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News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

“What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured.”

-Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., Unitarian Universalist novelist (1922-2007)



LAST MONTH OUR

COUNTRY and our youth witnessed the terrible pain of a senseless loss. At Virginia Tech 32 students and teachers were killed and 24 injured at the hands of another human being, Seung-Hui Cho, a fellow student. The fact that he followed this outrageous act by killing himself left families and friends not only bereft but also bewildered, with little hope of finding answers.

People now have the task, as we have at many other times in history, of reconciling how such an event is possible if we believe in a God that is loving, or if we believe that human nature tends toward the good. An event like this seems like an even greater affront to our sensibilities because it involved young lives in the middle of pursuing an education. We mourn the loss of precious individuals lost too soon and with so much potential.

Anger is a natural emotion against the violent act of a murderer. Yet, my heart breaks for him as I learn of his own and his teacher’s attempts to break the isolation of his mental illness, let alone the ease with which such an individual obtained a deadly weapon. This story, like most of our painful stories, is complicated and also has powerful examples of the human capacity to demonstrate steadfast love, sacrifice and forgiveness in the face of horror.

Liviu Librescu’s heroic last act of protecting his students by using his own body as a shield is one example. The somewhat surprising, deeply compassionate act demonstrated by students who created a 33<sup>rd</sup> memorial for Cho and expressed

sentiments of compassion and forgiveness is another.

Words and reasons fail to encompass the depths of sorrow and the indomitable heights of the human spirit in these times. What we need are religious and philosophical frameworks that neither ignore the reality of suffering, nor justify or simplify it. Sometimes the religious task is to sit with the meaninglessness of a violent end while celebrating the meaning of lives lived with creativity, passion and hope.

We need to find communities that help us to name what we have lost or overcome and help us to re-emerge from trials trusting in life and grateful for the many expressions of goodness and grace that have also lit up our path. For that is the human condition and challenge, to face the limits of our knowledge and nature, to love and to learn to let go even when we don’t want to, and to hold on to our capacity for compassion and courage even when we don’t have to.

In faith and fellowship,

Alison

Alison’s office hours are Tuesday through Friday by appointment.

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***Mission and Covenant Statement***

**WE**, the members of the **Morristown Unitarian Fellowship**, mindful of the rich diversity and essential oneness of human experience, covenant to weave the fabric of community from the strands of our separate lives. This is our pledge:

- To create for ourselves and our children a spiritual home which will nurture, challenge and offer us renewal.
- To seek what is true even as we celebrate the mystery of existence.
- To reach out to all who share our liberal religious values and participate in the broader Unitarian-Universalist movement.
- To work for social justice and the well-being of our planet Earth.

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by the **15th** of the month  
preceding the one in which they will appear.

Thank you!

***From the Board of Trustees***

**Deeds Well Done**

The Board wishes to recognize the following persons for their contributions to the Fellowship:

**Karen Rutigliano** and **Irene Bush** for the crafts bees, during which Fellowship members created items to be sold to benefit the Senior High Habitat trip.

**George Aronson** for the wonderful welcome banner over the Fellowship's front door.

**Karen Burns Rutigliano** for the peacemaking meeting on March 25.

**Carol Todd** for her leadership of the adult RE program.

**Diana West** for her donation of a digital projector to the Senior High class.

**Jason Ricci and New Blood** for their exciting concert to benefit the Senior High Habitat project.

**Dan Cohen** for coordinating coffee hour.

***The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 1:15 p.m.***

The Fellowship Board voted to appoint **Tony Rutigliano** as Assistant Treasurer to fill the vacancy left by **Stu Sendell**.

**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	May 9
Administrative Network	May 16
Program Network	May 23

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the March 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!***

## Slate of Candidates to Be Voted on in May Elections

Below is a list of candidates for office in the 2007-08 fiscal year to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting May 20. Job descriptions for these positions are on our website, [www.muuf.org](http://www.muuf.org). All terms run July–June.

