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# News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

## From the Minister . . .

### WHEN I WAS A CHILD

I learned the meaning of the maxim: when life hands you lemons, make lemonade. Actually, I learned it literally as you will read shortly. I grew up in the city of New York and in the summer most of my friends left town. My family, like many families, had only one residence and no car, so we spent the bulk of our summers in the city.



My brother William and I spent little time dwelling on how life would be greener in the mountains or bluer by the seashore. Instead, we played a game we called *tourists in our hometown*. As gas prices rise and cut into car and plane travel, I have returned to the valuable lessons of this game.

*Lesson 1: Vacationing at home offers opportunities you don't normally have time to pursue.*

I can't tell you how many people I knew growing up who never visited the Statue of Liberty or Ellis Island. New Yorkers and New Jerseyans seemed more interested in disputing which state the statue resides in than actually appreciating Bartholdi's work of art or learning about the history of immigration. My friends often said they didn't visit because it was always there for them to see whenever they felt motivated. Lady Liberty proves that taking things for granted is not the best way to live and some opportunities may close for awhile or even forever.

Staying home on vacation means I have spent a week carefully going through all the exhibits in a museum or set a theme for a season and taken advantage of as many of the outdoor experiences as possible (music, walking tours, theater, etc.). Morris County has great parks, the largest museum music-box collection, a rich history, and much more. So why not become a tourist in your own hometown?

*Lesson 2: Every place has its merits and every place has its problems.*

As Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Do what we can, summer will have its flies." There are blessings and drawbacks to any location... I love to swim and a day at

the beach is wonderful, but too much sun isn't healthy for your skin... I love to while away an afternoon in the country, but there's usually more lawn to mow... I love exploring a new city, but I miss out on important events back home. Nowhere is perfect. Yet, I have found almost everywhere presents at least one opportunity I can have nowhere else.

*Lesson 3: Staying at home gives you a chance to practice the fine art of hospitality.*

Inviting friends to visit and playing host gives you an excuse to get those cleaning projects done and helps you see your home with fresh eyes. It opens the space for welcome and gratitude for both the friendship and the best parts of where you live.

The practice of welcome works well with strangers, too. William and I set up a lemonade stand every summer outside our building. Many tourists stopped by for a drink and received fresh-squeezed lemonade and tips about off-the-beat-and-path sights, and we received a glimpse into a world beyond ours and a sense that we could help make their trip truly unique.

Have a blessed summer, wherever you are.

*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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to editor **PAT BAXTER** at  
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by the **15th** of the month  
preceding the one in which they will appear.

Thank you!

***Deeds Well Done***

The Fellowship Board recognizes the difficult and wonderful work that **Kim Mason** and **Shari Loe** and others contributed in guiding our Junior High students through the Coming of Age program. A special thanks also goes to Sunday Services Associate **Kathi Caccavale**, who made sure that the youths' Mojimmery service was a meaningful experience for us all.

The Board commends **Connie Stinson** for a beautiful rainbow principles poster (the seven principles in kid language) now hanging in all the RE classes.

***Our Financial Health,  
Year-to-date April 2008***

Pledge Income:	\$318,765
Total Income:	\$378,229
Total Expenses:	\$423,856
Net (deficit):	(\$45,627)
Projected Year End Net:	(\$38,881)

***Upcoming Board and Network Meetings***

Meetings are at 7 p.m. and open to all Fellowship members. This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	June 11
Administrative/Program Networks	June 18

***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

As I look back over my year as President, here are a few of the lessons I've learned:

**1. Sometimes I choose to do things I don't want to do and that's okay.**

Years ago I often committed more as a volunteer than I was really comfortable with. When I realized how much resentment it created, I vowed to do only what I wanted to do and didn't need recognition for. This year I learned that I *can* do things I don't necessarily want to do – because of the bigger picture and knowing that there are so many of you pitching in.

**2. Sometimes I make mistakes and that's okay.**

As a perfectionist, I strive to do everything right. There are so many things for the Board to deal with and so many stakeholders to please; being on the Board is a tough job for a perfectionist. Knowing that I'm always going to make mistakes frees me from having to try to do it all perfectly.

