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## News

*Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out*

### From the Minister . . .

#### ONCE UPON A

**TIME** there were two frogs who fell into a ten-gallon milk bucket. The one frog said, "What is the use?" and he gave up and drowned. The other frog said, "I can't afford to give up." So the frog kicked and kicked. Suddenly, the cream turned into butter, and he was able to jump out of the bucket. If the two frogs had kicked together, the cream would have become butter faster.



Which frog are you? When life throws a challenge in your path, are you likely to feel that it is too big to handle and give up? Or, do you meet it head on? There is a biblical proverb that states, "If you faint on the day of adversity, then your strength is small." This may be easy enough to agree with in this simple fable of two frogs. However, it is only partially true in our lives. Yes, it is important not to shrink from adversity. At the same time, it is not something we eagerly await.

It is anything but simple to live out the idea Bruce Findlow wrote of in one of our hymns: "For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise," including "sorrows we must bear, for failures, pain and loss." The threat of drowning as in the frog story or the threat the giant Goliath poses to David are in a certain respect tests of physical endurance and strength. However, there is more to these stories and to other challenges. Some of the fastest and trickiest curve balls that are thrown our way test our psychological and spiritual mettle as well.

Life throws all of us these curve balls. It could be difficulty with a co-worker or losing your job. It could be a diagnosis of heart failure or cancer. It could be the death of a loved one from natural causes or suicide. The day an event like one of these occurs, you may not be able to summon up your best coping skills, and you may very well metaphorically faint on the day of adversity. Or, you may know exactly what to do to catch that curve ball. In our lifetimes, both of these situations arise.

Too often we try to be self-reliant when suffering comes our way; we are afraid to ask for help and afraid to admit we are in need. Life is about the balance of giving and

receiving. Times of difficulty or tragedy remind us of this fact. I would suggest that this has a lot to do with why we come to the Morrystown Unitarian Fellowship.

Well, we come for many reasons... to have a quiet place of reflection, to have our minds and souls stretched by words, music and prayer, to honor the transitions and cycles of life, and to work for love and justice in the world. A world community filled with love and justice starts right here within our congregation's walls.

We gather in our religious home in part to understand and express the fact that we are not alone, and that we need one another. This is reinforced in our Fellowship not only in words but also in deeds. For example, the members of our Caring Committee, led by Catherine Corey and Laurie MacGeorge, reach out to members in need with calls, visits, meals, rides and their healing presence. I am touched by the stories that I hear in my pastoral appointments and visits about how members have mobilized to surround and support many of you during times of difficulty.

So, if this winter has been especially cold and dark for you, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and let us know what is going on.

May ours be a community that grows in warmth and light.

### **Alison**

*Alison's Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
10 a.m.-6 p.m., and by appointment*

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***From the Board of Trustees***

**Board Meetings**

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 8.

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes are approved at the next Board meeting; therefore, minutes of the December 2005 meeting are now approved. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website. Reading the minutes will keep you up to date on what the leadership is doing for the Fellowship and how decisions are made.

**Administrative and Program Networks Minutes**

The Networks minutes are also approved at the next network meeting and then posted in Room 100 and available on the website. These minutes keep you informed of developments within Fellowship Committees and recommendations made to the Board on behalf of the Fellowship.

***Be an informed Member!***

***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.

***Our Favorite Businesses –Edition II  
Fresh Thinking Appreciated***

Dust off the old edition of the *Our Favorite Businesses* catalog, which came out in summer 2004. Use it as a sample copy to show potential advertisers this time around. If you have extra copies, we could really use them for those who have joined us more recently.

The concept in a nutshell: We approach those who have supplied us with outstanding service in any category you can think of: carpentry, restaurant service, landscaping, web design, personal training, etc. You mention that you will write a brief testimonial on behalf of your vendors' businesses in return for their purchase of ad space in our new edition. Every MUF member will receive a copy. Visitors to our Fellowship and our web site will also have access to the contents. The proceeds support the Fellowship community and all that we do. (We'll prep you with more precise verbiage later.)

