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# News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

## From the Minister...

**AS WE SEEK TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**, I thought it might help us to glean wisdom from the perspective of a few of our nonagenarians. I asked five of them the following questions to help us focus in on what matters most: **What does it mean to be a nonagenarian? What can you tell us about leading a full life?**



**Homer Hansen:** "So far it's about all kinds of pleasant surprises, including many strangers of all ages coming up and smiling at me.... Leading a full life is about getting out among people. It's about having a lively curiosity. I have one, and I follow it as far as I can. Keep a zest for life and enjoy natural settings – take a walk in an arboretum, or go on a hike with friends. I enjoy the seasons and the moving of the wheel. It's about spending time with family and my Fellowship family and friends. Oh, and I look on my doctor as an adviser, not as someone who gives orders."

**Eleanor Mason:** "It means we've made it.... To lead a full life, you have to start with yourself and feel like a whole person. Then you love, you give and you forgive."

**Sunny Reilly:** "It means looking forward to the next ten years, in my case moving down in town where the action is.... To lead a full life, I had to learn to let go, to forgive, and with therapy to accept myself, accept others, and accept the things that are happening physically. It's about finding peace, and getting excited about the next phase."

**Ann Renz:** "It means you probably don't have a lot longer. Although I'm five years past 90, so who knows what will happen. I want to see how things turn out.... Leading a full life is about really doing what you like to do. I have done a fair amount of traveling. I have been fairly active in social action. I think it's important to feel like you've accomplished something in your life, not just for yourself, but for others as well. Don't be afraid to do things and to do things which give you pleasure."

**Genie Woodbridge:** "It means the luck of surviving over and over again.... Leading a full life is

about the wisdom to ignore things you can't do anything about at the moment and proceeding with the ones you can. It's about making time for music, learning, love and family. It means getting to be a great-grandparent."

Let us heed the counsel that each of us may find in these words inspired by more than nine decades of living. A special part of congregational life is being in community with people of all ages. The wisdom, commitment and friendship our community receives from our elders are certainly worth celebrating. Please join us on **January 10** for a festive coffee-hour party in honor of our nonagenarians as we toast another year.

Several of our elders have dedicated much of their lives to building our congregation. Throughout this month you can make a donation on their behalf to the "MUF Nonagenarian Fund" which will be split between the Annual Operating Fund and the Endowment, which ensures the future of our Fellowship.

New Year's Blessings!

*Alison's office hours are Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday 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!

***Deeds Well Done***

The Fellowship board recognizes and thanks the following members and friends for their work at MUF and in the community:

**Karen Burns Rutigliano, Chris Reynolds and Susan Oxman** for putting together and running the Alternative Gift Fair. It was a HUGE success!

**Karen Brown** and the entire **RE Council** for stepping up for the Holiday Party and providing great activities for the youth and kids. Thanks to **Dr. Jim Blanton** as well for organizing and producing the musical program and the other musical activities for the Holiday Party.

**Upcoming Board and Network Meetings**

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

Board of Trustees	January 13
Administrative/Program Networks	January 20

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the most recent meetings have been approved and are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website. (Go to the Members Area and scroll down to the "Board of Trustees"; or from the homepage, click on "Congregational Leaders" and then scroll down to the Board and click on "Board Meeting Minutes.")

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

## The President's Corner - Looking Forward to 2010



**ONE OF THE THINGS I LIKE** about New Year celebrations is the excitement that comes from looking ahead with anticipation to the coming year. This year, 2010, has special meaning for me as President of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship.

I get to imagine some of the things that may happen in the year ahead. Here is the list of things I hope to see for MUF and its congregation:

**A successful conclusion to the Strategic Planning effort.** It will be wonderful to have a clearer vision of who we are, where we are going and what we need to do to get there. For the Board, this means we will be working to put structures in place to implement and monitor our adherence to the plan. For our committees and networks, the plan will help establish a framework for planning what they do in the years ahead. It will be wonderful to see all of our leaders reading from the same map as they plan their path forward.

**The return of intergenerational potlucks and community events.** The Board members and their families, along with the Minister and her husband, recently spent a Sunday afternoon bowling and socializing. We had a lot of fun, and we want to share that with a larger MUF group. In addition, the membership committee is working to provide a number of potlucks with opportunities to share food, fellowship and fun. Hopefully, these events will help us “weave” a stronger community as we share some of the separate threads that each one of us represents.

