717-564-4761 and enter the extension. We do our best to answer calls and return messages as soon as possible. Please be sure to leave your name, contact number and brief message.

Contact	Title	Extension	Email
Rev. Johnson	Minister	700	revjohnson@harrisburguu.org
Kel Kyle	Congregational Administrator	701	kelkyle@harrisburguu.org
Ann Hossler	Director of Music	705	annhossler@harrisburguu.org
Sara Palmer	DRE	708	dre@harrisburguu.org
Tavia Flanagan	Office Assistant & Gift Card Coordinator	702	tavia@harrisburguu.org
Alicia O'Rorey	Bookkeeper	703	alicia@harrisburguu.org

—Submitted by Kel Kyle, Congregational Administrator

Congregational Life: “Holy Conversations”

The cottage meetings have come to a close by the printing of this **REPORTER**. The Congregational Life Team (CLT) is grateful to the 112 members and friends of UCH who took their time to share their experiences, thoughts and feelings about this congregation. We were impressed by the candor, passion, depth and commitment that was expressed. The CLT in collaboration with Rev. Johnson has begun the work of reviewing our notes and preparing a report for the Board and the Congregation.

Every cottage meeting was different, but we did note some common experiences of UCH that were shared with us. I would call these the “opportunities” of this congregation for which so many members are grateful. So often as members we do not have the time or venue to be reminded of what this congregation does for each other as well as our neighbors in the community. Here are a few of those opportunities that were shared:

- 🌻 I have learned how to be a leader at UCH.
- 🌻 I have found a spiritual home here.
- 🌻 I have learned how to be a lay liturgist.
- 🌻 I have been given opportunities to volunteer in the community.
- 🌻 I have enjoyed helping our children to grow in our faith principles.
- 🌻 I can be my authentic self here.
- 🌻 I have been empowered to work on social justice issues here.
- 🌻 I have found my courage here that I can now take into the world.
- 🌻 I have had support and love through the most difficult times of my life from this congregation.
- 🌻 I have opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others here.
- 🌻 Being part of this congregation has been life-changing for me.

These comments and many more have been repeated at almost every cottage meeting. As we go into the decision-making months ahead, let us not forget what this congregation means to us, has done for us and is doing for us and others in Central Pennsylvania and beyond.

— Submitted by Sandy Hamstra, Chair

Be Part of the Music at UCH

A New Music Committee Begins

Are you interested in the music at UCH? We have an opportunity for you! Whether you sing or ring or play an instrument – or are simply interested in the music at UCH, you have a place on the newly forming Music Committee. With a new Director of Music coming to be with you, a Music Committee can provide support and knowledge that will make your work together more rich and rewarding. Everyone benefits!

The first meeting of the committee will take place at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, at the Clover Lane campus. Be part of this important new work at UCH!

A Thankful Farewell

October 14 will mark my final Sunday with the wonderful congregation that is the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. It is with a complex mixture of thanksgiving and sadness that I say my farewell. My other full-time job simply does not leave enough time and energy for the work that I have come to love here. So it is with deep regret that I must leave you.

Professional ethics say that I should stay away from UCH for at least a year. Although I will no longer be present amongst you, I will be watching from afar and carrying you in my heart. I have constantly been amazed at the way this congregation – and especially the choirs with whom I have been privileged to work – has risen to challenges placed before you. And you have risen with grace and compassion and power. These are mighty gifts.

Thank you so very much for singing with me and playing with me and sharing this amazing path of beauty and harmony. I have been deeply blessed by my time with you.

— Submitted by Ann Hossler, Director of Music

Religious Exploration

2nd Annual Backpack Blessing

The RE Committee held our 2nd Annual Backpack Blessing on August 26 at both campuses. More than just a chance for kids and teens to show off their back-to-school bags, the Backpack Blessing lifted up everyone embarking on a new journey this year, whether it be schooling, new job, family responsibilities, or personal goals. We shared love, compassion, and a reminder that we don't do any of this alone. We distributed sturdy keychains that contain seven rainbow beads (for the 7 UU Principles) and one brown bead with a hand-drawn chalice, so we can take the flame of UCH with us wherever we go. (We still have a few Blessing charms, so ask Sara, Amy, Bridgette, Tony, Lenka, or JT if you would like one for your own bag!)



