



Late July/August 2011

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 Late July and August...

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 the service, join us in Emerson Hall for coffee and conversation.

**Sunday,
July 24**

Worship, 10am. "A Taste of Zen" Presented by Red Rose Sangha, the service will include a talk on Zen as a contemplative spiritual practice by Dr. David McMahan of Franklin & Marshall College. In addition, the service will include an introduction to zazen meditation by Dr. Milton Machalek and a guided lovingkindness meditation with Dr. Edward Sullivan of Lebanon Valley College. Worship Associate: Anne Mason

**Sunday
July 31**

Worship, 10am "The 3 R's: Wrestling, Repentance, and Reconciliation"

Rev. Magan Malick, Guest Preacher. Our sisters and brothers are the first people who help us learn who we are and who we aren't. Where we start, where we stop, what our gifts and growing edges are. So often, we spend years trying to be our sisters or brothers rather than claiming who we are. The story of Jacob and Esau is one of the first of many such stories. After stealing a blessing, Jacob spends 20 years hiding from Esau. When he decides to return home, he first spends a night wrestling with God... an angel... a man... or perhaps himself. What does this story suggest about becoming who we are born to be and about our sense of self in community?

Worship Associate: Francine Taylor, Music: 21st Century Dreamtime Lions

**Sunday
August 7**

Worship, 10am "The Cathedral of the World" Rev. Forrest Church was a prophet: his many books about religion and politics and love and death gave our Unitarian Universalist tradition a lyrical voice, reaching far beyond the pews of All Souls Church in New York City. His own theological journey was long, and it ended in a profound universalism that he saw as our century's best hope.

Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching. Worship Associate: Thais Magill.

Music: Anne Mason, soprano & Stock Weinstock-Collins, cello.

11:30am Special Congregational Meeting. See page 11 for more info.

August 8-14

Church Building closed. The office will be closed and the building unused during this week. See more on page 5. **No service at the church on Sunday, Aug. 14.**

**Sunday
August 21**

Worship, 10am. Rev. Bruce Epperly will preach on **"Transformed Living."** Theologian, pastor, and author, Bruce Epperly served as Director of Continuing Education and Professor of Practical Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary 2003-2010. Dr. Epperly speaks regularly throughout North America on subjects such as healing and wholeness, spiritual formation, process theology, ministerial spirituality and excellence, emerging Christianity, and contemporary movements in theology and spirituality. He has appeared on "Nightline," "ABC World News Tonight," and "PBS News Hour."

**Sunday
August 28**

Worship, 10am. "Pursuing Happiness" Happiness is a quintessential American "right" - or so we are taught from a very young age. What happiness is, and how we might find it, are trickier questions. What does being happy have to do with how we live? Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching. Worship Associate: Anya Porter.

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Not For Nothing

*“All living things are connected. Your behavior counts.
Act on the basis of the first two sentences.”*

One of the most popular songs in Unitarian Universalist circles goes, *“Come, Come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshipper, lover of leaving; ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.”* As much as we cherish this lovely lyric, and sing it in rounds with dreamy passion, this song is infrequently rendered to its fullest extent. In some versions the men chant, in their deepest voices, *“Though we’ve broken our vows a thousand times,”* over and over again, as the higher voices sway in unison through the rounding verse. Most often, though, the grounding effect of that deep bass continuo is missing. All we get is the treble. In my view, we need to hear those words of acceptance and confession more often, not less, but the words aren’t even in the hymn book.

But why not? Is it because the hymn book committee, back in 1993, felt that men shouldn’t have to take on the chin like that? Maybe. Is it because the whole idea of taking vows, entering a covenant, is so alien to us? Is admitting to our shortcomings, our failures so repugnant? Or is it forgiveness that’s hard - asking for it, or giving it freely?

It’s much easier, after all, to sing *“come, come whoever you are,”* if you don’t have to forgive rule-breakers who might number among the Whoevers we’re inviting into our circle. In extreme instances, it’s easier still not to sing at all, to withdraw into a sense of indignation, even to nurse one’s hurts at home; and then to lash out at those who have hurt us. This alienation is the tragic personal consequence of hard-heartedness. On the other hand, a colleague of mine writes about folks who come to church “pre-offended.” Pick any issue, and there are those whose sense of moral outrage is tuned so high that one can scarcely avoid blundering into some gross violation of their space.

