



From Our Community Minister...

TRUST EMERGENCE

I have a Buddhist meditation practice in my repertory called Insight Dialogue. I do this with open eyes while keeping eye contact with a partner, each of us reporting moment by moment the truth that is happening within us. Naturally, we aren't always aware of what is happening. So moments will arise where one or the other of us will say "pause", close our eyes, drop inside, and discover what is emerging. At such a time, I remember the words of our teacher, Gregory Kramer, "Trust Emergence."

You could say that we humans are emergent beings, having arisen from the first algae. Trusting emergence is very much a part of our UU heritage. When Wm. E. Channing preached about the unity of God and Hosea Ballou championed the truth of universal salvation a century ago, neither could have predicted that out of these beliefs would emerge our contemporary UU sensitivity to the unity of creation and the potential universal liberation of all beings within that unity.

The UU theologian, Henry Nelson Wieman, under whom I studied, also emphasized emergence. He taught about the process he called "Creative Interchange". We enable this process whenever we 1) truly hear another (and I would add ourselves) 2) personally integrate this new understanding, 3) allow it to shape our life, and 4) let it saturate our community. What happens next is beyond our prediction. It is for the grace of God. For Wieman, this process makes possible all human good.

This spring I found that an apartment I'd rented out in my house did not meet the town codes. I was sitting in my car which happened to be parked in a lot between my lawyer's office and the town hall, reflecting on what to do. I didn't know, until I stepped out of my car, whether I would head to my lawyer's office to defend myself, or to the town hall to confess. I trusted emergence and I turned towards the town hall.

Whenever I can listen to myself, and open to my emerging truth, I can discover new vision. Whenever I can truly hear another, something new is born. When I listen to news commentators I pray for "creative interchange." And I strive to remember the wisdom of Wieman and the words of Kramer.

To trust emergence, of course, doesn't mean that we don't plan. It merely means we don't need to predict. Anne

Dillard reminds us that: "You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down." Tim DeChristopher, of the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City, who is now serving federal prison time for disrupting an exploitative auction of federal land, didn't know what he was going to do until he began to bid. At his trial, he found the power emerged within him to look the judge in the eye and declare, "This is what love looks like."

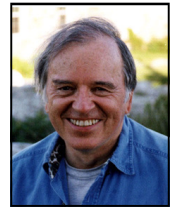
What emerges is always surprising and the first step towards right action. Whether or not the arc of the universe bends towards justice, as UU Rev. Theodore Parker preached, is a conjecture too large for me to ascertain. And I confess that I do not have a secure faith in the certain outcomes.

But, I have complete faith that when we truly hear ourselves and each other, truth will emerge and love can follow.

In Fellowship,

Allen

Rev. Allen Wells



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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.

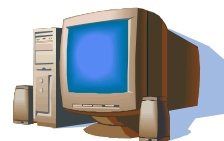
Sabbatical Information

SABBATICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SCC)

While Rev. Alison Miller is taking the second half of her sabbatical, this committee of four will meet periodically to ensure that things are running smoothly in different areas of the Fellowship. Members of this group will be in touch with Rev. Alison from time to time about urgent matters that arise in the coming months. The committee consists of good people to go to, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or want to know who you should be speaking with in Rev. Alison's absence

- ◆ Karen Dinsmore, Sabbatical Communications Chair (kdinsmore@ucnj.org)
- ◆ Paul Ferm, President (paulmferm@gmail.com)
- ◆ Tanya Van Order, President Elect (tvanorder@gmail.com)
- ◆ Deneise Hyatt-Murad, Ministries Administrator (admin@muuf.org)

Office Tools & Equipment Needed



As MUF grows and continues to improve the use of its information resources, we are indeed making additional use of volunteer time and talent, but we need the tools and equipment to make the best use of everyone's time. We currently are reorganizing our office space and have the need for another PC and some office equipment:

Thanks to our generous donors, Sandy Powers & Donna Templeton who have offered a desk and Don Preziosi, who offered a file cabinet for use in the MUF offices.

We are ***still looking for*** the donation of a **late model PC** with Windows XP and (preferably) MS Office 2003 or later. We also have a need for a **desktop laser printer or laser printer/scanner**, as well as a **sturdy office-type desk chair**, and a **Side Table** with drawers.

