



Windows

January 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster

We are a welcoming, nurturing community that celebrates our spiritual diversity. Commitment to our Unitarian Universalist principles inspires us to create positive change in the world.

What's Happening in January...

Sunday Worship: Services held in the church sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

Children's Faith Development: Nursery care available every Sunday; children's programs as noted (See page 9.)

Coffee Hour: After the service, join us in Emerson Hall for coffee and conversation.

- Jan. 3** **Multigenerational Worship**, 9am and 11am: **"Maybe Yes, Maybe No"** We begin a new year and a new month with a January theme of "Temperance." Rev. Tricia Hart and UUCL's favorite mime, Terri Mastrobuono, will tell the story of a wise farmer who resists the temptations of too much happiness and too much despair. What might this old story have to teach us today?
- Children (first grade and older), youth, and adults will worship together in the sanctuary, with musical inspiration from our talented "First Sunday Band." Welcome 2010!
- Jan. 10** **Worship**, 9am and 11am: **"Bright Those Jewels"** Buddhism and Universalism share an understanding of the Middle Way, or the practice of non-extremism. Both are paths to holiness and happiness. This morning we rediscover some of the forgotten gifts of our own tradition: Unitarian and Universalist.
- Rev. Peter Newport, preaching; Dorothy Vertti, Worship Associate; Music: UUCL Choir
UUSC Guest at Your Table boxes will be collected today
- Jan. 17** **Worship**, 9am and 11am: **"A Scientist's Apologetics"** What evidence do I, as a scientist, see for the existence of God — or of a god? And what kind of god does this evidence lead me to believe in? This sermon will be, in part, a response to the militant atheism of Richard Dawkins. Stock Weinstock-Collins, our lay preacher, has a PhD in Chemistry and an MDiv from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Currently he teaches Chemistry and Physics at HACC.
- Stock Weinstock-Collins, lay preacher. Tim Harkleroad, Worship Associate. Music: UUCL Choir.
- Jan. 24** **Worship**, 9am and 11am: **Youth Sunday:** Our UUCL high school youth will lead both services in a religious exploration of Good and Evil. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from and with our young people, and to share your thoughts on these age-old questions.
- Jan. 31** **Worship**, 9am and 11am: 8-11pm **"Why is this happening to me, God..."** and other questions that come up in the midst of troubled times. Anne Mason will share her thoughts on the theology of suffering, gathered during her Chaplaincy Residency at Hershey Medical Center. Anne is UUCL's Music Director, a 2009 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and a candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Dorothy Vertti, Worship Associate. Special Music: String Sextet

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In the Middle, Standing

"The perfect gift ought to share attributes with the loose strictures of Unitarian Universalism—vague and inoffensive, warm and fuzzy and enveloping and giving the general impression of standing for something while not really standing for anything in particular." - Noreen Malone in Salon.com, December 2009

January's theme is Temperance. For many of us, "temperance" is closely associated with Prohibition; the word conjures up images of determined 19th and early 20th century women (many of them Universalists), fervently denouncing the evils of drunkenness. G.K. Chesterton wittily described the temperance movement as "an intemperate denunciation of temperate drinking."

Abuse of alcohol was and is an important topic – but in focusing on the virtue of Temperance this month we are after something more. Like the other "cardinal" virtues (Prudence, Justice, and Fortitude), Temperance is about balance. To be temperate is to choose a middle place, resisting the temptation to get sucked in by loud passions at either end of the spectrum.

It's easy to see the value of such a balanced stance - in politics, for example, or education, or work, or the way we structure our busy days. But what does temperate religion or spirituality look like? Some would argue that standing in the middle is a perfect way to fail as a church. It's easy to find evidence that people are drawn by certainty more than vagueness; by fiery sermons and calls to action, rather than contemplation. It's comforting to "know" that everything is part of The Plan (far more wise and good than any of us could imagine). Whereas standing alone in a middle spot, striving to keep one's eyes and ears open to all possibilities, is not very comfortable at all.

Nevertheless, temperate is exactly what we Unitarian Universalists strive to be, religiously. Sincere in our tolerance; respectful of all religions, even ones we don't understand; committed to goodness and hope overall... without getting so specific that somebody might feel excluded.