We are all entangled by rules and promises, covenants and expectations, statutes and bylaws. And we have, each and all, “broken our vows a thousand times.” That’s because we are all real people, and guess what, we screw up. The theologian Martin Buber describes humans as “promise-making, promise-breaking, and promise-remaking creatures.” Buber defines a promise as “the empty space between an insufficient present and a longed-for future.” It’s not for nothing, then, that religious systems, uniquely in my view, have cultivated liturgies of forgiveness and reconciliation in order to sanctify that space, that sanctuary, between an insufficient present and a longed for future, “where,” Buber says, “the godly act of creating happens.” The capacity for forgiveness, then, is the signature quality of humanity, our gift to all that is.

Please do your best to share this gift with others. *“All things are connected. Your behavior counts.”*

See you in church.
Peter

From the
Board

by Claudia
Hostetter,

Board of
Trustees

What I Did on My Summer Vacation

I went to summer school. In Charlotte, North Carolina. You know how summer school is. Intense. Lots of study packed into a short time. Unfamiliar classmates. Instructors you haven't met before. A different educational experience.

My courses involved governance topics. I learned about large congregation issues, polarity management and the 8 issues congregations typically argue about, and adaptive leadership and the productive zone of disequilibrium. I learned about tools available to our congregation as we work on leadership development. The UUA has curricula in topics like: Non-violent Communication, Active Listening, Right Relations, and Healthy Congregations.

Fortunately, eleven UUCL friends were at summer school with me: Tina Davidson, Anne Osborn, Tommy Busted, Anne Mason, Cyndi Simpson, Elsa Maust, Joanne and Jim Smoker, Kate Diller, Sandy Mayers, and Peter Newport.* Talk with them about their experiences at General Assembly (GA.) We've already begun to put our new knowledge to work in service to this congregation.

While at summer school (GA), I bumped into some old UU friends. Art Severence is a UU minister in Ohio. He graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary years ago and was hired by BuxMont UU Fellowship where I was a member. He told me that when he needed to stay in Lancaster overnight, he stayed with Rev. Bob Payson and his family. One of our delegation, Tommy Busted, is a current seminarian, and Cyndi, Kate, and Anne have all recently graduated. Cyndi was admitted into Preliminary Fellowship as a UU minister. Then I thought of others who have come through our doors on their path to becoming UU ministers. Do you remember Paula Gable, Alex Richardson, Lynn Oglesby, and others? What an amazing service to the Unitarian Universalist movement UUCL is contributing. UUCL is an incubator for UU ministers!

The GA summer school provided not only education but also inspiration and transformation. We heard powerful and thought-provoking speakers. We sang wonderful songs. We participated in plenary sessions, voting on the business of the UUA as your delegates. We met UUs from around the country. GA was a bonding experience with the UU movement. Now I am truly not just a member of UUCL, but a member of the UUA.

Please consider attending GA next year, or the next. Consider attending local district workshops. We have great opportunities to gain the skills we need to fulfill our Vision:

Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

*A Leadership Development Grant from the Walters' Trust provided funding for some of our group.

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Appeal for instruments for our youngest musicians

This summer as you clean out your attic treasures, and as you are sorting through the remnants of childhood, please bring to church any percussion instruments like drums, triangles, tambourines, wood blocks, etc. Our youngest singers love to make a joyful noise, and we could use a greater supply of these instruments in our music program next fall. —Anne Mason

