



June/July 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 June & Early July...

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 11.)

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

June 7

Family Worship, 10am: "Hold These Things Together" Flower Communion/New Member Sunday. If each of our lives is like a beautiful flower, then together we make a fabulous bouquet. Celebrate the beauty and depth of our church community, by welcoming new members, delighting in a story about a knight and a dragon, and listening to the choir's gift of a new piece by UUCL member, composer Tina Davidson. Please bring a flower to church today, to share in our annual flower celebration. Rev. Patricia Hart and Rev. Peter Newport will lead the service. Music: Choir

Congregational Meeting 11:30am See pg. 9

June 14

Church Picnic, 10am: Lancaster County Park, Pavilion 2. **There will be no service at the church today.** Come to the Park for a potluck picnic, a brief outdoor worship service, games, and great food. See pg. 8

June 21

Worship, 10am: "Fathers's Day Annual Hymn Sing" —Director of Music Anne Mason and violinist Nicole Sauder will present meditations of words and music honoring our fathers of music, spirituality and family. We will end with our 10th annual hymn sing.

Summer Solstice 6pm —Lancaster County Park Pavilion 3—See pg. 9 for details

June 28

Worship, 10am: "Are You Kidding?" Sermon text—Mark 5: 21-43.

Rev. Susan Minasian, Guest Speaker. Susan is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ serving as College Chaplain at Franklin and Marshall College. Susan is a liturgical artist, an activist and is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at Lancaster Theological Seminary in the area Diaspora Theology.

July 5

Worship, 10am: Heather Gehron-Rice, Guest Speaker.

Master of Divinity, Lancaster Theological Seminary 2007, and active member of UUCL, Heather is part of the Facilitators Circle of the Joseph Priestley District Women and Religion group, leading UU curricula on the Divine Feminine.

July 12

Worship, 10am: Lee Barrett, Guest Speaker.

Lee Barrett holds B.A., M.A., M.Div., and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. He has taught theology for 13 years at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and is the author of numerous essays and an upcoming book on the thought of Soren Kierkegaard. Lee's interests include religion and the arts and religion and popular culture.

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June 2009

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Summer Church Office Hours Begin* 8:00am Committee on Ministry 6:00pm Common Roads Lancaster Chapter Advisory Committee 7:00pm Social Justice Book Group	2 8:30a Developments, Investments and Trusts	3 6:30pm Worship Associate Appreciation and Planning	4 4:00pm Play Rehearsal 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	6 8:30am COM, BOT & Ministers Meeting
7 11:30am Congregational Meeting and Renaissance Team Vision Statement Feedback 12:30pm Summer Solstice Planning 1:00pm Labyrinth Walk	8 6:30pm Adult Faith Development Committee 7:00pm Monday Night Covenant Group	9 7:00pm Social Justice Advocates	10 6:30pm Covenant Group Facilitators Meeting	11 5:00pm Intermweave-Special Event	12 11:30am Food Bank Packing 6:00pm Devaud/Gray Wedding Rehearsal 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	13 4:30pm Devaud/Gray Wedding	
14 Church Picnic 1:00pm Sunday Covenant Group	15 6:00pm Board of Trustees	16	17	18	19 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	20 12:00pm Lancaster Pridfest at Buchanan Park	
21 Father's Day Annual Hymn Sing 6:00pm Summer Solstice	22 7:00pm Monday Night Covenant Group	23	24 UUA General Assembly in Utah 7:00pm Program Leadership Team 7:00pm Church Calendar Planning Meeting	25 UUA General Assembly in Utah	26 UUA General Assembly in Utah 11:30am Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	27 UUA General Assembly in Utah	
28 UUA General Assembly	29	30	Every Sunday 10a Worship 10a Children's Faith Development Activities 7p Red Rose Sangha		Monday-Friday *9:30-2:30p Summer Office Hours		

Playtime

"Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." Susan Ertz, author (1894-1985)

It's June, and our cycle of monthly themes has brought us round to "Play." As far as I know, Play is not on anybody's list of the cardinal virtues. Fortitude, Charity, Good Will, Faith, Love - they're all there; even Attention seems to fit, though it's not on the traditional lists of virtues, if only because it requires effort. To be virtuous, one must practice right thinking, right relations; we strive to open our stuck minds to different ideas, to open our guarded hearts to people "not like us." Being virtuous doesn't come naturally, for most of us. So we expect virtue to hurt a little bit.

Virtue is defined, however, (in Wikipedia, at least) as the "promotion of individual and collective well-being." By those criteria, Play is definitely virtuous. People play in different ways, to be sure. But many kinds of play involve exercise, which is good for body and mind; play almost always reduces stress, which is good for the immune system; and play makes people laugh, which has been proven scientifically to be healing - for the individual laugh-er and for the collective around her or him. (How long can *you* resist smiling when people around you are laughing?)

I do not find it reassuring that writing about Play seems to be a challenge for me - it's harder than writing about Hope, or Hospitality. That's probably because the more grown-up I become, the less I've been willing to make time for play... (assuming that sneaking in a game of Spider Solitaire when I'm supposed to be writing a sermon doesn't count).