And wow! The RE Committee and Gather the Spirit were grateful for the 14 new backpacks donated at Market Street and Clover Lane! We're sharing them during Community Hours with families in the Allison Hill area. Thank you for helping children, youth, and young adults start off the new school year with something that holds their hopes and dreams, as well as pencils, notebooks, and tablets.

2018-19 RE Committee Grows by Two

On behalf of the RE Committee, I am pleased to introduce two new committee members: Lenka Platt and JT Thomas. Both are high school juniors, long-time and active attendees of UCH, and members of our Youth Group.

We invited Lenka and JT to the RE Committee because we want them to have a platform to share their observations, their suggestions, and their priorities in RE. As our congregation explores and discerns our mission and future vision, RE values the thoughtful, insightful, and often unheard voices of our Youth. We're so glad Lenka and JT are joining us!

Keep an eye out for their new and improved nametags, as well as the RE Committee nametags from Amy Firestone, Bridgette Parker, and Tony Morgan. Grab us after services to introduce yourself or share your thoughts about RE.

— Submitted by Sara Palmer, DRE; photo credits: Kel Kyle

Share the Plate: Citizens Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization. In October, we will be sharing the plate with the Citizens Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

Since 1920, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) has empowered individuals to become involved in public policy. The LWVPA's Citizens Education Fund educates the public about the structures, functions, and procedures of all levels of government, and about various public policy issues. They work to ensure that our elections are free, fair, and accessible. UCH member Darlene Kvaternik is a long-time volunteer, and Barb Hoskins is a past president of the local chapter.



Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness

If you woke up white, here’s a chance to probe the pigment of your imagination. Join UCH members and friends for conversations on whiteness, facilitated by graduates of last fall’s Examining Whiteness class. We have two more, of a series of six, conversations as we make “baby steps” toward examining whiteness. Probe considerations on race that may have been avoided in your past experiences. We have reviewed multiple resources for you to help pre-screen the information.

Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness

Topic	Facilitator	Date/Time	
		1:00 p.m. Sunday Fuller Chapel	7:00 p.m. Wednesday Priestley Room
1. The Power of an Illusion	Cordell Affeldt	Completed	
2. Segregated Knowledge	Christine Dutton	Completed	
3. White Identify development	Kara Schmidt	Completed	
4. Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack	Kara Schmidt	Completed	
5. Expanding Knowledge of Non-White Stories	Cordell Affeldt	Oct 14	Oct 17
6. On the Path	Kara Schmidt	Dec 16	Dec 19

All conversations will be held at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Clover Lane Campus. The Sunday sessions will be in the afternoons, in the Fuller Chapel, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Each session will be repeated Wednesday evenings, in the Priestley Room, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

🕒 **Expanding Knowledge of Non-white Stories (This Month)**

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

Helping People in Prison and Their Families

THANKS to the UCH, GTS and community volunteers at our UCH Community Connections Reentry Breakfast on Sept. 22. You made it succeed: Margaret Carrow, Jim Cavanaugh, Chris Dutton, John Hargreaves, Wanda Givens, Jacquie Rucker, Alaine Keisling, Lee Olsen, Caroline Parke, John Aponick, Larry Linder, David Spear, Michael Mark, Rachel Mark, Marilyn McHenry, John Abbott, Jeff Knight, Tina Straham, Gary Grovman, Naed Smith, Ann Lebo, Sandy Hamstra, Emily Webb, and our five wonderful friends from Messiah College: Jodi Shoemaker, Nathan Vargas, Emily Deyo, Gillian Morris, and Eric Jaloka.

Our HPIPF summer read was *Cuz: The Life and Times of Michael A*, by Danielle Allen. No date has been set for the book discussion; please stay tuned.

