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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

“Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What’s a sundial in the shade?”
-Benjamin Franklin



WE HOPE THAT THE Morristown Unitarian Fellowship is a community where you can share your existing talents and also discover new ones. There are four commitments that are involved with becoming a member of our spiritual home. In my last column I addressed the first, which is to “Nourish your Spirit.”

This time I want to honor all the people who help build our village through their service to our community. The second commitment is to “Share your Talents.” If you haven’t already done so, the Leadership Development Committee has put together a survey to help us better understand our human resources. You can fill it out on paper or online at www.muuf.org/skillsurvey.html. As we move towards articulating our vision for the future it is important that we are aware of the skills and passions of our members. This will lead us to create dynamic and effective ministries.

I have had conversations with several of you who have expressed satisfaction that the Fellowship offers the opportunity to share the skills you already possess and to cultivate new abilities in service of our building and grounds, our lifespan religious education programs, our social justice initiatives, and so on. Your passionate ideas and your time and efforts to make those ideas a reality are what make our congregation such a wonderful and vibrant community. Thank you for all who join in the work of making Sundays and every other day happen.

This involves work out front and center and behind the scenes. Whether it is Tony Rutigliano (Sunday Services Chair) delivering a powerful reflection, or George Aronson, standing on a ladder and lovingly placing a “welcome sign” on our front door (yet another one of his wonderful visual enhancements).

I will not attempt an exhaustive list, but let me take a moment to recognize a few of our behind-the-scenes heroes. Did you know Zella Geltman coordinates our flowers for services? Or that Dan Cohen was so passionate

about our having an inviting and warm experience every Sunday that he initiated our new Coffee Hour hosting program? (By the way, signing up to host a coffee hour is a relatively easy and fun way to volunteer.) Carolyn Schwartz, chair of the Memorial Garden Committee, has been seen many weekdays planting or watering in our beautiful garden and coordinating others to do the same.

Our office volunteers make sure there is someone to answer our phones and get the mailings out and one even helped with reorganization of the kitchen! Thank you, Judy Oehler. Frank Koslow has offered rides for the Caring Committee for many years, and Kelly Gleason makes sure that we have volunteers in the nursery. I have met several people in the wider Morristown community who have positive associations with our Saturday Evening Concert Series. Thank you, Pat Baxter, for introducing them to us. As you would guess, the list goes on for pages.

In short, I have deep gratitude for all of our volunteers and great enthusiasm for Leadership Development’s project to connect people with meaningful activities.

Many Blessings,

Alison

Alison’s office hours are Tuesday through 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:

Stacey Gregg, for her work on Martin Luther King Day activities at the Fellowship and getting our insert in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Observance Committee program book.

All the planners and presenters for the January 14 Martin Luther King intergen service.

Pat McNaught, Carol Todd, Toby Tyler, Michelle and Gary Kunz, Joe Uhrhane, Steven Van Gordon, Sunday Essig and Mollie Einhorn, for their work on the Service Auction.

Tony Rutigliano, for the leadership development seminar.

Brad West, for building doors for the storage cabinet in the cold room.

Maggie Chilton, for reorganizing the kitchen storage space.

Upcoming Board of Trustees 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.*

Next month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	April 11
Administrative Network	April 18
Program Network	April 25

Meeting Minutes

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

Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!

Leadership Candidates Wanted for May Elections

Below is a list of elected positions which the MUF Leadership Development and Nominating Committee must fill for the 2007/08 fiscal year. The committee must provide a slate of candidates to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in May. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in one of these positions or with suggestions for potential candidates. Job descriptions for these positions may be found on our website, www.muuf.org. All time periods run July-June.

Board of Trustees:

President-Elect: One-year term as President-Elect (2007-2008) followed by one-year term as President (2008-2009)

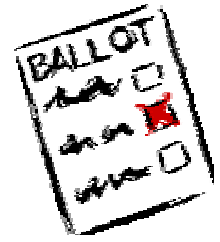
Treasurer: Two-year term (2007-2009)

Vice President - Administrative Network: Two-year term (2007-2009)

Endowment Committee Member: Three-year term (2007-2010)

Nominating Committee Member: Three-year term (2007-2010)

The Leadership Development and Nominating Committee: Steve Parker, Elizabeth Bain, Dan Cohen, Helene Ferm, Shari Loe, Tony Rutigliano and Lisa Schmitt