We would love to have a few extra people help in publicity for this edition to make it even bigger and better. Later on, we will need editing and distribution help. We will need all ad payments by June 30. We did raise a few thousand dollars with a skeletal crew last time! If you would like to help us this time around, contact Christine Frederick at Eastzephyr@aol.com.

***ATTENTION! New Newsletter Deadline!***

All articles for both print and online versions of the Newsletter have a new deadline. They should be e-mailed to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) (editor PAT BAXTER) by the **15th** of the month preceding the one in which they will appear. The deadline for each issue will also appear on the address panel of each Newsletter.

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

	July 2005 through Dec. 2006	Dec.05 Actual	Dec.05 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Dec. Actual	July-Dec. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledges, collections, donations	28,971	26,333	2,638	186,446	157,002	29,444	315,000
	Rentals	1,995	2,533	-538	13,645	15,200	-1,555	30,400
	Fundraising	6,229	4,000	2,229	11,209	9,000	2,209	39,100
	Other	6,283	2,392	3,891	16,381	11,425	4,956	22,425
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	43,478	35,258	8,220	227,681	192,627	35,054	406,925
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries, wages, benefits	27,108	28,068	-960	124,976	141,411	-16,435	277,422
	Administrative, program	6,072	9,073	-3,001	42,945	41,359	1,586	80,686
	Building, other	7,565	5,371	2,194	29,524	33,426	-3,902	68,152
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	40,746	42,512	-1,767	197,445	216,196	-18,751	426,260
	<b>TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)</b>	2,732	-7,254	9,987	30,236	-23,569	53,805	-19,335

- NOTES**
1. Fundraising has recovered and is now well above budget due to the Service Auction.
  2. Pledges and donations continue to be above budget. Thank you!
  3. Rental income is in the process of recovery as we have received a sizable retroactive payment.
  4. Office and Religious Education expenditures continue to be over budget.
  5. Personnel expenditures are below budget, but we will be hiring a replacement for the office manager.
  6. Our expenditures as a whole are below budget and our income is above budget, so we are adding to the surplus.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer*

***See Our Website (Members Only) for Reminder on Pledging/Financial Support***

**Save the Date! Major Conference Scheduled at MUF Saturday, March 25**

***Global Partnerships: Saving Lives through Economic Justice, a UN Millennium Goals Conference***

Have you seen the public service announcements on television about microcredit investment as a method to implement the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals? Have you read any of the numerous newspaper/magazine articles, including those in *UU World*, about Unitarian Universalists' investment in microcredit banks? If you have, then you won't be surprised to learn that MUF is in the vanguard of this movement and you will want to be part of this initiative. If you haven't, you will want to learn more about what microcredit is and how you can become involved in establishing MUF's microcredit banks.

MUF is hosting this conference with members of UU congregations and related organizations throughout the state attending. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dorothy Mae Emerson, whose article "The Microcredit Revolution" appeared in the March/April 2005 edition of *UU World*. Presenters include

specialists in gender equity in the Middle East, sustainable community development, education of HIV/AIDS orphans, stopping violence against women and children, and currently operating microcredit organizations.

Look for flyers and brochures coming soon and plan to attend this important conference. Volunteers are needed in many capacities. To volunteer, contact Susan Oxman at soxman13@verizon.net. If you have room(s) available for presenters or attendees, contact Eleanor Mason at eleanormason@att.net. For information contact Claire Trudgen Dixon.

***Transylvania Tidbit***

Have you heard of the Four Seasons Restaurant in New York? The owner for many years was Paul Kovi, a Transylvanian who went to the University of Kolozsvár. I have a copy of his book *Transylvanian Cuisine*, which has recipes and fascinating articles, some mentioning Unitarianism. It is available to borrow. Contact Gabor at gabor@gaborkiss.com.