Please check with Deneise or Bruce in the office before bringing anything into MUF. **THANKS!**

President's Corner

Winter has arrived! Along with New Year's resolutions, a good many Fellowship activities begin in earnest this time of year. These activities keep all the Board members quite busy, unify us as a working team, and also give us the opportunity to reach out to many other Fellowship members for support. Let me highlight a few of the major initiatives: Annual Budget Drive, Facility Sacred Conversations, and Threshold Congregation Application.

The Annual Budget Drive theme is "Our Separate Fires Will Kindle One Flame". This is a line from the hymn "Gather the Spirit" and Tanya Van Order lifted up this theme to beautifully capture our mission and UU movement. It reinforces how each of us individually can share our Time, Talent, and Treasure with MUF. The ABD team, Finance Committee, and Board are planning a streamlined and efficient Pledge drive along with opportunities to reflect on the importance of the treasures we share with MUF. The Annual Budget Drive is critical to assuring that the Board and Staff have the financial resources to fund our work and we thank you in advance for your timely and generous support.

A Sacred Conversation Task Force was convened by Tanya Van Order and Steve Parker to organize a series of activities to enable the entire congregation to fully understand the facilities issues before us. This task force includes Board members, former members of the Sacred Space and Strategic Planning committees, and COM members. In addition to the presentations given in December and January, these activities will include a poll in February to help us prioritize factors critical to the decision making process, a discussion of how our Facility supports our entire strategic plan, and even field trips and models to help you visualize the possibilities. We ask that each of you become informed and ask questions during this process and then join us in the

small meetings (Sacred Conversations) being planned to get your feedback on this important topic.

We are readying an application to become a Threshold Congregation. This program is sponsored by the Central East Regional Group of the UUA, which includes St. Lawrence, Ohio-Meadville, Joseph Priestley and Metro NY districts. The application process is open by invitation only to congregations which have shown the desire and organization to be on the "threshold" of growth and increased impact in their community. Linda DeLap, our Program Network Vice President, is leading the effort to create this application with input from the entire Board, Membership Committee, and Staff. We plan to paint a clear picture of our current status and Five Year Strategic Plan. I am so excited that we are using our Five Year Plan as our guidepost for congregational leadership and believe this is a very strong position from which to apply to become a Threshold Congregation. We hope to learn a lot from the application process and, if selected, to connect with other congregations and UUA consultants to help us on our journey.

Please help me in supporting all of the efforts described above together with our wonderful Sunday Services, Social Justice Signature Project, covenant groups, Youth Group activities, music, and more. It is wonderful to be with you all as we weave the fabric of community from the strands of our separate lives.

In Fellowship,

Paul

Paul Ferm, President



FUNDRAISING

Email fundraising@muuf.org to learn more about these projects, to pitch (and work on) another project, and/or to volunteer for the committee!

31st Annual Black Maria Film & Video Festival, February 25th, 2012

MUF will host two separate showings of this international juried competition and award tour. This traveling festival features work's drawn from this year's award winning films.

The first showing is at 5:00pm and another at 7:30pm with an interlude of heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine in between. Tickets are on sale at the MUF box office on Sunday's or by calling Dan Byrd at (973) 952-0105 or

e-mailing danielbyrd@verizon.net. Tickets prices are: One showing – in advance, \$15; One showing – at the door, \$20. Both showings and interlude – in advance, \$30; Both showings and interlude – at the door, \$35.

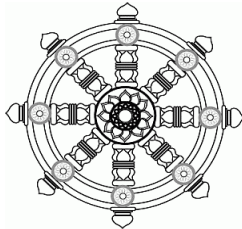


Member Happenings

Sandy Powers invites all MUF members to her upcoming concert with Olympia's Daughters as part of the Words of Choice program at the United Society of Ridgewood on Feb 5th at 2:30pm. Reservations can be made on eventbrite.com, <http://wordsofchoiceridgewood.eventbrite.com> or by contacting the USR Secretary at usr.secretary@verizon.net. Additional information and directions can be found at <http://www.uuridgewood.org/>. There is a \$10 suggested donation collected at door.

Elbjorg Berkenkamp has a painting exhibit at the Morris County Library. At the request of several MUF members, Elbjorg will be hosting a personal guided tour of her painting exhibit on Sunday, February 5th from 1-3pm. If you are interested in joining Elbjorg or if you have questions, please contact her at elbjorg@optonline.net or (973) 224-9706.