**3. When I make mistakes, it's important to do my best right away to set things right.**

There were a couple of times this year when my actions and/or words made life harder for others. Although it's hard to do, the sooner I try to work it out with the other person, the better things will be.

**4. My intentions don't always translate into actions.**

I have big ideas and plans for the future. However, it's like my buying quilt fabric but never cutting out the pieces or sewing them together. My intentions are good, but if the actions don't follow, that quilt is just yardage of fabric in my closet.

**5. Committing to more than I can do doesn't help anyone.**

When I first joined the Board, I continued to chair the Adult Programs Committee. When I finally began to

focus entirely on my Board responsibilities, life got better for me and my contributions to the Fellowship much more effective.

**6. I can't control the outcome; I only control my actions.**

Sometimes I become so attached to "my" outcome that I don't see anything else – including others' visions and contributions. Nothing happens based on my efforts alone. All I can do is my part and then let go of the results.

**7. Talents appear unexpectedly when you need them most.**

This one continues to astound me every time it happens! I guess the Universe does provide.

**8. Disagreeing doesn't mean that we can't be friends.**

As is true for many of us, handling disagreement is difficult – especially among friends. I'm learning that getting through conflict to the other side almost always results in a more valuable relationship.

**9. You "have my back."**

Ditto.

**10. It's amazing what we can create together (i.e., the whole is greater than the sum of the parts).**

My favorite! Whether it's making a decision at a Board meeting or making an impact in the world as a congregation, when we come together incredible things happen!

On the path together,

Carol

Carol Todd, President

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, June 1, at 12:45 p.m.

All members as of May 2, 2008, are eligible to vote.

## Our Nominating Slate for June 1

**President-Elect:** Gary Kunz

**VP Program:** Rita Morris

**Secretary:** David Palmer

**Endowment Committee:** John Oehler & Steve Rice

**Nominating Committee:**

Ex-officio, 2-yr term: Annette Tyler

3-yr term: Janine Torsiello

**COM:** Lisa Schmitt & Dan Byrd

## Faith Developments

*Dear Friends, dear friends,  
Let me tell you how I feel,  
You have given me such treasures,  
I love you so.*

-Traditional English round



**W**ELL, FRIENDS,  
THIS IS MY LAST  
NEWSLETTER COLUMN.

I shared with you last Sunday that assuming all goes well with the DRE search (I am confident it will), my time with you is coming to an end.

I arrived two years ago with no idea how much being a part of this community would become part of my life and identity. And I had no idea how much I would learn.

Here is a top ten list of what I have learned in the past two years:

10. Anything can be used in a craft project – even Styrofoam meat trays (10-Commandment stone tablets, in case you were wondering).
9. If you try to schedule a meeting with six or more people, you will have six or more different days in which each person can only be available.
8. Kids will ask the hardest questions (if God created Adam and Eve, who created God?).
7. Junior High Schoolers are *not* kids and you better not treat them that way! (But if you want to read them Dr. Seuss, that would be cool...)
6. Pretzels and goldfish are an important ritual involving very specific combinations and orders of consumption. Should you bring a special snack, you must still provide pretzels and goldfish.
5. The DRE can sometimes be confused with the (a) minister, (b) administrator, (c) janitor or (d) student from a local college.
4. Anything can be recovered from with the simple adage “Don’t tell ‘em how you did it and don’t offer to repeat the trick.”

3. An unfortunate paint choice can be fixed with a faux treatment.
2. When everything is falling on your head (no, really—did you see the condition of those closets?), it is the teachers, volunteers, parents and members who come through in the end.

1. The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship really cares about its RE program.

So much has happened in the last two years, and you are poised for so much to happen going forward. Some of the highlights include monthly Children’s Chapel, Elementary through Adult OWL, fabulous rites of passage programs: Beginnings of UU Spirituality, Coming of Age, Age of Reason, new paint (and new carpet soon), and amazing growth.

