



# Windows

March 2010

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 March...

**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.

**March 5 11:30 2010 Friday Lenten Luncheon at UUCL—See pg. 3**

**7pm Coffee House—See pg. 7**

**March 7 Multigenerational Worship, 9am and 11am: "Being Right, Doing Right, Setting Right"**

Our March theme of Righteousness will be introduced with a story for all ages by Chris Buice.

Rev. Peter Newport preaching. Worship Associate: Greg Seigworth. Music: Jackie Seigworth

**1-4pm Lancaster Labyrinth**

**March 12 Interfaith Film Viewing at Community Mennonite Church.** Details in All Church email.

**March 14 Worship, 9am and 11am: "The Courage of our Convictions"** All of us have had moments when we know we're right - even if the rest of the world sees it differently. Our tradition has long depended on "freedom of conscience" to guide our religious path toward truth and right living.

How do courage and humility meet, at that place of certainty?

Rev. Patricia Hart preaching. Worship Associate: Francine Taylor. Music: UUCL Choir

**Mar. 19-20 Social Justice Empowerment Workshop,** see pg. 8 for details.

**March 21 Worship, 9am and 11am**

Warmly welcome Nathan Deron of our youth group, who is preaching today.

Rev. Peter Newport will lead the service; Worship Associate: Greg Seigworth.

Music: Claudia Ruoff and the All Ages Choir.

**March 28 Multigenerational Worship, 9am and 11am: "To Build Up the Church"**

Join us as we celebrate our church's role as "a liberal voice in Lancaster for over 100 years," and our participation in Justice Sunday. We will honor the extraordinary generosity of Art Walters and his hope that UUCL might make Unitarian Universalist values widely know and practices in our community. How shall we live out that legacy. Children 1st Grade and older attend worship; younger children have activities in the first floor classroom.

Rev. Patricia Hart will lead the service. Worship Associate: Francine Taylor. Music: "One Voice" Band, and UUCL Choir

**10:15am Visitors' Information Gathering—See pg. 2**

**12:30pm Seder Dinner**

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## Abbondanza!

After February's forced inactivity and snowy holidays, March comes in like a lion. For those of you who have heard that The Old Farmer's Almanac is predicting "the mother of all snowstorms" sometime in early March, here's our local long range forecast from that same revered source:

*MARCH 2010: temperature 34.5° (4.5° below avg.); precipitation 2" (1" below avg.); Mar 1-5: Snow, then sunny, cold; Mar 6-13: Periods of rain and snow, chilly; Mar 14-15: Sunny, cold; Mar 16-19: Rain, cool; Mar 20-26: Rain and snow showers, chilly; Mar 27-29: Sunny, cool; Mar 30-31: T-storms, turning warm.*

That could mean twenty more inches of snow, but let's hope not! So let the wind blow, turn up your collar, fasten your seat belts and hang onto your hat. March begins the second half of the church year, and there's a lot to look forward to right away. Let's start with the stuff that was postponed in February.

Over 50 people signed up for the **Social Justice Empowerment Workshop** that was snowed out in February. **It has been rescheduled for March 19-20.** This workshop will be critical for setting the Social Justice compass so we can more readily accomplish our vision and truly "Move the World."

Here's a question: If social justice empowerment is an important thing for Unitarian Universalists to engage in, why shouldn't we involve the communities with whom we may partner, or to whom we may be accountable, in this training? Is our situation so unique that others might not be invited to learn along with us? I don't have an answer for this one, but we hide our light under a bushel if we don't draw in the larger community as participants in our justice making, not just the deserving recipients of our good offices.

It is in that context that we participate again this year in the series of Friday **Lenten Luncheon Services** sponsored by the Northwest Ecumenical Ministerial Cluster, a group of over forty ministers and/churches ministering in or to our area of the city. I invite you to welcome the Rev. Johanna Andrits from Christ Lutheran who will be preaching on the third beatitude (Matthew 5:9) in our sanctuary at 12:15pm on March 5; or, better yet, come for lunch at 11:30 and meet some of our neighbors. Our hospitable welcome embodies our inclusive values. We're walking the walk here.

