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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

WHAT WILL THE MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP BE LIKE in five years? How will visitors and long-time members describe us? I hope that people say we are a spiritually alive and justice-centered community with our doors open wide to all who thirst for a liberal religious home.



This year you and I are embarking on a quest to discover an energizing, relevant, and meaningful vision for our community. We want to share the healing message of Unitarian Universalism with the greater Morristown region, and we need to do the work of figuring out who we are and what we stand for in the year 2007.

Unitarian Universalism has a wide embrace. People with diverse backgrounds and circumstances find a home with us. Atheists, agnostics, and theists worship side by side. Peace activists, economic justice advocates, and environmentalists galvanize volunteers to be agents of change in the world.

And yet, we still do have work to do to widen the welcoming ability of our congregation. One way we may choose to explore this is through the challenge offered to us by one of the resolutions passed at our General Assembly in June of 2006, which urged every congregation "to hold at least one program over the next year to address racism or classism." I hope that our quest together will include journeying courageously towards the life-affirming yet thorny issues of anti-oppression work both within our congregation and in our surrounding towns.

Our embrace is fairly wide, but is it deep enough? A desire not to offend or exclude combined with big-heartedness leads some Unitarian Universalist congregations to be too broad in their goals or afraid to articulate goals at all. I would rather see us undertake a limited number of ministries where we make an exceptional difference in the spiritual lives of our congregants and in our work for justice in the world, than to try to say "yes" to every single good idea and make scant difference with those ideas.

I heard Faye Wattleton speak at a UU congregation several years ago, and she expressed a guiding sentiment that

calls me back to my senses when I begin to spread myself too thin. Among other achievements, she served as president of Planned Parenthood from 1978 to 1992, and all of us who care about reproductive rights owe her a debt of gratitude.

A member of the audience asked, "Why did you decide to limit your work to women's issues?" She replied that there are an infinite number of causes that she would be interested in working on, and if she tried to work on them all she would make such a slight difference that it would be imperceptible. However, if she made a choice and a lifelong commitment, she could make a huge impact. That's exactly what she's done.

The good news is that, as more than three hundred people, we can take on more than one issue, but the caution is sound. To make a difference, we need to learn to say "no" sometimes. But this also means saying "yes" to the activities that align with our vision, passion, and talents. It also means "yes!" to making a deep impact.

Happy New Year!

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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Thank you!

From the Board of Trustees

Recent Developments

- Everyone was excited about the turnout and success of the Holiday Party on December 3.
- The Board followed Alison's example and endorsed the concept of a Worker Center, a proposal developed by the clergy of Morristown.
- The Board endorsed the candidacy of Rev. Rosemary McNatt for UUA Trustee.
- Two donations of \$10,000 (one for Endowment, one where "most needed") have been received as a result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.
- The Board is working to fill the vacant positions of Assistant Treasurer, Pledge Committee Co-Chairs, and Leadership Leaves Representative, as well as to add to the Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee.

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	January 10
Administrative Network	January 17
Program Network	January 24

Meeting Minutes

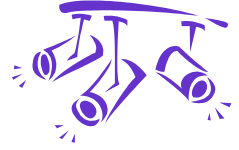
Minutes from the November meetings have been approved and are now posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website in the Members Only section.

Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!

Deeds Well Done

The Board wishes to acknowledge and express appreciation for the following efforts on behalf of the Fellowship:

