



**Unitarian Universalist
Church of Lancaster**

**Lifespan
Faith Development
Programs**

Autumn 2011 and Winter 2012

Worship Services

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster is a sacred home to people of all ages seeking spiritual growth.

Join us for worship.

The congregation gathers at 10am every Sunday for worship with songs, stories, meditation, and a sermon. On the first Sunday of every month (October - June), the services are specially designed for all generations. These First Sunday services introduce the theme for the month - using stories, drama, and music to illuminate timeless lessons all of us can take to heart.

At 11:45am, the "Second Service" offers opportunities to worship in less traditional ways: a variety of more interactive services focus on meditation, liturgical arts, earth-based spirituality, and occasional discussions with guest speakers.

Children's and youth classes meet during the 10am service; childcare is provided in the first floor nursery during both services.

Visitors are always welcome! Plan to join us on Sundays in the sanctuary and afterwards for coffee hour in Emerson Hall. In addition to coffee and snacks, there are opportunities to learn more about our church, Unitarian Universalism, and to meet church members and new friends

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster

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Adult Faith Development Programs

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster is a faith community that includes a wide breadth of ages and spiritual beliefs. Our diverse programming covers world religions, personal spiritual practices, trips to new places, conversations with peers, and engaging social events.

Year Round

Faith Matters

This is an on-going weekly group for spiritual exploration and companionship. In addition to reading a book together, we address such topics as faith, doubt, and everything important in between. All adults are welcome. Come every week if you can, or come once to give us a try.

Rev. Tricia Hart leads these weekly gatherings on **Wednesday evenings 6:45- 8:30**. Feel free to just show up or to contact Tricia ahead of time: minister@uuclonline.org or 393-1733 x205.

Men's Gathering & Discussion Group

Join UUCL males for a book discussion, casual conversation, and occasional post-meeting get together at a local food/beverage establishment. Camaraderie is as important as the book discussion.

Mark Broich will continue to lead this group. Meeting dates are based on group availability. Registration is on-going; please suggest a book title when you register.

The Lancaster Labyrinth Project

A labyrinth is an ancient design that creates a single pathway from the entrance to the center without any misleading paths. This allows for a meditative journey that is quiet, purposeful, and relaxing. The focus is to reflect on your inner being, intentions, and insight that promotes discovery of mind, spirit, and body. No experience is needed; tenders are available at all public walks.

The Lancaster Labyrinth Project is sponsored by UUCL and holds a meditative walk **the first Sunday of each month from October- June from 1- 4PM** in Founders Hall on the inlaid seven-circuit spiraling pathway. In addition, you can bring in the New Year with a special walk on **January 1 from 1- 4PM**.

Web and Wheel Sabbat Celebrations

As the Wheel of the Year turns, we honor those turnings with ancient and traditional earth holiday celebrations to mark each seasons' departure and arrival with music, myth, dance, and circles of connections with friends. We will affirm the gifts of Mother Earth by honoring the following seasonal sabbats:

Fall Equinox September 25 at 11:45 in the church sanctuary

***Winter Solstice December 20 and 21 at 7:30** in the church sanctuary

Spring Equinox March 18 at 7:30

Summer Solstice June 17 at the annual church picnic at Lancaster County Park

* Winter Solstice celebrations require tickets from the church office. Tickets become available in December.

Red Rose Sangha

The Red Rose Sangha, www.redrosesangha.org is a Lancaster Zen Buddhist community (sangha), affiliated with the Zen Peacemakers Order. Red Rose Sangha provides an ongoing practice rather than a class. Our weekly gathering consists of two 25 minute rounds of sitting meditation (zazen), a 10 minute walking meditation (kinhin), and a dharma talk or reading (teisho). Our community offers beginning instruction in Zen meditation and supports the meditation practices of its members by offering opportunities to participate in retreats at nearby centers as well as holding text study and other programs at the Church.

The Sangha holds weekly meditation on **Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM** in Emerson Hall. Newcomers are always welcome; we encourage you to contact us beforehand for introductory information through either David Ganse at (717) 299-0170 or redrosesangha@comcast.net or Ed Sullivan (Dharma Holder) at (717) 399-2974.

