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**TO ASSURE** privacy of our members and friends, all "Joys and Concerns," personal telephone numbers and home addresses are now removed from the *public* online newsletter. A copy in the Members Only section of our website includes the full information.

**From the Minister . . .**

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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.

**HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY** to the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship! Throughout this year we will take the time to honor this significant milestone in our congregation's history. The official kickoff to anniversary events was last month with the ceremony celebrating our building designation as an historic landmark. A well-deserved thank you to Steve Rice of the "Beautification and Preservation Committee" for all his work and dedication to that project. Join us, as the parties, contests, retrospectives and forecasts continue.



The Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur occur in October this year. Rosh Hashanah is traditionally thought of as the birthday of the world, and it is a time of feast and celebration. Our Jewish friends and neighbors will be ushering in the New Year 5766 on the evening of October 3. (Our congregation will also hold a free faith Rosh Hashanah service to mark this special day.)

The holiday is about more than just a birthday party and eating sweet foods. As I child, I remember looking forward to eating challah bread dipped in honey on this holiday at a meal with family and friends. As an adult, I am deeply aware of another theme of this important time in the Jewish liturgical year.

**M**arking an important anniversary also furnishes us with the opportunity to turn inward and examine our history, present and future. Socrates wrote, "The unexamined life is not worth living." In the Jewish tradition and in the language used in High Holidays services, the unexamined life could be equated with a

metaphorical death. The awareness of the birth of the world and the birth of humanity brings about a parallel awareness about the possibility of non-being. In our 50th anniversary year, let us take the time to also ask some important questions. What would our corner of the world be like without the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship? What has been our contribution to Unitarian Universalism and to our surrounding community in New Jersey? What do we aspire to be as a congregation?

The shofar (ram's horn) that is blown during the High Holiday services has multiple meanings. One of them is a call to human beings to examine their lives, to get their priorities back in order and to make amends with people whom you may have wronged. Rabbi Lawrence Kushner describes it this way, "*Picture people running around, sneaking up behind one another with a big ram's horn, giving it a blast, as if to say 'Wake up! It is upon us again.'*" The elements of the order of service, including the shofar blasts, encourage members of the congregation to pay attention to who they are, who they have been and who they wish to be.

May all of us have the courage to look inward, to examine our behavior and purpose, and then to turn outward and fulfill our promise. And may our anniversary year bring sweetness and laughter!

In faith,

**Allison**

## Be a Party Smartie

If you're planning to attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 22, you'll want to consider car pooling to the Fellowship with other MUF Members. We're expecting a record turnout and parking is sure to be limited. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by an evening of dancing (live 6-piece band), entertainment and delicious desserts and light hors d'oeuvres (no dinner will be served).

Due to the large attendance expected, entrance is by Invitation Only (sorry, no neighbors and extended family this event). However, spouses, significant others and your children age 15 or older are certainly welcome, especially our Senior High Youth Group! Semi-formal attire is requested and, please, no young children at this adult event. RSVPs due October 1. If by chance you are a MUF Member and have not yet received your invitation, please e-mail Debbie Rice at [SDArice@mindspring.com](mailto:SDArice@mindspring.com) or 973(-). See you at the party!



## ***From Our Administrator . . .***

It's been a busy month, settling in and getting to know some of you. The folks at MUF have been very warm and welcoming, and a new computer and email address were waiting for me on my first day! Some of the other machines have been less welcoming, and I am currently investigating a replacement for the five-year-old Canon, which would require major repairs to stay with us.

My highest priority is gathering the membership data into a centralized database. I have already purchased the software, a program called Church Windows, and the vendor will assist me in converting our old membership records into the new database. After that there will be a lot of manual updating and "scrubbing" until the database is useful, but I hope to be able to publish an accurate membership address list on paper and on the website concurrent with the distribution of the pictorial directory.

To meet this goal, I'll need three things from you: 1) your cooperation: you may get a phone call or letter, requesting you to provide correct or new information about you and your family, 2) your patience: changes to the website directory have been delayed, so that I don't have to do parallel updates, and 3) your help: if you have some computer or data entry skills and daytime hours available, please join a team of volunteers who will assist me in getting the data up and running (complete training provided).

Last month's Newsletter reported expanded office hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.

