



From our Ministries Administrator

What is a Ministries Administrator?

My week consists of many office details- answering the phone, responding to emails, showing potential renters our building, making copies.... making more copies...

It is my job to make sure things happen on time - that the newsletter gets edited and out. That the email blast goes out. That schedules get posted. That the Sunday Bulletin gets put together.

But it's more than that...

Deneise, where do I find this? What happened to table in Room 100?

I work with our excellent custodians to make sure the building gets and stays clean. I work with our new Financial Coordinator to make sure vouchers are accurately filled out - to make sure checks are signed.

There is making sure all the pastoral calls get attended to. I try to figure out who is the right person for what task and I pass on the request.

I try to keep all the data straight.

And most weeks, it all just seems part of the job. I actually enjoy the day to day encounters with MUF members and friends.

But this week I found myself feeling overwhelmed by all that needed to be done. It began to seem as though EVERYTHING was my job.

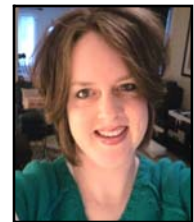
Within the past month - I heard several times from the Annual Budget Drive committee "we are doing this mailing by that day" and "we will need to do this and that mailing." I thought - OK, great! But I never heard that it was my job to make all the copies and get them folded and stuffed and labeled and out. I just assumed they were telling me what they were doing. Because knowing what everyone is doing is also part of my job. I need to know what committees are doing so that we aren't all doing double work. And I'm certain no one was trying to make it hard for me - people just forget that this is my first time - and everyone assumed I knew what to do. So on Friday (late afternoon) I get a more informative email and I realized - OH, I am expected

to coordinate this. I panicked. I went home thinking - OH my! - there is no way I will ever be able to do all of the things they want me to do and get it out in just 2 days.

Then I remember - a HUGE part of my job is YOU - not just working for you - but working *with* you.

So at last minute on Friday I sent an email asking for help - and on Sunday - I asked for help. And wow - 6 people were here Monday morning to help - only to be followed by another team of people on Tuesday to finish up any loose ends.

In my first 1/2 year here - one thing I have learned - and need to remember - is that someone here at MUF is willing to help. Thank you for reminding me of this! It's a good lesson for all of us - that when we feel completely overwhelmed, all we need do is ask for help. Certainly there is a MUF'er willing to help.



Deneise

- Deneise Murad
Ministries Administrator/
Executive Assistant

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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.

Who Do I Talk To?

(if I want to get involved)

Any of the ministers and staff would be delighted to speak with you.

Our Five-Year Plan coaches, Karen Dinsmore and Gary Kunz, can help you connect your passion with one of our goals.

Volunteer Leaders in the various Program Areas would be more than happy to let you know how you can make a difference in their area of the Fellowship.

Sunday Services

Marjorie Wormser and Carol Titus

Religious Education

Nina McCormack, Children's RE Council

Matt and Sarahjane Rath, Youth Advisors

Danelle Simonelli, Life Span Programs Committee

Social Justice

Karen Burns Rutigliano and Chris Reynolds

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Michelle Kunz, Welcoming Committee

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Steve Parker, Sacred Space Task Force

Diana West and Nan Perigo, Building & Grounds

Dan Byrd, Memorial Garden

Finance

George Hays and Susan Lausell, Finance Committee

Governance

Lisa Schmitt and Paul Ferm, Board

Pick up a copy of the new Morristown Unitarian Fellowship Directory (green cover), or link to it on the members section of our website, for updated contact information for everyone listed above. If you are a newcomer, Office Admin. Deneise Murad can help you get in touch with the above. E-mail her at admin@muuf.org or call 973-540-1177 x203.

You are also invited to pick up a complete list of the current committees and programs along with descriptions and contact information to help you gain a greater understanding of what is offered.

President's Corner

So spring is on its way! Of course, I am getting my information from a groundhog in Pennsylvania, but at this point I welcome the good news, regardless of the source. I have never been a fan of winter's precipitation and increased cold and darkness. However, this winter with its multiple super storms has – for me – icily hammered home a lesson beyond the traditional one of the seasonal cycle of darkness, death and hibernation chronologically preceding light and growth. Against my strongest inclinations, this winter has reminded me that it is sometimes necessary to adapt plans and to be more flexible.