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

	Feb. 07	Budget	Variance	Jul. 06-Feb. 07	Budget	Variance	Annual	
INCOME	Pledges	15,908	29,583	-13,675	241,643	246,664	-5,021	365,000
	Building Use	2,735	2,604	131	24,425	20,833	3,592	31,250
	Fundraisers	2,347	5,417	-3,070	1,911	21,332	-19,421	26,500
	Sunday Morning Contributions	809	900	-92	7,105	6,400	705	10,000
	Other Income	106	1,250	-1,144	7,116	10,000	-2,884	15,000
	TOTAL INCOME	21,905	39,754	-17,850	282,200	305,229	-23,030	447,750
EXPENSES	Personnel Expenses	24,478	26,739	-2,261	194,777	208,428	-13,651	318,283
	Facilities	5,845	6,808	-963	47,085	55,564	-8,479	84,748
	Building Improvements	0	292	-292	3,375	2,332	1,043	3,500
	Office Expenses	1,286	1,321	-35	13,247	12,164	1,083	17,650
	Fellowship Expenses	4,643	2,366	2,277	27,209	25,013	2,196	39,689
	Committee Activities	-966	2,238	-3,204	9,326	17,267	-7,940	24,420
	Religious Education	484	590	-106	5,546	3,540	2,006	6,900
	Uncategorized Expenses	0			105			0
	TOTAL EXPENSES	35,772	40,354	-4,583	300,671	324,308	-23,637	495,190
	NET INCOME	-13,867	-600	-13,267	-18,471	-19,079	607	-47,440

- NOTES**
1. We are a bit behind in reserves because of unexpected large heating repair bills, as well as a lag in pledges.
 2. Letters have been sent to those who may need a reminder on pledge payments.
 3. The next pledge campaign has begun: Please be generous in supporting our vigorous and dedicated congregation.
 4. Committee and department budgets, as well as personnel needs, have been received and the budget will be developed by the Board and Finance Committee for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer

Faith Developments

SPIRALING INTO
THE CENTER, the center of the web

*We are the weavers, we are the woven ones,
We are the dreamers, we are the dream.*
- Neo-pagan hymn, unknown source



As the weather warms up, I have been enjoying the grounds here at the Fellowship. One of the places I really enjoy is the labyrinth. The chance to pause and connect with my thoughts as well as nature is a real blessing.

The labyrinth represents many aspects of the Fellowship. Walking the labyrinth is taking a chance to explore a deeper thought, it is being open to possibility, and it is seeking answers. When we come to the Fellowship we coming seeking a chance to explore, to find answers and to be open to possibility. We feed these needs by doing things like taking a class, attending a lecture or joining a group.

Our Adult Programs committee is constantly seeking ways for members and friends to connect, to explore, to go deeper. And while we call it Adult Programs, this too is Religious Education. By participating in a class like "Building Your Own Theology," or joining a meditation group or a covenant circle, or attending a lecture series on Islam, you are expanding your own understanding and connection with the world around you.

I am sometimes surprised by what happens when I walk the labyrinth. I can enter with a specific question, or with the intention of meditating and letting go of something. I have on occasion gotten answers to a question I did not realize I was asking, or insight into a topic that I didn't realize I was thinking about. These moments too are a blessing.

People sometimes come out of an adult programs event surprised. Surprised by what they learned, or surprised by a new insight. This often happens in our Sunday services. Has this ever happened to you? Have you ever considered how much you learn on Sunday here at the Fellowship? By being an active member of the Fellowship you are constantly shaping your

knowledge and understanding of yourself, the world around you and Unitarian Universalism. You are participating in a continuous process of Religious Education. Clearly, our children are not the only ones involved in Religious Education.

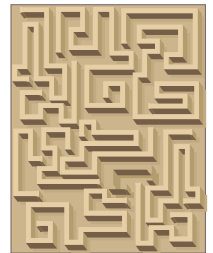
If that is the case, then how important is Religious Education to life of this Fellowship? How are our goals and priorities shaped by that knowledge? These are more of the types of questions we will be asking in the visioning process for RE. Consider our visioning process like walking the labyrinth. We are entering the process with some specific questions. We may get the answers we seek. We may find insight we never expected.

We are dreaming for RE, we are weaving a future for the Fellowship.

