

Staff Column

The Rev. Bran Lennox serves as UCH's settled minister



Good news! I'm excited to share that after many years, I have finally received a custom-fit, lightweight wheelchair to assist me in my day-to-day activities. It's easy to get around in and, if I do say so myself, it looks pretty snazzy (page 11).

I have been a part-time wheelchair user for many years, especially for more physically challenging events such as conferences. As the years go by and my Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (joint looseness) causes me more difficulties, it's a real gift to be able to rely on an upgraded wheelchair for more support.

On future Sundays as well as weekdays around the office, you may see me rolling around on my new wheels, and sometimes hopping out of the chair as needed. Here are a few points of etiquette you may or may not already be familiar with:

- ☺ Do not push a wheelchair user, even if you think they might need help. The wheelchair user will ask for assistance if needed.
- ☺ Do not touch a person's assistive devices without permission. This applies whether or not the devices are currently in use.
- ☺ Make sure to look down a bit while walking in crowds! You will like tripping over me even less than I enjoy being tripped over.
- ☺ It's a faux pas to see someone using an assistive device and ask what happened. We know it comes from a place of care, but that is personal medical information, and for many of us it's just another expression of our day-to-day norm. Try to ignore it as you would any other difference in presentation and focus on the person rather than their wheelchair.
- ☺ Remember, nobody is too young to be disabled, and we are all, at best, temporarily physically abled.
- ☺ I, personally, would like to make small talk about my chair as little as possible.
- ☺ It is okay to ask me curiosity questions about Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and similar disabilities, because I feel comfortable being an educator. Please ask away, but don't assume that other folks will be similarly willing.
- ☺ Keep in mind that many people are part-time wheelchair users, and if you see someone standing up out of their chair, try to combat the common narrative that they are faking something for attention. Trust me, in our walking-centric world, using a wheelchair is very inconvenient most of the time, and we would not do this if we didn't need to.

What new technologies and marvels are helping you live as your most whole self these days? What are you grateful for as we move into this season of ingathering? *Rev. Bran*

Worship 10:30am Sundays

Sept. 6: Water Communion: Gather Us Home, Rev. Bran

Ingathering! Please be sure to bring your own offering of water to our annual celebration. Water has the power to rock us, heal us, and bring us home.

Sept. 13: Celebration of Firsts, Cory Ness, Yvonne DuVal

Firsts are a lifelong experience—indeed, a daily one. Yet many of us experience some of our most foundational and transformative firsts during the turbulent years of early adulthood. We will honor those firsts, as well as the many firsts we encounter throughout every stage of life, from our earliest days as babies to our elder years. For our firsts are holy, and you are holy for living through them. You are asked to bring a backpack, purse, or bag for a special blessing.

Sept. 20: Rachel Eskin Fisher, The Lion's Love

Dr. Fisher is with "Changing the Conversation," speaking on deep canvassing as an act of repair.

Sept. 27: Animal Blessing: Not Hard to Love, Rev. Bran

Our fuzzy friends have a way of reminding us that we need only love to be lovable. Please bring a photo of your beloved animals and/or an object of theirs to be blessed.

Each Sunday, the church emails a [Zoom link](#) for the Sunday service, i.e., it is the same link each week. We also upload a recording of the service each week to the [UCH YouTube site](#).

Vespers

Vespers is a way of welcoming the arrival of evening time with shared spiritual centering. The 45-minute candle-lit service is filled with song, poetry, meditation, and reflection. Fourth Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Staff

- ☺ [Rev. Bran Lennox](#), MDiv, Minister
- ☺ [Yvonne DuVal](#), MMus, Director of Music Ministries, HR Director
- ☺ [Cory Ness](#), Director of Lifespan Faith Development
- ☺ [Janus Stroh](#), Facilities Manager
- ☺ [Tavia Flanagan](#), Office Assistant

Collective Liberation Tip of the Month

Please re-read Rev. Bran's tips on how to be a good ally to wheelchair users! You can do some of your own research as well by reading books and articles from disabled perspectives. For bonus points, share this information and start discussions with friends and family.

News From the Board of Trustees

By Amy Firestine



At my orientation Board meeting, the newest members learned all the secret handshakes and passwords that only Board Members are allowed to know. One of the first things the Board President told us was to be sure to sign up for various open date slots. Not only do we get to sign up to be the Trustee on Duty and read the offertory during Sunday services, but we are also required to sign up to write at least one article for THE REPORTER each year.

Trustees on Duty

Date	Trustee
Sep. 6	Yvonne Werzinsky
Sep. 13	Chris Dutton
Sep. 20	Amy Firestine
Sep. 27	Diggs Lobdell

So what did I do...I signed up to write the September Board member message. Yep, I'm a newly minted Board member and I'm kicking off the church year by writing this month's message. So what exactly was I to write in this month's Message from the Board? Should I go all-business, or should I go more personal? Well...maybe this message will be a mixture of both.

Did you know that for ten months out of our 12-month worship year,¹ we have themes? If you pay attention to the slide show before and after services, I bet you were bouncing in your seat saying, "I did, I did!" For those who may have missed that slide, we do in fact have themes; and those themes are jointly shared between our Lifespan Faith Development² program (page 9) and our Sunday services.

For the month of September, our theme is Interdependence, which is also one of our Seven Principles. Our Interdependence principle states, "We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it." If you look up the word "interdependence" in the dictionary it is defined as the state of relying on one another; it happens when two or more people, groups, or living things depend on each other for support, resources, or survival. It's a principle we practice at least weekly when we connect with each other on Sunday mornings. For some, it's when we attend events held throughout the month, such as Covenant groups, Banned Book discussions, Heart meditation sessions, or gather together on a Friday morning to sew with one another. For others, it's joining with fellow UCH members to keep our grounds beautiful, singing in the vocal choir, or ringing together in the bell choir.



After I read the dictionary definition for this month's theme, my personal muse started buzzing in my head, repeating the same thing over and over: how do I embody this principle? At the Board's most recent monthly meeting, one of our agenda items focused on board members representing UCH's various committees and teams. As a governing body for the church, the Board needs to be connected to everything that helps keep our church going. Not only does that mean the individuals who make up UCH, but the committees and various teams, too. So each member of the board volunteers to be a connection to one or more of these committees/teams. As chair of the Worship Team, I already had one interdependent connection made, and I also signed up to be a liaison to at least one other committee within UCH.