Like many other people in this area and around the country, my best laid plans have been thwarted repeatedly by monster storms and their resulting problems. This has occurred both with minor plans such as outings with my children cut short or cancelled, as well as with major plans such as family visits and business trips postponed because of icy roads and airplanes that couldn't land at their intended destinations. Some of the concessions I have had to make were relatively insignificant like meeting by telephone instead of face to face. Others may have had longer term consequences yet unknown; do you know how difficult it is to be impressive in your third month on a new job with so many school closings, delayed openings and early dismissals?

I have also witnessed my husband, Gary – recovering well from open heart surgery at the onset of winter – learning to adapt his lifestyle. He is now finding joy (yes, joy) in preparing and eating healthy foods and in exercising. He has learned the hard way that his traditional roles of snow

shoveler, house-fixer, and workaholic may need to be adapted.

It is good, indeed necessary, to have plans. Without them, how do we move our hopes, dreams, and good intentions to reality? We at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship have big dreams and plans – as individuals, as committees and councils, as networks, and as a congregation. Our Program and Administrative Network Vice Presidents are working with committees to better facilitate coordination and cooperation in achieving these plans. A support structure bringing together Strategic Plan Priority Area Leaders (PAL's), Coaches, Board members, and the Committee on Ministry (COM) is now in place to help us live into the 5-year Strategic Plan adopted earlier this Fellowship Year. The Sacred Spaces Task Force is working diligently to fulfill its charge.

Hopefully the excitement around these dreams ignites the volunteer spirit and numbers critical to successfully implementing these plans. Hopefully these carefully crafted plans will be joyfully enacted by Fellowship members, friends and staff. And with this winter's lesson in mind, hopefully we will be understanding and flexible if and when we find that plans need to be adapted.

In Fellowship,

Lisa

- Lisa Schmitt,
MUF President



Milestones and Passages

Submitted by Avianca Bouché, 2/6/2011

Skyler turned 4 on Feb 12th.

Submitted by Linda Howe, 2/13/2011:

1) My daughter Erica, sustainable agriculture major is living her dream. She has started farming at Hidden River Farms in Asheville, NC; and is on fire!! She is also a PT Montessori pre-school teacher.

2) Celebrating the life of my grandmother Henrietta Grey, 98 who died on Tue, Feb 8th; and two Quaker friends weekend before, Johu and Bettie Robinson—social activists and loving friends.

Submitted by Shari Loe, 2/13/2011

My daughter, Adrienne Lee Benson, a child of MUF has coordinated "Be Smart on Crime", a project to make bipartisan recommendations to reform our criminal justice system. Check it out at www.BeSmartOnCrime.org Adrienne wrote the chapter on indigent defense.

Submitted by Jo Sippie-Gora, 2/20/2011

I joyfully announce the birth of another grand-daughter to my first-born son Jason + wife, Aya Okoshi. Miss Nyuu-

Chan, at 3.3 kg + 43 cm, joins her 2 year old elder sister Luli Elizah.

Submitted by Kay Collins, 2/20/2011

A tale in 2 parts—One dark—One bright. Dark part: Last week I discovered I had lost my credit card while I was shopping the day before. I then recalled that the last place I was in was WAL-MART. So I called the store manager, who looked in the safe and it was there! ☺ The bright part: When I returned to the store, the young man sales person who had turned it in was unavailable for my personal thanks but I had a "Thank You" note with a reward in it. But store policy would not allow him to take a money gift. So may I ask you to rejoice with me that honesty is alive and will and more importantly—keep this young man on your mind and send him lost of positive and happy thoughts. Thank you. ☺

Submitted by Janine Torsiello & Drew Hayes, 2/27/2011

Please hold Drew and I in your hearts as he undergoes some minor skin cancer surgery on Wednesday morning. Also, Janine's cousin Jimmy passed this week succumbing to esophageal cancer. He was a wonderful guy who will be missed.

