

October 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 October...

**Sunday Worship:** Services held in the church sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

**Children's Faith Development:** Nursery care available every Sunday; children's programs as noted (See page 9.)

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

- Oct. 3 **Coffeehouse: Songs Stories and Southern Charm** with Meg Barnhouse—7:30pm
- Oct. 4 **Worship, 10am-11:30am: "Standing on the Side of Love" ASSOCIATION SUNDAY, NO SERVICE AT THE CHURCH; Join us at McCaskey East High School.** We will be joined by our UU neighbors from Harrisburg, York, Reading, Boiling Springs, Gettysburg and State College for a very special combined worship service and celebration of Unitarian Universalist vitality in Central Pennsylvania.  
**Special Guest speaker: Rev. Meg Barnhouse**  
**Music: "Song of Wisdom"** (from the book, *Old Turtle*) by UUCL Choir and orchestra
- Oct. 11 **Worship, 9am and 11am: "God Within"** In its original sense, enthusiasm means being "filled with God" - a concept that made many of our Unitarian ancestors quite uncomfortable. Differing opinions about the importance of head and heart in religion have been with us for a while. What might work as a 21st century perspective on liberal religious enthusiasm?  
Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching; Jeff Thal, Worship Associate. Music: Adult Choir
- Oct. 18 **Worship, 9am and 11am: "Fired Up, Ready to Go!"** The interesting thing about President Obama's "fired up, ready to go" story is that he was neither fired up nor ready to go. Where does enthusiasm come from? What does it mean if you can't find any? A look at the bandwagon effect and its implications for congregational life.  
Rev. Peter Newport, preaching. Music: All Ages Choir
- Oct. 25 **Worship, 9am and 11am: "Worship: "What Are We Doing Here?"** Peter Morales, our new UUA President, says that Unitarian Universalism is "a religion for our time." Because people today are looking for churches that teach about life, rather than doctrine; because the world needs religious communities that not only preach about diversity, but actually welcome it. Is UUCL already that kind of church? What would it take for our congregation to help lead the way?  
Rev. Patricia Hart, preaching; Jeff Thal, Worship Associate. Music: Tone Chimes Choir
- 10:15am **Visitor's Information Gathering**
- Fall Congregational Meeting following the second service.**

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## Enthusiasm!

Where does enthusiasm show up in your life? If I asked your mother, your spouse, or your best friend what makes you the happiest or the most persuasive, what would they say – is it football? yoga? politics? your children or grandchildren? the Red Sox? (oh wait, that last one's for me, not you...). We are fortunate people: even in these uncertain times, most of us have something in our lives that gets us up in the morning, raring to go; something that we love to share with others.

*“We have not  
come into this  
exquisite world  
To hold ourselves  
hostage from love.”*

~ Hafiz ~

How about religion - would you call yourself a UU enthusiast? Does the thought of our church, and especially the prospect of sharing this congregation with other people get *you* up in the morning? For Peter and me, it does... but then ministers are supposed to be enthusiastic about religion. It wasn't a minister, though, who sold me on the first Unitarian Universalist church I joined. (Just between you and me, it wasn't the building either, and it certainly wasn't the tiny parking lot.) What convinced me that I could make my religious home there were the people I encountered: their thoughtfulness, the topics of their conversation, their smiles and laughter; the quiet we made together. Without them – without their high expectations of that church and of each other, without their enthusiasm – I would most assuredly not be here with you today.

The truth is, religious enthusiasm doesn't come naturally to many of us, even after we've gotten used to thinking of ourselves as Unitarian Universalists. There's a long history of enthusiasm-avoidance in our tradition (more on that in my sermon on October 11). There have been times, though, when something more important has broken through the hesitation to blow our own horn. For the early Universalists, it was watching their neighbors lose heart as others told them that God had damned them. For 19<sup>th</sup> century Unitarians, it was society's urgent need for a religious voice to speak against slavery. For 20<sup>th</sup> century Unitarian Universalists, it was the moral struggle for human rights and justice, first for African Americans and later with our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender sisters and brothers.