Peace Knits Knitting Circle

This group of knitters and crocheters meets the **second and fourth Mondays of the month from 7- 8:30pm**. This year we will be making a group project collecting and assembling blanket squares. Patterns and intro sessions will be held in September. There is no minimum time commitment – come as often as you like; each meeting there are usually 5-7 folks and they are always changing! Some people work along with us but can't come to the meetings, and we even have a Facebook page to help us keep in touch. All levels of participation are welcome.

All Ages Sunday Knitting Instruction

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit? Now is the time! Grab a coffee in Emerson and join experienced knitters for a 45 minute beginner session. Materials are provided, but if you have your own needles and yarn, please bring them along. Children are welcome, and we will be working on a group project this year to which all ages can contribute. Learn to knit **the last Sunday of the month October- May (except for December) from 11:45- 12:30**.

Autumn

Fall Congregational Meeting

Our Fifth Principle says that all people should have a voice regarding the things that are important to them. Congregational meetings are an important part of the life of a faith community. These are the gatherings where we come together to vote on church business, respectfully share ideas, and listen to each other. While only church members can vote, the meeting is open to the entire congregation, and all can share their thoughts. Join your faith community for our annual fall meeting on **Sunday, September 18 at 11:45am**.

Celebrating the Spirituality of Food

Food is alive and is a continual gift to us from the earth. We will be talking about how we can best honor our bodies with food; how did wisdom about food get separated from our religious upbringing? Food is something that can keep us grounded and in touch with our spiritual selves. We will explore learning to eat in a conscious way, making it possible for us to look to food for renewal and healing.

Join Connie Pierce, Natural Health Consultant, on **Sunday, September 25 from 11:45- 1:15**.

Women & Religion Retreat: *A Celebration of the Feminine Divine- Revisiting Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*

Join a group of interesting women to learn or refresh your acquaintance with *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven*, the curriculum which has changed many women's lives! We will gather at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD, a comfortable retreat center near Frederick, MD. This is a beautiful setting, nestled among rolling hills and paths to wander.

There's great food, good beds, and delightful company.

Our retreat begins with dinner on **Friday, September 30 and finishes on Sunday, October 2** with lunch. Costs vary depending on age and if you are commuting. Registration is due September 15. This event is organized by the Joseph Priestley District. To download a registration form and learn about costs, visit www.jpdw.org/.

Apple Dumpling Festival and Day of Music at Ephrata Cloister

Imagine a life of sparse eating, community living, and a wooden block as your pillow. Join us on **Saturday, October 8 at 1pm** for a tour of this 1732 Protestant German community where eighty celibate men and women led lives of strict discipline in anticipation of a better world. A special treat includes the Ephrata Cloister Choir performing in the historic Saal. Apple dumplings will be available for purchase, and picnics can be held on grounds.

Registration is requested by September 24. Fees will be collected at Ephrata Cloister (\$9 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$6 youth). Linda Rebman is organizing this experiential outing.

The Mysterious Benedict Society Book Discussion

Are you a person who likes the Mysterious Benedict Society? Come to our book discussion on **Sunday, October 16 at 11:45am**. This means there will be food, and by our choice, pizza. When you come, make sure you bring \$3 for the pizza. There will be fun activities to do! We will be discussing book 1 of the Mysterious Benedict Society. Tina & Justin Moore & Thais Magill will co-lead this fun event.

A World of Health

How is the medical system limited in its approach to overall health? How might the food in your kitchen and your sense of community foster better health? We will explore: how our understanding of health informs our individual and collective well-being; how to eat foods that promote a healthy planet; alternatives to dangerous household cleaners; how land development and access to green spaces impact our overall well-being; how “health” is sold to us as part of our consumer culture; the importance of biodiversity and the challenges of climate change. Being healthy individuals and a healthy community involve simple steps that all of us can take.

Our gatherings will involve short readings, viewing video clips, and group discussion. Facilitation will rotate amongst the group members with Michelle Probolus & Rachel Moore leading the initial session. The group will gather on **Sundays from 11:45- 1:15: October 9, 16, 23, & 30, November 20 and December 11.** Registration and course fee are due by October 1. The course fee covers the cost of the course reader that participants will keep.