MUF Member, **Ben Breikreuz**, needs to locate an affordable apartment. He will consider house/ apartment/condo sharing and wishes to stay in the vicinity of MUF. Please contact Ben in person, by e-mail at breitben@optonline.net, or on his cell ONLY at (910) 431-2764 (*please do not call his home number*).



Wheel of Life

Births

Emory James Gordon, born to Keara and Eben Gordon along with son Miles on Friday, December 28th, 2011. He weighed in at 7lbs 12oz and 20 inches long.

Deaths

Sylvia Hall, wife of Bill Hall, died in her home on the 26th of January. Sylvia and Bill became members of MUF in January of 1957. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. A memorial service for Sylvia is being planned for March with details to come.

Milestones & Passages

Submitted by Don Preziosi, 1/1/12

On Thursday we moved my mother from her home of 61 years to an assisted living facility. This was preceded by a 7 week transition that included emergency room, hospital stay, and rehab with several dramatic swings in health status throughout. It has been devastating for her and pretty stressful for me. May 2012 see an improvement for both of us.

Submitted by Pat de la Fuente, 1/1/12

Welcome to my two new granddaughters, MacKenzie and MaKayla de la Fuente. Born 2 months early, they are in the neonatal unit at Morristown Hospital and doing well. They are tiny but perfect. Thanks for all the love, caring and prayers from so many people at MUF.

Submitted by Shari Loe

My sister Leslie who had been fostering to adopt 2 siblings, 2 and 4, for 2 years had just learned Social Services was recommending they be reunified into a troubled family situation. But she has just received a newborn who was surrendered by her mom at 2 days old. Her name is Amaya Rose and chances are excellent she will be officially adopted soon! Meanwhile, Social Services has delayed reunification, so she may end up with three....

Submitted by Betsy Burr, 1/8/12

Betsy Burr has a joy—that she is alive after “taking a flying leap across her kitchen, encountering the reality of the edge of a kitchen counter with her skull,” resulting in some unpleasantness which is now visible on her person. But she is with us this morning, glad to be here and happy to greet everyone.

Congregational Poll Results for UUA Study Action Items

Thanks to the 91 members who voted in our congregational poll regarding UUA Study Action Items. The votes are tallied below for your interest. Because we had a good number of votes for all items, we have officially voted that all 5 become Action Items.

- Climate Action – 26 votes
- Ending Slavery – 21 Votes
- Exploring Class Barriers – 13 Votes
- Reproductive Justice – 19 Votes
- Families Population & Environment – 12 Votes

Lifespan Religious Education

What gives you that special satisfaction? What activity would you like to share with someone? Way back in 2011, in our November Children's Chapel, I asked the children what their favorite food was. Some said they loved spaghetti, some said sweet potato pie, some said eggplant parmesan. I asked this question by way of introducing the Guest At Your Table boxes that the children took home with them as part of our signature social justice project. Not only did the children take the boxes home, some brought them back to the Fellowship filled with quarters, dimes, nickles, pennies, all combinations of money so that they could share their favorite foods with those in need. How can we extend that same idea, offering our favorite food to another, to activities we enjoy?

Perhaps you have a hobby that requires a special skill such as woodworking, painting, or knitting. If that is the activity that gives you a special sense of satisfaction, consider involving someone in that activity - a sort of Guest At Your Table of the soul. How can you invite others in to partake of your favorite nourishment? One thing you can do is volunteer, and the Fellowship provides us with such wonderful opportunities to let our special skills shine. Consider offering one of your skills to others through the Lifespan Growth program.

One way the RE program is letting the children of our Fellowship share their special skills is the For the Love of Art event on February 12th. The RE Council is sponsoring an art opening in the Terrace Room, so please come take a look at the creations inspired by the lessons our volunteer teachers have been offering the children. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole Fellowship to be involved in the RE program by offering kind words and appreciation to the children.

Another way you can let your special skills shine is on the second floor of the Fellowship. Just opposite the RE Library is a bulletin board. There are some slips of paper simply waiting to be made into a living collage of our special skills. Head on up to that bulletin board and write down your special skill on one of those pieces of paper. As more people add to the collage, the more colorful and beautiful our hallway will be. My hope is that we'll be reminded of the diverse and many talents present in the Fellowship every time we walk past the bulletin board.