To many of us, an insistence on openness is deeply ingrained. Thank goodness for that: I would be sad if it were not so. But I gotta say: I don't want to be known as "vague and inoffensive", or to stand for something so nonspecific no one can quite say what it is. I want to stand on the side of humanity, and the side of the earth, and the real possibility of a world of justice and love that nobody has seen but all of us *can* imagine, if we try. I want to rise - in body and spirit - in favor of a kind of religion the world is only beginning to imagine, where people notice the longings and joys they share rather than the beliefs and opinions that keep them divided. I want to do all of that, with you, out where everybody can see and hear us standing for some quite particular things indeed.

We already know that people can thrive in religious community without the false comforts of creed and doctrine – and that we, and our communities, are better for it. Such is our gift to the world: a gift it is high time we learned to share with our world.

May this new year be filled with joy and challenge, inspiration and hope.

Many blessings,

Tricia

Peter and Tricia will be away during the second half of January. All questions about church programs, worship, and pastoral care should be directed to any members of the church staff. They will help with referrals if they don't know the answers!

Temperance

January and temperance go together, or do they?

Let's find out together. Consider your relationship with the predictable January blahs while you read this *Windows*. Is being temperate as boring and predictable as your credit card bills from holiday spending, your expanding waistline from holiday eating and drinking and/or your too-high expectations from New Year promises desperately crafted from holiday weariness?

Are you willing to consider temperance as a Unitarian Universalist (UU) concept? Does our/your UU faith make a difference?

I think so.

We are UU centered. In a world of indulgences, we come together to seek a temperate middle ground. We are not boring in person or as a faith group. In fact, we are seekers of new possibilities. So, we are not predictable either. Our UU faith allows us to make new visions that are not too-untenable within our UU Principles and Purposes. Maybe we practice temperance more than we believe we do!

We are excitingly temperate because we hold out the possibilities for vitality and well-being. To temper means to modify by adding a new component or more. Maybe joining a UUCL committee could bring you that New Year component of well-being that you are currently missing. Maybe congregational committees seem boring and predictable from the outside, but who you are going to meet and what are you going to do makes them UU different.

Maybe I exude a quiet composure when we are together but is it really personally true for me? And, what about you? What about us? Do we all come to church looking but not feeling temperant? Are there unmet storms below our temperate surface composure? Are we a congregation that cares enough to meet conflicts with compromise and cooperation? When concerns are intemperate, do we choose temperance which promises vitality and well-being? Maybe we have not created the just right community of caring yet, but we could make that a personal and congregational commitment not just a committee assignment for a few.

Continue to read *Windows* faithfully and join me in finding windows for new possibilities in the month of January. Flirt with new UU temperance! Moral virtues are many but maybe temperance is the calm in the UU vision you are looking for in 2010.

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[Also from the Board of Trustees—

On page 10, see the note about the Board's appointment of Douglas Walcerz as Interim Treasurer.—Ed.]

How to Become a Member of UUCL

Churches, especially Unitarian Universalist Churches, are membership organizations. We've got no popes or kings keeping a roof over our heads. It is a gathering of free people dedicated to living out the values of liberal religion that keeps us in business. Sometimes, though, it's a little difficult to figure out how to become a member of a church body or who to ask about it. We don't want that to be the case here at UUCL.

I invite you to find the Welcome Table in Emerson Hall at every coffee hour. There you can ask members any of the general or specific questions you may have about our church. Look for flyers about the "Path to Membership" and "The Duties and Responsibilities of Membership", as well as information about the Mission and Vision of the Church. The Membership Development folks also have any number of pamphlets about the history and practices of Unitarian Universalism that may interest you.

Meeting people is the key to joining a church, so we encourage folks who are interested in becoming members to attend a workshop called *Enquiring Minds*. These programs are offered by the Ministers twice a year. The next such session begins on April 7, 2010 and runs for five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

With the help of the Membership Development Council, we also offer short visitor information sessions between services on most fourth Sundays. Watch the weekly email or the Sunday announcements for those times and dates. And if you are not on the weekly email list, you may sign up for it at the Welcome Table!

Though the best sources of information about membership are other members, Rev. Tricia Hart and I are always eager to talk about the church and your personal spiritual path, wherever it may lead. You may reach either of us through the Church Office (717) 393-1733. By all means, make an appointment and come in for chat... or just buttonhole us after a service. We are always happy to make time for you.

See you in church!
Rev. Peter Newport

Among Our Own:

Healing thoughts go out to **Lu Back, Carol Thompson**, and **Betsi Zikmund**, all of whom have spent more time than they wanted to this season, recovering from surgeries and illness. It's good to see **Peggy Forsyth** walking well again!

