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# News

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Reaching Out

## From the Minister . . .

**H**APPY NEW YEAR to all the members and friends of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship! 2008 promises to be another engaging and exciting year for us. We have two major resolutions that we are working on together, and I invite all of you to join us in fulfilling them.



First, we have embarked on a journey to answer the questions: Who are we today? Who do we desire to become? In our effort to answer the first question, the Board invited a consultant, the Reverend Tricia Hart, to join us for a weekend in October. She spent a Saturday with us listening to what some members and friends had to say about our views on welcoming, growth, religious education, the facilities, fundraising and more. Her report will be made available to you in the coming weeks. I hope you will take time to read it.

If you participated in one of the discussion groups, or if you couldn't make it that weekend, I invite you to mull over the topics in the report as they impact our present and future together. I believe we are becoming a spiritually alive and justice-centered community with the doors of our hearts open wide to all who seek a liberal religious home.

**I** hear stories all the time about how we have made a difference in someone's life because of our focus on vibrant worship, caring for one another, lifelong learning, justice making and creative fun. What brought you here in the first place, and what made you decide to stay with us? If you hesitated, what was the obstacle you had to overcome? What is holding us back from fulfilling our dreams?

Let's share through anecdotes why our fellowship is so meaningful to us. In these stories we will find hints of what will continue to make a difference in people's lives. Let's also have the courage to name the fears that hold us back and the growing edges we need to address. Naming these barriers and coming up with plans to address them will help us to mature and to matter well into the future.

The board, other leaders and I are committed to following through as best we can on the visions and plans we create. Some of our plans may be obvious and others may be creative and daring. We may discover as we move forward that some included mistakes. We'll learn from both the success of our plans and the mistakes as well. That is the benefit of being part of a covenanted community. We give one another permission to live out our dreams together and to forgive one another when we falter. What matters in plans and in life is that we give our hearts to something we care about.

Our second resolution is the vital task of hiring a new Director of Religious Education. Kim Mason, our Interim DRE, has adeptly organized and led us to a vibrant and healthy place. Now, we must find the person who will take us to the next leg of our lifelong learning journey. Elizabeth Bain, Ken Nemeth, Edith Ng, David Palmer and Janine Torsiello have agreed to serve on the Search Committee. Please, feel free to come up to any one of them with your thoughts and ideas for the future of RE.

In fellowship,

*Alison's office hours are Tuesday-Friday by appointment.*

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***Mission and Covenant Statement***

**WE**, the members of the **Morristown Unitarian Fellowship**, mindful of the rich diversity and essential oneness of human experience, covenant to weave the fabric of community from the strands of our separate lives.

This is our pledge:

- To create for ourselves and our children a spiritual home which will nurture, challenge and offer us renewal.
- To seek what is true even as we celebrate the mystery of existence.
- To reach out to all who share our liberal religious values and participate in the broader Unitarian-Universalist movement.
- To work for social justice and the well-being of our planet Earth.

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by the **15th** of the month  
preceding the one in which they will appear.

Thank you!

***From the Board of Trustees***

***Deeds Well Done***

The Board wishes to recognize the following persons for their contributions to the Fellowship:

**Dan Cohen** for co-leading the Leadership Retreat, **Joe Uhrhane** for constructing temporary shelves for the new name tags, and **Linda Clark** and **Claire Mayer** for organizing the Earth Dinner. (These deeds were submitted past the deadline for the December newsletter - with a mea culpa from the Fellowship secretary.)

Many Fellowship adults and youth have been pitching in with the Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build. Cited for special recognition are **John Oehler**, Fellowship volunteer contact, and **Toby Tyler**, who is coordinating the volunteers from the congregations, businesses and schools for Morris Habitat for Humanity. Besides being busy with phone calls and e-mail they are frequently found working at the George Street site. Other regulars at work are **Michael Hacker** and **Joe Uhrhane**. **Steve Gruber**, another Fellowship member, participates as part of the "Friday Faithful" group.

**Upcoming Board and Network Meetings**

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. *It is especially important for committee chairs and members who participate in Fellowship administration and programming to attend and participate in the Network meetings.*

This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	January 9
Administrative & Program Networks (tentative)	January 23

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the most recent meetings have been approved and are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website in the Members section.

***Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!***

## The President's Corner

One of the lessons I'm learning as a member of the Board is how to move from panic to action in 60 seconds or less.

Seriously, when I first became aware of the amount of money required not only to replace the roof but to repair/replace other aspects of the building in dire need of attention, I went into panic mode. How could a roof cost so much money? How could we not have kept up with major repairs critical to preserving our home? How could we ever pay for everything that needed to be done?

Having lived with the situation for many months now, I've moved beyond panic. Although we will face many challenges in the coming years, including financial ones, I understand that they all don't have to be solved today or this month or even this year.

However, we as a congregation do need to come together to find our common vision for the future so that we can create it together.

The time-critical nature of accepting or declining the Historic Preservation grant forced us to examine

the bigger picture sooner than we might have otherwise.

As it turns out, it's been the impetus we needed to get serious about our future as a congregation. Discussing the issues related to our building and exploring various options for expansion has generated energy for the future of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship that goes way beyond the building.

The actions we take and decisions we make are building not only our future but that of our children... and their children.

We move from panic - to questioning where we're going and how we'll get there - to determination that we will do what it takes to achieve our vision - to faith that the road we choose will take us to where we want to be.

On the path,

Carol

Carol Todd, President

## Voices of a Liberal Faith DVD

The Welcoming & Membership Support Committee and the Public Relations Committee are buying copies of this new DVD from the UUA. If you know someone who may be a UU but doesn't know it yet, please pick up a copy at the Welcome Table or Book Table and provide them with it. Please contact Susan Oxman at [soxman13@verizon.net](mailto:soxman13@verizon.net) with any questions.

## Help Wanted: A/V Volunteers Needed

Please join the MUF audiovisual (A/V) volunteers to help support our high-quality Sunday programs. We need people to run the sound board so that all can hear, and to do video recording so we can make DVDs available for people who missed the program. Sometimes a program requires projection of photos or video.

Occasionally we are asked to support additional programs held at MUF. We provide the (simple) training required. Anyone can do it. It's a fun and low-intensity way to provide a valuable service to MUF, particularly recommended for new members. Scheduling is online or via e-mail and phone calls. Contact Gabor Kiss at [muf-av@gaborkiss.com](mailto:muf-av@gaborkiss.com) to indicate your interest.

## Faith Developments

*The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms, With or without our calendars to name a certain day as the day of new beginning, separating the old from the new.*

*So it is: everything is the same, bound into its history as we ourselves are bound.*

*Yet also we stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands:*

*What shall we do with this great gift of Time, this year?*

*Let us begin by remembering that whatever justice, whatever peace and wholeness might bloom in our world this year,*

*We are the hearts and minds, the hands and feet, the embodiment of all the best visions of our people.*

*The new year can be new ground for the seeds of our dreams.*

*Let us take the step forward together onto new ground, Planting our dreams well, faithfully, and in joy.*



–Kathleen McTigue

### AS WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD

of a new year, you as a congregation stand on a threshold as well. Very soon the DRE Search Committee will be putting together an advertisement that will go out nationwide. They will interview the best candidates and within a few months select your new permanent DRE!

Your future is full of possibility! The new DRE will work with over 50 volunteers in a growing Religious Education program here at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. When I started in August 2006, 90 children and youth were registered. Today I am pleased to report there are 140 children and youth registered in the RE program!

As part of the process that informs the DRE Search Committee, many of you participated in a set of dialogues about RE. Here are some of the reasons you come to MUF:

- I want my children to have an understanding of different religious traditions.
- I want my children to have a spiritual foundation.
- I like it that we have no set dogma and that it's

OK to ask questions.

- I want my children to experience the world as a place that is inclusive of all and stresses our commonality of experience.
- I want them to learn about the interconnectedness of us all.
- I want them to have a place where it's OK not to believe.
- I want them to feel like it is OK to believe.
- I want my children to have a sense of community and belonging.
- Community service opportunities for all ages.
- Our Whole Lives!
- I want my kids to learn compassion in a place where it's OK to be a kid.
- I love Children's Chapel!
- I come to MUF so my kids can learn ethics.
- I want my kids to have the experience of growing up in a congregation whose values are compatible and reinforce my own set of values & ethics.
- I want my kids to have a place to discuss religion respectfully.
- I want my child to be happy to be here.
- A space for our children to become their "true" selves.
- I want my children to have some space apart from the rest of the world, with moments of quiet for reflection and growth.