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Chalice Seekers



I think it was Andrea Lerner, our District Executive, who sent out a link to an article written by Chaeyoon Lim and Robert D. Putnam called Religion, Social Networks, and Life Satisfaction for the American Sociological Review. While the report was mostly filled with statistical data to support its findings, it was worth plowing through. The report suggests “that religious people are more satisfied with their lives because they regularly attend religious services and build up social networks in their congregations.” In all my years of serving congregations, I have come to the same conclusion in an organic way, but it’s nice to have my personal experiences substantiated.

Numerous studies show that religious people have a higher sense of satisfaction in their lives, but there is not convincing evidence that religion is what improves well-being. It may not necessarily be faith or community that is important to well-being, but a community of faith. This is an important distinction. The research suggests that social networks, forged in congregations, along with religious identity, creates subjective well-being in congregational members.

The authors Lim and Putnam are led into asking a couple of questions from their research: “Why do congregational friendships and religious identity shape life satisfaction? Why do they do so when they operate together?” One explanation is that it may give members another social network to belong to that makes their

own religious identity real. Sharing one’s values may also bolster life satisfaction. Another explanation might be that the faith community shares “cultural practices” and rituals that give meaning.

So increasing religious identity and/or social networking seems to increase well-being according to this study. While the authors suggest that any social networking community that meets regularly in a shared context and identity can enhance well-being, our congregations are in a unique position because of “size, scope of membership and intensity of members’ participation in rituals and shared identity.”

Faith matters. It didn’t take an article from the American Sociological Review to convince me of this fact. But it’s nice to know research supports what I truly believe. When we gather together in a faith community to share our values, to grow spiritually and to be of help in the world, we do increase our well-being and the well-being of others. See you at the Fellowship.

Karen

- **Karen Brown,**
Director of Religious Education



Milestones and Passages

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Submitted by Betsy Burr, 2/27/2011

Betsy wants people to know that her seal stone, a 250lb. Prehistoric rock engraved by ancient Aleut Eskimos, which has been in her family for over 50 years, is now on its way to Alaska, specifically to a museum in Fairbanks, where curators tell us they are turning cartwheels over receiving this precious—even unique—stone artifact. Ask Betsy to see a picture of the stone.

Deeds Well Done

David Landau for the thorough, informative introduction and background that he presented before the screening of Shakespeare in Love as part of the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

David Snedden for the countless times he has shared his talents and stepped up to help Sunday services and other events that support the health and well-being of MUF.

Geri Silk and Joe Uhrhane for their support in upgrading and repairing the audio system



Living Fully in Troubled Times

A Personal/Spiritual and Political Revival Workshop

Led by Rev. Allen Wells and Others

The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship—April 2, 2011, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Do you feel ineffectual in changing our world?

Are you depressed about its state?

Are you afraid that things are getting worse?

Do you feel you're doing all you can, but wish you could do more?

Do you feel disappointed that our leaders have let us down?

If you feel any of these feelings you are not alone, and this workshop is for you. But, It is also for you if you simply want to invigorate your work for social, economic, political, and environmental change, and further become the change you are seeking.

There is no cost for this workshop. We offer it for everyone working for personal and political transformation. However we do have expenses and would appreciate whatever your contribution you can make.

This Morristown Unitarian Fellowship Lifespan Learning Workshop is sponsored by Green Earth Ministry, Seeds of Peace, and by The Morris Country Chapter of The Network of Spiritual Progressives - Morris County (northern NJ), and New Jersey Peace Action.

For further information please contact Jo Sippie-Gora at josippie@optonline.net or 973 838-8576 OR Rev. Allen Wells at awells@uuma.org or 973 539-0301 x2

Blue Sky Gallery - Social Justice Day

We're Getting Ready...Mark Your Calendar

MUF 1st "Blue Sky Gallery" Social Justice Day – April 10th

Designing a Social Justice Signature Project Together

10:30am-11:15am (Adults/Children) and 12:15 – 1:00pm (Adults)

Come “blue sky” (plan) what a MUF Signature social justice “signature project” could look like with all of us working together in the Morris County community next year. As part of the implementation of the MUF Strategic Plan, we decided that we would design a special social justice project and plan of related activities for all MUF members and friends, of all ages, all year long, to participate in.

