



From the Minister...

I have just returned from walking my dog, Emerson, throughout the rolling hills of my neighborhood. The pitter patter of falling leaves and the frankly, very noisy, almost frightening, sounds of acorns thumping cars and roofs and occasionally my noggin seem to say, "Pay attention. Look this Way. Notice what this encounter with life has in store."

They are right. The leaves are absolutely spectacular this morning and would seem to rival any sunrise. The reds, the yellows, the oranges, the purples, the green still peaking in between called my soul awake. It was not just the sky that was dazzled by their presence. At my feet was a wild carpet made up of all of their lovely colors and variety of shapes – round here, pointed there, and many could well be said to be the interpretation of a starburst. I was witnessing to none other than the geometry of God.

I wonder how it is that I have ignored the beautiful shapes of these leaves until now, just at the moment when they will no longer be. How could I have missed such spectacular architecture? I picked up a bright, red leaf and noticed its veins which drink of the source of life and become the source of my breath. I thought about taking it home and placing it on my dining room table. I thought about the bouquet I might compose out of what might well be termed the prettiest flowers of the whole year. Indeed! As I looked with new eyes at the trees, I imagined that from the perspective of the heavens looking downward, each tree might well seem right-sized for the bouquet of a cosmic sized banquet table.

I did bring a few home and have placed them in a small vase. Of course, the interesting spiritual note here is that at this moment that I can see the leaves most clearly and most vividly – how beautiful they are, how I am in need of them, how our lives have been intertwined since the very beginning – now that I understand what they mean to me – they are no longer truly here. My autumn bouquet represents death and dying. It is in some sense a memorial. Soon the leaves will dry and crumple. The ones I have indoors and the ones on the handsome carpet outside. They will become something else out of my field of gaze.

It is no surprise that November is the time of year when so many cultures honor departed loved ones and ancestors. Nature is painting a canvass with the theme of loss, and it is

asserting that there is beauty to behold in the losing. The story of the leaves, reminds us that it is often at the end that we praise and give thanks for the gifts that we may have failed to recognize sooner.

My small bouquet, my little memorial has given me an idea. As a daily spiritual practice this month, I am creating an altar centered on the gratitude I feel for the gifts that my ancestors, departed loved ones, and the trees have offered the world. I will place the bouquet of leaves at the center of the altar, and each day I will add one more object to practice praising some aspect of what was loved and lost, but will never be forgotten. I hope some of you will join me in this practice and find a spot in your home, heart and day to remember and give thanks.

In fellowship,

*Alison*

Alison



Alison's office hours are Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday by appointment.

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## Mission and Covenant Statement

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

*This is our pledge:*

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

## *Deeds Well Done*

Carolyn Evans for organizing the Ushers.

Rachel Kwock for her office help (both paid and unpaid)

Stu and Jan Sendell for their many years of service to MUF

Teresa Guyton and GEM for energizing and organizing 350.org

**- Submitted by the Board**

## *Financial News...*

Each Unitarian Universalist Church is solely responsible for funding its own programs and day-to day operations. Once a year in the spring we conduct our annual pledge drive with all members and friends. We ask that those who attend services or programs pledge or contribute to our fellowship. We have few resources of income other than our members and friends; therefore we truly need and expect the support of all newcomers as well as our regular congregation. To provide ongoing programs, we need to have predictable revenue. Our expenses for salaries, utilities and maintenance continue regardless of attendance. We cannot budget adequately based on fluctuating contributions.

Most members and friends contribute monthly or quarterly, either by placing their check in the plate on Sunday or by mailing their check to MUF. Some, however, prefer to contribute a lump sum to cover the entire year. At MUF we do not require a fixed pledge. However, when asked what an appropriate pledge would be, we refer you to the MUF Fair-Share Giving Guide which can be found at <http://muuf.org/documents/Fair%20Share%20Guide.pdf>. Since some of our members don't earn as much, they contribute less. That means that others, who can, contribute more. One purpose of a spiritual community is to help those in more limited circumstances. Should a change occur in your financial status and you are unable to meet your pledge, it is possible to adjust your pledge during the fiscal year. We care about your situation, and will work with people who are having financial needs which affect their pledge.