I find that I get more out of being a part of my church community by getting involved. For me, it's not enough just to come to Sunday services, I need a purpose and reason to be present, a way to give back. My web of interdependence journey started when I became a UU back in the First Grade. During my many years at [Central Unitarian Church](#) in Paramus, NJ, my mom was recruited to be the church's Director of Religious Education (RE). As I grew up in the youth program and then eventually became a member, I saw how hard it was for her to recruit teachers. It's why I always gravitated to the RE programs for each church I attended as an adult. When I moved to Harrisburg and started attending UCH, I went immediately to the then-Director of RE and got involved. For my first 15 years at UCH, I spent most of my time with the RE program.³

Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) is an integral part of Sunday services. Our youth are included in the first 15 minutes of each service, and once (occasionally twice) a month, they are present for the entire service, known as Whole Church Worship. Every Sunday we set aside time for a

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¹ Which goes from September to August

² Formerly known as Religious Exploration, and even earlier known as Religious Education program

³ If you love working with children and youth, I strongly encourage you to reach out to our Director of LFD, Cory Ness.

News From the Board of Trustees (cont.)

story that ties into the service and touches the child inside each and every one of us. And because LFD is so important to our services, it's why our Director of LFD is a part of the Worship Team.⁴

As I reflected on my interdependent journey, I thought back to how I became the current Worship Team chair. About six years ago, in my role as acting RE Director,⁵ I began attending Worship Team meetings. It wasn't long before I suddenly found myself pulling double duty, as both the Acting RE Director and co-chair of the Worship Team. Shortly after this, Covid hit, and we had to plan services to be virtual only.

Once life began to return to normal, our time spent in isolation left us with a new challenge: how to simultaneously support members who wanted to continue attending services virtually and those who were able to attend in person. A few UCH members somehow got thrown together to figure out how all this technology was going to work in a hybrid environment. I was thrown in with the others, presumably because of my role on the Worship Team. In this new technological world, it quickly became very apparent that our tech needs were going to continue to grow and expand and that technology was becoming an integral part of Sunday Services. From this, the UCH Tech Team emerged as a self-standing team.⁶ Because technology is so important to Sunday services, a representative of the Tech Team now makes up another branch of the Worship Team.

Another important aspect of worship is music.⁷ While I have always enjoyed singing,⁸ I never pursued joining the choir because I was so involved with RE; I didn't see how it would be possible to sing and teach, too. However, the Director of Music Ministries recruited me into the choir and helped to make it possible for me (and others) to do both. In the Sunday morning service, she placed the time when the choir sang (most Sundays) to occur before the youth leave go to their classes. This opened up a whole new world to me and others who felt torn between a love of singing and teaching our youth. And because music is an extremely important part of Sunday Services, our Director of Music Ministries is also on the Worship Team.

Earlier this year, I was approached to put my name into the ring to be a member of the UCH Board. I was only willing to do so as long as I could remain chair of the Worship Team. Little did I know that our own Rev. Bran had been the one to recommend that I be asked to put my name on the Board ballot. So I agreed; I mean what better way to continue to interweave my involvement in UCH than to join the Board, too?

I feel interdependently connected to this congregation and I am happy to have been and continue to be connected to so many areas of our church. As mentioned in last month's REPORTER, an exciting and thrilling event took place on Aug. 22. After many, many years, we officially installed a settled minister. It was a joyous occasion, and it filled me with pride to be included as part of those on the chancel as Rev. Bran Lennox became UCH's new settled minister.

I end my message with a question for all of you: how do you embody interdependence at UCH?⁹

Amy Firestine.

UCH Worship Team Chair and Board Member

P.S. There are no secret handshakes or passwords that you learn as a board member, we just gain access to some really cool church-related-because-you're-a-Board-Member files. But it's still very exciting to be a member of the Board of Trustees, and I encourage others to get involved. Non-Board members are invited to attend the board meetings, as an observer or to bring something to the Board's attention. I also encourage you to attend Worship Team meetings, especially if you want to be a part of Sunday services; we're always looking for new voices and faces to be worship associates or simply to help put a service together when our beloved minister is not in the pulpit, usually once a month. Note:

- 🕒 The Board meets at 6:30pm on the third Thursday in the Priestly Room.
- 🕒 The Worship Team meets via Zoom at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of the month.¹⁰

⁴ Notice another interdependent web tie: LFD to Sunday Services to Worship Team.

⁵ Before we found our wonderful Cory Ness

⁶ And I willingly stepped out of the Tech realm, leaving that to those who really were enjoying learning more and more about Tech

⁷ Guess what, music is another string on my web of interdependence

⁸ Mostly in the car or shower

⁹ Just think about how many areas within our church community you might have a hand or foot in; I bet it's more than one.

¹⁰ If you're interested in attending the Worship Team meetings, please reach out to me directly at afirestine@uchbg.org

Board Notes

Submitted by Chris Dutton

The Board of Trustees met Aug. 16 for its monthly meeting. Highlights of the meeting include:

- ➊ **Coble trust.** Each year UCH is entitled to a distribution from the trust of Ruth Coble. The last complete distribution UCH received was for 2024. Recently, the administration of the trust was reorganized and as a result, UCH received a distribution for both 2025 and 2026 in the amount of \$40,000. Half was applied to this year's operating budget, as expected. The Board approved the transfer of the other half to UCH's long-term reserves, which are invested and drawn upon similarly to an endowment, thus helping to sustain UCH into the future.
- ➋ **Fiscal year report.** UCH closed out the year ending June 30, 2026, with a small surplus of \$3,450. This was a best-case scenario. We have pledging members to thank for completing their pledges in June, resulting in receipts of over \$60,000, more than double the average monthly pledge receipt. Thank you to everyone for responding to our requests to complete your pledges. Please see a high-level financial summary (page 5) and a detailed summary on the [Google drive](#); we have also posted a summary on the bulletin board at Clover Lane.
- ➌ **Electrical/plumbing maintenance:** A new policy was approved regarding the Maintenance of Electrical and Plumbing Systems. The policy is available on the UCH [Google drive](#).
- ➍ **NextGen status:** The Board reviewed the status of how the remainder of the Next Gen money is being spent (page 5). This included more lighting updates; work on the new playground project; and the delivery of the commissioned sanctuary stands for the stage.
- ➎ **UCH website (privacy):** There was discussion about the absence of information on the UCH website about Board members. Because the website is outward-facing and accessible to the public, Board member details including email addresses and phone numbers are not provided due to security concerns. Committees and teams are not posted because they are internal groups and are accessed via Amplify. Options were discussed. Diggs Lobdell will follow up with the Communications Team.
- ➏ **Gift Card Program:** The Gift Card Program (page 6) is a significant source of income for the church, and it declined last year. Efforts will be made to advertise and sign up more people. This is not limited to church members.
- ➐ **Sanctuary chairs:** All of the blue chairs in the sanctuary have been dry cleaned. Wax drippings are not removable, nor are streaking caused by previous cleaners' use of moisture-based solutions. The chairs were very dirty and are much improved.
- ➑ **Elevette inspections** are now required twice each year at increased expense.
- ➒ **Roofing renovations:** Sheetz Roofing offered to settle the legal action that UCH initiated due to the failed 4.5-year-old roof, by refunding the full amount that we paid them to install the flat roof. Installation of the new roof began on Aug. 26 (page 6). Building Code requirements mandated that we install insulation under the flat roof, at significant additional expense. We expect energy savings that will help offset the cost.

