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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

March, 2006

Activities



SATURDAY, MARCH 4

6:30 PM...Lancaster Women's Night Out. Please contact Terri at (717) 393-3833, or e-mail: ET540@aol.com. Singles and couples are welcome.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8 - 10 PM...Janie Womack will be at St. Thomas Roasters (old location) 5951 Linglestown Rd., Linglestown.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Meet at 12:30 PM, parade steps off at 1 PM. It's the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in York City. If you'd like to march for pay equality for women with the York Chapter of NOW, meet at 470 West Market St. Please call ahead (717) 845-4086.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:30 - 10:30 PM...Bobbi Carmitchell will be performing solo at The Barn Door in Millersville.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

The Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg Youth Group will be having a potluck at the church, 136 S. Stratton St. Gettysburg. Food provided. The youth group willbe preparing food from the Women's Bean Project. This will include salsa, soups, breads, cookies and more. They are taking orders for food mixes as well. Samples on hand for everyone to see. Food orders filled and delivered at a later church service. The proceeds benefit the Women's Bean Project. This non-profit organization helps women learn job skills to help break the cycle of poverty. More info can be found on their web site: www.womensbeanproject.com. For more info on the potluck, please contact Kelly Elliott ay (717) 334-2920.



FRIDAY, MARCH 17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



FRIDAY, MARCH 17

8 PM...Arcona Reel Band will be playing at the Clover Lane Coffee House at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg. Admission is \$5. This is across from Leed's Restaurant on Eisenhower Blvd. (717) 564-4761.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

The Carmitchell Sisters will be at The Lancaster Dispensing Company in Lancaster. For more info please call: (717) 872-4512.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8 - 10 PM...Janie Womack will be at The Crimson Frog in the Cedar Cliff Mall, Camp Hill, across the parking lot from Gullifty's.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Women's Night Out will be meeting at a local restaurant for good food and a good time. Singles and couples are welcome. Please RSVP by Thursday, March 23 by calling Judy at: (717) 691-7533, or by email: info@lavenderletter.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7 PM...The newly formed York Women's Night Out will be meeting at a local restaurant for good food and good conversation. Singles and couples are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday, March 20 Please call or e-mail Jen at: starshin1971@hotmail.com, or call: (717) 515-6284.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

8 - ? PM...FYI - this is a special Women's History Month performance of local female performers and Janie Womackshould be great! Will be very casual venue. This will be at The Crimson Frog in Camp Hill, in the Cedar Cliff Mall, across the parking lot from Gullifty's.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

3 - 4:30 PM...Women's Coming Out Discussion at a private home in York. This gathering is created to offer support to women who are dealing with coming out and identity issues. Please call (717) 846-2089 no later than March 23.

Second Annual Basket Auction

March 18, 2006 at 6:30 PM

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Spirituality....

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...Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, UUG holds weekly Sunday services at 10:30 AM at 136 South Stratton St., Gettysburg, PA. Religious education for our young people is a top priority. Nursery care. Everyone welcome. For more information, call (717) 334-2920, or visit: www.uugettysburg.org.

...MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St. Hbg. Every Sunday 10:30 am & 7 pm. Call (717)236-7387 for information. We offer Christian educational sessions that nurture the whole person, call details and special events. www.mccofthespirit.org.

...Unitarian Universalists of the Cumberland Valley, Sundays, 10:30 am at the Meeting House, 2 Forge Rd. in Boiling Springs, PA 17007. Children's program runs concurrently. Fully accessible. Rev. Judy Welles & Rev. Duane Finkeisen, ministers. For info call (717) 249-8944, or write: PO Box 207, Boiling Springs, PA 17007.

...Unitarian Universalist Church of Lancaster, Sundays, 9 am & 11 am. Rev. Valerie Mapstone Ackerman. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733. Churchoffice@uuclonline.org Website:www.uuclonline.org.

...Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York, 925 South George St. York, 17403. (717) 845-8212. Services Sunday 10 am. Rev. Robert Renjilian, Childcare & religious education for youth provided. Welcoming Congregation.

Website: www.uucy.org.

.. Unity Church, 927 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA 17025 Services: Sundays 9 & 11 am. (717) 732-9773. Unity is a culturally diverse spiritual community, promoting positive life transformation & recognizing that all people are one in God. Website: www.unitychurchharrisburg.com.

...Vision Of Hope MCC, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA. 17554. Services: Sundays at 10:30 am, Prayer and Praise Wednesdays 7 pm, Saturdays 6 pm starting in October. Morning Children's Sunday School. Call (717) 285-9070. E-mail: Pastor Debbie Coggin, RevDebbieCoggin@aol.com, or visionofhopemcc@aol.com.

...Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Sundays 9:15 & 11 am. 1280 Clover Lane, Harrisburg, PA. (717) 564-4761. We are a liberally religious "Welcoming Congregation". We have a Freedom To Marry Lay Led Ministry that advocates for same-sex marriage and domestic partner benefits. Please join us. E-mail: office@uchuua.org. Website: www.uchuua.org.

Universalist Fellowship Of Pottstown, Sunday services 10 am. 1565 South Keim Street, Pottstown, PA19465.(610) 327-2662. Website: http://members.aol.com/ uupottstown.

...St. Michael Lutheran Church, 118 State St. Harrisburg, PA. (717) 234-0092. Sunday services begin at 10 AM. Fellowship follows the service at 11:15 AM. We are a welcoming congregation. Website: www.paonline.com/stmike.

...Temple Beth Shalom, 913 Allendale Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA. (717) 697-2662. Website: www.tbshalom.org.

...Market Square Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Chestnut Sts. Harrisburg, PA. (717) 257-1270. Church School at 9:30 AM, Sunday Worship at 11 AM. Handicapped access and free garage parking. We are a welcoming congregation. Website: www.marketsquarechurch.org.

Inspiring Quotes....

You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's cornbread - stale and dry.

-Loretta Lynn

Attention....

Circle Women's Common Roads and the have teamed up to offer a mentoring program for young lesbians in central Pennsylvania. We are looking for responsible women to serve as mentors in this program. Our goals are to create opportunities for young women to gain skills and become active advocates for themselves and their community and for older women to serve as role models and gain new ways of thinking about all of our experiences.

Over the course of a year, mentors and mentees will participate in activities that are fun and safe, while focusing on important issues for young lesbians. We might watch a film and talk about it together, or spend time with an artist creating shared artwork, take a field trip, play softball, or just have dinner together. In September, the Women's Circle will provide scholarships for participants to attend the annual retreat, held at a camp in northern Lancaster County.

If you care about our community and have a little time to help the next generation become strong and confident young women, please consider serving as a mentor. This might be the most important thing you do in 2006. For details or a copy

of the application, contact Amy Skillman at:

skillman@culturalpartnerships.org, or call (717) 238-1770.

March is....

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Please check out this website to see a listing of notable American women who are being honored this month for their valuable contributions to society. http://www.nwhp.org/whm/2006/honorees.html

...Unity Church, 37 East Main St., Palmyra, PA. 17078 Sunday services at 10:30 AM. Phone: (717) 838-7808, or email:untiyofhershey@cs.com. Dial-A-Prayer (717) 520-9710, changed daily by Pastor Julie Vance. Based on positive, practical Christianity, Unity Church's purpose is to know and express God's peace, joy and love. We have frequent class offerings, guest musicians and special events, in addition to weekly wor-We welcome you. Please visit us: ship services. www.unityofhershey.org.

...St. Macrina's United Church of Christ, Lebanon Optimist's Building, 14th & Washington Streets, Lebanon. Sunday services are at 10 AM. We are a progressive worshipping community honoring Rich Traditions, Honest Questions, Shared Experience. Whoever you are or wherever you are on life's journey, we invite you to St. Macrina's UCC. We are Open and Affirming of all God's people. Our Liturgy includes singing, prayer, conversation, silence, simple dance and Eucharist. Inquiry: (717)



WOMEN'S CIRCLE EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Remember that great post-Women's Circle Retreat buzz - new friends - great food - relaxation and the promise to get together as soon as possible? We did not forget!! Announcing the First Annual "Play, Poker, Potluck, Prose" spring mini-retreat!

1 - 6 PM...At the home of Cathy and Shoes, 347 High St. in Highspire. We will host an informal get-together - a chance to re-connect - play some games and eat. Art supplies will be available. Bring games, those beads we never used, and food to share. If anyone chooses to have an informal writing circle we can do that too, it will be great to see some of you again!! RSVP is not necessary but would be appreciated by calling (717) 350-4824.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE - WOMEN'S DRUMMING WEEKEND MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2006

Introducing the First Annual Bumbada Women's Drumming Weekend 2006.

www.bumbadawomenweekend.myevent.com

This drumming weekend will be held at Camp PUH'TOK in beautiful Monkton, MD. (http://www.camppuhtok.com)

Come all women drummers, all levels welcome. The structure of the weekend is a combination of workshop time and open time to drum and be together to honor the spirit of drumming, and the magic of an all-women event.

We will be honored to have Monette Marino of Tam Tam Mandingue teaching, Mama Kibibi Ajanku of Sankofa Dance Theater, as well as Paloma Rozales, Katy Gaughn, Aliza Thomas, Tammi Hessen and other local drumming teachers and facilitators.

The weekend is being coordinated by Tammi Hessen, a drummer and teacher from Baltimore, MD who many of you might know from the Annual Women's Circle Retreat (Tammi taught at the retreat in 2004 & 2005).

We are also hoping to have some vendors there selling drums, accessories, etc., and a massage therapist to help you relax (cost not included in weekend).

Workshops include: Drum tuning - Beginner Djembe - Ensemble workshops (playing as an ensemble) - Shekere making and playing

Space is limited to 10 participants, there is a materials fee and you will come away with your own shekere.

The website provides more information about the weekend and the accommodations, and you can register online via credit card or by mail. You can also ask questions about the weekend or help us plan it by completing the survey.

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Local Church Activities...



MCC of the Spirit 2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg (717) 236-7387

Everyone welcome.....

March 3 @ 7 PM - Friday Night at the Movies on the big screen. No cost! Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Book 2, "Prince Caspian and the Voyage of the Dawn Treader."