It doesn't count to schedule play only on vacations, either. For one thing, we Americans tend to take too few days off; for another, a busy, expensive trip isn't always effective at reducing stress levels. And these days, we're cutting back on vacations along with everything else. But we don't need to wait to practice the virtue of play, and daily practice is best. A bike ride or walk that's more focused on gardens than exercise; a Frisbee-throwing interlude with a neighbor's child or the dog; dusting off a deck of cards for a rollicking round of gin rummy. I think singing in the shower ought to count, too.

How will you play this month, and every month this year? If you tell me in a note or an email, we'll include a list in the next Windows. And for goodness sake, don't hesitate to invite someone to play with you, or to say "yes" when you receive such an invitation. It's always good to practice your virtues.

As for me, I'm looking forward to the church picnic on June 14. In the meantime, I'm bringing a deck of cards to coffee hour. Canasta, anyone?

Summer blessings,
—*Tricia*

Hospitality
Wisdom
Charity
Good Will
Fortitude
Love
Faith
Hope
Attention
Play

From the Board

by Karen Zipser,
Vice President,
Board of Trustees

A Peek into Life on the Board of Trustees

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find the biographical sketches of several members who have been nominated to be on the Board of Trustees for the next three years beginning in July. It is the congregation's responsibility to cast their votes at the May congregational meeting, although this meeting will be June 7 this year. (Constitutionally, the May meeting must be within 30 days after May 15.)

Some people in our church know what it's like to be a Board member—they've been there. And please appreciate them for it when you see them... it's a big time commitment. Some members who were on the Board include: Marylin Beittel, Linda Dobbins, Hans Jenny, Diana Lowell, Pat McCaskey, Evelyn Pendleton, Randy Zipser and Paul Williams, Charlie Anjard, John Waggoner, Elam Zook, Sandy Dinoff, Fred Albright, and John Snyder. Many others I suspect but am not sure have Board history and still others have moved away or otherwise left the church.

Many of us, particularly newer UUCL members, may wonder what Board membership is like. Yes, it's a lot of work. But what meaningful work! Never boring! In fact, for the last three years that I've been on the Board, I would even call it exhilarating.

Probably the best part is getting to know really great people. Even if you knew them before, you get to know them better. Are some of your best friendships with people at your job? Well, you don't need to get paid to have that happen. It happens at church too....and the experience is, if anything, better because of the commitment; you all believe in what you're doing. It's not just a paycheck. Working together is very bonding.

Together, Board members have great laughs, great ah-ha moments when we get a new understanding of a problem or we see a great solution, great satisfactions from seeing things get done better than we expected. We are at the center of the action. We get some complaints and criticism but we get even more gratitude and respect. And our understanding of our church just opens up

fantastically....we really get the big picture view.

Now that we have a governance model to aspire to, one which we are adopting gradually, it is interesting, challenging, and rewarding to reflect on how we observe ourselves operating, to compare that to our model, to recognize from the model a better way to meet, to govern, to plan, then to work on doing it that better way, reminding each other when we backslide and fall into our old patterns, to dust ourselves off and try it again.

Oh....you thought we had it all figured out? That we all know what we are doing? Forget it.

UUCL LAY LEADERSHIP

Board of Trustees

Keith Martin, President
Karen Zipser, Vice-President
Matthew Bruns, Secretary
Darcy Pollock, Treasurer
Anne Osborn
George Kerekgyarto
Sharron Nelson

Program Leadership Team

Church Life:

Betsi Zikmund & Diana Lowell

Community Beyond:

Greg Seigworth &
Kathryn Blackburn

Lifespan Faith Development:

Luz Meck & Lisa Sanchez

Stewardship

Worship: Anya Porter

Staff: Rev. Patricia Hart &
Nadinne Ziegler

Envisioning Tomorrow

Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

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

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

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

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

This is a learn-by-doing project. The newest Board members are learning and leading in that order; the third-year veterans reverse it...they are leading and learning. But everyone is doing both...everyone evolves. This is perhaps the most exhilarating part to me...the increasing sense of competence I've felt as I start to understand all the nuances of the church works.

Having experienced these highs, I understand why All Souls UU Church in Washington, D.C. told us that, since Policy Governance, they now have people *competing* to be on their Board; whereas, usually boards have to beg for members.

Still, the Board doesn't operate in a vacuum. It is really just the congregation's representative, empowered by the congregation to act. So *please* attend the congregational meeting (June 7); to vote on the nominees for the Board; to review and give feedback on the draft vision statement; to consider and perhaps approve the 2009-10 budget, to provide input on other issues the Board brings to the congregation.

A strong membership showing on June 7 is the equivalent of our UU Chalice burning brightly. Don't let the flame die. Bring and contribute your energy. Thanks!

Vision noun: 1. the act or power of sensing with the eyes; sight. 2. the act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be.

Vision Statement noun: 1. a vivid idealized description of a desired outcome that inspires, energizes and helps you create a mental picture of your target. 2. what our church will look like if we are truly living out our mission.