You'll also see a new office vestibule soon, and those of you who regularly get intra-Fellowship mail should have an easier time finding your stuff.

## ***Maggie***

### ***MUF's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memories Blog - 50 Years and Counting!***

Don't forget to leave your memories of our 50 years on MUF's "Blog"! You can reach it from the home page of our website, or directly at [www.mufmemories.blogspot.com](http://www.mufmemories.blogspot.com). There you may read the memories that others have recorded and add your own. It is easy to do, and you can enjoy reading the anecdotes that have made up the rich experiences of our past. As an alternative, you may send written memories to the Fellowship in care of "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book." We look forward to your thoughts either way.

### ***Board Meetings Open to Members***

This is a friendly reminder from your Board of Trustees that all board meetings are open to members. The meeting time is now 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12.

## Our Financial Health

*(Figures may not add up exactly due to truncation and/or rounding)*

	<i>July 2005 through August 2005</i>	Aug.05 Actual	Aug.05 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Aug. Actual	July-Aug. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledges, collections, donations	21,983	25,833	-3,851	67,249	51,670	15,579	<b>315,000</b>
	Rentals	2,615	2,533	82	4,360	5,067	-707	<b>30,400</b>
	Fundraising	-183	0	-183	2,437	1,000	1,437	<b>39,100</b>
	Other	1,340	1,792	-452	5,660	3,583	2,076	<b>22,425</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>25,754</b>	<b>30,158</b>	<b>-4,404</b>	<b>79,706</b>	<b>61,320</b>	<b>18,386</b>	<b>406,925</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries, wages, benefits	17,769	22,668	-4,900	39,899	45,337	-5,438	<b>277,422</b>
	Administrative, program	9,246	5,403	3,844	11,085	10,048	1,037	<b>80,686</b>
	Building, other	9,753	6,571	3,182	9,676	11,942	-2,266	<b>68,152</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>36,768</b>	<b>34,642</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>60,661</b>	<b>67,327</b>	<b>-6,666</b>	<b>426,260</b>
	<b>TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)</b>	<b>-11,014</b>	<b>-4,484</b>	<b>-6,530</b>	<b>19,045</b>	<b>-6,007</b>	<b>25,052</b>	<b>-19,335</b>

**NOTES**

1. We are in good financial condition
2. We have hired an office administrator, Maggie Chilton, as of 8/15/05.
3. We anticipate a historic preservation grant of up to \$27,000 to reimburse us for our sprinkler system.
4. Pledges are still ahead of budget although August receipts are a little slow.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer*

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

### Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed!

We need members and friends to support the coffee hours that follow our Sunday morning services. This is not a continuing obligation. Simply volunteer to provide snacks for one Sunday this year and relax and enjoy as others do the same for other Sundays. You will be helping the congregation by supporting the social side of Sunday while also (with the Senior High students' assistance) encouraging extra donations to Habitat For Humanity. What a deal! Consider sponsoring the Coffee Hour in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a special birthday, an anniversary, etc. For details on how easy this is to do, contact Dan Cohen at 973-(-) or at [danielcohen@optonline.net](mailto:danielcohen@optonline.net).

## Faith Developments

**W**HAT IS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION? Why do we send our children here on Sunday mornings? What do we hope they'll gain from their religious education classes?

Those were some of the questions I asked at the Teacher Development training in September. At the training was a collection of teachers, some of whom currently have children in the program, some of whom used to have children in the program, some of whom call all the children of the Fellowship their children and don't have any children living with them. The answers were varied and wonderful. Most of the responses centered on building a community and living our faith out in the world.

No one said anything about learning lots of random facts. That was good to hear, because I believe in making our religious education classes look nothing like school. And this year, we have a team of teachers who are excited about doing just that, helping our children feel a part of a larger community, an extended family. They are all committed to helping our children understand what it means to worship together, and act together to make the world a little better.

**W**e're making sure that each class has a worship element each week. Each class will light a chalice, share joys and sorrows, and check in with each other on how their week went. It's one way the children and youth can develop community with each other, and one way they can share how they live their values.

The rest of the class time will be spent looking at World Religions. They'll be learning about the many faces of god, learning how to celebrate holidays and holy days from around the world, and looking at how we are different and, more importantly, how we are the same. Our Junior youth will be visiting other houses of worship. Throughout the year, all our children will be talking about and thinking about what it means to take our values out into the world.

