

# Newsletter

**March – April 2015**

## **From the Board President**

After a number of years of successfully editing our newsletter, Barbara Nelson has stepped down as editor. We are tremendously grateful to Barbara for all the time and energy she put into the newsletter, and we are open to finding a new editor and/or a new way of creating the newsletter. In the meantime, I will use my rusty Word skills to cobble together a newsletter, because I can't quite bear the thought of going without one. If you have skills or ideas that we can use going forward, please let me know. Meanwhile, bear with us as we move through this transition.



We are so fortunate to have so many wonderful guest speakers. In addition to Darla Henry, Sharon Hillman, and Charles Lee, members who are also dependable and gifted speakers, we are excited to welcome Rev. Stephanie Seigh back to Harrisburg and to our roster, and we are eager to see Rev. Ann Marie Acacio again when she returns from her winter trip to Florida. In addition, in March, we welcome Dr. Raymont Anderson to our speaker list. Dr. Anderson was recommended to me by Jackie Woodside (whom I met at the 2013 Eastern Region Conference—she was the featured speaker), and I'm eager to hear him speak.

As we move into spring, let us remember to be grateful for the rebirth that spring always brings and for each other. WE are Unity of Harrisburg; we make it happen and we keep it going. So many volunteers have assisted in so much already this year. Rich Wille and Todd Wrightstone replaced the toilets in the church restrooms. Arlene Taylor has insulated and repaired walls in the balcony closet to reduce heat loss. Rich Beam and Paul Dominick have organized movie nights, and Mary Fortney continues to host a monthly game night. Rich and Barbara Beam, Arlene Taylor, and Mary Fortney have cleared snow from the parking lot and steps. Nancy Kohlstruk, Jean MacIlroy, and Darla Henry are conducting another successful book study. Kate continues to provide wonderful music. Our Youth Ed teachers provide meaningful lessons to our youth. Ushers and coffee hour hosts and offering stewards and the sound team maintain our Sunday services and wrap them in congeniality. Our minister search team continues to prayerfully and conscientiously consider minister candidates. Cherry Shogren and the office volunteers keep the office running. And the board provides confident leadership. I know that by listing names, I am running the risk of missing someone. If I missed your name, I apologize. Please know that I am grateful for each and every one of you and for all you do for our church.



*Mary*

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## Minister Search Team —Update

Our minister search team continues to review and interview candidates for our new minister. Applicants bring with them varied philosophies, ministerial experiences, and backgrounds. We explore with potential candidates their “fit” with the consciousness of our congregation, their approach to ministry, youth education and leadership. We have been organized and thorough as we review their resumes and video presentations/talks. We anticipate potential candidates will be invited within the next several weeks to meet the congregation.

Members of the Minister Search Team: Lois Batcheler, Sandy Boothe, Barbara Dominick, Darla Henry, David Mihan, Barbara Nelson, Susan Signore-Smith, Todd Wrightstone

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## Youth Education News

As I’m writing this on yet another icy cold February morning, I see the sun shining and know that spring is on its way! Here in the youth department, we are gearing up for some exciting activities in the coming months. Once again, we will be helping Rita’s service organization, Altrusa International, make and package candy eggs to sell for their annual Eastertime fundraiser. The Uniteens and YOU groups, who conducted bake sales for the fall concerts, will enjoy a trip to SkyZone. Before we know it, the younger children will be running around the yard outside Fellowship Hall looking for their Easter eggs! And in late April, several of our YOU members are planning to attend the Unity Eastern Region Spring Rally in Maryland. We’ve found over the years that involving the kids in some of these service and celebration activities is the best way to build a sense of community among the youth and families in our church. Please plan to join us whenever you can!

For the last several years, we’ve been working to “manifest our vision” of a thriving Youth Program at Unity Church of Harrisburg. We currently are serving approximately 28 youth in four age groups, with two teachers per group. Unitots (ages 2-5) are taught by Nicole Fortney and Jean Marie Morris. Unikids (grades 1-5) are taught by Amy Langer and Erin Williams. Uniteens (middle school) are taught by Jennifer King and Alicia Smith, and YOU (high school) are taught by David Mihan and Catherine Wrightstone. Some Sundays we bring some of the groups together for larger group activities, and we have also been bringing in guest speakers from the congregation. This has been a wonderful opportunity for both the children and the guests to get to know one another and appreciate the gifts we all have to share.