We send much love and condolences to several UUCL members who have lost dear ones in the last months:

- to **Dara Slater** who lost her father-in-law
- to **Andy Probolus** on the death of his grandfather
- to **Candi Jennings**, whose father died last month at age 97
- to **George Herr-Riser**, whose brother's battle with cancer ended in October
- and to **Lynn Miller**, whose husband Glen died on December 13. There will be a memorial service for Glen at the church, January 8 at 3pm.

Please reach out in whatever ways you can, to let these people know you are thinking of them.

Special note of thanks

I would like to express my heartfelt Thanks to all those kind members and friends who responded to our need for help in cleaning out a home that we have been unable to live in for over a year. The group was made up of members and friends of the congregation and Youth Group who responded to Marilyn Beittel's call for help on this task. We will be forever Grateful to Marilyn and her crew for this spontaneous response to the need for assistance.
—Sydney Bridgett

Monthly Financial Review

You are invited to attend Financial Review meetings, held the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be Monday, January 11. At each Financial Review meeting, I present the church's financials for the past month.

If you have questions please contact me at churchadministrator@uuclonline.org or 717-393-1733 X206. I hope to see you there.

Nadinne Ziegler
Director of Administration & Finance

Thank You

When you see them, be sure to add your thanks to these hard working UUCL folks:

- **Jeffrey Caldwell**, for creating a stupendous bulletin board display to inspire us all to participate in the Social Justice Empowerment Weekend in February.
- All who created another magical observance of the Winter Solstice: **Linda Dobbins**, **Judy Hurlbut**, and the many leaders of both services; to **Linda Longenecker** and **Amanda Paveglio** (how cool is it to be a church with TWO bagpipers!); to **Bob Ulrich**, for working new wonders with light and sound; and to all who attended the services, and contributed to support the crucial meals served at Crispus Attucks.
- **Claudia Ruoff and the entire cast** for bringing the lovely play "Why the Chimes Rang" to our early Christmas Eve service. Thanks, too, to Claudia's father and mother, who helped to create the play and to make it happen this year at UUCL.
- **Alan Fehr** and **Carol Stewart**, for installing and lighting the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. (Carol is our bungee cord expert, too, having figured out how to make banners not crumple on the cable Dave Dobbins installed.)
- And thanks, too, to our terrific staff for some extra efforts this season: to **Michael Eby-Good** and **David Dorn** who placed all of this season's wreaths and poinsettias; and to **Rachel Kraybill Stahl**, whose smiles and skills have added greatly to the church office this season. We hope that Rachel will be able to stay with us for several more weeks, until a new permanent Administrative Assistant can begin in February.

Seminar on Gifting: The Financial Future of UUCL and You

With Dr. Rev. Terry Sweetser

January 24, 2010, 12:15 pm at UUCL in Emerson Hall

Soup, bread and beverage will be served

This year, UUCL will celebrate its 108th anniversary, a milestone only achievable through the financial generosity of many members over that span of time. Significant improvements to our church, which go beyond the constraints of our basic operating budget, have been largely funded by thoughtful and visionary members who wanted to ensure our church's continued role in the lives of so many in the community. Financial gifts of all sizes have been directed as desired by the benefactors and invested in accordance with the professional advisory services we use. The UUCL Development, Investments and Trusts Committee has a goal of increasing such endowment so as to secure our future financial ability to fund these type of expenditures.

Over time, many of us probably have given some thought to whether we could make a gift to our church which would have a longer impact and help to ensure its future for those who wish to worship here. Perhaps you have already considered giving to UUCL's endowment through your will or by generous donation. Perhaps you have thought about it, but have not done anything yet. Perhaps you are interested in gifting but are not familiar with how it can be done. Now is your chance to learn more.

On January 24, 2010, the Development, Investments and Trusts Committee is sponsoring

a seminar on increasing endowment and enhancing the financial security and future of the UUCL.

Our guest presenter will be Dr. Rev. Terry Sweetser, a 5th generation Unitarian Universalist and Vice President for Stewardship and Development for the Unitarian Universalist Association. Rev. Sweetser is an expert in development and endowments and a very exciting speaker and discussion leader. He is co-author of a very popular book titled *The Abundance of Our Faith* which is a compilation of award-winning sermons on "giving." What an opportunity to come and hear what he has to say! After Rev. Sweetser's presentation and discussion, the Development, Investments and Trusts Committee will review the endowment possibilities available to you for the future welfare of the UUCL.