Come walk the labyrinth with me.

In Faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim".



Kim is in the office Sunday through Thursday.

RE Helps to Honor Lee Hauck

We were all very sad to learn of Lee Hauck's unexpected departure (see page 10). Lee was a committed member of the Fellowship, and we'd like to honor her. Each Sunday during the month of April, RE will have a large poster in the library for both children and adults to sign. Share your thoughts and your thanks with Lee. Once completed, the poster will be framed and sent to Lee in her new home.

Kim Mason, Interim DRE



Vikingur Olafsson, Piano

Saturday, April 28, 8 p.m.



This Icelandic pianist comes to us with high praise from our Nordic friends
Eilbjörg Berkenkamp and Laufey Bustany.

A 2006 graduate of The Juilliard School, he made his debut performing Tchaikovsky's
Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Iceland Symphony.

He's playing an ambitious program featuring Bach, Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin and
an Icelandic composer named Ólafur Axelsson!

(This concert was originally scheduled as the Duo Continentale, including a cellist.
It will instead feature Mr. Ólafsson as soloist.)

Tickets: \$15 until April 21; \$20 thereafter

Contact Pat Baxter at 973-627-3282 or melodylingers@verizon.net, or the Box Office

New Members

Please welcome Amy Panetta, Michael Hacker, Patience Halsey-Sherman and Gerald Boyer, who have deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in February and March.

Becoming a Member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

If you've been thinking of becoming a member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, now is the time to do so. New members will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday, April 22, and you need to be a member by April 20 to vote at the Congregational Meeting on May 20. Please call Alison Miller, 973-540-1177, ext. 204, for an appointment.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed!

Please consider hosting one of the remaining Coffee Hours during this calendar year: April 15 or 29, May 6, 13, 20 or June 3. By spending about \$20 as an individual, group or committee, you will be supporting the social time of our Sundays together. Contact Dan Cohen at danielcohen@optonline.net for more information.

Birding Weekend

Friday-Sunday, May 18-20



If you are a birder, or would like to learn about bird-watching in the company of other Unitarians, this announcement is for you. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore is having their 8th annual "Birding B&B," providing beds, meals and guided birding tours for their guests. There is an abundance of woodland and shorebirds in this area. If you do not drive, they can arrange to meet you at the Atlantic City bus station. You can get more information from their website, www.uucsjs.org, by e-mail to betsysearight@comcast.net, or by calling 609-645-2869.

**A Grateful Thank You
 To George Aronson
 For Designing, Creating and Hanging
 The Beautiful Welcome Banner
 In the Window
 Above Our Front Doors!**

Upcoming Events

First Monday Book Group **Monday, April 2, 7 p.m.**

We will be discussing *1491, New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*, by Charles C. Mann. "...He gently demolishes entrenched myths, with an elegance of style that makes his book a pleasure to read as well as a marvelous education" (Howard Zinn).

For May 7, our choice is *When God Was a Woman*, by Merlin Stone, the landmark exploration of the ancient worship of the Great Goddess and the eventual suppression of women's rites. Join us in Room 208 for lively discussions of the books. Please call Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com for details.



EVENSONG

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

A lay-led small-group service offering an opportunity to explore individual life journeys in an intimate and supportive setting. We will explore the following topics:

April 4 - Rebellion - What do you find yourself rebelling against?

April 18 - Goals (Rescheduled from January) - How good are you at setting and achieving goals? What are your goals for 2007?

For more information, contact Danelle Simonelli at dksimonelli@hotmail.com.

Minstrel Coffeehouse

Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

April 6, 13, 20, 27

More information from www.folkproject.org or 973-335-9489.

Meditation for UUs

Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by the Rev. Allen Wells, UU minister, psychotherapist and MUF member. Suitable for those who have attended previous series as well as beginners. Focusing mainly on Insight Meditation, derived from the Buddhist tradition, popularly used for stress reduction and particularly suitable for UUs.

Contact Allen at awelink@optonline.net for more information. To register, sign up in Room 100, e-mail AdultPrograms@muuf.org or contact the MUF office at 973-540-1177.

West African Drum & Dance for Beginners **Wednesdays, April 11, May 9 and June 13**

Drum 6:30 p.m. Dance 8 p.m.