(No Committee membership required).

Our goal: the cumulative impact of MUF “targeted” volunteerism would be felt in addressing a crucial service/justice need in our community...and our UU Values would come alive through our actions.

On Sunday, April 10th, come enter our “Blue Sky Gallery” (the Terrace Room) and dream with us. We’ve prepared some suggestions that will be floating on easels and displayed creatively. It’s your role – adults and children alike! – to add your ideas and to tell us how we can take ideas presented, and make them better – with your unique spin.

If you’re a kid....think about what kids need and how you can help them.

If you’re an adult... think about your strengths/preferred activities ...and how you can put them to work to help neighbors in need. Think Big...Think Blue Sky!

Upcoming Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

**First and Third Wednesdays, March 2 & 16,
5-7 pm**

Theatre Club for ALL Ages from 7 and up in the Meeting Room @ MUF. Acting, Singing, Dancing, Role play, Improvisation, Scenario based workshops, Script reading, Memorizing Lines, Wardrobe, Costume, Make-up... possibly putting up a production !!

Childcare will not be provided. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) responsible for their children. However, there will be activities to keep them busy!!

For more information, call Pratik Mamtora on 256-335-4800 or e-mail pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW

**Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, March 23,
10:30am-1pm** - bring a boxed lunch

Our *Cordial Conversations* will continue on the 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Library – go green, bring your own plates and utensils. Conversational topics are created from the groups that attend and they will be as varied as poetry to the latest scientific research. Our circle of participants decides on the topics. Coordinator – Gloria Dyer 973-543-7883 or Gloria.dyer@verizon.net and Karen Brown at 862-432-0173 or uudrek@gmail.com. We hope you join us in community.

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP

Thursday's, 7:30pm

This group will be holding open sessions for prospective new members on **3 Thursday evenings: March 24, March 31 and April 7**. We share personal joys and issues in a non judgemental setting where feelings are important to express. Call Victor Sperber 973-895-5360 or Don Price 973-347-5515 for more information

MONTHLY KNITTING AND CRAFT

GROUP

Last Friday of the Month, March 25, 7-9pm

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*

EARTH DAY PARTY:

**Celebrating Our Precious Earth. There's Only One!!
Saturday, April 16, 3-5 p.m.**



A Multigenerational Event for the entire Fellowship Family. Sponsored by the Fundraising Committee in Cooperation with Green Earth Ministry

From 3 to 4 p.m. - Eco crafts and eco games for all ages. Make an eggstrordinary planter and help build a humongous recycle monster. Try your hand at the Dirt Quiz. Nibble a variety of good snacks.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Enjoy the songs and stories of singer/songwriter Ken Galipeau. Join in the Planet Rap and spin with "The Little Blue Top" {that's the Earth}. Entertainment for all ages.

Tickets available at the Box Office starting March 13. \$10 adult, \$5 child.

Questions or to volunteer help or food - Carol Titus 973 625 8548 or carol.titus@yahoo.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

Two nights and six scrumptious meals for only \$184 (*plus tax*) at the very majestic Turning Point lodge at Kirkridge. The lodge Sleeps 23 (minimum 16), so sign up soon. The meeting rooms are air conditioned and the lodge has a magnificent view of the Lehigh Valley and lake. This is a perfect time for new comers to get involved and have a fun and meaningful weekend. If you'd like to help organize or run an activity/workshop this is a great opportunity to stretch your imagination and creativity. For more information about the lodge visit www.Kirkridge.com. If you are ready to reserve your spot, have further questions or would like to offer a workshop, please RSVP to Geri Silk 973-539-2854 or gerisilk@yahoo.com or to Sharon Heller 973-492-9073 or SharonJeanHeller@yahoo.com.

