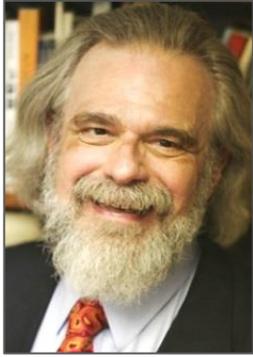




**From the Minister**



*The Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson is serving as UCH Minister 2018-19.*

As you read this issue of the **REPORTER**, the UCH is finalizing the sale of the building at 1508 Market Street to Shalom House. We will have the use of the sanctuary and adjacent office space through the end of 2019. However, the majority of those who regularly worship at Market Street have agreed to conclude regular Sunday services at Market Street on June 2, 2019.

**Worship Services**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Market, 11:30 a.m. Clover  
**May 12: Combined Service at Clover Lane**

Date	Topic	In the Pulpit
5-May	Wonderful Stories of May	Rev. Johnson
12-May	Oliver LaGrone Sunday	Rev. Johnson
19-May	Youth Sunday	UCH Youth
26-May	Folded Flags	Rev. Johnson

**Congregational Meeting**  
 1:00 p.m. May 19

Why? Here are the reasons I have heard. Once it was clear that the building would be sold, some of the Market Street attendees decided that they wanted to move forward with the process of being part of a single worshipping community in a single location. Others felt sufficiently discouraged that they did not want to drag out their disappointment, but instead move forward. Some recognized that the vote to sell the building was not a vote to end urban ministry outreach and that service and action in the city can continue without the building at 1508 Market Street.

Many of the members who identify with Market Street, including some who found UCH and Unitarian Universalism through Market Street, have participated in activities at 1280 Clover Lane. Several of these have said they do not feel as welcome at Clover Lane as they felt when they first attended Market Street. I was disappointed to hear that this was their experience.

The challenge now is to transform the UCH into a unified, mission-driven congregation. To this end, the draft Vision—developed by church members—is circulating to groups in the congregation and is included in this issue of the **REPORTER** (as it was in the April issue.) Please send me your comments at [revjohnson@uuharrisburg.org](mailto:revjohnson@uuharrisburg.org). After the summer, the Visioning process will transition into a Missioning process, with the goal of a clear, succinct, and concrete statement of the mission that can guide the congregation and communicate its reason to be (i.e., its mission) in the years ahead.

In the short term, the worship schedule will be modified to facilitate the process of consolidation. On May 12, there will be a single service at 10:30 a.m. at Clover Lane. This is the service for the presentation of the Oliver LaGrone scholarship to the chosen scholar and the presentation of the scholar to the congregation. Otherwise, the present worship schedule will continue through May. On June 2, there will be a single service at 10:30 a.m. at Market Street to mark the conclusion of regular Sunday worship in that location. The service will celebrate a decade of achievements in ministry in Allison Hill. A party will follow the service.

Beginning on June 9, there will be a single service at 10:30 a.m. at Clover Lane.

As I said in my sermon on Easter, the project of this church—of any church—is transformation. This project includes its own transformation.

*The Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson*

**A Vision of The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg in 2029 (Draft)**

The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg will support and be relevant to people with diverse ethnicities, ideologies, and abilities. It will be important in the lives of its members as a hub of community engagement, as a place of lifelong spiritual exploration, and as a family of members who care for and are cared for by each other. The church will transform lives within the congregation and among those we serve in the community. We will have built an infrastructure to live these values and to enact our good intentions.

The church will provide both digital and physical spaces to gather and act. These spaces will be a home to the congregation and will be made sacred by the energy that members bring into them.

Toward this end, we will develop a statement of intent and a strategic plan to make this vision real.

President's Message



By David Spear, President, Board of Trustees

We are completing the sale of the Market Street property. After a lengthy process and a few delays, we signed the paperwork on Monday, April 29; cash transfer is occurring even as we speak. Shalom House will now use it to continue serving people in the Allison Hill community.

I'm proud of the work that our

congregation did over the last 10 years. I was part of this congregation for all 10 years, and I saw the many amazing things that took place during that time. We did great work! We will celebrate this at the farewell service on June 2.

