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News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

ALL SOULS DAY falls at the beginning of this month on November 2. This holiday offers us an invitation to meditate on the meaning of the lives of our ancestors and our departed heroes and friends. Unitarian Universalists honor the wisdom found in many of the world's religious traditions, including those of our root religion, Christianity.



Yet, we do make choices. It is significant to note that our tendency is to focus on All Souls Day rather than the day before known as All Saints Day. We honor the inheritance from our ancestors, the ordinary fallible men, women and children who managed to lead lives that were a mixture of the marvelous and the mundane.

In fact, this notion of a worldwide family of all souls connecting the living and the dead is so powerful in our tradition that it has become a common name for many of our congregations. William Ellery Channing, one of the clear father figures of our faith, once said, "I am a living member of the great family of all souls."

As we orient our hearts around the practice of gratitude this month, I am planning a twist on a gratitude journal. A gratitude journal is a practice where at the beginning or ending of each day you give thanks in writing for the blessings you have encountered. For thirty days, I want to honor my interconnections with those who have gone before and with those who are amongst the living. I know where I will begin. I plan to begin on November 1 sitting in the memorial garden of our Fellowship grounds.

"November 1: I give thanks for Al and Minda Chu, the annual hosts of a special dinner to honor and celebrate our congregation's elders (all those who have reached their 80's). I especially give thanks for the chance to meet Mary Sakayama at that dinner last month and a delightful car ride back to her home. I also want to give thanks for her late husband, Bill Sakayama, without whom we would not have such an extraordinary Memorial Garden. He was amongst those who carefully

chose and tended the plans and plants for this garden. I am truly blessed by the beauty that beckons just outside my office and all the many hands and hearts that have carefully planned and planted these many years."

As a minister, in many ways my job is that I have covenanted to walk beside all of you on a faith journey as we search for hope and meaning in times of darkness and times of light. In fact, this was a part of the covenant we shared at my installation two years ago this month. Actually, this is the work of us all. You do the same for one another, and you have also done the same for me.

Life in a congregation brings into sharp relief what is true in every facet of our life. There is nothing we do that does not depend on being in relationship with another. Whether we plan a service, plant a garden, overcome a trial, organize a community into action, or eat a meal, we encounter this blessing. I did do, I am doing, and I will do only because someone else did do, is doing, and will also do.

With gratitude for all you do,

Alison

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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 would like to recognize and thank the following:

**Don Preziosi, Nina Nemeth and Anne Gaynor** for the new name tags,

**The West Family, the Saturday Men's Group, the RE Council** and others for redecorating Rooms 208, 209, 302 and 303,

**Karen Burns Rutigliano and Michelle Kunz**, organizers, and **Genie Bane, Gloria Jackson and Linda Howe**, facilitators, for the September 23 Peace Festival,

**Kathleen Taggart**, stepping down as "head" usher, **Jim McCormack** for installing light switches in the meeting room.

The Board extends a special thank-you and Deeds Well Done recognition to **David Snedden**, who has pitched in and pinch-hit where needed over the last two years. He has helped out with Sunday morning logistics, agreed to facilitate an extra covenant circle when we needed one, hosts events with our minister, has helped with youth group activities, teaches Adult Education programs and more.

#### **Upcoming Board 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.*

This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	November 14
Administrative & Program	
Networks (tentative)	November 21

#### **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 in the Members section.

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

## The President's Corner

*The Board of Trustees of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship exists to enable and support the vibrancy of a liberal religious organization that welcomes all. The Board ensures the Fellowship's fiscal health, and sets policy so that staff, committees, members and friends can carry on our important work and build an enduring, beloved community. Working to be open, caring and transparent, the Board seeks to guide the future of our religious home, and to support UU principles.* - Mission of the 2007-08 Board of Trustees

The past month has been incredibly busy – and fruitful – for the congregation and the Board. Uppermost in our minds is the upcoming decision pertaining to the Historic Preservation Grant. We continue to gather and disseminate information related to the Roof and Drainage System Grant and to negotiate the terms and conditions of our agreement with the County.