- **Peggy Karr and Tim Seitz** for donating Endowment plates for over 10 years,
- **Tony Rutigliano and Dan Cohen** for leadership retreat workshops,
- **Lisa Schmitt** for getting the 3-year-old RE class restarted,
- **Fred Bosbous, Matt Rath, Carol Titus, the B&P Committee** and all volunteers for the Fall Cleanup, as well as:
- **Jim Blanton and George Aronson** for extending fall cleanup two more days to scrape and paint the front gates,
- **Arlyne Dalman** for the beautiful fall banners in the Meeting Room,
- **Julie Wolfe** for organizing RE greeters on Sunday mornings,
- **Janine Torsiello, Karen Burns** and all those who put together the Holiday Alternate Gift Fair, which raised almost \$22,000 for worthy causes, including **Susan Spencer, Sarahjane and Matt Rath, Susan Oxman, Dan Byrd, Michelle Kunz, Linda DeLap, Debbie Rice, Christine Reynolds, Sharon Glickman, Jim Burchell, Kathy Burgess, Noelle Jensen, Tony Rutigliano and Jo Sippie-Gora.**



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

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

	Nov. 06	Budget	Variance	TOTAL Jul-Nov. 06	Budget	Variance	Annual
INCOME							
Pledges	25,917	29,583	-3,666	149,125	157,915	-8,790	365,000
Building Use	2,715	2,604	111	16,666	13,020	3,646	31,250
Fund Raisers	-733	417	-1,150	-1,325	4,081	-5,406	26,500
Sunday Morning Contributions	1,189	900	289	4,079	3,700	379	10,000
Other Income	200	1,250	-1,050	5,334	6,250	-916	15,000
TOTAL INCOME	29,288	34,754	-5,466	173,879	184,966	-11,087	447,750
EXPENSES							
Misc. Fundraising Expense	0			157			0
Personnel Expenses	25,405	26,939	-1,534	112,046	128,012	-15,966	318,283
Facilities	7,701	6,808	893	26,078	34,281	-8,203	84,748
Building Improvements	0	292	-292	975	1,456	-481	3,500
Office Expense	2,138	1,321	817	8,940	8,196	744	17,650
Fellowship Expenses	4,293	2,435	1,858	17,584	14,916	2,668	39,689
Committee Activities	2,101	2,238	-137	7,235	10,550	-3,315	24,420
Religious Education	999	590	409	3,163	1,770	1,393	6,900
Uncategorized Expenses	0			105			0
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,637	40,623	2,014	176,283	199,181	-22,898	495,190
NET INCOME	-13,349	-5,869	-7,480	-2,404	-14,215	11,811	-47,440

NOTES

1. We had budgeted to have a net overexpenditure of \$14,205; instead the overexpenditure was only \$2,404.
2. However, our reserve situation is a bit below what we had wished.
3. December pledges appear to be coming in well but are not reflected as of the end of November.
4. We have had a good number of new members making new pledges.
5. We are taking in 94% of our projected budget, but only spending at 89%.
6. We have gotten a grant for a historic preservation plan which will be the basis for future historic grants.

Submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer

Faith Developments

AT THE LEADERSHIP RETREAT in November, I asked the attendees to answer three questions: What is Religious Education? Who is involved in Religious Education? When does Religious Education happen?



The first question had a lot of responses:

- Conscious opportunity to have meaningful experiences within religious context, not just about religion. Variety of experiences, not just lecture.
- Opportunity to explore and learn; Guidance in exploring for mission; Resources for learning; Encouragement to form your values and put your faith into action.
- Spiritual development of a person or persons of any age.
- Fostering UU values in the real world and space to explore and question our UU principles.
- Assist congregants to discover their own values/belief system.
- Ethical/moral, spiritual – sharing what is deepest, The “Big Questions” – why are we here? Metaphysical, intuitive.
- Learning about spiritual paths; Exercising our spiritual muscles.
- Teaching values and ethics, history of our denomination and other denominations; Acting on values; Doing.
- Awaken spirituality/explore; How to study history, explore our beliefs and apply them, pass on truths to the next generation so faith has future.

The second question had fewer responses:

- Everyone – children, adults, teachers.
- What makes people want to participate in RE? Relationships with our participants – covenant of each class.
- Teachers, students; community; by how we

act; parents; those who structure programs; minister.

- Everybody involved vs. paid teachers. Mid-week classes.
- Everybody – adults, children, teachers, older people involved with children, and youth involved in MUF leadership.
- Entire congregation in every function.
- Anyone who enters or participates in the MUF community at any level.

