



January 2012

Windows

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.

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Fortitude, together...

It's January, and our theme for the month is Fortitude. There's a daunting combination: bearing up against the odds and the weather at the same time. Sounds like January all right.

I generally look for wise things that others have said when a new theme is upon us, and I've been a bit surprised in my explorations this month. I had thought of fortitude as a virtue one practices **alone**: the kind of strength you need to live your principles, even when the crowd turns against you; or to be hopeful, when you or someone you love is seriously ill; or to keep going, when you're facing an obstacle nobody (including you) can see a way around. Fortitude is what we draw on to meet life's hard stuff. And when we feel alone on that stage, everything is more difficult.

This solitary hero ideal may not be what real fortitude is about, however – just as, for most of us, being alone isn't where real strength comes from. We learn how to be strong in community. We watch and learn from the fortitude of those around us; we discover our strengths when friends tell us that they have confidence in us, and in our capacity to do the right thing. We don't always know how to be very good friends to ourselves – but we can be that for one another.

That's where church comes in. Fortitude may be an old-fashioned word, but I'm pretty sure it's at the heart of everything we do at UUCL: adding to the world's resources of fortitude by strengthening those of us who make up this congregation and assure it for the future. Our part begins with showing up.

This month at UUCL there are many, many things to show up for. Sundays are busy days, with worship at 10am and an array of adult faith development opportunities beginning at 11:45am. You can learn about evolution, join a circle of writers, or finally understand what we mean by 'Universalism' – in the past, and especially for today. Second Services this month offer all the variety we hoped for when we started this new worship structure: from a presentation on Buddhism on January 8, to Martin Luther King's theology on his birthday, to a healing service on the 22nd, to a terrific concert with UU singer/songwriter Peter Mayer on the 29th.

On Wednesday nights, UUCL is beginning to look like a real Lancaster County church— Faith Matters is continuing to meet and grow. In February there will be a short Vespers service on Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Watch for more information on all of this in next month's issue of *Windows*.

All of these programs are open to **you**, your friends and your neighbors. Check out UUCL's "Worship & Faith Development" calendar— www.uuclonline.org/worship/ — for more information, and watch the All Church Email on Thursdays for details. But mostly, just come. The world needs our Fortitude, and for that we need to be one another's teachers.

Many blessings in this New Year!

Tricia

*“People need trouble—
a little frustration to
sharpen the spirit on,
toughen it. Artists do;
I don't mean you need
to live in a rat hole
or gutter, but you have
to learn **fortitude**,
endurance. Only
vegetables are happy.”*

—William Faulkner 1897-1962

New (?) Year's Resolutions

People like to make new beginnings with the New Year. But have you noticed that often our resolutions are not so new? The reassessment and goal-setting process help all of us refocus our efforts and gain perspective on how to accomplish our goals.

Well, UUCL has goals too. After endorsing our Vision Statement in August of 2009 we developed goals, or Ends (adopted 9/09). These are statements about how we will know (in 5 years or so) that we have realized our Vision. All of us (Board, Ministers, staff, committees, task forces, action groups, choir, classes, members) need to be aware of the Ends and understand how our participation in church fits into the big picture. Here they are:

Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

We are the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, a leading voice of liberal faith in our community, a sacred force for love and justice.

1. We will know we are **a leading voice** when:

- 1.1 Our members are aware of the UU stance and actions on local, regional and national levels.
- 1.2 Our activities and programs are known in the community at large.
- 1.3 UUCL takes leadership in regional denominational activities.
- 1.4 We intentionally seek dialogue and shared action with other local faith groups to promote shared values.

As individuals, we engage across generations, sustained by worship and learning, seeking and sharing wisdom drawn from many sources.

2. We are living out our responsibilities **as individuals** when:

- 2.1 Members and friends have opportunities for spiritual growth throughout the year.
 - 2.1.1 Members pursue individual faith development .
 - 2.1.2 Worship attendance is growing.
 - 2.1.3 Worship opportunities are expanding.
- 2.2 Members are actively engaged in teaching and learning from our children and youth.
 - 2.2.1 Faith development programs are fully staffed.
 - 2.2.2 Children and youth actively participate in the life of the church.