A Gathering for UUCL Newcomers

If you are new to the church, or if you would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism or this congregation, please join us for this informal gathering. The Membership Development Council and Rev. Peter Newport look forward to meeting you on **Sunday, November 6 from 11:45- 12:45.**

A Walk in the Woods: Just for the Guys

Join Ad Crable and other UU males and friends for a beautiful hike on **Saturday, November 5** at Muddy Run Recreation Area. The leaves should be peaking, and the walk includes vistas of the Susquehanna River and adjoining farmland. **We'll gather at UUCL at 10am to carpool.** The group will hike three to five miles based on everyone's preference. There is no fee or registration, just show up!

Evensong

Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh says, “*The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence. When mindfulness embraces those we love, they will bloom like flowers.*” *Evensong* is based on small group gatherings that provide a rare opportunity to be present to each other, while creating an atmosphere of nurturing, respect and trust. Please join us for this class as we explore many themes, including memory and knowing, belief and actions, fear, generosity, and simply being alive. Our

communion together will include readings, sharing, remembering, giving thanks, singing and music! The goal of these sessions is to share life experiences, along with emotions and doubts, while supporting each other without judgment.

Lorraine Ford and Sean Barnwell will lead sessions on the following Wednesday evenings from **6:30-8pm: November 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14, 21, January 4 & 11.** Registration and course fees are due November 3.

Association Sunday

Join us in Harrisburg on November 13 for this annual festival of Unitarian Universalism in Central Pennsylvania, when UUCL members and friends join UUs from Harrisburg, York, Reading, State College, Boiling Springs and Gettysburg in a single grand service. This year's service will feature Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, reknowned singer, composer, advocate for justice, and member of the African American a capella group *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. Go to www.ymbarnwell.com for more information on this remarkable woman.

Breaking Dawn: Twilight Saga Book Discussion & Film Viewing

In the final book of the *Twilight* series, Bella finds herself getting married at age nineteen and facing tough decisions about motherhood. Readers explore her dilemma of how to stay connected to family and friends once she becomes a vampire and her ability to adapt to viewing the world from a new vantage point. This book poses many ethical dilemmas for us to ponder. What makes a meaningful relationship? Why do we consider life to be sacred, and to what extremes will we go to defend another's life? Does government its power to protect others or to protect itself? If you could see the world from a different perspective, what kinds of things would you hope to notice?

Join us to discuss the book on **Friday, November 18 at 6pm.** We'll leave church around 7pm to see the film at a local theater. Maren Wood, Dana Carpenter, & Kate Prisby will host this gathering. Please bring \$4 cash the day of the event for pizza; you'll need to bring money for the movie as well.

UU Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright Tour

Unitarian-raised Frank Lloyd Wright is one of the world's most well-known architects. His use of rock formations, design, and light create modern homes nestled into the landscape of wilderness and cities. Two of his designs are located three hours west of Lancaster. A trip to see Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob will take place on **Saturday, December 3**. We will depart at 7:30 am and will return to Lancaster at 9:00. Departure/return location will be determined closer to the date.

Ad Crable, Outdoor columnist for Lancaster Newspapers will join this gathering to discuss the natural environment surrounding these two buildings. Gene Shaw, local woodworker, will come along to share some insights on Wright's designs.

The trip fee for adults is \$85; youth ages 6-12 \$65; children under age 6 are not allowed on tours. Fees include both tours & transportation. Participants should bring a bagged lunch and money for a dinner stop on the way home. There is limited space for this trip. Enrollment is on a first come basis and must include full payment. For those interested in learning more about Frank Lloyd Wright, a suggested book is *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

The Element Book Discussion

Ken Robinson is an internationally recognized expert in creativity and creative working environments. In this book, he tackles the challenge of describing how different people found their talents and passions. Offering a wide range of stories about the creative journeys of people and their diverse paths to the element—including Paul McCartney, *The Alchemist* author Paulo Coelho, and Vidal Sassoon—he demonstrates a rich vision of human ability and creativity. Covering such topics as the power of creativity, circles of influence, and attitude, the author emphasizes the importance of nurturing talent along with developing an understanding of how talent expresses itself in every individual. This is both an entertaining and inspiring book filled with deep insights and funny stories.