There are those who are calling now for Unitarian Universalism to stand up as a “religion for our time.” Why us? Because in a world stressed by economic crisis and religious hatred, there is urgent need for a religious voice of inclusion and hope to counter the loud voices of religious division. Why now? Because the old structures of religious separateness in our country are breaking down, and we have already learned about the challenge and gift of creating a faith community that fosters unity among people of differing beliefs. Unitarian Universalism can be a religious home for many, many people who are seeking, if only we would make it easy for them to find us and then welcome them in. All it takes is enthusiasm. We need the UUA's enthusiasm to show up in the national media, and it's good to have terrific neighbors in Harrisburg, or State College, or Gettysburg. But our own particular enthusiasm is essential, too. Lancaster needs to hear our voices, to listen to our songs and hopes.

Association Sunday weekend – October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – is our chance to be enthusiastic about our religion. Many of you have told us how much you want the beautiful spiritual message of “Old Turtle” to ring out for your friends and neighbors, as it will

during our service at McCaskey East that Sunday. And I can guarantee that those who come to hear Meg Barnhouse at Saturday's Coffee House or Sunday morning's worship will not leave unchanged. Whatever else you do this month, don't miss it - invite your friends and neighbors; buy a UU chalice to wear or a tote bag to carry; be proud of what your church is able to accomplish and be in your community.

Come – let us stand together on the side of love! We can be so much more together than any of us can be alone.

See you in church.

*Tricia*

## “Unexpected Angels”

In September 6's service, I mentioned several recent books that tell the stories of real-life individuals who have taken on a challenge to help others and – against all reasonable odds – succeeded. Here are the books:

- *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and Oliver David Relin. Building schools and changing lives in remote, war-torn sections of Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, by Tracy Kidder. Dr. Paul Farmer's work to bring life-saving modern medicine to the poorest people in Haiti, and then the world.
- *Banker to the Poor* and *Creating a World Without Poverty*. Muhammad Yunus' books about microfinance, and changing world bankers' perceptions of poverty.
- *Outsiders United*, by Warren St. John. A soccer team in suburban Atlanta made up entirely of refugees boys from all over the world, and their remarkable coach, Luma Mufleh.

Read any or all of them. And by all means, tell me and everyone else other stories you hear and know about the expected people who change the world!

~ *Tricia*

# Enquiring Minds

**Fall 2009**

**Sunday afternoons 1-3pm**

**October 11, 18, 25**

**November 1, 8**

## Enquiring Minds

What does it mean to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster? Where did Unitarianism and Universalism originate, and what's happening in our faith tradition now? What turnings and way-stations have marked your own religious and spiritual journey?

*Enquiring Minds* is designed to deal with all of these questions and more, in friendly, interactive discussions led by our ministers and the UUCL Membership Council. This class is open to all who are new to our church, as well as to current UUCL members who want to learn more about our church and our faith.

The five-session *Enquiring Minds* series is offered each fall and spring.

**Sign-up online or at the Welcome Table at coffee hour, or fill out a registration form in the back of a Lifespan Faith Development booklet, found in the lobby. Don't forget to let us know if you will need childcare.**



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# STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

## **Central Pennsylvania Association Sunday 2009**

**Saturday, October 3**

**Coffeehouse:** Songs, Stories and Southern Charm  
featuring Meg Barnhouse

in UUCL Sanctuary

with refreshments to follow in Emerson Hall

Doors open at 7 pm, Program at 7:30pm

\$10 donation or \$25/UUCL family of up to 5

Childcare provided.



**Sunday October 4**

### **Multigenerational Association Sunday Service**

with Featured Minister, Meg Barnhouse

10:00 a.m. in McCaskey East Auditorium

Childcare will be provided

*The Sunday Offering will benefit the  
2009 UUA Association Sunday Fund\**

### **“Extreme” Coffee Hour**

11:30 a.m. in McCaskey East Cafeteria

Do UU like to shop? Now is your chance to buy UU T-shirts,  
reusable grocery bags, beautiful chalice art, jewelry,  
Meg Barnhouse books, CD's and more!