### Visitors' Information Gatherings

Sunday, March 28 at 10:15  
in Women's Memorial Room.  
Bring questions you have  
about this church or this  
faith. We'll have an informa-  
tive conversation with the  
ministers.

I will be preaching on Righteousness (Matthew 5:10) as part of this series at St. Peter's UCC, on April 2. The last time I participated in this cycle I preached on Doubting Thomas. I'm feeling like I'm on thinner ice this time. Your presence would be greatly appreciated. Once again, lunch will be served – so come early.

For those inside the congregation or out, who are wandering about looking for another way to appreciate the Lenten season, we will again offer a **Maundy Thursday Vespers Service** in which we explore how sharing bread and wine may bring all of us together as a liberal religious community. Last year Passover and Easter tracked the same calendar. This year our **Unitarian Universalist Seder** supper will kick off holy week. Information on how to get tickets for that celebration will be forthcoming soon. Rounding out

this eating together theme, the Youth Group will be sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast on March 21**. Watch the All Church Email and Announcements for details, but this is definitely a month to watch your waistline!

This abundance of spiritual gifts and spiritual values is made for sharing. I have already mentioned about how some of that wealth is being shared this month. Two other opportunities for sharing bear mention here. The first is the kickoff of our **Stewardship Development Project**, which will initially involve a number of appreciative group conversations to help us focus on what this community means to us individually and how we take care of it, as a center of liberal religious thought and action here in Lancaster. Say yes to your invitation.

Secondly, the registration deadline is approaching for our annual Joseph Priestley District Spring Meeting. As the second biggest congregation in our District, we should show up in proud numbers. Yours truly will be presenting on managing multi-staff churches. This year's topic, **"Redefining the Good Life, Faith and Values for a Sustainable Future"** is one we in Lancaster have a lot to say about. Let's have that conversation among ourselves at our Stewardship gatherings, and then let's share best practices with our sister churches at King of Prussia next month. Check out the JPD website <http://www.jpduua.org/> for further information.

Like I said, there's a lot going on.

See you in church,  
Peter

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Northwest Ecumenical Cluster presents

**2010 Friday Lenten Luncheon and Worship Services**

## "The Beatitudes, Matthew 5.1-12"

February 19 through April 2, 2010

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Donation \$4.00/person

Worship: 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Offering: Lancaster Council of Churches/Temporary Homeless Shelter

### March 5 at Unitarian Universalist of Lancaster

Rev. Johanna Andritz, Christ Lutheran Church, preaching on "The Peacemakers"

### March 12 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Rev. Paul Eyer, St. Luke's United Church of Christ, preaching on "The Meek"

### March 19 at Covenant United Methodist Church

Rev. Cathy Shiley, Hamilton Park United Church of Christ, on "Those who Hunger and Thirst for Justice"

### March 26 at Hamilton Park United Church of Christ,

Rev. Jim Day, Country Meadows, preaching on "The Merciful"

### April 2 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ

Rev. Peter Newport, Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, preaching on "Those Who are Persecuted for Righteousness' Sake"

## Righteousness

It can be hard to think about righteousness. The term conjures images of that old-man-with-the-flowing-white-hair deity that many of us have discarded or run from or simply outgrown. Alternatively, we cringe away from self-righteousness, more easily seen in others but bearing a special sting when we notice it in ourselves. So what is the benefit in spending time this month contemplating righteousness?

The back-to-back blizzards that brought routines to a halt, if only temporarily, gave some opportunities to explore doing the right thing as we shared shovels and helped dig out the neighbor's car – or, in my case, cheered on the shovellers and made the hot chocolate. We've had discussions about whether it's acceptable to save your parking spot with a chair, whether the length of time away changes the equation. Just where do these conversations move out of the realm of simple politeness and into questions of righteousness? I don't know the answer. I do know that needing to think about the question is why I am at our church.

It's fairly well established among my family and friends that I have a, shall we say, overdeveloped sense of righteousness. I find myself drifting into smug assuredness, only to be reminded that my viewpoint is often just that: one viewpoint. I need a community of fellow seekers who are willing to engage the struggle, knowing we'll disagree. I need companions who can assure me that uncertainty about the big truths can lead to richness and discovery, not just fear and isolation. I am glad to have a place to find others who will pursue righteousness, even if we won't always agree on our quarry.