UU District of Metro NY 2011—Annual Meeting

When: May 6-7, 2011

Where: Hyatt Morristown, Morristown NJ



Highlights

- * *Keynote Address* by the **Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed** (pictured), author, lecture, and Affiliated Faculty member at Meadville Lombard Theological School
- * *On Friday night*, **Peter Mayer** in concert.
- * *The UU Network Mall.*
- * *Election* of the District President, Trustees at Large, members of the District Nominating Committee, and the District UUA Trustee
- * *Outstanding workshop and caucusing opportunities.*
- * *Awards and scholarships presentation.*

Complete details, including registration and hotel information, are available at <http://www.uumetro.org/am11/>

Love is... Love comes when... Love makes...

During Sunday morning services on February 13th, everyone was invited to participate in a Haiku exercise about Love. All were asked to complete the following: *Love is... Love comes when... Loves makes...*

Following are a few responses from some of MUF's children.

Love is Soft and Sweet

Love comes when there is closeness

Love makes happiness

Love is spring's revolt

Love comes when buds won't be stopped

Love creates true hope



Love is magical

Love comes when the moment is
right

Love makes you feel loved

Love is beauty forever

Love comes when we think of others

Love makes every thing beautiful

Green Covenant:

Living in Right Relationship with Earth

Saturday, March 19th

9:00 am —4:00 pm

Cost: \$25



Sponsored by the NY Metro District and
UU Ministry for Earth. Held at
Community Unitarian Church at White Plains.
Register Today!

**MUF members/friends can register at
www.formdesk.com/uiforms/green**

Annual Budget Drive (ABD)

The 2011-2012 Annual Budget Drive begins March 6th. Packets with details will be handed out after the service on Sunday, March 6th, and the remainder will be mailed on Monday, March 7th. Please review and submit your pledge for the upcoming year. Submit your pledge by March 31st and you will get one entry to win an incredible 16GB WiFi Apple iPad. Sign-up of direct debit or automatic credit card payments and get a second entry to with the iPad. Go to MUF's website, www.muuf.org, click on Pledge Drive and you can submit your pledge there.

*Thank you in advance for your
contributions to MUF!*

Social Justice Council Update

Looking Forward – “The Annual SCAN Concert” is scheduled for June 4, 2011

This is the social-justice-inspired concert MUF has hosted for nearly 25 years! On late spring evening, we are planning to have a slate of great entertainers, in a cabaret style, perform for your enjoyment. All profits are given to support the work of community agencies in Central American countries. SCAN concerts started during the era of Iran Contra activities as a way to support UUA sanctioned charities offsetting violence and poverty in this global region. The poverty continues and the need is still great. Plan to attend a beautiful evening of fine music variety...and lovely refreshments. A Social Justice team is forming to help promote and plan the event.

Contact: karenburns@casaessex.org if you'd like to help.

Social Justice Collection Distribution Information- MUF Collection ½ Plate Quarter October 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

<i>Charity</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Charity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Interfaith Food Pantry	\$ 825	NORWESCAP – Northwest NJ Community Action Program	\$200
Morristown Soup Kitchen	\$ 450	Pathways to Work	\$375
Homeless Solutions Shelter	\$400	UU-UNO Office	\$280
Interfaith Council for Homeless Families	\$450	UU-UNO Ghanaian Orphans Project	\$250
		Green Earth Ministry	\$300
Total Q2/MUFGifts			\$ 3530
Total Q1/MUFGifts			\$ 2180
Total YTD			\$5710
Special Collections:	Amount:		
Soup Kitchen	\$		\$2662
UU-UNO Office	\$		\$964
Partner Church	\$		\$1126

Other Helping Opportunities

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners – Wednesdays March 2 & 16 5:45-7:15pm – Help MUF to meet two monthly commitments to provide dinner and hospitality for this great Morristown community of recovering AIDS/HIV neighbors. Cook part of dinner for 12 in advance, and help serve & chat. Contact Zella @ 973-669-1181. 3 residents are graduating and moving to independent apartments and need various household items – bedding, towels, pots, flatware, etc. New preferred. Can you help provide some modest items for set ups?