Mary Ellen & Tim Mahoney will facilitate this gathering on **Sunday, December 11 from 11:45-1:15**. You are encouraged to watch Robinson's humorous and informational TED talk before deciding to read the book:

http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html

Winter

Universalism 101

We will explore Richard Trudeau's volume *Universalism 101* in a reading group format. The class will read a chapter each week and discuss it. Efforts will be taken to help folks explain Universalism, first to one another, then, once we get a good handle on concepts, to a friend or relative who is not in the class.

Rev. Peter Newport will lead this group from **11:45- 1:15 on Sundays: January 8, 15, 22 & February 12, 19, 26**. Registration is not required; come to one session or as many as you choose. Attendees are responsible for getting their own copy of the book, found on Amazon for about \$12.

Introduction to Buddhism

Buddhism is not some cult of shaved-headed, orange-robed monks in the Far East. The Buddha is not that funny fat guy. Buddhism is a practical way to maximize happiness and bring peace into one's life. In his first sermon, Buddha said, "I teach only two things: suffering and the end of suffering." Buddhism has no god, no theology, no dogma and no commandments. Buddhism is compatible with any religion: Catholicism, Christianity, Judaism, etc. The Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader, exhorts us, particularly in the West, not to abandon our native religion in exchange for Buddhism. The two can coexist if we allow them to.

This workshop will present the story of how 2500 years ago Prince Siddhartha Gautama became the "Awakened One" (i.e., the "Buddha"), the fundamental principles he discovered to reduce suffering in our lives, and how Buddhism is practiced today in the West, where it is rapidly proliferating. Bring your questions! Milt Machalek of Red Rose Sangha will lead this gathering on **Sunday, January 8 from 11:45- 1:15**. Registration is due January 3.

Adam & Eve Meet Darwin:

Evolution, Creation, & Intelligent Design

Where did we come from? Some of us say God created us from earth's soil; others look to the solar system to explain our origins. In this three-part series, we'll explore ideas of evolution, public debates about teaching evolution, and discuss your beliefs.

During our first gathering, we will watch the PBS film *Journey of Man* in which geneticists trace the human species back to a single African man who lived 60,000 years ago. For the second gathering, we will watch the NOVA film *Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial*. This film covers the 2004 story of the school board in Dover, PA requiring science teachers to offer intelligent design as an alternative theory to Darwin's theory of evolution. The film covers the six-week court trial that stemmed from the school board's requirement. Our final session will be conversation and lunch to discuss what each of us believes. David Dobbins will facilitate. Join us for three **Sundays, January 15, 22 and February 5 from 11:45-1:30**. Bring a brown bag lunch each day. Registration and course fees are due January 8.

UUCL Writers' Circle

Calling all writers, whatever your genre, whatever your skill level. Come from wherever you happen to be in the process. Writing can be lonely work, so we are creating community. This is not a formal writing class, but we may have some warm-ups to get us started and prompts to take with us to spur our creativity. Think of it as a safe space to share your work. We are gathering to give each other support, inspiration, critique, or maybe just chat with others who share our love of the written word.

Jill Althouse-Wood, author of *Summers at Blue Lake*, will facilitate gatherings on **Sundays: January 15 & 22 and February 12 & 26 from 11:45- 1:15**. Registration and course fee (\$10) are due January 12.

Parents' Night Out Dinner

Join other parents and guardians with children enrolled in the children and youth faith development programs for an evening of adult conversation over dinner. Pasta, salad, wine, and dessert will be served, and childcare is provided.

Dinner will be served on **Saturday, January 28 from 7- 9pm**. Please RSVP to the church office with the number of children, adults, and payment by Tuesday, January 24.