The last question had the fewest responses:

- All the time – carry RE into our homes and our lives. Experiment with different time frames for classes, e.g., adult RE on Sunday mornings.
- Sunday morning, mid-week and in the home.
- Happens all the time.
- All the time – classes, services, coffee hour, covenant groups, committee meetings.
- Continually – any time: services, structure classes, coffee hour, by oneself
- Always.

Looking at these responses, I start to see a common sense of the purpose of RE, who it is for and when and how it happens. Would you agree or disagree with the statements above? Do you think it reflects the RE program here at the Fellowship?

This spring we will start looking at the vision for Religious Education at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. This is the work of the entire congregation, not just the RE Council and not just parents and teachers. Religious Education is one of the vital things that we do here at the Fellowship.

So in the coming months, I invite you to wear your “RE lens” when you look at the things we do here at MUF. Take notes. Share your thoughts. Come upstairs and write your own answers to those three questions on the bulletin board in the second floor hallway. This is about who we are as a congregation. What do you think?

In faith,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Kim". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kim is in the office Sunday through Thursday.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration Sunday, January 14, and Monday, January 15

Sunday, January 14, 1-4:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Events at MUF

Many different activities are being planned for this day, right after Sunday services, and Monday. Every bit of volunteer assistance will be appreciated. Contact Stacey Gregg at greggs@optonline.net, or Jo Sippie-Gora at jo@josippie.com. Signup sheets for volunteers will also be out during Sunday coffee hours.



- After second service - soup luncheon (volunteers needed)
- 1:30 - special film *Slave Reparations: The Final Passage* (with Q&A moderated by the UU producer/director)

Monday, January 15, 1-6 p.m.

"Northern New Jersey MLK Day of Service"

Many Events Hosted at MUF this day by Seeds of Peace

- Many local nonprofit organizations will exhibit volunteer opportunities for today and all year long. Sign up for these volunteer opportunities at the newly formed "Northern NJ MLK Day of Service." Go to www.mlkday.gov.
- There will be displays about local area leaders and activists who have moved MLK's dream forward in our community.
- Various "one-minute-or-less" actions will be offered in which you can take part on this day to help further the Dream. They include sending postcards to school boards that have yet to observe MLK Day in NJ or taking a minute to sign various petitions such as for the creation of a cabinet-level Department of Peace.
- Films and discussion for Adults: *The Rosa Parks Story*, video highlights of the Civil Rights movement - a chance for everyone to share past & present experiences and memories about the movement.
- Children's Crafts, Stories, Songs and Movies: *Our Friend Martin & Ruby Bridges*, essay contest for children of all ages to enter and an opportunity to hear some read throughout the day.
- Every child will get a chance at being the winner of a signed copy of a book written by Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter, Yolanda King.
- Carefully selected books for sale, by two different

vendors, one especially appropriate for children.

- An authentic voting machine will be at MUF, from the Morris County Department of Elections! It will be used for a simulated election, to demonstrate to children what it feels like to have the right to vote.
- Birthday Cake Ceremony and Balloons in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (a big hit last year with children of all ages).

Monday, January 15, MLK Day Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.

MLK Day Blood Drive, the mobile will be here from 1-6 p.m., with the Youth Group from the American Red Cross assisting.

- Please contact Zella Geltman to sign up to donate, or schedule your appointment online!
 1. Go to www.bloodnj.org. Scroll to center of page and click on where it says "Have a password for a specific drive? Schedule your donation here."
 2. Enter your e-mail address, birth date and sponsor code (32349) and click Login.
 3. Click on Monday, January 15, 2007.
 4. Select an available appointment time.
 5. Click on Confirm Appointment.

Morris Interfaith Breakfast

Monday, January 15, 8 a.m.

"The Dream: From Tragedy and Despair to Hope and Peace"

Morristown's 37th annual celebration of Martin Luther King Day at the Hyatt Morristown Hotel, co-sponsored by the Morris Area Clergy Council.

Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Alison Miller, of MUF.

Tickets at MUF's Box Office for \$15—contact Stacey Gregg at greggs@optonline.net.

A Community Worship Service will start at noon at Calvary Baptist Church.

Proceeds from these events will be donated to the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, Inc., the Children's Defense Fund and local charities.

Upcoming Events

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. Through readings, song, quiet reflection and sharing of experiences, we will explore the following topics:

January 3 Filling the Well

With the holidays behind us, how do you replenish your soul?

January 17 Goals

How good are you at setting and achieving goals in life? What are your goals for 2007?

For more information please contact Drew Hayes at drwhayes@netscape.net.

Creative Dance Group

Thursdays, beginning January 4, 7:30-9 p.m.

The Group will reconvene in the Terrace Room. All are welcome. No previous experience is needed. It is great fun and good exercise. We are led by Elizabeth Mozer, a professional teacher, who has taught at Montclair State and Morris County College. She currently heads the dance group Theatre of the Flesh, in Manhattan.

For further information, call Astrid Martin or Joan Clifford.

Minstrel Coffeehouse

Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

January 5, 12, 19, 26

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

First Monday Book Group

Monday, January 8, 7 p.m.

We'll read *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*, by James McBride. We meet in Room 208, and we welcome new members.

If you have read a great book you would suggest for the future, or just want company to discuss a great book, please join us. Please contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com for more details.

The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream

Saturday, January 20, 7 p.m.

Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream. But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life.

With brutal honesty, this critically acclaimed film explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will suburban populations react to the collapse of their dream? And what can be done NOW, individually and collectively, to avoid The End of Suburbia?

Hosted by Green Earth Ministry & Seeds of Peace. For info, contact Linda Clark at 973-731-9760, Jo Sippie-Gora at 973-838-8576, or the website www.endofsuburbia.com.



NEW

Compassionate Communication Practice Group

Thursday, January 25, 7:30 p.m.

Ongoing, every other Thursday for MUF members and friends. Cultivate more honesty, empathy and connection in your interactions with others. Together, read *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*, by Marshall B. Rosenberg, Ph.D., and use the companion workbook to practice skills. \$30 cost for books. Co-sponsored by Seeds of Peace and the Empty Bowl Zendo of Morristown (www.emptybowlzendo.org). Info from Genie, 973-301-9688 or geniebane@att.net.