The timing of the decision has yet to be determined. In the meantime, I encourage you to seek out information explaining the grant and its implications in order to be an informed voting member of this congregation. All of us on the Board welcome your calls and e-mails for both your questions and comments. We will continue to provide you with as

much information as possible as we navigate through the process.

To that end, the Board has made a strong commitment to being transparent to the best of our ability in all that we do. We believe that transparency and openness are essential ingredients in healthy relationships and in our earning and holding your trust.

As “Trust”-ees we take our responsibilities to you seriously. As your representatives, we strive to listen to, understand and consider all viewpoints. Our job is not just to lead the congregation through the issues at hand, but to ensure that the decisions we collectively make today serve the generations to come.

During this time when many possibilities are being considered, it's easy to find ourselves stressed and overwhelmed. And then...we see the commitment to our shared future in each other's eyes, realize the depth of the faith that brings us together and, then, recommit ourselves to walking the path together. This is the stuff we're made of.

On the path,

Carol

Carol Todd, President



### Voices of a Liberal Faith DVD

The Welcoming & Membership Support Committee and the Public Relations Committee are buying copies of this new DVD from the UUA. If you know someone who may be a UU but doesn't know it yet, please pick up a copy at the Welcome Table or Book Table and provide them with it. Please contact Susan Oxman at [soxman13@verizon.net](mailto:soxman13@verizon.net) with any questions.

### MUF Holiday Party

*Sunday Afternoon, December 2*

Come to our Fellowship home to help the Board of Trustees decorate for the holidays!  
Enjoy refreshments and sing, sing, sing!  
All members and friends, particularly children, are welcome.

### New Members

Please welcome Nan Perigo and Kendall Martin, who have deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in September.

### Help Wanted: A/V Volunteers Needed

Please join the MUF audiovisual (A/V) volunteers to help support our high-quality Sunday programs. We need people to run the sound board so that all can hear, and to do video recording so we can make DVDs available for people who missed the program. Sometimes a program requires projection of photos or video.

Occasionally we are asked to support additional programs held at MUF. We provide the (simple) training required. Anyone can do it. It's a fun and low-intensity way to provide a valuable service to MUF, particularly recommended for new members. Scheduling is online or via e-mail and phone calls. Contact Gabor Kiss at [muf-av@gaborkiss.com](mailto:muf-av@gaborkiss.com).

## Faith Developments

**T**RANSITION. It's such a simple word that encompasses so much. It is simple things, like the seasons changing or going through Rite of Passage. It is more complex things like adjusting to growth or changing leadership. Each year you go through leadership transition on committees and the board. And in your recent past, you experienced a transition and search that brought you Alison. And you are about to experience a transition and search that will bring you a new DRE.



To give you just a refresher, I am your Interim DRE. My role in coming here was to help guide you and the RE Council through a transition and evaluation period that would prepare you for a search for a permanent DRE. The process that you undertook included:

- Coming to Terms with History – Where has your RE program been? How has the past shaped it? What worked? What didn't work?
- Shaping Mission and Vision – What is your vision for RE? What do you want your RE program to accomplish?
- Clarifying Systems and Structures – How does RE work? How are the committees structured? What are the lines of communication and accountability?
- Renewing Denominational Linkages – How are you connected to the denomination? How can it help you?
- Selecting New Leadership – Defining what you are looking for in a DRE and successfully completing the search process.
- Doing Great RE – Maintaining a stellar RE program through that process.

Now some of you are probably saying: "I don't remember doing all that!" And that's because you haven't. The work yet to happen involves visioning around what you want your RE program to be. So as things move forward this fall please look for those requests to participate in this process.

The other step you haven't yet completed is hiring your permanent DRE. This is the fun part! A Search Committee is being put together with Alison and the

search process will begin in the spring. So you should know before the end of the program year who your new DRE will be.