In October, the Fellowship begins our conversations about what Faith Development means in our community ... Lifespan Faith Development. What does it mean to all of us, why do we gather as a faith community, how do we continue to grow and learn together, as children, as youth, as adults? What is Faith Development? Why should we care about that? What do we do well here at the Fellowship, what want to improve? What do our



## Religious Education Calendar Highlights

October 2	Intergenerational Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m.
October 9	First Conversations in Faith Development

children need to grow into responsible, caring, proactive Unitarian Universalist adults? What do our adults need to deepen and broaden their spirituality? Please plan to participate in our conversations!

“Imagine a MUF where ...” That’s how we started talking about our Faith Development conversations, in the very initial planning stages. The conversations will take place every five or six weeks, and you are an essential part of the conversation! What can you imagine here in your spiritual home?

Yours in faith,

*Robin Slaw*



*Robin’s office hours for October are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment.*

**Note:** This month, the children will continue their sandwich sales in order to raise funds to purchase more songbooks and songbook supplements. They love making the sandwiches, are proud to be helping their community, and are pleased when you enjoy their work. Please support their efforts by purchasing sandwiches to take home for lunch or enjoy before you attend your adult RE class or child’s soccer game.

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 \* **Transylvania Tidbit** \*  
 \* Unfortunately, destructive floods happen all around the world, and some Unitarian \*  
 \* villages in Transylvania were hard hit recently. This did not affect our Partner Church village \*  
 \* directly, but indirectly it surely will. You can find information and a statement by Bill Sinkford \*  
 \* at [www.uua.org/news/2005/050826\\_transylvania](http://www.uua.org/news/2005/050826_transylvania). There is an opportunity to donate to UU \*  
 \* Transylvanian Flood Relief on the UUA website at [www.uupcc.org/flood.html](http://www.uupcc.org/flood.html). Romania is a \*  
 \* poor country and will have a hard time providing relief to the affected Unitarians. \*  
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## Upcoming Events

### **First Monday Book Group**

**Mondays, 7 p.m.**

**October 3** *The Story of San Michele*, by Axel Munthe

**November 7** *Player Piano*, by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

We are considering reading *May It Please the Court...*, edited by Peter Irons and Stephanie Guitton, for December. Visitors are encouraged and ideas for future months' books are welcome. For information, please call Nancy Lee McLure at 908-(-).

### **EVENSONG**

**Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**

Evensong is a lay-led small-group service that provides 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:

**October 5** The Missing Piece: Our Search for Security in an Insecure World

**October 19** Night and Day

For further info, contact Danelle Simonelli at 973-(-).

### **Minstrel Coffeehouse**

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

Regular admission, \$6.



**Oct. 7 Closed for the Folk Project Fall Festival**

Still time to register for the best folk festival in the world. Attendance by pre-registration only. Food & lodging included. Go to [www.folkproject.org](http://www.folkproject.org) and click on Spring and Fall Folk Festivals.

**Oct. 14 Open Stage** An opportunity for all acoustic players and singers to do a 15-min. set. Signup has changed; early arrival is no longer required. Call 732-388-3865.

**Oct. 21 Closed for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MUF**

☺ HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MUF!!!

**Oct. 28 Jim Malcolm and Bill Brandon**

**Jim Malcolm** is best known in the folk world as the guitarist from the Scottish Celtic group, Old Blind Dogs, but as a solo performer he shines with his own light. Our opening act, **Bill Brandon**, manages to pack an entire big band into an acoustic guitar, specializing in solo guitar arrangements of jazz and swing standards.

**For complete information call 973-335-9489 or visit [www.muuf.org/FolkProject.html](http://www.muuf.org/FolkProject.html).**

### **Circle Dinners**

**Saturday, October 15; sign up by October 7**

All are welcome to join the start-up Circle Dinner - groups of eight persons meet in the homes of MUF hosts. Attendees are notified of food assignments and location of host homes. Singles and couples participate and do not need to host, although volunteer hosts will be needed. Hosts do not cook! Signing up for this date does not commit one to future dinners. Group composition is rotated through the year. A great opportunity for newcomers to socialize and meet other MUFers in a relaxed atmosphere. Contact Marilyn Guernsey at [marilynguernsey@earthlink.net](mailto:marilynguernsey@earthlink.net) to sign up or for more information.