As you vision together about what it is that you want for this community and from this building, the children’s RE program is also asking how we make sure there is room for the families that are finding their home with us. This is a fabulous and exciting position to be in, and I am confident that you will be able to handle the challenges and blessings that will be yours in the future.

And so it is my joy and sadness to say thank you for the past two years. I still don’t know where I am going, but I will be staying in New Jersey and you can find me on the farm living my 100-ft. diet this summer.

In Faith,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kimi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Service Auction Sets Record Revenues

Thanks to the incredible number of service and item donations from our members and friends, and, of course, your purchases, the 2008 Service Auction produced record revenues of more than \$20,000 contributed to the Fellowship!

Payment for all service auction items you won is due to Tony Rutigliano. **Please send Tony a check for the full amount TODAY.** If you have misplaced the sheet showing your bill and items won, contact Toby Tyler for a replacement at [wtyler3@optonline.net](mailto:wtyler3@optonline.net).

## Looking for a Friendly Face?

Joining a community that is entirely new to you can sometimes be an awkward experience, particularly when attending large functions such as social activities, concerts, etc. We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend an event at MUF with one or more of our friendly members.

If this interests you, please let us know when you sign up for an event at the Box Office, or contact Laurie MacGeorge at [dllmacg10@aol.com](mailto:dllmacg10@aol.com). She will arrange for a member to meet you, sit with you and introduce you to some of our other friendly faces.

## Save the Date!

### Pete Seeger: The Power of Song

**Saturday, July 19, 8 p.m. (doors open 7:30)**

The Power of One - Spend a delightful summer's evening watching an uplifting film biography of the life and career of folk music icon Pete Seeger - musician, singer, songwriter, labor activist, environmentalist, peace advocate. Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Bonnie Raitt are among the artists interviewed. This film will get you humming, and will be followed by a real sing-along with some of your favorite local folk musicians leading the way! Info: Jo Sippie-Gora at [jo@josippie.com](mailto:jo@josippie.com).



## Youth Group Habitat Benefit Concert Saturday May 31, 7:30 p.m.

\$30 Adults, \$20 Students/Seniors

Jason Ricci and New Blood will perform another benefit concert to help raise funds for this year's Habitat project. This cutting-edge band plays a mix of blues, jazz and funk, exciting and delighting audiences with their superb musicianship, intense jamming and tight interplay. More information and audio samples at [www.muuf.org/habitat](http://www.muuf.org/habitat).

## Reassuring Results of Water Testing

Considering the age of our building, Green Earth Ministry recently had the Fellowship's water tested for lead and copper. The results are reassuring. In water collected early one Sunday morning ("first draw"), lead was 2.8 parts per billion (ppb), and copper was 190 ppb. In a sample collected after the water had run for 3 minutes, lead was 1.6 ppb and copper was 26 ppb. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's action level (the concentration at which some sort of action would be required) is 15 ppb for lead and 1300 ppb for copper. The FDA's allowable level for lead in bottled water is 5 ppb.

- Linda DeLap

## B & P Thanks Cleanup Volunteers

The Beautification and Preservation Committee and the entire MUF community would like to thank the volunteers who came out to the Spring Cleanup days (April 5 and 26). The volunteers included Jim Blanton, Bob Campbell, Minda Chu, Franklin Heller, Jude Pfister, Abby Sanner, Debbie and Steve Rice, Arlyne Dalman, Matt Rath, Ken Pogash, Paul Mitchell, John Oehler, Linda DeLap, Steve Gruber, Dan Byrd, Zach, Mark Wright, Jo Sippie-Gora.

There are probably people I missed and for that I apologize! Much wonderful work was done, but much remains!

- Math Rath

## *Upcoming Events*

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

**Monday, June 2, 7 p.m.**

The First Monday Book Group is reading *An Open Heart Practicing Compassion in Everyday Life*, by The Dalai Lama, one of his other books, or articles about him. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Craft Bee Night – Paint Your Own Birdhouse!!***

**Friday, June 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Terrace Room**

Calling everyone, MUF men & women, young & older! Here is a fabulous chance to improve your surroundings all summer long! Enjoy great company, led by MUF artist Elizabeth Bain, who will purchase an unpainted bird house for you, bring the paints and let us all create our own birdhouse at very low cost (\$5 estimate). Have eco-fun! Drinks & dessert pot-luck! Sign up by calling Chris at 973-540-1177, or at the Box Office on Sundays.