Being a UU Parent:

Practicing our Principles at Home

How does our religious tradition inform parenting when children have questions about God, Heaven, Hell, the Bible, and values/ethics? These issues will be explored through readings, small group conversation, and classroom activities that can be mirrored at home with children. Each session will allow time to discuss questions parents have encountered, and each gathering will include a closing worship families can do at home. The goal is to empower parents to feel confident in responding to children's questions and to discover ways to practice UUism at home.

Participants will gather from **11:45- 1:15 on Sundays: February 12, 19, 26 & March 11, 18, & 25**. Registration and course fees are due February 2. Sandy Mayers & Darth Carpenter will co-facilitate.

Source Painting: Exploring the Mystery

When was the last time you immersed yourself in the pure joy of creative expression? During this day-long workshop, we will bring together a community of explorers to paint intuitively from the *inside out*. There is no right or wrong way to paint, no "good" paintings; there is only your truth. Immersion in this painting process is deeply spiritual, and physically and emotionally nourishing and challenging. No experience is necessary. Participants should wear loose layered clothing they feel comfortable moving in and will not mind getting messy. Please pack a bag lunch and nutritious snacks for yourself.

Joanna Groebel will lead this workshop. Joanna is a second generation lifelong Unitarian who served the Berks County UU church for 7 years as Director of Religious Education before moving on to focus on her passion for the Creative Arts. She currently works with adolescents as a Creative Arts Therapist at Reading Hospital's Partners Program. She has a Masters in Creative Arts in Therapy from Drexel University and is apprenticing in Painting From the Source with Aviva Gold. She has studied Continuum Movement, Body-Mind Centering, and is a student of Zen Buddhism. You may call Joanna with any questions: 610-370-5713.

The workshop will take place on **Saturday, February 25 from 10 am to 5:00 p.m.** Registration and payment are due Wednesday, February 15. More details will be sent to participants prior to the workshop. The registration fee includes all materials and instruction.

Adult Faith Development Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

My check is enclosed _____ I am requesting scholarship assistance _____

I need childcare for (list each class)* _____

*Childcare requests are due **two weeks** in advance. Individuals utilizing childcare are asked to contribute to childcare costs.

Check off classes you plan to attend. "R" means registration is needed, and "\$" denotes fees. See course descriptions for registration deadlines.

Year Long

- Faith Matters
- Men's Gatherings & Discussion Group (R; Please suggest a book title)
- The Lancaster Labyrinth Project
- Web & Wheel Sabbat Celebrations (Winter Solstice requires a ticket from the office.)
- Red Rose Sangha
- Peace Knits Knitting Circle
- All Ages Sunday Knitting Instruction

Autumn

- Fall Congregational Meeting
- Celebrating the Spirituality of Food (R, \$8)
- Women & Religion Retreat (R: See www.jpdw.org/ for details)
- Apple Dumpling Festival & Day of Music at Ephrata Cloister (R, pay day of)
- A World of Health* (R, \$24)
- The Mysterious Benedict Society* Book Discussion (bring \$3 for pizza)
- A Gathering for UUCL Newcomers
- A Walk in the Woods, Just for the Guys
- Evensong* (R, \$8)
- Association Sunday
- Breaking Dawn*: Twilight Saga Book Discussion & Film Viewing (Bring \$5 for pizza & bring theatre money)
- UU Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright Tour (R, \$85 adults, \$65 youth ages 6-12)
- The Element* Book Discussion

Winter

- Universalism 101* (Individuals are responsible for buying the book.)
- Introduction to Buddhism (R)
- Adam & Eve Meet Darwin: Evolution, Creation, & Intelligent Design (R, \$13)
- UUCL Writers' Circle (R, \$10)
- Parents' Night Out Dinner (R, \$11 per adult)
- Being a UU Parent*: Practicing our Principles at Home (R, \$7)
- Source Painting: Exploring the Mystery (R, \$50)

Mail Registration and Course Fees to:

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster
Attention: Kate Prisby
538 West Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Children & Youth Faith Development

Our church is a place to explore the world, examine different ideas about faith, and make friends. We hope children will attend classes regularly to build a strong peer group and contribute their unique insights to group activities. Here's a look at what children and youth will be involved with this year.