In community, we create sanctuary, gather strength from our diversity, honor and respect one another.

3. We **create sanctuary** when:

- 3.1 Members and visitors experience welcome at our activities and events.
- 3.2 Staff and lay leaders identify and respond to membership needs.

4. We **gather strength from our diversity** when:

- 4.1 We express welcome and value to different ages, cultures, races, national origins, sexual orientations, abilities, opinions and beliefs.
- 4.2 We recognize bias within and outside our church and work to overcome it.

5. We **honor and respect one another** when:

- 5.1 Our membership is engaged in church life and the path of church leadership:
 - 5.1.1 Our Congregants understand our church structure.
 - 5.1.2 Members accept positions in church

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- leadership.
- 5.2 Members generously share human and financial resources:
 - 5.2.1 Our members have a pattern of contribution at a Fair Share level.
 - 5.2.2 Members regularly volunteer to support church activities.
 - 5.3 Members and friends' contributions are recognized and appreciated.
 - 5.4 Our physical plant meets the needs of our congregants.
 - 5.5 We anticipate and plan for UUCL's growth in numbers and programs.

In service, we forge partnerships to foster compassion, hope and positive change in Lancaster and the world.

6. We **forge partnerships** when:

- 6.1 Our membership at large is invested in our church's service activities.
- 6.2 Our church and our partners have mutual awareness of our shared goals and values.

So, how are we doing? At the Board's upcoming Town Hall meetings in March you will all be invited to consider our progress toward these goals and contribute your own ideas for further refinement of our efforts to **Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.**

Church Life

February on St. Croix

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, invites fellow UUs and friends to visit our beautiful island.

We're planning a long weekend of activities—*island tours, beach picnics, historic landmarks, entertainment and dining, and a church service led by our visiting minister, Qiyamah Rahman. It is a fundraiser for our small congregation and you will stay with one of our members. Here is our fee schedule:*

- Friday night, February 17, through Monday noon, February 20, B&B, the full schedule of activities, including most meals, transport to and from airport, tours by host UUs.
—\$350/ single; \$650/ couple.
- The preceding Monday through Thursday, February 13-16, or following Monday through Thursday, February 20-23, B&B alone.
—\$50/night for single; \$75/ couple.

If you are interested please do the following:

- Go to www.gostcroix.com to learn more about the island;
- Contact Dolores Fielding at mymonbijou@yahoo.com or 340-778-1445;
- Send a \$100 deposit — we have a very limited number of spaces, so please act fast.

Plan to have the time of your life!



Church Life

UUCL's Seminarian

We are delighted to have **Tommy Busted** (aka Tom or Thomas) doing his "field education" project at UUCL this year, his second at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Tommy is originally from the Poconos and has a younger sister named Rose; he graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music (concentrations: Pipe Organ Performance & Sacred Music) and a minor in German. Shortly after graduating, Tommy became an organ technician at David M. Storey Inc. in Baltimore, MD.

Tommy has been in Lancaster since December 2009 and lives with his partner John who is also a student at the seminary, as well as a successful UCC youth pastor. Tommy has served as Minister of Music at St. Andrew UCC in Lancaster, and has filled in as organist or supply minister at other area churches.

This January, Tommy will be traveling with his classmates to Haiti and the Dominican Republic on a "Cross-Cultural Experience." (This life-changing opportunity comes with some significant expense and he would gratefully accept any donations to help pay for his trip and other expenses.)

Tommy looks forward to returning to UUCL in February, and will share his experiences of Haiti/Dominican Republic at an upcoming service. He will be co-teaching the *Our Whole Lives* Curriculum this winter, and helping out with a variety of other church responsibilities through the end of the semester.

Welcome, Tommy!

Share the Plate

The "Share the Plate" portion of the plate offering for November and December came to \$1099.03. This will go to support the Homeless Student Project program of the School District of Lancaster.

If you are making an additional gift, write "Share the Plate" on your check or envelope to distinguish it from your financial commitment.