What you see above is the proposed vision statement for our church, presented for your review, reflection, and, we hope, aspiration. These lines represent a distillation of the more than 1,000 pieces of wisdom gathered by the Renaissance Team during the Envisioning Tomorrow events this past spring, then refined by the refining team. Now the question becomes, what shall we do with it?

First, we hope to discuss it with one another in a gathering before the Congregational Meeting on June 7. We think it's a statement that is provocative and challenging. We hope it's inspirational. We believe it reflects the yearning to strengthen our connections with one another and become a more visible and stronger part of social change in Lancaster county; yearnings we heard many times in the Envisioning gatherings.

After that discussion, the Board of Trustees will use the statement and the background material to create the more specific goals for our shared ministry. We hope that we'll be able to create a strategic plan to achieve the bold claims we make in the statement above.

This is an aspirational time. Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

Board of Trustees Nominees

The Nominating Committee presents Christine Brubaker, Claudia Hostetter and Sandy Mayers as nominees for election to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster's Board of Trustees. Each presents a biography below.

These nominees would replace Matthew Bruns, Darcy Pollock and Karen Zipser who have completed their three-year Trustee commitments. Election will be at the Congregational Meeting, June 7, 2009.

—Nominating Committee: Marilyn Beittel, Larry Carroll, Myrtle Martin & Ken Prescott

Christine Brubaker

Motto: "We need to have fun." That is why I annually lead the U.U. N.Y.C. bus trip.

I have served in various church trenches: graduated two children from RE, served on the RE committees, and taught many years in RE. My husband and I created the Youth Group trips to Boston, MA, and to the UU Murray Grove, NJ, Conference Center. At some point I graduated to adult worship service, participated in Continuing Education and Goddess Circle classes and worked with/for other opportunities for church growth.

Now I serve as a Worship Associate. I originally agreed to serve as a Lay Reader; but again, I graduated.

I promise to attend BOT meetings, be visible at church gatherings and be an ear for your concerns.

If you do not see me at your Sunday church service, it may be because I am at another service. I will try to rotate my church service hours, but I do enjoy outdoor exercise Sundays, so I tend to gravitate to the early worship choice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Claudia Hostetter

As I considered ways to get to know more of the people behind the faces I look at Sunday mornings from the choir, this was not one of them. But serving on the Board of Trustees will give me the push I need to get more connected to each of you.

Although I've been an official UU since I was 25, my thinking has been UU since I was 13. I grew up outside Lititz and very regularly attended an Evangelical United Brethren church. A week at Mt. Gretna church camp was enough for me to figure out that John Calvin had it all wrong.

But I didn't meet a UU until I was a freshman at Lebanon Valley College. The Harrisburg UU church was the first I attended briefly before moving to Bucks County PA in 1970.

As a member of the BuxMont UU Fellowship I

taught RE classes, occasionally played the piano and sang, served on the RE Committee, phoned for the every member survey pledge drives, helped design and implement a congregational exploration of what a minister does and what we might want a minister to do for us. During those years the members did everything there was to do and invited speakers. When the congregation decided to try a part-time minister I served on the Search Committee. I enjoyed many Circle Dinners and summer outings at Murray Grove and Ferry Beach.

After moving back to Lancaster County in 1988 I started to attend UUCL, joining in 1990. I've sung in the choir since someone recruited me at Rev. Payson's Memorial Service and served on the Committee on Ministry. Each opportunity for service here is an opportunity for growth. Now that I'm retired from the 9 to 5 work world and active duty grandparenting, it's time for me to find a new way to contribute to the organization that helped heal me when I was wounded and sustained me when I was sad.

I joyfully embrace the opportunity to learn and serve on the Board and to get to know more UUCL members and their dreams for this church.

Sandra Mayers

I found the "who-who" [UU] church as some of my relatives called it as a college student during the first Gulf War – the church hosted discussion groups before service and I attended several with my Aunt Joan. About 5 years later, my husband Tim and I were married at the First Unitarian Church of Providence by the Rev. Thomas Ahlburn. This may sound familiar, as it is also the church where Peter did his ministerial internship. Tim and I moved to Lancaster County in 1998 when he began teaching at Millersville. We became "regulars" at UUCL about the same time Peter and Tricia arrived in 2006. For me it felt like a homecoming, for multiple reasons. We signed the book in the Fall of 2007 to honor our commitment to the church and also to honor and celebrate the 10th anniversary of our marriage.



Summer Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 pm
717-393-1733

Staff

Ministers:	Rev. Patricia Hart, x205 Rev. Peter Newport, x203
Director of Lifespan Faith Development:	Kate Prisby, x202
Director of Administration and Finance:	Nadinne Ziegler, x206
Director of Music:	Anne Mason, x204
Church Office:	Donna Beecher, x201
Bookkeeper:	Ada Mendez, x212
Publications Coordinator:	Michael Eby-Good x215 (e-mail: pr@uuclonline.org)
Organist:	Phil Raezer
Sexton:	David Dorn

Ministers' Summer Office Hours

To reach the ministers, call 393-1733 or email minister@uuclonline.org. We will be in the office through Thursday, June 18, and then away until mid-July: at General Assembly in Salt Lake City from June 22-29, at the Star Island Religious Education Conference from July 11-18, and on vacation in between. We're grateful to Kate Diller who will once again serve 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 Late July/August '09 issue due July 6, 2009.