We will also continue our discussions about how to continue our involvement in the city, but for now, let us celebrate the many good things we have accomplished.

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The stewardship campaign and the budget proposal continue as we say farewell to the Market Street building. The sale has indeed improved our financial situation by eliminating the mortgage (on the Clover Lane building) and some ongoing expenses. We still have a shortfall to address, however. Remember that the building sale was prompted by a financial shortfall, and we must continue to address that to make ourselves financially viable.

Our congregation does amazing things, from Sunday mornings to the various ministries and outreach. All of this requires money, unfortunately. Without a balanced budget, the other

Annual Congregational Meeting

UCH members are invited to attend our annual Congregational Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Clover Lane. The meeting will cover the following topics:

- Election of trustees. Two positions are open; incumbents David Spear and Guy Dannelley are standing for re-election.
2019-20 Budget. Ed Sykes and other members of the Finance Committee will present the proposed budget for acceptance by the congregation.

Child care will be available. Members with contributions on record within the past 12 months are eligible to vote.

Submitted by David Spear

May Share the Plate: Gather the Spirit

Each month, we share half of our Sunday plate with a local non-profit organization. This month, we share the plate with Gather the Spirit.

Gather the Spirit for Justice (GTS) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings together Allison Hill residents, area organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. It was jointly founded by UCH and the Shared Ministry. It now operates out of Christ Lutheran Church, 124 South 13th Street.



Table with 3 columns: Date, Market Street, Clover Lane. Rows include trustee assignments for 5-May, 12-May, 19-May, and 26-May.

ministries cannot continue. You know this, of course, but as we make our pledges, let us remind ourselves that our contributions make our community and our ministries viable.

The majority of our expenses are for staff, including the minister, music director, accompanist, RE director, and office staff. They do vital work, although most of them are paid at the minimum allowable level. Your pledges are what make their work possible.

I ask you to be generous in your support of our community and the work that we do. At another time, we will talk about other ways to assist the church with your time and energy, but this month we must focus on financial stewardship.

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Our future continues to be bright. With your help, we are stabilizing our finances. We are moving forward together in one campus, even as we continue to reach out to those in need. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Beloved Community.

Sincerely,

David Spear

## Religious Exploration Corner with DRE Sara Palmer

By Sara Palmer, DRE



This month I'm communicating about... communicating. And for people who are busy (like yourself) and prefer a summary, here ya go:

TL;DR - You have to read stuff to know stuff. So pick one or two UCH communications and be diligent about reading them. List is below.

(TL;DR stands for "too long; didn't read" and is a way of simplifying a message.)

As an American adult with access to WiFi, I am both more and less connected to others than any time in my life. I imagine you may be the same. More connected because I can find things and people and responses almost instantaneously, and they can find me! Less connected because there are SO MANY PLACES. sending me information that it can feel like digital yelling sometimes.

On multiple occasions in the last year, I've spoken to UCH congregants who said "Oh, I didn't know X was happening" or "If I had seen your request for Y, I would've helped out." And I understand. I truly do. It's almost impossible to negotiate the literal and figurative noise around us on a daily basis. I need to set boundaries and limits for myself to feel some element of control in the world.

But (and you knew there was a but, right?) the RE Committee and I share RE events, programming, requests, information, congratulations, scheduling, and more through the following channels:

- RE Corner column in the **REPORTER**
- News You Can UU's*
- Email
- Texts
- UCH Discussion Group Facebook page
- UCH Facebook page
- UCH website
- Facebook Messages
- Phone calls
- RE Committee meetings (public welcome)
- Monthly RE Board Reports
- Paper Flyers and Handouts
- Order of Service insert

- Announcements from the pulpit
- Announcements during Story
- Announcements during Coffee Hour
- Trifold Displays during Coffee Hour
- Zoom meetings
- Face-to-face conversations

Yep. Not every platform every time, but usually at least 3-5 of them.

Part of RE's mission is to build a strong loving community. That depends 100% on communicating with children, youth, families, and adults - all people attending our church. We need to tell you what's going on, and you need to read it (or listen to it, natch) and communicate back.