There is a visioning process called Appreciative Inquiry in which people are asked what about some specific thing works for them or why they are a part of something. If you focus on the strengths of a program, the "why we are here," then you are directly addressing the needs of the participants. You could consider the above list as a set of priorities: as long as the above-stated needs can continue to be met at a high level, then the RE program here at MUF will make a smooth transition to the new DRE.

So as you begin a new year, as you look to the future of RE at MUF, you are planting the seeds of your dreams.

Happy New Year!

## *SCAN Cabaret Returns in New Form*

**Saturday, January 26, 7:30 p.m.**

A night of Jazz, Blues and Comedy at MUF

After 21 years, it's time to mix it up! This year marks the Service Committee Action Network's 22<sup>d</sup> Annual Benefit Concert for Humanitarian Aid for Central America. We have five exciting acts this year, including a stand-up comedienne: Jean Rohe – jazz and blues; Fraida and Frank – jazz duo; Self-Portrait in Four Colors – jazz quartet; Robin Schmidt – original jazz, blues (and maybe some honky-tonk), and Eileen Kelly – stand-up comedienne. And all of this will be brought together by the Master of Ceremonies, Jim Blanton.

For those who have attended earlier concerts, you won't be disappointed! If this is your first time, come prepared to hear some great jazz and blues musicians, sit in a cozy cabaret with your friends and enjoy the evening's entertainment, all for the continued support of the many organizations who deliver aid to Central American countries. There will also be opportunities for you to personally support some of our congregation's favorite international outreach groups, including Peaceworks and Heifer International.



The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the festivities will officially begin at 7:30.

Tickets are \$20, in advance, for unreserved seating, \$25 if purchased after January 20, and \$30 for reserved Patron seats. Light refreshments and nonalcoholic beverages (BYOB) are included. Babysitting will be available, but please call the MUF office by January 16.

Tickets will go on sale at the MUF Box Office on December 30 or by contacting Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).

## *Broadway Comes to MUF!*

**Saturday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.**

The *Music at MUF* Concert Series continues with Broadway favorites set to the lyrics of Yip Harburg, whose prolific output spanned the 1930's into the 1970's. Collaborating with such composers as George Gershwin, Harold Arlen and Burton Lane, Harburg became famous in the Hollywood, Broadway and popular music realms, writing lyrics for *The Wizard of Oz*; *Finian's Rainbow*; *Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?* and many others.

MUF's own Music Director Jim Blanton, mezzo-soprano Kate McAteer, soprano Mary Jo Reid and bass-baritone John Keating breathe new life into *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *It's Only a Paper Moon*, *April in Paris* and other favorites. For those who find today's music a bit "shocking," Blanton's rendition of *Lydia*, *the Tattooed Lady* proves that pushing the musical envelope did not begin with songs from the 1960's.

**Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.** will feature a Morristown favorite, pianist Paul Zeigler, in three of Beethoven's most famous and passionate sonatas. Mr. Zeigler will offer a pre-concert discussion and demonstration beginning at 6:30. New York's acclaimed Goliard Ensemble will perform on **Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.** in classics for piano, cello and clarinet. The season will conclude with "Jazz on the Terrace" on **Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m.**, presenting Jazz Players Anonymous, a 15-piece big band. The program will allow the entire family to picnic on the sumptuous grounds of the Fellowship while enjoying fine jazz music.

Advance tickets for February 2, at \$10-\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 13, are available at the MUF box office January 13, 20 and 27, or through mail order. Subscription tickets for the remaining four MUF concerts are \$45. For information, call 845-858-9895 or contact [music@muuf.org](mailto:music@muuf.org).

## *Upcoming Events*

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### ***First Monday Book Group***

**Monday, January 7, 7 p.m.**

The First Monday Book Group is reading *The Stick Game*, by Peter Bowen. The book for February 4 will be *Sister Carrie*, by Theodore Dreiser. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Circle Dinner***

**Saturday, January 12; deadline January 5**

Beat the post-holidays blues with a dinner with friends old and new. Sign up for a great evening at someone's home. It is a perfect time to visit with people you see here at MUF and get to know them better. The signup sheet will be posted in Room 101. Please mark your new calendars and come—sign up before January 5. You can also e-mail Carol Drake at [taffydrake@yahoo.com](mailto:taffydrake@yahoo.com). Hope to add your name to our list!!!