### Board of Trustees

*President:* Carol Todd One-year term

*President-Elect:* Mary Hodgson One-year term, followed by one-year term as President

*Vice President - Administrative Network:* Steve Humphreys Two-year term

*Vice President - Program Network:* Todd Van Gordon One year remaining

*Treasurer:* Tony Rutigliano Two-year term

*Assistant Treasurer:* Susan Lausell Two-year term

*Secretary:* Annette Tyler One year remaining

### Endowment Committee

*Trustees:* Anne Paust Three-year term

### Nominating Committee

*Ex-Officio:* Joe Uhrhane Two-year term

*Member:* Gerry Weinstein Three-year term

We will also vote on the budget, and on a bylaws change to reflect procedures (consensus rather than vote) in Administrative and Program Network meetings.

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

	Mar. 07	Budget	Variance	Jul. 06-Mar. 07	Budget	Variance	Annual		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Pledges</b>	29,552	29,583	-31	271,195	276,247	-5,052	<b>365,000</b>	
	<b>Building Use</b>	1,550	2,604	-1,054	25,976	23,436	2,540	<b>31,250</b>	
	<b>Fundraisers</b>	4,199	1,917	2,282	6,110	23,249	-17,139	<b>26,500</b>	
	<b>Sunday Morning Contributions</b>	872	900	-28	7,979	7,300	679	<b>10,000</b>	
	<b>Other Income</b>	3,680	1,250	2,430	10,795	11,250	-455	<b>15,000</b>	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	39,853	36,254	3,599	322,055	341,482	-19,427	<b>447,750</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Personnel Expenses</b>	23,636	29,639	-6,003	218,307	238,068	-19,761	<b>318,283</b>	
	<b>Facilities</b>	11,038	7,159	3,879	58,123	62,726	-4,603	<b>84,748</b>	
	<b>Building Improvements</b>	2,845	292	2,553	6,220	2,624	3,596	<b>3,500</b>	
	<b>Office Expenses</b>	1,486	1,321	165	14,733	13,483	1,250	<b>17,650</b>	
	<b>Fellowship Expenses</b>	3,064	4,290	-1,226	30,272	29,303	969	<b>39,689</b>	
	<b>Committee Activities</b>	-1,471	2,238	-3,709	7,856	19,502	-11,646	<b>24,420</b>	
	<b>Religious Education</b>	623	590	33	6,168	4,130	2,038	<b>6,900</b>	
	<b>Uncategorized Expenses</b>	0			105			<b>0</b>	
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	41,221	45,529	-4,308	341,784	369,836	-28,052	<b>495,190</b>
		<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-1,368</b>	<b>-9,275</b>	<b>7,907</b>	<b>-19,729</b>	<b>-28,354</b>	<b>8,625</b>	<b>-47,440</b>

- NOTES**
- Our budget is on target, but our reserves are being used faster than we would like, due to extraordinary repair costs.
  - The Pledge Campaign for next year is going well. We project to do better than last year. Please be generous.
  - Third-quarter pledge statements have been sent for the current year. Please examine yours carefully to see what is owed.
  - Budget requests have been received and are being examined by the Board. It appears that we will need a significant loan in 2007-08.
  - The budget for next year will be presented for approval at the Congregational Meeting on May 20, after the second service.
  - Tony Rutigliano has been appointed Assistant Treasurer by the Board. He will be nominated as Treasurer for 2007-08.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer*

## *Faith Developments*

**I**N THE COMING DAYS, weeks and even years, there is going to be extensive analysis of what caused the shooting rampage of one lonely young man on the Virginia Tech campus. Media are already exploring his family background, his school experience and his mental health. For me the saddest part of this story is the way that one troubled individual fell through the cracks of an extensive network of both law enforcement and school professionals. Who was looking out for Seung-Hui Cho?