Treasurer's Note

An internal examination of UCH's Cash Management System was completed recently by one of our members with a 35-year career in financial and program audits. The review was comprehensive, lengthy, and professional. A report was produced. The results were positive with no exceptions noted. Recommendations were made to develop more detailed policies and procedures; to assure the central location of documentation; and a recommendation to keep grocery gift cards in the church safe.

Board meetings are held at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of the month and are open to the congregation. Time is allotted at the beginning of each Board meeting for public comments. The Board email is board@uchbg.org.

September Share the Plate: Meadville Lombard Theological School

Each month, we share the Sunday plate with a local non-profit. This month, we share with Meadville Lombard Theological School.

[Meadville Lombard Theological School](#) is a UU graduate institution in Chicago whose mission is to educate ground-breaking leaders who will awaken individuals and communities to liberation and justice, and build world-healing communities. It is one of only two seminaries dedicated specifically to UU ministerial education in the U.S. It is also the alma mater of Rev. Lennox, who received their Master of Divinity degree there in 2021.

— Submitted by UCH Finance Committee



Year-End Fiscal Report

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg completed its fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, with a small operating surplus of \$3,451 despite some significant unanticipated expenses. The record receipt of \$60,278 in Stewardship Pledge payments in June, strong Unpledged Gifts and low Facilities expenses combined to offset other negative plan-to-actual variances.

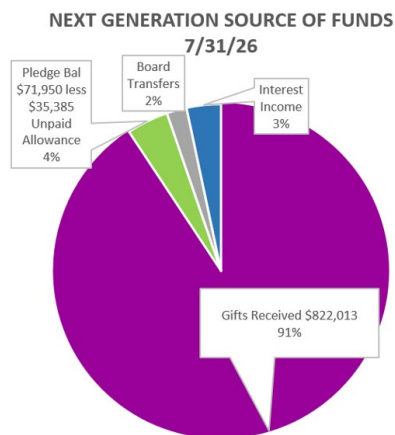
The table below is a high-level summary; extended discussion appears on the [Google drive](#).

	FY26 Plan	FY26 Actual	% of Plan	
OPERATING INCOME				
Pledge Income	\$360,000	\$350,016	97.2%	FY26 unpaid pledges of \$17,902 (5%) were partially offset by excess pledge payments and FY25 pledges paid in FY26
Unpaid Pledge Allowance	(\$10,800)			
Unpledged Gifts	\$11,000	\$17,843	162.2%	
Plate Offering	\$30,000	\$29,428	98.1%	1/2 is shared - related expense is in Community Outreach
Total Gift Income	\$390,200	\$397,287	101.8%	
Endowments & Trust Income	\$34,300	\$29,410	85.7%	Coble trust income was less than anticipated
Fundraisers	\$34,300	\$30,002	87.5%	Grocery Card sales \$3,778 below expectations
Other Income	\$9,450	\$12,823	135.7%	Strong rental income
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$468,250	\$469,522	100.3%	
Administration	\$22,900	\$23,853	104.2%	Excess tech expenses related to software conversion
Leadership & Denomination	\$23,200	\$21,259	91.6%	Ministerial Installation not until Aug '26
Facilities	\$54,600	\$48,116	88.1%	Maintenance costs held low to offset other excess expenses
Community Outreach	\$15,200	\$14,961	98.4%	
Religious Exploration	\$4,200	\$3,474	82.7%	OWL \$645 below planned
Music & Worship	\$7,250	\$8,206	113.2%	Guest musicians & speakers more than planned
Personnel	\$340,900	\$346,202	101.6%	Large January increase in health insurance premiums
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$468,250	\$466,071	99.5%	
NET OPERATING RESULTS	\$0	\$3,451	0.7%	

Next-Gen Summary

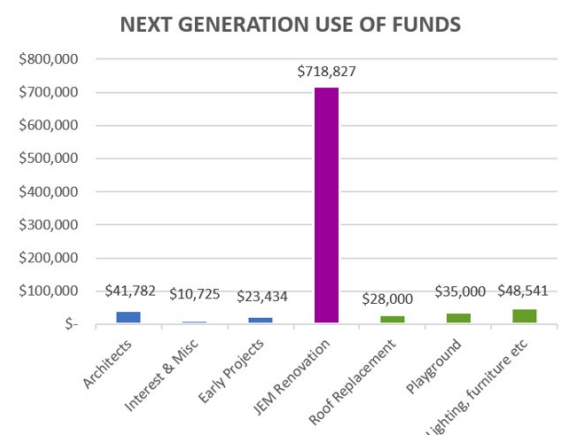
We are in our final year of the Next Generation Capital Campaign, with more than 90% of commitments paid by July 31, 2026, and final receipts are estimated to be more than \$900,000!

In August, new sanctuary platform furniture was delivered (page 8) and new lighting was installed in the Priestley and Fahs classrooms, just prior to Aug. 22. Some Next Gen funds will be used to assist with the roof replacement. Playground equipment also arrived this month, but the contractor cannot install it until later this fall.



The accompanying charts show source of funds and use of funds, respectively. There is a \$35,000 reserve for unpaid pledges. If additional gifts are received or a higher percentage of pledges are paid than anticipated, the Board will prioritize the use of those funds. Please click [here](#) for a more comprehensive 6/30/26 report of the campaign, and a list of pending projects.

Extended discussion appears on the church's [Google drive](#).



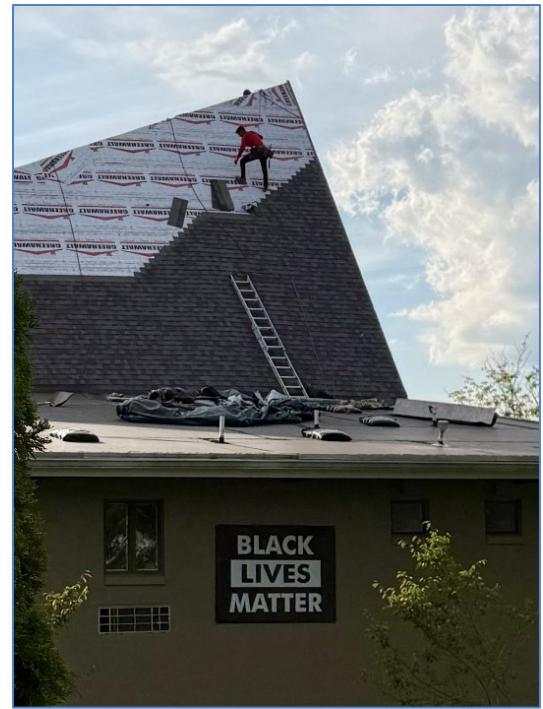
Clover Lane Roof

UCH is replacing its roof at Clover Lane, both the gabled roof above the sanctuary and the flat roofs to the side. The project is currently underway.