## Faith Developments

ONE OF THE TECHNIQUES I learned during a religious education training model is a technique for processing a learning experience in a way that allows you to integrate the learning fully into your life. It's a short mnemonic set of three questions: What? So What? Now What? A simple concept, and quite powerful when implemented.



### What?

What did I just learn? Can I use different words to reiterate the understanding?

### So What?

Find meaning in the story or lesson. Can I find a new understanding from that story? Does that story help me to understand right from wrong? Can I find purpose or meaning from that story?

### Now What?

Am I called to action by that story? How can that story or lesson help me affect the world or my life in a positive way? This is where we learn to put our faith in action.

The challenge to us, as Unitarian Universalists, is not to answer the **What?** or **So What?** questions ... we're pretty good at telling stories and asking questions about those stories. Our challenge is the third question, the **Now What?** question. How will we use what we've learned to make a positive impact on the world? How can we incorporate our learning into our lives? Why did we learn what we just were taught?

Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." We have a long proud tradition of social activism in our faith. Our challenge in Children's Religious Education is how to bring that activism to our children in a meaningful way so that they enjoy attending classes, and want to remain in our faith tradition as they graduate from high school and move into young adulthood.

One of the answers the RE Council and I have found is Workshop Rotation. It's a model slowly moving into UU congregations that uses a multidisciplinary approach to learning. Workshop Rotation takes a theme (or a general concept) and introduces it to children in a series of workshops over the space of four to six weeks.

During that time, children would attend a workshop one week that revolves around an art project. The next week, they might work in the AV room producing a news report on video about that theme or concept. The following week, a music workshop, followed by a cooking workshop or a wood workshop or a puppet show they'd produce, or ??? The possibilities are endless, and the DREAM TEAM is working now to define our workshops, define the concepts we'll cover in Workshop Rotation, and build the program for startup in September 2006.

Running one concept through a series of workshops allows children to learn in many different modalities, a wonderful idea for the children who learn best through action, music, nature, or other ways than sitting and listening. Because they learn about the same concept or theme four or more times, they learn it more deeply. And teachers have much less work preparing lessons, because they use the same lesson for each class, perhaps with minor adjustments for age. The best news is that congregations all around the world who have introduced the model report that children are dragging their parents out of bed on Sunday morning!

Please plan to visit the RE Council and the Dream Team during one of our coffee hours, on January 29, February 26, March 19, or April 23. Watch this newsletter for more information. Talk with one of the Dream Team members about the future of RE at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. And if you are interested in helping with the planning process, please contact Kris Johnson or Janine Torsiello, co-chairs, or me, your DRE.

Yours in faith,

**Robin**

*Robin's Office Hours for February are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and by appointment*

**Religious Education Calendar Highlights**

January 8–February 12	MYSTERY BUDDIES!
January 29	Teacher's Circle, open to all teachers. Come and be enriched with goodies for the body and soul!
February 5	Conversations in Faith Development, both services and RE.
February 12	Valentine's Day Brunch – check with your Mystery Buddy about which seating you both will attend!
February 12 & 26, March 12	New UU classes, for adults and children!
February 19	Children's Chapel: 9 a.m. for 5/6 & 7/8 classes, 10 a.m. for 4/K, 1/2 and 3/4 classes



***Workshop Rotation***

Here's an example of how Workshop Rotation might work. We are working on which classes will attend workshops, and what kinds of workshops we'll run at MUF!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Sunday #1</b>	<b>Sunday #2</b>	<b>Sunday #3</b>	<b>Sunday #4</b>
<b>Grade 1 &amp; 2</b>	Art Studio	Drama & Puppetry	Audio Visual Studio	Music & Sound Studio
<b>Grade 3 &amp; 4</b>	Music & Sound Studio	Art Studio	Drama & Puppetry	Audio Visual Studio
<b>Grade 5 &amp; 6</b>	Audio Visual Studio	Music & Sound Studio	Art Studio	Drama & Puppetry



## Upcoming Events

### **EVENSONG**

**Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**

Evensong is a lay-led small-group service providing an opportunity to explore individual life journeys in an intimate and supportive setting. Through readings, music, quiet reflection and sharing of our experiences, we will explore the following topics:

**February 1** Losing a Loved One: How has this type of loss affected your life? How has it changed you?

**February 15** Justice and Fairness: What role do these concepts play in your thoughts and actions?

More info from Drew Hayes or the MUF website.

