



June/Early July 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 June and early July...

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,
June 5**

Worship, 10am. "A Beautiful Bouquet" Each person is beautiful and unique, all alone: our first UU principle reminds us that we must treat all beings with dignity and respect. Gathered together in the community of this church, our uniquenesses are combined in a "bouquet" that is also beautiful... as well as large, changing, and invariably a bit messy. **Bring a flower to church today** — we will combine them for our annual Flower Communion, and take home each other's blossoms.

New members will be recognized during the service.

Rev. Patricia Hart will lead the service; Lillian Pacheco, Worship Associate.

Music: UUCL Choir, with Rachel Schwabe-Frye, saxophone

Lancaster Labyrinth, 1-4pm. See pg. 11.

1:30pm UUCL Choir singing at the Barnstormers See pg. 5.

**Sunday
June 12**

Worship, 10am: "Woyaya and the Little Engine That Could"

The song *Woyaya*, which we like to sing here from time to time, was written and recorded by Osibisa, a world renowned band from Ghana. It speaks goodheartedly to a level of courage and determination, well within reach, to which we might well aspire.

Rev. Peter Newport, preaching.

Lillian Pacheco, Worship Associate. Music: Anne Mason, soprano

11:30am Congregational Meeting. See pg. 4

**Sunday
June 19**

All Church Picnic - Gather at 10am. Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

We will have a short multigenerational service during our church picnic, and celebrate the Summer Solstice, too. Come one, come all! See pg. 11

**Sunday
June 26**

Worship, 10am: Rev. Susan Minasian preaching.

Dorothy Vertti, Worship Associate

**Sunday
July 3**

Worship, 10am. The Worship Associates will explore and celebrate the meaning of July 4th as UUs, focusing on the radical, awe inspiring, liberating ideas of the founding fathers and mothers. Music: Eric Baytala, oboe.

**Sunday
July 10**

Worship, 10am. "Back from General Assembly" We are sending a huge delegation to General Assembly in June. This service will be an opportunity to hear some of what happened, what got people's attention, and what it might mean for us here in Lancaster. Panel discussion. Worship Associate: Anya Porter

**Sunday
July 17**

Worship, 10am. "A Holy or a Broken Halleluia" The music of our soul rises unbidden, delighting or despairing. We need to create space in our lives to listen and savor what it is trying to express. In the deep stillness of summer, what is the song in your heart? Anne Mason, M. Div will be preaching, music by the men's choir of UUCL.

From the Minister

by Rev.
Patricia Hart

A community, ready to embrace us

June 1989 - things were changing in my life. Since becoming a member of the First Universalist Church of Yarmouth, Maine three years before, I'd gradually found a home there: first in the choir, then the Worship Committee, and then on the Board. While our minister had been on sabbatical for the previous six months, I worked in the church office. Continuing this crash course in Unitarian Universalism, I decided to go to General Assembly in New Haven. My brother lived there, so I had a place to stay. And I'd been to conferences before – I figured it wouldn't be hard to pick and choose a few interesting programs.

In a word, I found "GA" overwhelming. Even back then, with about 1800 attendees, it seemed that Unitarian Universalism had taken over the Yale campus and much of downtown New Haven. Clutching my program book, I wandered from workshop to panel discussion to plenary session, from early in the morning to late in the evening over five days. Bill Schulz ran for re-election as UUA President that year; I was there when he gave an extraordinary acceptance speech and made me into an ardent supporter. There was a demonstration for some unremembered good cause; I was there, holding a sign someone handed me. The Service of the Living Tradition filled one of Yale's ornate auditoriums; I was there, amazed by the feeling of worshipping with thousands of UU's and wondering if I might ever get to sing in the GA Choir. It seemed rude to spend so little time at my brother's house; I couldn't quite explain why I kept going to more and more GA events. I didn't have words for it, but both my brain and my heart seemed to be growing larger. I never even met most of the people at that GA (though a few UUCLers have told me they were there, too). Still, it felt like I had found a whole community, ready to embrace me.

I have been to 13 GA's since then: two as a seminarian, and eleven as a ministerial delegate for the five churches I have served since I was ordained. But this year's trip to GA in Charlotte, NC will be special: because it is the UUA's 50th Anniversary (with more than 5500 people expected!), and especially because Peter and I have the privilege of leading a full delegation of 11 lay delegates from UUCL. In addition to learning things, we will vote on a number of important issues that will help shape the next half-century of Unitarian Universalism. What a wonderful UUCL crew will be with us: Claudia Hostetter, Anne Osborn and Sandy Mayers from the Board (Anna Mayers is coming too!); Anne Mason; Tommy Busteed, Kate Diller and Cyndi Simpson, all candidates for the Unitarian Universalist ministry; plus Tina Davidson, Elsa Maust, and Jim and Joanne Smoker. Be assured that they will come back full of stories, insights, and questions to share with all of you, starting at the worship service on July 10. This is the way our democratic faith tradition is supposed to work, and we are very honored to be a part of it.