### **Tours of UUCL and Lancaster Labyrinth**

1 p.m. at Church, 538 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA

### **UUCL Bed & Breakfasts**

Contact Courtney Harris at [banbcoordinator@uuclonline.org](mailto:banbcoordinator@uuclonline.org)

\*All other weekend proceeds will benefit UUCL.

*We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about. - Charles Kingsley*

I sing in the choir. I don't sing in the shower. I don't automatically harmonize with a melody. I don't compose music. But I do love being part of the grand opus. Something about hearing others sing and play touches my inner being and transforms me into the essence of the experience. I become part of the music, an instrumental part of the music, indistinguishable from the whole of it. And the creation of the music in real time is different and more satisfying than passively listening to the music created by others. This is something I cannot do alone.

I come to church for the same reasons. Somehow my spiritual essence is nurtured by others who are seeking to be more in tune with their better selves. The synergy of the experience energizes me for my own journey in Life. I cannot do this alone.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster provides many venues for spiritual development. It does not do this alone.

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) provides support in many forms to its member congregations. Kate Prisby uses curricula developed by UUA for Lifespan Faith Development classes. Anne Mason uses music gathered, composed, shared, and printed by UUA for our choir. We all use the hymnals. Peter and Tricia frequently use materials available to all of us from the UUA Bookstore. Lay leaders in all kinds of ministries find resource materials and training programs for enriching the work of the church. The UUA helps us live our principles by developing congregation level programs such as Welcoming Congregation and Green Sanctuary. And when we need to find a minister the UUA provides guidance and support every step of the way. Our Principles are a work in progress, facilitated by the UUA.

We support the work of the UUA at the national and regional levels minimally with our UUA dues. At UUCL we've chosen to break out our dues to make them more visible to ourselves. We can see our contributions returned to us and enhanced by others in the activities and facilities of our church. Further support of the UUA will enhance our effectiveness in giving public voice to our Values and Principles.

When we gather with our neighboring congregations on Association Sunday, hear the music, feel the energy, enjoy the transformation that happens when people join together to grow into their better beings. The **enthusiasm** you will experience you cannot generate alone.

*Support the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.*

## UUCL LAY LEADERSHIP

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Ken Prescott

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Nadinne Ziegler

### Fall Auction—SAVE THE DATE!

UUCL's live "AUTUMN AUCTION" will be held on Saturday November 14, 2009 from 5-9pm, at Perfect Settings, an event space in Columbia, PA. It's not too early to start thinking about the fabulous items or events you can offer. So stay tuned for further details.

### UPDATED SERVICES

Members and friends using ACH or Credit Card payments for pledges, etc., can now perform the following tasks 24/7 without contacting the church for assistance:

- Change the dollar amount on an existing donation plan
- Change the account used to make donations
- Change the frequency of donations
- View a personal donation history
- Print a personal donation history

Donor reports will continue to keep authorized church personnel informed of all new online donors and donor-initiated changes.

If you have questions please contact Nadinne Ziegler at [churchadministrator@uuclonline.org](mailto:churchadministrator@uuclonline.org) or 393-1733 X206

### Annual New York Bus Trip

Sign-up for the Annual UUCL Bus Trip to NYC on Saturday, December 19 has begun and will sell-out early! We leave Lancaster from Valentino's Restaurant lot at 7:00 AM and leave NYC at 8:00 PM.

This trip is not a fundraiser for the church but a time for shared community and opportunities for education and recreation in a favorite city. Families are welcome! We all love NY, NY!

This year many may want to attend the 30th Annual Winter Consort and Winter Solstice Celebration at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, NYC. The UUCL Winter Solstice Celebrations will be on both Sunday, December 20th and Monday, December 21st.

*The NYC bus fare of \$36.00 per person should be sent to Christine C. Brubaker, 22 Birch Ct, Lancaster, PA, 17603. Make the checks to UUCL.*

Tickets for the Paul Winter/Winter Solstice Concert may be obtained at web site: [www.stjohndivine.org/WinterSolstice09.html](http://www.stjohndivine.org/WinterSolstice09.html)

### Church eDirectory available

The church directory is available in Adobe PDF format from the church office. Contact Donna Beecher at [churchoffice@uuclonline.org](mailto:churchoffice@uuclonline.org) or (717) 393-1733 for more details.