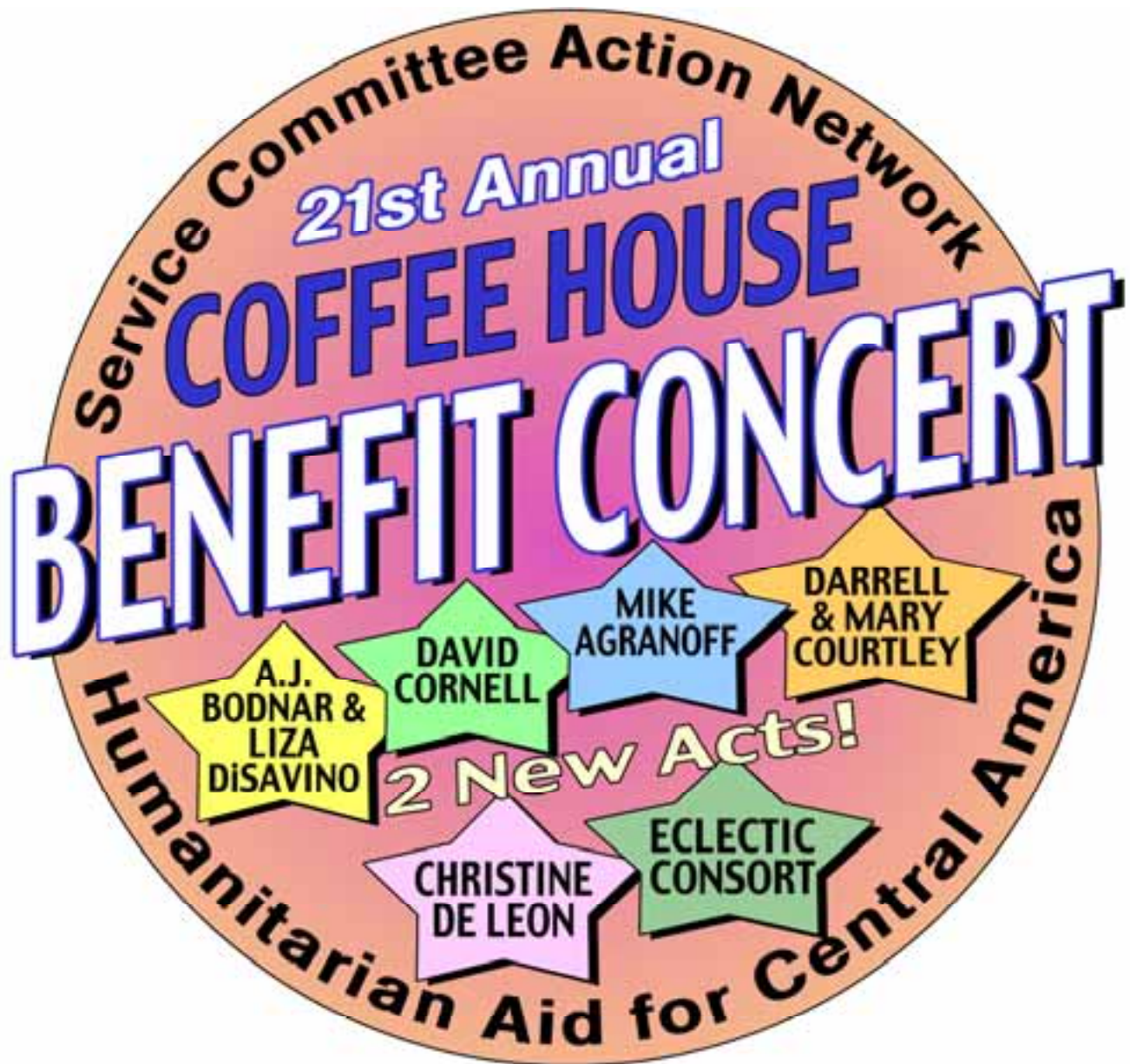


Camp Unirondack Comes to New Jersey

Saturday, January 27, 5:30 p.m.

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

For more information on this event, contact Marty Rothfelder by January 23 at 908-301-9215 or mrothfelder@rothfelderstern.com. Info about the camp is at www.unirondack.org and by contacting the director, Dan Gottfried, at director@unirondack.org.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

7:15 pm Doors Open 8:00 pm Concert

MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP

21 Normandy Heights Road -- near the Morris Museum

\$20 admission (after Jan. 21 \$25) • \$30 Patron (reserved seating)

Light Refreshments Are Included (BYOB)

NYC NIGHT-ON-THE-TOWN RAFFLE to be Held (\$600 value)

INFORMATION: call 973 989-0452 or 973 984-5371



Social Justice Council

January 2007 Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need



Happy New Year! The Social Justice Council wants to thank each and every one of MUF's members for your generosity of spirit, time and resources shared in witnessing for justice and the alleviation of human need in 2006. Continue to make your UU values speak loudly!