This contemplation leads me to think about the many ways people give to our church. It has been a blessing to serve on a Board of Trustees committed to making our church and its vision more visible. A dedicated taskforce has put in countless hours (well, I stopped when I got past 300) drafting a revision of our Bylaws. (Look for more on that topic in this newsletter and for the next few months.) Our Worship Associates and Faith Development teachers serve us each Sunday. The Program Leadership Team coordinates the efforts of individual action groups. Our dedicated staff and our beloved ministers make our Sundays reverberate for the rest of the week. A diligent Development, Investment, and Trusts Committee is working to support the financial future of our church and its mission in the world. Our Nominating Committee strives to fill our leadership positions. Our Membership Development Council puts out the welcome mat, and our fundraising squads (who can use your help!) combine efforts to help keep the lights on. I'm sure I'm forgetting more of the people who regularly commit righteous acts in service to our community. I am exceedingly grateful to you all.

In the next weeks we'll be gathering to talk to one another and to continue our pursuit of righteousness. Come to the Social Justice Empowerment workshop rescheduled for March 19 and 20. Say yes when you're invited to a Stewardship gathering to talk about the commitments of time, talent and money that we want to make to our community. Come. Stand in Love. Move the World.

# Movin' On - Is This the Last Pledge Drive?

What do you think? How do you feel? Where are we going? Where are we NOT going? The time to lift your voice and open your ears is now, and stewardship meetings are the place. We will talk plainly about stewardship, which is more than pledging and includes service to our broad ministries and calling out to those who need to hear our message. We will confront the fact that stewardship pushes us out of our comfort zones but ultimately changes us for the better. We will ask if it is time to abolish the pledge drive. On your way home after your meeting we hope you will think:

***"I met some people I didn't know before, I learned some things about where we are going and who I am becoming because of my stewardship of our religious community, and I want to do this again next year!"***

***Our religious home is not a business and we are not customers,  
so stewardship is not a retail transaction.***

***Our leaders are not The Authority demanding our compliance,  
so stewardship is not about obedience or buying salvation.***

***Our congregation is not a poor, helpless child crying for pity,  
so stewardship is not about guilt.***

***We are a free-thinking religious community working for a better world.  
Love is the spirit of this church, service is its gift, and stewardship makes it possible.***

## **The Stewardship Meetings**

Meetings will have 8-12 of your fellow UUs including someone who has given service and can talk about his or her stewardship choices. We will examine our ministries, their costs and effects, new programs, and the cost of not doing what we do. We will complete stewardship cards that contain far more than just a space for a financial pledge; they will include questions about service, leadership, spreading our message, how we can take the next step on our mission, and how you can take your next step on yours.

Meetings will take place between March 5 and April 17 and will last about 90 minutes. More announcements will appear as the weeks pass, but above all, please remember that the stewardship campaign itself is spiritual work that can nourish our mission, and it can be something we anticipate with pleasure. When you receive your invitation, we hope you will accept it with joy.

**If you would like to be a host,  
or  
If you do NOT want to be invited to a meeting,  
or  
If you have questions about stewardship meetings,  
please,  
Let the Stewardship Team know by contacting Douglas Walcerz.**

### From Your Nominating Committee

At the Spring Congregational meeting, two UUCL members will be elected for positions on our Board of Trustees. We are beginning to talk with UUCL members about interest in serving on the BOT. A Board term is for three years, beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 31, 2013. Recommendations for trusteeship are: a supporting member at UUCL for three years and evidence of leadership in committees or task forces.

Our Board of Trustees is composed of seven members. Two members are elected each year for two years and three are elected the third successive year. Present Board members are:

Douglas Walcerz and Gary Rosecrans – retiring June, 2010; Thais Magill and Anne Osborn, retiring June 2011; and Claudia Hostetter, Christine Brubaker, and Sandra Mayers, retiring June, 2012.

The Board of Trustees elects their officers in July of the new church year.