Among Our Own

By Anne Mason,
Director of Pastoral Care and Music

- As members of this beloved community, we join in the sorrow for the loss of these dear people: **Paul Williams**, **Carolyn Karl's** mother, and **Huhan Finefrock**. Please hold their families in your hearts as they continue to grieve.
- We have several members who have been hospitalized in the past month: **Paul Levine**, **Baby Calvin Stevenson**, and **Melissa Blessing-Hartley**. **Joshua Curtis** is going between home in Lancaster and Hershey Medical Center for leukemia treatment. Please send your positive thoughts toward him, Tina and the children, Zoe and Olive.
- **Update on Jo-an Glasse**. As Jo-an continues to struggle with her health, the family has created a website to inform people of her condition and ways that we can help. Jo-an has been a valuable and much-loved member of this church for more years than can be counted — her gifts of ministry, leadership, love and humor are woven into the very fabric of this congregation. For all of you who know and love Jo-an, and newer members who have not had the blessing of knowing her, please visit <http://jo-anglasse.com/> and consider offering to help in a way that seems appropriate to you. Thank you all for being a part of this beloved community, and for sending her your healing and loving thoughts and energy.
- **Parking request**: If you are able to park a few blocks away from church on a Sunday morning, even if you arrive early to help out, please be considerate of those who cannot walk as easily as you. Please use the parking lot on Orange St. as a spiritual practice of compassion so that our older members may more easily park and walk to church.

Many Thanks:

- **Rich Riccio** for the gift of a new bench in the Memorial Garden.
- **Bob Ulrich's** sound work with a recent wedding.
- **Georgine Wood**, for representing UUCL during the same wedding.
- **Phil Holzinger** for covering for Deng during his vacation.
- **Jason Stevenson** has taken on organizing meals for the Curtis family as Josh Curtis undergoes treatment for leukemia at Hershey Medical Center. Thanks to the **Odyssey families** for making delicious meals.
- **Luz Meck, & Darth Carpenter** are making the church look spiffy! Thanks for helping to get classes ready for next year.
- It's only mid-July, but already tons of children, youth, and parents have helped make summer events a success. Many thanks for co-leading summer events to: **Evan Magill, Joey & Marissa Ruhl, Frank Willig, Henry Probolus, Ruth Glick-Lynch, Olivia Patrick, Madeline Radovic, Aidan Fife, Anna Mayers, & Veronica Willig, Isaac M'Ikanatha, Sydney Strickler, & Amanda Fowler**.
- Remember all the books that were left over from the *Odyssey* book sale? Thanks to **Phillip Blalock** who helped load them up, the books are now being sold at Salvation Army. In addition, thanks to Phillip for watering the gardens daily.
- Thanks to **everyone who dropped off their children** at the June First Friday Fun Fest that helped raise money for the *Odyssey* program. The crew made nearly \$400 that night.
- In the past year, **UUCL Peace Knits** made thirty scarves for Pennsylvania participants in the Special Olympics, ten baby blankets, and thirty-five baby caps for Women & Babies Hospital.
- Check out those colors! Rooms 202 & 203 are getting repainted this summer with bright colors. Yeah! It's a wonder what some volunteers with paint brushes can do.

Monthly Financial Reviews

Financial Review meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. **The August 8 Financial Review is cancelled** due to the office closure. **You are invited to the next meeting, Monday, September 12.**

At each meeting, Nadinne Ziegler presents the church's financials for the past month. If you have questions, please contact her at 717-393-1733 x206 or daf@uuclonline.org.

An Important Notice: UUCL Closed August 8–14, No Services on August 14

As part of our ongoing effort to maintain both a balanced budget and the programs and staff the congregation has come to rely on, we've made a difficult decision. The church will be closed and all staff on furlough for two weeks during the upcoming year: August 8-14 and December 25-31. Though the congregation has not yet passed a full budget for the 2011/12 year, we and the Board anticipate that some cuts will be necessary. Taking two weeks out of the year creates a burden that all of us can share, and which we hope will be manageable for all of you.

Thank you for your understanding. Please take a moment to thank a staff member for their sacrifices in these challenging economic times. And be sure to come vote on a new budget on August 7!

Rev. Tricia Hart & Rev. Peter Newport, Ministers

Nadinne Ziegler, Director of Administration & Finance

Pipe Organ Update

The UUCL organ committee is busy searching for a pipe organ to fill the sanctuary with music.

On July 7, the committee visited the home of Ivan Moyer in Effort PA to listen to his 8-rank Möller pipe organ (a rank is a set of pipes).