Children & Youth Faith Development Classes

On non-major holiday weekends and first Sundays of the month, there are individual classes for students in nursery- high school. Children in first-eighth grade begin in worship with their families at 10am; younger children report directly to class. High school youth are invited to attend the first half hour of worship. Youth group officially starts at 10:30am. Classes for preschool-youth group end at 11:30, offering parents/guardians some time after worship to grab a quick cup of coffee and conversation.

The First Sunday of each month October through June is Multigenerational Worship. This is an opportunity to come together as a congregation to learn through stories, songs, and reflection. On this Sunday, childcare is available in the first floor classroom, but there are no classes. Rather, we will focus on coming together for worship and a post-worship meal to build community.

What do Children & Youth Learn?

Nursery Care

The nursery is staffed with childcare providers each week. The nursery has toys, crafts, and books for children to use. Parents are welcome in the nursery at any time. The nursery is open at both services.

Preschool & Kindergarten- *Around the Church, Around the Year*

Children look for a place to belong and feel safe; church can be that place. Through exploring the church building, UU beliefs, and meeting people who worship at UUCL, children will discover this is a place where they are welcomed.

First & Second Grades- *Wonderful Welcome*

We continually welcome others into our lives: peers, teachers, friends, family, strangers, and even animals, nature, and experiences. We welcome by sharing intangible gifts, those positive qualities we have inside us such as kindness, love, and empathy. This year, we'll explore how we welcome others and the role we play in our communities.

Third & Fourth Grades- *Spirit of Adventure*

Our UU Principles can be an everyday life practice for spiritual living. *Spirit of Adventure* makes the Principles tangible. Children will learn through games that good sportsmanship is a way to promote "dignity and worth;" classroom visitors will talk about how faith helps with decision making; field trips and other activities will give students tactile ways to explore class topics.

Fifth & Sixth Grades- *Riddle & Mystery*

This year, the students in fifth and sixth grade will engage in a search for answers about where we came from, if God exists, what happens after death, the fairness of life, and what purpose the UU faith holds for them. Each week a class "broadcasting team" will explore one of life's Big Questions through news skits. Throughout the year, the class will do service projects to better understand the importance of engagement in the community as part of spiritual practice and making the world a more equitable place to live.

Seventh & Eighth Grades: *Neighboring Faiths & Popcorn Theology*

Religions oftentimes share similar values, historical figures, and/or beliefs. What does the UU faith have in common with Catholics, Hindus, Baptists, and fundamentalists? What are some of the things that provide a rich tapestry of diverse beliefs? The students will build on the religions they learned about last year as they explore more faith traditions. Along the way, we'll visit other UU congregations to see the diversity of UU worship services and to meet other UU youth. Through the use of films in *Popcorn Theology*, students will discuss how their sense of right and wrong can help them with decision-making.

Seventh-Ninth Grade: *Our Whole Lives (OWL)*

OWL is a comprehensive sexuality education program. An emphasis is put on decision-making, how to build and maintain a healthy relationship, knowing personal boundaries, knowledge of sexual contraception, anatomy, and accurate information on sexually transmitted infections. There will be an upcoming parent/guardian meeting about the class schedule and cost (anticipated to be about \$50/youth). Please note your family's interest in the program on the registration form so the church office can follow up with you. This class is anticipated to begin in January.

Ninth-Twelfth Grade: *Youth Group*

When asked what is important about youth group, many youth respond "friendship." This community provides teens with a place to worship, grow, lead, and discuss ideas together. In youth group, teens have an opportunity to explore different forms of leadership through planning Sunday discussions, worship services, activities, and fundraisers to support church programs.

Children & Youth Faith Development Calendar of Events

Here is a sample of exciting opportunities coming up at UUCL. For a complete calendar please visit www.uuclonline.org.

September

Ingathering Sunday, September 11 at 10am

This is our grand fall service where we come together after busy summers. Bring water from home or from travels for the water communion portion of the service. After worship there will be a shared lunch.

Children and Youth Faith Development begins September 18, 10am

Youth Group Family Meeting,

September 25 from 11:30am-12:30pm

Meet the advisors, learn how youth group operates, and find out about this year's exciting events.