\$15 per class, \$25 drum/dance combo price.
(MUF member discount \$10 per class, \$20 for both.)
\$5 drum rentals available w/pre-registration only.

These classes continue, presented by Marafanyi Percussion, featuring Lara Gonzalez & Yael Shacham. All skill levels, teens & seniors welcome! Dress comfortably for movement. Pre-register at 973-540-1177 or AdultPrograms@muuf.org.

Modern-Day Slavery

Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14

The Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) sponsors this Spring Intergenerational Seminar in New York City. Always a success, it is particularly timely and notable this year: Breaking the Web of Human Trafficking. See details on bulletin board in Room 100 or contact Eleanor Mason at eleanormason@att.net.

Last Circle Dinners

Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m.; signup by April 8

Don't miss the last Circle Dinners of this year! A great opportunity for both newcomers and long-time MUFers to get together in private homes to socialize, share a meal and just enjoy the time together. These small pot-luck dinners (8 or so people) are held in the homes of volunteer hosts. Guests are assigned to a host home and a dish to bring to the dinner. Great "get-acquainted opportunity" for newcomers and new members! Volunteer hosts always appreciated. Contact Diane Martin at jkdlmartin1@aol.com.

Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.

Uncover your rakes and dig out the shovels! The B and P Committee has set these dates aside to wake MUF up from its winter sleep. Please note them on your calendar to help us. We always have a great crowd and we will provide lunch.

MUF Blood Drive

Sunday, April 22, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.



In the Terrace Room. Register with Zella on Sunday mornings, or contact her at zellarpg@yahoo.com.

Please join us for our interfaith, family-friendly *MUF Passover Seder*



Sunday, April 1

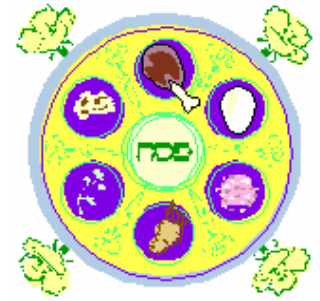
3:30-4:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet

4:00-7:30 p.m. - Seder Ritual and Meal
(in the Meeting Room)

\$5 Adults (ages 13 and up)

\$2 Children (ages 6-12)

Free for ages 5 and under



All are invited (guests and visitors welcome)

The Passover Seder is a ritual retelling of the Passover story. It is a remembrance of the Exodus of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and a celebration of the struggle for freedom then and now. Our Seder will include special foods, customs, songs, and a scavenger hunt for the children.

Since we are planning a cooperative meal, we'll ask you to bring a specific food contribution and to help set up, serve or clean up. We'll provide sample recipes that are free of bread and leavened goods. If you prefer not to bring food, we'll welcome an additional donation.

Reservations are required. Purchase tickets on Sunday morning at the Box Office or contact Gloria Jackson (gloriajcksn@aol.com) to reserve your seat.

Children's Choir Trip to Dorney Park!

The Children's Choir will enjoy a special day at Dorney Park, a large amusement park just outside of Allentown, PA, on Saturday, June 2, where fun in the park will be combined with participation in the National Music in the Parks Festival. The choir, along with other regional choirs, bands and orchestras, will perform before a panel of judges, whereby they will receive a trophy and rating. The choir will be directed by Dr. Jim Blanton and accompanied by several choir parents. Any children in grades 1-6 may go on the trip by joining the choir by April 15. For more information, speak to Dr. Jim.

17th Annual Morristown Women's Festival
Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Womanspace. Join us for a day of celebration. This year's theme is "Claiming Our Birthright."

Give yourself a gift for Mother's Day this year by celebrating at the Morristown Women's Festival! For more information, contact Festival Organizers at WomensFestival@muuf.org or call the Women's Festival voicemail at 973-540-1177 after 5 p.m. To register: www.muuf.org/WomensFestival.html or pick up a brochure at MUF (April 1).

Join the MUF Not-Ready-for-Anything Players for A Tax of Laughter

(April Fools isn't the 1st this year, it's the 14th!)

Our MUF annual Comedy Night will feature five standup comedians - including our own Drew Hayes, Charley Carroll, Christine Frederick and guest performers Marian Oxenhorn and Diane Turner - as well as a number of sketch comedy pieces featuring our MUF standups along with Maria Manna, Andrea Frederick, Jane Baldwin and director David Landau.