This organ began its life in 1932 in St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church in Kulpmont, PA. It was used for several years to accompany the daily mass before a new sanctuary was built and the organ was removed from the old sanctuary by Ivan and his friends. Ivan's former wife was an organist and needed an instrument to practice on. Rather than buy an electronic organ, they decided to purchase an organ with real pipes for the quality of its sound and its listening enjoyment. They moved the organ from the balcony at St. Casimir's to their basement.

The organ moved as the family moved, and was erected in basements, dining rooms, or wherever space permitted. The organ moved with the family to State College, PA and then to Ohio, then back to PA in Upper Darby near Philadelphia. Years earlier, Ivan purchased land in the Poconos with the hopes of one day building a dream house that would provide an ideal space for the instrument. In the 1990s as Ivan was nearing retirement, he fulfilled the dream of building a "Pipe Organ House" halfway down a ravine, surrounded by woods and nature. This is where the committee traveled to hear the instrument.

The house is literally built around the pipe organ, with chambers for pipes on the 1st and 2nd floors with the blower in the basement. The organ was built with the "symphonic" sensibilities of the early 1930s and so has orchestral colors such as flutes, chimes, and strings (and a trumpet too!). The organ has undergone a major rebuild in which much of the organ's original leather was replaced and the relay switching systems were updated to solid state. Because of these upgrades, the organ is now capable of playing itself from a 3.5 floppy disk when an organist is not available to perform live for visitors. It is also possible to add more ranks of pipes or digital voices in the future. The organ is in fine condition and has been well-cared for in a stable climate controlled environment.

Ivan has moved into a retirement community in York, PA and is no longer able to live in and maintain the Pipe Organ House. Attempts to sell the house and the organ together have been unsuccessful. This is when our committee became aware of this "orphan organ" in need of a new home and decided to consider it for our sanctuary.

An organ fund is available for those wishing to contribute as we further consider the possibilities of purchasing a new instrument. Stay tuned for more updates in future articles in "Windows."

Respectfully,
Tommy Busted, Phil Holzinger, Jeanne Pitz, Barry McCall, Simon Andrews, and Anne Mason

The New Stewardship *Update*

What Kind of Giver Are You?

The pledge? The plate? The special appeal? The capital campaign? It turns out we have all kinds of givers in our congregation. Some like to make one pledge and be done. Some like to make their pledge and then contribute to appealing opportunities as they come along, like CHOC, the Food Bank, Crispus Attucks Summer Camp Scholarships, etc. Some don't want to pledge because their income or expenses are unpredictable, and they make one or two lump sum contributions during the year based on how they are doing. Some know exactly how much they can give but calibrate their contribution according to how the church is doing. In general, I think we look for ways to contribute that give us the most satisfaction, and that is different for each person. So it makes sense not to try to force everyone to give in the same way.

The Stewardship Task Force believes that every time a person makes a financial contribution she or he strengthens their sense of ownership and commitment, so we want to make giving as easy and satisfying as possible. That's why we have adopted a "Big Tent" approach to stewardship, with lots of different opportunities to give throughout the year: the pledge drive, the auction, special collections for agencies like CHOC or the UUSC, and campaigns for specific projects like the organ or stained glass windows. But the Big Tent approach will be self-defeating if we don't understand it. If we mistakenly believe that we all have the same giving behavior then we conclude that every member is expected to give every time they are asked, and every appeal seems to be scolding: "you didn't give enough last time so we have to ask again." That is exactly NOT the message we want to send.

Please, take some time and ask yourself "What kind of giver am I?" We want you to develop a comfortable sense of your giving behavior and the type of giving that gives you the greatest satisfaction so that the next time we ask for your support you will know if it is an opportunity that fits who you are as a giver or not. If so, please go ahead and give generously. If not, just relax and let it pass. There will be other opportunities that suit you better. If we all understand that different people like to give in different ways, then we can see that providing lots of different opportunities to give is one of the ways that we care for one another, and we can be glad to give to an opportunity that appeals to us, and content to pass an opportunity that doesn't. And don't be surprised if you find your giving behavior changing as your connection to the church grows stronger. That's to be expected, and it is good for you and the church.