No more classifieds for women in prison: online job search has replaced them at The Program. But your spare 2019 calendars are appreciated. Just bring them to church, put them in the baskets where the classified ads used to go, and Chaplain Jim Cavanaugh will take them to Work Release.

— Submitted by Jim Cavanaugh

Auction Donations

Are you more of a book person or a movie person? The book has Dorothy wearing silver slippers, but the Technicolor movie chose ruby slippers. No matter what color shoes you want to wear, at UCH you can follow the yellow brick road-right back to . . . Harrisburg. Join in our UCH auction, “There is No Place Like Home,” on Saturday, Nov.10, to help UCH follow its own road home. Help UCH by donating events, goods, and services for the auction. Perhaps you can help someone de-clutter their home, provide a delicious baked good or soup, a special decorative item or the skill to decorate someone’s home beautifully. Please open your own home for a dinner, game night, or concert. Contact the [Auction Committee](#) by Oct. 5 for inclusion in the booklet.

Tickets will be on sale in October at both campuses after the service, the cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

— Submitted by the UCH Auction Committee

We March. We Act.



Power to the Polls - Next Phase - Join the Inspiration!

Throughout our history, Unitarian Universalists have been fighting for voting rights. In 1965, UU's Rev. [James Reeb](#) and [Viola Liuzzo](#) were murdered by white supremacists when they went to Selma, Alabama to fight for the right of African Americans to vote. Many of you have already joined We March. We Act. (lay led ministry of UCH) in the modern day movement to help marginalized people in our church neighborhood exercise their right to vote. We have knocked on doors to hear stories about why voting is so important to our neighbors. We have registered many people to vote, including folks who thought they had lost that right because they have been convicted of crimes. On our Power to the Polls event on Sept., 8, we served a huge pasta dinner where we all committed to voting on November 6 and practiced using a voting machine. And now we invite all of you to join We March. We Act. in the next phase of our Get Out the Vote project.

On Saturday, October 13, please join us for another day of canvassing. As you knock on doors, you will be asking people to fill out a Commitment to Vote postcard that will be mailed back to them just before the election. You will also be sharing a flier that shows the four races with the candidates and a link to their websites so folks know what their choices will be on

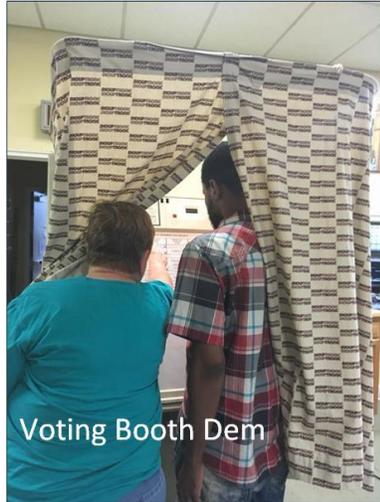
November 6. You will also ask everyone about their plan for voting day and if we can assist them in any way. Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Market Street campus. NO experience necessary and no one canvasses alone. And there are tasks at the church that don't involve going door to door. There will be a training, morning snacks, and we will end with a debrief and lunch.

The final canvass will be on Saturday, November 3, 10 am-2pm. One simple message for that day: "Don't forget to vote on Tuesday! We will have food and hang out with your kids while you vote! Just do it!" So your help is also needed on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7am - 8 pm. Volunteers are needed to hang out with kids while their family members vote, to prepare and serve snacks for voters, and to provide rides to voters. Please consider joining the team for one or all of these days.

- 🕒 Saturday, Oct. 13, Get Out the Vote canvass 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 🕒 Saturday, Nov. 3, Don't Forget to Vote canvass 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 🕒 Tuesday, Nov. 6, Support at the UCH Polling Location 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact [Wendy Shaver](#) (717-802-2920) if you can help with any of these events. We March. We Act. is also accepting donations to cover the cost of this project.

– Submitted by [Wendy Shaver](#)



Voting Booth Dem



Canvassing Team



Voter Registration



Voter Education Dinner

Sept. 8 Power to the Polls

Gather the Spirit

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 the Common Ground Community Center three mornings a week and the Common Ground Café (CGC) on the last Saturday of the month. It operates from UCH's Market Street campus.