I would like to ask all congregants to think seriously about how you might contribute to the very worthy mission of empowering our youth with the incredible truth teachings that brought us all to Unity in the first place. There are many ways to contribute without committing to regular teaching. We would love to have some of you volunteer to join us one Sunday to share a special talent or interest. Or perhaps you want to help out with a specific event. Maybe you are artistic and would enjoy taking photos and updating our bulletin board from time to time. Or perhaps you would like to supply snacks on occasion. Opportunities abound! Please contact me if you have questions or want to join our awesome team. And if you are not already on our e-mail list and would like to stay up-to-the-minute on Youth Ed happenings, please send me an e-mail at [vcselby@gmail.com](mailto:vcselby@gmail.com). Thank you!



In love and light,

**Vanessa**



# Sunday Celebration Service

**March 1 – Darla Henry, PhD, MSW, MARS - “Keeping the Faith: Can We Live By Faith Alone?”**

Living moment by moment through the promise of Spirit.

**March 8 – Sharon Hillman, LUT - “The Void”**

Just as the song The Rose says, the seed that is buried in the winter, in summer becomes the rose. Sometimes we feel a "void" in our life, which actually is a time for our spiritual seed to rest, germinate and become the rose. Don't Avoid the Void! Bless the voids in our lives.

**March 15 – Reverend Dr. Raymont Anderson - “The Lesson of the Tea Master”**

The ten year rule says that approximately 10,000 hours makes one a master. Using the parable of the Tea Master as our lesson, we will delve into our own lives and assess what we have become or are becoming master of: masters of lack, scarcity and dis-ease, or masters of Truth, abundance, and harmony?

**March 22 - Reverend Stephanie Seigh - “A Lack of Audacity”**

Based on the wisdom of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience.” He elaborates by explaining that what holds us back from fully expressing as human AND spiritual is a lack of audacity. Together we will explore the power of living audaciously as both human and divine beings on the planet.

**March 29 – Reverend Ann Marie Acacio - “Judas, the Betrayer?”**

History has portrayed Judas as the betrayer of Jesus, which made Jesus a victim. Let's take a new look at Judas to see what part he actually played in the crucifixion.

**April 5 – Darla Henry, PhD, MSW, MARS - “Easter, Awakening to the Spiritual Consciousness of the I AM”**

Letting go - opening to the NEW in our lives.

**April 12 – Rev Ann Marie Acacio - “On the Road to Emmaus”**

Soon after the Resurrection of our good Jewish friend Jesus, he met up with two men who were travelling to Emmaus. Let's listen in on their discussion.

**April 19 – Sharon Hillman, LUT - “EARTH -- The Greatest Connection of All”**

Nature is our best friend. What causes us to have such peaceful, good feelings when we are communing with our Earth? Could it be that we are communing with our heart?

**April 26 – Charles Lee - “The Infinite Way”**

Based rather loosely on the book by Joel Goldsmith.



# Special Music



**Kate McCutchan**

- March 1 Jonathan Frazier
- March 8 Janie Womack
- March 15 Seasons
- March 22 Deb McClain & Friend
- March 29 Janet Spahr
- April 5 Unity Community Choir
- April 12 Jake Ensminger
- April 19 Voxology
- April 26 Charles Lee



**Carol Smith**

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### Having Fun with Our Unity Family

#### Unity Game Night – Food, Fun, and a Little Friendly Competition

Our next game nights will be held on Friday March 13 and Friday April 10 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for food, games, and a fun evening with your Unity family. Bring your favorite game and food to share if you like. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Mary Fortney at 717-808-7065 or [m4tney@yahoo.com](mailto:m4tney@yahoo.com). We're looking forward to having fun with you!.....*Mary Fortney*

### Ongoing Activities

**Leadership Council** – Meets the **first Sunday** of the month at 11:45 am in the sanctuary. All members are invited to attend.

**Unity Game Night** – Meets the **second Friday** of the month at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

**Healing Circle** – Meets the **second Sunday** of the month at 11:30 am in the Eric Butterworth room. Facilitated by Erin Williams.

**Unity Movie Night** – Meets the **third Saturday** of the month at 5:30 pm in the Eric Butterworth room. March's movie will be *Good Will Hunting*.





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**Purpose Statement:**

Unity of Harrisburg is dedicated to transforming lives by making the teachings of Jesus Christ practical and relevant to everyday life.

Prayer, meditation, love and individual responsibility are emphasized as the way to express spiritual maturity within each individual as well as within the community.

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