### **Minstrel Coffeehouse**

**Fridays, 8:30 p.m.**

Admission at the door is now \$7.

**Feb. 3 Bob Franke and Liza DiSavino**

**Feb. 10 Valentine's Day Extravaganza (No open stage)**

**Feb. 17** Special Concert featuring **Mick Moloney, John Doyle, Robbie O'Connell and Athena O'Lochlainn**, with special guest **John Sherman**. Tickets \$15, \$17 at the door.

**Feb. 24 April Verch and Jean Rohe**

Information from **973-335-9489** or **www.folkproject.org/fp\_minstopen.html**.

### **First Monday Book Group**

**Monday, February 6, 7 p.m.**

Our book will be *The Known World*, by Edward P. Jones, which belongs on a shelf with other classics of

### **Building the Center: Finances**

**Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Lunch provided. Snow date February 25.**

A workshop for committee leaders and interested members to

1. Learn the financial picture at MUF
2. Learn how to vision and plan for the work of their committees
3. Learn some of the routine financial procedures of the Fellowship

This workshop precedes the budget request deadline for committees of March 4. Start thinking about it even before the workshop.

For more information and to register, contact Rev. Alison Miller at extension 204, or Office Administrator Maggie Chilton at extension 203.

slavery, like Toni Morrison's *Beloved* and Styron's *Confessions of Nat Turner*. For March 6, we will read *The Periodic Table*, by Primo Levi. "Every chapter is full of surprises, insights, high humor and language that often rises to poetry," says *The New Yorker*. Enjoy the books on cold winter nights and join us; we still have room for you. If weather is questionable, call Nancy Lee Duder. We meet in Room 208.

### **Circle Dinner**

**Saturday, February 11, 7 p.m.**

The signup deadline was **Sunday, January 29**. For more information, contact Marilyn Guernsey at [marilynguernsey@earthlink.net](mailto:marilynguernsey@earthlink.net), or Diane Martin at [JKDLMartin1@aol.com](mailto:JKDLMartin1@aol.com).

### **Creative Dance Group**

**Thursday, February 16, 7:30-9 p.m.**

A new session will begin in the Terrace Room, with a new instructor, Elizabeth Mozer. She has taught at Montclair State University and Morris County College, and has danced in Broadway productions. All are invited; previous dance experience is not required. It is great fun and good exercise! For more information, call Astrid Martin or Joan Clifford.

### **Black Maria Film and Video Festival**

**Saturday, February 18, 8 p.m.**

Buy tickets for this annual event for \$10 from Dan Byrd. A Fellowship Fundraiser.

### **Saturday Evening Concert**

**Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m.**

Remember the SECS Tremblay Ensemble concert, with violins, viola, cello and flute! Contact Pat Baxter at [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net).

### **Farewell Earth-Based Spirituality Circle**

The leaders of the Fellowship's Earth-Based Spirituality Circle announce, with regret, that they have decided to disband the group due to declining participation. Thanks go to all those who have enjoyed the circle's rituals during the past five years. Those interested in Earth-based spirituality are encouraged to work together informally to maintain the presence of this tradition in the Fellowship's activities in the future. Contact Danelle Simonelli.