### Two easy fundraisers for UUCL

- **Web Surfing**— Do you know you can earn money for UUCL by using your computer? If you ever do online searches or online shopping, you can earn money with every search and every purchase. UUCL is registered with GoodSearch.com and GoodBuy.com. By searching and/or buying online, you can earn money for us. The money donated depends on the merchant. It is a tiny amount, but if you are like me, you do searches frequently and every one is a separate donation. You can even add a goodsearch/goodbuy toolbar on most computers to save a few clicks. Take a look!
- **Grocery Cards**—This year the church will be doing a new fundraiser involving Giant and Stauffers of Kissel Hill cash cards. These cards are good at the store chain where they are purchased and work just like cash – the church buys them at a 5% discount, so we raise 5% on the total amount sold. The cards will be available in \$25 increments during Coffee Hour.
- Here's the math: For every 50 people that buy \$100 in cards each month, the church will raise \$3000 in a year. That's pretty amazing and very much worth striving for! Leverage your buying power to help UUCL!

### Dear Members & Friends,

You are invited to attend Financial Review meetings, held the second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in Room 203. The next meeting will be Monday, October 12.

At each Financial Review meeting, I present the church's financials for the prior month ending, including the Operating Budget, Temporary Restricted Funds, the Lancaster Cooperative Preschool, and UUCL's investment accounts.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [churchadministrator@uuclonline.org](mailto:churchadministrator@uuclonline.org) or 717-393-1733 X206. I hope to see you there.

Nadinne Ziegler  
Director of Administration & Finance

### Caring Connection

#### In Our Thoughts:

- David Sprecher, who lost his mother.
- John Waggoner, recovering from a bicycle accident.
- Judi Rettich, recovering from hip surgery.
- **Update:**
- Larry Bullock, who is doing well recuperating from shoulder surgery- now doing physical therapy.
- Heather Gehron-Rice, recuperating from neck surgery, but feeling better.
- **Deaths:**
- Raymond Buckwalter: August 13, 2009, 43-year member of UUCL.
- Frances Sarkisian: August 28, 2009-oldest member of UUCL at 106 and 81-year member.
- Jeanne Clemson: September 12, 2009, 53-year member of UUCL.

### Thank You!

- Carol Stewart, newly returned to our church, who has volunteered to help with various building and property projects.
- Rob Tribuzio and the energetic Grounds Committee of the Coop Preschool, who recovered the playground from its summer overgrowth
- All of the new and continuing Ushers, Family Greeters, and Sheepdogs, who make Sunday mornings friendly and efficient; and thanks to Bob Loftin, Bill Lewis, and Cory Labrasca, who are the organizers of those three groups. We couldn't do it without you!
- The ever-expanding troupe of musicians who fill our worship services with fabulous music: Claudia Ruoff, who has assumed leadership this year of the All Ages Choir; the members of the First Sunday Band (Barry, Lorraine, Sean, Matt, Cory, Aaron, and Amy); Kevin Shaw and Heather Gehron-Rice, who are working together to lead the Tone Chimes Choir; and of course Amanda Paveglio, for piping us into our Ingathering Sunday. Thanks for sharing all your talents!

### The Lancaster Labyrinth

The first Labyrinth walk of this season will be on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 1-4PM in Founders' Hall. All are welcome, all is free, tenders are present for information.

#### "A Path of Grace"

*"Your life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation, continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way. You are on the path...exactly where you are meant to be right now. And from here, you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, of healing, of courage, of beauty, of wisdom, of power, of dignity and love." —Caroline Adams*

### Discover Your Voice

The Joseph Priestley District Women & Religion Retreat, "Discover Your Voice" is October 16 – 18, 2009. What is the power of your inner voice? Join UUCL Choir Director Anne Mason and Sonny Ditzler, drummer and performer, for a weekend workshop of breathing exercises, drumming, singing, meditation, and more.

For further information please contact Anne Slater, registrar, at [slater.anne@gmail.com](mailto:slater.anne@gmail.com) or (610) 896-6468, or visit [www.jpdw.org](http://www.jpdw.org).