Nominating Committee members seek conversation, interest, and recommendations from members of the Congregation. We are Fred Kinsey (653-7299), Robin Miller (354-6304), Larry Carroll (569-4320), Sharron Nelson (399-9337), and Marylin Beittel (394-6014). Look for us at coffee hour or call us. We have information about Board duties/expectations available.

— Marylin Beittel, Nominating Committee

### Do You Have a Will?

Do you have an OLD will? Forty percent of people over 50 years of age do not have a will. Others have wills over 10 years old. If you are one of these people, the Development, Investments and Trusts Committee strongly encourages you to write or update your will. Last month the committee sponsored a very successful seminar on Giving with Rev. Terry Sweetser giving advice to those in attendance. If you were not there, the committee is available to talk with you about Giving to UUCL to secure its financial future. There are several options for giving besides a will, and the committee would be happy to inform you of the wonderful opportunities. Contact David Dobbins, Alan Fehr or the UUCL office (393-1733).

### From your Acting Treasurer

If you have concerns or suggestions regarding special collections or Church-sponsored organizations please contact me at [dwalcerz@gmail.com](mailto:dwalcerz@gmail.com).

When you give a check to the Church for a special appeal or a Church-sponsored organization like the UUSC, Crispus Attucks or CHOC you should make the check payable to UUCL and indicate the special appeal or organization on the memo line. This allows UUCL to track your donations and give you a convenient one-page summary of all your charitable giving at the end of the year. If you choose to make your check payable to the sponsored organization, UUCL will send the check directly to them but will not track it in our system and you will have to get an acknowledgment from the organization if you want one for tax or other purposes. UUCL always sends the full amount of your contribution to the intended organization so whether you make the check payable to UUCL or to the organization, the full amount will reach the recipient. —Douglas Walcerz

### Caring Notes

Do you know of someone who needs a note? Could it be they are not feeling well or maybe just blue? Perhaps they haven't been to church for a while and a "hope you're doing well" note is something they would like to see. Whatever the reason, a handwritten note is always nice to receive.

If you know of someone who would enjoy a Caring Note, please e-mail their name and address (if not in the church directory) along with a brief description of why they need a note to [caringnotesgw@gmail.com](mailto:caringnotesgw@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please e-mail and I'll be sure to respond as quickly as possible. Thank you. —Georgine Wood

### Bus Trip to D.C.

**On Saturday, June 12th, 2010**, we will be taking a bus trip to Washington D.C. for the day. We have 36 seats left for a 3PM entrance time to the **Holocaust Museum**. We leave Lancaster (AC MOORE) at 8 AM and return by 8 PM. Cost will be **\$23.00 per seat** on the bus. We need to fill the bus before the end of April in order to pay for the bus. Please email Rich at [uuclmembership@gmail.com](mailto:uuclmembership@gmail.com) for details.

## Cookbook project

Got a treasured family recipe? Does it have a good story behind it? If so, the UUCL Cookbook Committee wants to hear about it! Whether inspired by Julia Child, Betty Crocker, or Chef Boyardee, the food we love has a lot to say about our families, traditions, and heritage — in other words, who we are. This Spring, the UUCL is assembling a fundraising cookbook that collects recipes, stories, and UU wisdom. We'll sell it within the church and in the community as well. But we won't have a book without any recipes! **Please submit recipes to Amanda Pavegio or Sandra Mayers by March 19, 2010.** You can share as many recipes and stories as you wish, and family members of all ages are encouraged to contribute.

## Recording Sunday Services

The Sound Crew has an opening on the 3rd Sunday at the 9 AM Service. Training is provided, and easy. Covering the basic techniques, checking the batteries in the wireless mics, listening for changes while recording. Please talk to Bob Ulrich or Rich Riccio for further details.

## Monthly Financial Review

You are invited to attend Financial Review meetings, held the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 8. At each Financial Review meeting, I present the church's financials for the past month.

If you have questions, or for a copy of the financial report, please contact me at 717-393-1733 x206 or churchadministrator@uuclonline.org . I hope to see you there.