As always, we want each member to contribute an amount that is affordable and represents a thoughtful commitment to the church. But in addition, we want members to know what kind of giver they are so they can give in ways that are deeply satisfying. So, let me ask one last time: What kind of giver are you?

—Douglas Walcerz, Treasurer

Community Beyond Our Walls

Clothing Collection

During July, Community Partners will be collecting socks and underwear for CHOC and in August for the homeless student project. We also will be collecting hygiene products and household cleaning products. Check in at the Social Justice Table for more details.

We Want Your Blood! August 26 Red Cross Blood Drive

UUCL & the Red Cross are teaming up for another blood drive. The blood bank does not always have enough blood for those in need. We're looking to get 40 people signed up to donate on August 26 between 9am and 2pm. There are two donor spots available every fifteen minutes. You can get on the list of donors by either contacting Kate Prisby in the church office during July and August or you can sign-up at Coffee Hour during the month of August.

Crispus Attucks Special Volunteer Opportunity!

UUCL's Crispus Attucks team is looking for Dinner Leaders to help serve meals for the homeless at Crispus Attucks Community Center. Dinner Leaders gather the food donations and cooking equipment at UUCL and transport it to Crispus Attucks. Then the dinner leaders oversee the preparation of the meal, serving and clean up. This is a great opportunity for couples or friends to serve together. No cooking experience is required, the meals are very easy to prepare. If you're interested please contact Jeff Caldwell at 406-8301 or mail lloydaldwell@gmail.com.



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	Paper grocery bags in good condition
Spaghetti sauce	
Canned soup	
Canned meals (beef stew, etc.)	

Recital for Peace

Kyle Miller, violist, and Daniel Parrish, violinist, will appear in a Recital for Peace at St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, at 7:30 pm. No tickets are required; an offering will benefit Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness. Contributions are tax deductible.

Miller is currently studying in the Masters program in viola performance at the Juilliard School. He previously studied at the Eastman School of Music and the New England Conservatory. Parrish is in the Masters program in violin performance with orchestral training at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music.

Murray Grove News Update:

Murray Grove: peaceful, affordable space – perfect for retreats and family reunions.

Heritage Week at Murray Grove, July 31-August 5, 2011 - Workshops conducted by **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Strong – 2010 winner of the Angus H. MacLean Award for Excellence in Religious Education** – on Universalist, Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist Religious Education History and General History with **Rev. Carol Haag, Director of Sacred Worship** and **Rev. Dr. Carol Taylor, Director of Sacred Nourishment**. Attendance at Heritage Week will qualify as a structured learning experience for the "Philosophy of RE – UU" competency, and as a significant structured learning experience for the credentialed level. In your free time, have fun at Murray Grove! Walk the labyrinth, enjoy live entertainment, sing around the fire pit, go to local beaches, walk the nature trail, play games and enjoy arts and crafts. \$375 per person, double occupancy, including meals; \$350 early bird before July 1, 2011. Limited single occupancy \$125 extra. Call 609-693-5558 to register. www.murraygrove.org.

Social Justice Calendar

Peace Knits

July 25 & August 22, 7pm, UUCL

UUCL Blood Drive

August 7, 8:45am

Social Justice Advocates

August 21, 11:30am

UUCL Blood Drive

August 28

Lifespan Faith Development

Discovering Community in a Commuter's World

On a cool, rainy evening in early April, I drove to work. Water sprayed up as cars drove through puddles, people rushed by beneath umbrellas, and there was the steady "twick, twick" of the windshield wipers. Peering at the truck in front of me, I thought, "That guy needs to change his oil." A cloud of light gray smoke wafted at me. A few more seconds passed as I waited out the red light. As I let my eyes peruse the soggy surroundings, I returned to studying the smoke. "Strange," I thought, "the smoke looks like it's coming from beneath my hood. Oh crap."

At 204,000 miles, with an unattended to ominous prediction from a mechanic that my motor mounts were near failure, one could expect a few "oh crap" moments. Yet, when I opened the hood, I saw nothing odd near the motor. Rather, neon anti-freeze sprayed in all directions creating a glowing pool beneath the car and the smell of sugar in the air. I got back in the driver seat and headed to the Toyota dealership feeling a sense of urgency to get my smoke producing, antifreeze sputtering, poor car off the road. I tried to mindfully will green lights, fewer cars, and occasionally stroked my car's dashboard assuring her we'd get there, "just hang on."