**Increased financial health for the Fellowship and its members.** In financially difficult times, we are often called to make clearer decisions about how we spend our dollars. It is my hope that many members will realize what a significant contribution MUF makes to their lives and that they continue to expand their support for MUF. For the Board, Finance, Pledge and Stewardship committees, the continued dialogue within the MUF community about how we can strengthen our financial health becomes even more important.

**Additional opportunities to interact with the greater UU community.** We are scheduled to host a Junior High Con this spring, which will allow us to support the UU youth in the greater Metro area. In addition, the Metro District meeting will be held in Morristown at the end of April. Our Minister, Board and the MUF community will have an opportunity to host some related events and to attend this gathering of UUs from around our district.

These events are in addition to the annual UU General Assembly which is in Minneapolis this year from June 23–27. I hope a large group of MUF members and friends can attend.

These are the things I see as they relate to the Board priorities for the 2009-2010 year. I am sure each one of us has our own visions for ourselves and our community. I wish everyone a happy, healthy, spiritually fulfilling and soul-nourishing year.

Gary

Gary Kunz, President

## *Faith Developments*

**WOW!** I'm writing this article in December having to think about January's newsletter article. This is a little difficult because I'm doing everything I can to stay "present" in the season.



I "unplugged the Christmas machine" many years ago. Instead of madly rushing around buying presents for relatives and friends who don't need anything at Christmas, I enjoy the season. I listen to Christmas music, find joy in the ritual of Chanukah and celebrate Solstice. I love the seasonal parties and the decorative lights.

Of course I still buy presents for my son and daughter and grandson. But even these presents are given when I see them – no shipping! I enjoy the spirit of giving throughout the year. In our monthly Chalice Chapel for elementary children, we celebrated all the festivals of lights in December, including Kwanza. We also celebrated the "light" of a New Year. And here we are; the beginning of 2010.

Bringing in the New Year is a joyous occasion. I'll

be in Florida this year and I am already anticipating the celebration in the warmth of the southern sun. I'll be with my grandson Jakob, my daughter Becca, and my brother and sister and their families. And that's enough happiness for the beginning of my New Year.

I've given up the New Year's list of resolutions. I concentrate on what I love to do best and shower myself with positive affirmations. As a result, I have lots of room left to think about the things I want to accomplish throughout the year and for the rest of my life.

One of my favorite Chalice Lighting readings is by Marjorie Montgomery: "Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift." Let us not squander this great gift. Make every day a New Year's Day and create for yourself and your children a way to live in the present so that every day becomes a new dawning.

Happy New Year!

Karen

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### *Last Chance to Help Fashion SOC*

#### *For Every Time There is a Season...*

Please remember to submit your comments on the Peacemaking Draft by Sunday, January 10. Where? ... in the Seeds of Peace mail slot (outside the copy room), emailed to the committee at [seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net](mailto:seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net) or directly to Jo Sippie-Gora.

Hard copies (with comment forms attached) are on the revolving racks in the Great Hall, or you can read the Draft online, at <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/peacemaking/121606.shtml>, and print out the comment form directly from the MUF website.

This will be your last opportunity to participate in the input process of creating a UUA Statement of Conscience on the subject of Peace. This document will represent where our UU association of congregations stands on peace, and the actions we are called to make in living our religion.

If you would like to assist the team in compiling all MUF comments on January 11, please email Jo Sippie-Gora at [josippie@optonline.net](mailto:josippie@optonline.net)

## SCAN Concert Date Changed!

The SCAN Concert date has been moved to February 20, in order to balance out the entire Fellowship event calendar. This year will feature the outstanding group from last year, Matt Kanelos and the Smooth Maria, and a new group featuring Josh Liebman. Details will follow in next month's newsletter, so hold the date!

### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, April 30, to Sunday, May 2  
**SPRINGTIME WOMEN'S RETREAT**

at "The Castle" in Frost Valley.

It is sure to be a great time.

If you need more information, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Sharon Heller at [sharonjeanheller@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonjeanheller@yahoo.com).

## Second Sunday Suppers -- Bringing Back the Potluck

Time to bring back (or to some of us, begin) a tradition which is part of the Unitarian Universalist DNA -- the Potluck. The Membership Committee is sponsoring a series of three potluck dinners for the entire congregation. They will be held from 4-7 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month: January 10, February 14 and March 14. There will be activities for young and old.