Background: we last replaced the entire roof in 2021. As described in earlier REPORTERS, the flat (synthetic rubber) roof failed on multiple occasions, leading to degradation of the shingled section. The original contractor tried and failed to remediate the issues multiple times, and the Board ultimately voted to do a complete replacement with a new contractor. Among other things, the township requires additional insulation beyond what we installed in 2011, and the problems with the rubber roof were significant enough to impact the shingled section, leading to a full replacement.

The replacement began Aug. 26 on the shingle portion (photo), i.e. the gable ends, with the rubber portion to follow. The new roof should shelter us for many years to come and protect us as we fulfill the various missions of this blessed community. Many thanks to Brad Byers, Chris Dutton, Dave Forster, and Janus Stroh for their help with this project.

— Submitted by the Board of Trustees



Grocery Cards

Here at UCH, we have a way to contribute to our community and mission which does not cost members a single extra dollar of household expenses. I am talking about the grocery Gift Card program. In the fiscal year just ended on June 30, the program netted \$16,222. It is the largest dollar fundraiser at UCH each year.

The Gift Card Fundraiser provides members with grocery store gift cards from Giant, Karns, or Weis grocery stores in denominations of \$50 or \$100. Members purchase the cards, then use them to buy groceries, prepared foods, beer and wine, and even gasoline. Using the cards is as easy as any other method of payment. The remarkable thing about this process is when you buy a \$100 card, you get exactly \$100 worth of buying power. Store points used toward gas and food discounts are accumulated as you make purchases with the card.

So how does UCH raise funds and benefit from this program? UCH buys the cards from Giant, Karns, and Weis at a discount and sells them to members at face value. The difference between the face value and the discounted price is profit for UCH. Currently, the discount for Giant cards is 10% while the discount for Karns and Weis is 5%. This really is a fundraiser that adds zero cost to your household. At present, about 22% of our members participate in the program. Imagine what we could raise if half of us joined in.

It's an easy and profitable program. Our Office Administrator, Tavia Flanagan, makes participation a breeze. Order forms are sent to members. Return the form to Tavia, and she mails the cards directly to you. Included with the cards is an order form for your next order and a postage-paid envelope. After receiving the cards, you send payment to UCH along with the new order form. Cards are processed twice a month, on the 5th and 20th. If you buy your groceries at Giant, Karns, or Weis, please consider using a prepaid gift card and have a portion of your spending benefit UCH. Follow the link at <https://bulletin.uchbg.org/gift-cards> for an order form and other information. Happy shopping and thank you!

— Submitted by Brad Byers

SUPPORT UCH: GROCERY FUNDRAISER

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fill out one of the forms and mail to the church or contact Tavia.

Installation of Rev. Bran Lennox

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg was thrilled to install the Rev. Bran Lennox as settled minister, in a joyous ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 22. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, with the Act of Installation led by Karen Baker and Chris Dutton. Present at the ceremony were a number of UU ministers, including the Rev. Howard Dana and the Rev. Dr. Kathy Ellis, former ministers at UCH. More than 140 people attended the service at Clover Lane, with 24 people attending remotely.



Photo credit: Wendy Adams

Numerous photos are available on the Facebook page, [Unitarian Church of Harrisburg Discussion Group](#). Special thanks to participants and volunteers as follows:

Group	Individuals
UCH Staff	Yvonne DuVal, Director of Music Ministries, Cory Ness, Director of Lifespan Faith Development, Rev. Bran Lennox, Minister, Tavia Flanagan, Office Assistant; and Janus Stroh, Facilities Manager
Musicians	Chris Emkey (piano), JD Stillwater (percussion), James Henninger-Voss (bass), UCH Choir, and Rev. Verdis LeVar Robinson and Jen Hayman, guest vocalists
Song Leaders	Laura Edinger, Sable Stewart, Attacus Thorn, and Dan Vaughn
UCH Board	Karen Baker, president; Mary Lynn Fecile, vice president; Chris Dutton, treasurer; Susan Stillman, co-clerk; Deb Puskar, co-clerk; Amy Firestine, Diggs Lobdell, Sharon Vaughn, and Yvonne Werzinsky
Guest Leaders	Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, UUA President; Jen Hayman, AUUMM President; Marena McGregor; Rev. Dr. Rebekah Savage; Rev. Mykal Slack; and Rev. Paige Getty
Installation Planning	Marsha Dulaney, Donald Anklam, Hannah Belser, Rima Cameron, and Debbie Reihart
Volunteer Coordination	Kate Carpenter, Linda Hope, and Joan McCabe
Tech Team	Tia Barndt, George Bibikos, Diggs Lobdell, David Spear, and Susan Stillman
Ushers	Carol Buskirk, Dale Dourte, Rachel Mark, and Anita Mentzer
Others	Those who served on the Search Team and Call Planning Task Force and our many unnamed volunteers. This includes 45 volunteers for functions such as hospitality, beverage services, greeters, accessibility, elevette, drivers, parking attendants, sign-in, and room reset.

New Furniture for the Sanctuary

Submitted by Lois Voigt and Cordell Affeldt

UCH received three custom pieces of furniture for the newly renovated sanctuary, just in time for Rev. Bran's installation. Created by master craftsman Kevin Scheimreif (below) the commissioned pieces were delivered Aug. 21 by the artist himself.

The project began in late 2025 through collaborative discussions between Kevin and UCH's Next Generation Task Force, the Aesthetic Integrity Team, and UCH member-artist Beverlee Lehr. The UCH group met with Kevin at Clover Lane so he could see our space and discuss our requirements. Based on UCH's needs, Kevin developed and refined design options, providing 3D renderings and sketches that incorporated sycamore accents and an innovative tilting top for the podiums. Following these initial design iterations, the Task Force finalized the contract in January 2026. Kevin then brought the concepts to life in his workshop. All three pieces include walnut from the same tree.

The chalice stand is made of walnut with a contrasting piece of sycamore on the front side, and two shelves and a special holder for the wick extinguisher. The standing and sitting podiums also have storage shelves, and their tops can lie flat for use as stands for flowers or art pieces. They can be adjusted to one of three podium angles by pulling back on the round knob on the back side while simultaneously raising the front side of the top.