Would you like to save paper and receive Windows electronically? Each month, we email a PDF version of the newsletter. Contact the office to sign up.

Tim and I have been blessed with two amazing children – Connor, age 7 and Anna, age 6. One of the most wonderful gifts they have given me is teaching me the joy of just “being.” I learn something from them almost every day and look forward to watching them grow up in this church community. Adjusting to a move from RI to Lancaster, and then having the responsibility of raising two children so far from home, family, and values that we cherish makes me hyper aware of the importance of this church in this community. I want my children to know the members of this church, to have a safe space to question and wonder about life, to gather the tools needed to deal with the really “big” issues, and to develop into open-minded and free-thinking individuals.

My non-profit experience began here in Lancaster - I worked for the United Way for 2 years as the Director of Communication. After I left United Way, I served on the board of the Occupational Development Center for two years, so have I have seen and lived both perspectives of non-profit life. I have primarily worked in Information Technology and I am currently working on an ERP software implementation project at Herley Industries. My resume is extremely interesting and quirky – I have degrees in English and Journalism, a minor in Math, and have done everything from technical writing, graphic design, marketing and communications, proposal writing, to project management. At UUCL I have taught the K/1st grade class, greeted and served coffee! Most recently, I have been involved in refining the vision from all of the input given during the Renaissance process.

Things you should know about me: I am extremely inquisitive, have a love of learning, and enjoy anything creative whether it is sewing, knitting, gardening or papercrafting. I love a good challenge, I enjoy analyzing problems and processes, I'm results oriented and deadline-driven, and I don't give up easily. I am voracious reader, love any kind of music, consider myself a “Kennedy Democrat”, and am passionate about living local, responsibly, and supporting the community we live in.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the board, continuing and strengthening the vision for our future, and I look forward to meeting and speaking with you about the role that we all play in the future of this church.

Summer Church Office Hours

The church office summer hours (9:30 am to 2:30 pm) begin Monday, June 1 and continue until Monday, August 24. Our Administrative Assistants, Donna Beecher and Ada Mendez, will each work 3 days, on the following schedule:

Monday – Donna & Ada

Tuesday and Thursday – Ada

Wednesday and Friday – Donna

Fiscal Year Ends

The church fiscal year ends June 30, 2009. Pledge payments received after July 1 will be recorded in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

To insure that the church office records your contribution properly please make a note in the memo: i.e. 2008-09 Pledge, 2009-10 Pledge, Fund the Vision.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Nadinne Ziegler at 393-1733 X206 or churchadministrator@uuclonline.org.

Church Picnic

Sunday June 14 from 10:00am-12:30pm, Lancaster County Park Pavilion 2. We will have vegan, beef, pork or turkey BBQ barbeque sandwiches this year. Fun for UUs provides buns, drinks, cups, tablecloths, and condiments. **Bring a side dish or dessert to share & your own place settings.** Bring extra dessert if you plan to participate in the cake walk. Kids' activities are planned. Bring outdoor activities (bocce, badminton, volleyball, kickball, etc) if you wish. Contact Courtney Harris.

UU Night with the Barnstormers

Friday, August 14, 7:05pm. The choir will sing at the ballgame and the tickets will be a fundraiser. There will be fireworks after the game. Our seats are close to the kids' play area, by third base. 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 (less is no risk, just no payback). The seats are obtained by logging onto http://lancasterbarnstormers.com/group_fundraisers.cfm, and clicking the fundraising login button. Our login is "uucl". If you don't have web access, you may sign up at the Church office.

Summer Academy at Lancaster Theological Seminary

Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS) is a wonderful resource for religious and spiritual exploration, and it's right in our backyard. There's no better way to sample some new ideas and practices with a variety of other interesting people than through LTS' Summer Academies. Courses meet in the morning, afternoon, or evening, and last no longer than one week (June 22-26 or July 6-10).

Including a mixture of discussion, worship, and experience, summer academy courses "offer learning, inspiration, and renewal to participants." Topics this year include "Queer Theologizing," "Emerging Christianity," "Feminist Theologies" and "Global Worship" as well as liturgical arts, drumming, yoga, and Sacred Dance. Costs are quite reasonable. To learn more talk to Kate Diller, Peter or Tricia, or go to <http://www.lancasterseminary.edu/1534108395051250/site/default.asp>,

Among Our Own

In Memoriam:

- **Robert W. Potter** member since May 2008.
- **Nancy Thompson**, 54-year member, mother of Jim Godin
- **Sam Henry**

Please remember:

- **Sheryl Lehman**, whose father recently died.

Thank You!

- Volunteers for the Garvin Lecture: Gil Linde, Lin Bowen, Cheryl and Jim Duprey, Anne Osborn, Rich Riccio, Bob Ulrich, Maria Hutchins, Roberta Bruns, Georgine and Emily Wood, Matt Bruns, Robert Loftin, Kimberly Patrick, Carla Martin, Claudia Hostetter, Christine Bunce, Holly and Paul Williams
- To the terrific Auction Team, who pulled together a great night and a wonderful fundraiser for the church. Many thanks to George Kerekgyarto, Keith Martin, Jonas Kauffman, Randy and Karen Zipser, Walt Poyck, Tanis Garber Shaw, Robbie Horning, and many others who helped make it happen – and a special thanks to Susan Lithgoe for her delicious food.