Sunday Collection Allocation – July-December 2006

The Social Justice Council allocated the 50% of the Sunday collection that goes to local and other charities in two quarterly meetings focused on this purpose in October and December. These are the “gifts” made in your name:

Children on The Green Nursery School, Morristown - \$200
Neighborhood House – Morristown program for low-income children- \$600
Community Soup Kitchen – Prescription Fund/Medical Clinic- \$300
NORWESCAP (Northwestern NJ Community Action Program) – Dover family that MUF helps support - \$300
Wind of the Spirit – Morristown Immigrant Resource Center - \$750
Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry - \$250
Morristown Meals on Wheels - \$200
Passaic River Coalition - \$300
Great Swamp Watershed Association - \$300
Peaceworks (Funds for Managuan Street Children, Women's Shelter, Container Shipment) - \$800
UU-UNO Office - \$600
UU- Ghanaian Orphan Project - \$300
Subtotal – first two quarters – FY '07 \$4,900

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, January 13 – 4:45-7 p.m. – Help serve the monthly cheeseburger and birthday cake meal MUF provides for homeless folk living at this shelter on West Hanover. To help, call Judy O'Neil Goldberg at judyoneil@optonline.net.

Morristown Soup Kitchen –Tuesday, January 9 - Thanks to MUF Sr. High kids who prepared December's food from MUF. And thanks for your generosity at the December 17 Special Collection for the Soup Kitchen! (\$ for operating cost support was collected.) For January hosting, we will need at least 30 casseroles and 18 gallons of soup. Please cook if you can ! Store casseroles and soup in MUF freezer prior to January 7; thereafter, in fridge. Clearly mark for Community Soup Kitchen. Sharon Glickman, MUF Coordinator (foxwood2@optonline.net) thanks you in advance.

Eric Johnson House – AIDS Residence – Family-style dinners, Wednesday, January 3 and January 24 – 5:30-7 p.m. To help prepare food for this group of valiant neighbors struggling to recover as fully as possible and live independently, contact Susan Spencer at sspencer@optonline.net, MUF coordinator.

Join Social Justice Council– Help plan and implement seasonal/special effort social justice MUF Projects; visit support agencies; help assess/allocate MUF collection funds for charities. Meet every month – Next Meeting: ***Thursday, January 11 - 7:30 p.m.*** Contact: Karen Burns Rutigliano at karenburns@casaessex.org or Michele Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com.

Alternative Gift Fair Sets New Record of Sales

Response Is High to Gifts of Conscience

Yes, our third annual Alternative Holiday Fair was hugely successful and, thanks to your support, hundreds of individuals and families around the world –and here in Morristown –have had their lives altered or enhanced because of your generosity. Thanks for spreading the true message of the Holidays!

Hundreds of people had the opportunity to donate to a wonderful cause and purchase fair-trade items or buy items that encourage environmental responsibility or peace/nonviolence. Although we reaped the highest sales on opening day (Dec. 3), we had lots of newcomers on Saturday (Dec. 9), thanks to the promotional work of MUF's PR Committee (thanks Helen, Ron & Don and others, e.g., Jo), so we spread the good word about UU values in our community as well.

Thanks to our brilliant and conscientious Fair Treasurer, Susan Oxman, we have our results already! The bottom line is sales of \$21,922 (not including a \$510 IOU and \$500 from a MUF member who will get matching funds for a \$500 Heifer from his employer, but it has to be submitted through Heifer!).

Ten Thousand Villages held a slight lead in sales (\$5,990 without tax) over the Heifer Project (\$5,640 + its stuffed animals at \$128, for a grand total of \$5,768). Flocks of Chicks at \$1,160 led sales of animals, with Goats at \$1,050 and Sheep at \$960.

So \$21,922 is 29% greater in donations/purchases than our wildly successful 2005 Fair, which netted \$17,001. A huge thank you to each and every one of you who spent your hard-pressed pre-Holiday time and all your fabulous good will to bring such joy to so many. You are very powerful UU ambassadors. I know this is the real essence of all of our Winter Holidays. May you, too, have blessings in your year to come! May it be so.

Karen Burns Rutigliano, Chair, Social Justice Council

Thanks to the Senior High from the Soup Kitchen

We would like to thank the Senior High Youth Group for preparing casseroles, chili and soup for the December 12 meal for the Community Soup Kitchen. That meant our cooks had a well-deserved month off. We serve again on Tuesday, January 9. If you can help, please contact Sharon Glickman at foxwood2@optonline.net.