First use of new chalice stand, Aug. 22, 2026

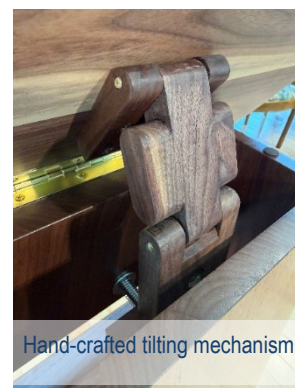


Podium tops can tilt up or lie flat

The beauty of the natural wood grain can be readily viewed from a distance, but Kevin's attention to detail is even more evident upon closer examination. Do go onto the platform to note, for instance, that the creative podium tilting mechanisms are crafted from walnut (photo, upper right) and the triangular pieces seen in the interior of the base of the chalice stand (photo, lower right) are carefully constructed to improve the long-term stability of the piece. Kevin also used our original cherry pulpit as a model for constructing the interior of the new podiums.

Kevin used conversion varnish, which is an exceptionally durable finish often used for kitchen cabinets. While the pieces can be cleaned with a damp cloth and mild soap, harsher chemicals and products like Pledge would be damaging. With as much light as the sanctuary platform gets, the walnut will likely lighten some over time.

We will continue to use the cherry podium for collecting joys and sorrows in the rear of the sanctuary.



Hand-crafted tilting mechanism



Interior of chalice stand



About the artist: Kevin Scheimreif is a master craftsman, furniture designer, and the founder of [Steel & Grain](#), a custom furniture studio based in Milton, 60 miles north of Harrisburg. His work spans a wide portfolio, including custom dining tables, desks, credenzas, seating, and custom architectural elements like stairs and railings.

Sustainability plays a core role in Kevin's process. He prioritizes environmental preservation by salvaging urban timber, fallen trees, and logs sourced directly from local homeowners, utility crews, and regional sawmills—repurposing wood that would otherwise end up as waste. Kevin oversees every stage of production, managing the multi-year drying process for reclaimed slabs before applying precise woodworking and metalworking techniques to craft durable, lifelong pieces.

Opportunities for Lifespan Faith Development



Cory Ness, Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Children/Youth Faith Development

Sunday morning: Childcare is available in the nursery downstairs with Patti Hazell for anyone age 5 and younger. Faith development classes are available for children in grades 1-12. All children through 2nd Grade must be picked up by their parents/caregivers no later than 11:45am.

September Religious Exploration

Date	Topic
Sep. 6	Whole Church Worship
Sep. 13	Whole Church Worship
Sep. 20	Children/Youth R.E.
Sep. 27	Children/Youth R.E.

Will You Answer the Call? Please consider answering our call to serve as a teacher or teaching assistant for the new program year. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on our beloved community by fostering a love of lifelong learning, nurturing the spiritual growth of our young people, and building lasting relationships with children, youth, and families. To sign up, please contact Cory at cness@uchbg.org or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the large bulletin board downstairs. Once you agree to teach, you will receive a PDF of our *Families & Teachers Handbook* as well as a [link](#) to complete the background check required by Pennsylvania law.

Adult Activities

Covenant Groups (recurring)

UCH is excited to participate as a pilot congregation in the UUA's new curriculum, *Woven Faith*. The UUA created the curriculum to both honor our UU past and incorporate our present and future expressions of faith, including sustainable social justice work. We will incorporate these themes within children's RE, our monthly worship themes, and Covenant Groups.

Covenant Groups meet monthly from September to June in the second week of the month.

Sessions are 60-90 minutes long, with discussion

each month on a different aspect of Woven Faith. At this point, we have scheduled the following groups:

🕒 7:00pm second Monday (Zoom)

🕒 1:00pm second Tuesday (Zoom)

🕒 1:00pm second Thursday (Clover Lane)

🕒 5:30pm second Wednesday (Clover Lane)

Registration closed Sept. 1 but we have room in the two Zoom sessions! If you are interested in joining a group next year, please contact [Bart Carpenter](#).

Living Our UU Values

Whole-Church Curriculum for 2026-27

Mo.	Topic	Mo.	Topic
Sep	Interdependence	Feb	Equity
Oct	Living the Questions	Mar	Transformation
Nov	Covenant	Apr	Generosity
Dec	Pluralism	May	Expressing Our Faith
Jan	Courageous Love	Jun	Justice



Banned Book Discussion, bimonthly September-May. at 7:15pm

Join the "Banned Books Club" to read and discuss young adult literature that has been banned for one reason or another. We normally meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:15 pm. Contact [Cory](#) for details.

Sept. 24: *The Mermaid, the Witch, and the Sea*, by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

A pirate and a princess attempt to escape a dark world of magic and slavery, though the book is often challenged for its queer romance, gender-fluidity, and depictions of colonial violence.

November: *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis.

Cory is also taking nominations for 2027! Please review the [Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024](#) listed by the American Library Association, PEN America's [Banned Books List 2025](#), or a similar source for ideas.

Faith Development (continued)

Stitchers Group (recurring)

Join us at 10:00am every 2nd Friday for the Stitchers Group, a needle arts group for knitters/crocheters/quilters/cross stitchers/weavers and more, where we can all gather with our projects to stitch and chat on Zoom. No agenda – just building connections. Contact Cory to be added to the group.

Depression Support Groups (Zoom, twice monthly)

UCH has a depression support group. The purpose of the group is to provide a community of and for people who are living with situations of depression. It is a confidential, safe place for people to be honest about depression in their lives.

🕒 **1:00pm**, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, starting in September. Contact the church office to enroll.

St. Stephen's Collaborative Book Club (7:00pm first Wednesday, via Zoom)

In collaboration with St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, UCH members are cordially invited to participate in a monthly book discussion. The group meets via Zoom, normally on the first Wednesday. On the horizon:

- 🕒 **September:** *Theo of Golden*, by Allen Levi. One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. Recommended by Margaret Messner.
- 🕒 **October:** *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. This is Trevor Noah's memoir, published in 2016. It tells the story of his childhood and adolescence in South Africa during and after apartheid. The title refers to the fact that Noah was literally born a crime: his mother, a Black Zulu woman, and his father, a white Swiss man, had a child together at a time when interracial relationships were illegal under apartheid law.

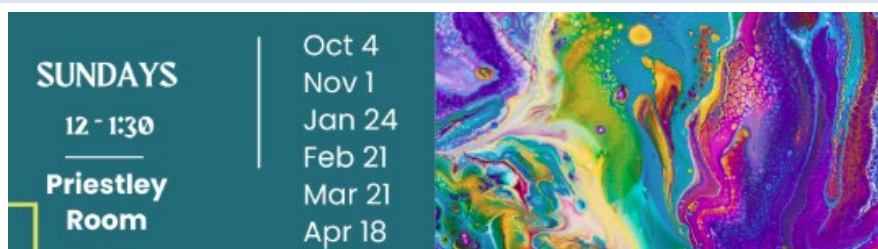
Please contact [Bart](#)/Kate Carpenter for further information.