October

Ephrata Cloister Apple Dumpling Festival & Day of Music, October 8 at 1pm

Like apple dumplings, music, and learning about old religious traditions? Check out the blurb for this outing in the "adult" section of this brochure. This is a great event for children & youth!

***The Mysterious Benedict Society* Book Discussion, October 16 at 11:45am**

Join UUCL peers and adults who are rooting Reynie, Constance, Sticky, & Kate along in defeating Mr. Curtin's plans to brain sweep the world. A complete blurb for this event is in the "adult" section of this brochure. All ages are welcome!

5th-6th Grade Halloween Retreat, October 22 at 6pm- October 23 Class

Bring your games, pillows, sleeping bags, and a scary (but not too scary) movie for a fun overnight at UUCL. Male & female chaperones are needed.

Faith Development Photo & Halloween Parade, October 30 at 10am

Come to church in a costume to parade around the sanctuary. Then, after the Time for All Ages story, join us out front of the church for a group photo.

November

Pancake Breakfast, November 6 at 11:30

Come to church and enjoy a feast of pancakes with the entire congregation after church. Youth group will serve flapjacks to fund their program and the Food Bank.

7th-8th Retreat,

November 11 at 6pm - November 12 at 10am

We'll have a pizza dinner, watch a movie, and play games. Male & female chaperones are needed.

***Breaking Dawn: Twilight Saga* Book Discussion, November 18 at 6pm**

How do the decisions made by characters in the book reflect UU values? We'll have a lively discussion before heading to a theatre to see the film. A complete event description is above in the "adult" section, but this event is open to all ages.

Thanksgiving Faith Development Break, November 27

Childcare will be provided. There will be no individual classes.

December

UU Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright Tour, All Day, December 3

While the tours on this event are not open to children under the age of 6, Wright's buildings are fascinating for older children and youth. The students in 3rd-4th grade will spend some time learning about Wright's use of design and nature this year. A complete description is listed in the "adult" section.

Advent Labyrinth Walk for All Ages, December 11 at 10am

Walking the labyrinth is a calming way to focus and center. Participate in a special holiday labyrinth walk designed for all ages during class time.

Ornament Making, December 18 at 10am

Come to class to make ornaments for the church Christmas tree. Each class will do special holiday activities.

Christmas Eve Services December 24

Join us for Multigenerational Worship at 4:30pm or a traditional service at 9pm.

Church Closed on December 25

Please note the church is closed on Christmas Day.

January

Parents' Night Out, January 28 from 7-9pm

Delicious pasta, salad, garlic bread, wine, and homemade brownies are served as your children play with other kids in childcare. What a night! See the "adult" section for sign-up information.

February

7th-8th Grade Retreat, February 24 at 6pm - February 25 at 10am

It's the second retreat of the year and another great night of bonding with peers. Bring board games along. Male and female chaperones are needed.

Youth Group Maple Sugaring, February 26 from 10-11:30am at Lancaster County Park

How does sap from a maple tree become syrup placed on tables for Pancake Breakfast? Lisa Sanchez will teach youth the process of making maple syrup. Permission slips to be sent. Male and female chaperones needed.

Children & Youth Faith Development Registration 2011-2012

Registration is complete when all three forms are completed and returned.

Child's/Youth's Name	Birth Date	Grade in Fall 2011
1 _____	_____	_____
Email: _____		Cell Phone: _____
2 _____	_____	_____
Email: _____		Cell Phone: _____
3 _____	_____	_____
Email: _____		Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Information: If applicable, note where child lives. In addition, note if your contact information cannot be shared outside the office.

Parent/Guardian Name _____	Parent/Guardian Name _____
Street _____	Street _____
City _____ Zip _____	City _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone _____	Home Telephone _____
Cell Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
Home E-Mail _____	Individual E-Mails _____

The best way to reach us is: Home Phone Cell Phone Home Email Individual Email Mail

Please Initial:

- _____ If my child is in nursery- eighth grade I agree to be on church premises during Sunday morning activities.
 _____ In the event of an evacuation, I will get my child from the church evacuation site at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on the corner of Pine Street & Walnut Street.
 _____ I give consent for my child's photo/video image to be used in church publicity; names are not published.