I feel that in faith work we are given an opportunity to look out for each other – to make sure that we don't fall through the cracks. So much of what we do here at the Fellowship is about the creation and support of community. People come to make connections and to build relationships. It is clear that Seung-Hui Cho was not part of any community.

We cannot undo the events at Virginia Tech, but we can take lessons from them – not of fear and anger, but of hope. How do we create community that includes all people? How do we support people in crisis? As a justice-seeking people, can we undo some of the systems that breed inequality and dissatisfaction?

**I** like to think that Religious Education is one way that we do that. Within these walls, and in your homes, your children are instilled with the values of this faith. We are raising Unitarian Universalists. But what does that mean?

The Children's version of the Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles hangs in each classroom. It states:

- Respect all beings
- Offer fair and kind treatment to all
- Yearn to learn together throughout life
- Grow by exploring ideas and values

- Believe in your ideas and act on them
- Insist on peace, freedom and justice for all
- Value the earth and the interconnected web of life

**W**hat does it mean to respect all beings? What does our community look like if we truly live that kind of radical acceptance? And what do our children learn when they are truly accepted for who they are?

With each child that comes through this program and others like it we are creating the possibility of a different future – tomorrow when they go to school, or years from now when they are raising their own families. This is the work of a faith community.

In Faith,

A handwritten signature in pink ink that reads "Kim". The script is cursive and fluid.

*Kim is in the office Sunday through Thursday.*

## *Community-Building Singa-long with Geoff Kaufman: "Singing the Spirit Home"*

**Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.**

*Sponsored by MUF Adult Programs & the Music Committee; no fee or registration required*

Geoff is most widely known for his songs of the sea, but his passion for the environment and social justice are reflected in his music also. He has an incredible tenor voice and sings a cappella or accompanied by guitar, anglo concertina, tin whistle or percussion. For more details visit his website, [www.geoffkaufman.com](http://www.geoffkaufman.com).

Discovered by MUF members at UU events, Geoff will bring us a night of soul-warming, fun-filled music! For the past 28 years, Geoff has been leading audiences to find truth, humor and beauty in folk music. Geoff has entertained and touched audiences near and far with his dynamic style, his diverse repertoire and a great tenor voice. Whether singing sailor songs with his quartet, *Forebitter*, environmental songs on board the sloop *Clearwater* in the Hudson River, or in solo performances at coffeehouses throughout the Northeast United States and festivals in Europe, he is loved by all.

Songs of the sea, songs of the earth, songs of the heart and the spirit—all of these are in Geoff's ditty bag. Ancient ballads, work songs and songs of love, poignant songs of people in struggle, humorous glimpses of human foibles, and insights into history—all of these are likely to be woven into one of Geoff's concerts. Above all, at the core of Geoff's performance is his rich tenor voice and an exuberant love of singing. And part of that love is to entice audiences to sing along, to share in the exhilaration of full-throated vocalization. In this age of electronic overload and passive media pabulum, Geoff likes to stress the "live" in live performance, promoting participation, be it by voice or heart or mind.

**For more information:** Contact Beth Hayward at [lizzieanne@att.net](mailto:lizzieanne@att.net), or visit <http://geoffkaufman.com>.

### *New Members*

Please welcome the following people who have signed the membership book during April.

Abby Sanner	Marc Grossman
Chris Davitt	Paige Oszmanski
Mary Timiras	Dee Dasara
Frank Gibbs	Judy Bjorklund
Karen Gibbs	Michele Marcus
Edith Lee Ng	Andy Rosenberg
Norman Ng	Tunde Hagymasi

### *Birding Weekend*

**Friday-Sunday, May 18-20**



If you are a birder, or would like to learn about birding in the company of other Unitarians, this announcement is for you. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore is having their 8th annual "Birding B&B," providing beds, meals and guided birding tours for their guests. There is an abundance of woodland and shorebirds in this area.