Partner Church Transylvania Tidbit

During our December 3 Holiday Party, the Partner Church Committee provided materials and instruction in making Hungarian edible (chocolate) Christmas decorations ("szaloncukor"). It was a big hit with kids of all ages.

Photos are on the Partner Church page of the MUF Website. You can navigate there via Home > Committees > Partner Church > Partner Church > Photos or go straight to http://smg.photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/PCC_Activities_at_MUF/. See the decorations for yourself on the MUF tree and nibble to your heart's content (but leave the wrappers).

Sunday Services Committee – Task Force on “Meeting Room Readiness”

Volunteers are needed to serve as Meeting Room preparers each Sunday. The job is to hang banners and arrange the chalice table and seasonal items so that we can evoke a sense of “sacred space” each Sunday morning for our services. You could be part of a team so that you might take responsibility for the choices and arrangements on a rotational basis only. It's a fun task and you get to express your creativity! We are also looking for people to help create items for this purpose, but on a regular basis we draw from both new and existing items/banners. Contact Tony Rutigliano at arutigl@optonline.net if you would like to serve as a Meeting Room Readiness team member.

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.

**A Big Thank You
to
Sylvia and Bill Hall
for their generous gift
of railings
to assist in negotiating
the stairways
in the Meeting Room!**

Upcoming Joys & Concerns

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with other members of the congregation – whether or not you announce it on Sunday morning – please send it to Newsletter editor Pat Baxter at melodylingers@verizon.net. Specify that it is for Joys and Concerns.

Contributions to the Celebration of Life

To the Endowment Fund, from **Kelvin Domovs**, in memory of his wife, **Jean Hubble Domovs**.

To the Fellowship from **Sylvia and Ken Diehl**, for use where it is most needed.

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
Wednesday, January 3 & 17	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
Thursdays, beginning January 4	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Creative Dance Group	p. 6
Friday, January 5, 12, 19, 26	8:30 p.m.	Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
Monday, January 8	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Sunday, January 14 Monday, January 15	1:00-4:30 p.m. 1:00-6:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration	p. 5
Saturday, January 20	7:00 p.m.	Film: <i>The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream</i>	p. 6
Saturday, January 27	8:00 p.m.	SCAN Coffeehouse Benefit Concert	p. 7



NEW

Service Auction
Saturday, January 13, 6 p.m.

Come to our annual fundraiser for food, music and the chance to bid on fun events and dinners hosted by our members throughout the year. Price of \$20 at the door (only \$12 in advance!) includes supper. Buy your tickets at the Box Office.

New Members

Please welcome Jill Cadman, who deepened her commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in December.

ROOM FOR RENT

Boonton/Denville area. Lots of nature and wildlife. Share house with three other women and household pets. Convenient to Routes 46/80/287. Looking for quiet, trustworthy person. Call 973-879-8553 (message will say Kris' Best Friends). Available January 1, 2007.

Choices That Matter
 (Theme of General Assembly 2007 in Portland, Ore.)

Thousands of UUs will fill the Oregon Convention Center June 20-24, situated on the banks of the Willamette River in downtown Portland, "The City of Roses," right around the corner from restaurants, tax-free shopping, cultural attractions and entertainment.

A sample of the Featured Presentations at GA07 include "The Pentagon Papers Then and Now: UUs Confronting Government Secrecy," "Too Much Like Right: Ben Cohen's Peace Priorities" and "Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith." Access www.uua.org/ga/ga07 for up-to-date information.



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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JANUARY 15

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



January 7 The Seventh Sign

Rev. Alison B. Miller

January 14 In Our Own Hands

Rev. Alison B. Miller

January 21

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January 28 Loving Across Differences

In this service we will explore being UU in a non-UU world. How do we live our UU values in relationships with others who are different from us – in marriage, across family generations, with friends and in the world at large?

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