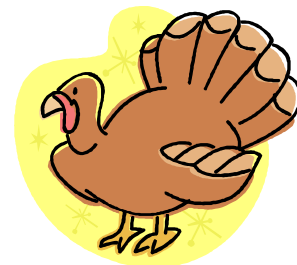
This is an exciting time to be a part of Religious Education at the Fellowship. You have an important opportunity to contribute to a process that will make a real impact on the future of RE here at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship!

It does mean that at the end of June I will be leaving. It will be sad to leave the many people I have come to know here, but if you have successfully hired a new DRE then I will have done my job well.

This time of transition may make some people nervous. Right now you don't know who your new DRE will be. However, I have faith that the Search Committee, informed by you, will select someone who is both capable and the right fit for this congregation.

If you have comments, questions, concerns through this process, please feel free to contact me.

In Faith,



## *MUF Concert Series – Something for Everyone!*

The Music at MUF series will offer musical programs for all ages and musical tastes. The Series begins on **Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m.**, with MUF member Ken Piascik leading the **Morris County Percussion Ensemble** in a lively, interactive program for children and adults. Expect excitement and surprises!

**Saturday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m.**, will offer **Broadway favorites** on the clever (and sometimes slightly naughty) lyrics of Yip Harburg, featuring outstanding MUF vocalists Mary Jo Reid, Kate McAteer, and John Keating, with Jim Blanton at the piano.

**Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.**, will feature perennial MUF favorite pianist **Paul Zeigler** in three of Beethoven's most famous and passionate sonatas.

New York's acclaimed **Goliard Ensemble** will perform on **Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.**, in classics for piano, cello and clarinet.

The season will conclude with "**Jazz on the Terrace**" on **Sunday, May 18, at 3 p.m.**, presenting Jazz Players Anonymous, a 15-piece big band including our own Darrell Courtley.

Tickets are available at the MUF box office each Sunday through November 18. Subscription and children's tickets are offered at very affordable prices. For information, contact Dr. Jim at [jim@muuf.org](mailto:jim@muuf.org).




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## *UUA Begins Fire Relief Fund to Help Californians*

The fires currently sweeping across southern California have affected Unitarian Universalists (UUs) in many communities. Fires are currently burning in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and San Diego counties. Damage reports remain incomplete at this time.

According to the UUA's Pacific Southwest District Executive Ken Brown, 90 percent of the members of our Chalice Congregation in Escondido have evacuated their homes, with several homes burned. Meanwhile, members of other UU congregations have opened their homes to the evacuees. In response to this disaster, the Pacific Southwest District of the UUA has begun the PSWD Fire Relief Fund. A district committee will disburse all funds collected to UU congregations, UUs in need, community groups in relationship with UU congregations, and other groups supporting those most in need.

Ken Brown notes, "As we have found in the past, insurance does not cover such devastation and it can take years for those affected to recover." Donations to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund are being accepted online. If you wish to contribute by mail, please send funds to:

Pacific Southwest District  
Fire Relief Fund  
2052 Norma Street  
Oxnard, CA 93036

## *Upcoming Events*

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

**Monday, November 5, 7 p.m.**

The First Monday Book Group is reading *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen. They have chosen these books for the remainder of the year: December 3, *The Clash Within*, by Martha Nussbaum; January 7, *The Stick Game*, by Peter Bowen; February 4, *Sister Carrie*, by Theodore Dreiser. Any questions, contact Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Insight Meditation for UUs***

**Mondays, November 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

Taught by Rev. Allen Wells, a Vipassana meditation teacher for 15 years, UU minister and psychotherapist.

For MUFers who would like to begin a meditation practice based on the UU value of searching for truth and for those already practicing Insight Meditation, traditionally called Vipassana (literally "to see into"), who would like the support of a group.