In Fellowship,

Austen

Austen Petersen



THANK YOU DONNA

Austen, on behalf of the Religious Education program and the staff, would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to Donna Becker for her dedicated service to MUF as the Acting RE Assistant for the past year. Donna may no longer be official MUF staff, but she remains a very active MUF member and volunteer and RE is grateful for all she has done for the program. Thanks Donna!



SAVE THE DATE

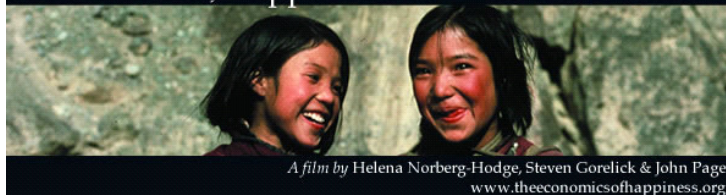
Blood Drive

April 15th, 8am—1pm

Contact Zella♥ for more information.

GEM

the Economics of Happiness



The Economics of Happiness

a film by Helena Norberg-Hodge, Steven Gorelick & John Page

Green Earth Ministry invites MUF Members, Friends and Visitors to a viewing of
 “The Economics of Happiness.”
Saturday, March 17th, 7:00pm @ MUF

“It is good news indeed to find so persuasive an explanation of our ailing world as “The Economics of Happiness.” This film connects the dots between climate chaos, economic meltdown, and our own personal suffering--stress, loneliness, and depression. It presents the localization movement as a systemic alternative to corporate globalization, as well as a strategy that brings community and meaning to our lives.” - Joanna Macy, author World as Lover, World as Self.

Upcoming Lifespan RE Events

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS & CHOW

*4th Wednesdays, February 22, 10:30am—12noon
Bag lunch to follow from 12noon-1pm*

Conversational topics are created from the groups that attend and they will be as varied as poetry to the latest scientific research. The article selected for discussion February 22nd is in UU World for Winter 2011. It is the Spiritual writings on pages 18 & 19. Questions for discussion might include: Do you have a spiritual creation? or a spiritual object that you would want to discuss with us? Do you have a special connection with something in the environment that is especially meaningful to you? For more information contact Gloria Dyer at (973) 543-7883 or by e-mail at Gloria.dyer@verizon.net.

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

1st Mondays, February 6, 7 pm @ Dining Room

Upcoming Books: *February 6th, The True Believer, Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements by Eric Hoffer facilitated by Frank Siwec. Although it was written 50 years ago, When Eric Hoffer researched the rise of the Nazis, the book can be applicable to things that have been happening here since 9/11: anti-Islamism, the Tea Party and OWS. Eric Hoffer researched the ctive power of mass movements, and even has some relativity to the American drift to the right. Some reviewers feel there are pertinent thoughts expressed on every page.*

We invite the others in the book group to bring another book they have read recently and to spend a few minutes talking about it.

March 5th, Pompeii by Robert Harris. An historic novel about what life was like in early Pompeii, before the eruption; for the 1% as well as the other 99% Very well researched and interesting! All are welcome to come and participate!

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP

Thursday's, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 7:30pm @ Library

We share personal joys and issues in a non judgmental setting where feelings are important to express. Call Victor Sperber 973-895-5360 or Don Price 973-347-5515 for more information.

INSIGHT MEDITATION GROUP

February 1 & 15, 7:30-9:15pm

*Led by Rev. Allen Wells in MUF Meditation Room
NEW ATTENDEES WELCOME* Our primary focus will be that of Insight Meditation as taught by The Buddha, though all are welcome. The evening will consist of both sitting and walking meditation with an opportunity for the exchange of experiences. For further information please contact, Rev. Wells: (973) 539-0301 ext 2, or e-mail: awells@uuma.org. New attendees welcome!

MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION CLASS

Thursday's, February 9–April 26, 6:30-8:30pm This is a 12 week class that will focus on beginning mindfulness practice and waking up to the present moment. Mindfulness allows one to see clearly, to understand ourselves and others better, so that we might live a more joyful, fulfilling life. Each class will include mindfulness practice, meditation, reading and sharing. Please order the book Beginning Mindfulness by Andrew Weiss and have it for the first class. The first class will be on February 9th. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Please contact Elaine Boucher to register at 908-655-5894 or by email at gratefulspirit33@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY KNITTING AND CRAFT GROUP

