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News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

THE CELEBRATED

16<sup>th</sup>-century Transylvanian Unitarian preacher Francis David said, "We need not think alike to love alike." This firm commitment to religious freedom is a cornerstone of our faith tradition. We agree to be in dialogue around matters of theology, and we prefer to covenant around how we treat one another and care for our planet. We often say "deeds not creeds" are what count. We are a people who aim to have the content of our religion read in our actions.



I am delighted to report that when I meet individuals living in our section of New Jersey, they frequently associate the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship with human rights and just works. Even though this is definitely something to be proud of, we must also possess the humility to keep asking how we can become better servants of justice. There are two initiatives related to March activities that I would like to highlight for you. One is a long-standing commitment and the other is brand new. Both are initiatives that aim to go beyond temporary relief for the poor. They aim to break the cycle of poverty.

Every summer going on 12 years, our Senior High Youth Group, along with adult volunteers and our two youth advisors, John Franklin and Jami Thall, travel to South Carolina to build a home through Habitat for Humanity. The immediate result is a house, the long-term goal is one more family with an affordable and quality living situation that enables them to gain enough equity for shelter, food, education and the precious commodity of time.

Ask any youth or adult who has gone on this trip, and you will discover that it has been a transformative experience. One way you can support their work is to buy tickets for the Jason Ricci concert on March 11 - the proceeds will fund this year's trip. I've heard Jason play live, and he's amazing.

You may have heard that John and Jami are transitioning out of the role of the youth advisors, and I want to take this chance to honor the comprehensive ministry they have built with our high schoolers. They have carved out safe and sacred space where our youth can

discover who they are, what they believe and how to act on this in the world. I am in awe of their dedication, creativity and care, and along with Robin and many others am committed to making sure our youth ministry continues to thrive.

On Saturday, March 25, we will host a conference called "Global Partnerships: Saving Lives Through Economic Justice," co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Unitarian Universalist-United Nations Office. One topic will be microcredit banks and how small loans can change lives. These loans enable low-income families to invest in items that unlock their ability to make a decent living. In exchange for the loan, the individual also joins the cooperative of people managing the bank. Eventually this leads to village-wide community development.

At our Sunday service the next day, we will have a special collection for FINCA so that our Fellowship can be responsible for creating one of these empowering village banks. A special thanks to Eleanor Mason and Claire Dixon for leading us in this endeavor.

In faith,  
**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

#### Deeds Well Done

The Board wishes to acknowledge and gratefully thank the following members for their service to the Fellowship:

- Lou Matuyza for testing and establishing a hearing-aid system for the Meeting Room
- Larry Nagel for restoring the office equipment after a virus affected the system
- Stacey Gregg, Jo Sippie-Gora, Karen Burns and Carol Todd for developing and running the Martin Luther King Day program at the Fellowship

#### Recent Developments

- A part-time Administrative Assistant, Chris Dunning, has been hired to support the Fellowship's administrative and office tasks. Chris is off to a great start at MUF.
- The Board approved an energy audit of the building based on the joint recommendation from the Green Sanctuary Committee and Global Warming Task Force. The audit will enable us to prioritize improvements that minimize our energy use and is especially desirable given the increase in energy costs this year. The Green Sanctuary Committee will provide some of the funding for the audit.

#### Board of Trustees and Network Meetings

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, the Administrative Network on the third Wednesday and the Program Network on the fourth Wednesday. Meetings in March are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	March 8
Administrative Network:	March 15
Program Network:	March 22

#### Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the previous month are approved at the next meeting; therefore, minutes of the January meetings are now approved. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website in the Members Only section. Reading the minutes will keep you up to date on developments within Fellowship committees, recommendations made to the Board and decisions made on behalf of the Fellowship.