Mark your calendar. This is a seminar open to all members of our congregation who would like to learn more about how they can personally be a part of ensuring their church's future. We'll try to answer any questions you may have.

To register to attend, please contact the church office—churchoffice@uuclonline.org or (717) 393-1733. Childcare can be provided if requested with reservation.

*Alan Fehr and David Dobbins,
Co-Chairs, Development, Investments,
and Trusts Committee*

Lifespan Learning

The experience of being a part of a community can come from unanticipated places, in surroundings that are new, with people you've never met. When we engage in discovering a new community, it opens our ability to be aware of the larger whole of which we are a part .

Mid-December I traveled to Chicago to visit my fiancé Eric and to explore the windy, chilly city with his aunt, Carla Martin, and her daughter Andrea. On our agenda was to attend worship at the First Unitarian Society of Chicago. Entering the sanctuary, we found cloth hangings portraying symbols of world faiths, the same chalice as the one used at UUCL, and a pair of carved wooden hands entwined upon the altar. As we moved into the quiet place of worship we sang familiar hymns, listened to the choir perform holiday carols from various traditions, and recited the same affirmation spoken at UUCL. Following the service we went to coffee hour, toured the classroom spaces, and discovered that the children at First Unitarian Society are doing almost all of the same curricula that the UUCL students are doing.

While I did anticipate feeling a connection with the message of worship I did not expect to feel such a sense of community with the people in the church. Through conversations, laughter, and a willingness to show guests the building, they awoke within me an awareness that what we do each Sunday within our individual congregations is part of a larger UU movement. During the sermon the minister, Dr. Nina Grey, drew parallels to the Seventh Principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part" to the notion of community. Each of us within a congregation is part of the existence of a larger UU network that is connected to society at large. It felt powerful to recognize that the work we do in Lancaster is in tandem with what is done in Chicago, and that in both cities there are folks with similar ideals and visions based on the shared values.

Communities exist to nurture personal growth, learning opportunities, love, and a sense of shared purpose. Being a part of a community offers a place to find support when things are rough and to celebrate life's joys. In the upcoming weeks there are numerous ways to explore the smaller communities within UUCL that make up our overall church community. Together we weave the many threads of this faith community that nourish us and those seeking a liberal religious tradition.

Peace and kindness,
Kate Prisby,
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Faith Development Thanks:

- Many thanks to December and January Substitute Directors of Lifespan Faith Development: **Bill Lewis, Jean Herr-Riser, and Ad Crable**
- Thanks to the Children's Faith Development Council for hosting the December teacher and advisor brunch
- **Lt. Alex Grumbrecht** of the Lancaster City Bureau of Fire, thanks for walking through the fire evacuation routes with UUCL staff members to make sure they are safe means of exit
- **Lisa Sanchez** thanks for leading a great team building workshop at County Park for the 8th-9th grade *Odyssey* youth
- Thanks to **Rebecca Gilbert** and the Labyrinth Committee for hosting the December 13 Children's Faith Development labyrinth walk
- Youth Group a most delicious thanks for the bread and soup lunch in December; thanks to everyone who donated money and helped youth group raise money for the April Boston trip

Coming Soon: UUism in America

This course offers a glimpse into fascinating times when our religious ancestors affected the course of American history. Topics include: Liberal Religious Ideas in the American Revolution; Universalism in the Time of 'Burned-Over' Evangelism; the Transcendentalists; Religious and Moral Issues in the 20th Century; and Unitarian Universalism today. We will gather at 7PM Wednesday evenings February 3-March 3. To register, please contact Rev. Tricia Hart or complete a Lifespan Faith Development registration.

*"Finish each day before
you begin the next,
and interpose
a solid wall of sleep
between the two.
This you cannot do
without temperance."*

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

***Walking the Bible* Movie Discussion**

New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler, leads the viewer on a journey through present day Turkey, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria in search of historic places from the Bible. His travels by foot, jeep, rowboat and camel seek to bring alive some of history's most legendary events. His travel through the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Torah, offers new insights into the roots of our common faith. This two-part program first aired on public television.

Join us to view the film followed with a discussion, led by Kate Diller. We will meet on Mondays, February 1 and February 8 from 6:30-8:30. Registration and course fee are due Thursday, January 28.