### ***Ladies Spring Fling/White Elephant Swap***

**Saturday, June 14, 7-9 p.m. at MUF**

It's not too late to sign up for this fun event to help with your spring cleaning! Just mail a check and bring your favorite appetizer, entrée or dessert to share and one *like-new wrapped* item to swap anonymously. Ladies 21 and over, please. Send a check for \$10 (payable to MUF) to Debbie Rice at 48 Riverside Drive, Florham Park 07932. If you're coming, please let her know by e-mailing [sda3rice@optonline.net](mailto:sda3rice@optonline.net).

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

**Wednesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.**

**Facilitated by Paul Snellgrove**

For the final meeting of the group, we are going to be reviewing and discussing what were the most meaningful ideas of each of the several books read this past year, and what we feel able and willing to put into practice in peacemaking. Contact Paul Snellgrove at [paulsnellgrove@gmail.com](mailto:paulsnellgrove@gmail.com).



### ***Racism in Popular Culture***

**Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m.**

A monthly movie and discussion series exploring race and racism in academy award-winning films: *Crash*,

2005 Best Picture, explores modern-day racism and prejudice in Los Angeles.

### ***Craft Bee Night – Banner Making!***

**Friday, June 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Terrace Room**

We will continue making new banners for our Meeting Room. We'll be working on David Snedden's geometric "tangram" chalice design and on a banner designed by Homer Hansen. Help beautify our mansion with remarkable UU visions/symbols. Drinks & dessert potluck! Sign up by calling Chris at 973-540-1177, or at the Box Office on Sundays. For questions, contact [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org).

### ***Drum with Ghanaian Master Drummer***

***Maxwell Kofi Donkor***

**Thursday, June 26 – all levels welcome**

6:30 p.m., instruction for beginners, \$5

7–9 p.m., workshop for all, \$20

*Drums available to borrow – reserve when you register.*

Experience the joy and healing of African drumming as you play multi-part rhythms on the djembe! Born in Ghana, steeped in its culture, and a former member of its Folklore Ensemble, Kofi will readily convey technique as well as his deep love of drumming. **Important – please pre-register.** Contact Miriam at [miriamcongdon@att.net](mailto:miriamcongdon@att.net). For more about Kofi, go to [www.bak2roots.com](http://www.bak2roots.com).

### ***Seeds of Peace/UUA Peace Team Meeting***

**Monday, June 30, 7:30 p.m.**

Planning begins for the Interfaith September Peace Festival to take place on Sunday, September 21. We are working to create a Morristown Interfaith Day in which each faith community creates morning events for its congregants and we gather for a vigil or some key community-wide reflection/service/celebration in the afternoon.

We'll be planning also for two summer Seeds of Peace events, *Pete Seeger: The Power of Song* film bio and sing-along on Saturday evening, July 19 (see p. 5), and an Interfaith Event on August 9 (speakers, discussion groups, etc., on "Nuclear Weapons – Disarmament, Reduction and Control"). Contact: [jo@josippie.com](mailto:jo@josippie.com).



## *Help Celebrate Homer's 90th Birthday!* **Saturday, June 21 (Solstice), from 5-9 p.m.**

We are ALL invited to Homer Hansen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at MUF. We'll have a Potluck Dinner with Entertainment following in the Meeting Room. Your Birthday Contribution: a special dish – Appetizer, Entrée, Side Dish, Salad/Fruit (no Desserts – we'll have a cake).

Make reservations by June 15 at the latest; contact Laurie MacGeorge, [DLMACG10@aol.com](mailto:DLMACG10@aol.com).

We need help with the chores; please contact any one of the following to help:

**Judy Oehler** - Saturday morning setup, decorations & memorabilia. Judy is also putting together a birthday booklet about Homer and asks anyone who wishes to share a memory, poem, tribute, picture, etc., to submit it to her or to the office.