Nadinne Ziegler  
Director of Administration & Finance

## Membership Development Council

The search is on for UU members to join Membership Development Council (MDC). Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. On April 2 at 7 PM, MDC will host a spaghetti dinner celebration for all current and **new** members. If we wish to learn more, please RSVP by contacting Rich Riccio at [uuclmembership@gmail.com](mailto:uuclmembership@gmail.com), or call 468-1842 (Voice Mail).

## Coffee House with The Chromatics

Friday, March 5, 2010, 7-10pm at the Church  
Admission: Adult \$10, Children \$5  
Refreshments Available

The Chromatics are a unique high-energy vocal band that delights audiences with a combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, melodic insights into modern life, and a smattering of science songs that appeal to all ages. Contact: churchoffice@uuclonline.org or 717-393-1733.

## Interweave needs UU!

Anyone can participate in this group by supporting LGBT issues. Developing friendships and interesting conversations about today's issues in our world. Films, potluck dinners, news events are covered. Developing contacts with other groups with similar interests. Upcoming news: A new chapter of Parents Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is now being formed. Support Hotline is 717-435-4699.

## Among Our Own

- Happy Congratulations to Sue Dyson and Tim Harkleroad on their wedding, February 20!

## Thank Yous

When you see them, be sure to add your thanks to these hardworking UUCL folks:

- to our new Sexton and snow-removal expert **Deng Akok**. Deng's hard work made it possible for us to have worship and other programs safely at the church on many snowy days.
- to the many UUCL volunteers who made and served dinner at Crispus Attucks Community Center on January 23 & 24. Several times a year you make our commitment to community partnerships real by feeding hungry people.
- to **Dave Magill, Greg Seigworth**, and the more than 50 UUCL volunteers who made our church an overnight shelter from February 15-21. You welcomed an average of 22 women each night, and created a warm and welcoming temporary home. Thanks, too, to the donations of food and clothing from several members - and especially the welcoming cards and cookies made by Sunday School kids. They were beautiful!

# Community Beyond Our Walls

## Working for Peace and Justice

by Jeffrey Caldwell  
for the Social Justice Advocates

I first met Jennifer standing outside the Obama campaign headquarters, two or three days before the Ohio primary. She was a short, somewhat heavyset woman in her mid-thirties, with dirty blonde hair, carrying her infant son in a sling across her chest. Soon after being paired together, we received a manila envelope containing a pre-screened list of likely supporters. Then we hopped into her old Buick sedan and drove out of the parking lot.

People talk about the “rust belt” and many think of a steel plant or an auto factory closing, but the reality of it draws a much starker picture. The neighborhoods of Youngstown we canvassed were overwhelmingly poor and mostly minority. We walked down oddly quiet streets where homes that had collapsed under their own weight, perhaps years before, sat resembling piles of splintered matchsticks, and the cement dust and aggregate from broken concrete foundations collected in the deep cracks that scarred the asphalt. I remember seeing houses so decayed that I couldn’t imagine anyone living in them, houses that looked like they would topple over if a stiff breeze blew through. After knocking on the front door, I’d see a hand brushing the curtain back from behind the sidelight and two eyes staring out. Many of the people were elderly and reluctant to open the door to a stranger. I’d been told by another volunteer to hold up the door hangers we’d been given, because they had a picture of then Senator Obama printed on them. Most times people would open their door to talk, even if only a few inches. They were all so terribly excited.

My memories of Jennifer stay with me vividly. She was at least a foot shorter than I am, and even with the added weight of carrying her son she walked twice as fast. Her speech was plainspoken and painfully honest, without the hedging and precaution that I had noticed in some of my other more affluent partners. She would make statements like, “I support Obama ‘cause he stands for working people,” and people genuinely connected with her; they felt her passion. We stopped halfway through so she could pick up her two daughters from elementary school, and I listened to their conversation. I remember her daughter asked about walking home from school, and Jennifer replying patiently, that even though they only lived two blocks away it still wasn’t safe for

them to walk home alone. After we finished, Jennifer gave me a ride back to the campaign headquarters. To this day, I still wish I was more like her.