If you do not drive, they can arrange to meet you at the Atlantic City bus station. You can get more information from their website, [www.uucsjs.org](http://www.uucsjs.org), by e-mail to [betsysearight@comcast.net](mailto:betsysearight@comcast.net), or by calling 609-645-2869.

### *Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed!*

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



## *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. We will explore the following topics:

**May 2 - Balance** - Is your life in balance? What do you do when it's not?

**May 16 - Appreciation** - Do you appreciate what you have? Are you appreciated?

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

### ***Minstrel Coffeehouse***

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

**May 4, 18, 25**

Closed May 11 for Spring Festival. More information from [www.folkproject.org](http://www.folkproject.org) or 973-335-9489.

### ***Cinco de Mayo – Salsa Festival***

**Saturday, May 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

Continuing a tradition of Friendship Potluck Dinners for MUF & The Wind of the Spirit immigrant community since 2003, this family gathering will offer

**Latin & American Food—Live Music & Dancing**

AND Babysitting for young children

***See p. 8 for all the details!***

### ***First Monday Book Group***

**Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.**

We will be discussing *When God Was a Woman*, by Merlin Stone, the landmark exploration of the ancient worship of the Great Goddess and the eventual suppression of women's rites. Join us in Room 208 for lively discussions of the books. Please call Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com) for details.

### ***West African Drum & Dance for Beginners***

**Wednesdays, May 9 and June 13**

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

\$15 per class, \$25 drum/dance combo price.

(MUF member discount \$10 per class, \$20 for both.)

\$5 drum rentals available w/pre-registration only.

These classes continue, presented by Marafanyi



Percussion, featuring Lara Gonzalez & Yael Shacham. All skill levels, teens & seniors welcome! Dress comfortably for movement. Pre-register at 973-540-1177 or [AdultPrograms@muuf.org](mailto:AdultPrograms@muuf.org).

### ***Exploring Islam***

**Five Thursdays: May 17-June 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

Led by Dr. Chris Taylor, Professor of Islamic Studies and Chair of the Department of Religion, Drew University

This course will offer participants an in-depth introduction to Islamic history, practice and spirituality. Topics will include the formation of Islam, the Qur'an, rituals and doctrines, interior dimensions of spirituality, and aspects of contemporary Islam such as extremism and the role of women. A key objective will be to illustrate both the unifying features of Islam and its rich diversity. Short readings will serve as the basis for discussion, and enrollment will be limited to facilitate meaningful dialogue.

For more information: Contact Danelle Simonelli at 973-227-5244 or [dksimonelli@hotmail.com](mailto:dksimonelli@hotmail.com).

To register for adult programs: Sign up in Room 100, e-mail [AdultPrograms@muuf.org](mailto:AdultPrograms@muuf.org), or contact the MUF office at 973-540-1177. Childcare is available for all adult programs (with advance notice).

### ***Mad Agnes Concert***

**Saturday, June 2, at 8 p.m.**

This popular fusion group returns for a benefit concert to support Habitat Morristown, helping to build four new homes in Morristown for families in need this year.

Tickets are available throughout May at the MUF Box Office for \$15. See page 8 for more information.

Join the Board of Trustees for a dialogue on our 2007-2008 Budget and other major financial considerations on May 6 and 13 in the Dining Room after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

## **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Morristown Women's Festival**

**Saturday, May 12, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by Womanspace. Join us for a day of women's marketplace, 32-plus workshops, coaching sessions and much more!

This year's theme is "**Claiming Our Birthright.**" Give yourself a gift for Mother's Day this year by celebrating at the Festival! The keynote speaker is Neale S. Godfrey, founder of Children's Financial Network, author and speaker (as seen on "Today," "Good Morning America" and "Oprah"). Many workshops for women by women—register by May 4 to get your top choices.

For more information, contact Festival Organizers at [WomensFestival@muuf.org](mailto:WomensFestival@muuf.org) or call the Women's Festival voicemail at 973-540-1177, ext. 256, after 5 p.m.