**Kathy Burgess** - Receiving, warming & presentation of food; cleanup

**Laurie MacGeorge** – Bartenders, Assistants

**Geri Silk** - Homerigami display – See following message

**Tom McGuinness**, Coordinator - Questions, entertainment & others

### **Contribute to "Homerigami" Collection**

The celebration will include a display of Homerigami, cherished materials you have at home that Homer has created for you. The collection will be curated by Geri Silk. To reserve your space, or for further information, please contact her at [gerisilk@yahoo.com](mailto:gerisilk@yahoo.com). The materials will be protected and guaranteed safe return.



## *Save a Tree – Give the Online Newsletter Another Chance!*

Have you tried reading the Newsletter online? And have you then changed your mind and opted back in to receive it by mail?

If so, you may want to think again. Think how much the Fellowship is spending on all that paper and the mounting postage costs. Think how much better it is to receive the Newsletter on time, in color, with updating throughout the month, and with the ability to print it out at your leisure. You can even print individual pages you may want to refer to later—like the Upcoming Events Calendar (p. 11), which you can post on your refrigerator for quick and easy reference!

To encourage you to try this, we've made a few changes in the navigation links to make it easier to find the Members Only Newsletter. (You may have been discouraged because you could not find that version,

which contains the Joys and Concerns column not available in the public version.)

The link for the "Members Area" on the right side of the Home page now takes you directly to the Members Newsletter. If you are having trouble logging into the Members area because you can't remember your password, call or e-mail the office to get it. Then check the "Remember my password" box and you won't have to enter it again.

Remember—we have removed all your phone numbers AND the Joys and Concerns column from the public Newsletter *at your request*. This is to protect your privacy. If you are reading the public Newsletter, you are missing those items. But they're all there in the Members version.

Give it a try! (And think of all those trees you're saving!)  
– *The Editor*

### ***New Members***

Please welcome Beat Barblan, Michelle Owings-Christian and Kathy Stroh, who deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in April and May.



*Social Justice Council - June 2008 Update  
Setting Our Values into Action*



***EARLY SUMMER FOOD DRIVE - Stock Their Shelves for the Summer RUSH! - Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry - Bring a Bag of Groceries -Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.***

Family hunger doesn't shrivel in the summer; it just gets more unmanageable when kids are home for the season. Help working poor families to serve nutritious and plentiful food for their kids this summer. Let's help the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County stock their pantry shelves with staples: cereals, canned fruits, canned fish/meats, pasta & sauces, peanut butter, canned vegetables, diapers, cleaning supplies. We can do it!! Drop food bags off in Room 100.

***MUF @ the The Morristown Community Soup Kitchen (CSK)***

*Gratitude!!! for YOUR generous contribution to the Special Collection for MUF Soup Kitchen Support on June 1 - We thank you so much for your generosity of spirit and the funds we need to do a great job as once-a-month hosts for the CSK luncheon. (Each Month, 2nd Tuesday.) We hope you were among the MUF members who got to sample the kinds of soup "fare" MUF provides (pretty wonderful!)*

***Next Hosting Tuesday, June 10 - Please let us know if you'd like to be a part of the "MUF Soup/Meal Cook-in-Advance Team," or maybe the "Host Team for MUF Onsite Days at CSK" for the Soup Kitchen. The summer numbers are slightly lowered, but we still serve up to 150 guests each day in the summer. Cook in advance and put in the freezer before June 7. After June 8, place in refrigerator. Contact: Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).***


***Eric Johnson House - AID/HIV Recovery Residence - 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays ( June 4 & 25) - This is a heart-warming small community of homeless people who are recovering from hospital stays and who will live together as a community for a year. We provide them with a family-style dinner; not only do they need our good home cooking, but they need our caring conversation. Be a part of this special MUF Social Justice Outreach. Contact: Susan Spencer at [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net).***

***Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner - Saturday, June 14 - 4:45-7 p.m. - Help is needed to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. Meet at West Hanover Avenue shelter. Supervising Adults and Junior High age children needed for MUF team. Contact: Judy O'Neil Goldberg at [judyoneil@optonline.net](mailto:judyoneil@optonline.net).***