Spiritual Art Practice Sundays

Join us as we broaden our horizons in the creative art world! Spiritual practices in art involve using creative processes to cultivate mindfulness, connect with the divine, and foster inner healing, prioritizing the act of creation over the final product. We have scheduled these monthly October through April, shown in the accompanying graphic. Techniques will include

intuitive painting, mandala creation, sketching, collage, artist trading cards, soul collage, art journals, vision boards and more. Our practices will help reduce ego-driven judgment and promote self-reflection.

An email will be sent to registered participants prior to each meeting with information about the particular art practice we will be exploring together. Contact [Cory Ness](#) to enroll.

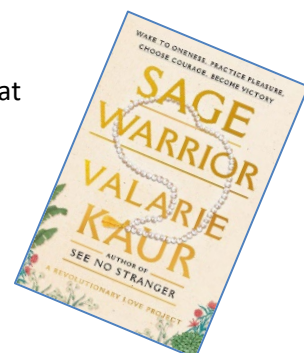


Sage Warrior

As a follow-up to Revolutionary Love, we are planning a 4-part discussion of Valerie Kaur's [Sage Warrior](#), with Zoom sessions scheduled as follows:

🕒 **7:15pm** on the following Mondays: Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, and Feb. 1.

We are not the first to ask these questions—in fact, seeking the answers forged one of the world's great wisdom traditions. In a time riven by caste, conquest, and cruelty, Sikhs blazed the path of the [sant sipahi](#), the sage warrior. The sage radiates love and Oneness; the warrior activates that ethical power to fight for humanity. These energies empowered the first Sikhs to survive near-annihilation in South Asia half a millennium ago. The sage warrior is the essential archetype for our time of turmoil—one we can all embody to cultivate our souls and transform the world.



Rev. Bran's Wheelchair

Rev. Bran has received a custom wheelchair, shown in the accompanying photo taken in their neighborhood in Baltimore. It was built to their specifications and based on their unique measurements, which makes it comfortable and ergonomic.

The angle of the leg rests brings their feet closer to their body for greater balance control. It even takes into account their center of gravity, so it takes less effort to self-propel (making ramps like the one behind our chancel a breeze). It folds up into a compact shape and is lightweight enough that they can lift it in and out of the car by themselves.

Ministerial Stole

During the installation ceremony Aug. 22, Board President Karen Baker presented Rev. Bran with a stole, handmade by Cory Ness. Cory named the stole, "The river runs through the stairway to heaven." It represents the Susquehanna River and the Led Zeppelin song, "Stairway to Heaven," that our handbell choir [plays so beautifully](#).

Handshaw 60th Anniversary

UCH members Jimmy and Mimi Handshaw celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. They were married on Aug. 27, 1966, at United Church of Christ in New Cumberland.

Hot Pepper Champion

UCH member Dean "Conjured Vaporz" Leverett took top honors Aug. 29 at the 15th annual [Fiera Mondiale Campionaria del Peperoncino](#) (World Chili Pepper Trade Fair) in Rieti, Italy. He dethroned Italy's legendary [Giancarlo "Jack Pepper" Gasparotto](#), capturing the League of Fire Intercontinental Title Belt.

Dean competed as the reigning Americas Champion alongside ten other elite international pepper eaters from the U.S. Australia, Europe, and Turkey.

Transitions: Zoe Ann Henson

[Zoe Ann Henson](#), sister of UCH member Bart Carpenter, died Aug. 18 in Waco, TX. She was 68. Services were held Aug. 22 in Waco.

Transitions: JoAnn Scorza

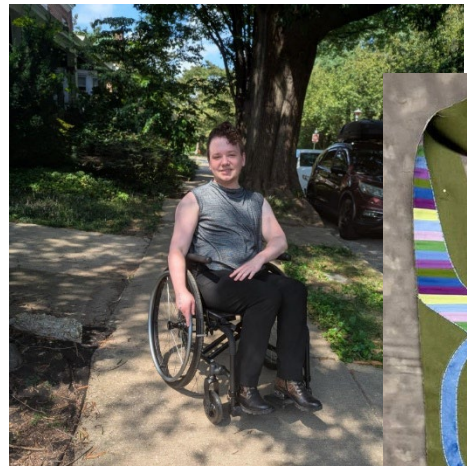
JoAnn Scorza, mother of UCH member Jeff Scorza, died Aug. 3 in Hershey. She was two months shy of 98. A celebration of life was held on Aug. 22.

New Member Orientation 7:00pm Sept. 16

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg is a welcoming congregation, open to people from any/all (or no) religious backgrounds. If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, we encourage you to peruse the overview of our denomination on [Wikipedia](#) for background information about our faith tradition, and an overview of the "Pathways to Membership" at UCH appears on our [website](#).

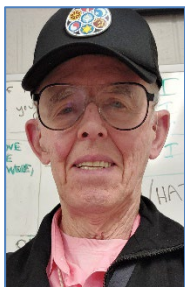
We do orientation sessions via Zoom for people potentially interested in membership. **We have scheduled a Zoom session for Sept. 16.** For further information about our congregation and the membership process, please feel free to reach out to [Bart Carpenter](#) or another member of the Membership Team. We will be happy to sign you up!

— Submitted by Bart Carpenter



Commissioned Lay Chaplain's Report

Jim Cavanaugh is UCH's Commissioned Lay Chaplain.



Work Release Center

I normally go to the [Work Release Center](#) (WRC) at least once a week. I usually set up my desk at the WRC with a multi-colored runner, an electronic candle and Sioux talking stick (photo at right) as a means of creating a sacred space in a nondenominational way. A few weeks ago, when I had missed the previous week due to travel commitments, I had conversations with four newcomers, each different and each an interesting person:



- MC is Protestant and wanted me to help her pray for patience.
- JM was happy to talk and hoping for a job soon – so we prayed for her future.
- AM is a non-believer and seemed embarrassed to admit that. I reassured her that I know a number of humanists and atheists, and instead of praying my usual breath-prayer 'God with me...' we prayed "Love with me/me with love." She was cool with that and I think pleased to meet a chaplain who didn't try to persuade her to believe in God.
- LM is Protestant and struggling to get around in spite of a hurt ankle. And struggling to communicate with a teenage daughter who is ... hard for Mom to talk with. Why are we not surprised? We prayed for healing, both her ankle and her relationship.