Last Friday of the Month, February 24, 7-9pm @ MUF Room 205

Would you like to spend a couple of relaxing hours clicking needles or crafting with fellow MUFers? Beginning knitters are welcome - bring your knitting and you are sure to bring home a few tips from the evening. If you are not knitter, just bring your own favorite craft - crocheting, felting, scrapbooking, jewelry making, origami, etc. Enjoy some peaceful crafting. For more information contact: Maureen Dempsey mkdemp@verizon.net

TAI CHI LIGHT

1st and 3rd Saturday's, February 4 & 18, 9:30am @ Terrace Room

Led by our very experienced, Al Chu, Tai Chi is a fun way to exercise and a great way to relieve stress. All are welcomed to attend—from beginner to expert. For more information contact Laurie MacGeorge at (201) 650-1013.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART 2012



2nd Annual MUF Student Art Exhibit Sunday, February 12th, 2012

Come See the beautiful art created by our resident UU Children and Youth!

The exhibit is open to all MUF students, age 0-18, and will include work that is two-dimensional (paintings, sketches, collages, photographs, writing); three-dimensional (sculpture, pottery, glass, functional art) and performance (drama, music, readings). There will be a reception following the first service, with refreshments and an opportunity for the artists to discuss their work with MUF Members, Friends, and Visitors. This event is sponsored by the RE Council. For more information or to let Beth know you will be participating, please contact Beth Murphy at petalart@verizon.net or (908) 696-0165.

All artwork is due to the RE Library by Sunday, February 5th.

More Lifespan RE Events

Ellen Schmidt Writing Workshop

*Writing Room:
Connecting Creatively with Yourself
and Others*

March 24th, 2012
One of TWO Sessions
10am-12:30pm OR 2-4:30pm

Facilitated by Ellen Schmidt, this is a time of guided writing and sharing through structured exercises and personal expression. Ellen is an experienced writer and facilitator who creates writing circles at Cornell University and in private practice at her home in Ithaca, NY. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with personal and creative ideas, to relax and "write from the heart" in a safe and supportive environment. This is a wonderful experience for family members to do together.

Cost for the workshop is **\$30 per person** and registration **deadline is March 20th, 2012**. For more information please contact, Kate McAteer at katemcateer@hotmail.com. To register please email katemcateer@hotmail.com indicating which session you prefer and send a check made out to MUF with "Writing Circle" in the memo line.

To learn more about Ellen's work you can visit her website at www.writingroomworkshops.com

Committee Leadership Training

Committee Leadership Training: Budgeting and Calendaring for 2012-2013

Sunday, February 5th, 12:30pm, Room 204.

ALL Committee Chairs (or a committee liaison) are asked and encouraged to attend this short meeting to learn about the process for budgeting and calendaring for 2012-2013. We will be giving out Budget Request Forms and Calendar Request Forms along with guidelines and deadlines. We promise not to keep you long, but promise this will be a helpful meeting. Please RSVP to Deneise by Friday, February 3rd at admin@muuf.org to let her know if you will attend or to arrange an alternate meeting time. For more information, contact Deneise in the office or at admin@muuf.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Signature Project - Volunteer Opportunities & News

MUF's 5 year strategic plan has called upon the Social Justice Committee to create a "signature project" each year that will have a clearly defined goals and focus with specific volunteer opportunities to meet these goals.

***The 2011-2012 Signature Project is
"Alleviating Hunger & Homelessness"***

Please see below the ways you can be a part of MUF's Signature Project!

THANK YOU!

Social Justice would like to thank all of you who donate your time and money to making the world a better place. ***YOU make a HUGE difference!***

volunteer please contact Bob Campbell at bobc2023@verizon.net

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Community Soup Kitchen 2nd Tuesday's of every month!

There are two ways you can help. 1) We need people who are willing to ***serve meals*** to the guests of the Community Soup Kitchen. Time commitment is 11am-1pm on the 2nd Tuesday any designated month. OR 2) We need help ***preparing food*** for the day we will serve. Time commitment is 9:30am-1:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of any designated month. You will need to take a safe food handling class before volunteering for this role. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Susan Oxman at (973) 267-3861 or soxman13@verizon.net.