The fun starts with a social time at 7:30 p.m. featuring light snacks and drinks and a curtain time of 8 p.m., followed by desserts and coffee.



If you can help by bringing desserts and/or munchies and helping with setup and cleanup, please contact Kathy Burgess at kathyb.41@verizon.net.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door, with a \$10 ticket price for students. Tickets are available at the MUF Box Office.

Social Justice Council

April 2007 Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need



Spring Craft Sale to Benefit Habitat

Sundays, April 15 & 29 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Terrace Room & Great Hall

Come one, come all! Show your support for our youth group's Habitat Sumter Build Fund. Dozens of MUF members have been happily working hard to create wonderful crafts for your purchase and enjoyment! All proceeds to go for MUF's building materials contribution and transportation/costs to get our wonderful young crew "a-buildin"! Goal: to raise \$2,000, so we need everyone to find something lovely to buy and take home! We have **three** categories of **Jewelry** (You will love this jewelry, so plan to choose several!) - 1) those **made by MUF members at the March craft fairs – marvelous necklaces and bracelets**. 2) A **selection of lovely donated jewelry** from MUF members (most crafted for fun by the donor artist and some store-bought as well). 3) **Higher ticket jewelry designed by expert MUF jewelry crafters where MUF retains 40%** of the ticket price. We also have **40 gorgeous hand-decorated grapevine Spring Wreaths for sale** that will adorn your home stunningly! We have the most **beautiful picture frames, each individually embellished with dried flowers**; we have several **hand-painted folk plaques, mirrors, etc.** And we have **attractive birdhouses** donated by a MUF artist. Think birthdays, think Mother's Day, think...that this is a wonderful chance to help a very poor family...and to affirm our kids' values by supporting their goals. Bring your friends, family and checkbook! (And come hungry, the kids will be selling great snacks too!)

Peaceworks/NJ 51st Humanitarian Aid Container Shipment for the People of Nicaragua – MUF Collection

Dates Sunday, April 22 and 29 – by 12:30 p.m. – Room 100 – Send tools (garden tools, rakes, shovels, pitchforks to help in reforestation and agricultural self-sufficiency); school/art supplies for children - notebooks, pens, crayons, paper; computers/accessories in working condition; sports supplies, summer clothing (clean, new or used, ready-to-wear), household items, medical supplies, tools. Bag like items and attach an inventory to aid in distribution! These shipments are eagerly anticipated; MUF has been participating for years! Join in!

Special April Social Justice Event: Spring Food Drive for Morristown Interfaith Food Pantry, Sundays, April 8,

15, 22 and 29. Each month the Pantry (warehouse on Hanover and distribution on Speedwell) serves clients throughout Morris County with 49% of the food being distributed in Morristown. Please help fill the enormous demand for necessities for hungry elderly people, hungry families with growing children, and people who need survival assistance in Morris County. Most urgent Pantry needs right now are: tuna, rice (1 or 2-lb. bags or boxes), healthy snacks and crackers, 100% fruit juice, paper products, beans (baked, white and red kidney), instant coffee (regular and decaf), hot chocolate, spaghetti/tomato sauce, peanut butter, baby cereal, vegetables, cooking oil (vegetable, olive, canola), laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, baby wipes and diapers (all sizes and pull-ups) and Parmalat. Pick up a current "Pantry Wish List" in the kiosk in the Great Hall. Drop food bags off in Room 100 on **Sundays between 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.**

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen – Next Hosting Date: **Tuesday, April 10!** Thanks, MUFers, for helping cook for more than 150 patrons. Need help assembling 20 casseroles and 15 gallons of soup. Contact Sharon Glickman to let her know you can help - foxwood2@optonline.net. You can also attend the Community Soup Kitchen's Annual Share the Bounty dinner dance April 26, 6:30 p.m., at the Madison Hotel. For more info call the Soup Kitchen office at 973-267-0709.

Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinner Teams – Next host dates are **Wednesdays, April 4 & 25 (5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.)**. Let Susan Spencer know at sespencer@optonline.net if you want to be a part of this outreach to those recuperating from AIDS/HIV.

Morristown Homeless Solutions (shelter) monthly dinner commitment (next hosting, **Saturday, April 14, 4:45 p.m.-7 p.m.**) continues under leadership of Judy O'Neil Goldberg at judyoneil@optonline.net. Make a meaningful difference with the work of your hands. It's fun and appreciated fully by the 100+ shelter residents.