December Financial Summary

A comparison of actual revenue to what was budgeted shows that our income is less than expected. The difference is due to slower than anticipated payments on financial commitments (pledges), so check your checkbooks, and if you have gotten a bit behind, now is a great time to catch up.

Expenses appear to be above the basic budget, but that is only because of the emergency replacement of the computer that controls our heating and air conditioning, which cost \$7,500 and will be reimbursed in the spring from the Walters Trust Building Fund. If the cost of the computer is removed, our expenses are very close to the Basic Budget.

Members who want more information are encouraged to attend the monthly Financial Review, which is the third Monday of each month at 6:30. (There will not be a financial review in December because our Director of Administration and Finance is on medical leave).

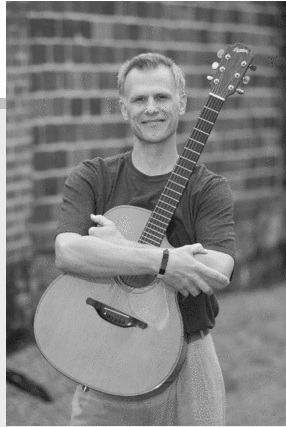
Douglas Walcerz, Treasurer

Financial Summary as of December 13, 2011		
	Total Income	Total Expenses
Basic Budget to Date	\$225,089	\$207,857
Full Budget to Date	\$232,867	\$219,895
Actuals to Date	\$203,731	\$216,304

Financial Review Meetings

Financial Review meetings are held on third Mondays of the month at 7pm. The next meeting will be **January 16**. If you are unable to attend, a paper version of the Balance Sheet, Summary Sheet and Operating Budget are posted on the UUCL Board of Trustees bulletin board in Emerson Hall.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.
—Nadine Ziegler



Peter Mayer in Concert UU Singer/Songwriter January 29, 2012, 11:45am

Come to hear and sing with UU musician Peter Mayer (author of "Blue Boat Home" and many more songs). He will offer an all-ages concert at the 11:45 service. There is no fee for the concert— just a free-will offering. Peter's concerts are accessible to all ages, and this one will include a short break for snacks around 12:30. The nursery is open for families that need childcare.

Known to those of us at UUCL for the hymn "Blue Boat Home," Peter Mayer is a Unitarian Universalist from Minnesota. Years ago, Peter considered traditional ministry as a way to spread his ideas on finding God all around, taking care of Earth, and personal spiritual inquiry. Along the way, he decided he could reach more people with his UU ideas by playing music. Peter is an engaging musician who teaches portions of songs to the crowd so that all ages can participate in making music.

Learn More About Peter Mayer's Music

You've heard his music in church. If you listen to Prairie Home Companion, you may have even heard his song "Japanese Bowl" covered there. To learn more about Peter Mayer's music check out: www.petermayer.net. To hear Peter at the 2010 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly: www.uua.org/ga/past/2010/business/165845.shtml and look for the video clip at the top right. If you want to borrow a CD before the show, contact Kate Prisby in the church office.

Worship and Spirituality

What We Bring to the World is Only Ourselves...

The Lancaster Labyrinth is open on New Year's Day... the best time of the year to walk the paths, connect with the Universe, and let the labyrinth's steps gently take the conscious mind out of the way. It stills the mind so that deeper consciousness and wisdom can come forward with understandings that are important to you now. Come, walk the labyrinth in Founders' Hall. Open from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Tenders welcome you and guide you on your way or come, sit and enjoy the beauty of the New Year's labyrinth.



Web and Wheel Celebrates

The New Light is growing... every day a little bit more! From the Winter Solstice begins the lengthening day. Yes, officially it is winter, but the earth has been nourished by the restful darkness and readies itself to break through to a new season. Gather your resources and look forward to every longer day in January 2012.

Red Rose Sangha

The Red Rose Sangha is a lay community of people interested in practicing Zen Buddhism. The Sangha meets for weekly Sitting at **7pm on Sunday evenings here in Emerson Hall**. The Sangha has its own website: www.redrosesangha.org which gives a good introduction to the group and its practice. Newcomers interested in attending should contact David Ganse by phone at 717-299-0170 or by email at redrosesangha@comcast.net.