Last names starting with A-M should bring a main course; those whose last names start with N-Z a salad/appetizer to feed from 6-8 people. We will provide dessert and drinks.

Questions, anyone? Please contact Lilli Keating at [lillikeating@hotmail.com](mailto:lillikeating@hotmail.com) or Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).

## Tai Chi and Qigong Exercise Classes at MUF

First Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room. Great way to get in shape, to get healthy and also to learn to relax. Come join other MUF friends to practice this ancient energy work together. Led by our own Al Chu, creator of Tai Chi Light. For any questions or more information, contact Al Chu at [alchu888@gmail.com](mailto:alchu888@gmail.com), or Laurie MacGeorge at [dlmacg10@aol.com](mailto:dlmacg10@aol.com). Hope to see you then.

## Fall Cleanup a Success

Many thanks to the many hands who helped with the MUF Fall Cleanup! We had a gorgeous fall day to rake what seemed like several tons of leaves, prune brambles and branches, work on stump removal, clean off the labyrinth, clear out some weeds, and start mulching the playground, as well as getting some indoor polishing and touchup work done. We couldn't have done it without your help, folks - and we saved the congregation over \$1,500 in leaf removal costs. Well done, all!

*MUF Beautification and Preservation Committee*

**Save the date!** The 2010 Metro NY District Annual Meeting will be held April 30-May 1, 2010, at the Hyatt Morristown (NJ). More information coming soon.

## *Upcoming Events*

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### ***New Practice Group #2 Kicks off Wednesday, January 6 at 1 p.m.***

Now that you've opened your calendar for the new year, consider joining the new Compassionate Communication Practice Group. Starting in February, they will meet on the **second** Wednesday of each month, from 1–2:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Brenda Forte at [bgforte@verizon.net](mailto:bgforte@verizon.net) or Jo Sippie-Gora at [jossippie@optonline.net](mailto:jossippie@optonline.net). (Note: *Compassionate Communication Practice Group #1 continues to meet monthly on Thursdays.*)

### ***Monday Night Book Group Monday, January 11, 7 p.m.***

We will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, facilitated by Nancy Lee McLure. On February 8 we will be reading *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson, facilitated by Jean Craft. On March 8, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, by Annie Dillard, facilitated by Susan Oxman; on April 12, *The Measure of a Man: a Spiritual Autobiography*, by Sidney Poitier, facilitated by Dee Dasara; May 10- *Time and Again*, by Jack Finney, facilitated by Nancy Lee McLure and Jackie Mulcey; on June 14, *Daughter of Persia*, by Suttareh Farman Farmian, facilitated by Marion Thompson. On July 12, choose a book by John Steinbeck to read for sharing and discussion by all.

We meet on the second Monday **ALWAYS AT 7 p.m.** in room 205. Newcomers are welcome. It is suggested that you try to read the book but it is not required! Contact Nancy Lee McLure for more information, at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Native American Spirituality in Everyday Life Seven consecutive Wednesdays, January 20 & 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 3, 7:30-9 p.m.***

Minimum Age: 16 with Parental Consent {in writing if the parent is not also attending the series}

Presented by MUF members Michelle Owings-Christian and Fred Blanken, who have been studying Native American Spiritual Traditions for 18 and 37 years respectively. They are Elders in the Sankey Tribe, a church based on Native American principles. This

series will present a view of medicine, tribal structure, daily spiritual practices, the Medicine Pipe/Wotai, and the Medicine Wheel. Participants are not "required" to come to every class – There is NO FEE for this series. Advance registration is requested. Participants may bring refreshments to share.

For more information, please contact Michelle Owings-Christian at [mroccedar@gmail.com](mailto:mroccedar@gmail.com) or Fred Blanken at [manysilverwolf1@gmail.com](mailto:manysilverwolf1@gmail.com).

### ***Crafting Group***

#### **Friday, January 29, 7:30 p.m.**

This year the MUF crafting group & the knitting group will be meeting together on the last Friday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., on the second floor. You may bring your own knitting or craft project from home. If you aren't working on anything but would enjoy a friendly atmosphere with great company, conversation and lots of laughing, please come join us! Please call or email Cintra Fricke at [cintrafricke@gmail.com](mailto:cintrafricke@gmail.com) or Tina Demottie at [demottie@optonline.net](mailto:demottie@optonline.net) if you will be coming. Meeting dates: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, & May 28.