*Stay informed!*

### 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.

### **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** (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 Jan. 2006	Jan.06 Actual	Jan.06 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Jan. Actual	July-Jan. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledges, collections, donations	31,486	26,333	5,153	217,932	183,335	34,597	315,000
	Rentals	3,287	2,533	754	16,932	17,733	-801	30,400
	Fundraising	3,534	6,000	-2,466	14,743	15,000	-257	39,100
	Other	369	1,792	-1,423	16,749	13,217	3,532	22,425
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38,675</b>	<b>36,658</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>266,356</b>	<b>229,285</b>	<b>37,071</b>	<b>406,925</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries, wages, benefits	19,120	22,668	-3,549	144,096	164,080	-19,984	277,422
	Administrative, program	4,699	3,933	766	47,644	45,292	2,352	80,686
	Building, other	10,144	5,371	4,773	39,667	38,797	870	68,152
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>33,962</b>	<b>31,972</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>231,407</b>	<b>248,168</b>	<b>-16,761</b>	<b>426,260</b>
	<b>TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34,949</b>	<b>-18,883</b>	<b>53,832</b>	<b>-19,335</b>

- NOTES**
1. The Service Auction is expected to net \$15,000
  2. Pledges and donations continue to be above budget. We have some new pledges as well.
  3. Rental income is now on target.
  4. Office and Religious Education expenditures continue to be over budget.
  5. We have hired a replacement for the office manager.
  6. Our expenditures as a whole are below budget, and our income is above budget.
  7. We are expecting a sizable reimbursement from Morris County for our fire protection system.
- Respectfully submitted, Anne Paust, Treasurer*

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

## MUF Hosts Community-Wide Conference on UN Millennium Development Goals Global Partnerships: Saving Lives Through Economic Justice

**Saturday, March 25, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Today, more than a million people live on less than a dollar a day and 11 million children die before their fifth birthday. The United Nations Millennium Development Goals represent an international effort to combat poverty and disease. Individuals and organizations globally are exploring ways to contribute to this drive.

As part of the Morristown Unitarian-Universalist congregation's campaign to fund microcredit banks internationally and domestically, we and the League of Women Voters US are sponsoring a major community-wide conference which will feature panelists on sustainable community development, gender equity issues in economics in the Middle East, microcredit investing, ending violence against women and children, and educating orphans, followed by workshops in which attendees will learn steps they and their organizations can take to impact these problems.



**Speakers:**

- ◆ **Rev. Dorothy May Emerson**, Unitarian Universalist Association Consultant, Author
- ◆ **Prof. Jennifer Olmsted**, Drew University, Gender and Development in the Middle East
- ◆ **Prof. Richard Ford**, Clark University, Sustainable Community Development
- ◆ **Doris Schapira**, League of Women Voters US, UN Observer, Working Group for Women and Girls
- ◆ **Genia Peterson Kornhaber**, Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, Program Chair -- *Every Child Is Our Child*
- ◆ **Nathalie Bernal**, ACCION Vice President of Business Development

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## Faith Developments

### BEING DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

sometimes feels like the best job in the entire world. It can restore my faith in humanity, give me hope for the world, make me laugh and make me cry. The rewards are endless.



I'm inspired to share a true story, by Stuart Sydenstricker, about one of our members who is a frequent volunteer in Children's Religious Education.

*As I came up from the first floor, I heard a loud cry. It was from a small child in the nursery. As I approached the door, I noticed that the screaming child was being held and comforted by a teacher. The teacher was passing on a message of love and acceptance, that "everything was going to be OK." The uniqueness was not in the message, but in the method of delivery. The teacher was not sitting on a chair, nor walking around with the child. Instead, the teacher was sitting on the floor by the door. The position did not look comfortable; I got the impression that the teacher just got down as quickly as possible, in an emergency move to comfort that child.*

*That scene made me reflect on my fatherhood experience. For the past 11 years, I've been challenged beyond description: to learn how to differentiate between a "wet baby cry" and a "hungry baby cry"; to*

*learn how to listen to a child; to learn how to cry myself; to learn how to smile; to learn how to ask for forgiveness from a child; to learn how to recognize that, no matter how much I read, study or participate in parent support groups, I will fail. Fatherhood is a journey through mistakes, a journey into manhood.*

*When I get into these reflective fatherhood moods, I wonder how the world would be different if all men were given the opportunity to be fathers, if men were given the chance to be caregivers. Are we in society creating these opportunities? Or are we saying that nurturing is a "woman thing"? Is MUF helping us men experience the beauty of fatherhood?*

*It always amazes me to see so many women in RE classes of our Fellowship. Why is that? Where are the men? Are we being honest with our children about gender role stereotypes that we preach about dismantling when we act this way?*

*Thank you, Homer, for showing us that sitting down at the door of the nursery to comfort a crying child is an acceptable thing. It is a must thing, it is a man thing, it is a human thing.*