To register, go to [www.muuf.org/WomensFestival.html](http://www.muuf.org/WomensFestival.html) or pick up a brochure at MUF.



\$40 for the Festival Day's events, including continental breakfast and lunch

\$25 for seniors and students

### **Tai-chi**

**Evening series: Monday, May 21, and Friday, May 25, 8-9:30 p.m., Room 204**

**Weekend series: Saturdays, June 2 and 9, 9:30-11 a.m., Terrace room or, if weather permits, on the Terrace itself**

The Body-Mind Exercise (BME, a.k.a. Tai-chi Light) is a simplified form of the traditional Chinese Tai-chi and Qigong exercise, which is easy to learn and practice. This meditative exercise combines a series of light and slow body movements with a continuous, deep breathing exercise and a series of mental imageries to provide the practitioner with a "mini mental vacation," resulting in a calm heart and a peaceful mind.

Although this exercise can be beneficial to people of all ages, it is particularly helpful for seniors or people with restricted mobility. Practicing BME requires no equipment, very little space and only 15-20 minutes a day.

For additional information, please contact Al Chu at [a.chu3@verizon.net](mailto:a.chu3@verizon.net).

To Register for Adult Programs: Sign up in Room 100, e-mail [AdultPrograms@muuf.org](mailto:AdultPrograms@muuf.org) or contact the MUF Office at 973-540-1177. Child care available for all Adult Programs (with advance notice)

### **Children's Choir Trip to Dorney Park!**

The Children's Choir will enjoy a special day at Dorney Park, a large amusement park just outside of Allentown, Pa., on Saturday, June 2, where fun in the park will be combined with participation in the National Music in the Parks Festival.

The choir, along with other regional choirs, bands and orchestras, will perform before a panel of judges, whereby they will receive a trophy and rating. The choir will be directed by Dr. Jim Blanton and accompanied by several choir parents.

For more information, speak to Dr. Jim at 973-540-1177.

### **MUF Presents Spring Musicale**

**Saturday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, June 10, 3 p.m.**

Over 40 singers and instrumentalists will perform Broadway, cabaret and popular music, including the Adult and Children's Choirs of the Fellowship. The audience will also be invited to sing along on some numbers. Refreshments will be served after the program.

Tickets are \$8 until one week in advance, \$10 at the door, \$5 for children 12 and under, and \$20 per family. Advance tickets may be purchased at the MUF Box Office on Sundays, 10-11 p.m., beginning May 6.

## Social Justice Council

May 2007 Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need



**Family Event!**

**Friendship Dinner**

***Cinco de Mayo – Salsa Festival***

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

Continuing our four-year tradition of Friendship Dinners

**MUF invites you to a special fundraising Potluck Dinner with Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Community**  
**Latin and American Food < Live Music > Dancing**  
**Babysitting for young children**

Have fun with your family and friends and take this great opportunity to “be counted” as a friend to our Morristown immigrant neighbors. Help to continue a wonderful MUF tradition of welcoming our neighbors into our MUF home. You’ll enjoy the company of MUF members and our latino neighbors as they celebrate their heritage and eagerly join us in our warm hospitality. Always a great turnout, you can bring your family too! Donations taken at the door for the work of WOTS. (Suggestion: \$10 adult/\$25 family, but give what you can!) Bring any homemade dish to share that you’d like (entree, side, salad, dessert) and we’ll have lots of extra *salsa* and chips...and superb Salsa Music!!! Sign up at the Box Office through April. You can also call Maggie/Chris at MUF (973-540-1177) and add your name to the list. Questions: Contact Sarahjane Rath (rathsa@umdnj.edu) or karenburns@casaessex.org.