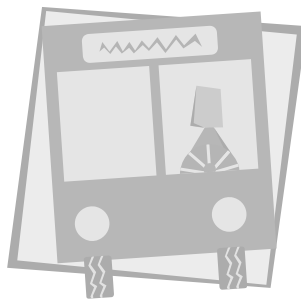
A day after depositing my smoke belching car at Toyota, they called with a quote of \$1500 in repairs. I balked and told them to skip the repair work. Further checking around led me to the straight shooting family-owned business Good to U Auto. They would do the work for \$600, and I could stay debt free. The staggering differences in costs suddenly had me seeing vehicle ownership as a liability- something that had the potential to quickly throw major kinks into my financial planning. I was ready, and finally motivated, to stop talking about taking public transportation and really get on the bus.

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My discomfort of being part of a new public space distracts me the first day I board the bus, book in hand, prepared to use my commute to accomplish some work reading. The people near me have coolers and wear overalls. Mothers try to keep their children quiet. A blind, heavy-set Mennonite woman speaks to the young woman behind her. Across from me sit three people reading and laughing; they have the round facial features of

Down Syndrome. Half, or more, of the people on the bus have skin darker than mine. I try to keep my eyes on my book. I read, and reread the text. "Wow," I think, "so this is the 'public' taking public transportation." Being closer to the margins of the racial, economic, or ability level of the people around me is unfamiliar territory.

Seated amongst strangers, I realize that by giving up my solo commute I am forcing myself to stretch my comfort zone. I used to feel sorry for people waiting for the bus as I drove past them. I figured it meant they were financially insecure, had their license revoked, or they had no car. I don't know the circumstances of those seated around me, but I begin to see the bus as a way to build community. The bus offers meeting new people, saving gas money, reading time, environmental stewardship, and a cell-phone-free ride since talking on your phone is prohibited.



Toward the end of the work day, I change into running clothes, load a small backpack with my phone, keys, wallet, and book. I lock my office door and start the ten-minute walk to the Queen Street bus hub. It's on the ride home I realize the divisions we create are a ruse. My casual attire fits in with the attire of most of my bus companions. I don't feel compelled to look at my book as often. My heels and skirt are stowed back at work, and so is my discomfort of class differences based on what people wear. I fit in, but I am still myself. How much of our divisions about race, religion, economic level, ability, sexual partners, age, etc. are false truths we cling to in order to distinguish ourselves from others?

A man who hasn't spoken verbally to me, but has communicated a few times with hand gestures, prompts me to leave my seat and disembark ahead of him. We smile at each other. He goes a different way when we exit into the countryside. I strap my pack on my back and begin the final part of my commute, a 3.5-mile run home past yellow blossoming fields, red barns, waving Amish children, and winding, shade-covered roads. I stop about a mile into the run. A black and white baby goat is wandering outside a fence. I backtrack and notify the farmer who scratches his head and says, "That's the third time he got loose today. I can't figure out how he keeps getting out."

A mile or so later, as I follow the creek, I hear the labored breathing of a horse. I maintain a lead and momentarily feel pride at being able to out-pace

the animal. Eventually, the buggy passes me. It is pulling a cart loaded with a tree. I am not use to buggies with "trunks." The buggy rounds a bend, and the children in it and I part gazes. As I finish the climb up the steep stretch to our house, I greet a neighbor. We've never spoken before, and it's nice to exchange a few words.

Sweat-covered, I pass my repaired car on my walk up the driveway and into the house. The car sat all day. Its hood is cool, the gas level the same as the day before. While I am hot, I am free of the stress I sometimes feel after a stop-and-go drive home. Rather, my trip home involved a short walk

through the city and talking with a stranger on the bus. As I ran the last stretch, my lungs took in fresh air, a baby goat was rescued again, and I felt faster than a horse. This slower, community-filled, joyful, self-learning approach to commuting feels kind of quest-like. My car, in comparison, seems dull with its promise to promptly get me from Point A to Point B. I am satisfied to have found equilibrium of using my car when I must and deciding to stick with the bus when I can be leisurely about the day's pace. I'm hooked on my new source of discovering community and opportunities for reflection.