Coffee Hour Status and Needs

Our revamped Coffee Hour has been quite successful this year. Thanks to everyone who served as captains and helpers. Our Coffee Hour Captains this year were: George & Jean Herr-Riser, Matthew Thompson, Kathy & Randy Zipser, Al & Peggy Forsyth, Carol Hawk & Walt Poyck, Jonas Kauffman, Lisa Mann, Kyki Bobotas, Sandy & Tim Mayers, Jesse Holden, Courtney Harris, and Marco Salinas. Captains were all trained on the use of the kitchen and took organizational responsibility each week. Some captains went above and beyond by purchasing baked goods or by providing goodies out of their own kitchens or pockets. Our regular helpers were: Marianne Smith, Barry Mahaffey, Lisa Butz, Roberta Bruns, Chris & Becky Bittle, Darcy Pollock, Matt Bruns, Julia Dewar, Ying WuShanley, Margaret Henly, Phil Holzinger, Sam Weigard, Amy Seifarth & Aaron Smee, Jackie Brubaker, Kevin & Lauren Shaw, Louise & Leigh Terrill, Kathi Twiford-Graham, Evelyn Pendelton, Jeff Thal, and Elizabeth Thyrum. We apologize if we have missed recognizing any of our helpers.

We need coffee hour coordinators for the summer and the coming church year. Cindy and Fred Foster-Clark are retiring their roles as coffee hour coordinators after June 7. The current structure from this church year was quite successful and Cindy and Fred would be happy to show new coordinators how the system works. Then the new coordinators could tweak it. Many of the captains and helpers already trained probably will continue next year. The coordinator roles could easily be divided if two people would like to share the responsibilities. To find out more, please email Cindy and Fred. Folks really appreciated having coffee hour and you are guaranteed appreciative church members and friends if you become a coffee hour coordinator.

Lancaster Labyrinth

On Sunday, June 7, the Lancaster Labyrinth will be open for walking, peace, beauty and balance . From 1-4pm in Founders' Hall at UUCL.

In April, the outdoor Tour de Labyrinth was well attended by mostly new labyrinth walkers who marveled at the designs, the springtime energy they held and the unique settings.

On Friday, August 7 another special walk will be held at Herrbrook Retreat on New Danville Pike. This is a Full Moon Labyrinth Walk on the grass paths of Herrbrook's outdoor labyrinth. The event is free, 8-10 PM and open to all. Parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged.

Summer Solstice

Web and Wheel Summer Solstice planning will be held on Sunday, June 7 at UUCL at 12:30 PM. Join us to create this celebration on June 21, 6-9 PM.

The annual Summer Solstice event will be held on Sunday, June 21 at the Lancaster County Central Park, Pavilion #3. Pot luck supper at 6:00 PM and the ritual circle will gather at dusk. This is a fire ritual to celebrate the height of the sun's power with a spiral dance, drumming and chants. Everyone is welcome. Bring food and drinks to share and chairs or blankets.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster 2009 Congregational Meeting

June 7, 11:30am
in the Church Sanctuary

Mark your calendars for June 7. We will share in our annual Flower Communion and New Member recognition service, followed by an important Congregational Meeting.

The Meeting agenda will include:

- final draft of UUCL's new Vision Statement
- presentation of multiple budget solutions for discussion
- election of 3 new members of the Board of Trustees

Don't miss it — we need all of our voices in the conversation. All welcome; UUCL members (of 60 days or longer) may vote.

*What a gathering – the purple
tongues of iris licking out
at spikes of lupine, the orange
crepe skirts of poppies lifting
over buttercup and daisy.*

*Who can be grim
in the face of such abundance?
There is nothing to compare,
no need of beauty to compete.*

*...This is what community looks like –
this vibrant jostle, stem by stem
declaring the marvelous joining.
This is the face of communion,
the incarnation once more
gracefully resurrected from winter.*

*Hold these things together
in your sight – purple, crimson,
magenta, blue. You will
be feasting on them long after
the flowers are gone.*

~ Lynn Ungar

When I was ten my family moved to the northern part of the County. It was a hot August day as we unloaded the moving van, and I started to decorate my new pink room. Outside my aunt tackled cutting the grass that shifted like a field of wheat when a breeze passed through. She mowed for over an hour when the blades whirled to a stop, and I heard her calling my brother and me outside. Burrowed into the ground was a nest of baby rabbits that escaped the mower's blades.

During the next few days my family got various opinions on what to do with the baby rabbits. I have since been told that a mother rabbit will return to take care of her babies if a human has handled them, but at the time we were instructed to care for the babies because their mother would abandon them since we touched them. A local vet told us how to feed the rabbits, and my brother and I quickly made them a "home" from Nike and Reebok shoeboxes. We reveled in the rabbits' tiny bodies and their sealed-shut eyes. As they matured, my brother and I figured it was our duty to teach the rabbits the instinctual act of hopping; thus we clumsily leapt from room to room in our new home.