So I charge each of you with the following:

- Pick two or three places where RE shares information. I strongly recommend reading Friday's weekly emailed *News You Can UU's*. (If you don't get it currently, subscribe by clicking [here](#)).
- Make sure you read or listen to those places regularly. Like at least weekly.
- If you don't know what's happening in RE, the program cannot succeed. As in: no one serves as a Leader or

Helper, no one offers to organize materials, no one responds to the call for chaperones, no one Decks the Halls, no one attends Youth Group, no one signs up for OWL, no one RSVPs for the all-ages Spaghetti Potluck (held May 4th from 5-8pm at Clover, by the way!)

If RE is one of the keystones of our church, we've got to look out for the messages on the arch. Help us out. Help us stay strong.

And while I have your attention:

### \*\*\* RE Planning Workshop \*\*\*

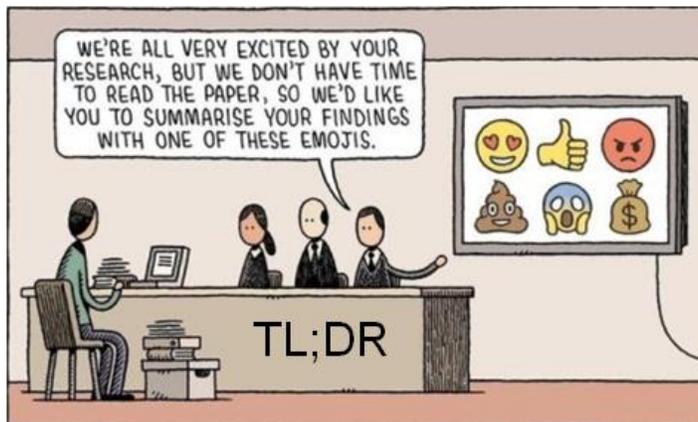
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Clover Lane

Childcare and lunch provided

Middle School/Sr. High Youth, Young Adults, and Families **STRONGLY INVITED TO ATTEND**. We need you.

RE Committee and I are co-hosting. Please come set our priorities and timeline for the next 3 years of RE. This is an action-focused event.

Any questions about anything? Comments? Feedback? Email me at [DRE@harrisburguu.org](mailto:DRE@harrisburguu.org) or text/call at 717-579-2026.

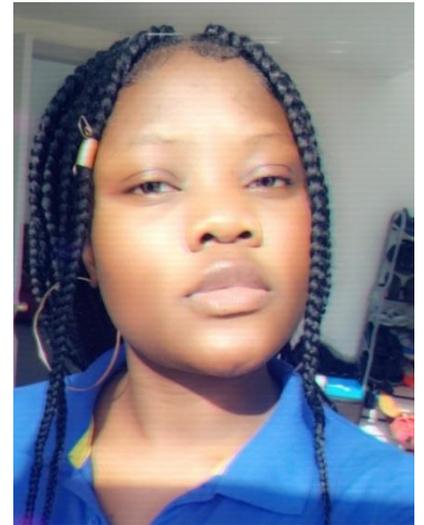


## 2019 LaGrone Scholar: Ayobami Kehinde Akingbesote

Please join us for the 27th annual celebration of the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. at UCH's Clover Lane campus. Please note: there is a single joint service May 12, with services at 10:30 and reception to follow. Current scholars and their mentors will be recognized, along with the newest scholar.

The 2019 Oliver LaGrone Scholar is Ayobami Kehinde (Kenny) Akingbesote, a 2019 graduate of John Harris campus of Harrisburg High School. She was born in Nigeria and moved to the U.S. in 2017 with her parents, her twin brother, and their younger brother. Kenny is a very determined and focused individual. She excels in school and has managed to get distinguished honors every marking period. She participated in leadership opportunities, including National Honor Society, Varsity Tennis, and President of the International Student Association. She also volunteered at City Island to clean the area for the Harrisburg Senators and at Rowland Middle School to help students who have difficulties with their work.