Other forms of meditation, including Zen or Tibetan, are welcome. Bring a sturdy cushion and wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothing. It will also be perfectly fine to sit in a chair. If you are unfamiliar with Insight Meditation, please attend the first session. For questions contact Allen Wells at [awelink@verizon.net](mailto:awelink@verizon.net). A Vipassana meditation teacher for 15 years, Wells is a UU minister, psychotherapist and member of MUF.

### ***West African Drum and Dance – for All Levels***

**Wednesdays, November 7 & 28, December 5 & 12. Drum at 6:30 p.m. • Dance at 7:45 p.m.**

*Presented by Marafanyi Percussion, featuring Lara Gonzalez & Yael Shacham*

A holistic approach to drum and dance that is fun, encouraging and accessible, exploring traditional African music and movement. All skill levels are welcome, from teens to seniors. Dress comfortably for movement. *\$15 per drum or dance class, \$25 combo price for both. \$5 drum rentals available with pre-registration only.* For more information, visit the Marafanyi Percussion website at [www.MySpace.com/MarafanyiPercussion](http://www.MySpace.com/MarafanyiPercussion).

### ***Circle Dinner***

**Saturday, November 10, 7 p.m.**

The first Circle Dinner of the new season will be held at the home of Carol and Ken Drake. Call Carol at [taffydrake@yahoo.com](mailto:taffydrake@yahoo.com) for more information.

### ***Peace Within/Peace Without***

**Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

**Facilitated by Paul Snellgrove**

As part of the nationwide Unitarian Universalist conversation on peacemaking and as part of MUF's "Peace Team," we will be holding a monthly book and discussion group that will explore important perspectives on peacemaking at all levels – from inward to international. The first session will start with Marshall Rosenberg's book *Speak Peace in a World of Conflict: What You Say Next Will Change Your World*. Following this first meeting, the group will get together on the third Wednesday of every month through June 2008. No registration required, but please contact facilitator Paul Snellgrove about the books that are being read and discussed at [paulsnellgrove@gmail.com](mailto:paulsnellgrove@gmail.com).

### ***November Craft Night***

**Friday, November 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

Wouldn't it be fun to create some homemade decorations for the winter holidays? Come to MUF's Terrace Room to enjoy crafting some decorations, good company and potluck dessert. We will be making wreaths and ornaments. Sign up by calling the MUF office and registering with Maggie or Chris, or stop at the box office on Sunday morning.

### ***A Peaceful World begins with a Peaceful Heart***

**Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

At the Empty Bowl Zendo (2d floor of the Parish House, Church of the Redeemer, 36 South St., Morristown.



A day-long workshop on Nonviolent CommunicationSM; learn how to develop greater empathy and compassion for yourself and others, understand more deeply what's motivating your own and others' words and actions, communicate your feelings and needs in a way that brings you closer to others, build greater trust, connection and interdependence in all your relationships.

Trainer: Dian Killian, PhD, Certified Trainer, Center for Nonviolent Communication. Cosponsored by Seeds of Peace.

Cost: \$100\* per person (\*sliding scale -scholarships available: For more information, call Genie Bane). More info at [www.emptybowlzendo.org](http://www.emptybowlzendo.org).

## Clarence Darrow: The Search for Justice Comes to Morristown, NJ

One show: Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Admission: Advance reservation: \$20 General, \$15 Students & Seniors (62 and over)

At the door: \$25 All

Pre-show Reception with "Clarence Darrow" 6:30-7:15 p.m.:

\$40 (includes show) – *Prepaid Reservations required*

Produced by: Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

Event Location: Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

For reservations and information: call 973-540-1177, X 304



*Clarence Darrow: The Search for Justice*, starring Gary Anderson, our country's renowned portrayer of Clarence Darrow, brings America's most hated and celebrated attorney to recount his life and his greatest trials, including the Scopes "Monkey" Trial, murder, civil rights trials, and his defense of the most hated in our society. This is a "warts and all" presentation of the man behind the legend, not always the hero or at his best, with serious legal problems of his own that scarred and haunted him forever.