*And thank you, Stuart, for a moving reflection on how we can offer our service to the children and youth of our community. Homer, thank you for offering hugs!*

Yours in faith,

**Robin**

*Robin's Office Hours for March are Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and by appointment*

## Religious Education Calendar Highlights

March 4-5	Junior High Overnight
March 5	Seeds of Peace Workshops on Songwriting and Mask-Making 
March 12	Children's Chapel
March 12	Rehearsal from Song Workshop for March 19 service
March 14	Dream Team meeting (Workshop Rotation)
March 19	Dream Team coffee hour (learn more about Workshop Rotation model)
March 21	Religious Education Council meeting
March 26	Teacher's Circle
April 1	Family-friendly MUF Cleanup Day with Ice Cream Social!
April 2	Children's Chapel

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### **Songs Lift Spirit - Project Saves Lives**

**Friday, March 31, 8 p.m.**

Church of the Redeemer, 36 South Street,  
Morristown

**Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m.**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Monmouth  
County, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft

All tickets \$20

Canadian folk sensation Lucie Blue Tremblay & NJ's own Olympia's Daughters appear together in a two-concert series to benefit the Breast Exam Project, which promotes early detection and fast action, and leads to longer survival for breast cancer sufferers. Lucie, who created the project, tours the U.S. and Canada spreading the word to demystify the process and promote early detection. For more information about the Breast Exam Project, visit [www.breastexamproject.org](http://www.breastexamproject.org).

New Jersey's Olympia's Daughters, the extraordinary all-women a cappella singing phenoms, have become a local favorite, performing at events throughout the northeast, as well as being featured in a production of the *Vagina Monologues*. For more information about Olympia's Daughters, please visit [www.olympiasdaughters.com](http://www.olympiasdaughters.com).



## 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:

**March 1** Siblings: What has being a brother or sister meant to you?

**March 15** Dependence, Independence, Inter-dependence: How would you characterize your relationships? How would you prefer them to be?

### **Minstrel Coffeehouse**

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

Admission at the door is now \$7.

**March 3** The Wiyos/Betsy Rose & the Chicago Fire

**March 10** Open Stage (starts 8 p.m.)

**March 17** Lou & Peter Berryman and Joe Crookston

**March 24** Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman and Dugan's Hooligans

**March 31** Music Town and Rich Reitz

**Information from 973-335-9489 or [www.folkproject.org/fp\\_minstopen.html](http://www.folkproject.org/fp_minstopen.html).**

### **First Monday Book Group**

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

We will be reading *The Periodic Table*, an autobiography by Primo Levi. For April 3 we will read another nonfiction book, *The Assassin's Gate*, by George Packer. Other possibilities are *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth, *Eleni* by Nicolas Gage and *Tess of the D'Ubervilles* by Thomas Hardy. Come and join us in Room 208. Contact Nancy Lee McLure.

### **Normandy Chorale Concert**

**Sunday, March 12, 1:15 p.m.**

The group will perform Poulenc's *Gloria* and *Irish Songs of the Season*. Donation at the door is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Refreshments will be served. The music will be performed under the direction of Bruce Sidelnik and accompanied by Beth Wilson on the piano.

### **Another Side of Peace**

**Sunday, March 19, 1:30 p.m.**

Come see this 60-minute film that follows an

Israeli's internal journey to come to terms with the deaths of his two sons, and his efforts to reach reconciliation and promote peace. Putting anger and despair aside, Roni co-founded The Parents Circle, a support group for bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost children in the conflict. Their worldwide message is simple: No More Death. A guest speaker from the Circle will moderate audience discussion after the film. The event is sponsored by Seeds of Peace.



### **Career Center (in MUF's Library)**

**Tuesday, March 21, 7 p.m.**

*Working is the center of your existence* (like it or not). Meet to talk, support, network -- enjoy a repast. This is a caucus of the Working Stiffs to Change Your Center--for the Unemployed, the Under-employed, the Unhappily Employed. Human Resource people help us catch the eye of prospective employers. Employment Counselors give us hints and ideas. How do the "too old," "overqualified," "not a good fit for our firm" find new jobs? A meeting sponsored by the Program Network for those who need help and those who give help. Make a difference in the lives of people in our community.