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen - Help is needed for March 8th Hosting: We need casseroles, soup, chili, hot dogs and beans. More cooks are needed to prepare food in advance to serve 200+ people. Helpers are needed to serve and shop day before for fresh items. Please step up ... Contact Michelle Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com to let her know you are cooking or willing to help!

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, March 12th -- 5:45-7:00pm -Help prepare our monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner for homeless shelter residents. "Table talk" is also where your natural self can be of great friendly help, contact: judyoneil5@gmail.com

Don't forget to contact “PATHWAYS TO WORK” for your special winter outdoor shoveling and indoor clean-up assistance! The Pathways to Work Network of registered and experienced laborers is ready and able to help you with your fall labor needs. Contact Rosa Chilquillo at 973-538-1229 ext 43 or at cell: 973-647-8495 to arrange for your worker(s). There are many people in our community who need work.

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group meets the first Monday of the month. We meet in **The Dining Room at 7:00 pm**. Upcoming books are:
 March 7th- *O Pioneers* by Willa Cather—led by Eleanor Mason

April 4th- *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl Wu Dunn—led by Frank Siwec

May 2nd- *Olive Kitteridge* by Kathryn Straut—led by Susan Oxman

June 6th- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austin—led by Sharon Glickman

For more information, please contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com or by phone at (908-204-9572). We welcome new members! All opinions are respected. Since weather may vary considerably between members' homes, please call if weather is doubtful. - **Nancy Lee McLure**



Minstrel Folk Project Concerts

March 4th **Feature Act:** *Bucky Pizzarelli*
 Opener: Diane Perry

March 11th **Open Stage**

March 18th **Feature Act:** *Lissa Schneckenburger Band*
 Opener: The Dead Sea Squirrels

Feb 25th **Feature Act:** *The Short Sisters*
 Opener: Carol Walker

All concerts start at 8:00pm.

For more information visit www.folkproject.org



Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP) Announcements

“The old economy of greed and dominion is dying. A new economy of life and partnership is struggling to be born. The outcome is ours to choose.” –David Korten

Book Study/Discussion: *Agenda for a New Economy* by David Korten

Five Thursdays: March 3, 17, & 31; April 14 & 28, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)

This Lifespan Learning class will study and discuss economist David Korten’s latest book, *Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth* (2nd Ed., 2010). Author, lecturer, engaged citizen, Korten founded Yes! Magazine and has written many books and articles about global economies, including *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community* and *When Corporations Rule the World*. Following the book’s Discussion Guide from the Living Economies Forum, the class will explore the systemic causes of America’s economic collapse, consider the alternative New Economy vision, discuss the interventions necessary to replace the current system and engage in the change process. Led by: Teresa Guyton and John Esposito (Room 205 or 209 @ MUF).

Study/Discussion Plan

March 3--Part I: Ch. 1-4, March 17--Part II: Ch. 5-9, March 31--Part III: Ch. 10-12, April 14--Part IV: Ch. 13-15, April 28--Part V: Ch. 16-Epilogue. Please RSVP Teresa Guyton @ teresaguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098. (Class size is limited)

Teresa Guyton
 Contact, NSP Chapter—Morris County (Northern NJ)

- Submitted by Teresa Guyton

Writing Room

Connecting Creatively with Yourself and Others

Saturday, March 19th, 2011 10 am to 3 pm, Lunch included
Facilitated by Ellen Schmidt



Back by popular demand!! This workshop is an opportunity to connect with personal and creative ideas, to relax and “write from the heart” in a safe and supportive environment. Facilitated by Ellen Schmidt, who many of us have had deep and enriching experiences with on Star Island, this is a day of guided writing and sharing through structured exercises and personal expression. Connect with your own voice and listen to others. Ellen is an experienced writer and facilitator who creates writing circles at Cornell University and in private practice at her home in Ithaca, NY.