### ***Storytelling Series Begins***

#### **Saturday, February 6, 8-9:30 p.m.**

Kristin Ace will present the first of our Storytelling Series. Coffee and dessert will be served. This show will be professionally videotaped for Kristin's website so the audience will be part of something new and exciting.

The second event in the series will be held on April 3, starring Martin Dockery. We'd like to hold a third show some time in June for children.

Kristin can be reached at [kakat3@verizon.net](mailto:kakat3@verizon.net).

## Adult RE Will Again Offer Financial Peace University

This 13-session program, developed by Dave Ramsey and presented by members of the MUF Finance Committee, is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and tools needed to improve their financial planning -- to handle emergencies, get out of debt and make wise decisions about financial matters such as planning for retirement, purchasing insurance, making investments and much more.

Introductory sessions will be offered at **10:30 a.m. on Sundays, January 3 & 10**. The course will begin on **Thursday, January 14**, and run for 13 consecutive Thursdays. The cost is \$120 including all materials. Please register through the MUF office in advance. Your payment in advance will assure that your materials are waiting for you at the first lesson.

Couples sharing finances are encourage to attend together – for just one fee.

Register with the office *Maggie@muuf.org* or 973-540-1177. For questions, contact George Hays at *george.hays@verizon.net*

## Dinner and a Movie for the Family

Going to dinner and a movie with the whole family is amazing fun. But unfortunately, going out to eat and to the movies nowadays costs a fortune! The MUF Senior High Youth Group is fixing this problem. They will be hosting a dinner and a movie night on **Saturday, January 23**, for the whole family!

Better yet, all of the proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity! First there will be a gourmet dinner at 6:30. Then, at 8, the adults can go to see a movie with an introduction by David Landau, an award-winning screenwriter, while their kids go upstairs for a kid's movie!

This year, the adult movie is *Stranger Than Fiction*, an endearing comedy about the spiritual transformation of a rigid, shy and lonely IRS agent whose life is turned upside-down by forces beyond his control. Hailed as "the smartest movie in town" and "a wonderful cinematic experience," this movie will stay with you long after you've left MUF.

The kid's movie will be *The Iron Giant*, named "one of the best children's movies in years...spunky, inventive and filled with life and wonder." Come with your friends and family to a wonderful night at MUF for a great cause!

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$25 for a family. **Tickets will be on sale at the MUF box office at coffee hour on Sunday, January 10 & 17. Advance ticket purchase preferred (so we know how many we are expecting for dinner) but not necessary.**

Questions? Contact Alex Landau at 973-377-8894 or *alexldau@verizon.net*.

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### Transylvania Tidbits

#### Hungarian Folk Art & Crafts

The American Hungarian Foundation (300 Somerset St, New Brunswick) currently has a spectacular exhibit of Hungarian Folk Art and Crafts (embroidery, pottery, carving, clothing, etc.). Details at [http://hstrial-pfazekaz.homestead.com/exhibit\\_FOLK\\_ART.html](http://hstrial-pfazekaz.homestead.com/exhibit_FOLK_ART.html) Well worth a look.

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#### DVD of Congregational Meeting:

Due to freezing rain on Sunday, December 13, you may not have been able to attend the Congregational Meeting, where we heard about budget changes and a readout of the Strategic Planning Committee. Sign out the DVD and see what you missed.

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## *Social Justice Council - January 2010 Update* *Helping Neighbors in Need*



### **MUF Giving Tree Tags & MUF Holiday Party – Bring-A-Present Collection:**

All delivered in your name with love...

60 wrapped children's books and more than a dozen additional toys for Neighborhood House children  
22 new blankets, quilts and sheet sets and pots for the Eric Johnson House residents and staff who make miracles happen with scant funding.

7 gift cards for disadvantaged middle school young teens & families...(their guidance counselor was so very grateful and said they were profoundly needed).

More than 30 warm items of clothing for casual laborers in our community given to Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center.