Kenny has a passion for saving lives and intends to major in Nursing, with an ultimate goal to become a nurse. She speaks three languages; she is currently learning Spanish and has plans to continue it in college. She is a positive influence on those who comes close to her. When not in school, Kenny likes to cook, sing, dance, knit and make new friends. UCH member Ann Stillwater, a registered nurse, has agreed to serve as Kenny's mentor for the Oliver LaGrone Scholarship.



The Oliver LaGrone scholar is selected each year by a five-person Selection Panel. This year's panel included two community members: Robert Shoaff and Gigi Bowman. Rob works at Foundry Makerspace in Harrisburg and received his latest academic credentials at MIT. Gigi Bowman was a student of Oliver LaGrone as a youngster at the Boas Center for Learning, which was located at the old Boas School building at Green and Forster Streets in Harrisburg. UCH representatives on the Selection Panel included UCH youth member Owen Trufahnestock and UCH members Alicia Smith and Aaron Cooper.

The Panel was hosted by Oliver LaGrone Scholarship Committee member Linda Brown, former Committee Chair Margaret Carrow, Chris Dutton, and current Committee Chair Rick Hawley. Student interviewees were greeted by veteran hospitality artists Joe and Betsy Heefner, who have been helping with that task for many years. As Betsy said, "I can sit right here and travel all around the world!" This is a reference to the fact that so many of our recent applicants have been immigrants to the U.S., bringing with them stories of their early youth overseas and their move to America.

— Submitted by Rick Hawley

### Join the Gift Card Program Family!!

If you shop at Giant, Weis, or Karns, you can also support the church by buying their gift cards through UCH. There is no surcharge or markup. Giant pays 10% of the face value to the church; Weis and Karns pay 5%. The \$500 a month you spend at Giant would mean \$50 to UCH, an annual contribution of \$600! The grocery gift card forms are available online or on the hallway bulletin board (near the restrooms) in the Common Room at Clover Lane and in the Fellowship Hall at Market Street.

Gift Card Sales at UCH: Gift Cards are also available for direct purchase after services, on the last Sunday of the month at Clover Lane and the first Sunday of the month at Market Street. If you have any questions about the gift card program, please email [Tavia Flanagan](mailto:Tavia.Flanagan@uch.org) or call the church office.

Thank you for your support!



## Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness: Understanding Modern Racism

Beginning in 2017, a lay-led group of UCH members and friends collaborated in exploring the [Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum](#) available from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). JD Stillwater and Karen Mallah led the 2017 workshop, and Chris Dutton, Kara Schmidt and Cordell Affeldt facilitated bimonthly “Baby Steps in Examining Whiteness” in 2018. For 2019, Chris and Cordell have prepared a monthly “Home Alone” compilation of audio, visual and text materials on the topic.

### Understanding Modern Racism

Among people you know personally, racism is unlikely to be violent or overtly bigoted. Unaware of “modern” racism? Passively accepting? Foggy? Polish your lens by clicking the links:

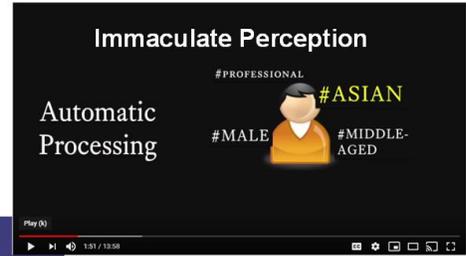
- 🎥 **Video:** *Does Racism Play a Role in Health Care* ([6:39 min](#)) Scientific view.
- 🎥 **Video:** *Immaculate Perception*, Jerry Kang, TEDx San Diego ([13:58 min](#)) Role of brain physiology
- 🎥 **Video:** *How to Fix Our Subconscious Racism--A Mixed Race Perspective*, Elizabeth Dobson, TEDxLehigh River, PA ([18 min](#)) Practical Counter-Strategies
- 📄 **Article:** “White Supremacy Culture,” Tema Okun, [PDF file](#); list of characteristics within organizations; discomfoting! Published as part of the [Dismantling Racism Works Web Workbook](#).