*Moral courage is a rarer commodity
than bravery in battle or great
intelligence.*

*Yet it is the one essential, vital
quality of those who seek to change
a world which yields most painfully
to change.*

—Robert F. Kennedy, 1925 – 1968

Worship Happenings in January

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

Children's Faith Development: Nursery care and children's programs every Sunday.

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

Adult Faith Development: During second Service in classrooms.

**Sunday,
January 1**

Multigenerational Worship, 10am "A New Beginning"

What do we need to let go of in order to truly begin again? This informal service will encourage sharing and reflection as we mark the passing of the old year and prepare for the new. (There's no First Sunday Potluck in January—mark its February 5 return on your calendar.)

Anne Mason, M. Div. preaching

Lancaster Labyrinth, 12-3pm

**Sunday,
January 8**

Worship, 10am "No Guts, No Glory"

This month, we examine the virtue of Fortitude, which frequently has a physical association we are all familiar with. What does it mean to put your body on the line? What's the payoff, and why should we care about glory, anyway?

Rev. Peter Newport, preaching.

Second Service 11:45am "FORUM: Introduction to Buddhism"

In his first sermon, The 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.

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.

Milt Machalek of Red Rose Sangha will lead this gathering in the Sanctuary. Bring your questions. All welcome!

**Sunday,
January 15**

Worship, 10am "Roads to Justice"

The civil rights movement is one long lesson in Fortitude - it's important to remember & tell the stories, at least once a year. But the Selma marches happened 47 years ago. What is our part, today, in the unfinished work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching.

Second Service: 11:45am "The Universalist Message of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Today's Second Service is an opportunity to explore the religious convictions behind Martin Luther King's life and work. All are welcome to this special session of "Universalism 101."

**Sunday,
January 22**

11:45 Second Service "Healing & Wholeness"

Anne Mason, worship leader with members of the Caring Circle. All welcome!

**Sunday,
January 29**

10am "Giving Soul to the Universe"

Plato said that music "gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination..." What is the connection between music and strength of spirit (even for those of us who can't carry a tune)?

Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching.

Music with Peter Mayer!

11:45 Second Service Peter Mayer Concert

See all about it on page 6.

Himalayan Monks & UU Theology: When Music Moves Us

The winding, dirt road traversed down the side of the mountain with the Himalayan Mountains showcasing their sparkling morning-lit snow behind me. People hustled up and down the path wearing wool coats with buttons and striped hats. A short distance down the mountain, the guttural tones of the chanting monks lifted into the air beckoning me toward the monastery. Their multi-tone chanting bounced off the hills and gave the fresh day a sense of sacredness. They provided the holy music, the people created the community, and the tall pine trees formed the sanctuary.

It was the winter of 2005, and I was in Dharamsala, India, the place I called “home” during my Tibetan Studies study abroad program in 2003. Dharamsala is home to my study abroad host family and their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama. On this particular morning, the town vibrated with motion as lines of people outside the monastery waited to hear more of the Dalai Lama’s week-long Buddhist teachings. I joined the masses of people and headed toward the section for English speakers. With a spin or two of a dial, my headset picked up the English translation station. Nearby were people from all parts of the world, each with a pair of headphones tuning into a frequency that would translate His Holiness’ talk into their native tongue.

What I recall from the teachings is a full body memory of feeling a connection to the world around me, a sense of interdependence. To sit in the courtyard as the monks finished their chanting, was like sitting in a room that had a vibrating floor, the frequency moving throughout my body so I could feel the wavelengths rippling inside. If I close my eyes and hum loudly feeling the echo within me, I recall what it was like to feel that echo generated by others’ voices as I sat silently among thousands of strangers.

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I met Evolution Evangelists Connie Barlow & Michael Dowd a few years ago at a religious educator’s retreat hosted by the UUA’s Joseph Priestley District. They spoke of how stars combust sending stardust into the atmosphere; the particles that make up our bodies are comprised of that stardust. Thus, the cosmos are in us. When looking to the heavens to find the divine, they

suggest you need look no further than your hands. The same matter that makes up people makes up all things around us; what appears quite different, a rock versus a human, actually is related.

As they showed slides of galaxies, stars, and views of Earth from space, a CD played in the background. The song “Blue Boat Home” caught my ear, a hymn sung in our church. UU musician Peter Mayer’s voice filled the room as we watched the changing images. He sung of childhood Sunday school days when miracles were presented as phenomenon confined to Biblical times. Growing older, he began to notice the array of life around him and the miracles present in each day. “This morning, outside I stood and saw a little red-winged bird shining like a burning bush, singing like a scripture verse. It made me want to bow my head; I remember when church let out. How things have changed since then, everything is holy now.” Driving home, I listened to his lyrics realizing I accidentally had found music that reflected my theology.

Last winter, I attended one of Peter Mayer’s concerts in Alexandria, Virginia. Before the concert, he chatted with audience members. He shared how he attended a Catholic church before happening upon Unitarian Universalism. Ministry was something he contemplated until he realized that his most efficient ministry was through music. Indeed, many who have sung “Blue Boat Home” in church, or listened to “Holy Now” as a duet have spoken of how moving the songs are.

Peter Mayer brings his music to us live on January 29 in the sanctuary starting at 11:45am. This will be a joyful “second service” with two sets of music and a short intermission to get some munchies in Emerson Hall. There is no charge for tickets, just a free-will offering thanks to a Walters Grant that is covering the concert fees. The concert will be engaging for all ages with opportunities to sing along to a few songs. You’ll find yourself humored and moved. It’s likely that you’ll want to take a CD home with you (so bring some spare cash!) Childcare will be provided.

It’s not every day we can walk down a mountain-side as monks chant prayers that reverberate both within and around us. It is rare to get to meet a musician and talk about spiritual evolution. Music has the ability to transform how we see and experience the world around us. Words feel different when sung. On those rare occasions when

music really makes us pause, when it shifts the space we are in, it is such a gift to be able to listen.

Peace and kindness,
Kate Prisby
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

OWL Reminder to 7th-9th Grade Families

Our Whole Lives, (OWL), begins in January with a new format of one retreat a month and two to three Sunday sessions a month from 11:45-1:15. Any student enrolled in the program must have a parent attend the January 8 Parent's Meeting from 11:45-1:15. This is an informational meeting; registration and course fee will be collected a few days after the meeting.

Lifespan Faith Development Happenings in January

Adult Faith Development Events

To register for a course, click on the registration link found on the church's homepage at www.uuclonline.org and mail the form and necessary fees into the church office. Paper forms also are available in the church lobby.

- **Introduction to Buddhism Forum on January 8 at 11:45am.** See the details in the listing on page 7.
- **Peace Knits Mondays, January 9 & 23 from 7-8:30** Learn to knit with UUCL knitters! Already know how to knit, come enjoy the company of others yielding needles. Peace Knits meets twice a month to work on simple projects that benefit members of our community. This year's project is creating small squares that will be made into a blanket, an easy project for those learning. Just show up! Materials are provided.
- **Universalism 101 from 11:45-1:15 on Sundays, January 8, 15, 22 & February 12, 19, & 26** We will explore Richard Trudeau's volume *Universalism 101* one chapter a week with a lively discussion. 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. Registration is not required; individuals are responsible for getting their own copy of the book. Rev. Peter Newport will lead this group.

- **Adam & Eve Meet Darwin: Evolution, Creation, & Intelligent Design Sundays, January 15 & 22 & February 5 from 11:45 – 1:30** Where did we come from? During our first gathering, we will watch *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 *Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial* in which the Dover, PA school board required science teachers to offer intelligent design as an alternative to Darwin's theory of evolution. Our final session will be conversation and lunch to discuss what each of us believes. David Dobbins will facilitate. Bring a brown bag lunch each day. Registration and course fees are due January 8.
- **UUCL Writers' Circle Sundays, January 15 & 22 & February 12 & 26 from 11:45-1:15** Calling all writers--whatever your genre, whatever your skill level. Come from wherever you happen to be in the process. 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. 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. Registration and course fee (\$10) are due January 12.

Getting Greener at UUCL



The Green Sanctuary (GS) Committee proudly announces that UUCL has been accepted as a candidate for Green Sanctuary certification. As part of the process the GS Committee researched and submitted twelve projects for completion by October 17, 2013. These projects are listed in the application, located in a binder at the Social Justice table in Emerson Hall. As these projects are completed we will become more ecologically conscious at church, in our homes and in the wider Lancaster community. Many projects were based on the suggestions from the GS survey that was completed in the spring of last year.

The butterfly release last Easter and the magazine recycling for Earth Day 2011 were two projects that were completed before we received official status as a candidate. An item at the November 2011 auction was offered for May 5, 2012 which will combine visits to local watershed areas and a meal made with local produce at Phil Holzinger's Sylvan Retreat. So we have already completed 25% of our projects.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- On February 12, we will be celebrating our candidacy status at both services. We will introduce the members of the GS Committee, highlight some of our projects, display our banner and celebrate with song and story.
- On February 19, the 5th and 6th grade Faith Development Class will have a chance to share highlights of their developing project, UUCL's Native Plants Garden. The first plantings will be completed by May.
- On February 26, GS will be inviting representatives from local CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture) to join us at coffee hour to educate the congregation about their offerings. We sustain and improve our local economy by buying fresh and local.

The key to success is based on good communication between the committee and the congregation. Information will be provided at church services, in *Windows*, in weekly emails, on posters and bulletin boards around the church. *But the GS Committee cannot do this alone.* We need Faith Development Classes for children and adults to pitch in and support our efforts. The Board of Trustees and the Program Leadership Team need to get their hands dirty. Families need to pick a project and dig in

together. Tricia and Peter will be tested on their shovel-ready skills... in other words we need to eat, breath, and live these commitments now, in two years and for years to come after we achieve accreditation. What better gift can we give to the children of UUCL than a world that is cleaner, uses energy more efficiently, buys local and cares for the Lancaster area as we would care for ourselves?

Would you like to build a rain barrel for use at your house? Would you bring your pets or special greenery to a "Bless the Animals and Plants" service? Are you interested in helping with stream restoration efforts in the Lancaster area? Would you work on a bike rack installation near the church? Are you interested in finding out about solar panels for your home? Would you like to see panels installed here at UUCL? Would you enjoy a membership at a CSA? Would you like to contribute plants or money to a Native Plants Garden in front of the church which will help absorb rain-water and keep it out of Lancaster's overworked sewers?

There is so much to do and so many reasons for you to be personally committed to making UUCL a Green Certified Church. The GS Committee meets the first Sunday of most months at 8:45 in Room 201. Check the church calendar to verify the meeting date and come and join us. We welcome your ideas, attendance and most of all your joyous participation as we continue this journey together.

The Green Sanctuary Committee is:
Kyki Bobotas, José Díaz, David Dobbins, JoAnne DuBois, Carol Hawk, Phil Holzinger, Claudia Hostetter, Rachel Moore, Marilyn Ott, Jen Porter, Walt Poyck, Michelle Probolus, Richard Stringer, Brian Vandegrift.

Beth Truman represents the committee to Program Leadership Team. Rev. Peter Newport is the Committee's ministerial connection.

Patience and fortitude conquer all things. —Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-82

Community Beyond Our Walls

Build Literacy in Lancaster

Volunteers are needed at Wharton Elementary (near Franklin & Marshall College) to help 1st graders with literacy. If you can be available on one or two week-days, preferably at both 11:00-11:30 and 12:30-1:00 (have lunch in-between!) then consider this opportunity. You will be assisting a small group of kids doing phonics exercises. Worksheets and guidance are provided, your relevant qualifications will be energy and patience. Please contact Dave Magill for more information.



Social Justice Calendar

Green Sanctuary

January 8, 8:45am, at UUCL

Peace Knits

January 9 & 23, 7pm, UUCL

Social Justice Advocates

January 15, 8:45am

Green Sanctuary Worship Services

February 12 10am and 11:45am

Food Bank needs:

-small sizes are best-

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



Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
717-393-1733

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Sexton: Deng Akok
Pianist: Douglas Smith

Ministers' Office Hours

Rev. Peter Newport and Rev. Tricia Hart are available by appointment every day but Tuesday. E-mail them at minister@uuclonline.org or call the office at 717-393-1733. For emergency pastoral care, call this number and dial extension 204.