Thanks for supporting *Habitat Benefit – MUF Spring Craft Sale...* the MUF Senior High Youth Group would like to thank everyone who shopped/worked at or “crafted for” the first MUF Spring Craft Sale—on the first sale day, we were able to provide our kids with \$1,800 toward their Habitat expenses for their Sumter, SC, build. On April 29, we anticipate another success! Go, MUF Team...and we surely did have a great time doing it!

**Mark Your Calendar – “Mad Agnes” is returning to MUF on Saturday, June 2, at 8 p.m.** for a benefit concert for MUF’s commitment to support Habitat Morristown! Three Spring work parties and MUF’s financial commitment will help build four new homes in Morristown for families in need this year! MUF joins 20 other Morris County faith-based organizations to get the job done. To earn the \$ stake, MUF is hosting the incomparable Mad Agnes, a fabulous fusion group of performers whose lyricism and original fusion style of rock/folk ballads is astonishingly...magical! Tickets at MUF Box Office during May! \$15 in advance.

**Relatedly....,Morristown Habitat for Humanity Builds –Calling All Handy People!** Sign up for MUF May and June work parties. Contact Joe Uhrhane at joeuhr@optonline.net if you’d like more information, or want to sign on!

**Morristown Community Soup Kitchen** – The Senior High will be cooking for the soup kitchen in May. If you have already cooked you can put either soup or casseroles in the freezer at any time and we can use the food for June.

**Eric Johnson House MUF Monthly Dinner Teams** – Next host dates are May 2 and 23 (5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.). A funny, lively and very warmly receptive group of 10 residents. Join other MUF members/friends in hosting responsibilities, by possibly cooking within our meal preparation rotation or by your attending the meals with MUF’s party for the evening. Let Susan Spencer know at sspencer@optonline.net if you want to be a part of this very special outreach to formerly homeless people who are recuperating from the toll that AIDS/HIV takes on their bodies and spirits.

**Morristown Homeless Solutions** (shelter) monthly dinner commitment (next hosting, May 12, 4:45 p.m.-7 p.m.) continues under leadership of Judy O’Neil Goldberg. If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High and older children that you can accompany, preparing an easy meal for the shelter residents is a terrific altruistic experience and builds confidence in being able to make a meaningful difference with the work of your hands. Join them. It’s fun and appreciated fully by the 100+ shelter residents.

**Next Social Justice Council Meeting – Thursday, May 10, 7:30-9 p.m.** MUF Dining Room. New members always needed and we can put your good will to work right away. Become involved in one of the most vital of MUF’s activity centers. If you have questions contact karenburns@casaessex.org or Michele Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com.

## Board Revises Policy for Building Use to Clarify Rental Charges

The Executive Board passed a resolution at the April 11 meeting to revise the policy regarding building use. This revision clarified the rental and use of the building for those groups that fall in between Fellowship events and outside rentals. These users include: 1) "affiliated" groups, defined in our bylaws as community groups which are made up of a majority of MUF members, and recognized by the Board, 2) member-sponsored and staff-sponsored groups and 3) local nonprofits which enjoy continued support from the Fellowship.

For this "in-between" type of user, fundraisers or events which charge admission will be charged building rental (the member/nonprofit discounted rate). The rental fee may be waived for events which are open to the public and without admission charges or "suggested

donations," or for closed meetings, such as board retreats or planning meetings. In all cases, the Fellowship rules regarding insurance, custodial attendance and child supervision will apply, including any fees for coverage.

Fellowship events are all events whose funds pass through the Fellowship accounts, and whose proceeds remain with the Fellowship, or are distributed from the Fellowship by the Board or on behalf of the Board by a MUF committee.

Questions may be directed to Administrator Maggie Chilton.