Kathleen Taggart

### **Spring Circle Dinner**

**Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m.; Signup by March 19**

Celebrate spring by participating in the last Circle Dinner of the Fellowship year. Groups of 6-8 people will be assigned to meet at a MUF home for a potluck supper on this date. Each participant will be informed as to what dish to bring and to whose home they will go. Hosting is voluntary (but hosts do not cook!). An excellent way for newcomers to meet others. Contact Diane Martin at [jkdlmartin1@aol.com](mailto:jkdlmartin1@aol.com).

**Seeds of Peace** meets the second Monday of each month from 7:30–9 p.m. at MUF (2nd floor). Keenly aware of the interconnectedness of life, we are motivated towards creating a culture of peace. We study human rights & social justice issues, and plan peace-building experiences for MUF and beyond.



Come join us! Your ideas and participation are welcome and needed. Contact Jo Sippie-Gora at [jo@josippie.com](mailto:jo@josippie.com), for more info.

**Youth Group Habitat Benefit Concert**  
**Saturday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.**  
 \$25 Adults, \$15 Students/Seniors

Jason Ricci and New Blood will perform this benefit concert to help raise funds for the year's Habitat project. This cutting-edge band plays a mix of blues, jazz and funk, exciting and delighting audiences with their superb musicianship, intense jamming and tight interplay.

Jason Ricci, on harmonica and vocals, is becoming legendary among musicians and fans alike, playing with an intensity and virtuosity that leaves longtime harp players shaking their heads in disbelief. Think Coltrane on harp. You've never heard anything like this.

More information and audio samples at [www.muuf.org/YG/HabitatBenefit.html](http://www.muuf.org/YG/HabitatBenefit.html).

**The Tremblay Ensemble**  
**Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m.**



**Allison Kiger, Flute**  
**Brennan Sweet, Violin**  
**Tristan Lemieux, Violin**  
**Brett Deubner, viola**  
**Christine Sweet, Cello**

**Tickets: \$20 (\$15 until March 11)**  
**973-627-3282 or [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net)**

These Canadians and Americans have performed in the most prestigious orchestras around the world, including the New York and Oslo Philharmonics, Metropolitan Opera, and Montreal and Quebec Symphony Orchestras. Mr. Sweet is Acting Concertmaster of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

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

**Saturday, March 11** – “A Conversation with the Metro NY District Board” at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. Topic: What does it mean to be a healthy, effective, accessible and diverse congregation? How can the District help your congregation achieve those ends?  
 RSVP to Laurie Golson at [ls.golson@verizon.net](mailto:ls.golson@verizon.net) (no later than March 3).

**Friday-Saturday, April 28-29** – UU District of Metro NY 2006 Annual Meeting  
 Topic: Radical Hospitality: Welcome All Into Our House  
 Stamford, CT, Marriott Hotel – Keynote Speaker; Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt  
 Register online at [www.uumetrony.org](http://www.uumetrony.org) or call Rita Morris

**Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25** – UUA 2006 General Assembly, St. Louis, MO  
 Topic: Toward Right Relations  
 Registration and housing open March 1. Registration forms, etc., will be available at MUF and also at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga). Volunteer and scholarship applications are due March 31; registration rates increase May 1; children's registration closes May 31.

**Save the People of Darfur: Ways to Participate in the Million Voices for Darfur Campaign**

The overall goal of the Million Voices Campaign is to raise the level of public awareness and outcry so that President Bush and Congress take significant action. To that end, the UUA, UU Service Committee and other partners in the campaign will collect one million postcards from concerned people across the country. The UUA is hoping to collect 25,000 postcards from UUs before the Rally for Darfur in Washington, DC, on April 30 and May 1. Postcards will be available Sundays at MUF and can also be sent directly through the UUA site: [www.uua.org/news/darfur/congaction.html](http://www.uua.org/news/darfur/congaction.html) website.

*Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs/The Wider U*

## **Social Responsibilities Committee**

### **March Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need**



***Literacy/Tutoring Opportunities – Here in Morristown! – Stop by SR table on Sundays, four tutoring/literacy volunteer opportunity packets available with applications.*** Daytime help needed at Neighborhood House (NH), Flagler Place, for elementary children at After School Homework Center. NH will also match up high school kids with tutors as they become available to meet at NH in evening (all subjects). Daytime, after school program at Morris Middle School (off Hanover) for one-on-one tutoring. Literacy Volunteers of America, South Street (Redeemer Building) has adult literacy clients to be served. Or contact karenburns@casaessex.org.