Rabbits grow quickly, and soon they were hopping out of the shoebox village we created. In the weeks that followed the release of our "pets" my brother and I discovered there were a few rabbits in our backyard that would let us approach them. Surely they were the ones we raised.

Today I discover rabbit nests in my yard every spring. I'll check on them from a distance, and sometimes when I hear them crying out in distress I'll run outside to make sure they are safe. Every so often I will pick one up and marvel at how tiny it is in the palm of my hand.

What causes us to feel connected to other creatures? Do we have an instinctual sense of duty to protect new life? A Unitarian Universalist may link these questions to our Seventh Principle, that we are a part of an interdependent web of life. Maybe our fascination with nature stems from an appreciation for life and birth after the colder seasons of fall and winter have passed. Whatever the reason, it is a gift to discover new life that surrounds us, whether it be the beginning of a revival in your faith or the mystery of the natural world.

Peace and kindness,
Kate Prisby
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Lifespan Faith Development Summer Activities at UUCL

Children and Youth:

Each Sunday June-August there will be activities for children and youth. Children in first grade and older will start off in worship. Younger children will report directly to the first floor classroom for their age activities. The Sunday programs listed below are for children in first grade and older; other activities will take place for younger children.

June 21 Spirit Stones- Many cultures believe people and animals share similar qualities. What animal are you most like? You'll figure out which animal spirit is like yours and paint that animal on a stone you can keep.

June 28 Mystery of the Stolen Story- You'll watch a dramatic play, but there's a problem...the ending was stolen. The play leaves off in the midst of turmoil and tension. Can you help solve the conflict and write an ending to the play? Parents and guardians will join us at 11 for snack so they can watch the students perform the play.

July 12 I Voted! - Take a stand for something you believe in. Students will vote on a social justice project to do the following week. Come up with a creative idea to help improve our community. Students will do some creative art projects to advertise the project they selected.

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

All Ages:

There are many ways for all of us to grow in our faith this summer through Sunday worship, multigenerational workshops, and travels to UU gatherings. Here's what's going on the first half of the summer for all ages.

Labyrinth Walk Sunday, June 7- Walk the church labyrinth between 1-4 and experience moving meditation. Open yourself to this gentle walk to the center and back to the entry while hearing soothing music and following the candlelit paths and feeling your heart expand. Welcome to the labyrinth.

Summer Solstice Sunday, June 21- This year's celebration will be held in the Lancaster County Central Park Pavilion Three. A community potluck will start at 6:00 PM and the solstice service will begin at dusk. We will celebrate the gifts of summer and the reign of the Mother Goddess. This

fire ritual uses the color red to express passion, creativity and love while also honoring the beginning of days' waning light. The fun and celebrating awaits you and your family! Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

General Assembly Salt Lake City, Utah June

24-28, 2009- General Assembly (GA) is the annual gathering of thousands of UUs from the US and Canada. This GA is exciting as a new president will be elected to the Unitarian Universalist Association. Join in the workshops, the worship, and chance to build bonds with other UUs. Then check out the surrounding area's canyons, parks, and cultural attractions. Learn more at www.uua.org and search for "General Assembly."

Twilight Book Discussion Friday, July 10, 6pm

Have you read this pop culture best-selling phenomenon by Stephenie Meyer? The story is told by Bella, a high school junior who recently moved to Forks, Washington to live with her father. At school she meets Edward, a student with a strange past. As Bella finds herself attracted to Edward she discovers he is not human. What messages are in the book about family, relationships, decision making, and spirituality? Gather to discuss the book; film viewing possible after discussion. If interested in co-facilitating this program, contact Kate Prisby in the church office.

Faith Development Thanks:

- Thanks to Darth Carpenter and Michelle Probolus for being Substitute Directors of Lifespan Faith Development in May
- Response Team members Melissa Tribuzio, Anne Osborn, George Herr Riser, Nick Martino, and Rev. Peter Newport for a wonderful job as you continue to revise church safety policies
- Thanks to all involved in the following Lifespan Faith Development Committees: Children's Faith Development, Youth Adult Committee, Adult Faith Development, Coming of Age Research Team
- Thanks to the nursery staff for helping out on Sundays and during the week with church programs that offer childcare. You're great!
- Evie Maldonado thank you for helping to program summer Faith Development activities. Thank you to the Yuninger and Moore families for bringing their pets to church on May 17 for animal blessings.

Community Beyond

CHOC Full of Talent

Join us on Saturday evening, July 18, starting at 7:30 p.m., for another 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 an opportunity 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 talented performers, many of them from our congregation, representing a variety of musical styles. There is no need to buy tickets; audience members will be given the chance to donate to CHOC. Look for more details in the weekly emails and Sunday announcements. If you missed this last year, you won't want to miss it again!

June Special Collection

Our Special Collection on June 28 will support the AIDS Community Alliance of South Central Pennsylvania. AIDS Community Alliance provides individuals impacted by HIV and AIDS with education, skills and resources necessary to enhance and sustain their quality of life. Services available include HIV testing, counseling and support groups. The Alliance targets areas where needles are shared and also speaks to community groups about HIV.