## Lifespan Faith Development

In a recent conversation with a friend the question arose of how Unitarian Universalists see themselves in relation to God. Like many questions that arise in this faith, there are multiple answers. I've noticed as adults, some of us wiggle with discomfort at this sort of question. We come from many different faiths when we arrive at UUCL; some are eager to discuss God while others hope to leave God talk behind at former places of worship.

The children, on the other hand, frequently are eager to engage in conversations about God. For many of them, having an opportunity to discuss God and their relationship to God is new territory. Here are some of their thoughts:

- God is in everything
- God is in nature
- God is love
- God is a man who has angels play disco music so he can dance in Heaven
- God is a woman
- God does not exist
- God has a sense of humor
- God is in nice things, like pets
- God helps miracles happen, and many things are miracles like trees growing, fire, and the air we breathe
- God loves all people
- God is in all people

This month our church focuses on the theme of enthusiasm. It is hard to miss the enthusiasm the children and youth at UUCL display when exploring their spiritual beliefs. I encourage all of us to take a moment to chat with a fellow UU to explore the idea of how we live in relationship with the divine and with each other. Ask an adult, a child, or a teenager. My guess is that someone wants to hear your story, and that you can dig more deeply into your own beliefs by hearing someone else's.

Peace and kindness,  
Kate Prisby,  
Director of Lifespan Faith Development

### Childcare Volunteers Wanted

Are you looking for a fun, energy-filled volunteer opportunity at UUCL? The Church is looking for volunteer childcare help for non-Sunday events. If you enjoy playing with children and are creative contact Kate Prisby, Director of Lifespan Faith Development in the church office.

## Lifespan Faith Development Happenings This Month

To register for adult classes pick up a copy of the Lifespan Faith Development Program. To register for children and youth programs pick up a Children and Youth Faith Development Registration packet. Both are found in the church lobby or online at [www.uuclonline.org](http://www.uuclonline.org).

### **Knitting a World of Good** October 5, 7-9PM

Join new and experienced knitters to knit caps for children around the world. Each year babies die from a lack of clothing to keep them warm. Be a part of the solution. Registration needed by Thursday, October 1.

### **Men's Hike: Fall Country Colors** October 10, 10AM

Enjoy a five-mile scenic loop that runs through Kelly's Run Gorge that leads to a pinnacle overlook of the Susquehanna River. Meet at the UUCL at 10AM to car-pool.

### **Enquiring Minds** October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8

7-9PM Learn what it means to be a member of UUCL, about our faith's roots, and what brings others to this church. Registration is required the day of the class.

### **Women & Religion Retreat: Discover Your Voice** October 16-18 See Page 7 for more details.

**Spirit in Practice** October 18, November 8, November 22, December 6, January 24, February 14, February 28, March 14, and March 28 12:30-1:30 Join us for an exciting new curriculum from the Unitarian Universalist Association. The course explores making spiritual practices a part of everyday living. Registration is due Monday, October 12.

### **Youth Group Fall Clean-Up** October 24, 8am-4pm

Got a yard, garage, or other area of your house to clean up? Rent a crew of youth to come and do the dirty work for you. Donations for work help support the youth group's trip to Boston this April. To sign up for a crew of youth contact Lisa Sanchez at 468-6486.

**6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Halloween Retreat** October 30, 6:30pm-October 31, 10am. Enjoy an overnight at church to celebrate Halloween. Come in costume or as yourself. We'll watch Halloween movies, play games, and have fun. Male and female chaperones needed.

**Youth Group Halloween Retreat** October 31 at 6:30- November 1, 8am. Join us for a retreat at County Park. We'll have fun while celebrating Halloween!

## **Lifespan Faith Development Thanks:**

- Thanks to everyone on the Children's Faith Development Council for their assistance in running the September 12 Children and Youth Faith Development Training.
- Kristin Broich and Family Coffee Hour crew thanks for a wonderful start to the year.
- Janiece Seldomridge from S. June Smith Center for your work with district-wide religious educators on working with children with special needs.
- Kellie Pederson, many thanks for organizing the K-7th grade Hunger Bites activities.