The Healing Labyrinth

The Labyrinth Committee will present a workshop on Sunday, Feb. 7 to focus on chakras, the body's energy centers. The chakras can support healing & integration of all your body's unique skills. Registration due Jan. 31. To register, please complete a Lifespan Faith Development registration.

Wise Women Council

It is still possible to register for Wise Women Council until January 29. This gathering meets on the third Sunday of January, February, and March at 7PM to explore the stage of womanhood after the age of 50. It is a powerful and critical stage of life for enhancement and understanding. To register pick up a Lifespan Faith Development booklet in the church lobby or contact Kate Prisby in the church office.

Lifespan Faith Development Happenings This Month

- **A New Year of Loving Someone with Depression** January 5 & 12, 6:30-8pm. Loving someone with depression is challenging, important work. Oftentimes we find ourselves coping with our own feelings and understandings of what depression is. On Tuesdays January 5 and January 12 we will gather from 6:30-8 to discuss ways in which we can help others with depression while taking care of our own emotional needs. Lillian Pacheco M.Ed. will lead the discussions. All are welcome.
- **Up Movie Viewing and Activities** January 8, 6:30pm. Looking to uphold his promise to explore the childhood dreamland of his belated wife Ellie, 78 year-old Carl Fredericksen sets his home afloat with balloons to travel to South Africa. He unexpectedly finds Wilderness Explorer Scout Russell on his front porch. The two embark on a journey of keeping promises to those you love, and finding friendship in unexpected places. Following the film there will be activities for all ages.
- **Faith Development Coffee Hour** January 17, After worship services. Parents and guardians of faith development students are invited to the second floor lobby following classes to meet the winter teachers over coffee and snacks.
- **Parents' Night Out.** January 23, 7-9pm. Faith development parents are invited to a night of conversation, wine, good food, and childcare at UUCL. RSVP to Kate Prisby by January 19.
- **Youth Group Sunday** January 24, Worship Services. This worship service led by the high school youth group is always a hit! The youth present mini sermons, perform music, and offer insightful reflections on faith.
- **Making Investments for the Future of UUCL** January 24, 12:15pm. UUCL has several endowments critical to its financial future. This session will cover the Trusts of UUCL, what revenue is used for, and how to increase endowments. The Development, Investments, and Trusts Committee will be on hand to answer questions.



Community Beyond Our Walls

Guest at Your Table Wrap-up!

On Sunday, January 10, we'll close our Guest at Your Table program with a collection of donation boxes during our worship services. In recent weeks, our Guest at Your Table boxes and *Stories of Hope* have taught us about real people engaged in the struggle for justice in the United States and around the world. They have also taught us about our power to change the world when we support Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the many amazing people with whom they partner.

If you missed a week or more, there is still time for you to catch up. Your Guest at Your Table gift is unrestricted, which means that UUSC will use it where the need is greatest. For example:

- **\$30**—part of a multilingual brochure to educate Boston residents about the Color of Water campaign to adopt a human right to water.
- **\$65**—a small business loan and training for Kenyan women displaced by electoral violence.
- **\$200**—a bicycle ambulance for a resettled village several miles from a health center in Uganda.
- **\$750** allows the Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center to provide a "Know Your Rights" training workshop for 25 immigrant women who work in poultry-processing plants.
- **\$3,000** funds a Let Justice Roll organizer for one month to mobilize UUs and other faith allies to continue the push to raise the federal minimum wage to \$10 in 2010.

Before returning your Guest at Your Table box complete the form on the box. And please convert your cash and coins to a check made out to "UUCL" with "UUSC Guest at Your Table" in the memo line. Donations of any amount are welcome and are tax deductible. UUSC membership rates are: \$10 student/youth, \$20 senior (\$65+), \$40 regular, \$75 dual (2 adults). With your one-year UUSC membership, you will also receive UUSC's quarterly *Rights Now* newsletter and discounts on Beacon book purchases.

On behalf of UUSC, we thank and commend every person who has chosen to share their blessings through Guest at Your Table.

If you can't return your collection box on January 10, you can give it to Amy Sipe, our UUSC representative, at any time. For information about UUSC or for more examples of how UUSC translates your support into tangible projects, please visit www.uusc.org.