Contact: Tony Rutigliano - arutigl@optonline.net

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

	September 07	YTD July-Sept	Annual Budget	Budget Remaining	
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledge Income	\$28,211	\$99,800	\$400,000	\$306,382
	Rental Income	\$4,540	\$7,930	\$43,500	\$35,570
	Fundraisers	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Other Income	\$940	\$1,281	\$9,500	\$8,219
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$34,652</b>	<b>\$110,816</b>	<b>\$493,500</b>	<b>\$388,867</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries	\$19,771	\$59,109	\$264,632	\$205,523
	Benefits & Prof. Exp.	\$6,598	\$15,013	\$61,301	\$46,330
	Payroll Taxes & Fees	\$1,252	\$3,968	\$17,478	\$13,510
	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$27,622</b>	<b>\$78,091</b>	<b>\$343,411</b>	<b>\$265,362</b>
	Debt Services	\$1,501	\$4,463	\$30,000	\$25,537
	Utilities	\$1,217	\$3,483	\$25,809	\$22,326
	Bldg & Grounds Mntc.	\$977	\$4,886	\$35,860	\$30,974
	<b>BLDG MNTC &amp; UTIL</b>	<b>\$2,194</b>	<b>\$8,369</b>	<b>\$61,669</b>	<b>\$53,300</b>
	Office Expense	\$941	\$5,197	\$19,530	\$14,334
	Business Expense	\$38	\$724	\$3,922	\$3,350
	Risk Management	\$200	\$2,585	\$10,330	\$7,745
	UUA Obligations	\$0	\$2,608	\$25,750	\$23,142
	Fellowship	(\$149)	\$214	\$12,100	\$11,886
	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$1,030</b>	<b>\$11,328</b>	<b>\$71,632</b>	<b>\$60,456</b>
	Admin Committees	\$257	\$943	\$6,050	\$5,107
	Program Committees	\$0	\$935	\$14,175	\$13,240
	Social Justice	(\$1)	\$2,002	\$6,050	\$4,048
	<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$256</b>	<b>\$3,880</b>	<b>\$26,275</b>	<b>\$22,395</b>
	Religious Education	\$1,870	\$2,178	\$14,200	\$12,022
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$34,472</b>	<b>\$108,308</b>	<b>\$547,187</b>	<b>\$439,073</b>
Difference	\$181	\$2,508	(\$53,687)		

Respectfully submitted by Tony Rutigliano, Treasurer

## *Social Justice Council*

*November 2007 Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need*



**Thanksgiving –Share Your Bounty! ...and Getting Ready for Winter Holiday Giving** (Volunteers from MUF membership also needed (!!)) to help make all these wonderful things happen...contact [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) or [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) to help out. No job is too small. We do need you to help us to help them!)

**1. Look for more details as Thanksgiving approaches**, but plans are under way for **two Holiday Gift Drives from MUF to our community**. One will involve **providing warm clothing items** (new gloves, hats, scarves, and new [or dry-cleaned!] “gently used”) **sweaters & coats for the working poor and homeless adults and children in our area**. The other drive will involve **providing new, wrapped and marked developmental games & puzzles that are age-appropriate for 0-13 and quality (new and carefully used) books for same**.

**2, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – December 8, 9 & 16 at MUF**

**THE MUF ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR IS COMING!** Fabulously wonderful fair trade artisan crafts from Ten Thousand Villages items to buy, attractive Heifer Project Animal Share Cards/symbolic stuffed animals to purchase, and more than a dozen tables from local and global poverty relief programs that utilize “Gift Donation Cards” in your loved ones’ names will be featured. For the people who truly do have everything ...and a loving heart... probably some of the most meaningful gifts you could ever give them. Shop till it feels really, really good.