### **Samhain Ritual**

**Sunday, October 30, 7 p.m.**

Join MUF's Earth-Based Spirituality Circle in observing the solemn holiday of Samhain, the pagan Halloween, when the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest and we pause to remember those who have gone before. For further info, contact Danelle Simonelli at 973-(-).

## Saturday Evening Concert Series Our 25th Season of Great Music!

**Paul Zeigler, Piano**  
**Saturday, November 5**

*"emotionally exciting"*

*"an absolutely thrilling virtuoso performer"*



Performing on his own Steinway grand piano!

An all-Chopin program, plus an original Zeigler composition!

Season Tickets: \$55

Individual Tickets: \$20 (only \$15 until October 30)

Contact Pat Baxter, 973-627-3282, or at the Box Office

*"technically perfect"*

Music clips at [www.muuf.org/secs](http://www.muuf.org/secs)

### ***Global Warming: Is That a Fact?*** **Sunday, October 16, 1:30 p.m.**

This powerful slide presentation argues that the melting of Arctic ice and the disappearance of Alpine glaciers make signs of global warming more and more apparent. There is little debate in the international scientific community that human activities are causing changes in the climate of the Earth—only on the magnitude of the changes and whether they will become irreversible before they can be corrected.

RE students will offer delicious sandwiches for purchase right after the second service. Co-sponsored by Green Sanctuary and the Global Warming Study/Action Group. Contact Jo at 973-(-) or [jo@josippie.com](mailto:jo@josippie.com) for information.

### ***Continue Your Summer of Peace by Seeking Peace in Iraq***

The Homeward Bound Act, a proposal for bipartisan legislation introduced in Congress in mid-June, calls for the President to develop a plan for a phased withdrawal of US troops from Iraq by the end of 2005 and to initiate the plan as soon as possible, no later than October 1, 2006. **Let Your Representatives in Congress know your views on the Homeward Bound Act.** Remember, when time is of the essence, a click of the mouse sends your voice. I urge you to check out the website [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org), and to seriously consider joining the UUSC so you will receive Alerts and have the opportunity to make more of a difference in our world.

*Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs (The Wider U)*



## **Adult Faith Development Programs Fall 2005**

***Pre-registration is required/suggested for most programs. You may register as follows :***

- ◆ Sign up at the Adult Programs table in the Great Hall on Sunday morning
- ◆ Register on the signup sheets on the Bulletin Board in Room 100
- ◆ Call or email the contact person listed for each program

**\*\*\* Watch for updates and additional offerings in “*What’s Happening*” or on the MUF website at [www.muuf.org](http://www.muuf.org) \*\*\***

***THE HERO’S JOURNEY: A Course in Painting*** – Day & time of sessions to be determined by participants. Maximum six persons. Facilitated by Elizabeth Bain

***ARTICULATING (YOUR) FAITH*** – Sunday, October 16, 1 p.m. Co-Led by Rev. Alison Miller and Robin Slaw, DRE

***LIFE’S PILGRIMAGE: An inner journey to discovering your life’s calling*** – Six Sunday Afternoons beginning in October, 1–3:30 p.m. Developed and Facilitated by Gloria Jackson

***BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY*** – Ten-Week Adult Education Series led by Rev. Alison Miller. Every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. starting November 1, ending with a celebration March 7

***A SENSE OF PLACE*** – Introductory Session – Saturday, October 8, 10–11:30 a.m. Eight Session Course – Dates & Times TBD by Participants. Coordinated by Claire Mayer

***MOVEMENT & MEDITATION*** – Three Tuesday Evenings beginning October 11, 7:30–9 p.m. Taught by Geri Silk

***WOMANSPACE – Potluck & CD Exchange*** – Sunday, October 2, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Coordinated by Marjorie Wormser

### ***Ongoing Programs***

***Adult Discussion Forums*** – First Sunday of Every Month beginning October 2, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Coordinated by Carol Todd

***Womanspace – Women’s Gathering*** – Third Sunday of Every Month, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Coordinated by Gloria Jackson

Our huge **GARAGE, BOOK and BAKE SALE**  
originally scheduled for  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING!**

***The Service Auction Is Back!***  
**Saturday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Get ready for a fun evening, including supper, live music and the (original) Service Auction! Come to do your holiday shopping, come to support the Fellowship, and come to have a good time.