Morristown Habitat for Humanity Builds – Calling All Handy People! MUF has signed an agreement of support/participation along with a group of 20 other Morristown Interfaith Council faith-based communities to support our local Morris County Habitat organization this year. Joe Uhrhane is our MUF Coordinator. Contact him at joeuhr@optonline.net if you'd like more information, or want to sign on!

Next Social Justice Council Meeting, Thursday, April 12, 7:30-9 p.m., in MUF's Dining Room. New members-at-large are always needed for the SJ Council. We have lots of shared projects and are supportive of 10 MUF Social Action Groups. Help us to serve our neighbors. It's a great way to get to know the MUF community and values.

The Cost of Israel's Expansionism to Israelis and Palestinians

Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Israeli peace activist Dorothy Naor will present this talk, representing New Profile, a group of Israelis whose aim is to transform Israel from a militaristic society to a "civilian" one. This includes supporting youngsters who refuse to conscript. To date, Israeli law does not acknowledge men's and women's basic human right to conscientious objection.



The second speaker to be featured this evening will be Yonatan Shapira, who became publicly known in September 2003 as one of the complainants listed in the "Pilots' Letter." In the letter, 27 Israel Air Force pilots stated that they "are opposed to carrying out

orders that are illegal and immoral, of the type the state of Israel has been conducting in the territories." The army responded by dismissing Shapira from further (reserve) duty in the Air Force. In an unprecedented lawsuit filed with the Haifa Israeli labour relations tribunal last year, the Israeli commercial helicopter company has been accused of unlawfully discriminating against Shapira on grounds of moral conscience.

New Profile views this groundbreaking case as a vital part of the struggle to expose the deep-running militarization of all strata of society in Israel and a meaningful opportunity to advance demilitarization while defending freedom of conscience.

Shapira is now active with the group "Combatants for Peace," comprising former Palestinian and Israeli soldiers committed to the nonviolent struggle for peace and to ending the occupation and the cycle of violence.

Since 1998, the New Profile movement has urged the examination and revision of exemption procedures on grounds of conscience. They call for the recognition of men's and women's rights to express their social commitment by means of alternative civic service, including work with non-governmental organizations.

New Profile also opposes Israel's occupation of Palestine, and supports nonviolent means of opposing the occupation. For more information, see www.newprofile.org.

This program is being co-hosted by Seeds of Peace, the Northwest NJ Peace Fellowship and NJ Peace Action. Discussion will be encouraged.

***Don't forget the
Annual Congregational Meeting
on Sunday, May 20, at 1:15 p.m.
You are eligible to vote if you sign the
Membership Book by APRIL 20.***

UU District Metro NY 2007 Annual Meeting!

When: Friday-Saturday, April 27-28

Where: Marriott Hotel, Stamford, CT

- Keynote Address by the Rev. Calvin Dame, District Interim Congregational Services Consultant
- The Rev. Meg Barnhouse - singer/songwriter, author and humorist - on Friday Night
- Children's programming
- The Metro NY District Choir, open to all
- 18 workshops to choose from
- The UU Network Mall

Complete details, including registration, are available at www.uumetro.org/am07.

P.S. Register online or through the mail by printing the online form. **Online registration ends April 20, or postmarked by April 17.**

Travel to the Marriott: Please contact Rita Morris ritamorris1@verizon.net for car-pooling Friday or Saturday.

Rita Morris

A Huge Thank You!

To all who helped make our all-day Sustainability Symposium on February 24 a terrific success! Nearly 90 MUF members and guests explored the interconnectedness of environmental sustainability, social justice and spirituality. They used video clips from some of the world's most respected thinkers, along with inspiring short films, leading-edge information and dynamic group interactions, to gain new insight into the nature of our time, and the opportunity we have to shape and affect the direction of our world with our everyday choices and actions.



Out of the net proceeds, the co-hosts (Seeds of Peace, GEM & Chatham-Summit Quaker Meeting) donated \$100 to MUF toward building upkeep and \$500 to the Pachamama Alliance.

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.

News of Lee Hauck

Our dear friend **Lee Hauck** moved to a care facility in North Carolina in late February to be near her niece, Amy. She enjoys her sunny room, but misses her two cats. She seems to have adjusted well to the move, according to her niece, and has attended a UU church, where she stood up to announce her move from New Jersey.