The First Unitarian Church of Portland Oregon included the following statement as part of the basic beliefs of its Social Justice Council. “We will work for social justice, not because it makes us feel good to ‘do good,’ but because our work to serve others is central to our own Awakening as spiritual beings.” To me Jennifer will always stand as an example of faith, but not of a faith in God or a political candidate or even a president. Jennifer faced many of the same challenges that others might cite as reasons not to get involved, lack of education, economic disadvantage, family and work stresses. The truth is that there are always seemingly reasonable excuses to do nothing. Her faith was in the idea that her actions hold consequence. With tenacity and persistence, she—and all of us—can overcome any difficulty in our work for peace and justice, whether it be the economic disadvantages of a city such as Youngstown, or the perceived ideological barriers of a community such as Lancaster.

## Social Justice Empowerment Workshop

Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20

Due to inclement weather the Social Justice Empowerment Workshop has been rescheduled, and will now take place Friday, March 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday we will be gathering in Founder’s Hall and looking back over the history of Social Justice programs at UUCL. Those members with knowledge of church history are encouraged to attend. Saturday we will be focusing on the future, and members and friends should bring their ideas about how we can work together to make our community a better place. In addition, lunch and childcare will be available on Saturday, March 20. The workshop is available at no cost to participants due to a grant from the Walter’s Trust. Sign ups are available during coffee hour at the Social Justice Advocates table. We ask that anyone signed up for the previous February 5 and 6 dates, please sign up again; if you hadn’t planned to come in February, we hope you will decide to join us in March. Let’s find out how our faith, together, can make a difference.

## Social Justice Calendar

March 4, 7pm

**Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice**

March 9, 7pm **Social Justice Advocates**

March 19, 7pm to 9pm—Emerson Hall

**Empowerment Workshop Reception**

March 20, 9am to 5pm

**Empowerment Workshop**

March 28 **Justice Sunday**

April 5, 7pm **Book Group**, Emerson Hall

## Social Justice Book Group

Join us on Monday, April 5th, to discuss *Wild Neighbors: The Humane Approach to Living with Wildlife* by John Hadidian at 7 p.m. in Emerson Hall. Contact Holly Williams if you have questions.

Humans displace wildlife by taking over wild space; animals in turn need to figure out how to adjust, survive, explore and exploit our urban environment. Coexistence is the practical and moral imperative we confront at a time when most Americans live in urban & suburban landscapes. In this book are 35 animals — each with their own chapter — from all corners of the United States. Alligators, armadillos, bats, snakes, turtles, woodchucks, & woodpeckers - just to name a few. Each section includes the animal's classification, range, habits and public health concerns — if any — followed by problems they may cause & practical, real solutions that work to resolve conflicts.

## Get UU Values Heard in Harrisburg

UUPLAN is the UU Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network and it tries to coordinate us Unitarian Universalists to communicate all at once at opportune times to have greater impact on our legislators in Harrisburg. I am UUCL's liaison. Please check who your state senator and representative are so that you will be prepared to participate when the opportunity arises. We don't usually have a lot of notice. If you would like to be on my email list to receive communications about these opportunities, please send an email me and I will add you. Thanks!

—Karen Zipser

## UUSC Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Guest at Your Table program at UUCL and for those who started or renewed memberships with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).

UUSC is a membership organization that is independent of and receives no funding from the UUA. It depends on the active participation and financial support of its members to carry out its vital work. UUSC's status as a membership organization provides it the autonomy to advocate for justice-oriented public policies across the political spectrum—its support from member contributions makes up approximately 60 percent of its annual budget. By neither seeking nor accepting governmental funds, UUSC maintains a high level of independence.

Become a member of UUSC today or double your impact by giving the gift of membership to someone you love: \$10 for students or youth, \$20 for seniors (65+), \$40 for single membership, \$75 for dual membership. Gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched dollar-for-dollar, thanks to a generous grant from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, in Manhasset, NY.

Each UUSC membership gives the power to create positive social change. When UUSC meets with elected officials, they make it known that they represent nearly 40,000 members and supporters from around the country who are committed to positive change. Imagine if that number was 150,000. It starts with **you**. Learn more at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org).

## Justice Sunday 2010: Advancing Economic Justice

On March 28, 2010, UUCL will join with UU congregations nationwide to celebrate putting our principles into practice.