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Cook/Serve Dinner @ Eric Johnson House 1st & 3rd Wednesday's, monthly 5:45-7pm

If you would like to help MUF cook & serve dinner, please contact Zella♥ at (973) 669-1181 or zellaprg@yahoo.com

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Souper Bowl of Caring January 16-February 5

Help collect money and food items for the hungry and hurting in our communities. Have all your Super Bowl guests bring non-perishable canned food items or donate dollars to score big points with those in need! All collections can then be brought to the Fellowship and marked, "Souper Bowl" and will then be donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. If you are not having a party, you may still participate by dropping off food or money donations at MUF. Place food items in the boxes outside the kitchen by the basement door and place monetary donations in an envelope marked "Souper Bowl" in the safe in the copy room. For more information contact Donna Becker at writeme79@juno.com!

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Family Promise of Morris County Early April

Formerly Interfaith Council for Homeless Families, now Family Promise of Morris County – MUF is scheduled to volunteer at the host site for The Emergency Shelter (ES) Program again in early April and we need volunteers! The ES program uses religious facilities for overnight lodging for homeless people and congregation volunteers staff the shelter sites nights and weekends and provide dinner and breakfast for families. Although we are unable to host families at the MUF facilities, we do volunteer to staff the program at other local religious facilities. We have different volunteer opportunities ranging from a few hours to overnight. For more information or to

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Item of the Week Collection Coming Soon

Very soon, Social Justice will be launching it's 'Item of the Week' Collection initiative. Be sure to check the MUF Weekly Update on a regular basis so you will know what items you can bring to participate.

MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice Distribution of Sunday Plate Funds – October-December 2011

<u>Charity</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Interfaith Food Pantry	\$375	Pathways to Work (Neighborhood House)	\$300
Homeless Solutions Shelter Support	\$400	UU-United Nations Office(UNO)	\$375
(NORWECAP) Support a Student Program	\$200	UU- UNO Project – Ghanaian Orphans School	\$250
Jersey Battered Women	\$150	Environmental cause	\$200
Interfaith Council for Homeless Families	\$300	Peaceworks	\$200

Total for 2nd Quarter 2012 – Charitable Gifts from MUF 50% plate = \$2,750

Getting to know the organizations MUF supports through the Sunday collection

Homeless Solutions provides shelter for 25 homeless men, 10 homeless women, 19 families and 20 Safe Haven guests. Guests receive services including case management, transportation to work and necessary appointments, money management and employment assistance, housing search assistance and daily living skills training.

Referral services for counseling, substance abuse intervention, and prevention are also provided.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Wonderful Opportunity to Serve

Nominating Committee is looking for leaders for the following elected Fellowship positions for the year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. The Deadline for submissions is March 15th, 2012. If you would like to apply for or recommend someone for any of these very important jobs, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Don Preziosi, Beth Hayward, Lisa Schmitt, Norman Ng and/or Donna Best.

Elected Leadership Positions Open for Next Year:

Board of Trustees:

- 1) **President-Elect** - a one-year term, to be followed by a one-year term as President
- 2) **Vice President of Program** - a two-year term
- 3) **Secretary** – a two year term

Detailed information specifically about board job roles can be found on the MUF website. www.muuf.org/documents/BoardOfficerRoles.rtf

The current Vice President, Administrative, Karen Burns Rutigliano, will serve another year. The Treasurer, Venkat Puranapanda, will serve another year and the Assistant Treasurer, Laurent Comes, will serve another year in this role before stepping up to treasurer in 2013. In addition, the current President-Elect, Tanya Van Order, will become President for the 2012-2013 term. Thank You, thank you to those who are serving on our current board and whose terms are finished in June, 2012– Paul Ferm, President; Linda Delap, VP Program; and Donna Templeton, Secretary.

Endowment Board of Trustees:

- 1) **Two Members** - three-year term

There are five members on this Board, three other members have not have finished their terms in 2012.

Nominating Committee:

- 1) **One member** - three-year term

Upcoming Events Calendar—February

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesday, Feb 1 & 15	7:30—9:15pm @ MUF Meditation Room	Insight Meditation Group	P. 6
Thursday, Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23	7:30pm @ MUF Library	Men's Consciousness Group	P. 6
Saturday, Feb 4 & 18	9:30am @ Terrace Room	Tai Chi Light	P. 6
Sunday, Feb 5	12:30pm @ Room 204	Committee Leadership Training	P. 7
Monday, Feb 6	7pm @ MUF Dining Room	Monday Book Group	P. 6
Thursday, Feb 9, 16 & 23	6:30-8:30 @MUF Meditation Room	Mindfulness and Meditation Class	P. 6
Sunday, Feb 12	Between Services @Terrace Room	For the Love of Art Exhibit	P. 7
Wednesday, Feb 22	10:30am—12noon @ MUF Library	Cordial Conversations & Chow	P. 6
Friday, Feb 24	7:00pm @ Room 205	Monthly Knitting and Craft Group	P. 6
Saturday, Feb 25	5pm and 7:30pm @ MUF Meeting Room	Black Maria Film & Video Festival	P. 3