Thank you for your trust, your faith, and your partnership as we complete another UUCL year and get ready for the future.

Many blessings,

Tricia

"From wonder into wonder existence opens."

—Lao Tzu

Ask not what your church can do for you...

It's been a year now that I've been on the Board of Trustees and I intentionally took the last slot for writing a piece in Windows. (Procrastination pays off sometimes.) Anyway, before I was on the Board, I came to church pretty much for the ride. I sang in the choir, of course, but my thinking was pretty much along the lines of what the church could do for me. Think of a dog riding shotgun in a pickup, head out the window, tongue lolling in the breeze. Along for the ride, that was me. (Okay now, kindly erase that visual image from your mind.)

This past year I have changed my thinking about the church. Being on the Board has enabled me to have a look under the hood, so to speak. I still feel like a novice on church operations, but I know more than I did, and I know enough to realize that the church works better when we pull together as a team. We Unitarians are pioneers of a sort, and the pioneers didn't get to where they were going by riding in that Conestoga wagon for the entire trip.

We all have talents and perspectives which can help our church, and it doesn't do much good if we stay on the sidelines with those talents. The idea is to get into the game and show your stuff. I had a scoutmaster who always said "you get out of it what you put into it." I have always found that to be good solid advice. And so (with apologies to JFK's speech writer), to finish the title of this essay, ...ask what you can do for your church!

—Phil Holzinger

From the Board

by Phil Holzinger,

Board of Trustees

Spring Congregational Meeting

June 12, 2011, 11:30 am in Founders' Hall

Agenda:

- Resolutions to formally establish UUCL Endowment Funds
- Election of Trustees
- Election of Nominating Committee Members
- Annual Reports on Ministry and Programming
- Proposed Budget for 2011-12

Plan now to attend this important annual meeting, anticipated to last 90 minutes.

As per our newly revised bylaws adopted May 1:
"Article 5, Section h: Members are eligible to vote at congregational meetings of UUCL when they have been members for at least 60 days prior to the meeting and have made a financial contribution of record within the past year."

If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, contact our Director of Administration and Finance, Nadinne Ziegler, at the church office: 717-393-1733.

UUCL LAY LEADERSHIP

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Church Life:

Ken Prescott, Jeff Caldwell

Community Beyond Our Walls:

Danny Donohue, Frank Willig

Lifespan Faith Development:

Kristin Broich & Lauren Shaw

Worship:

Jean Herr-Riser

Staff: Rev. Peter Newport & Nadinne Ziegler

First Friday Fun Fest

June 3, 6:00-9:00pm

Enjoy First Friday in Lancaster? Have kids? The *Odyssey* program will offer a special chance to enjoy First Friday while your children share in a fun night of childcare at UUCL. Carnival activities will involve games, puppet show, magic, face-painting, and lots of laughter. Our goal is to raise money to cover the spring Wilderness Retreat; we look forward to lots of generous donations and having fun with your kids! RSVP to Kate Prisby in the church office.

Among Our Own

**By Anne Mason,
Director of Pastoral Care and Music**

There are many joys and many sorrows in this beloved community. We struggle with job loss, mental illness, death and uncertain futures, but through these hard times we continue to reach out to each other and journey together. I continue to visit those that I know need support, and truly appreciate when you call the church to make sure that Peter, Tricia and I know of any needs among our members and their families.

- **Our Caring Circle** of volunteer visitors also make visits, and we are all grateful for the loving energy they are spreading throughout our congregation.
- The memorial service for **Pat Keene** will be at 3:00 on June 4th. It will be in the cemetery of Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, where she will rest near members of her family.
- Our sympathy goes to **Paula Jackson** on the recent death of her mother-in-law.
- Please keep **Cory LaBrasca** in your thoughts as his mother is struggling with cancer.
- **Fred Kinsey** is recovering well from surgery, and **Robert Fry** was recently hospitalized.
- Please continue to hold **Roy and Marge Bundens** in your hearts as he continues in Hospice care.
- **Eleanor Sampson** has been in the Health Center at Homestead but hopes to return to her apartment soon.
- Please send positive energy to **Jo-An Glasse** who was in the hospital. She has asked to have no visitors, but cards and loving thoughts would be quite appropriate.