## Songbooks Inscribed in Lee Hauck's Honor

The following persons have contributed toward the project of inscribing newly purchased copies of our songbook *Singing the Journey* in Lee's Hauck's honor:

Nancy & David Bailin  
 Pat Baxter  
 Joan Clifford  
 Claire Dixon  
 Kel Domovs  
 Janine Torsiello & Drew Hayes  
 Noelle Jensen  
 Paul Kopf  
 Rita Morris  
 Beth Hayward & Steve Parker  
 Sunny Reilly  
 Kathy & John Solu  
 Carol Steen  
 Carol Todd  
 Beth Wilson & Joe Uhrhane  
 Lee Wuenn

If you'd like to add your name to the list, please send your contribution of \$15 to Sunny Reilly at 15 Chateau Thierry Ave., #209, Madison, NJ 07940. Lesser amounts can also be applied toward purchase of a book.

Lee can be reached at Arbor Terrace #207, 3199 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Her birthday is May 4!

## B & P Thanks Volunteers

The Beautification and Preservation Committee would like to thank the following hearty souls for coming out March 31 to help clean up the Great Hall and the grounds around MUF.

Please note the newly painted walls in the Great Hall and thank Matt Rath, Fred Bosbous and Kyle Gustafson. Thank Minda Chu for cleaning the refrigerator, Steve Rice for putting up clear hooks for us to hang posters on and Lauralee Arnold for all-around help that day.

The following folks raked, dug and picked up litter outside the building to ready the ground for planting in April: Bob Campbell, Kathy Stroh, Linda Clark, Ellen Minde, Homer Hanson, Arlyne Dalman and Steve Rice. A very special thanks goes to Bruce Kaduk and Stefano Crema for their truly Herculean effort of digging out old roots in the niches around the circle in front of the building.

Also to be seen hard at work, from the Memorial Garden Committee, were Dan Byrd and soon-to-be-grandparents Carolyn Schwartz and Tony Fisher.

Another gardener to thank is Ken Nemeth, who keeps our front entrance looking attractive and welcoming by weeding and planting the area outside the front gates.

# haring 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.

## *Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns*

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

## *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

The gift to the Endowment Fund last month from **Marilyn and Dick Guernsey** was given in honor of **Beth Wilson's** father, Harry.

From **Victor Sperber**, to celebrate the life of the late **Aaron Goldberg**, a long-time member of MUF and the Thursday evening Men's CR Group.

We received a significant donation from someone who wishes to remain anonymous.

*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>
Wednesdays, May 2 and 16	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
Fridays, May 4, 18, 25	8:30 p.m.	Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
Saturday, May 5	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Cinco de Mayo—Salsa Festival	p. 6, 8
Monday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Wednesdays, May 9 and June 13	6:30-9 p.m.	West African Drum & Dance	p. 6
Saturday, May 12	8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	17th Annual Morristown Women's Festival	p. 7
Friday-Sunday, May 18-20		South Shore Birding Weekend	p. 5
Saturday, May 19	7:30 p.m.	Geoff Kaufman's Sing-a-long	p. 5
<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>	<b>p. 3</b>
Monday & Friday, May 21 & 25 Saturdays, June 2 & 9	8:00-9:30 p.m. 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Tai-chi	p. 7
Saturday, June 2	8:00 p.m.	Mad Agnes Concert	p. 6
Saturday, June 9 Sunday, June 10	7:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Spring Musicale	p. 7

**Remember the General Assembly 2007**

**in Portland, Ore.—June 20-24**

**CHOICES THAT MATTER**

**Registration and housing reservations open**

**Access [www.uua.org/ga/ga07](http://www.uua.org/ga/ga07)**

**Check out list (on bulletin board) of members  
and friends who have indicated interest  
in attending GA.**

**Look for GA Portland materials  
in Room 100.**

*Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs*



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

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



**May 6**      **Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**May 13**     **Mother to Be or Not to Be?**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**May 20**     **Ordinary Grace**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**May 27**     **Begin with the End in Mind**

On this Memorial Day weekend, this service will help us to celebrate UU "heroes," from MUF and the wider UU world, who have lived the UU principles. We will also ask, "What legacy would you like to leave?"

*Coordinated by Jane Shivas*