October Challenge Grant

GTS has received a challenge grant from a group of supporters. From Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, the first \$5,000 donated to GTS will be matched dollar for dollar by this charitable group. EVERY donation--no matter how big or small--becomes double the amount to support GTS' mission in providing services to our neighbors in Allison Hill. You can make online donations via the [GTS website](#) or send a check to 1508 Market Street, Harrisburg PA 17103.

Community Walk

GTS's second annual Allison Hill Community Walk was held Sept. 22, with great participation and support from GTS representatives and the Allison Hill community. Activities began at 1508 Market Street and progressed through the neighborhood, with stops at the playground and Mt. Pleasant Fire Company. Registrants received commemorative t-shirts and enjoyed pizza, snacks and refreshments after the event.

Due to popular demand, t-shirts are available for purchase for \$15 each. Order requests may be sent to info@gatherthespirit.org with shirt size and payment method (Paypal via the [GTS website](#) or send a check to 1508 Market Street).



Common Ground Café

We continue the Saturday breakfast, and August 25 we served 183 people. That is almost 30 more than in July. Feel free to join us Saturday, October 27; breakfast is from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LionCare, the non-profit free clinic dedicated to serving medical and other health needs of the underserved in Harrisburg, is coming to Common Ground Cafe on Saturday, October 27. Nursing professionals from Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center will be on hand to provide flu shots and blood pressure screenings to community guests and volunteers.

Community Hours

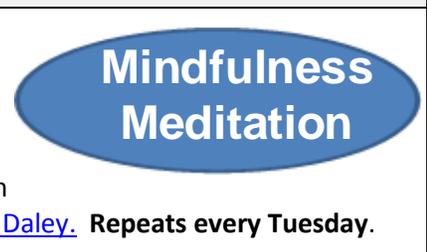
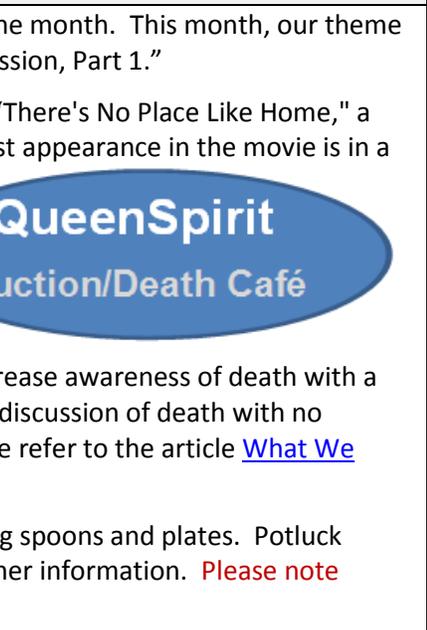
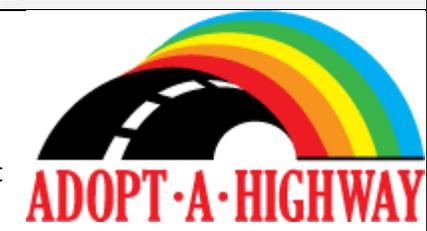
During regular community hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, more than 1,000 additional meals were served, 21 state ID's were issued, and more than 350 personal care or clothing items were distributed. An array of other activities continues to attract our neighbors. Last month this included physical therapy, mindfulness meditation, voter registration and visits by a few nurses from Hershey Med. As you might imagine many of our guests do not have adequate, or any, medical care.

Other

Besides the above mentioned, in October we will participate in the [Harrisburg CROP Hunger Walk](#) 10/21 (they give GTS money) and the Allison Hill Health Fair 10/27. It is critical to educating our guests and the residents of the area in living healthy and is part of our core mission.

Last year's highly successful Gather the Bands fundraiser will return Jan. 20 at Appalachian Brewery. Once again great music, food, drink and fellowship.