Social Justice Empowerment Workshop

The Social Justice Advocates is sponsoring an Empowerment Workshop on February 5-6 at UUCL. On Friday, February 5 from 7-9 pm we will host a small reception in Emerson hall to review current and past social justice programs at UUCL. On Saturday, February 6, 9am-5pm we will set a course for the future of social justice in our congregation.

Facilitated by staff from the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Social Justice Empowerment Workshop has helped over 200 UU congregations to focus, strengthen and grow their social justice programs and create a balance of service, education, organizing, advocacy, and public witness activities. Participants working in small groups will be encouraged to share their views of how UUCL can implement our new mission statement which states, "In service, we forge partnerships to foster compassion, hope, and positive change in Lancaster and the world." Thanks to a generous grant from the Walters Trust we are able to offer this workshop at no cost to UUCL members and friends. Child-care and lunch will be provided.

Social Justice Book Group

We will discuss the book, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* by Jim Wallis on Monday, February 1st at 7 p.m. in Emerson Hall.

While the Right in America has hijacked the language of faith to prop up its political agenda - an agenda not all people of faith support - the Left hasn't done much better, largely ignoring faith and continually separating moral discourse and personal ethics from public policy.

While the Right argues that God's way is their way, the Left pursues an unrealistic separation of religious values from morally grounded political leadership. The consequence is a false choice between ideological religion and soulless politics.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu says of the author, "Jim Wallis is compelling, provocative, and inspirational, with faith that can move mountains and can certainly move people and communities."

Crispus Attucks Community Meals

UUCL will provide meals at Crispus Attucks Center on **Saturday and Sunday, January 23-24**.

Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen and to serve the meals. The time commitment is approximately 4:00 or 4:30pm until 6:30 or 7:00pm. Food donations of shepherd's pie, salad mix and brownies are needed for the Sunday meal, to be brought to the church on January 24.

Volunteers may sign up at the Social Justice Advocates table after the worship services at both coffee hours on January 10 and January 17. Or call Volunteer Coordinator, Jeff Caldwell.

Please contribute, a few hours of your time or a food donation. This is truly a worthwhile endeavor, that is appreciated and needed. Monetary donations may be made at coffee hour or sent to the church office. Write "Crispus Attucks Meals" in the memo line. Thank you.

A Call for Dinner Leaders for Crispus Attucks Meals

Please consider being a dinner leader for our community meals served to those in need at the Crispus Attucks Community Center. The meals occur four weekends a year on Saturday and Sunday, in January, April, July and October. Two dinner leaders oversee the kitchen prep and serving of the meals by six to eight volunteer helpers.

If you have experience from volunteering at the meals, you would be able to step into the dinner leader role. If you have not volunteered, please do so and get a taste of this worthwhile and satisfying service project. We have a manual and a specific dinner leader guide which explains all aspects of our service. Your dinner leader role could occur as little as one to four times a year.

Call or email Julie Dewar, Crispus Attucks Dinners Coordinator. Please extend yourself and give a call. Contact is not a commitment but you would be glad if you did.

CHOC Special Collection

The Community Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC), a day center for the homeless, will be the beneficiary of this month's special collection. As CHOC approached its second anniversary last November, director Adrian Rodriguez said "There's no question that we're experiencing the impact of the economic downturn. We're seeing it in the raw numbers, and we're hearing it in the stories of the [people] coming to us for help." CHOC provides a place to shower, do laundry, use a telephone, and have mail delivered. It gives individuals access to clothing vouchers, public transportation, and health & dental clinics. It also allows opportunities to connect with social service agencies that help the homeless move toward stability.

Social Justice Calendar

Thursday, January 7, 7pm

Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice, UUCL

Sunday, January 10, during worship

Guest at your Table Wrap-Up

Tuesday, January 12, 7pm

Social Justice Advocates, UUCL

Monday, January 18, 7pm

MLK Breakfast, Lancaster Convention Center

Saturday & Sunday, January 23-24

UUCL sponsoring Crispus Attucks meals

Friday & Saturday, February 5-6

Social Justice Empowerment Workshop



Food Bank needs:

- small sizes are best-

Cereal	Canned meals
Oatmeal packets	(beef stew, etc.)
Canned beans	Boxed meals
Canned vegetables	(tuna/hamburger helper)
Canned or boxed potatoes	Tuna
Rice	Canned fruit
Pasta	Peanut butter
Spaghetti sauce	Jelly
Canned soup	Paper grocery bags in good condition

Board of Trustees News

Interim Treasurer

At their December meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed Douglas Walcerz as Acting Treasurer. A few words from Douglas:

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Acting Treasurer until a permanent replacement can be found. My priorities are (1) to ensure the proper handling of revenues and disbursements to avoid loss of funds or the creation of uncertainties or suspicions about improper handling of church resources, and (2) to further enhance the presentation of financial information at the monthly financial reviews to enable more accurate understanding of the church's current and projected financial condition. My relevant background includes running a 4-6 person company for 8 years, where I handled all sales, billing, accounting, payroll, and taxes, and being an expert in statistical analysis and data visualization."