**Pathways to Work – Winter Message!** “Pathways to Work wishes you and your loved ones a beautiful and healthy holiday season! Don't let the snow slow you down, hire our registered participants to shovel snow and clean your yard. PTW also has highly skilled and experienced workers for other home projects. PTW labourers- men and women (domestic work)- are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **For more information call Rosa Chilquillo**, Pathways to Work, Project Manager Morristown Neighborhood House 12 Flagler Place – **Office phone 973- 538-1229, ext. 43 or work cell 973- 647-8495**. Website: [www.pathwaystoworkers.org](http://www.pathwaystoworkers.org)  
(Editor's Note: We called ahead – the night prior to our most recent snowfall - to reserve PTW workers to come to our house to shovel our paths & steps out. They did a thorough, fantastic job. Highly recommended!!

**Open House/Dinner/Tour – Mark Your Calendar – Wednesday, February 3 – 6 p.m. - You are Invited to an Eric Johnson House Open House–44 South Street, Morristown** Executive Director Laurie Litt Robbins invites the members/friends of MUF to dinner and program/tour at 6:00pm when MUF hosts dinner for residents ( or at 7:00pm for dessert & tour). She and the residents want to thank MUF and introduce new/existing MUF friends to their community of 12 residents who are recovering from the effects of AIDs/HIV illness and homelessness on the journey to wellbeing and hope. Join us and meet the gang...and hear about how the House guides these folk to believe in themselves and their future. Be there and be warmed by their spirit of life and hope.

**January Eric Johnson House Hostings: January 6 and 27 – 5:45 warm up food/6:00 dinner served.** To volunteer to help prepare a wholesome meal ahead of time in your kitchen for EJ family and/or add your friendly self to their family-style dinner, contact Zella Geltman.

**Morristown Soup Kitchen – January 12 - Prepare ahead –** Casseroles and soup are needed to serve lunch on January 12<sup>th</sup> – for at least 200 + hungry people. Helpers are needed to serve and shop day before for fresh items. Please step up...Contact Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) to let her know you are cooking or willing to help!

**Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, January 9 4:45-7:00pm** –Help prepare our monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner for homeless shelter residents. “Table talk” is also where your natural self can be of great friendly help. Contact Judy O'Neil [judyoneil1@verizon.net](mailto:judyoneil1@verizon.net).

**MUF Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting/ Quarterly Charitable Allocation – Thursday January 14 – 7:30-9:00- MUF Dining Room.** Please join our Social Justice team and help us promote social justice – through planning congregation-wide charitable/justice projects and quarterly, allocating our plate donations to charities in the MUF congregation's name. Contact Chris Reynolds at [reyholds@nac.net](mailto:reyholds@nac.net).

## Holiday Gifts and Giving

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10,000 Villages (w/o tax)	7,899.80
Heifer Project	2,215.00
Green Earth Ministry (w/o tax)	365.42
Seeds of Peace	547.50
Sr High - Habitat	1,619.05
Eric Johnson House	450.00
Grupo Cajola (w/o tax)	1,434.00
ICHF	505.00
Peaceworks	1,576.00
Wind of the Spirit	615.00
Amani Children's Home	724.00
Pathways to Work	1,261.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,211.77</b>

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

Account Name	November	July - Nov	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining
<b>INCOME</b>				
Pledge Income	84,532	211,618*	448,000	236,381
Rental Income	4,525	17,820	49,200	31,380
Fundraisers	11,154	11,154	32,500	21,346
Other Income	3,310	7,900*	16,140	8,239
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>103,522</b>	<b>248,493*</b>	<b>545,840</b>	<b>297,347</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>30,891</b>	<b>158,755*</b>	<b>361,948</b>	<b>203,193</b>
Debt Services	1,815	9,089*	19,000	9,910
BLDG MTCE & UTIL	4,495	19,797	57,920	38,123
ADMINISTRATION	9,714	21,571	55,090	33,519
COMMITTEES	247	2,560	7,710	5,150
Religious Education	642	4,448*	9,716	5,268
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>47,805</b>	<b>216,221*</b>	<b>511,384</b>	<b>295,162</b>
Difference	55,717	32,272	34,456	

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date  
 Note: This does not reflect the revised budget numbers

## Denominational Affairs

**The Sixth Annual Winter Retreat of the District Young Adult Community** will be held February 12-15 at the Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Young adults can meet new friends, participate in arts and crafts, hiking or snow tubing, or take time for personal reflection. For more information, contact Ryan Novosielski at [ya-chair@uumetrony.org](mailto:ya-chair@uumetrony.org).