***Social Responsibilities Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, June 11 - 7:30-9 p.m. - Join the Social Justice Council and help us make a significant contribution to our surrounding communities—we plan and execute MUF-charitable outreach projects...and support our Social Action Groups. Bring your talents and heart to us. Contact: [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) or [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).***

***See p. 6 for Seeds of Peace/UUA Peace Team Meeting on June 30.***

## Peacemaking Team Ministry

During the past two months, the Seeds of Peace/Peacemaking Team Ministry conducted a written survey and facilitated a comment feedback session in order to best determine our congregation's views on the 2006-2010 Peacemaking SAI question.  As a result, the Team has submitted to the UUA the following statements for consideration in the draft SAI on peacemaking by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Thank you to all MUF members who took the time to relate their UU values to peacemaking.

### GENERAL

(1) Peacemaking requires a committed process of finding common ground.

### INTERPERSONAL

(2) We embrace the essential nature of right relations by understanding everyone's needs through trust, fairness, and collaboration.

### CONGREGATIONAL

(3) We are committed to having our congregation be a model of clear, honest, respectful communication and peaceful handling of differences.

**Save money and energy (CO<sub>2</sub> footprint)!**  
**Use compact fluorescent bulbs.**  
**Sundays, Room 100.**  
**Contact Fred Mayer.**  
**Large selection, discount prices.**

### Thank You to Blood Donors

MUF's Blood Drive raised 27 pints of lifesaving blood on May 4. According to the New Jersey Blood Center, our blood has been distributed to some of the 60 hospitals that they service. Each pint can be utilized for several patients. Thank you to our generous donors.  
 —Zella Geltman

### SOCIETAL

(4) We value the synergy of cooperating with other organizations toward ending oppression and violence and building a just and peaceful society.

### INTERNATIONAL/INTERCOMMUNITY


(5) We commit ourselves as a denomination to speak powerfully for building national and international institutions and programs that create a global culture of peace.

(6) Diplomacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the only rational solution for the prevention of war.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

(7) We will work to promote a sustainable global environment for all.

### UULMNJ Survey

Last Call! The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry—New Jersey (UULMNJ) needs your input to help determine the three issue areas that it will focus on, at the state level, in the coming year. Please fill out the short survey available on the Hallway Racks, at the Peace Table or near the treats during Coffee Hour, and return to the Questionnaire Box or to Jo Sippie-Gora by June 1. 

### The Fresh Air Fund Needs YOU!

The Fresh Air Fund needs families like yours to open their hearts and homes to New York City children. First-time visitors are six to 12 years old and stay for two weeks. With your help a child will get to experience the freedom of playing outdoors and life outside the city streets.

Trip dates for Northern New Jersey are July 9-23, July 16-30 or August 11-21. To become a Fresh Air Fund host family, call Donna Perch or visit the website [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).



## *Sharing Our Joys & Concerns*

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have removed all other “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***

***Be sure to send your Joys and Concerns to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.***

*Contributions to the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, or the Celebration of Life Fund are special ways of honoring family and friends. Your gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated.*



## *Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Saturday, May 31	7:30 p.m.	Jason Ricci and New Blood Concert	p. 5
Sunday, June 1	12:45 p.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	p. 3
Monday, June 2	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
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Wednesday, June 18	7:30 p.m.	Peace Within/Peace Without	p. 6
Thursday, June 19	7:00 p.m.	Racism in Popular Culture, Film Series	p. 6
Friday, June 20	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Craft Bee Night: Banner Making	p. 6
Saturday, June 21	5:00-9:00 p.m.	Homer Hansen's 90th Birthday Bash	p. 7
Thursday, June 26	6:30 p.m., Introduction 7:00-9:00, Workshop	Ghanaian drumming	p. 6
Saturday, July 19	8:00 p.m.	Film— <i>Pete Seeger: The Power of Song</i>	p. 5

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### *Help Wanted: Chairperson for A/V Committee*

The AudioVisual Committee will be in need of a chairperson starting in September. This committee helps to make the Sunday experience meaningful and accessible to everyone by providing microphones, video recording, hearing assist, and projection support for Sunday services. The scheduling infrastructure is easy to learn and use.