Time for Baseball!

June 5 is UUCL's Day at the Barnstormers.

Tickets are available at www.lancasterbarnstormers.com — click "fundraiser login" then the "Click here" near the top of the fundraising page. Our login code is "uucl." The choir will sing the National Anthem. Contact Karen Roberts for further info.

Lancaster Cooperative School Fundraiser at the Barnstormers

Sunday, July 17 at 6pm. Another opportunity to see the game and help out... The school will raise \$4 per ticket! Follow these simple steps to support the kids today:

- Go to www.LancasterBarnstormers.com.
- Select "fundraisers" from the ticket dropdown menu.
- Click on your group's icon.
- Click "buy."

Monthly Financial Reviews

Financial Review meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm. **The June 13 Financial Review is cancelled** due to conflicts with the Board of Trustees meeting and UUA General Assembly. **You are invited to the next meeting, Monday, July 11.**

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.

General Assembly

June 22-26 in Charlotte, NC. General Assembly is the gathering of UU congregants from the United States and Canada for a week of workshops, worship, conversation, and fun. Thousands of UUs meet yearly to come up with visions for the future of this faith and to nurture the spirit of our faith. For more information, and to watch GA through live streaming, visit www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/.

Many Thanks:

- Our church shares the ministry in children and youth programs with lots of volunteers. Thanks to folks who taught, mentored, and advised the children & youth programs the second half of this year. These folks include: **Olivia & Bill Patrick, Lisa Hill, Jeff Caldwell, Rebecca Lehman, Jeff Pendleton, Bryan Stinchfield, Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel, Tom Schlegel, Marian Joyce, Robbie & Katie Horning, Nina Moragne, Amanda Fowler, Bill Fife, Melissa & Rob Tribuzio, Jason Stevenson, Erika Landis, Curt & Kim Evans, Lisa Sanchez, Tim Mayers, Ray Bradley, Tina Davidson, Deb Hazel, George Herr-Riser, Lillian Pacheco, Hoyt Kohl, Josh Curtis, Nevada Kirchner, & Jackie Rohrer.** We thank you for your dedication to the children and youth of UUCL.
- **Ron Rose and Marylin Ott**, thank you for covering the office during staff meetings.
- Did you hear the music & see the slide show at the May 1 Bridging Ceremony? If so, thank **Bob Ulrich** for his tireless work with the sanctuary sound and visual system.
- Youth group had the joy of seeing fairies at the May York Fairy Festival thanks to the adult chaperones **Kim Evans, Nicky Duer, & Lisa Sanchez.**
- From their abundant energy and sharp Sunday attire, you'd never know **Thais Magill & Jeff Pendleton** had just chaperoned their second 6th-7th grade retreat of the year. Thanks for having energy to do dinner, movies, a game, and then morning pancakes for both of the 6th-7th grade retreats this past year.
- **Over forty people** showed up for the May 1 meeting about next year's Sunday morning schedule. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.
Our church is filled with people coming up with new ideas of how to bring all the generations together. Many thanks to **Linda Rebman, Kristin Broich, Luz Meck, Thais Magill, Jason Stevenson, & Dara Slater** for joining the mid-May conversation about Lifespan Faith Development.
- Did you buy or donate any books or eat mac & cheese on May 22? Thanks to all who did, and thus supported the 8th grade *Odyssey* program. The youth raised nearly \$900.



It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know of wonder and humility.

— Rachel Carson

- What do Jews, Christians, and Buddhists believe? Thanks to **Aaron Zinner (Congregation Shaarai Shomayim), Jonathan Sauder (Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster), & Kathryn Stevens (Red Rose Sangha)** for serving on the 6th-7th grade multi-faith panel.
- Did you know that **Gil Linde** has created three-wheeled bikes he calls "trikes"? Thanks for letting the *Odyssey* youth take a spin on the trikes! **Jason Stevenson & Josh Curtis** thanks for overseeing this event. Thanks to **Ranck's United Methodist Church** in New Holland for letting the youth use their space to ride the trikes.