Current housing programs focus on stabilizing housing during periods of crisis through rental, mortgage and utility assistance. The strategic plan of the Agency, however, includes accompanying individuals and families living with HIV beyond crises into sustainable, quality living arrangements. A roommate connection service, Positive Living, is modeled after a proven program in Atlanta. It will provide roommate screening services. Currently in development, the Agency hopes to make this program available by July 2009.

AIDS Community Alliance represents the unification of three original HIV/AIDS service and education providers -- Lancaster AIDS Project (LAP), South Central AIDS Assistance Network (SCAAN), and the AIDS program of Lebanon Family Health Services. Our contributions will be spent directly in the Lancaster area. There is some current funding from United Way, but needs stretch far beyond the available money.

Habitat for Humanity Work Trip to Mississippi

Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a work trip to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi in October, 2009. Hurricane Katrina damaged or destroyed 70% of the housing in Hancock County. Availability of affordable housing lags behind other areas of economic growth. Since 2006, HFH Bay-Waveland Area has partnered with nearly 3,000 volunteers, families, donors, sponsors and friends to build approximately 80 homes in Hancock County. This affiliate will be organizing the work on all phases of new construction. Accommodations will be at Mission on the Bay Christ Episcopal Church, www.missiononthebay.com.

Trip Information:

Dates and Estimated cost: Oct. 4-10 \$635 flying. The price includes airfare (from either PHL or BWI to Gulfport/Biloxi or NOLA), van rental while in Mississippi, lodging, and meals Sunday night through Friday night. The price also includes a \$100 dollar per person donation to the local affiliate.

Dates and Estimated cost: Oct. 3-11 \$ 509 driving. Final cost will be given when we have the final group count. Group size will be limited to 25 people.

Please RSVP by June 8 as we will have our first meeting on June 17. Space is limited. If you are interested in going, please contact Amy at 392-8836 or e-mail amy@lancasterhabitat.org. Please provide information on the best way to contact you about future trip meetings.



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	

Lancaster PRIDE, Saturday, June 20

Buchanan Park, Noon-6 p.m. Admission \$5.

Come out to Lancaster's second annual Pridefest - enjoy live music and other entertainment, craft and clothing vendors, and information booths from many local gay-friendly organizations.

Among this year's scheduled performers are singers Bobbi and Anne Carmitchel, Jennifer Kathleen and Janie Womak; the Loretta Billieux and Sister Beat bands; actors from Dutch Apple Dinner Theater; Central Pennsylvania Womyn's Chorus; Harrisburg Mens' Chorus; and drag performers Whitley & Glenda.

Volunteers with Silent Witness PA will be back this year with rainbow-colored umbrellas to serve as buffers between potential protesters and participants. UUCL folks have joined this important effort in the past, and more are needed this year. Please talk to Rich Riccio, Rev. Tricia Hart or Rev. Peter Newport for more info, including Silent Witness training dates. Email Rich Riccio at inter-weave.lancasterpa@gmail.com.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Updates

by Amy Sipe

• **Justice Sunday 2009 Follow-up.** Thank you to the UUCL church community for such positive feedback and support in response to the Justice Sunday service on April 26. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those who recently joined UUSC or renewed your membership and to those whose generous donations totaled \$552 to help fund UUSC's critical human rights and social justice projects.

Even if you currently can't make a monetary contribution to UUSC, there are ways you can help further their goals in economic justice, environmental justice, civil liberties, and rights in humanitarian crises. Check out the updates below. Search www.uusc.org for your preferred social justice themes and learn about simple (and often free!) things you can do to help UUSC make a difference.

Also, I am still looking for one or more dependable and motivated individuals to assist with making Guest at Your Table, Justice Sunday, and other UUSC events happen here at UUCL in 2009-2010, so if you want to get involved please contact me at (717)252-3379 or AmyESSipe@verizon.net

• **UUSC Efforts to End U.S.-Sponsored Torture.** This month, UUSC is urging President Obama to fully investigate the use of torture by the U.S. government and hold responsible from the Bush administration all of those accountable. A crucial aspect of restoring our nation's reputation is knowing the full extent of our use of torture and taking steps to ensure that such immoral and inhumane practices are never used again.

Each UUSC membership gives UUSC the power to create positive social change. When UUSC meets with elected officials, they make it known that they represent 40,000 members and supporters around the country who are committed to positive change. Imagine if that number was greater. It starts with you!

In this uncertain economy, it is even more vital that we practice our principles through UUSC membership. There is so much to be done for human rights here in the United States, and worldwide. **Help UUSC meet its Annual Fund goal of \$450,000 by June 30, 2009.** Every gift helps!

As your UUSC Local Representative, I urge you to begin or renew your membership today, or give in honor of a friend or loved one, online at www.uusc.org

UUSC is a membership-based organization, separate from and independent of the UUA. It receives no funding from the UUA.