### ***MUF Social Justice Monthly Commitments:***

***Morristown Community Soup Kitchen*** – Next Hosting Date: November 13! Thanks, MUF members, for helping cook casseroles, chili and soup needed to serve 150 neighbors (at least!). Contact Sharon Glickman to let her know if you can help out...and what you could prepare that we really need ... at [foxwood2@optonline.net](mailto:foxwood2@optonline.net).

***Eric Johnson House MUF Monthly Dinner Teams*** – Next Hostings: November 7 and November 28 (5:45 p.m.-7 p.m.). Join other MUF members/friends in hosting family-style dinner for 10 residents of AIDS/HIV restorative home. Join in by possibly cooking or by attending with MUF’s party for the evening. To Help: [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net)

***Morristown Homeless Solutions*** (Shelter) - monthly dinner commitment (next Hosting: November 10 (4:45 p.m.-7 p.m.). If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High and older children that you can accompany, help prepare an easy meal for the 100+ shelter residents. Contact: [judyoneil@optonline.net](mailto:judyoneil@optonline.net).

***Next Meeting Social Justice Council – Thursday, November 15, 7:30-9 p.m.*** – Room TBA. Join other MUF members plan help for neighbors, near and far.

***MUF Peace Commission/“Peace Team”- Next Planning Meeting Sunday, November 18, 12:15-1:15 p.m.*** Room TBA. Plan 2008 MUF peace activities as a UUA priority.

### ***Hospitality Needed!***

One way we can ensure a social as well as religious experience on Sundays is to have a hosted Coffee Hour. This entails having you, your family, your friends or committee volunteering to select one Sunday and bring food to share with our member and guest congregants. It is easy to do and does not need to be a costly venture. We have many open Sundays and it really makes a difference when you volunteer. For more information contact Dan Cohen at 973-831-0645 or by email at [danielcohen@optonline.net](mailto:danielcohen@optonline.net).



*Getting to Know UU Workshop*

**Saturdays, November 10 and December 8, from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided**

Track 1: Adults, led by Rev. Alison Miller  
Track 2: Children, led by Kim Mason, Interim Director of Religious Education

- Learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our religious heritage.
- Find out about our congregation's activities.
- Share some highlights of MUF's history. Get to know others who are interested in membership or who have recently joined.

To register, call 973-540-1177, ext. 201, e-mail Chris Dunning at [chris@muuf.org](mailto:chris@muuf.org), or look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board in Room 100.



*Can You Donate a Desk for Our New Reading Area?*

Be a "Democracy at MUF" supporter. Do you have a small oak desk you don't need? If so, please consider donating it to MUF so we can use it for our new public reading area that is going to be set up on a trial basis in the Library. Contact Steven Humphreys at [humphs75@yahoo.com](mailto:humphs75@yahoo.com) for more information.



*Annual Fall Cleanup & Poker Tournament*

**Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

The Beautification and Preservation Committee will be sponsoring this event. There will be a second cleanup day (rain date and additional work) on December 1 (same time). Last year we were able to get all the leaf-raking done on one day, which eliminated purchasing a lawn service to finish the job. So, please reserve the date – let's turn out in force! Lunch (plus coffee, donuts and water) will be provided. Send questions to [BandP@muuf.org](mailto:BandP@muuf.org), or see one of the committee members (Lauralee Arnold, Bruce Daggy, Arlyne Dalman, Matt Rath, Steve Rice, Bianca Wright).

Also, go 'all in' for Fall Cleanup Day! For those interested, we'll host the 3d Annual Flaming Chalice Poker Tournament immediately following the cleanup. The only entrance requirements are a basic knowledge of poker and three hours of participation in Fall Cleanup Day. Who can dethrone last year's champion, Tony Rutigliano?



*Growing Up Catholic*

**Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m.-12 noon**

Mary Jo Reid Ebneth & Tom McGuinness will moderate this participatory workshop. What was good about it? What was difficult? How did you get from there to here? What do you miss? Et cetera. Michael Morwood has several interesting books on the topic: *God Is Near, Tomorrow's Catholic, From Sand to Solid Ground*. Call either moderator for signup or questions.