### ***Peace Within/Peace Without***

**Wednesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.**

As part of MUF's yearlong conversation on peace and peacemaking, its Peacemakers Book & Discussion Program continues in January with the book *Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes are High*, by Kerry Patterson et al. This book provides a “nuts and bolts” approach to creating safety and clear communication while handling potentially hurtful topics in the workplace, in families or in the community. Anyone can join at anytime. Contact Paul about key things that we hope to discuss about the book at [paulsnellgrove@gmail.com](mailto:paulsnellgrove@gmail.com).



### ***School Lunch Documentary: Two Angry Moms***

**Thursday, January 17, 7-9:30 p.m.**

At the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 53 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown

This movie addresses an issue of concern to parents: What are our children eating in school? Come with members of **Green Earth Ministry** to see this screening, sponsored by Slow Food Northern NJ. Find out what happens when two moms try to change the school lunch program. After the movie, taste healthful snacks and stay for an exclusive discussion with the film's creator and producer, Amy Kalafa. Tickets may be purchased online at

[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/25135](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/25135) for \$15.34, including service charge. For more information, see [www.angrymoms.org](http://www.angrymoms.org) and contact Linda Clark or Linda DeLap.

### ***The Art of Dé coupage***

**Friday, January 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Terrace Room**

You will learn from expert Nina Nemeth how to design and create elegant layered paper collages to adorn clay pots, boxes and other home decor items, and to customize the colors and styles. This is the first of the craft nights when you'll make sets of items - one for you and one (or more) for the MUF Spring Craft Show (in April) to raise money for Habitat! We need to make lots of lovely items to sell and need your help along with the fun! Sign up at the MUF Box Office or call Chris at the MUF Office, 973-540-1177.

### ***The Epicurean Male: An Evening of Cooking, Eating and Singing***

**Saturday, January 19, 7-9 p.m.**

Beat Barblan, Ken Nemeth, Jim Blanton

This is a night for good food, good company and lots of laughs. Beat, Ken and Jim will direct the activities. From a dinner that everyone, including vegetarians, can enjoy creating and then consuming...to singing, for those who sing in or out of tune. (There'll be some drinking songs, too!) Come with a hearty appetite and perhaps a guitar, flute, drum or other portable instrument. We'll collect five bucks to help cover our costs. Make sure you register with the office at 973-540-1177 or email [office@muuf.org](mailto:office@muuf.org) at least a week in advance so we'll know how many to prepare for.

### ***Family Meditation***

**Sunday, January 27, 10:45-11:45 a.m.**

Join Rev. Allen Wells and Kim Mason for a one-time session on meditation for beginners. Learn some simple techniques that you can take home and practice as a family. Meant to be taken together by parent and child (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up). For more information contact Kim Mason, Interim DRE.

## *“Peace Soup” Luncheon Series Begins on MLK Sunday*

**Sunday, January 20, 12:15-2 p.m.**

Stacey Patten, speaker and author of *That Mean Old Yesterday*, will be presented by the MUF-UUA Peace Team on MLK Sunday for a luncheon and talk. In her memoir, Stacy traces the human spirit’s potential for surviving abandonment and abuse by somehow summoning the insight and will to acquire the best in education. By confronting the past, forgiving and moving forward, she has reclaimed her life and hopes to have a positive impact on others.

This series of “Peace Soup Luncheons” offers MUF members and friends the opportunity to make thoughtful comments and decisions on the present UUA Study/Action Issue adopted at June ’07 General Assembly. The current SAI emphasizes peacemaking and nonviolence. Where would each one of us place ourselves in a continuum with “pacifism” and “just wars” at opposite ends? What do we mean by peacemaking? Is it primarily a personal and interpersonal process, with understanding and forgiveness for ourselves and others? How do we deal with peacemaking on the local, national and international levels?

Our Peace Team (a Social Justice Council committee) is comprised of a broad representation of MUF sectors and will offer sessions to elicit constructive suggestions for the design of our final UUA statement on Peacemaking. (See Peacemaking Study/Action Issue as adopted by the ’07 UUA General Assembly posted on the bulletin board in Room 100).