VOLUNTEER CORNER

If you would like to volunteer in one of the following areas please be in touch with the listed contact or Deneise in the office at (973) 540-1177x203 or admin@muuf.org

Facilities Council needs YOU!

Want to help more around the Fellowship? Check out our volunteer needs & sign-up sheet posted in Room 100. Lots of painting, fixing, and cleaning to do on your own time. For more information, contact Nan or Paul, Facilities Council, facilities@muuf.org.

Membership & Welcoming - The Welcome Table needs two volunteers to greet first time visitors and other newcomers once a month before and after the Sunday service. Volunteers are especially needed for the 9am Service. This is a chance to meet the new people who are coming through our doors for the first time and to make them feel welcome. If interested, please call Lorelei Harris at (973) 267-8938 or email to membership@muuf.org.

Fundraising Committee can use your help with **Black Maria Event** - We are seeking four volunteers to work at the Black Maria Film and Video Festival on Saturday, February 25, here at MUF (*please see event description under "Upcoming Events"*).

- Two people are needed to work the front desk
- Two people will serve wine and soft beverages

We need two desk volunteers to take and sell tickets and two servers for wine and beverages. Desk volunteers would need to arrive at 4:15pm; servers would need to arrive at 5pm. All would work until approximately 7:30pm. To volunteer, please contact Deneise at admin@muuf.org or Dan Byrd at (973)952-0105 or danielbyrd@verizon.net, or Muriel Thibaud at moom@aol.com. Thanks for considering helping out at this amazing event!

Moving Beyond Enemy Images in Peace & Justice Work

- ◆ Increase the likelihood of keeping dialogue respectful and effective when you are engaging those with whom you disagree;
- ◆ Learn how you may be unknowingly contributing to violence and how you can catch these moments before they run away from you;
- ◆ Experience one sure way to move toward a safer world by finding the beauty of the human being behind the "Enemy Images".

After a brief description of the process of Nonviolent Communication, we will practice working with enemy images and how to prepare ourselves for - and engage in - difficult conversations.
(i.e. the nuts and bolts of despair work)

When: Saturday, March 31st, 2012

Time: 9:30 am (sharp) – 4:00 pm

***Where: Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, Room 204
21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960***

Trainer: NVC Workshop led by Eliane Geren, CNVC Trainer

Fee: \$60 per person (sliding scale – call for info)

Please bring a bag lunch. We will provide drinks & snacks throughout the day.

Please register early! Seating is limited.

For more information contact Jo Sippie-Gora at 973-838-8576 or seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net;

OR Tricia Armstrong at (973) 377-2646 or tricia.armstrong@verizon.net

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To register, complete and return the registration form below to:

Seeds of Peace Workshop, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960.

Include check made out to MUF (write "Seeds of Peace" in memo line)

Name _____ Registration Fee Enclosed \$ _____

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Feb 5 “How the Story Goes: A sermon on the narrative of our lives” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am

Vanessa is the Parish Minister at the Unitarian Church in Summit where she has served since August of 2001. She, like Alison Miller, hails from All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City. She lives in Maplewood, New Jersey with her daughter and husband. Her sermon is about the meaning making we do with the story of our own lives, and how to do that mindfully, as a spiritual practice, and to the benefit of our living.

- Led by Vanessa Rush Southern

Feb 12 “Here We Come to Save the Day! ” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am

This will be a participatory multigenerational service focusing on super heroes! We all need a hero, but what kind? Does the kind of hero we need change as we grow older? Can we be our own super hero?

- Led by Barnaby Feder & Austen Petersen

Feb 19 Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am

- Led by Guest Minister

Feb 26 “Say Chalice! ” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am

Getting your picture taken for our new photo directory next month should be a spiritual gift to yourself and our community. After all, we come to worship "to be assured that brothers and sisters surround us, to restore their images to our faces." (cf. #443 in hymnal!)

- Led by Barnaby Feder