**Green Sanctuary Committee/Global Warming SAI task force (GSC/GWSAI)  
Statement of Conscience (SOC) on Global Warming**

At the 2004 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, the Threat of Global Warming was chosen as the two- year Study Action Issue (SAI). MUF has taken part in the process. At the GA in June 2006 the Statement of Conscience (SOC) will be presented by the UUA Commission on Social Witness to the delegates for adoption. The draft SOC can be found at [www.uua.org/csw/](http://www.uua.org/csw/). All UU members and congregations are invited to make feedback comments **by March 1**. The GSC/GWSAI has set aside discussion time at the next meeting for this purpose. We cordially invite all interested MUFers to join us on **Tuesday, February 14, from 7-7:45 p.m.** Included in our discussion will be the response of the UU Ministry for Earth, [www.uuministryforearth.org/globalwarming/ResponseToStatementOfConscience.pdf](http://www.uuministryforearth.org/globalwarming/ResponseToStatementOfConscience.pdf). If you are able to make it, please read the draft SOC and the response of UUFME and bring the copies to the meeting. It will move the discussion along.

Contact Claire Mayer or Linda DeLap.



**Metro NY Minute**  
**Upcoming Workshops and Meetings**

**UU Women's Association (UUWA) Winter Luncheon:** Sponsored by the District February 11, at the Community Church of New York UU, Manhattan. Keynote speaker: The Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt. For information, contact Laurie James at [ljauthor@nyc.rr.com](mailto:ljauthor@nyc.rr.com) or call 212-724-0438 for reservations.

**6th National Conference for Mid-Size Congregations:** Sponsored by the UUA March 2-5, at the Hyatt Regency, Phoenix, Ariz.

**A Conversation with the District Board:** Sponsored by the District March 11, at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood (NJ). For information, contact Jerry Muntz at [jmuntz@comcast.net](mailto:jmuntz@comcast.net).

**District 2006 Annual Meeting:** April 28-29, at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Conn. Registration begins February 15. Please call me for details on the District Meeting and registration.

*Rita Morris, The Wider U (Denominational Affairs)*



**MUF's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memories Blog - 50 Years and Counting!**

Don't forget to leave your memories of our 50 years on MUF's "Blog"! You can reach it from the home page of our website and read the memories others have recorded and add your own. You may also send written memories to the Fellowship c/o "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book." We look forward to your thoughts either way.

## Social Responsibilities Committee

February is truly "Love Your Neighbor Month!"



**Special February SR Events: Winter Food Drive for Morristown Interfaith Food Pantry Sundays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26.** Did you know that **800 bags of groceries are distributed every week... or nearly 225 tons of food packed into 455,000 bags per year** from this pantry? Please help fill the enormous demand for assistance in our own county. Family gift—Shop for staples: cereals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned fish/meats, pasta & sauces, peanut butter, diapers, cleaning supplies. We received a call from their Director, thanking us for prior support and hoping for a winter collection. We can do it!! Pick up current "Pantry Wish List" at SR Table on Sundays. Drop food bags off in Room 100 on Sundays 8:30 a.m.-12 noon.

**Morris Habitat for Humanity –Invites MUF members to Saturday Work Parties - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** Construction & Non-Construction Jobs. Great expansion in 2006 with 11 projects in Morris County - both new construction & rehabs. Must be 14 + (with adult supervision) or adult. All must first attend "Habitat Orientation Session" given monthly in evening. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Suzanne Hartman.

**Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinner - Wednesday, February 1 - 5:45-7:15 p.m.** We continue to serve a family-style dinner and enjoy warm conversation with residents of Eric Johnson House, a home for stabilizing/re-entry for people with HIV/AIDS. Contact Susan Spencer for your "assignment" if you'd like to help.

**Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, February 11 - 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. Call Michele Kunz to volunteer at mbkunz@gmail.com. Six additional dates available for hosting at the shelter between February 20 and June 27. If you'd like to lead a hosting team, let us know.

**Morristown Soup Kitchen - Help is needed for February 14 serving.** Our Senior High Youth Group will do the cooking in advance...but we still need people to set up/serve on February 14, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Sharon Glickman at foxwood@optonline.net.