**The District Women and Religion Committee** will hold its annual lecture and luncheon on January 16. This year's event launches a series of Margaret Fuller 2010 Bicentennial programs with Fuller scholar **Laurie James**. Laurie is co-chair of the Women and Religion Committee and the initiator and project director of the Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Committee. For a flyer and registration: [http://uumetrony.org/events/UUWA\\_Flyer\\_Luncheon\\_2010.pdf](http://uumetrony.org/events/UUWA_Flyer_Luncheon_2010.pdf)

**Valentine's Day is being re-imagined** by the Standing on the Side of Love campaign. February 14 will be **National Standing on the Side of Love Day**, and congregations are invited to participate in a day of worship, faith outreach, and partnership with community organizations.

More information on the above can be obtained on the UU Metro NY website: <http://uumetrony.org>. From this link you can get news from the district, the social action of the month of the UUA, and UU Service Committee news.

*Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs*



# Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

## Wheel of Life

Rochelle Kelman, a long-time member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, died late on the night of December 23. She was the wife of Paul, and mother of Leah and Andrea, who grew up in our religious education program.

Rochelle worked tirelessly on behalf of children. She served as the Director of Children on the Green in Morristown and gave countless volunteer hours to the children of our congregation. She will be greatly missed by us all.

**A memorial service will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday, January 2, at 3 p.m.**

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that people send donations to the Rochelle Kelman Scholarship fund at Children on the Green ([www.childrenonthegreen.org](http://www.childrenonthegreen.org)).

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

## *Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns*

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

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## *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

From John and Kathy Solu - "To honor the MUF ancestors - thank you for leading the way."

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



## *Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Saturday, January 2	9:30 a.m.	Taichi Light Monthly Practice	p. 5
Sunday, January 10	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Nonagenarians' Coffee Hour	p. 11
Sundays, January 10, 17, 24	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Getting to Know UU	See below
Sunday, January 10	4:00-7:00 p.m. <b>CORRECTED TIME</b>	Fellowship Potluck Dinner	p. 5
Thursdays, January 10-April 8	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University	p. 7
Wednesdays, January 20-March 3	7:30 p.m.	Native American Spirituality in Everyday Life	p. 6
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### *“Getting to Know UU” Series*

Join Rev. Alison Miller for this opportunity to learn about Unitarian Universalist history and ideas, ways to get involved in our congregation, and an opportunity to meet other newcomers in a smaller group.

The class will meet three consecutive Sundays from 1–3 p.m. for a total of three sessions on January 10, 17 and 24. A simple lunch will be served. When you register, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling the office at 973-540-1177, x203, or emailing [maggie@muuf.org](mailto:maggie@muuf.org).

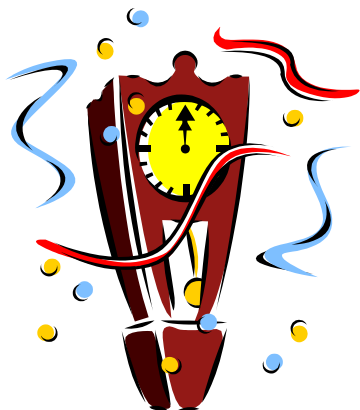
### *Watch for a Special Coffee Hour January 10*

..... to celebrate MUF's nonagenarians! Look for details in flyers, *What's Happening* and weekly reminders.

**Save the date!** The 2010 Metro NY District Annual Meeting will be held April 30-May 1, 2010, at the Hyatt Morristown (NJ). More information coming soon.

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**JANUARY 15**

### Sunday Services

Services at 9 and 11 a.m.



**January 3**      **Renewal and Re-Appreciation**

*Coordinated by Marjorie Wormser*

**January 10**    **What Would Janus Say?**

We are at the turning point of a decade. This affords us, as individuals and as members of a larger society, the chance to reflect on our past, our present, and a hoped-for future. *Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 17**    **The Content of Our Character**

This week is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national Martin Luther King holiday. How far have we come towards realizing this prophet's dream? *Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 24**    **In People We Trust**

The fifth service in our *Living in Covenant: 7 Principles Series* will focus on a core UU precept: "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." *Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**January 31**    **Jazz and the UU Spirit**

Jazz provides an extraordinarily apt metaphor for our religion, and this special service will bring not only jazz music into our worship but jazz theology as well. Our pulpit guest will be Tom Stites, the retired editor of *UU World* magazine, and this will be the 32d jazz service he has conducted in UU congregations from coast to coast. *Special guest, Tom Stites*