• **Take Action: Urge Vanguard to Divest from Sudan.** Many Americans are unwittingly, but literally, funding genocide in Darfur through their savings and retirement accounts. Together, shareholders and non-shareholders alike can pressure The Vanguard Group to divest its holdings in PetroChina and other multinational oil producers and make Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir recognize the cost of his genocidal actions. For details, visit www.uusc.org.

• **See You in Salt Lake City, for GA 2009.** This June at UUA General Assembly 2009, UUSC staff will lead three Saturday workshops: *Stories of Joy and Inspiration*, which highlights our partner organizations; *Environmental Work Is Justice Work*, featuring UUSC's Environmental Justice Program Manager Patricia Jones; and the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Its Legacy and Next Sixty Years* with UUSC Board Chair Bill Schultz. Additionally, they will be selling items made by

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some of our partner organizations, so stop by our booth to pick up a great gift or souvenir!

If you are planning on attending GA, UUSC needs your help! Volunteers are needed for flyering, helping to staff the exhibit booth, and other tasks. This is a great opportunity to meet UUSC staff, while helping other UUs learn more about our work. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cristin Martineau at cmartineau@uusc.org.

• **UUSC's 6th Annual Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey, July 11-18, 2009.** Participants will travel from Atlanta, Georgia to historic sites in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama, retracing some of the most powerful moments in the U.S. civil rights movement. Please note that UUSC membership is not required for participation in this trip. For more information, please contact Anna Bartlett at (617)301-4367 or abartlett@uusc.org.

• **California Right to Water** Efforts are a Model for Others. UUSC's strategy for winning a national right to water is first to win local human-right-to-water policies around the country, starting in California. Statewide advocacy network UU Legislative Ministry of California and UUSC collaborated with UUSC partners on a local version of the Water Justice Praxis, called Let Justice Flow CA Water Justice Curriculum. The curriculum was taught at an April 2009 workshop, where efforts were honed to pass AB 1242, California's Human Right to Water Act of 2009. Thanks to local advocacy efforts, the State Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee cast a decisive 9-3 vote in favor of the bill. The next hurdle is approval by the California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations, which should happen by the end of May 2009.

Learn more about this effort and see if a local human-right-to-water policy can be adopted in your area. Let your contacts know about this statewide effort in order to inspire them to act! Contact Patricia Jones at pjones@uusc.org or Nichole Cirillo at ncirillo@uusc.org for more information on the Water Justice Praxis and how to adopt a human-right-to-water policy in your town, city, or state.

IWW Film Series

Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.) is sponsoring a monthly film series at Building Character, Warehouse B, 342 N. Queen Street, Lancaster 17603. Films are shown at 6:30 PM. The Lancaster I.W.W. General Membership Branch and Food Not Bombs provide refreshments.

June 21, 2009 *The Molly Maguires* starring Sean Connery (PG) Life is rough in the coal mines of 1876 Pennsylvania. A secret group of Irish emigrant miners, known as the Molly Maguires, fights against the cruelty of the mining company with sabotage and murder. A detective, also an Irish emigrant is hired to infiltrate the group and report on its members. But on which side do his sympathies lie?

July 19, 2009 *Robots* (PG) In the year 2706 robots have replaced all humans. Rodney Copperbottom (voice: Ewan McGregor) is a young genius inventor who dreams of making the robot world a better place for everyone.

Social Justice Calendar

Monday, June 1 at 7 p.m.

Book Discussion "Creating a World Without Poverty"

Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice Business Meeting – all welcome
Founders' Hall

Monday, June 8

Deadline to contact Habitat about Work Trip to Bay St. Louis, MS. See article on pg. 12

Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

Social Justice Advocates meeting
New members always welcome
Emerson Hall

Sunday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

IWW Film Series
The Molly Maguires, Building Character, 342 N. Queen Street, Lancaster

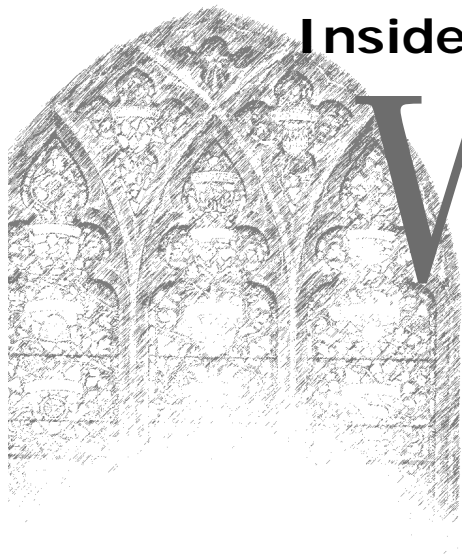
Saturday, July 18 7:30p.m. CHOC Benefit

Sunday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Every Sunday 10a Worship 10a Children's Faith Development Activities 7p Red Rose Sangha	Monday-Friday 9:30-2:30p Summer Office Hours		1 7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice	2 6:00pm <i>Twilight</i> Book Discussion	3 Office Closed for Independence Day No Food Bank Packing 7:00pm Common Roads Safe Space	4
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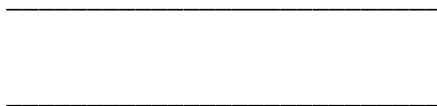


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