## Understanding Modern Racism

### IHI Open School Short:

#### Does Racism Play a Role in Health Inequities?

A Conversation Between Donald Berwick, MD, and David R. Williams, PhD, MPH



**white supremacy culture**

**DISMANTLING RACISM WORKS WEB WORKBOOK**

Talking makes learning richer. You are invited to attend the Sunday Forum at 10:00 a.m. May 5, in the Fuller Chapel, where the topic for discussion is *Racism: Intentional or Not?* Cordell Affeldt will be the discussion leader.

— Submitted by Cordell Affeldt and Chris Dutton

### Gather the Spirit

[Gather the Spirit for Justice](#) (GTS) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that brings together Allison Hill residents, area organizations, businesses and churches to address issues of social justice and economic equity. It was jointly founded by UCH and the Shared Ministry. It now operates out of Christ Lutheran Church 124 South 13th Street.

### Settling in at Christ Lutheran

Last month, a dedicated group of friends and volunteers assembled at UCH’s Market Street campus to pack GTS’ belongings in advance of the move to our new home at Christ Lutheran Church. As we continue to settle into our new home and evaluate the space and opportunities available to us, we are delighted to announce that Common Ground Community Center AKA “community hours” have resumed at our new location! Volunteers and guests are welcome to stop by between 10 a.m. and noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week. Monthly breakfasts are on hiatus as we assess the space and its kitchen facility.

### March Matchness

With the help of generous contributions to our March Match-ness fundraising campaign, we achieved--and surpassed--our \$5,000 goal! Thank you to everyone who donated to help keep the programs and services provided through Common Ground Community Center and Common Ground Café going. Every contribution plays a significant part in our ability to serve our neighbors in Allison Hill.

Additional or ongoing donations can be made [online](#) (via PayPal) or by mailing your check to Gather the Spirit for Justice, 124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

— Submitted by Gather the Spirit

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<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>QueenSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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QueenSpirit is a co-created women’s spirituality circle that meets on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, Susan Norris leads a Circle on Soul Collage. Each of us will create a collaged card from found images, for the purpose of self-exploration and self-acceptance. No artistic skill is required: just the ability to cut and paste. A brief explanation of the process will be given at the beginning of the Circle. All materials will be provided, but participants are also encouraged to bring extra pictures, magazines, scissors, glue sticks, cutting mat or cardboard. All women, and those who gender-identify as women, are welcome. Please bring a favorite dish, dessert or beverage to share. Bring your place setting and serving spoons and plates. Potluck dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. Circle starts at 7:00 p.m., ending at 8:30 p.m. Contact [Rebecca Waldamar](#) for further information



<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Forum (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Facilitated by [Fred Binkley](#), [Barb Pearce](#), and others, the group meets for an hour of discussion on Sunday mornings at Clover Lane, with varying topics. This month:

- ☺ May 5 – Cordell Affeldt talk about Racism: Intentional or Not? (page 5).
- ☺ May 12 – No forum (joint service is at 10:30 at Clover Lane)
- ☺ May 19 - Fred Binkley will lead a discussion on working class issues.
- ☺ May 26 – Guest speaker from Fair Districts Pennsylvania.

Please contact [Barb Pearce](#) for additional information.



<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>We March. We Act.</b>	<b>Off Site</b>
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Please plan to support March on Harrisburg (MoH) at the Democracy BBQ dinner at Reservoir Park, 5-7 p.m. This is the grand finale of the [March to Make Corruption Illegal](#). We march. We Act. is hosting a BBQ dinner to welcome the MoH activists to the Capitol after marching here from Philadelphia. Food items for the picnic are needed. Please [click here to sign up to donate food or money](#). Also plan to stay for the picnic to talk to the marchers about their important work. After the picnic, they would love to have you walk the final steps of the march with them as they continue to their overnight home near the Capitol. Contact [Wendy Shaver](#) for further information.