*The Committee on Ministry and the Well-being of MUF*

The Committee on Ministry (COM) is elected by the congregation to work with its members and the professional ministry to strengthen the overall ministry of the Fellowship. Even in a caring community like ours conflict can and does occur. COM listens to personal issues that may arise between individual members of the congregation, committees and/or the professional ministry and staff. COM encourages direct, constructive and respectful communication, and can act as a facilitator when requested. Anyone who has concerns about the health of our ministry or the Fellowship community in general is encouraged to contact any member of the Committee on Ministry.

We can be effective only if we are aware of an issue. All input to COM is confidential.

*Ron Corey, Pat de la Fuente, Paul Ferm, Beth Hayward, Gloria Jackson, Don Preziosi*



# 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*

*Be sure the messages you write on our “Milestones and Passages” cards will be printed in the Newsletter by checking the “Newsletter” box or by sending them to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net).*

## *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

The Endowment Committee thanks **Richard Pinto** and **Jerry Stevenson** for their donations in memory of **Henry J. (Hank) Luer**, who died October 5.

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



## Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Saturday, November 3	9:00 a.m.-12 noon	Growing Up Catholic	p. 9
Monday, November 5	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Mondays, November 5-26	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Insight Meditation for UUs	p. 6
Wednesdays, November 7 & 28	6:30 & 7:45 p.m.	West African Drum and Dance	p. 6
Saturdays, November 10 & December 8	10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (lunch provided)	Getting to Know UU Workshop	p. 9
Saturday, November 10	7:00 p.m.	Circle Dinner	p. 6
Wednesday, November 14	7:30 p.m.	Peace Within/Peace Without	p. 6
Friday, November 16	7:30-9:30 p.m.	New Crafts: Creating Holiday Decorations	p. 6
Saturday, November 17	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Annual Fall Cleanup & Poker Tournament	p. 9
Saturday, November 17	7:30 p.m.	<i>Clarence Darrow: The Search for Justice</i>	p. 6
Sunday, November 18	3:00 p.m.	Morris County Percussion Ensemble	p. 5
Saturday, December 1	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Peaceful World Begins with a Peaceful Heart	p. 6 

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### *Alternative Holiday Gift Fair*

#### **Saturday, December 8, and Sundays, December 9 & 16 at MUF**

Purchase beautiful, fair-trade, third-world artisan crafts (jewelry, home decor, toys) from Ten Thousand Villages at exceptionally reasonable prices. Purchase income-producing domestic farm Animal "Share Cards" with symbolic stuffed animals.

Sponsored by the MUF Social Justice Council, the fourth annual fair also features more than a dozen tables/displays from local and global charitable programs from whom you can make "Gift Donations" in your loved ones' names and receive clever cards/info to "present." Causes include programs for: poverty alleviation, homelessness relief, peace realization, environmental justice, prison ministry, Native American support, immigrant support and more. Make a donation that helps others improve their lives. Bring your children and invite your neighbors to this festival of purposeful giving.

For people on your holiday "list" who truly do have everything ...and a loving heart... probably some of the most meaningful gifts you could ever give them. Shop till it feels really, really good. Fair Hours: Saturday, December 8 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays, December 9 & 16 - 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Fair is open to the public.



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### *Sunday Services*

Services at 9 and 11 a.m.



#### **November 4 Out of Time**

*Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller*

#### **November 11 Politicians Make the Wars, Not the Soldiers – Honoring Our Veterans**

This service will provide a glimpse of the experience of UU soldiers and other veterans from WWII to beyond the Vietnam era. It will also examine how we can support veterans in our community.

*Coordinated by Jane Shivas and Pat Bomus*

#### **November 18 Giving Thanks: Heart & Sole**

*Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller*

#### **November 25 Legends of the Fall**

*Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller*