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A Calendar of Events for and by Womyn

April, 2006

Activities....

Happy
Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

7 PM - ?...Janie Womack will be one of several performers at the Unity Church Spring Concert. For more info please check www.unitychurchharrisburg.com. This will be a great spring concert! Unity Church of Harrisburg is located at 927 Wertzville Road, Enola. (717) 732-9773.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7 - 9 PM...Bobbi Carmitchell performing solo at the George St. Cafe, George St. in Millersville, PA. No cover and great food and coffee!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8 - 10 PM...Janie Womack will be appearing at The Crimson Frog in the Cedar Cliff Mall, Camp Hill. (717) 761-4721.

APRIL 14, 15 & 16, 2006

6TH ANNUAL CAMP REHOBOTH WOMEN'S WEEKEND REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE

Music, comedy, dancing, golf, and a whole lotta women! Holly Near and Vickie Shaw are this weekend's performers. For more info: www.beachwomensweek.com. This is a great weekend!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter everyone!!

APRIL 21 - 23, 2006

THE ANNUAL SPOKEN WORD FESTIVAL

This festival presented by the Theatre of the Seventh Sister engages a brilliant blend of storytelling and poetry, drawing artists from Lancaster, Philadelphia and beyond. Friday and Saturday at 8 PM, Sunday at 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$15. Please call (717) 396-7764 for reservations! www.seventhsister.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

8 PM...Clover Lane Coffee House, Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, 1280 Clover Lane Harrisburg, presents "Classical Gas", featuring several classical musicians. \$5 at the door and refreshments available. (717) 564-4761.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7 PM...Chambersburg Womens Night Out will be dining at Relax - the sidebar at The Orchards Restaurant in Chambersburg. Dinner and dancing with live music provided by Thique Thique, which is a really fun oldies/classics cover band with an awesome female lead singer. Please RSVP to bshuppgeorge@hotmail.com OR (717) 262-4328 by Wednesday, April 19.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

6:30 PM...Harrisburg Womens Night Out meets for dinner at a local restaurant for some good times and good food. Please RSVP to Judy at: (717) 691-7533 or info@lavenderletter.com by Thursday, April 27.

8:30 - 11:30 PM...It's the Carmitchell Sisters at El Serano's on Columbia Ave. in Lancaster. Great Mexican food!

YORK WOMENS NIGHT OUT

Please email or call Jen at: (717) 515-6284 OR starshin1971@hotmail.com to find out where and when their next dinner is.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

6:30 PM...Lancaster Womens Night Out meets for dinner at a local restaurant. Please call Terri at: (717) 393-3833 OR email: ET540@aol.com to find out where they will be eating this month. Singles and couples are welcome.

Unity Church of Harrisburg Spring Concert

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
7 PM UNTIL ?



Artists include: Janie Womack, Charles Lee and many others.

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...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 for details and special events. Website: 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. E-mail: 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@uchuaa.org. Website: www.uchuaa.org.

...Unitarian 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.

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Inspiring Quotes....

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Every problem has in it the seeds of its own solution. If you don't have any problems, you don't get any seeds.

- Norman Vincent Peale

Attention....

Common Roads and the Women's Circle 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.

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...Unity Church, 37 East Main St., Palmyra, PA. 17078 Sunday services at 10:30 AM. Phone: (717) 838-7808, or e-mail: 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 worship services. We welcome you. Please visit us: 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) 272-7844.



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.

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.

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Road Trip....

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Road trip to the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore for the Race, Class, Gender (does not equal) Character Exhibition. The artist and visionary is Lily Yeh. Admission is \$11 and students/seniors are \$7. If we get a group of 10 or more, admission is only \$6 pp. For info on the museum, go to: www.avam.org. This road trip is sponsored by The Lesbian Alliance of South Central PA. Please call Jen at: (717) 515-6284 by May 5 if you want to carpool.



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Local Church Activities....

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April 7 @ 7 PM....Friday Night at the Movies presents: The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe Series. Tonight's movie in this series is: The Silver Chair.

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 Microsoft Office and children'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.

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All are welcome.....

Meditation sessions are occurring 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.

April 18, Tuesday, 7 PM...Discussion: "Challenging Beliefs", an innovative series of evening discussions of controversial writings on religion. Under review will be "Engaging Our Theological Diversity", a report by the Commission on Appraisal of the Unitarian Universalist Association. This month Unitarian Universalists are challenged to find common ground amid their diversity of belief. Held each month, the series aims at stimulating thought about one's personal philosophy and religious outlook. All views are welcome. The discussions, moderated by Bruce Boenau, are open to the public.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL WOMENSPEAK FESTIVAL

JUNE 1 - JULY 1

Let's get personal! The women of WomenSpeak have never been shy, but this year they're really going to open up and tell it like it is! You'll learn how a body image class can lead to a lesbian adventure....what it takes to make it in the big city when you can't take the farm out of the girl....if it's possible for mothers and daughters to see each other as they really are.....and you'll experience the difficult, troubling and wondrous world of love between African-American men and women. It's a WomenSpeak Festival you can't afford to miss. Please visit www.openstagehbg.com for all the details!

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APRIL 21 - MAY 7

A Stephen Sondheim Tony winner for Best Musical. Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written - the perfect escape from life's troubles. It takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. Ticket prices are \$18. Please call (717) 737-6768 to make your reservations.

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APRIL 27 - MAY 14

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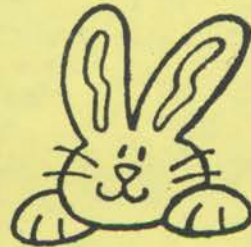
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Alternative Adventures -

Womyn's Camping Group

We recently had our Annual Meeting to figure out where we are going camping this year. As soon as we confirm our reservations we will publish our list of trips this year.

If you would like to be on our email list, please go to our website and sign up: www.altad.org. and you'll be among the first to find out where we are pitching our tents this summer.

We'll also have one day kayak events and day hikes available this summer.

Please join us.....we are womyn on the move!!



Website of the Month:

WWW.CAPITALSTONEWALL.ORG

This is the website for the Capital Region Stonewall Democrats, your local LGBT Democratic group. We have all the latest up to date info on the tracking of the PA Marriage Amendment, and lots of other great information.

Health Spotlight....



ALLERGIES

Ahhhhh Spring! Aaaaa.....aaaa....choo!! Allergy season is upon us once more! Spring is a lovely time of the year, we are delighted to see the flowers, leaves growing on trees and the return of pollen.

What to do? Many of us take over the counter meds while some of us go to our doctor for prescription meds to combat the sneezing, sniffing, eyes watering and that miserable feeling.

There are lots of websites out there that offer all kinds of info on treating allergies. Here are a few:

<http://www.webmd.com/content/article/61/71443.htm> - this one tells you which allergy meds work best.

<http://www.aafa.org> - Asthma and Allergies Foundation of America - this is a pretty comprehensive site.

<http://www.howstuffworks.com/allergy.htm> - tells you all about allergies and how they are caused. Informative.



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