***Eric Johnson House – AIDS/HIV Recovery Residence – Family-style dinner, Wednesday, March 1, 5:30-7 p.m.*** Share your hospitality and/or kitchen skills by participating in hosting our MUF monthly dinner for the wonderful residents of EJH. Contact MUF Coordinator Susan Spencer at sspencer@optonline.net to receive your “assignment” – you’ll be added to the rotation.

***Morristown Soup Kitchen –Tuesday, March 14*** - Winter brings more hungry workers and residents to the Community Soup Kitchen! Need hosts for day of serving and set/cleanup duties. Need casseroles to feed 88 people and lots of nutritious and delicious soup. Store casseroles in MUF freezer prior to Mar. 12; thereafter, in fridge. Clearly mark for Community Soup Kitchen. Contact Sharon Glickman, MUF Coordinator, at foxwood2@optonline.net to confirm help.

***Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, March 11, 4:45-7 p.m.*** –Help to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. E-mail Michele Kunz -- mbkunz@gmail.com.

***MUF Members.... Thanks for your amazing support for the double hosting duties in February – for the Interfaith Council for Homeless Families of Morris County at Redeemer Church in Morristown.*** Each MUF host week used the time and talents of 40 MUF members/friends to take care of several families each week. Everyone should know that MUF serves as a regular “tool” to fight Homelessness through the ICHFMC network by working with 30 area faith-based communities, five weeks a year. This is amazing teamwork and service. Families receive temporary shelter and social worker assistance to get a permanent home. Effective national program!

***NORWESCAP (Northwest NJ Coalition Against Poverty) MUF-sponsored, Dover family of three teen boys and a five-year-old girl and mom thank us for their gifts at holiday time.*** They still have a wish list of modest household item needs to help them achieve a minimal level of care lifestyle. Stop by Social Responsibilities table for list or contact karenburns@casaessex.org.

***Next Social Responsibilities Committee Meeting Thursday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. @ MUF*** - Help set, organize and fulfill SR agenda including supporting existing Social Action groups, shared SR projects across MUF, and seasonal/special efforts. Help visit support agencies; help assess/allocate MUF collection funds for charities. Contact: karenburns@casaessex.org or mbkunz@gmail.com.

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

**Save the Date!**  
**Women's Spirituality Weekend**  
**Friday-Sunday, April 7-9**

This workshop will be held at the Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, Pa. (less than an hour from Morristown). Arrive after 4 p.m. Friday and depart after lunch on Sunday. Fee is \$200 for two nights, six meals and the workshops. The Rev. Alison Miller will be with us Friday night and part of Saturday.

Theme for the weekend will be "Reflections of Your Inner Self," with workshops on the Buddhist concepts of forgiveness, compassion and interdependence. There will also be opportunities to use artistic expression to explore emotions and as a potential for change and transformation. Depending on the weather, opportunities for hiking, walking a labyrinth and exploring a series of Stonehenge-type rocks will also be included. Signups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Barbara Pecca

**Our Favorite Businesses Guide —**  
**Final ad copy due by March 30!**

There's still time to recommend your favorite businesses for the 2006-07 edition- or even to sell some ads!

Advertisers will be featured in the book and on our website for **two years!** (Check out the **2004-05 edition under MUF Links on our home page!**) Pages also print nicely off the website if you don't have the previous edition to show potential advertisers.

Prices for the most common size ads: business card: \$ 75, half page: \$ 130, full page: \$230. There are some premium pages as well—like the *first page!* If you need more recommendation/testimonial forms, pickup and dropoff is in OFB mail slot outside office. We need those forms so that sales reps can follow up and we can stay organized. Questions? Contact: Christine Frederick at EastZephyr@aol.com.

**Wine-Tasting at MUF**  
**Saturday, March 25, 8:30 p.m.**

Whether you're an enthusiast with a private cellar, or a savvy shopper looking for great wine at great prices, there will be something for you at the MUF wine-tasting. Experts from Gary's in Madison will guide and educate us as we sip wine, which will be followed by light entertainment. Come for the wine, come for the company, come to support MUF. Tickets are \$35 at the Box Office.