— Compiled from reports by John Hargreaves, Darlene Kvaternik

Date	Time	Group	Location
Mon 1	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 2	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>			
Wed 3	6:00	QueenSpirit	Clover Lane
<p>QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, our theme is "Creating Rituals." This month, we focus on “Auction Basket Creation and Death Café Discussion, Part 1.”</p> <p>Jessica Lybarger will lead in creating our donation to the All-Church Auction, whose theme is “There's No Place Like Home," a spin on <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>. Our chosen theme basket is "Galinda the good witch." Since her first appearance in the movie is in a pink bubble, we thought it would be fun to donate bubble related items. Please bring an item or two donated for this important fund raising event. Some suggested items are kid bubbles mix, sparkling cider, bubble bath, bubble gum, or perhaps things that create positive energy. The over all color of the basket will be pink so that may be an inspiration to you as well.</p> <p>Ann Stillwater will then lead a Death Café discussion. At a Death Café, the objective is “to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.” A Death Café is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion rather than a grief support session. Also please refer to the article What We Want at the End in the current <i>UU World</i>.</p> <p>Please bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Circle starts at 6:30 p.m., ending at 8:00 p.m. Contact Patti Hazell for further information. Please note additional event on October 13.</p>			
Sat 6	9:00	Adopt-a-Highway	Clover Lane
<p>The Adopt-a-Highway cadre is responsible for two miles of Lindle Road near the Clover Lane campus. Policing actions are held in the spring, summer, and fall. THIS IS THE DAY. PennDOT provides orange safety vests and highway warning signs that we use during litter pick-ups. It also provides trash bags and picks up the bagged litter from the roadside. Volunteers must be at least eight years old, and those under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Clover Lane to start. Please contact John Hargreaves for information.</p>			
Sun 7	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, the group meets for an hour of discussion about an important societal topic. Past topics have included Gerrymandering, Environmental Updates, and Why Courts Matter.</p>			

Date	Time	Group	Location
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Tue 9 6:30 Women's Night Out (Monthly) Off-site

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. 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.

Date	Restaurant	Location
14-Aug	Peachtree	Harrisburg
11-Sep	Chalit's Thai Bistro	Mechanic
9-Oct	The Wharf	Harrisburg
13-Nov	Isaac's Restaurant	Lemoyne
11-Dec	Greystone Public House	Harrisburg

**Women's Night Out
The Wharf**

Our group meets Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at [The Wharf](#) restaurant, 6852 Derry Street, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to [Chris Dutton](#) or [Diane Stables](#) by the Sunday beforehand.

Sat 13 9:00 Queen Spirit Re-ignition Circle Clover Lane

QueenSpirit is hosting a morning-long session as we plan for the future. We will be discussing forming key positions for things like key/opening the church, supplies, emails, library, annual report, time-keeper, notices to *REPORTER* and "News You Can UU's," room reservation, etc.

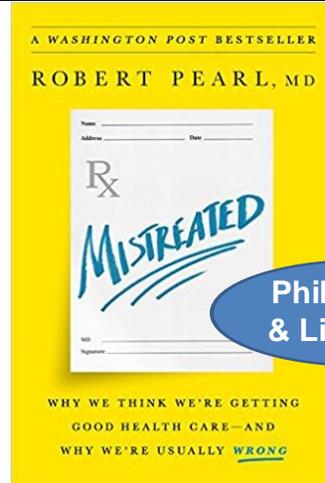
**QueenSpirit
Re-Ignition**

We will not have access to the lower level or kitchen. Please keep that in mind if you wish to bring any light snacks for all to share. Contact [Patti Hazell](#) for further information

Sun 14 7:00 Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly) Clover Lane

The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month (except May), normally at 7:00 p.m. at Clover Lane. This month, the group will discuss *Mistreated: Why We Think We're Getting Good Health Care--and Why We're Usually Wrong*, by Robert Pearl. From Amazon.com:

Unlike other books, *Mistreated* focuses specifically on how our hard wired cognitive biases and how environmental context explains the behaviors of individual patients, doctors, and other legacy participants in our current health care system. More importantly, *Mistreated* explains how our cultural beliefs as Americans see our health care system as being the best in the world when objective measures tell a very different story.