Please contact Gabor Kiss at [gabor@gaborkiss.com](mailto:gabor@gaborkiss.com).

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### *Annual Spring Picnic - Sunday, June 15*

The Board invites members and friends and their families to the annual spring barbecue and picnic, on June 15 following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will celebrate another wonderful year together and the volunteers who made it possible. Bring your enthusiasm and appetite, everything else will be provided.

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**TO ASSURE PRIVACY** of our members and friends, all "Joys and Concerns," personal telephone numbers and home addresses are removed from this *public* online newsletter. The Members Only copy includes the full information.

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**JUNE 15**

**The Annual Congregational meeting will  
take place on Sunday, June 1, at 12:45 p.m.**

### Sunday Services

Services June 1 at 9 and 11 a.m.; remainder of summer 10 a.m. only



#### June 1 Channing's Call

The last day until fall of two services and of children's 9 a.m. religious education classes. They will be followed by a special lunch provided by our Soup Kitchen volunteers and the Annual Meeting.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

#### June 8 Come Together

Join us for the annual bridging ceremony at 10 a.m. to honor the transition of our youth to young adults in UU and in our congregation. We will also recognize the teachers and advisors.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller, IDRE Kim Mason, Senior High*

#### June 15 Play Ball

This service will include a ritual of recognition for Kim Mason, who has served as our Interim DRE these past two years, and for the many volunteers who have made this year a success. Join us afterwards for the annual spring barbeque and picnic!

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

#### June 22 Our Elders' Stories

Sharing pearls of wisdom and the lessons they have learned with the younger. Children are especially invited to come and join our "Homerigami" hunt.

*Coordinated by Tom McGuinness*

#### June 29 Lead Us to Temptation

When I was little I saw no benefits in temptation except that prohibitions sometimes made disobedience more exciting. Now I see benefits in being tested, and am pondering the virtue of temptation to confront us with areas of ourselves we need to heal to become whole (and holy).

*Presented by Rev. Allen Wells*

## ***Building a Culture of Peace: How Can UUs Lead the Way?***



You are warmly invited to join in a series of informal discussions by teleconference, featuring noted UU leaders and scholars, on the topic of how UUs can provide leadership in building a culture of peace. This presentation is sponsored by the UU Peacemaking Congregational Study/Action Core Team. (Seminars which have already taken place are available to listen to at the given links.)

**Seminar #1** – "Can Peace be a Force that Gives Life Meaning?," available online at [http://img.uua.org/csw/pm\\_080414\\_gilbert\\_seminar.mp3](http://img.uua.org/csw/pm_080414_gilbert_seminar.mp3).

**Seminar #2** – "Strategic Options for Building a Culture of Peace," available online at [http://img.uua.org/csw/pm\\_080428\\_welch\\_seminar.mp3](http://img.uua.org/csw/pm_080428_welch_seminar.mp3).

**Seminar #3** – "Reconciling UU Humanitarian Hawks and Pacifist Doves," available online at [http://img.uua.org/csw/pm\\_080512\\_tolley\\_seminar.mp3](http://img.uua.org/csw/pm_080512_tolley_seminar.mp3).

**Seminar #4** - "The Morality of Violence," Thursday, May 29, 2008, available online at [http://img.uua.org/csw/pm\\_080529\\_clements\\_seminar.mp3](http://img.uua.org/csw/pm_080529_clements_seminar.mp3).

**Seminar #5** - Rose Edington and Mel Hoover presenters, Monday, June 9 - Rose Edington and Mel Hoover (co-ministers of the Charleston WV Church) - Peacemaking from one congregation's standpoint.

Everyone Welcome! To Participate: Simply dial 712-432-1699, and when prompted dial in the access code 309780# (normal long-distance charges will apply). Each conversation is recorded for later playback. For more information, contact Jo Sippie-Gora at [jo@josippie.com](mailto:jo@josippie.com).

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