Lifespan Faith Development Happenings in July and August

Summer Sunday Children & Youth Faith Development Events

- **July 24 Time Capsule** Imagine you come back to UUCL in 2061. What memories of 2011 would be cool to discover? We'll make items for a time capsule that will be buried later this summer.
- **July 31 Endangered Animals Play** Be a part of the production team that will perform a play on endangered animals and ways to save them. We'll rehearse the play during class and put on the show for parents after church.
- **August 7 *The Tale of Despereaux*** Despereaux is a mouse that befriends a princess, likes to read, and draws pictures of cats. He also is quite brave. We will watch part of the movie & do activities that show our bravery. After church, anyone who has read the book is invited for a book discussion, movie viewing, and pizza lunch.
- **August 21 Seven Principles Pajama Party.** Come in PJs for a "sleepover"-themed party. We'll hear a story, figure out what principles it features, and create a group bedtime story.
- **August 28 Blood Donor Bake-Off.** As adults donate blood for the Red Cross, the children and youth will bake snacks for the donors.

Summer Book Discussions and Movie Outings

- **July 22 *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows*** Come with the book; come in costume; come ready to have fun on Friday, July 22! In the final book, the reader joins Harry and his friends as they try to outwit Voldemort in an attempt to save the world from evil forces. Friendships will be tested, enemies will be revealed to be heroes, and magic abounds. We'll discuss the book over a pizza dinner before heading to a theatre to see the film. All ages are invited. Our gathering begins at UUCL at 5:30pm. Movie time and location will be determined closer to the date. Amanda Fowler, Aidan Fife, and Kate Prisby will co-facilitate this gathering.
- **August 21 *The Help*** *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett, is an exploration of the lives of three women in rural Mississippi in 1962. The story explores the relationships between white children and the black women who raise them. Read how three women come together in a small southern town as the civil rights movement is unfolding on the national stage. It is a risky time to be challenging and pushing boundaries, and these women are forever changed by their actions. Meet in Emerson Hall at 12 pm. Bring a lunch item to share. After lunch and a discussion, we'll head out to see the movie. Movie time to be determined. Sandy Mayers and Thais Magill facilitating.

Fall Equinox

UUCL's Fall Equinox celebration is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 25 in the sanctuary at 11:45am.

This ritual marks the blessings of Summer we leave behind and welcomes the onset of Fall's fruitfulness and beauty. The Earth's turning marks our seasons and moves us forward on the path of our days. All families are invited to attend. Those volunteers to prepare the event may contact Jill Althouse-Wood.



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 299-0170 or by email at redrosesangha@comcast.net.

A New Sunday Morning Experience at UUCL – coming this fall!

What do you most look forward to when you come to church? Sermons? Stories? Maybe it's the quiet time for meditation or prayer, or placing a stone in the sand garden. Many people enjoy the music... but for some "music" means the Choir; others love drumming, or the cello or saxophone, or Doug's improvisations. (And some of us can't wait for the new organ.)

Perhaps what moves your spirit hasn't happened very often – a longer meditation, marked by movement or filled with music to fill the heart; a chance to move, to talk with others on issues of justice; the opportunity to create something beautiful.

One of our cherished Unitarian Universalist principles reminds us that the work of our congregations is to accept one another and encourage each other to spiritual growth. Starting in September, we will explore some exciting new ways to do that in a new "Second Service" on Sunday mornings.

The traditional service will stay at 10am throughout the year. From September through May we will offer an alternative service from 11:45 –12:30. Second Services won't focus around on a sermon; instead, they will be filled with music, art, meditation, even a discussion. In months with fifth Sundays, the Second Service will feature a visiting speaker addressing an important topic – recalling the legacy of "Forums" of past decades. And on first Sundays (October – June), our Second Service will be a potluck lunch, to which all members and friends are cordially invited.