- To All the Hands-On Responders: At year's end, it is very appropriate to **thank all the volunteers at MUF** who give the greatest treasure that there is to give .... **time** ... to local charities and MUF Social Action Groups. Thanks for your vision and commitment, one and all!
- Secondly, to all our MUF members for the amazingly successful "2005 MUF Gifts of Conscience Holiday Fair." In just three Sundays, **we raised \$17,000** in gift donations bought in the names of our families and friends. These gifts are the essence of hope that will change poor people's lives and futures. In a consumerist society, you helped raise consciousness that giving a "gift with a purpose" sustains humanity.

### MUF Living Gift Market Results – 2005

<b>Ten Thousand Villages – 3<sup>rd</sup> World Artisan Crafts</b>	<b>\$6,343.24</b>	<b>The Heifer Project – Income-Producing Animals</b>	<b>\$ 5,145</b>
<b>Peaceworks Projects: Stoves, Street Children, Domestic Violence</b>	<b>\$1,313</b>	<b>UNICEF – Cards</b>	<b>\$ 1,309</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen Donations (not Special Collection)</b>	<b>\$ 135</b>	<b>Wind of the Spirit/English Classes</b>	<b>\$ 1,020</b>
<b>House Pins Symbolizing Social Justice – SR Scholarship</b>	<b>\$ 195</b>	<b>Green Sanctuary—Gifts to Green Causes &amp; Seeds</b>	<b>\$ 352</b>
<b>CASA – Volunteers for Foster Children – Morris &amp; Essex</b>	<b>\$ 110</b>	<b>Seeds of Peace – Books, T-Shirts</b>	<b>\$ 1,019.50</b>
<b>Market Street Mission</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>Eric Johnson House—AIDS Halfway House Donations</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$ 12.50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,114.24</b>

- Thirdly, \$3,000 in wonderful, hard-working, split-offering Sunday plate contributions you made during the period of mid-October - End of Year has been allocated. On January 12, the Social Responsibilities team met to consider funding options against our standing criteria for MUF social justice gifts. *They have earmarked 50% of the plate for Social Justice gifts accordingly in MUF's name:*

**Mid-October—End December 2005 – Sunday Offering SR Gifts**

<p><b>Morristown Nursery on the Green— Scholarship for Poor Children Fund</b>     \$250</p> <p><b>Morristown Neighborhood House Teachers' Choice</b>     \$500</p> <p><b>UU-UNO Quarterly Gift to Office Operations</b>     \$300</p> <p><b>FINCA Project at MUF – set aside for planning costs Millennial Goals Conference @MUF March 25</b>     \$300</p>	<p><b>Wind of the Spirit—split—English lessons/ Operations Support 250/150</b>     \$ 400</p> <p><b>Interfaith Food Pantry—Operations Gift/Special Support Morris Katrina Refugees</b>     \$ 400</p> <p><b>Peaceworks—General Program Support &amp; Purchase Fuel-Efficient Cookstoves</b>     \$ 550</p> <p><b>Green Faith Consultancy—M. Fletcher (Green Sanctuary—MUF Champion</b>     \$ 300</p> <p><b>Total</b>     \$3,000</p>
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**Social Responsibilities Monthly Meeting – Thursday, February 9 – 7:30-9:30 p.m.** - Room TBA - Join the Social Responsibilities Committee and help us promote social justice. We serve as MUF's voice/hands in our local community and by studying/addressing social justice "root problems." New members and ideas always welcome. Contact [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) for more information.



***Help to Keep Our Spiritual Home Beautiful***

Do you enjoy the beauty and peaceful surroundings of our spiritual home?

Are you interested in maintaining the charm and design of our building?

Whether or not you can help by lending your expertise or more actively by completing some of the jobs, the Beautification and Preservation Committee invites you to join us. Newcomers are welcome!