This year, Justice Sunday will focus on economic justice. While there has been significant progress in securing recognition of worker's rights as human rights, these efforts are up against bigger challenges in the context of the global economic crisis.

Our worship and social activities will spotlight issues affecting workers close to home and around the world. With the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, we offer meaningful advocacy actions, so together we can put our UU principles into action and move the world closer to justice.

## Lifespan Learning

**Grammatical sources** associate this month's theme "righteousness" with lofty, words like "virtuous." Yet my mind keeps drifting to self-righteous behavior. Perhaps the negative connotation of self-righteous behavior is a bi-product of observing individuals claim to have the morally right perspectives on hot topics like religion or politics. I find myself wanting to figure out how righteousness, the act/ability to be virtuous, can be reclaimed in my vernacular as a positive.

Each month, the church creates a challenge that relates to the theme. The purpose of this challenge is to integrate the theme into our daily lives. This month, I hope to reclaim the word "righteousness" as something that is a positive. Better yet, where do each of us display righteousness in our actions? Righteousness doesn't need to be a word applying only to people like Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi, or Mother Teresa. Certainly we each practice righteousness; we each lead moments filled with virtue.

If this is a word you struggle with too, I'd be curious to reclaim this word together and to hear your "ah ha" moments when you realize that you practice righteousness. Your insights and observations will assist me in being able to shine a new perspective on my old assumptions about the act of righteousness.

Peace and kindness,  
Kate Prisby  
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

### Facebook Friends with Kate?

Social networking is helpful for keeping in touch, but it also has unfriendly aspects like the ability to ignore a "Friend Request." UUCL doesn't have a policy on how to use Facebook, so I've come up with a personal policy. UUCL's youth group has a Facebook "Group" that's strictly for posting upcoming church events. I have a church Facebook account for this purpose. This is the only group I am social networking with on Facebook because it is how the youth prefer to get church information. For everyone else, know that my "Ignore Friend Request" on Facebook has nothing to do with a disinterest in you; it's just that I'm choosing not to use Facebook in this manner.

## Lifespan Faith Development Happenings This Month

- **Youth Adult Committee (YAC)** Sunday, March 7 at 12:15 Room 201
- **Knitting a World of Good.** New and experienced knitters are invited to knit caps for babies that are in need of warm caps. Join us on Mondays, March 8 & 22 from 7-8:30pm.
- **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat.** Sat., March 13, 6:30pm to Sunday, March 14 at 9:00am. Play games, watch a movie, & hang out with friends. Permission slips will be sent, and parent chaperones are requested.
- **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Regional Middle School Cluster Event: Amazing Labyrinths** Sun., March 21 9:00-4:00. We'll venture to York, PA, to join other UU middle school youth for worship, labyrinth activities, and pizza. Permission slips will be sent.
- **Pancake Breakfast** Make sure to grab some of youth group's delicious pancakes on Sunday, March 21 from 8am-1pm.
- **Faith Development Teacher Brunch** Saturday, March 27 from 10:00-1:00
- **6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat** Saturday, March 27 at 6:30- Sunday, March 28 at 9:00
- **Visitor's Information Gathering** Sunday, March 28 at 10:15
- **Youth Group Parent and Youth Boston Covenant Meeting** Sunday, March 28 12:30pm

## Lifespan Faith Development Thanks:

- **Terri Mastrobuono** for helping to tell February's story *One Grain of Rice* and for leading an acting workshop with the children.
- Slithering snakes, reptiles, and **Jesse Rothacker** thanks for the delightful Forgotten Friends program.
- **Phil Holzinger** a HUGE thanks for hosting the *Odyssey* youth and mentors at your retreat center.
- **Kim NobbsEvans** thank you for helping to organize the *Odyssey* bowling night.
- **Michelle Probolus** and **Kristin Broich** for filling in for Kate Prisby on Valentine's Sunday.

## New Parent Potluck

**Wednesday, March 31 Supper at 6pm, Discussion at 6:45pm.** Parents and children who started attending UUCL this year or last year are invited to a potluck. We'll have dinner as a group before offering childcare. The ministers will be available to answer questions you have about this church or UUism. We look forward to meeting you and having you meet other new parents at UUCL. Come for any portion that you can. Please RSVP to Kate Prisby in the church office, for childcare purposes, by Monday, March 29.