Lifespan Faith Development

On a hot, muggy summer morning, I awoke in a hotel in Tennessee. Making my way to the kitchen that served the disappointing continental breakfast, I passed the televisions lining the room. Summer just began, and the story getting more traction than another potential NBA Championship for the LA Lakers was the morning's scheduled execution of Timothy McVeigh. As I selected my breakfast, I remembered the day in sixth grade when I discovered my parents' views on the death penalty did not match mine. During our conversation, I realized that an array of opinions and experiences would mold my moral fabric, and that I sometimes would feel differently than others about controversial topics.

That sixth-grade awakening stuck with me as I sat down with my bland bagel and peanut butter trying to ignore the news. The broadcasters reported on McVeigh's last moments: the walk to the execution chamber, the family members of those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing waiting to feel justice was served, and the details of how lethal injection shuts off the body. The fellow guests at the hotel sat eating breakfast, their attention rapt. As I sat with my fellow bagel munchers I thought, "Who can eat and listen to this news? Since when did live coverage of an execution seem appropriate to watch during a meal?"

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Nearly ten years later, I found myself puzzled by people's responses to Osama bin Laden's death. We are routinely bombarded with stories of religious conflict or public shootings that momentarily compel us to be more intentional about what we say and do. The images and reports of street parties celebrating bin Laden's death made me scratch my head in confusion. "How would a street party help mend relationships with our Muslim neighbors? Were victory songs appropriate ways to memorialize those that died ten years ago? Most importantly, what do our adult reactions model for children?"

This is a slippery slope. Even as a faith community, I assume we have lots of different opinions about how "the inherent dignity and worth" holds water when we're talking about high-profile criminals. However, I'm not sure that the conversation to engage in really should be about who responded appropriately to bin Laden's death, McVeigh's execution, or (on a lighter note) who wore the best

hat at the royal wedding. Each of us has opinions, and we all know it's hard to be persuaded to feel differently. Yet, we can pause when we begin to feel any strong emotional reaction and ask, "What do I want my emotional response to model to someone younger than me? What do I hope they can learn from this moment?"

Each of us has a moral compass that helps guide us. We gather ideas about morality and ethics from family, friends, and sometimes from heroes that don't even exist. Throughout the summer, you are invited to actively wonder about all kinds of things including good, evil, redemption, and love. The conversations are for all ages; we'll see what characters from the Harry Potter series, the women of *The Help*, and other fictional characters can teach us about how we engage in the world. Join us as we engage in delightful books that have the power to provoke deep questions.

Peace and kindness,
Kate Prisby
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Their Own Words...

Reflections from children, youth, and adults on faith development classes at UUCL.

The reason why I like youth group is because it is a place where every week I let loose and be myself. During the week I am never really myself. In youth group I am probably one of the weirdest people. It is for that reason that I come to youth group. It is because I get to be weird and myself. I love youth group for those things.

—Gabe Stultz, about *Youth Group*, 9th-12th Grade Faith Development

“Wonder is the foundation of all philosophy, inquiry the progress, ignorance the end.”

— Michel de Montaigne
(French Philosopher 1533-1592)



Lifespan Faith Development Happenings in June and July

- **Summer Sunday Children & Youth Programs.** This past May, children & youth filled out surveys of what they'd like to do in church over the summer. The responses included book discussions, movie discussions, performing plays, special fundraisers, and parties. Keep an eye out in the All Church Email to see what will happen each Sunday from June through mid-September for children and youth at UUCL.
- **June 4 *Odyssey* Youth Pool Party** Don't forget to show up to Dana's house at noon for lots of fun swimming and picnicking. RSVP to Kate by June 1.
- **June 6 & 20 and July 11 & 25 Peace Knits** Join church knitters from 7-8:30 as they work on simple knitting projects that benefit Lancastrians in need. Experienced knitters and beginners are welcome.
- **June 19 Summer Solstice Celebration and Church Picnic.** See Pg. 11 for details.
- **July 22 *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows* Book Discussion & Film Viewing.** 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 14 *The Help* Book Discussion and Lunch.** *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 12pm. 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.

Community Beyond Our Walls

Community Meals at Crispus Attucks

July 16 and 17. UUCL will be hosting a community meal for those in need on July 16 and 17 and *volunteers are needed*. Kitchen workers will be needed both Saturday and Sunday from 4-6:30pm and servers will be needed from 4:30-6pm. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up to help a worthy cause by visiting the Social Justice table at coffee hour Sunday July 2 and 9 or by contacting Beth Truman.

Crispus Attucks Volunteer Opportunities

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'd like to see how it's done you can come to Crispus Attucks on July 16 and 17. If you're interested please contact Jeff Caldwell.