Complementary babysitting is available by prior arrangement. Tickets (\$12 each) will be available at the Box Office in the library beginning October 9. To arrange for babysitting, contact Rita at [rmorris@starbucks.com](mailto:rmorris@starbucks.com). For general information, contact Patricia at [pmcnaught1@verizon.net](mailto:pmcnaught1@verizon.net).

***NEWSLETTER Deadlines—***

All articles for both print and online versions of the Newsletter should be e-mailed to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) (editor PAT BAXTER) by the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month preceding the one in which they will appear.

***Photo Directory Update***

About 120 people/families were photographed during the summer. We need 200 to qualify for a 3-ring binder format, according to the vendor's rules. We arranged additional photo sessions from 3-9:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, and possibly 3-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, if enough people sign up. Please sign up if you haven't already done so! Everyone who is photographed gets a free 8"x10" and free copy of the finished directory. People who have been photographed already can pick up their 8"x10" prints in the MUF office.



**How to Schedule**

You can schedule via the self-service website. Follow the links from [www.muuf.org](http://www.muuf.org). If you need assistance contact Arlyne Dalman at 973-(-) or [ajdalman@optonline.net](mailto:ajdalman@optonline.net), or Gabor Kiss at [gabor@gaborkiss.com](mailto:gabor@gaborkiss.com) or 908-(-). We are well on our way to a successful project but we can't get there without your participation, so please sign up now!

## **Microcredit Banks New Focus of SR**

Watch and listen for opportunities to be part of Social Responsibilities Justice Advocacy's initiative to work for the establishment of microcredit banks as part of the UUA's Actions of Immediate Witness in support of the UN's Millennium Goal One: Ending Extreme Poverty.

As the Rev. Meg Riley, the UUA's director of advocacy and witness, has said, "In global terms [UUs] are outrageously wealthy, considering that nearly 1.2 billion people live on less than \$1 a day." More information is available in the March/April 2005 edition of *The World* and from Michelle Kunz, Karen Rutigliano, Rita Morris and Claire Dixon. Look for upcoming opportunities to live your faith globally through this initiative.

## **New Digital Projector Opens Up Creative Possibilities**

MUF is now the proud owner of a powerful and feature-rich digital projector. Its applications include providing visual support for Sunday services; displaying charts, graphs, text, etc., at congregational and other meetings; enabling film and video events and series; training; and others limited only by our imaginations.

Setting up training of authorized users of this equipment and establishing procedures to support this valuable resource are under development.

We invite you to conjure up uses for this exciting technology and share them. Dream!

*George Aronson, GMaronson@aol.com*



## **Staff Transition**

Alice Robinson-Gilman has left the staff of the Fellowship after eight years of working as our office manager. We are grateful for the time and energy that she put in to organizing the office and her presence will be missed. All the staff and volunteers who have worked with her wish her much luck and success in her future endeavors.

We encourage any members who wish to send her a note of thanks and appreciation to mail it to the Fellowship or e-mail it to [amiller@muuf.org](mailto:amiller@muuf.org), and we will be sure to forward it on to her.

*Rev. Alison Miller*

## **Chalice Lighters Choose Congregation for Fall**

The Fall 2005 Chalice Lighters Call will help the Fourth Unitarian Society of Westchester (Mohegan Lake, NY) to engage its minister for half-time service. The congregation has been lay-led for most of its 48 years, only recently hiring a minister on a quarter-time basis. Our Fellowship members and friends will have the opportunity to support this Call now through November. In addition to a designated Sunday collection, contributions can be made anytime by writing a check to MUF with the name of the Called congregation on the memo line. The suggested donation to become a MUF Chalice Lighter is \$10 per Call for an individual, \$20 for a family. Of course, larger amounts are welcome and encouraged, but lesser amounts are welcome as well. You may access details of this Call on our home page at [www.muuf.org](http://www.muuf.org).

*Rita Morris, Chalice Lighters Coordinator*

# Save the Date!

## Installation of Rev. Alison B. Miller Sunday, November 13

Members of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship will covenant with our new minister, Alison B. Miller, at an afternoon Installation service at the nearby Morris Museum's Bickford Theater. The installation service begins at **4:30 p.m.** and will be followed by a reception at MUF. In addition to MUF members and friends, many special guests are expected to attend, including representatives from Morristown area clergy, Metro-NY District UUA clergy, friends and family of Alison, as well as other UUA notables.

