

July/August 2009

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.

What's Happening in July & August...

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.

- July 19 **Worship, 10am: "A God I Can Believe In"** The paradox of personhood still and always remains at the heart of the theological dilemma and mystery. A different "God-term" is tendered and probed. Guest speaker: Ed Appel.
- July 26 **Worship, 10am: Worship: "Wherever You Go, There You Are"** According to Jon Kabat-Zinn, we carry a lot of extra stuff around with us wherever we go even though we don't need, or even want to most of the time. Mindfulness has something to do with leaving our extra baggage behind and being truly who we are, wherever we are, whenever we get there. Rev. Peter Newport preaching. Music: Deb Hazel and Jackie Siegworth "Pie Jesu"
- August 2 **Worship: "Thomas Jefferson and the Birth of Religious Freedom in America"** Jefferson had a lot to say about religion, and we Americans are the direct beneficiaries of the wisdom - and the controversies - that he left us. Rev. Patricia Hart preaching. Music: "Purcell"--Deb Hazel, Dave Sprecher, Doug Marschka and Karen Roberts
- August 7 **Full Moon Labyrinth Walk** see pg. 7 For details
- August 9 **Worship, 10am: Worship: "Science and/or Religion: Catching Up with the Times"** Liberal religion abandoned "classical" theism two centuries ago. Stubbornly, though, we have attempted to maintain a dialog between science and religion. Today we explore some rules for god-talk that have been helpful in this regard. Rev. Peter Newport preaching. Music: Karen Roberts, Lou Ann Miller, Robin Miller and Georgine Woods.
- August 16 **Worship, 10am: Worship: "Thanking God for Evolution"** Michael Dowd is a prophet of our time: he and his partner Connie Barlow are traveling the country, telling "The Great Story" which stars God and evolution. Is this a story we can relate to? Rev. Patricia Hart preaching. Music: Claudia Ruoff and Lorraine Ford.
- August 23 **Worship, 10am:** Rev. Lee Barrett preaching. Music: string trio—Kathryn Blackburn, Stock Weinstock-Collins, John Herr
- August 30 **Worship, 10am: Question Box Sermon.** Fifth Sundays provide us with an opportunity to respond to questions from the congregation. Bring the questions, perhaps, that have come up for you this month as we have wondered about Liberal Religion. Bearing in mind that there really aren't any final answers, we will shed what light we can on your best questions. Rev. Peter Newport preaching. Music: "Let the River Run" Larry Carroll, Doug Marschka, Jackie Siegworth and Deb Hazel.

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The Religion for Our Time

“The opportunity for our faith is breathtaking. We could be the religion for our time. We can touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of seekers. We can be a more powerful force for compassion, justice, peace and environmental stewardship. However, we cannot seize the opportunity before us unless we are willing to make significant changes. We are not talking about minor adjustments. We need to change our religious culture. We need to become more welcoming, more relevant in the lives of our people, and more involved in the great moral issues of our time.”

Rev. Peter Morales was elected as the 8th President of the Unitarian Universalist Association during last month’s General Assembly in Salt Lake City. The statement above is taken from the platform he announced leading up to the election. It’s a clear, compelling statement, and quite challenging – my guess (and my hope) is that the Morales presidency is destined to have an impact not just at UUA “headquarters,” but on all of us who call ourselves Unitarian Universalists. I encourage those who are internet-inclined to read the whole statement at <http://www.moralesforuuapresident.org/pagePlatform.html>. We’ll print some copies for the rest of us to read at church.

UUA Presidential elections are always exciting; the days at GA before Saturday’s voting get tense, with lots of discussions about which candidate has the best ideas or the better chance of winning. All that was true this year, but there was also something different in the air... a sense of urgency about the issues that went far beyond the personalities or the experience of the two candidates. There was a sense that in our time, “more of the same” is just not enough – not enough for our religious movement nor for the country. In the complicated and contentious religious world in which we live, a religion like ours – emphasizing human potential over sin, values rather than doctrine, and love instead of fear – is a precious gift that we have an obligation to offer to as many as will listen.

There’s a new publicity campaign underway at the UUA: it’s being called Standing on the Side of Love. Unlike earlier UUA marketing efforts, this one is focused less on paying for advertisements to increase “name recognition,” and more on spreading the word about how Unitarian Universalist religious principles call us to act in the world. The idea is to highlight inclusiveness and hope – a message many, many people are waiting to hear.

On one of our first days in Salt Lake City, as I sat listening to a speaker describing this new effort, I opened the little notebook I carry with me and wrote down the first words in the wonderful new UUCL vision statement many of you helped to craft this spring:

Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

As the busy days of GA flew by, I looked back at that page many times, and showed it to friends, new and old. What a gift to be part of this church, and this religious movement. Thank you!

Summer blessings,

Tricia

Good News: 2008-09 Fiscal Year Ends in Balance!

With all the challenging budget news over the last several months, we wanted you to know right away how the numbers added up as the fiscal year ended on June 30. Because of the generosity, creativity, and commitment of UUCL members, friends and staff, we were able to end the year with a balanced budget, and no deficit carried into the coming church year. Here are some highlights:

	Budgeted	Actual
Revenue:	\$503,021	\$488,432
Expenses:	\$514,298	\$497,955
Net Total:	(\$11,277)	(\$9,523)

- 2008-2009 pledge payments exceeded budgeted expectations. We plan for a 4% shortfall in pledge receipts every year, but this year contributions came in equaling almost 97% of the original total pledged. This is exceptional, especially in this challenging economy.
- Thanks to your amazing generosity, more than \$28,000 was contributed to "Defeat the Deficit"!
- Operating and personnel expenses were held at budgeted amounts or reduced, resulting in a savings of \$15,673 over the original budget.
- UUCL lived up to our commitment as a "Fair Share" congregation in 2009, contributing the full amount of "dues" pledged to both the UUA and the Joseph Priestley District.
- The ending deficit was \$9,523 (\$1,754 less than the deficit approved at last fall's congregational meeting). Adding in the \$1,297 shortfall from 2007-2008, there was a cumulative deficit of \$10,820. In June, the Board of Trustees authorized a transfer of that amount into the operating budget, taken from the restricted fund for special costs expected during ministerial sabbaticals. A plan will be developed to repay that amount to the sabbatical fund over the next three years, before such monies will be needed.

The budget will be posted on the bulletin board outside Emerson Hall after the Board of Trustee's meeting July 20th.

Faithfully yours,

Nadinne Ziegler

Director of Administration & Finance

Reflections and Expectations

Karen Zipser

As I reflect on rotating off the Board of Trustees, it has been an interesting three years. I came on the board at the same time as our ministers arrived, and we were just transitioning to a policy governance way of operating. Neither of those transitions has been easy and we are nowhere near finished.

The new Board has its work cut out for it, even more so because we've had a large turnover of Board members in a short period and the Board proceeds from here with only two veterans to guide them. This is not ideal but happened because some members who would have rotated off in the past couple of years agreed to extend their terms out of commitment to see the policy governance transition completed after going through the significant learning curve. However, they are feeling an acute need for a break, and there's no benefit in compelling oneself or anyone else to continue serving when they feel unable.

While policy governance is not yet well-established, we have started to

Sandra Mayers

As most of us do when starting on a new journey, I had certain assumptions for what would lie ahead when I joined the UUCL Board of Trustees. I had a basic idea of what it would be like and what my role would be. Of course I did – that's why they call them assumptions. We are now a little over a month past the elections, we've only had the first Board meeting so far, and I've pretty much already blasted through most of them already. And so it goes...

The Board is mostly new – we won't know what to do. We'll lose momentum!

We are quickly getting ramped up (I'm going with the first meeting's always the toughest theory) and Karen Zipser is sticking around to coach us this summer. Everyone has been great and it is nice to know we have such knowledgeable volunteers to seek advice from when we need it.

I won't be very good at Policy Governance – I'm more hands on.

I like to be busy and I like having tasks to sink my teeth into, so I was a little nervous – policy governance (the model the Board uses to govern) sounded boring and there are a lot of churches struggling to make it work. But I have already had quite a few ultimate Zen

perceive where some of the problems lie and to move toward remediating them. Several of us who are leaving the Board will be eager to support the new Board with consulting and advice as requested. I am organizing the new Board member orientation which will have happened July 8 by the time you read this, and we will cover some governance theory, lots of recent history, perspectives gained from it, where we've been heading and why, and thoughts about priorities.

I am amazed at the amount I have learned from my experience on the Board...not just about our church but about myself and about how organizations work in general, which applies generally to many situations and adds dramatically to my occupational and vocational toolkits. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve, although I'll admit that initially I expected it to be as much chore as opportunity. Yes, it's a lot of work but you get the same kind of achievement-based exhaustion/exhilaration feeling that you get after a physical workout. You should try it. Until then, please support those who do. It's not a role for prima-donnas...it's a role for the hard-working who really want to make the world better through this church.

moments. There is a lot to organize and plan for. I am useful! And being useful always makes me happy.

The ministers work more than they are being paid for.

Although this assumption was right on the mark, the degree to which this occurs is much more than I thought. My first week, I spent 13 hours with them and that was just in the meetings I had with them and did not include preparing sermons, pastoral care, or administrative tasks. (Remember – the ministers are working less than half time because they took a reduction to help this year's deficit.) This amazes me. We are so lucky to have Peter and Tricia, and we need to work harder than ever to get our budget healthy and abundant.

The first 30 days were a good reminder that we don't always know what the future holds and sometimes even the things we take for granted are more precious that we ever knew. It's good to be reminded.

What are your assumptions about UUCL? Make this the year you challenge them. Ask questions! Get involved. There is so much opportunity for getting involved here – what can you do this year? Come and find your Zen moment.

UUCL LAY LEADERSHIP

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Summer Church Office Hours

The church office summer hours, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, continue until Monday, August 24. Our Administrative Assistants, Donna Beecher and Ada Mendez, each work 3 days, as follows:

Monday – Donna & Ada

Tuesday and Thursday – Ada

Wednesday and Friday – Donna

What is the Committee on Ministry?

Five people are members of the Committee on Ministry (CoM) along with our ministers, Tricia Hart and Peter Newport. We meet monthly with our charge in mind: To enhance the impact of the UUCL Ministry within the Church and our community by...

- 1) Promoting awareness of and engendering commitment to the congregation's ministry as embodied in the UUCL Mission and Vision;
- 2) Consulting with the ministers regarding their leadership of the congregation toward accomplishing the vision of the church;
- 3) Assessing and making recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the congregation's ministry; and
- 4) Responding to any conflicts, attitudes, or activities that might threaten or have an adverse effect on the congregation's ministry through the use of a formal conflict management process.

For our committee, ministry is not defined solely as the Ministers. Rather, ministry is everything a congregation does to fulfill its mission.

We serve staggered two year terms. The Board of Trustees selects two members of the committee; the Ministers select two members of the committee; and those four appointed members select the fifth member of the CoM. To be selected, a UUCL member must be actively involved in the church for at least one year prior to appointment. It is important to know who we are so you can talk to us both about your joys and concerns. We want to be more visible. We, members of the UUCL Community, are a part of the ministry at UUCL and we, members of the COM, welcome your thoughts. Our hope is to be in dialog with you. Help us fulfill our vision and mission!

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UU Night with the Barnstormers

Friday, August 14, 7:05pm. The choir will sing at the ballgame and there are fireworks after the game. Our seats are near the kids' play area, by third base. The tickets are a fundraiser. A block of tickets is reserved and if we sell them all, we can get more. We earn \$4 for every seat sold, as long as we sell 100 or more seats. Seats are obtained at http://lanasterbarnstormers.com/group_fundraisers.cfm. Click the fundraising login button. Our login is "uucl". Or sign up at the Church office.

Meg Barnhouse Keynotes 2009 Association Sunday!

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster will host 2009's Association Sunday Service on Sunday, October 4 and thus will be hosting congregants from seven other churches in our district.

This is sure to be an exciting service, including our keynote minister, Meg Barnhouse, and a performance of "Old Turtle," an Anthem for All Ages.

The Association Sunday planning team, consisting so far of Peter and Tricia, Becky Bittle, Thais Magill, Anne Mason, and Sandra Mayers, are planning not only Association Sunday but a very exciting weekend. At a Saturday evening Coffee House, Meg will perform. Activities at the church after the Sunday service may include tours of the Sanctuary, while the Labyrinth Walk will be in progress downstairs.

Our team is looking for volunteers in many areas: Hosts for B&B's (as a church fundraiser) for those who want to come Saturday night for the Coffee House and stay through Sunday; "retail experts" to sell Meg's books and CDs and other UU items; "Extreme" Coffee Hour volunteers, and MORE! Please contact team members to express your interest.

Details regarding time and location will be forthcoming within the next month.

For more details about Meg Barnhouse and her music, please check out this web site: www.megbarnhouse.com.

Come. Stand in Love. Move the World as we host this very special occasion!

Thank You!

- Phil Holzinger and Matt Hurley for volunteering their musical talent this summer.

A Note from the Director of Music

There will be a few changes in the music program during the coming year. Since graduating from seminary in May, I have accepted a twelve month residency at Hershey Medical Center to learn the challenging work of a Chaplain. All my training at Lancaster Theological Seminary, practice at Lancaster General Hospital this spring, and work here at UUCL have prepared me for this moment, and I am truly honored to begin this new path. My first day is August 17. I will be working at Hershey until next August. If any of you come to Hershey during that time, I hope you will ask to see the Chaplain, and know that you will have a UU visiting you!

For the music program, this means that, with all of the staff's best efforts, you will continue to have wonderful music throughout the year. I will be working less hours this year, but will help our volunteer musicians to be ready to perform. I will stay on as Choir Director, leading the choir two Sundays a month. Claudia Ruoff has graciously accepted the volunteer leadership of the All Ages Choir, and I know that you will generously participate in and appreciate this wonderful group! Kate Diller will help coordinate music in her role as student minister, and you can be sure she will lend all of her musical and theological expertise to this. Jackie Seigworth will help with the choir - especially if I am unable to make a rehearsal because I am on call in the trauma bay. Phil Raezer will continue in his piano accompaniment for the service, and I will be a great cheerleader from the sidelines even if I am not visible every week.

I thank all who have offered your kind wishes for my continued growth in ministry, and I want you to know I am moving in this direction because of my interaction with you - every conversation, prayer, song and sermon has helped me to see my path forward as a Chaplain, and I truly appreciate your trust in me in the ten years I have served you as Director of Music. Please feel free to email me with any concerns or suggestions you may have as the year moves forward - just because you may not see me in church does not mean that I will not be connected to you! I have great trust in the musicians who will be taking more responsibility this year and I'm sure that you will have a wonderful year of making music together. As a member of this beloved community I know that wherever my path may take me, I will remain connected to you.

Thank you, and blessed be.
Anne



Full Moon Labyrinth Walk

The Lancaster Labyrinth is sponsoring a Full Moon Labyrinth Walk on Friday, August 7 from 8-10 PM at the Herrbrook Retreat on New Danville Pike south of Lancaster. Parking is limited, so please carpool from UUCL if at all possible. Herrbrook has a large labyrinth mowed into a field of grass that is quite lovely as it is surrounded by woodlands and pasture. Night sounds, the soft summer evening, fireflies, country air, the moon's peak energy and labyrinth power will create a magical walk for you and your family. Tenders will provide information and guidance for the evening's activity.

Fall Equinox

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Equinox** celebration on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 PM in Founders' Hall at UUCL. The Summer Solstice was held in June at the Lancaster County Park. The summer season was initiated with a potluck supper and a circle of fire-inspired chanting, dancing, drumming, and sealed with wishes and promises of intentions. Come to open the waning season of the year and celebrate the harvest of summer fruits.

Experiencing the Sacred: Mormons, Arches National Park and General Assembly

Spanning the assembly hall, thousands of Unitarian Universalists lifted their voices in unison for the final General Assembly hymn. Holding hands we swayed to the rhythm. I could feel the presence of something divine connecting all of us, love. Images of what brought me to the present moment floated across the screen of my shut eyes: the Mormon missionaries, Broken Arch at sunset, and my faith community from birth.

The Mormons

On a warm spring day this past April I sat down for the first of many gatherings with Sister Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When I learned the Unitarian Universalists' annual meeting (General Assembly) was slated for Salt Lake City, Utah I came up with two agenda items in addition to attending the conference: learn about the Mormons (who essentially founded Utah) and explore some national parks.

Over the next two months I met weekly with the Sisters. We visited Mormon families, attended church, and witnessed the baptism of a new convert. We discussed the formation of their church, the notion of fourteen-year-old Joseph Smith receiving prophesy to found the Mormon faith, my views on revelation, polygamy and women's rights, and scripture found in *The Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ*.

Our gatherings provided me a chance to reflect on my faith from a unique vantage point. Did I believe God could reveal truths to me; where did I see God's love in the everyday world; are there modern prophets I believe in; why do I pray; who is Jesus to me? I enjoyed examining each question from our different perspectives. When we prayed, their words felt inclusive of my faith, and I appreciated leading prayers in the language I use. Over time I became aware of the similarities we shared rather than the differences.

Arches National Park

My mother and I peered across a sandy expanse of wild flowers, tall grasses, and desert shrubs. Around us the sun began its slow descent throwing painter Maxfield Parrish orange and red hues across the canyon walls. We hiked across the field in search of Broken Arch. The wind shifted grains of sand at our feet and teased our gritty hair.

Before General Assembly, my mother and I decided to travel to Moab, Utah, home of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. From the first time I put on a backpack at about age three, my mother has been one of my favorite co-explorers.

We reached Broken Arch after an energizing, hot day of hiking. Sitting beneath the rock underpass, my mom remarked on how it felt like we found a secret spot to take in the magnificence of the world. There was nobody in site as we gazed across the ancient landscape formed out of ocean waters receding eons ago, allowing artistic erosion to imprint the earth with the largest amount of natural arches in the world. Birds flew above, and the wind whistled past our ears. It was easy being present in the moment.

General Assembly, Day Three

"As a Unitarian Universalist minister, why use the term 'God'?" Seated with a thousand UUs attending a talk on theology, it seemed an ironic audience question. At times the Unitarian Universalist community doesn't see eye to eye on our theology, if and why we pray, which traditions to claim, and if Unitarian Universalism even is a religion.

The presenter, Galen Guengerich, Minister at All Souls Church, New York, paused to weave together his response. He explained. "God" is the word within our culture to explain the divine, the sacred, the Spirit of Life. It's the easiest word to use when having a conversation about faith with anyone. The idea of God should be more than a true-false answer; it should be a multiple choice question. No religious group can claim "God" as their own. Unitarian Universalists can offer another voice about what God might be like.

Indeed some UUs were hurt by God language growing up; many are scarred. He equated this to an abusive relationship. When abused you work to heal yourself. You can't achieve this by never being in a relationship out of fear of being hurt. Rather you establish new bonds slowly, tentatively, until you trust again. The same is with God. You don't wash your hands of God or religion; you find a way to heal your soul.

Bringing it All Together

In the final moments of closing worship at General Assembly all the pieces of the trip gelled. Earlier that day when leaving Temple Square's Mormon sites a Mexican missionary stopped me. "I gave

many tours to UUs this week. One gave me her testimony, and I realized we are working toward many of the same goals." Indeed.

In the mid 1800s Joseph Smith's Universalist parents encouraged him to seek a faith that resonated truth to him. Unitarian Universalist heritage respects this search for truth and meaning. Mormons and UUs claim roots in Jewish and Christian teachings. Inside Mormon temples are paintings of the natural world to remind parishioners to take care of God's earth; inside UU churches we teach to protect the web of life, of which we are a part. The Utah landscape holds the history of Mormon pioneers and allows UUs room to recognize the Divine in the earth beneath our feet.

Hands held at closing worship the people in the room reflected the larger world. We came together from the Americas, Indonesia, Africa, India, and Europe. We sang in German, Spanish, English, and dialects from southern Africa and northern India. People testified to growing up Hindu, Muslim, Mormon, Catholic, Humanist, Mennonite, and Unitarian Universalist. Despite varied backgrounds, occasional conflicting views, and vast geography, we united in similarities to create a sacred community in Salt Lake City.

God felt present in that moment, hands linked in what unites all of us: love.

Peace and kindness,
Kate Prisby
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Faith Development Thanks:

- Thanks to Darth Carpenter and Luz Meck for assisting with the Summer Sleuth program dates in June
- Many thanks Ad Crable, Michelle Probolus, and Sharron Nelson for being substitutes for Kate Prisby on vacation Sundays during the summer
- Dara Slater thank you for working on curriculum content for the upcoming year
- Darth, Carpenter thank you for helping to get classrooms ready for next year
- 5th-6th grade families helping to maintain the garden to provide vegetables to the Water Street Rescue Mission kitchen thanks for your dedication: Ruhl, Herr-Riser, Pendleton, Loftin, Carpenter, and Eckman households
- *Twilight* book discussion co-facilitators Darth Carpenter and Lisa Raum: thanks for your enthusiasm.

Lifespan Faith Development Summer Activities at UUCL

Children and Youth: Each Sunday there are activities for children and youth. Children in 1st grade and older start in worship. Younger children go directly to the first floor classroom for activities. The Sunday programs listed below are for children in first grade and older; other activities take place for younger children.

July 19 All Hands on Deck- We'll work on the social justice project the students voted for the week before.

August 2 Magic Potions- Enter the wacky UUCL science lab where you can mix potions that make stinky rooms smell good and create a mixture to remove marks on glass. Bring in something stinky so we can test out our room freshener potions. You'll get to take home the potions you make.

August 9 UUCL Crime Scene- People's spiritual beliefs are being stolen! You'll have to find clues about Unitarian Universalists beliefs so the beliefs can be protected from the thief. Where will you have to dig around to find clues about the spiritual beliefs of others and yourself?

August 23 Examining the Clues- All summer you were an investigator. Together we'll sift through photographs of the summer activities to leave clues for other kids about what our Seven Principles taught us.

All Ages: Looking to meet other UUs, to expand your spiritual practices, or to become a stronger leader? Check out these summer activities.

July 26- August 1 UU Leadership Team Institute

Youth, lay leaders, and UU staff members are invited to Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA to participate in workshops that will support growth and implementation of leadership skills within the congregation. Participants may focus on governance, growth, faith in our congregations, social transformation, or youth ministry. To learn more see "UULTI 2009- flier" at www.jpd.uua.org.

August 7 Full Moon Labyrinth Walk

An outdoor garden labyrinth awaits you under a full grandmother moon. Come for this magical labyrinth walk, offering reflection and fulfillment. We'll walk at Herrbrook Retreat on New Danville Pike in Conestoga from 8-10PM. Carpool from UUCL as parking is limited.

Community Beyond

School Supplies for Lancaster County Homeless Students

Please help donate school supplies for Lancaster County Homeless Students. This summer, when shopping for school supplies for your own child, let them help pick out items to share with Lancaster area homeless students, so they, too, can be ready for the new school year. Throughout the

month of August, we will be collecting donations of new school supplies in the designated box at the Social Justice Advocates table in Emerson Hall.

You may choose to bring individual items or to fill up a school bag with each of the needed items on the list. Please keep in mind that homeless students prefer the same kinds of school supplies as other kids.

Items needed for elementary students:

- book bags or backpacks (especially for boys)
- paper (lined, plain, construction)
- pocket folders (with or without fasteners)
- pencils
- crayons
- markers
- safety scissors
- glue sticks
- Ruler
- compact umbrella

Items needed for secondary students:

- book bags or backpacks (especially for boys)
- notebooks (single or multiple subject)
- 3-ring binders with lined loose-leaf paper
- pencils (regular and colored)
- pens
- tape
- ruler
- calculator (basic or scientific)
- combination lock
- compact umbrella

In addition to these school supplies, the homeless students also have a year-round need for:

- new underwear and socks (boys' & girls' sizes 5 or larger)
- new personal care items (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste, dental floss, combs, deodorant, disposable safety razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizer or wipes, travel-sized tissue packets)
- new or gently worn school uniforms for grades K-8 (largest need for grades K-3, sizes 5 through young adult)

Let's Move the World!

Were you inspired by the new vision statement and want to help foster compassion, hope, and change in the world? Come take a stand with thousands of other UUs and make a difference by becoming a member of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) or by joining the UUSC Local Representatives team at UUCL. UUSC is working with congregations across the country to raise the federal minimum wage for families that are struggling the most in this challenging economy. UUSC partners with groups in Africa, the Americas, and Asia to protect access to safe, affordable water. UUSC also shines a light on the erosion of civil liberties after September 11 and helps individuals to rebuild their lives and livelihoods in the wake of disasters like Katrina and in the midst of conflicts like Darfur. Every UUSC membership makes this work possible, and we, Local Reps, play the key role in building up the membership base within our congregation! Visit www.uusc.org for more information and contact Amy Sipe to join the Local Reps team!

For more information, please contact Amy Sipe.

CHOC Full of Talent

Join us on Saturday evening, July 18, starting at 7:30 p.m., for an evening of music to raise money for the Community Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC). The center provides a safe haven for people during the day and gives them a place to shower, do laundry, and meet with representatives from social service agencies that can help them move from homelessness to stability. The Social Justice Advocates have invited performers, many of them from our congregation, representing a variety of musical styles. There will not be ticket sales; audience members will have the opportunity to donate to CHOC. Look for more information in the weekly emails and Sunday announcements. If you can't make the performance but wish to support the cause, please feel free to write a check to UUCL with CHOC noted on the memo line.



Social Justice Calendar

Saturday, July 18, 7:30pm CHOC Benefit

Sunday, July 19, 6:30pm

IWW Film Series

Robots, Building Character, 342 N. Queen Street, Lancaster

August 6, 7pm

Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice

August 11, 7pm

Social Justice Advocates

August 16

IWW Film Series—*1984*

Building Character, 342 N. Queen Street, Lancaster

September 20

IWW Film Series—*The Corporation*

Building Character, 342 N. Queen Street, Lancaster

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 pm
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Organist: Phil Raezer

Sexton: David Dorn

Ministers' Summer Office Hours

To reach the ministers, call 393-1733 or email minister@uuclonline.org. We're grateful to Kate Diller who is once again serving as Summer Worship Coordinator, filling in and helping out in a number of capacities. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please talk to Kate or call Nadinne Zeigler at the church office. Both of them will keep us informed, and help with referrals where needed.

– Tricia & Peter

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:

Text for September '09 issue is due by 9am August 17, 2009.

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Industrial Workers of the World Film Series

Hosted at Building Character, 342 N. Queen St.

August 16, 2009 1984 (Based on a novel by George Orwell) After the atomic war, the world is divided into three states. London is the capital of Oceania, which is ruled by a totalitarian government. Winston Smith is one of the bureaucrats who is rewriting history. One day he commits the crime of falling in love with Julia. They try to escape Big Brother's listening and viewing devices, but, of course, no one can really escape.

September 20, 2009 *The Corporation* (PG)

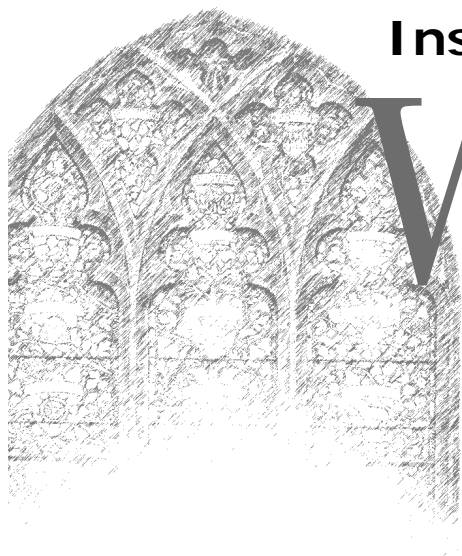
This documentary looks at the concept of the corporation throughout recent history up to its present day dominance.



Food Bank needs:

- *small sizes are best* -

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

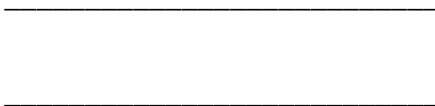


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