**Philosophy
& Literature**

All are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.

Tue 16 10:00 CroneSpirit (Monthly) Clover Lane

The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "Your Cherished Possessions." We are:

- ☺ 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

**CroneSpirit
Your Cherished Possessions**

We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact [Joan Hellmann](#).

Date	Time	Group	Location
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Wed 17	6:30	Clower Grove (Monthly)	Clower Lane
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Clower 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 will be planning for the Samhain Party on Oct. 27 (below), with a small ritual. All are welcome.

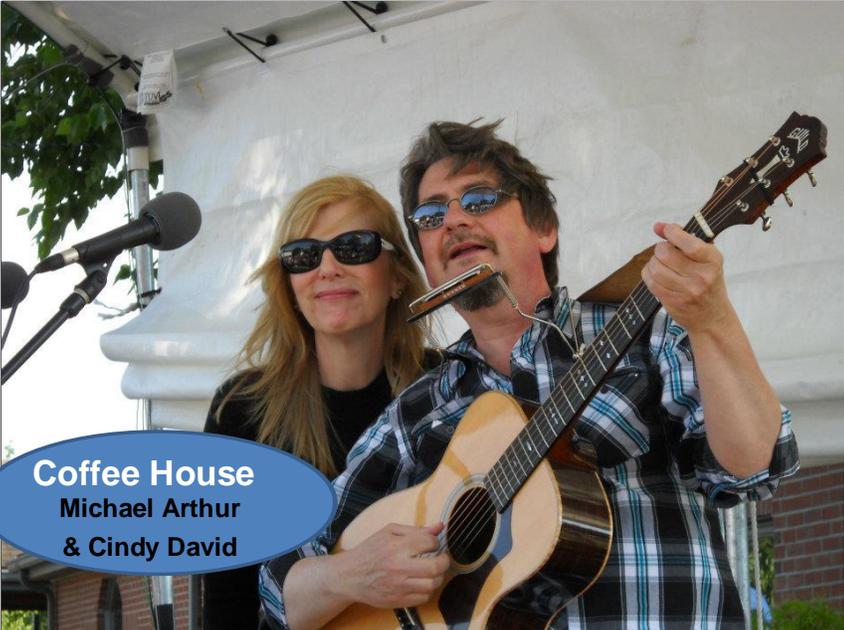


Save the date: Clower Grove will sponsor this year's Winter Solstice ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 22

Please contact [Wayne Minich](#) for further information.

Fri 19	7:30	Clower Lane Coffee House	Clower Lane
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Clower Lane Coffee House kicks off its 16th year, now under the leadership of Bill Brown. The series will run from October to June, typically with one event each month. This month, we welcome local artists [Michael Arthur and Cindy David](#), performing contemporary folk with an emphasis on harmony. Mike is inspired to make audience connections; of their music, he says, "The payoff is when someone comes up to us after a show and talks about how a song connected with something they are dealing with in their lives and somehow made them feel less alone in the struggle."



Admission \$10 donation at the door, \$25 max per family.

If you are interested in helping this season, we can use help with setup, cleanup, refreshments, and occasional hosting. Please contact [Bill Brown](#).

Sat 20	9:00	UUnistriders	Off-Site
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Help our UUnistriders team Make Strides Against Breast Cancer by walking with us! We have walked to Make Strides Against Breast Cancer for many years, and the momentum is growing. So get out your walking shoes and find your pink attire so you will be ready. Your co-captains [Jim Cavanaugh](#) and [Nej Meflah](#) have lots of experience, so ask them anything you like.