This is a noteworthy and exciting day for our congregation as we mark this important step into our future. Please mark your calendar now and plan to participate!

A variety of volunteer efforts are needed to help with the reception, including setup, food preparation, decorations and cleanup. Please contact Kathy Burgess at 973-(-) or [kathyb4@optonline.net](mailto:kathyb4@optonline.net) if you can help make this important event a success!

### *Call for Service Auction Items*

Share your time and gifts with Fellowship folk by offering an item for the Service Auction November 19. Juggling lessons, painting woodwork, a trip to the airport, baking a pie or hosting a dinner are all possibilities. It's a great way to meet new Fellowship people as well as raise money to support the Fellowship. Come to the Box Office in the Library or contact Patricia McNaught at [pmcnaught1@verizon.net](mailto:pmcnaught1@verizon.net).

### **REMEMBER THE DATE !** **First Annual Fall Cleanup Day and Poker Tournament** **Saturday, November 19**

Two options to accommodate everyone:

- 1) Just cleanup (leaves, minor interior cleanup/repair): 9 a.m.–12 p.m.; families invited!
- 2) Cleanup and poker tournament: 1–3 p.m.
  - Entry 'buy-in' of 2 hours of fall cleanup assistance and a small contribution to cover tournament trophies
  - Maximum limit of only 24 entrants

Lunch provided at 12 p.m.

Detailed info/signups in the Great Hall in late October!





# 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*

**Don Congdon**  
October 2004

## *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

- From **Carl Favelukes**, in honor of **Rev. Alison Miller**
- From **Darrell and Mary Courtley**, in memory of **Don Congdon**
- From **Paul Mitchell**, in memory of **Stacy Peszynski, Don Congdon, Mary Grow, Jean Hubble, Walt Stasiak and Gary Kunz's** brother
- From **Nova (Karen Rutigliano's** women's spirituality group), in memory of **Lorraine Burns**, Karen's mother

**To the Endowment Fund:**  
From **Elizabeth Bain**

*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
Mondays, Oct. 3 & Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 8
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### Special Services

A Free Faith Observance of the Jewish High Holidays:

**Rosh Hashanah Service: Monday, October 3 at 7 p.m.**

**Yom Kippur Service: Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.**



**Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 2 at 4 p.m.**

Don't miss this fun and meaningful intergenerational event, where the *whole* family is invited! That includes family members with fur, scales and feathers. You may also bring a photo or a stuffed animal representation of your pet, if you prefer. Come one, come all, whether you have pets or you don't.



# Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



## October 2 All Pilgrims in Our Stages of Faith

Each of us is on a unique spiritual journey, but we often go through similar stages of development in our quest. As MUF members share their personal stories, we'll reflect on how we can support one another in our faith development, no matter what stage we're in. This would be a good service to which to invite friends who may be curious about Unitarian Universalism.

*Coordinated by Betsy Burr, Steve Parker and Danelle Simonelli*

## October 9 Awaken the Soul

"The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon others, but to stir up their own," writes William Ellery Channing. We will spend the morning exploring the stirring possibilities for our mind, body, conscience and soul. Each service will be followed by a "conversation in community" on the topic of Lifespan Faith Development.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller and Robin Slaw*

## October 16 Heritage of Mind and Heart

Where do we come from? As part of our continuing celebration of our 50th Anniversary, we will honor and celebrate the inspiration, perseverance, "chutzpah" and love ever present in our congregation's history.

*Special guest: Rev. Clark Olsen, joined by Eleanor Mason and other founders, and Rev. Alison Miller*

## October 23 Song of the Open Road



Where are we going? You are at a time of re-imagining who you are as a congregation, and I am beginning to imagine my ministry with you in Morristown. Let us peer down the road together.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

## October 30 Día de los Muertos



This is the week that many Mexicans celebrate the "Day of the Dead." How can we learn to embrace, laugh with, honor and celebrate the ever-present reality of death in our lives? Let us look at the lighthearted festivities and depth of meaning in this holiday for clues.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

## Thanks to Our Summer Sunday Coordinators

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