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:

Submissions for the February issue of *Windows* are due on January 16 at 9am.

Publications Coordinator Hours

Michael Eby-Good's office hours are:

Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm

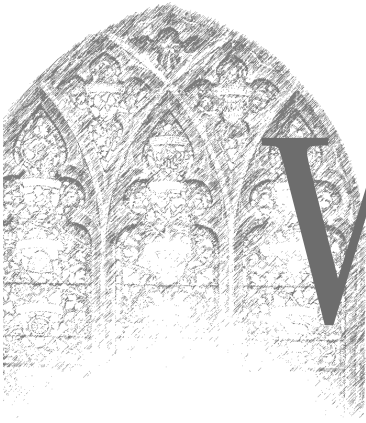
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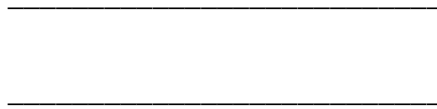
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The Bright Future/Bright Vision Buzz

Most of you have heard at least a little bit about the new Bright Future/Bright Vision (BFBV) project. When I asked folks if they knew what this project is about, one comment was, "I don't know. It's going to make the website better and... um, something about a database." That's true. There are actually two projects being pursued at the same time, with the same team, and with shared goals; Bright Future, and Bright Vision. The integration of these two projects makes this a powerful move forward for UUCL.

The Bright Future/Bright Vision initiative was proposed by Rev. Peter Newport, approved for funding by the Walters Trust Committee, and received a grant of \$10,000. An additional \$2500 for support and training is being supplied by individual donors. The company we're working with is BackOffice Thinking, located in West Chester, PA. Each Principal at BackOffice Thinking has over 20 years experience providing technology, operations, and consulting services to Fortune 500 firms, non-profit organizations, and technology firms, and they have a passion for web ministry.

The **Bright Future Project** is a data management solution for UUCL. Why do we need that? Currently, UUCL uses a combination of paper, spreadsheets, and multiple computer systems to do its business. One goal of Bright Future is to consolidate membership data into a single database, to improve reliability, and enable us to use data in ways we never could before.

We will be able to revitalize our membership goals and improve communications by providing accurate, timely data, as well as improving other processes. The time savings for activities related to the membership database will be dramatic. With an easy-to-use interface, reports will be generated quickly and consistently every time.

We will continue to use ACS, the current system, for financials, but other systems will be integrated into one new database system (CiviCRM), which will integrate with the website, and also communicate effectively with the General Ledger for financial posting and reporting.

We currently use AirSet for calendars, Constant Contact for mailings, and ACS for people data management. All three of these functions will be wrapped into Civi. This also means we will go from paying for two ACS modules to just the Financials module.

The **Bright Vision Project** is a website improvement initiative. Not only will our website have a new look and feel, but we are also making it a more deliberate tool for increasing the visibility of UUCL and Unitarian Universalism in Lancaster County and surrounding areas.

In addition to visibility, our goals are to attract new people to UUCL, keep current congregants informed, and reduce marketing and service costs by performing these activities in a single website. By using a content management system instead of standard web pages, anyone who is trained will be able to quickly and easily update text on the website. That means no more programmer's fees just to update words on a page.

As we continue moving forward with the Bright Future/Bright Vision projects, you may be visited by one or more people on the BFBV team to discuss how you do things today, what your needs are, and how we may be able to help.

The BFBV team members are:

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Marianne Smith – Product Manager
Nina Moragne – Business Analyst
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Communications and Process Improvement
Nadinne Ziegler – Subject Matter Expert —
Infrastructure and Logistics
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Rev. Peter Newport — Project Sponsor

This is a great opportunity to be involved in UUCL's outreach to the larger community as well as help shape a portion of our internal communications and processes.

Stay tuned for monthly updates about the Bright Future /Bright Vision project.

—Sonny Ditzler