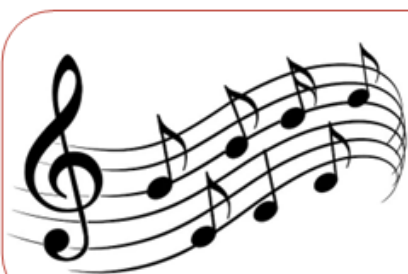
Every woman I meet who's interested in the Bible is pleased to hear my suggestion that God is too big to have gender – as demonstrated by the scripture that tells us both Adam and Eve are made in God's image.

Reproductive Justice

My reproductive justice ministry will be getting busier in September, with a Capitol Rotunda rally Sept. 28 in support of [House Bill 1140](#) (The Contraceptive Access for All Act) and [Senate Bill 1112](#) (yes, I expect to be there).

And our [Pennsylvania Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice](#) (PA RCRJ) will be submitting written (and perhaps in person) testimony in a PA Board of Education stakeholder hearing on September 10 or October 20 addressing curriculum standards in favor of comprehensive sex education that includes scientifically and medically accurate information about contraception and reproductive health, similar to the curriculum offered by the UUA and the United Church of Christ.

Music Ministries



Weekly Choir Rehearsals

- Bell Choir, 6:00-7:00pm Wednesdays
- Vocal choir: 7:15-8:45pm Wednesdays

Please contact Yvonne DuVal for further information

Committee and Team Reports

Annual Auction: Nov. 7, 2026

Continuing from Philadelphia along Route 30, you soon enter Lancaster County, best known for its close-knit, well-connected Amish communities. You can enjoy homemade preserves, baked goods, and other Amish and Mennonite treats. Amish families sometimes offer meals in their homes.

At UCH's annual auction, meals and similar experiences are very popular. What can you offer to our 2026 UCH Auction, *Connecting Communities, Coast to Coast*? Save the evening of Saturday, Nov. 7 to deepen your own connections with our UCH family. To make donations, volunteer, or ask questions contact uchauction@gmail.com.

— Submitted by Patti Hazell, Chair



Recurring Meetings

[UUJusticePA](#) is a statewide advocacy organization that connects UU congregations across Pennsylvania to promote progressive public policy in Harrisburg. It represents 40 UU congregations and more than 5,000 members across the Commonwealth. Headquartered in Harrisburg, UUJusticePA acts as the primary vehicle for UUs to bring their religious values—such as the inherent worth of every person and the use of the democratic process—into the state legislative arena. Its Executive Director is UCH member Michael Mehrazar. UUJusticePA operates through specialized issue teams that meet monthly via conference calls to coordinate statewide efforts. Meetings are conducted via Zoom. Please feel free to [sign up](#) for the mailing list and join any of the groups. Meetings this month occur as shown in the accompanying graphic.

September 2026 Meetings

- **Environmental:** Thursday, Sept. 3 @ 7 PM
- **Economic:** Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 7 PM
- **LGBTQIA+:** Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7 PM
- **Reproductive:** Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 7:30 PM
- **Good Government:** Thursday, Sept. 17 @ 7 PM
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** Monday, Sept. 28 @ 8 PM
- **Gun Violence Prevention:** TBD

UUtheVote

Democracy is not a destination we reached in 1776. It's a practice we must choose, again and again, every single day. Voting is a sacred practice of how we live together, rooted in covenant, collective accountability, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Through UU the Vote, we Unitarian Universalists are organizing to build a truly multiracial democracy. This program will equip congregations and community members with the tools to engage meaningfully via “get out the vote” efforts.



We invite anyone who cares about a thriving democracy to join our “UU the Vote” mailing list. Subscribers will receive timely information and concrete ways to get involved, such as: (1) **Calling voters from home:** using your computer to help grassroots partners mobilize voters. Training, scripts, and support will be provided. (2) **Knocking on doors:** Organized face-to-face outreach in select neighborhoods across the state; and (3) **Postcarding:** Sending encouraging notes to voters who are less accustomed to the electoral process and need a little encouragement. Sign up at <https://uujusticepa.net/democracydefenders>

— Submitted by Michael Mehrazar

Free Palestine Film Festival, Sept. 18-27.

UCH, UUJusticePA, and five other houses of worship have joined the Sprint Committee for Palestine in sponsoring the [Harrisburg Free Palestine Film Festival](#). This occurs as we approach the third anniversary of Israel’s occupation of Gaza.

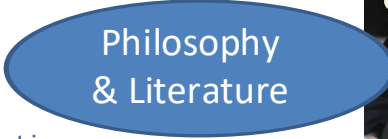
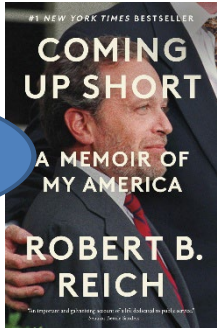
Tickets are free, but [registration is required](#).



Time	Day	Sept:	Venue	Film	
6pm	Fri	18	Harrisburg Quaker Meeting 1100 N. 6 th Street, Harrisburg	<i>Palestine 36</i>	Historical drama about the 1936 revolt, shortlisted for an Academy Award
3pm	Sat	19	Unitarian Church of Harrisburg 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg	<i>The Voice of Hind Rajab</i>	Docudrama about efforts to save a young girl in Gaza, Academy Awards nominee
3pm	Sun	20	Islamic Center of Pennsylvania 5138 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg	<i>All That's Left of You</i>	Drama about the 1948 Catastrophe, shortlisted at Academy Awards
6pm	Fri	25	St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 626 Williams Grove Road, Mechanicsburg	<i>Bodies of Evidence</i>	Investigation into the torture and violation of Palestinian detainee
3pm	Sat	26	Harrisburg First Church of the Brethren, 219 Hummel St, Harrisburg	<i>Speed Sisters</i>	Follows the all-female Palestinian racing team, Speed Sisters
3pm	Sun	27	Grace United Methodist Church 216 State Street, Harrisburg	<i>Gaza</i>	A beautiful portrait of everyday Gazan citizens