If you could help with setups and soups, please contact Eleanor Mason, Peace Team Secretary, at [eleanormason@att.net](mailto:eleanormason@att.net).

### *Our Financial Health* (Figures may not add up exactly due to truncation and/or rounding.)

	<b>October 07</b>	<b>YTD July-Oct</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledge Income	\$34,806	\$134,607	\$400,000	\$271,576
	Rental Income	\$4,300	\$12,230	\$43,500	\$31,270
	Fundraisers	\$150	\$150	\$30,000	\$29,850
	Other Income	\$432	\$1,847	\$9,500	\$7,653
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$41,117</b>	<b>\$152,067</b>	<b>\$493,500</b>	<b>\$347,616</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries	\$23,406	\$82,515	\$264,632	\$182,117
	Benefits & Prof. Exp.	\$5,045	\$20,058	\$61,301	\$41,285
	Payroll Taxes & Fees	\$1,371	\$5,798	\$17,478	\$11,680
	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$29,821</b>	<b>\$108,371</b>	<b>\$343,411</b>	<b>\$235,082</b>
	Debt Services	\$1,715	\$6,178	\$30,000	\$23,822
	Utilities	\$905	\$4,387	\$25,809	\$21,422
	Bldg & Grounds Mntc.	\$3,899	\$8,785	\$37,160	\$28,375
	<b>BLDG MNTC &amp; UTIL</b>	<b>\$4,803</b>	<b>\$13,172</b>	<b>\$62,969</b>	<b>\$49,797</b>
	Office Expense	\$1,706	\$6,903	\$19,530	\$12,627
	Business Expense	\$38	\$762	\$3,922	\$3,350
	Risk Management	(\$151)	\$2,435	\$10,330	\$7,896
	UUA Obligations	\$7,223	\$9,830	\$25,750	\$15,920
	Fellowship	\$1,623	\$1,858	\$12,100	\$10,242
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$10,439</b>	<b>\$21,788</b>	<b>\$71,632</b>	<b>\$50,034</b>
	Admin Committees	\$36	\$978	\$6,050	\$5,072
	Program Committees	\$1,753	\$2,688	\$14,175	\$11,487
	Social Justice	\$746	\$2,748	\$6,050	\$3,302
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$2,534</b>	<b>\$6,414</b>	<b>\$26,275</b>	<b>\$19,861</b>	
Religious Education	\$1,362	\$3,539	\$14,200	\$10,661	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$50,675</b>	<b>\$159,462</b>	<b>\$548,487</b>	<b>\$389,256</b>	
Difference	(\$9,558)	(\$7,395)	(\$54,987)		

### **NOTES**

1. Most income and expense lines are tracking well against our fiscal plan for the year.
2. Fundraising income is lagging. We will see growth when we recognize the income from the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our building.
3. Our biggest fundraising effort, by far, is our Spring Service Auction. We need volunteers. If you’re interested in helping out, please contact Tony Rutigliano.

*Respectfully submitted by Tony Rutigliano, Treasurer*

## *Social Justice Council*

### *January 2008 Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need*



**Holiday Fair Re-Cap!** Thank you..., everyone, for your amazingly generous support for the MUF “Gifts of Conscience” Alternative Holiday Fair 2007! As of this writing, despite the fact that our second Sunday was a “Snow and Sleet Blow-Out”, we headed in at \$18,376 and a few hardy souls braved the weather and undoubtedly took us over the top of \$20,000. We hope all your donation recipients were duly positively affected by your thoughtfulness...all the local and faraway charities we featured the fair, certainly were! (*A big thanks to Chris Reynolds, Susan Oxman, Judy Hahn, Susan Spencer, Matt & Sarahjane Rath, Dan Byrd, Jim Burchell, Cecilia Cosca, Pat de la Fuente, Ann Gaynor, Miriam Congdon, Debbie Rice and Tony Rutigliano who all helped in the general set-up and hosting work and to each and every Social Action Team and the MUF Sr. High kids/parents who fielded loyal coverage and creative offerings to attract the greatest support ever!*)

**Holiday Giving Tree Re-Cap!** Wow! Between the dozens of warm cozy items for children and laborers and the toys, books, puzzles, games and toys, MUF members and children collected over 130 items for us to give as presents to our less fortunate neighbours. The warm, cozy items went to the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen’s “Closet” which provides items such as these, just in time, every day to the impoverished and hopeful people who look to the CSK as a lifeline for food, clothing, and social services. The toys went to kids in Newark’s South Ward and East Orange to foster children and legal orphans served by NJ’s Department of Youth and Family Services. These children are among the poorest children in NJ!