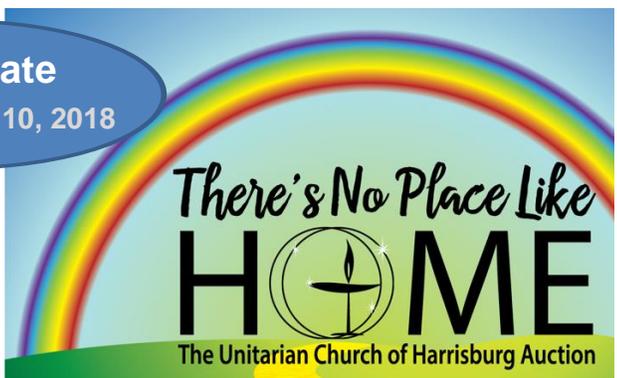
We'll be walking for our three honorary team leaders: Yvonne Hursh, Kate Carpenter, and Randa Todd. They are all breast cancer survivors, and they are all strong women. If you don't want to walk, you can donate by asking anyone who'll be walking. You can also donate electronically at the [Making Strides for Harrisburg website](#) by selecting the UUnistriders team.

Tue 23	6:30	UCH Auction Committee	Clower Lane
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Click your heels three times and join in the fun at our All Church Auction. The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room at Clower 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.



Date	Time	Group	Location
Sat 20	6:30	The Wizard of Oz	Clover Lane
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="32 189 406 525">  <p>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</p> </div> <div data-bbox="422 189 974 567"> <p>If it's been a while or just because you love it join in family movie night to watch this classic film. Our auction theme is <i>There's No Place Like Home</i>, so here's your chance to see Dorothy, Scarecrow and all the beloved characters. FREE Event.</p> <p>Popcorn and drinks provided by the Auction Committee (feel free to bring your own snacks as well). All ages welcome. No childcare provided. Run time, 101 minutes</p> </div> <div data-bbox="990 189 1575 525">  <p>the WIZARD of OZ</p> </div> </div>			
Sat 27	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). Each breakfast serves about 300 adults and children. The menu is simple: pancakes, eggs, sausage/bacon/ham, grits and fruit. Guests arrive, are greeted, then seated and served restaurant style. Volunteers cook, serve and clean and also run a children's activity area. Volunteers are from churches, businesses, organizations and Allison Hill residents. There are usually 20 to 30 volunteers.</p> <p>The food is good, the conversations are better. Guests and volunteers chat and laugh as they share food and stories. There is also the time for serious conversations about what is happening on the Hill, in Harrisburg, the country and the world. 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>			
Sat 27	3:00	Samhain Party	Clover Lane
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="32 1018 1104 1270"> <p>Clover Grove celebrates Samhain! Join the Pagan Festivities hosted by Clover Grove for their annual Samhain Saturday. We will be hosting two 1-hour workshops that are Halloween oriented at 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. "Stir the Cauldron" pot luck at 5:00 p.m. Then enjoy socializing and dancing til 9:00 p.m. for the Costume Party.</p> <p>Clover Grove LOVES to have fun, so bring it on!!</p> <p>Please contact Wayne Minich for further information.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1120 1008 1575 1186" style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Clover Grove Samhain Party!</p> </div> </div>			

Membership News

Jim Calhoun 80th Birthday

Jim Calhoun, a long-time member of UCH, turns 80 on Saturday, Oct. 6. Due to declining physical and mental health, Jim is no longer able to come to church, but he is proud to be a UCH member of long standing. We request that UCH friends help to make Jim's day special by sending him a celebration of birthday cards. His address is: Jim Calhoun c/o ARTIS, 150 N. 12th Street, Room # 313, Lemoyne, PA 17043. If you have time to visit in person, his wife Donna encourages his friends to stop by between 2 and 4 pm on October 10 for some cake.

— Submitted by Nan and Jim Cavanaugh for the Lay Pastoral Care Associates

Grimm-Thomas 25th Anniversary

Congratulations to UCH members Jack Thomas and Karen Grimm-Thomas on their silver wedding anniversary. Jack and Karen were married Sept. 18, 1993, in State College.

Kudos to Kel Kyle

Congrats to our own Kel Kyle, whose original music piece, "Be Present," was performed September 23 by the Sanctuary Singers at UUCSS in Silver Spring, MD. This song was written specifically to be used as a prelude in August when Voices 3 sang for UCH services led by Jane Bechtel. Kel is in the process of granting permission to UU churches to use "Be Present" as part of their worship services.