Financial Support (Check One):

- _____ I have made a financial pledge to UUCL for this church year.
 _____ I have not pledged this year but will contribute (suggested minimum contribution \$300).

Family Participation Form

Everyone makes the faith development programs for children and youth thrive. Parents/guardians, children, & youth, we want your involvement. Write your initials next to an item you are willing to help with. If you have an idea not listed here, write it on this page.

Parent & Guardian Engagement Opportunities (Check at least one):

- CO-TEACHER (preschool- 8th grade): I would like to speak with the Director of Lifespan Faith Development about being a volunteer co-teacher.
- YOUTH GROUP ADVISOR (9th-12th grade): I would like to speak with the Director of Lifespan Faith Development about being an advisor.
(Note: advisors cannot be parents/guardians of currently enrolled high school youth).
- FUTURE OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) TEACHER: I am interested in attending an OWL training so I could teach a future OWL course.
- COMMUNITY BUILDING: I will help plan a community event (dinner, party, etc).
- SOCIAL JUSTICE: I would like to assist in planning social justice projects.
- CHAPERONE: I am interested in chaperoning a special event.
- DRIVER: I am willing to drive for church-sponsored events.

Children & Youth Engagement Opportunities (Check at least one):

- CLASSROOM CREW: I will work with a crew of children and youth once this year to do things like sharpen pencils, test markers, and make bulletin boards.
- CHEERFUL GREETER: I am willing to greet people as they arrive at church.
- WORSHIP ASSISTANT: I am willing to help tell a story, usher, read a poem, play music, or light the chalice during worship. (Circle what you are willing to help with).
- BIRTHDAY WISHES: I love birthdays and would like filling out a birthday postcard with warm wishes or a picture for someone.
- BOOK/MOVIE DISCUSSION LEADER: I enjoy books & movies and would like to create an opportunity for children and youth to discuss a book or movie together.
- SPECIAL EVENT ASSISTANT: I like helping to plan parties, game nights, or community meals. I would like to play a role in some fun, special event.
- TEACHING ASSISTANT: I am in high school and would like to learn more about helping with a class of younger children.

Field Trip Permission and Medical/Insurance Form

Policy requires medical information be kept on file in the event of a medical emergency during a church-sponsored activity. Should an injury occur, every effort will be made to contact parents or legal guardians. For field trips, you will receive a permission slip to sign stating that you give permission for your child to attend the event. The below medical information will be kept on file for the year to accompany chaperones for field trips your child participates in. Any changes or updates to this information should be shared with the Director of Lifespan Faith Development.

Walking Trip Permission Slip for UUCL Faith Development Programs

I _____ grant my child/ren _____ permission to leave the church building and premises under the supervision of class leaders and without **prior notice to me** for walking trips and related activities during Sunday programs. This consent is valid through September 2012.

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

Release Form and Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

I agree and hereby do release and hold harmless the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster and/or any and all adult supervisors for the activity, from and for any and all liability which may arise for damages, loss or injuries, either to person or property, which my son/daughter may sustain while engaged in the activity conducted, including, but not limited to, any damages, loss or injuries that may be sustained through transportation to and from the activity. I further agree to assume responsibility for any liability which may arise for damages, loss or injuries, as described herein which may be caused or contributed to by my son/daughter to the person or property of others.

Should any injury occur, I grant permission for my son/daughter to receive treatment from an appropriate health care provider to be selected by the adult supervisor of the activity, when, in such supervisor's opinion, the need for such treatment is immediate, and when efforts to contact me (us) are unsuccessful. I also agree to pay and be responsible for all medical, hospital or other expenses which the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster and/or any and all adult supervisors may incur as a result of securing such treatment.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Emergency Phone Number: _____

Name & phone of adult if parent/guardian is unavailable at time of event: _____

Family Physician: _____ Physician's Phone Number: _____

Allergies, Medical Conditions, & Dietary Restrictions: _____

Current Medications: _____

Please note any learning preferences/behaviors about your child/youth: _____

Check here ___ if you want the Director of Lifespan Faith Development to call you about your child/youth.

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