For more information: To learn more about Ellen’s work go to her website www.writingroomworkshops.com, or contact Kate McAteer at katemcateer@hotmail.com

Cost: \$40.00 per person (twenty person limit) pre-registration required by March 12, 2010 with MUF office. Please send a check made out to MUF with “Writing Circle” in the memo line and mail it to the Fellowship Office, MUF, 21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ 07960

Denominational Affairs

Metro NY Minute -- Upcoming Meetings and Workshops and Action Alerts

Reminder -- The Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 District Annual Meeting, May 6-7, at the Morristown Hyatt. Reverend Morrison-Reed is a prominent African-American scholar and author of *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination* and *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby*. On Friday night, Peter Mayer, singer-songwriter well known for Blue Boat Home will perform. **Registration begins 2/15/11.** Go to <http://uumetrony.org/am11/index.htm> for more information.

A court has dismissed most of the charges against UUs who were arrested while protesting Arizona's anti-illegal immigration law SB 1070 in July 2010. Some 30 to 35 UUs were arrested in Phoenix AZ July 29, 2010, in a nonviolent religious witness against SB 1070. On January 20, the Phoenix Municipal Court dismissed cases against 17 of the 20 UUs who were scheduled to appear in court in January, and found three others not guilty. Other cases are pending in Maricopa County Justice Court against UUA President Peter Morales and Margy Angle and the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray of the UU Congregation of Phoenix in the next several months.

More information on the above can be obtained on the UU Metro NY website: <http://uumetrony.org>. From this link you can get news from the district, the social action of the month of the UUA and UU Service Committee News.

- Submitted by Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs

Upcoming March Events

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wed, March 2 & 16	5pm—7pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama	P. 6
Wed, March 2 & 16	7:30pm—9:15pm @ MUF Meditation Room	Insight Meditation Group	
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Murder at the MUF Mansion

“Spy Smart”

Interactive Mystery/ Dinner Theater

Spy Smart! Be Austin Powers, Emma Peal or Bond-James Bond, In this mystery spoof of the TV spy shows of the 60’s.

Saturday, March 26th, 6:00-10:00 pm

Written and Directed by David Landau

Dinner Prepared by: Tony Rutigliano & Ken Nemeth

\$ 30 per person – Buy 2 and 1 non-MUF Member comes Free

MUF’s own David Landau has written and directed a brilliantly funny “interactive mystery” drama, “Spy Smart” that is uniquely suited to the “run” of the MUF mansion, (think CLUE, room by room). We join agent 008 Steed Powers at a spy convention where the lead spy guest speaker has been murdered. Using bribes and working in teams we must interview other famous spies and decipher the mystery and stop Kaos from starting – well- chaos. A fun finale explains it all as Steed exposes the double agent.

Prizes are awarded to the winning team.

Fun for singles, couples, friends and older kids , this was a “sold out” success last year with a different “interactive murder mystery”. Join us again and enjoy a delightful dinner preceded by “upon arrival” appetizers and drinks (wine and soft drinks). Reservations/tickets at Box Office or call MUF Office to be added to the list 973-540-1177 – ext. 203.

Babysitting available, must reserve space for child in advance with MUF Office/or Box Office!



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MARCH 15

Don't Panic! The bright covers for a couple of months are an effort in using paper that we already have!

Mar 6 "Show Me!" - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

A service focused on the UU-UNO as a means to put our faith in action. With Holly Sarkissian, UU-UNO Envoy Coordinator, and MUF's community of foreign-language speakers!

- Led by Shari Loe

Mar 13 "Walking to the Laundromat" - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Moments of revelation can happen at any time - while washing dishes, reflecting on our childhood, even walking down the street. A poetic meditation on everyday wonder.

-Led by Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon

Mar 20 "Battling Entropy"- 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The ancient Greeks had a goddess of chaos and discord -- surely one of life's most powerful deities! Science calls her the Second Law of Thermodynamics: everything tends toward entropy. So how do we live in a world where entropy always wins?

- Led by Danelle Simonelli

Mar 27 "Cherish the Ladies" - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

With his supervisor, Rev. Alison, about to return from sabbatical, Ministerial Intern Barnaby Feder reflects on the role Unitarian and Universalist women have had in his life and our movement, including three historical figures with important connections to northern New Jersey.

- Led by Barnaby Feder