Recurring Events Calendar

Date	Time	Group	Location
Tue 1	6:30pm	Auction Planning Committee	Zoom
The Auction Planning Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month. Start thinking now about auction ideas and donations for 2026! Come brainstorm ideas, themes, and be a part of the fun, food, and fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2026 church auction are always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success. Please contact Patti Hazell for additional information. A zoom link will be sent to committee members a few days prior to the meeting.			2026 Auction
Tue 1	6:00pm	Mindfulness Meditation Group (MMG)	Fuller Chapel
Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced while meditating but vital in our everyday lives. Mindfulness helps in reducing stress, managing pain, focusing attention, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind, developing awareness and insight, and bringing us into the present moment. The ability to be mindful is strengthened through consistent practice. MMG provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another. Please join MMG each Tuesday evening for meditation, readings, and discussion led by Rebecca Waldemar. Please contact Rebecca Waldemar for additional information. Repeats weekly.			Mindfulness Meditation
Wed 2	6:30pm	QueenSpirit	Clover Lane (outdoors)
QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of each month. This month, celebrate the crone with attitude, inspired by the book Hagitude: Reimagining the Second Half of Life, by Sharon Blackie. Come embrace the wisdom and redefine what it means to be an elder. Join us for a potluck at 5:30. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. The circle begins at 6:30pm and ends no later than 8:30pm Contact Robin Broderick or Susan Norris for additional information.			QueenSpirit Hagitude
Thu 3	6:00pm	Rainbow Connection	Fuller Chapel
Rainbow Connection is a closed AA meeting for people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and are experiencing problems with alcoholism. Closed meetings are designed for individuals experiencing alcoholism and actively focused on sobriety. Repeats weekly. Please contact Kat A (they/them) at 717-329-4650 for further information.			Rainbow Connection
Fri 4	Various	Heart Rhythm Meditation	Zoom
Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) is a type of meditation that involves conscious breathing, in which the individual controls their breathing in order to influence their mental, emotional, and physical state. Join Libby Tisdell and Jimmy Handshaw in twice-weekly sessions, via Zoom. - Monday afternoons from 4:30 — 5:30pm via Zoom - Friday mornings from 11:30am — 12:30pm via Zoom People can drop in as they want. Please contact Jimmy Handshaw for the Zoom link.			Heart Rhythm Meditation
Mon 7	6:30pm	Amrit Yoga (Weekly)	Fuller Chapel
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! Contact John Hargreaves. Repeats every Monday. Does not meet Labor Day.			Amrit Yoga

Date	Time	Group	Location
Wed 9	1:00pm	Aging: the Next Chapter	Fuller Chapel
Are you navigating the tribulations of aging? Retirement communities, aging in place, aches and pains, health challenges, loneliness, family dynamics, discovering a new chapter of your sense of self... becoming an elder is far from straightforward! Join our new affinity group to discuss all things aging. Theresa Alberici and Rev. Bran host and facilitate the group on second Wednesdays.			
Tue 8	1:00pm	Women's Lunch Out	Off site
Women's Lunch 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 at a local restaurant, alternating locations between the East and West Shores. Each month, participants take a collection. Proceeds are divided between the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry and UCH. This month, we meet at Peachtree Restaurant and Lounge, 251 N. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg. Please contact Ann Sitrin (text 717-439-6090) for additional information. RSVP by the Monday beforehand.			
Sun 13	7:00pm	Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)	Zoom
The Philosophy & Literature Group normally meets on the second Sunday of each month by Zoom. This month, the group will discuss <i>Coming Up Short: A Memoir of My America</i>, by Robert Reich. Recommended by Jim Cavanaugh. From Amazon: <i>#1 New York Times</i> bestseller • From political economist, cabinet member, beloved professor, media presence, and bestselling author of <i>Saving Capitalism</i> and <i>The Common Good</i>, a deeply felt, compelling memoir of growing up in a baby-boom America that made progress in certain areas, fell short in so many important ways, and still has lots of work to do Please contact MaryJean Glick or Jim Cavanaugh for further information.			 
Sat 19	10:00am	Power to the Hill	Allison Hill
Power to the Hill (P2H) is a UCH lay-led ministry focused on empowering the residents of the Allison Hill neighborhood of Harrisburg. P2H focuses on voter registration and "get out the vote" campaigns in the neighborhood. We convene at Christ Lutheran Church, 124 S 13th St. Please arrive at 9:45am for light snacks, and lunch follows each engagement day. Two more Saturdays until Election Day! September 19 and October 17. Recurs monthly, normally on the third Saturday. All are welcome! Please contact Wendy Shaver for additional information.			
Sun 20	12:30pm	Game Meet	Priestley Room
"Game Meet" meets monthly, usually on a Sunday afternoon or Friday evening. This month, we meet 12:30-2:30pm on Sunday, Sept. 20. We will have cards available and several board games. - Bring your games - Bring snacks or a bag lunch - Bring friends If you have any questions, please contact Dan Vaughn.			 
Tue 22	4:45pm	Grief Support	Fuller Chapel
Libby Tisdell, co-chair of the Caring Connection Team, and Rev. Bran are leading a new grief support group open to anyone who wishes to attend. It meets the 4th Tuesday at 4:45pm and will end in time for participants to attend evening vespers. As a minister, Rev. Bran has had much experience in helping others navigate this process, and Libby serves as a hospital chaplain at the Hershey Medical Center. If possible, please let Libby (717-579-8835) know in advance that you plan to attend.			

Date	Time	Group	Location
Sat 26	4:00pm	Grounds and Gardens	Clover Lane (outdoors)

Enjoy fresh air, sunshine and make some new UCH friends! Put down your devices and join the Grounds and Garden Team to keep our campus looking neat and tidy! We have two remaining workdays this fall!

Not sure about how to discern a weed from a potential flower - you can partner with an experienced gardener. We have tools and supplies - all we need is your helping hands and enthusiasm. See you at church...in the garden. Please contact [Anita Mentzer](#) or [Ellen Roane](#) for additional information.

Garden Workdays Sept-Oct

Date	Day	Time	Lunch
Sept 26	Saturday	9am - 2pm	BYO
Oct 17	Saturday	9am - 2pm	Lunch provided

UCH and the Arts

Poetry Corner

Ed. note: Each month the REPORTER features a poem that aligns with the church’s theme of the month. If you would like to nominate a poem for next month, please send it to [Andrea Justice](#) by Sept. 15, with the word “poem” in the subject line. Our theme for October is “Living the Questions.”

Tiny Forest, by JD Stillwater

Sitting here, among the radishes,
living loam yields to
rotund crimson orbs sprouting
slender sun-lit stalks,
Emerald leaf-hands praising
bright-blue heavens above.

I push my face into the green thicket
and breathe.

We breathe together
not as two, breathing indifferent air
together,
but as one,

soil, plants, breath, and I all one,
One breath, One body, One flesh
exchanging radiant sustenance
of mutual interbeing.



One breath, One body, One flesh

Later, I will eat your tangy red flesh
crunchy green tops
and tiny specks of missed moist soil,
ingesting all into my body,
your body in my form,
as always.

And then
I will breathe you out again
some warm sunny day hence
Into the sun-coaxed forest of leaves,
radish leaves, or maybe cucumbers
emerging from this same rich black soil
of our body.

Clover Lane “Sanctuary”

An American Goldfinch was seen feeding on flower seeds in front of the church on Friday, Aug. 21, as several UCH members were awaiting delivery of the new sanctuary furniture. Photo credit: Lois Voigt.