# Worship News

## The Lancaster Labyrinth

The Lancaster Labyrinth will be open for walking and meditation Sunday, March 7 in Founders' Hall 1-4pm. Come walk the labyrinth to nurture your spirit, seek peace, find beauty and be at one with the universe in the center. All these are waiting as you walk the spiraling paths of the labyrinth.

## Spring Equinox

UUCL Spring Equinox Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 21 at 7:30pm in Founders' Hall. This year's ritual will feature the Eleusinian Mysteries, the sacred rites of death and rebirth held in Greece for eighteen hundred years. The Demeter-Persephone myth will be enacted featuring the Mother-Daughter pair, Hades, and Hecate. The planning for this will be held on Sunday, March 7 at 12:30pm at UUCL by the Web and Wheel action team. We invite all those interested to attend the planning as this ritual will need numerous convenors to play the roles and set up the "stage of seasons" for this ambitious ritual of sacred drama.

## Office Hours

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

## Staff

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## Ministers' Office Hours

Revs. Peter Newport and Tricia Hart are usually in the office every day but Tuesday, and both are available by appointment. Please call them at 393-1733, or e-mail minister@uuclonline.org to reserve a time.

## 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 April 2010 issue is due by 9am March 15, 2010.

## Publications Coordinator Hours

Michael Eby-Good's office hours are:  
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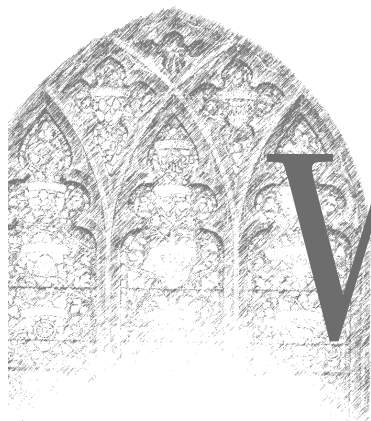
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## Food Bank needs:

*- small sizes are best-*

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



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>6:00pm Common Roads Lancaster Chapter Advisory Committee</p> <p>7:00pm Coop Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm Membership Development</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00am Red Rose Sangha Recovery Meditation</p> <p>8:30am Development/Investments and Trusts</p> <p>2:30pm Operations Team</p> <p>7:00pm UUism in American History</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00pm Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30am Lenten Luncheon and Worship</p> <p>11:30am Food Bank Packing</p> <p>7:00pm Common Roads</p> <p>7:00pm Coffee House—Chromatics</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>Multigenerational Worship</p> <p>12:15pm Youth Adult Committee</p> <p>12:30pm Spring Equinox Planning</p> <p>12:30pm Goddess Circle Planning</p> <p>1:00pm Labyrinth Walk</p> <p>5:30pm Red Rose Sangha Movie</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00pm Knitting a World of Good</p> <p>7:00pm Financial Review</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00pm Social Justice Advocates</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Red Rose Sangha Recovery Meditation</p> <p>8:30am Development/Investments and Trusts</p> <p>11:00am Full Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:30pm Goddess Circle</p> <p>7:00pm UUism in American History</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm Living by Heart</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30am Food Bank Packing</p> <p>7:00pm Common Roads</p> <p>Interfaith Gathering at Community Mennonite—328 W. Orange</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30pm 4th &amp; 5th Grade Retreat</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00am 4th &amp; 5th Gr. Retreat ends</p> <p>12:30pm Spirit in Practice</p> <p>1:30pm Odyssey Mentor Lunch</p> <p>7:00pm Wise Women Council</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Windows Due Date</p> <p>6:30pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am Red Rose Sangha Recovery Meditation</p> <p>2:30pm Operations Team</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30pm Committee on Ministry</p> <p>6:00pm All Ages Choir Rehearsal/Potluck</p> <p>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30am Food Bank Packing</p> <p>7:00pm Common Roads</p> <p>7:00pm Social Justice Empowerment Workshop - 1</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Social Justice Empowerment Workshop - 2</p>
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