If you would like to make a difference and maintain the attractiveness of the former Thorne mansion and grounds, please contact Arlyne Dalman at home or by e-mail at [ajdalman@optonline.net](mailto:ajdalman@optonline.net).

***Service Auction a Success***

Thanks to the generosity of Fellowship members and friends in donating and purchasing services, we raised a total of **\$15,010**. This year, Service Auction proceeds will go to the MUF budget, but we hope in future years to be able to earmark these funds to support Morristown area needs.

Of course, our success would not have been possible without help from auctioneers Charlie Carroll and David Landau, kitchen master Gary Kunz, senior highers Rich Kunz, Elissa Scott and Erin Hodgson, as well as Paul Mitchell, Bob Scott, Irene Mendelson, Sue Oxman, Ron Corey and others.

Some items are being continued at the Box Office; stop by and see what's available.

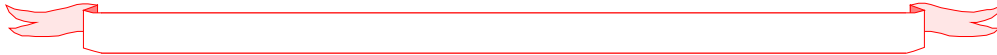
*Patricia McNaught*



# 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.



## *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

To the Endowment Fund:

From Marian Stuart

From the estate of Jean Hubble

From the Bushes as a thank-you for all the kindness shown Irene

From Al and Minda Chu

From the following in honor of Susan Oxman's birthday:  
Elbjorg Berkenkamp, Pat De La Fuente, Anne Gaynor, Sharon Glickman, Karen Burns and Tony Rutigliano, John and Kathy Solu

*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
Wednesdays, February 1 & 15	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
Fridays, February 3-24	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
Monday, February 6	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Saturday, February 11	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Financial Workshop: Building the Center	p. 6
Saturday, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Circle Dinner (sign up by Jan. 29)	p. 6
Tuesday, February 14	7:00-7:45 p.m.	Global Warming Discussion	p. 7
Thursday, February 16	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Creative Dance Group	p. 6
Saturday, February 18	8:00 p.m.	Black Maria Film and Video Festival	p. 6
Saturday, March 18	8:00 p.m.	Tremblay Ensemble Concert	p. 6

### Super 50-50 Raffle Cancelled

Due to insufficient sales so close to the raffle date, the Super 50/50 Raffle has been cancelled. As you know, this is a year of trying new things. We appreciate your willingness to support the Fellowship's fundraising efforts and thank everyone who participated for their generosity.

#### ***Hold these dates!***

April 1: 7 p.m. -- MUF Variety Show  
 June 10: All day -- MUF Yard Sale

If you'd like to sponsor a coffee hour after our Sunday morning services, contact Dan Cohen at [danielcohen@optonline.net](mailto:danielcohen@optonline.net).

### Missing Persons Wanted!

If you have noticed that any member or friend who used to attend MUF regularly is no longer coming, we would like to know about it. The Welcoming and Membership Support Committee would like to contact these people to find out how they are doing and why they are no longer attending. Help us find our missing persons! Please contact Susan Oxman at [soxman13@verizon.net](mailto:soxman13@verizon.net).

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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 the *public* online newsletter. The *Members Only* copy includes the full information.

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***ATTENTION!***  
***The new deadline for EACH Newsletter will be the 15th of the previous month!***

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**FEBRUARY 15**

***Sunday Services*** (9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)



**February 5**     **Rev. Alison B. Miller**  
A "Conversations in Community" segment will be part of the service.

**February 12**     **The Circle of Love**  
Many forms of love support and renew us in the course of our lives. Through music, readings and poetry, we will reflect on the power of five forms of love: love at life's beginning, romantic love, the love that creates community, love at life's end, and spiritual love. These relationships are shared and renewed with each generation, creating an unending circle of love.  
*Presented by Bob Verbrugge, Carol Todd, George Aronson, Janine Torsiello and Marjorie Wormser*

**February 19**     **Rev. Alison B. Miller**

**February 26**     **Rev. Alison B. Miller**  
A special collection will be taken for the Chalice Lighters.