## **HUGE thanks to all of the following folks serving as teachers, advisors, mentors, and on committees.**

### **Nursery:**

Samantha Gaud  
Evie Maldonado  
Lily Eder  
Sarah Andersen  
Erika Landis  
Elizabeth Hurst

### **Preschool Teachers:**

Evie Maldonado  
Lisa Hill  
Jessica Coulter  
Erika Landis  
Julie Dewar  
Kelsey Dewar  
Kathi Markley  
Neil Young  
Maria Mitchell  
Guillaume de Syon

### **Kindergarten–1st Grade:**

Dalia Clark-Zimmerman  
Robbie Horning  
Rebecca Gilbert  
Lynn Miller  
Lillian Pacheco  
Dara Slater  
Becky Bittle  
Chris Bittle  
Candi Jennings

### **Second-Third:**

Mona Eckert  
Maria Delamain  
Louise Hess  
Bill Patrick  
Jen Kopf  
Cat Hollenbach  
Tracy Male  
George Herr-Riser  
Karen Zipser

### **Fourth-Fifth:**

Darth Carpenter  
Rachel Moore  
Anya Porter  
Jeff Pendleton  
Brian Wallace  
Amanda Fowler  
Jeff Caldwell  
Brian Keller  
Steve Butz  
Lisa Butz

### **Sixth-Seventh:**

Jill Althouse-Wood  
Mark Wood  
Kim Patrick  
Lisa Raum  
Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel  
Tom Schlegel  
Nate Gill  
Sharon Brusic  
Bill Eckman  
Toni Ruhl  
Jeff Pendleton

### **Eighth-Ninth:**

Erika Landis  
Melissa Tribuzio  
Rob Tribuzio

### **Odyssey Mentors:**

Bill Fife  
Fred Foster-Clark  
Mark Broich  
Hoyt Kohl  
Jason Stevenson  
Deb Hazel  
Lillian Pacheco  
Beth Truman  
Darcy Pollock  
Bobbie Stewart

### **Youth Group Advisors**

Lisa Sanchez  
Tim Mayers  
Curt Evans  
Kim Nobbs Evans  
Ray Bradley

### **Children's Faith Development Council:**

Bill Lewis  
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Darth Carpenter  
Michelle Probolus  
Dara Slater  
Sharron Nelson  
Jean Herr-Riser  
Kristin Broich  
Rev. Peter Newport

### **Youth Adult Faith Development Council:**

Carl Schoon  
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Kelsey Dewar  
Kelly Brigham  
Sarah Andersen  
Veronica Willig  
Olivia Patrick  
Jamie Pendleton  
Diana Egnatz  
Matt Hurley  
Angela Irato  
Rev. Tricia Hart  
Lisa Sanchez  
Luz Meck

### **Adult Faith Development:**

Linda Rebman  
Linda Dobbins  
Kyki Bobotas  
Stock Weinstock-Collins  
Bruce Mungai  
Rev. Tricia Hart

# Community Beyond Our Walls

## Special Collection for Homeless Student Project

October's Special Collection will be sent to the Homeless Student Project. This organization has been supported by UUCL for many years and school supplies were collected in August for these needy children. There is a critical need for school uniforms for students attending Lancaster City Schools. The Homeless Student Project supports 900 students each year. These children are in the seven shelters around the city as well as living in one dwelling where two or three families are housed.

Uniforms are needed for grades K-8. A uniform color scheme is maintained. Shirts are solid white, light blue or navy. Pants, shorts or skirts are navy blue or khaki. There are no logos on the clothing.

The need is great at the beginning of school, but funds are needed throughout the year. Homeless students feel so insecure and if they cannot wear a uniform to school, they are even more vulnerable. The HSP tries to supply one new and one gently used uniform for each child. As the weather chills, heavier clothing with longer sleeves will also be needed. New students are becoming homeless and new registrants enter the schools each week. For three weeks at the end of this summer HSP outfitted 200 students. Ken Marzinko, Director of the HSP, received a bill for \$2,482.69 on September 10<sup>th</sup>. All uniforms are paid for with donated funds and 100% of the money is spent on clothing, shoes and underwear. Due to a large bulk purchase of shoes for ever-growing feet, the project was given an extra 20% discount from PayLess Shoes. Monies are always carefully and wisely spent.