<b>Mon 6</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Amrit Yoga (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Amrit yoga is a form of hatha yoga developed by Yogi Amrit Desai. The entire process moves and stretches every part of your body for an energetic workout and includes a calming, meditative relaxation at the end. No experience necessary! Contact [Ed Sykes](#). Repeats every Monday. **No yoga on Memorial Day.**



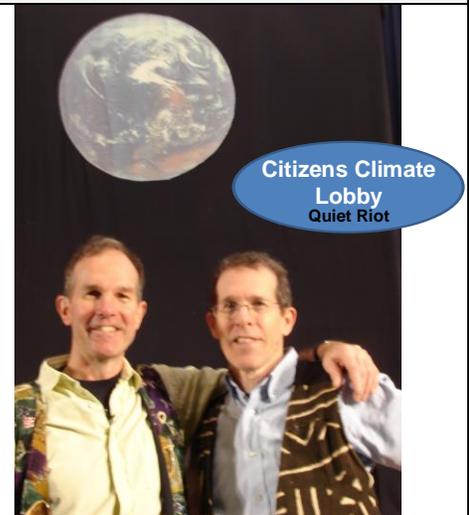
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Citizens Climate Lobby</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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UCH and Citizens Climate Lobby host [Quiet Riot](#), comedic storytellers Bill and Dave Mettler. They will present the 4-billion-year history of oil in 40 minutes. From their website:

What if we were the ones that brought an end to war for oil and forged a whole new era of energy from the sun, the wind and the heat of the Earth. What if we were the generation that stabilized the climate, brought about Peace, global security, good health and a respect for the Earth and all her communities of life.

I deeply believe we are the leaders we’ve been waiting for.

Also meet Citizens Climate Lobby volunteers from Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster, who will mobilize in June (with more than 1,000 friends), to persuade Congress about the climate benefits of carbon fee and dividend. What is exciting about this year’s lobby is HR 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a bipartisan climate resolution. Join us to celebrate, have fun, meet volunteers, and share food. Everyone is welcome. Free (donations welcome). For more information, contact [Rachel Mark](#). RSVP is appreciated.



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<b>Tue 14</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Women's Night Out (Monthly)</b>	<b>Off-site</b>
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Women's Night Out is a lay-led ministry that focuses on the friendship and support of its members and giving back to our local community. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of the month at a local restaurant, alternating locations between the East and West Shores. Each month at dinner, participants take a collection. Proceeds are divided between the Ecumenical Food Pantry and UCH. Our group meets Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. at [Empire Asian Bistro](#), 3819 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg. Please RSVP to [Chris Dutton](#) or [Diane Stables](#) by the Sunday beforehand.

<b>Wed 15</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Clover Grove (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Clover Grove is a group of earth-centered and pagan spiritualists that meets on the third Wednesday, with a program that varies based on the cycle of seasons and forces of nature. This month, Clover Grove's Yve is offering a creative workshop, where we will learn how to make chaplets from grapevine and silk flowers. We will first make hoops from the grapevine and then adorn them with colorful ribbons and pretty flowers. Chaplets can be worn as a headpiece or they can be used as door wreaths or hung on the wall for seasonal decoration.

All are welcome. Please contact [Wayne Minich](#) for further information.

<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Clover Lane Coffee House</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Clover Lane Coffee House occurs September – May, usually on the third Friday. This month, we welcome York-based Wild Hymns in their second Clover Lane appearance. The Wild Hymns are the songs of singer-songwriter Megan Woodland Hewitt (center) and her band with her husband, guitarist Jeff Hewitt, Cindy David on bass and vocals, and Ted Sadowski on drums (not pictured). Their music is a mix of modern folk with jazz and retro influences and ambient/improvisational rock and roll with touches of blues and Americana. Per their [website](#):

There is a tender sweetness to their sound as well as depth, mystery and an other-worldly quality; a blending of understated but wide-ranging, earnest and soulful female vocals with flowing and effortless guitar that evokes sounds from the folk-rock of the 60s as well as world, jazz and blues. The music and lyrics of The Wild Hymns are greatly influenced by human relationship, emotion, nature, and mysticism; they are reclaiming the word "hymn" as a song of praise to the natural world, the raw and wild human spirit, and universal/cosmic love.