The Crispus Attucks center is also seeking volunteers to help with their Juneteenth event on June 18, and their Golf Tournament Fundraiser on August 12. To volunteer or for more info, contact JoAnne DuBois at church, or the Crispus Attucks Center at 394-6604.



Food Bank needs:

-small sizes are best-

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

Clothing Collection

During June & 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.

Calling all knitters (and crocheters)

We need baby caps! Even if you don't regularly come to meetings, we still want you to be part of Peace Knits and participate in our group projects! This year we made a few baby blankets and are wrapping up the year with baby caps. We will be donating the blankets and caps to Women and Babies Hospital in June, so please keep sending those caps in! Patterns can be found in the knitting basket in Emerson, or online at sites like www.craftyarnCouncil.com/Jul06_kit.html. We are also thinking about participating in World Wide Knit in Public Day on June 11. If you are interested, contact Sandy Mayers. Peace Knit meetings for June will be June 6 and June 20, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Take Action on Justice Reform

Contact your PA state senator to cosponsor Senator Greenleaf's SB 100 "Get Smart on Crime." Copies of "Get Smart on Crime" are available at the Social Justice Advocates table. The bulletin board will have additional information.

Green Sanctuary

Habitat Manheim Township has as a goal the protection of all natural areas in Manheim Township and Lancaster County. Through a TreeVitalize Grant, Project Habitat Manheim Township will continue their wetlands and streams revitalization work at Overlook Park. With that objective in mind they will be sponsoring on Tuesday June 21, 2011 from 2-5:30pm, a workshop at the Manheim Township Library to prepare volunteers in the tasks related to stream restoration. The speakers' topics include overview of riparian buffers, buffer planning, site analysis and native plantings and maintenance. Stop at the Social Justice Advocates table during coffee hour to register as volunteer. For further information contact Jose E. Diaz.

Food Bank Info-Sharing and Recruitment:

Following Sunday, June 5 service, Dave Magill and Greg Seigworth invite food bank volunteers (past, present, and future) to meet briefly to share information about stocking, buying, packing, and more. Everyone with experience and/or interest in our food bank is welcome. If you're a current volunteer, bring a friend! The meeting should take 30-45 minutes. We hope to recruit a few new food bank volunteers, update people on changes, and share insights about various food bank tasks.

Community Partners and SJA

Community Partners and SJA will hold a joint meeting on **Sunday, June 12 at 9:00** in Room 201. Plans will be discussed for current projects as well as new ideas. Please join us as we reach out to our community and help make Lancaster a better place in which to live and work.

Dalai Lama's Birthday

Anne Mason's daughter, Emily, has sent this request to our congregation. Emily is living at the Garchen Institute, a Tibetan Buddhist Center in Arizona. They are looking for people to participate in the following project from the organizers of the Kalachakra Empowerment, during which His Holiness the Dalai Lama's birthday will take place:

"Please help spread the word about a simple, free, and meaningful way to honor the birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on July 6, 2011.

It's called Pledge an Act of Kindness. Find it at <http://kalachakra2011.com/actsofKindness.html>.

You'll find a box, a space where you can enter your personal pledge of an Act of Kindness. We will print the pledges out, give them to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on his birthday, and tell him all these acts of kindness were done in honor of him, his life, and his teachings.

We are hoping to build the number of responses to great heights.

Thank you."

Murray Grove News Update:

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

- **Grove Gatherings at Murray Grove: Musical/Artistic Coffee Houses.** Every second Wednesday of the month: 7:00-9:00 entertainment - \$10 per person; doors open at 6:30. Bring your favorite appetizers and/or desserts to share, and BYOB. **June 8 – Marafanyi:** West African Drum, Dance and Song – artistic expression combining rhythm, movement, song and spoken word in poetic motion. **July 13 – Tom Parella:** Rock, Country, R&B, Latin, Folk & Jazz. Kindly RSVP at murraygrove@murraygrove.org or 609-693-5558
- **Drum and Dance Fest, July 15-17, 2011:** *Express yourself creatively and spiritually!* All levels welcome! LEARN Afro-Brazilian, Latin and West African Drumming, African Dance and Belly Dancing, plus Drum/Dance Jams, Facilitator Performances. Drum under the full moon around our fire circle. Come for the whole weekend, or day-pass. Visit www.murraygrove.org or call 609-693-5558 for the details.