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Ministers' Office Hours

Revs. Peter Newport and Tricia Hart are usually in the office every day but Tuesday, and both are available by appointment. Please call them at 393-1733, or e-mail minister@uuclonline.org to reserve a time. **Peter and Tricia will be away during the second half of January.** All questions about church programs, worship, and pastoral care should be directed to any members of the church staff. They will help with referrals if they don't know the answers!

UUCL Staff Mission Covenant

We are a devoted and energetic team with varied skills, committed to helping the congregation discover and fulfill its mission. We do this by working hard, supporting each other, listening well, making connections, and embodying the values of Unitarian Universalism in all of our interactions with the congregation and the larger community.

Windows Due Date:

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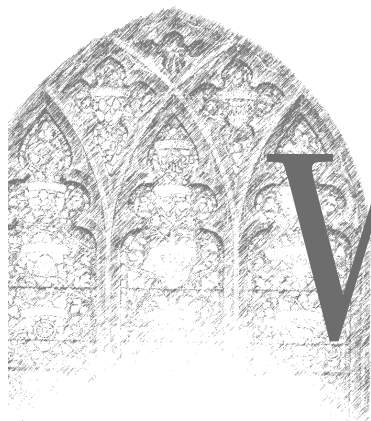
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Every Sunday 9am and 11am Worship 9am and 10:45am Children's Faith Development Activities 6:30pm Our Whole Lives (OWL) 7pm Red Rose Sangha	Monday-Friday 9am-12pm Lancaster Cooperative School (Extended day—Tues. & Thurs 12-2:45pm; 2-year-old class—Friday 9-11am) *9:30-3:30pm Church Office Hours				1 Church Office Closed No COOP School 1:00pm New Year's Day Labyrinth	2 10:00am Wedding of Amy Knebusch and Roger Jones
3 Multigenerational Worship 12:30pm Goddess Circle Planning	4 6:00pm Common Roads Lancaster Chapter Advisory Committee 7:00pm Co-op Board Meeting	5 8:30am Development, Investments and Trusts 6:30pm A New Year of Loving Someone With Depression	6 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice 7:00pm Communications Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace & Justice Special Meeting 6:00pm All Ages Choir Rehearsal/Potluck 6:30pm Living by Heart 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace & Justice Special Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 11:30am Food Bank Packing 6:30pm <i>Up</i> Movie Discussion 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	9 3:00pm Glen Miller Memorial Service 6:00pm Dinner Go Round
10 End of Guest At Your Table 12:30pm Spirit in Practice	11 7:00pm Financial Review 7:00pm Knitting a World of Good	12 6:30pm Children's Faith Development Council Meeting 6:30pm A New Year of Loving Someone With Depression 7:00pm Social Justice Advocates	13 10:00am Full Staff Meeting 7:30pm Goddess Circle	14 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace & Justice Special Meeting 6:00pm All Ages Choir Rehearsal/Potluck 6:30pm Living by Heart 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace & Justice Special Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	16
17 12:00pm Fundraising Quarterly Review 12:15pm Youth Adult Committee 7:00pm Wise Woman Council	18 Windows Deadline Church Office Closed MLK Day No COOP School MLK Holiday 6:30pm Board of Trustees	19	20 7:00pm Program Leadership Team	21 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	23 10:00am Youth Sunday Rehearsal 7:00pm Parents' Night Out Dinner
24 Youth Sunday 12:15pm Making Investments for the Future of UUCL 12:30pm Spirit in Practice 6:30pm Our Whole Lives (OWL)	25 6:30pm Adult Faith Development Meeting	26	27 7:00pm Program Leadership Team	28 10:00am WINDOWS Mailing 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	29 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	30 5:00pm Cookbook Project Kickoff Potluck
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