**DVDs of Services and DVD Player Available**

Do you know that there is a Video Lending Library with DVDs of all the services? It's the big 3-ring binder in the cupboard in the Library. A new DVD player is available to sign out as well, if you don't have one, or if you have trouble viewing our recorded DVDs (some people have reported playback problems). Any problems, call Gabor Kiss.

**Murphy's Law in Action**

**An Update from the Photo Directory Committee**

As you know: If it can go wrong it will!

First Mother Nature decided that the days and evenings set aside for our photograph sessions would be as hot as possible—since the second floor of the Fellowship is not air conditioned.

As we rounded the curve for the last lap there were technical glitches. The committee has long since gathered the photos and text for the activity pages and has been waiting (we know you have too, and we do apologize) to hear back from LifeTouch, and thought everything was going to happen soon. Then we were told that our disk is not compatible with their software.

Well... it is compatible if they click on the correct icon. Like I said—Murphy's Law. At this point we think the situation is back on track, and we hope to have the proof copy finished and the final copy in your hands soon. Thank you for your patience, but if you don't have any patience thanks for not yelling at us. Those of you with access to the Fellowship website ([www.muuf.org](http://www.muuf.org)) can check the link there to get a preview of part of the directory.

Photo Directory Committee



# 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.



## Wheel of Remembrance

Walt Stasiak  
Thelma Stearns  
Scott Winfield  
March 2005



### Contributions to the Celebration of Life

To the Endowment Fund from **Judy Oehler**

*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.*

### ***Dying Well***

**Wednesday, March 15, 7:30-9 p.m.**

*"Death is either a great adventure or it is nothing at all." -- Socrates*

We try to live well; how about dying well? Tom McGuinness will lead this participatory workshop. Suggested (but not required) homework: Think of an epitaph for yourself and a couple of songs/hymns you might like to have sung at your memorial service/funeral. Call or e-mail MUF Office for signup.

#### Homework for part 2 in the fall:

Complete Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney if you haven't done this already.

Write a rough will for yourself if you haven't done so already.

Visit a cemetery or memorial garden (preferably where relatives are buried or where you may choose to be buried) with family or friends. Better still, have a picnic there.



## Upcoming Events Calendar

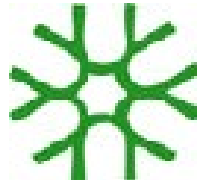
Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesdays, March 1 & 15	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
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### **Free-Faith, Family-Friendly Passover Seder** **Saturday, April 15**

The Passover Seder is a ritual retelling of the Passover story. Our Seder will include a cooperative meal, some special foods, customs, songs, a children's scavenger hunt and dancing. Last year, over 100 people attended. Please plan to join us. Details coming soon. For more information or to help plan the Seder, contact Gloria Jackson at [gloriajcksn@aol.com](mailto:gloriajcksn@aol.com).

**Service Auction Bills** were due on February 28. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay at the Box Office or mail your check to the Fellowship, attention Anne Paust. Help us out by paying now. If you have questions about your invoice, contact Patricia McNaught.

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**MARCH 15**

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



### **March 5 Let It Be a Dance**



Joe Williams, UU from Fourth Universalist Church in Manhattan, professional dancer, opera singer and teacher, who taught dance at Star Island last summer, will bring a dance troupe of 12 to MUF. We will explore the spiritual dimensions of dance and discover the lost art of François Delsarte, whose studies of spirituality and the body were championed by 19th-century UU minister William Rounseville Alger. Let our spirits soar at this special program of music, dance and spirituality.

*Coordinated by Paul Mitchell and Steve Parker*

### **March 12 Do Be Do Be Do**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

### **March 19 Planting the Seeds of Peace**



Through music, dance, storytelling and personal reflection we will explore how the search for peace within ourselves and in the broader world can enrich and ennoble our lives.

*Presented by Jo Sippie-Gora, Glenn Kendall, Kathleen Caccavale, George Aronson, the Whirled Peas (an RE Youth chorus), storyteller Linda Howe and the MUF Creative Dance Group*

### **March 26 Global Partnerships**

A special collection will be taken for FINCA, a microcredit banking organization, a means of implementing the UN's Millennium Development Goals.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*