Admission \$10 donation at the door, \$25 max per family. Please contact [Bill Brown](mailto:a.bart.carpenter@gmail.com) for additional information.

<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Philosophy and Literature Group (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The Philosophy & Literature Group meets on the second Sunday of each month (except May), normally at 7:00 p.m. at Clover Lane. This month, the group meets **on May 19** (third Sunday) to discuss *Leadership: In Turbulent Times*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. From Amazon:

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin demonstrates how leaders are made, not born, as she thoughtfully explores the highs and lows of four U.S. presidents who faced moments of horrific national crisis. Goodwin's clean, assured sentences set the stage as each future president discovers within himself the desire to enter politics, the calamitous blows that knocked each one down, and how they tackled the struggles that tore at the sinews of the country. Most fascinating is Goodwin's revelations about how very differently Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Lyndon B. Johnson approached not only their political careers but how they developed the character traits that helped them see—or make—a path toward a critical response that many others disagreed with.

All are welcome. Please contact [Don Brown](#) for information.

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<b>Tue 21</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>CroneSpirit (Monthly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The lay-led ministry CroneSpirit meets from 10 a.m. - noon in Fuller Chapel at the Clover Lane campus. Our topic this month is "The Mature Mind." We are:

- ☉ A discussion group for women over 65, both UCH members and non-members
- ☉ Honoring a crone tradition of conscious female aging and self-power
- ☉ For personal enrichment, such as through intellect, knowledge, comfort or companionship, anticipating a maximum of 10 women
- ☉ Sharing, listening and learning, without gossip to or about each other



We look forward to seeing you. For information, please contact [Joan Hellmann](#).

<b>Tue 21</b>	<b>6:45</b>	<b>Mindfulness Meditation Group (Weekly)</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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Repeats every Tuesday. **No MMG on May 7 and May 14.**  
 Mindfulness is an acquired skill, practiced while meditating but vital in our everyday lives. Mindfulness is helpful in reducing stress, managing pain, focusing attention, and overcoming habitual negative behavior. Mindfulness can also point the way to spiritual practice, calming the mind and developing awareness and insight.



The ability to be mindful is strengthened through consistent practice. Mindfulness Meditation Group provides a space for us to practice together in support of one another. Contact [Chuck Daley](#).

<b>Wed 22</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Humanist Lay-Led Ministry</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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The Humanist Lay-Led Ministry presents a discussion of the book *While Reason Slept*, written by Tom Brier, a graduate of Hershey High School and Dickinson College. The book is a fascinating story of the journey from America's first founding principles of reason and rationality to a country of irrationality and consumerism. Is it possible to recapture the Founders' vision of a rational Republic? Meet the author of the book, Tom Brier, who will attend and participate in this event. From Amazon:

For the past several decades, America has propelled itself into a cruel state of mass unreason. In *While Reason Slept*, Brier elegantly traces the history of America back to its founding principles, showing in no uncertain terms that the world as an idea of reason is not merely a fool's fable; it is a practical imperative. Beginning in the early twentieth century, however, America slowly began to shift away from a country of rational citizens and toward a country of irrational consumers. Brier persuasively contends that America's irrational transformation has its origins in the work of Edward Bernays, the forefather of modern propaganda (the "engineering of consent," as he called it) whose Freudian tactics of manipulation have been appropriated and expounded upon by every major influencer of the past century, from the Third Reich to Ronald Reagan to Facebook. But after diagnosing the principal causes underlying America's irrational state of affairs, Brier offers an optimistic solution for recapturing the Founders' vision of a rational Republic.



For more information, contact [Rachel Mark](#).

<b>Tue 28</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Auction Planning Committee</b>	<b>Clover Lane</b>
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**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, November 2.  
**THEME:** Celebrating 50th anniversary of Woodstock, Peace, Love & Music.  
 The Auction Planning Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Priestley Room, Clover Lane location. Come brainstorm ideas, themes, and be a part of the fun, food, & fabulous Auction Committee. Your talent and help planning the 2019 All-Church Auction is always welcome. We are looking for ideas to make this year's auction a huge success, Please contact [Patti Hazell](#) to volunteer or for additional information.