March 7 @ 6:30 PM - 6 Week Study and Exercise Group begins. Meet at the food court. Pastor Eva, will facilitate a discussion around the issues of Balance: Living with Life's Demands. Eat if you choose as we discuss, then exercise with friends as we walk the mall. Walk a little, walk a lot. Walk fast, walk slow. You choose! But rain or shine or snow (oh no!) we will be there! Look for the rainbow cap that Pastor Eva will be wearing!

Resource Center - we have opened a resource center! Do you not have access to the internet? We have 4 computers with access to the internet for your use at no charge! Computer classes are available for free on Thursday nights from 6 - 8 PM. (Beginners are at 6 pm and more advanced students are at 7 pm). You must sign up for the class, but there is no charge! The resource center could use a printer donated (laser preferred,but others welcomed) and some software (4 copies of MicrosoftOffice and choldren's educational software). Of course paper is always appreciated. The center itself is open from 5 to 8 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, and most week days from 9 am to 2 pm by calling ahead. Questions? Call the church office at (717) 236-7387.

Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg 136 South Stratton St., Gettysburg, PA. (717) 334-2920

All are welcome.....

Meditation sessions are occuring in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8 PM, and are ongoing. An eclectic approach is being used which could include Buddhist insight meditation, techniques practiced by the American Meditation Assoc., or meditation involving movement, dance or chanting. There are no fees but donations are welcome. For more information please contact Sara Gondwe at (717) 337-3310, or e-mail: sgondwe@pa.net.

March 21, Tuesday, 7 PM - Discussion: "Challenging Beliefs," an innovative series of evening discussions of controversial writings on religion. Under review will be "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It," by Jim Wallis (2005) Discussion moderated by Bruce Boenau. Held monthly, the series aims at stimulating thought about one's personal philosophy and religious outlook. All views are welcome. Discussions open to the public.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of York 925 South George St., York. (717) 845-8212 Monday, March 27, 7:30 PM

The GLBT Committee of the UUCY will be sponsoring:
GayIntoStraightAmerica.com - Tune into the true adventures of Two women and a Poodle, on a one-year mission to change the world. Follow Roby, Dotti, and Rylee on their one-year journey across the country

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LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE FINDING HOME FRIDAY, MARCH 24



Common Roads' original play based on interviews and stories from LGBT individuals and their allies who live in Central PA. Freedom Rings, the GSA of LVC is sponsoring this performance at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10. All money raised will benefit the production of a video which Common Roads and Freedom Rings will be able to use for publicity purposes. Anyone wishing to make a special donation towards the video production please email: bethk@1usa.com. Your name will be listed in the program if you desire. For more info: (717) 920-9534.

COMMUNITY HEALING NIGHT

Reiki and other forms of energy healing will be utilized to provide a loving, healthful environment.

This is a FREE event and is available to everyone including experienced healers, student healers and those who wish to learn more about natural healing.

We gather on the first Monday of every month. The next Healing Night will be on Monday, February 6 from 7 - 9 PM at the Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St., Fairfield, PA. For more information call: (717) 677-4914 or (717) 677-6149.

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Legislator visits between 12:00 & 1:45 PM.

For more information: www.center4civilrights.org

Website of the Month:



www.keystonehumanservices.org

This is the website for Susquehanna Service Dogs. Please join them for PawsAbilities 2006 at the Farm Show Complex Saturday, March 11 and Sunday, March 12, from 8 AM - 4 PM. PawsAbilities is a dog activity event for families with pets, professional dog trainers, and all dog enthusiasts. Bring your dog to the "Must Do" Dog Event of 2006. It's an opportunity for you and your dog to participate! Go to the website to register your dog!



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Common Roads names a new Executive Director: Michelle Simmons, who will come on board March 1, 2006. Michelle is a long time ally of the LGBT community, and was most recently the director of a statewide training program for municipal officials. She holds an MA in the Humanities and a BA in American Studies from Penn State. Michelle taught at HACC for five years where she helped develop HACC's first Lesbian & Gay Studies course. She's looking forward to working for this great organization and meeting new people and new challenges. Anyone interested in helping out at Common Roads can contact Michelle at (717) 920-9534, or e-mail her at: ExecDir@commonroads.org.

Attention GLAD community: I am a contributing writer for the Alternative Central Newspaper. I am seeking GLAD community members who are positive role models, mentors, etc., who by their actions positively influence our community and open the minds and hearts of those outside of our community. If you or someone you know fits this description, I am interested in writing about them in the Alternative Central. As a community we need to build each other up and honor people who give of themselves. By this column I am hoping to do just that, as well as, spark an interest to be more altruistic in each of us. I can be reached by e-mail at:Cntr4welnes@aol.com. Title your e-mail Lavenderresponse.

Gay? Lesbian? Got kids?

The Unity Church is exploring the need for a support group for children of gays & lesbians. We will hold an exploratory meeting for anyone who is interested in a group with this as it's mission, on Sunday March 26 at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall located next to the church at 927 Wertzville Rd, Enola. For more information please contact: sansmagic@comcast.net.

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