**Looking Forward - January 20 – Peace Soup Luncheon Series – Kickoff** (See related article on p. 7) - Featuring lunch and special guest Stacey Patten, author of *That Mean Old Yesterday*. Powerful testimony as a prelude to Martin Luther King Day. Be a part of fulfilling the UUA 2007-2009 Study Action Issue related to “Peace.”

**Martin Luther King Breakfast Tickets** – Super community event at the Headquarters Hotel, Morristown, Monday, January 21, 8 a.m. Advance tickets (\$15) needed and available for sale from Karen Burns Rutigliano.

**Eric Johnson House AIDs/HIV Recovery Residence – Family-style dinner, Wednesday, January 2 and January 23 - 5:30-7 p.m.** Share your hospitality and/or kitchen skills by participating in hosting our two MUF monthly dinners for the residents of EJH. Contact MUF Coordinator, Susan Spencer at [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net) to receive your “assignment” – you’ll be added to the rotation.

**Morristown Soup Kitchen – Tuesday, January 8** - Thank you!! Sharon Glickman for your valiant and incredibly competent leadership to help MUF “stay the course” to meet our Fellowship’s monthly commitment for the past two/ plus years!!! The reins are passed to Michelle Kunz who asks that all soup and casserole makers continue their “UU-miraculous” support and contact her at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) to confirm what you are bringing. Store casseroles in MUF freezer prior to January 6, thereafter, in fridge. Clearly mark for Community Soup Kitchen. Contact Michelle to confirm help. More captains are needed and we express deep thanks our great crew!!

**Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner – Saturday, January 12 – 4:45-7 p.m.** – Be a bulwark against the pain and loneliness of homelessness. Bring some cheer – just be yourself and you can still have time for your own Sat: eve plans!) – Help to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. E-mail Michele Kunz – [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com)

**Next Social Responsibilities Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m. @ MUF** – Help set, organize and fulfill MUF SR agenda including supporting existing MUF Social Action groups, shared SR projects across MUF, and seasonal/special efforts. Helpssess/allocate MUF collection funds for charities. Contact: [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) or [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).

## Stop Unwanted Calls and Catalogs

Save a tree and stop those pesky catalogs that fill our mailboxes. Allen Wells has found a website that will stop unwanted catalogs. For this free service, you will need your name, address and customer number from the back of each catalog.

You may also go online to [www.donotcall.gov/reg](http://www.donotcall.gov/reg) to register your phone number if you want to stop unsolicited calls. This will remain on the national do-not-call list for five years. You may also call toll free 1-888-382-1222.

*Submitted by Carol Titus*

## Camp Unirondack Comes to Jersey Saturday, January 26, 5:30 p.m.

Camp Unirondack - a Unitarian Universalist Summer Camp in Lowville, NY - will bring fun, information and dinner to the Unitarian Church in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave. Vegetarian and Vegan-friendly food will be available. Donations toward cost of dinner accepted.

Unirondack is fun. Unirondack is wonderful. Unirondack is magic - how else would it travel to New Jersey? If you are curious about Unirondack or a past camper or just want to have fun, come that night and experience it - and bring friends!

For more information on this event, contact Marty Rothfelder ([mcrothfelder@rothfelderstern.com](mailto:mcrothfelder@rothfelderstern.com) or 908-301-9215). If possible, please let him know you're coming by January 22. Information on the camp is available on the web at [unirondack.org](http://unirondack.org) and by contacting the director, Aimee Spong, at [director@unirondack.org](mailto:director@unirondack.org).

### Born in the 70s/80s Bash!

Friends and members born in the 1970s and 1980s are invited over to Rev. Alison and David's place for a festive Friday night on January 25 starting at 7 p.m. RSVP to [amiller@muuf.org](mailto:amiller@muuf.org) or txt yr msg 2 862-579-7899.