Social Justice Calendar

Food bank meeting

June 5, after service, UUCL

Green Sanctuary meeting

June 5, 11:30am, UUCL

Peace Knits

June 6 & June 20, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, UUCL

Community Partners and Social Justice Advocates

June 12, 9am, UUCL

Community Meals at Crispus Attucks

July 16 and 17

The New Stewardship *Update*

As we near the end of the first year of a re-imagined Stewardship program at UUCL, how is it going?

The Stewardship Task Force identified several “Principles” which now guide our efforts to encourage everyone to support the church financially (read the full document at www.uuclonline.org/stewardship/new-stewardship.pdf).

One of those principles reminds us that different people are motivated to give for different reasons, and prefer to make gifts in different ways. This year, several methods were used to reach out to households of members and friends:

- about 50 “households” (including a majority of newer people) got together in small groups to talk about the church, how they might be more involved, and how stewardship works at UUCL
- another 50 mostly long-term members have (or soon will be) invited to one-on-one conversations about the church, and their contribution
- 60 households, not currently “pledging,” received a letter encouraging them to determine a contribution amount that is ***both affordable and represents a serious commitment*** - another of our principles.
- almost 150 currently pledging households received a letter thanking them for their continued support, and encouraging them to consider an increase of 3% or 5% in the coming year. Sending in the reply form was optional – the letter made it clear that if we didn’t hear otherwise, the church would assume the amount of their financial support will stay the same.
- finally, the “Take Up the Challenge” effort over the last month – which at this writing is only \$2,600 short of its \$30,000 goal – provided another opportunity for people to contribute. As many as 25% of contributors to that campaign had not made a prior pledge in 2010-11.

Financial results are still preliminary (look for firmer numbers at the June 12 Congregational Meeting, final numbers after July 1). Nevertheless, several things are already clear. First, this approach allows us to spend more time with people who are new to UUCL and need information about how they might become part of the UUCL community. Since ***commitment follows involvement***, this is a good way to ***use human and financial resources responsibly***. Second, since most people who contribute do so consistently, setting a goal of making sure everyone has an opportunity for a personal interaction at least every other year also seems like a good way to use precious resources of time and energy. Third, spreading out the stewardship efforts and messages throughout the year has prevented the dreaded “stewardship anxiety” that has been an all-too-familiar part of spring in previous years.

One major focus in the New Stewardship program is a shift away from chasing people with pledge forms, and affirming that the responsibility for making a financial commitment belongs with each member or friend. The church’s job is to make it easy.

You can always go online (www.uuclonline.org/stewardship) to adjust the amount or timing of your pledge, or to make a one-time gift to the church in any of a number of areas. If you’d prefer to talk to a person, or if you have any questions, please call Nadinne Ziegler, Director of Administration and Finance at 393-1733 x206, Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 5pm.

Another principle states ***all contributions are important***, and must be acknowledged by leaders. Your contributions of time, participation, and good questions are also precious gifts. *Thanks for your help in making the shift to the New Stewardship together!*



Worship and Spirituality

Summer Solstice and Church Picnic

As summer arrives, we honor this earth holiday with music, myth, dance, and circles of connections with friends. On **Sunday, June 19** the UUCL Summer Solstice Celebration and the All Church Picnic will be at the Lancaster County Park, Pavilion #3. **Gathering at 10am. The service will begin at 10:30am**, to be followed with a potluck picnic and a choice of activities focused on fellowship and ushering in the summer season. The Summer Solstice is the longest daylight time of the year and marks the end of spring and the start of the season of flower and fruit. Join us for a welcoming and open celebration for families, singles, couples and friends.



The Lancaster Labyrinth

On Sunday, June 5, the labyrinth will be open in Founders' Hall and welcomes everyone. The spring season is on the wane and summer approaches as the wheel of the year circles and spins. Walking the labyrinth can be a way to open to the wonders of the seasons and prepare for the glorious bursting forth of summer days and earth's abundance. Come walk the labyrinth as tenders Carol Stewart and Judy Hurlbut greet and guide you upon entry.

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.

If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.

—Buddha

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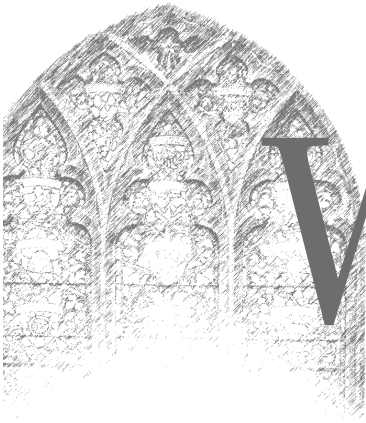
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*“Wonder rather than doubt
is the root of knowledge.”*

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

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