Contributions will be accepted throughout the month of October and a final collection/celebration will take place on October 25.

## LAVORP Seeks Volunteer Facilitators:

Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program assists juvenile offenders and their victims to work towards reconciliation and healing. It offers a comprehensive training program and provides coaches during training and the first couple of cases. No previous experience or degree is required. Training for new volunteers will take place on October 13th (6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.), October 23rd, 24th and 31st (8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.) plus October 25th (1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.). For more information, please contact John Singer at 397-2404 or [lavorp@lavorp.org](mailto:lavorp@lavorp.org) or visit the website at [www.lavorp.org](http://www.lavorp.org).

## Holiday Greeting Cards:

Would you like to get a jump on the holiday season? UUSC Holiday Greeting Cards from last year are now on sale for just \$10! The sale of these cards helps to promote human rights and social justice, defend civil liberties and protect rights in humanitarian crises. These cards are printed on recycled paper and come in several festive designs. What a wonderful way to spread some holiday cheer while at the same time supporting the many causes and projects of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee! If you have any questions, please contact Candi Jennings at 717-548-4775. To see the designs available or to order online, you can go to [https://secure.uusc.org/store/uusc\\_holiday\\_cards](https://secure.uusc.org/store/uusc_holiday_cards) Or, if you would prefer to wait, the Social Justice Advocates will be selling this year's cards at the Social Justice table during coffee hour beginning sometime in October.

## Food Bank needs:

*- small sizes are best -*

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





## Transition Lancaster:

The Social Justice Advocates have agreed to sponsor an organization called Transition Lancaster. They may meet in the church from time to time. The group was founded by Tony Robalik and his wife, Elyse Jurgen. The idea behind it is that changes are coming with peak oil & climate change. The two said that it can be less painful "by moving communities to use less energy & become more reliant on each other by pooling collective talents and resources." If interested, you can find out more at [transitionlancaster.pbworks.com](http://transitionlancaster.pbworks.com). A TL Climate Change Working Group is being formed to respond to a call for a global action day on October 24, 2009. It will examine climate change in Lancaster and the community's response. Transition Lancaster is looking for writers who would like to contribute to a climate change zine and people that want to build real change in Lancaster around the issue of climate change. You can reach Tony at [transitionlancaster@gmail.com](mailto:transitionlancaster@gmail.com) or 215-630-8137.

## Social Justice Calendar

### Thursday, October 1, 7 pm

Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice UUCL

### Saturday, October 3, 2009, 10am to 4pm

Coalition-Based Community Organizing Workshop at First Unitarian Church, Wilmington DE

### Monday, October 12, 7 pm

Social Justice Advocates, UUCL

### Sunday, October 25

Special Collection for The Homeless Student Project.

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 pm  
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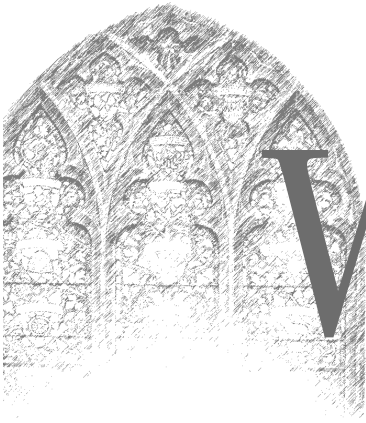
## UUCL Staff Mission Covenant

*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:

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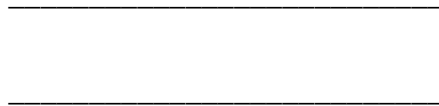
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***Important change to Windows mailings:***

In the next few months, the Church office will be moving toward email distribution of this newsletter to save money, paper and time. **If you want to continue receiving a paper copy** by mail, you need to contact the office by October 15 at 717-393-1733 or email [adminasst@uuclonline.org](mailto:adminasst@uuclonline.org). Paper copies will continue to be available in the church lobby as well.

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