*[Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T - while en route to Tulsa OK]*

### New Members

Please welcome Juliana and Carlo Colecchia, who deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book on December 5.

### Transylvania Tidbit: Incredible Edible Decorations (Szaloncukor)

Follow this link to see photos of the Preparation of the Incredible Edible Decorations (Szaloncukorkeszites) during the Deck the Halls event: [smg.photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/PCC\\_Activities\\_at\\_MUF/2007\\_szaloncukor/](http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/PCC_Activities_at_MUF/2007_szaloncukor/).

There are also photos from last year's event and lots of other Partner Church photos. We'll do it next year again, so join the fun. Partner Church Committee [pcc@gaborkiss.com](mailto:pcc@gaborkiss.com).

### Hospitality Needed!



One way we can ensure a social as well as religious experience on Sundays is to have a hosted Coffee Hour. You, your family, your friends or committee can volunteer to select one Sunday and bring food to share with our members and guests. It is easy to do and does not need to be a costly venture.

We have many open Sundays. For more information contact Dan Cohen at [danielcohen@optonline.net](mailto:danielcohen@optonline.net).

# Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have now removed all “Joys and Concerns” and personal telephone numbers from the online newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter in the Members Only section of our website includes the complete information.

## *Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns*

*Remember—the joys and concerns you write on our “Milestones and Passages” cards to be read on Sunday mornings do not reach other members of the congregation unless you authorize their listing here by checking the “Newsletter” box or by sending them to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net).*

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## *Caregivers – Need a Break?*

### *Caregivers’ Time-Out*

**Sunday, January 13, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Meet and greet other caregivers for some well-deserved R & R. Send questions via e-mail to Jill Dippman at [jidippman@optonline.net](mailto:jidippman@optonline.net) or phone your interest to the MUF office at 973-540-1177.



## *Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Monday, , January 7	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Tuesday, January 8	6:30 p.m.	Green Earth Ministry meeting	Contacts on p. 6
Saturday, January 12	7:00 p.m.	Circle Dinner (sign up by January 5)	p. 6
Sunday, January 13	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Caregivers' Time-Out	p. 10
Wednesday, January 16	7:30 p.m.	Peace Within/Peace Without	p. 6
Thursday, January 17	7:00-9:30 p.m.	School Lunch Documentary: <i>Two Angry Moms</i>	p. 6
Friday, , January 18	7:30-9:30 p.m.	New Crafts: Découpage	p. 6
Saturday, January 19	7:00-9:00 p.m.	The Epicurean Male: An Evening of Cooking, Eating and Singing	p. 6
Sunday, January 20	12:15-2:00 p.m.	"Peace Soup" Luncheon Series Begins	p. 7
Friday, January 25	7:00 p.m.	Born in the 70s/80s Bash	p. 9
Saturday, January 26	7:30 p.m.	SCAN Cabaret	p. 5
Sunday, January 27	10:45-11:45 a.m.	Family Meditation	p. 6
Saturday, February 2	7:30 p.m.	Yip Harburg's Broadway Tunes	p. 5

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### *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

The Endowment Fund thanks the following:  
**Anna Detaranto** and **Charlotte Luer** for their donations in memory of **Henry (Hank) Luer**.  
**Paulette Edelson** for her donation in honor of **Ken Diehl**.  
**Robert and Marta Miller** for their donation in honor of **Astrid Martin**

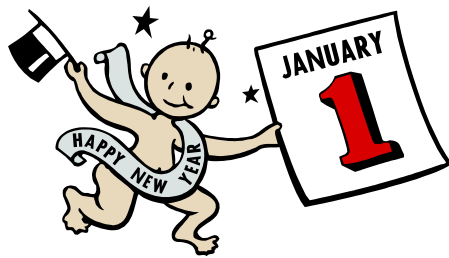
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### *Sunday Services*

Services at 9 and 11 a.m.



**January 6**      **Gross National Happiness**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 13**      **My Favorite Mistakes**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 20**      **Frown Power**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 27**      **Spirituality and Sexuality**

Presented by the facilitators for Adult OWL (Our Whole Lives). Join us for a worship service that explores and celebrates the connection between sexuality and spirituality.

*Kelly Schnur, Sarahjane Rath, David Snedden and Gary Kunz*