Watch for more information in August on this exciting new initiative. If you have questions, or if you want to get involved – planning or leading Second Service worship, or organizing potlucks – please let one of us know right away.

—Rev. Tricia Hart, Rev. Peter Newport, Anne Mason, and Kate Prisby

**Official Notice from the
Board of Trustees**

**Special
Congregational
Meeting***

Sunday, August 7, 11:30am-1pm
in the UUCL Sanctuary

We will vote on adopting a budget
for fiscal year 2011-2012.

** Called by petition to "...hold a special congregational meeting ... for the purpose of ratification of a congregationally approved operating budget for the church year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012."*

Church Office Hours

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

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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 September issue of *Windows* are due on August 15 at 9am.

Publications Coordinator Hours

Michael Eby-Good's office hours are:

Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm

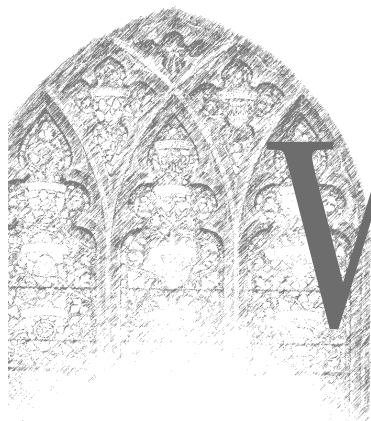
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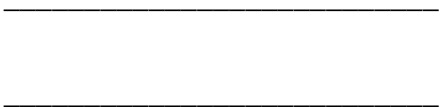
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The “Terrific UUCLer Nominees

Earlier this year, you submitted nominations for Terrific UUCLers. Here are the results. A few of these have been edited and combined a bit for the sake of space; in those cases the nominees will receive the full original text from the editor.

Ray Bradley

- Youth Group Advisor Extraordinaire

Deng Akok

- Master of the Beans and Mop
He makes the coffee for coffee hours, and keeps our church looking sparkling clean

Emma Bramble

- Friendliest Office Person Ever
Kind, Easy to work with.

Sid Bridgett

- Regular attendance despite challenges.

UUCL Choir

- Group of the Year

Jean Eggert

- Super Duper Usher Coordinator

Don Edmonds

- UUCL's Even-Tempered Mentor

Bill Fife

Amanda Fowler and All teachers

- Teachers in Excellence Award

Lorraine Ford

- Contributor of Superlative Music

Peggy and Al Forsyth

- Bestest Coffee-Hour-Goodies Givers Ever

Deb Hazel

- Beautiful Spirit
Beautiful singing and constant devotion to the spirit of UUCL.

Phil Holzinger

- UUCL Handyman/Board Member

Dave Magill

- Doing the Impossible
Running a winter emergency shelter with love, caring humor and grace.

Thais Magill

- Premier Enthusiast and Motivator
- Hostess with the Mostest
For her efficient leadership and her sense of humor
- Momma of the Inspiring Moment
6th-7th grade sleepovers—Board, fundraising

Anne Mason

- Guiding Light in Music and Caring Abilities
- Master of Musical Ministry

Lou Ann Miller

- Early Youth Percussion Band Director
- Merry Music Maker
Thank you for leading PreK/ K/1st worship with such enthusiasm and energy!

Olivia Patrick

- Youth Top Chef

Jeff Pendleton

- Sultan of Sleepovers

Anya Porter

- UUCL's Energizer Bunny
For her many, many hours of dedication to UUCL.
- Social Justice Advocate
Always present with the urgency that social justice requires.
- Hidden Star

Ken Prescott

- King of the CHOC Underwear Collections

Kate Prisby

- Best Faith Development Person

Lisa Sanchez

- Youth Group Advisor Extraordinaire
- Youth Group Mentor

David Silver

- Voice of the Congregation
- Unexpected and Authentic Humorous Commentator

Jenna Stetson

- Escort Extraordinaire for David Silver

Francine Taylor

- Terrific UUCLer

Bob Ulrich

- Silent Creator of Perfect Sound
- Unitarian Sound Wizard

Georgine Wood

- Worship Wizard
for coordination beyond the call of duty
- All-Around-Keeps-Us-Together-and-Does-it-All Member