Inscribe Songbooks in Lee's Name

We'd like to honor Lee by inscribing newly purchased copies of our songbook *Singing the Journey* in her honor. Sunny Reilly suggested that since Lee loves singing so much, this would be an appropriate tribute to her many contributions to MUF over the past three decades.

We can get a discount on the purchase if enough people contribute \$15 for a book. Lesser amounts can also be applied toward purchase of a book.

Send your donation to Sunny at 15 Chateau Thierry Ave., #209, Madison, NJ 07940, or speak to her on Sunday.

For another way to honor Lee, see page 4.

Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns

Now that we have suspended our long-held custom of directly telling our joys and concerns during the Sunday morning services, you can still share your own thoughts with other members of the congregation by sending them to Newsletter editor Pat Baxter at melodylingers@verizon.net. This way you will reach a wider range of the membership.

Contributions to the Celebration of Life

To the Endowment Fund, from **Dick and Marilyn Guernsey**

To celebrate the life of **Debbie Rice's** mother, Margaret Szczesny, from her Women's Spirituality Group, "Nova."

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

Date	Time	Event	Details
Sunday, April 1	3:30-7:30 p.m.	Passover Seder	p. 7
Monday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Wednesdays, April 4 & 18	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
Fridays, April 6, 13, 20, 27	8:30 p.m.	Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, 30	7:30 p.m.	Meditation for UUs	p. 6
Wednesday, April 11	6:30-9 p.m.	West African Drum and Dance	p. 6
Thursday, April 12	7:00 p.m.	Cost of Israel's Expansionism to Israelis and Palestinians	p. 9 
Thursday-Saturday, April 12-14		Modern-Day Slavery	p. 6
Saturday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	Last Circle Dinners (sign up by April 8)	p. 6
Saturday, April 14	7:30 p.m.	Annual Comedy Night	p. 7
Sunday, April 22	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Blood Drive	p. 6
Friday-Saturday, April 27-28		UU District Metro NY Annual Meeting	p. 9
Saturday, April 28	9:00 a.m.	Spring Cleanup	p. 6
Saturday, April 28	8:00 p.m.	Vikingur Olafsson, Piano Concert	p. 5

Mark your calendars NOW for
A Community-Building Sing-a-long
With GEOFF KAUFMAN
Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Music Committee and the Adult Programs Committee (no fee or registration required).

Geoff is most widely known for his songs of the sea, but his passion for the environment and social justice are also reflected in his music. He has an incredible tenor voice and sings a cappella or accompanied with guitar, anglo concertina, tin whistle or percussion. For more details look at his website, www.geoffkaufman.com to find truth, humor and beauty in folk music.

For more information, contact Beth Hayward at lizzieanne@att.net.

Remember the General Assembly 2007
in Portland, Ore.—June 20-24.

CHOICES THAT MATTER

Registration and housing reservations open

Access www.uua.org/ga/ga07

Check out list (on bulletin board) of members and friends who have indicated interest in attending GA.
 Look for GA Portland materials in Room 100.

Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs

Mark your Calendar!! Family Event

Cinco de Mayo – Salsa Festival

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at MUF!

Friendship Pot-luck Dinner with Wind of the Spirit

Immigrant Community < **LIVE MUSIC** >

Questions: Sarahjane Rath at raths@umdnj.edu or karenburns@casaessex.org.



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APRIL 15

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 1:15 p.m. You are eligible to vote if you sign the Membership Book by APRIL 20.

Sunday Services (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)



April 1 The Wisdom of Fools

Rev. Alison B. Miller

April 8 Easter Sunday - Velveteen Values

Both morning services will be intergenerational. Children of all ages are also welcome to join the Easter Egg Hunt between services.

Rev. Alison B. Miller and Kim Mason

April 15 Are God and Mother Nature Married ... or Are They Just Living Together?

Through music, dance and reflection, we celebrate nature as an intrinsic part of our lives.

Coordinated by Kathi Caccavale

April 22 Membership Sunday - Joining UUs

Rev. Alison B. Miller

April 29 What's So Funny About That?

The Senior High Youth Group will explore jokes and how they affect people. Be prepared to laugh a lot and to understand why what you thought was funny may not be funny after all.

Coordinated by Alyse Kalas