If you have any question, please feel free to call me.  
Susan Lausell  
Treasurer

## President's Corner

October 23<sup>rd</sup> was the kick-off event for the Congregational Home Feasibility Task Force (CHFTF). During this Saturday meeting, we were introduced to the nine member team thoughtfully assembled by the Nominating Committee. We were reminded of the three options for our congregational home as presented by Steve Parker of the Strategic Planning Task Force last spring. Those options being: 1) remain in our current location, renovate and expand 2) buy vacant land and build 3) buy an existing building and repurpose/remodel. We were also informed of the Task Force's charge – including assumptions and parameters – to explore thoroughly these options, and to present their findings to the congregation (though not yet for a vote) in April of next year.

One of the most exciting things that occurred at that kick-off, however, was the discussion that followed this information being given. Facilitated by Margaret Ng who graciously returned from upstate New York to assist us, a few members and friends spoke openly about their feelings that the decision to stay or leave may have already been made, or that the process would not be open to input from those who are not on the Task Force. Did the Board or the CHFTF have a hidden agenda? How could members and friends of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship have their ideas and concerns heard? As you would hope and expect of our beloved community, this discussion took place in an environment safe enough for people to express themselves honestly, but respectfully and in right relations. Afterwards, we brainstormed ideas for each of the three options.

It is critical to expand this conversation from the small group of kick-off attendees to the larger Fellowship community. With respect to facilities, the agenda of the Board and the CHFTF is not hidden; we want a process – open to many levels of participation – by which we can gain a realistic understanding of our options in order to ultimately discern the best answer to the question: How will our community create a home that will support the continued health and wellbeing of our congregation well into our future? That process is now officially underway!

So as a member of our community, we ask that you join us now in making your voice and your ideas heard. Together we will examine all of the options we must consider before making critical decisions for the future of our congregational home. Look for announcements in the newsletter, e-mails, or on our website. Contact any of the nine members of the Task Force: Elaine Boucher, Jim Deak, Helene Ferm, George Hays, Andy Rosenberg, Toby Tyler, Brad West, Beth Wilson, Marjorie Wormser. You may also contact Steve Parker ([steve.parker@digress.org](mailto:steve.parker@digress.org)) and/or Kelly Schnur ([kbsmotown@aol.com](mailto:kbsmotown@aol.com)), who are heading up this process. And as always, the Committee on Ministry (COM) and the Board of Trustees are available to hear any concerns you may have.

*-Submitted by Lisa Schmitt, President*



## Return to Wonderland

### MUF's Fall Concert

**Saturday, November 20th, 7 PM**



Get reacquainted with the Mock Turtle, Queen of Hearts and many other eccentrics from "Alice in Wonderland."

The Morris Consort, MUF Youth and Children's Choirs, and Chamber Ensemble will present music for all ages by Irving Fine, Irving Berlin and others based on the fantastic adventures of an imaginative young girl named "Alice." Narrators will portray the domineering Duchess, memory-challenged White Knight and other colorful characters from the novel. The program will also include "Musical Dialogues," diverse music for alternating groups of singers.

Tickets are available at the box office at \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for youth 18 and under. For more information, contact [music@muuf.org](mailto:music@muuf.org) or 845-858-9895.

## Help RE-NAME the...

**Congregational Home Feasibility Task Force (CHFTF)**

**And WIN a BOTTLE OF WINE!**

The newly appointed Congregational Home Facilities Task Force (CHFTF) is enthusiastic about its assignment to develop a detailed picture for MUF of the costs and benefits associated with three different visions of our future:

- (1) staying in our current home
- (2) moving to some other building *OR*
- (3) buying land and building something new.

***The name is a bit numbing though, isn't it?***

So, while the group gets started on its work, it is inviting anyone and everyone to propose a new name that reflects the task in a more inviting way, preferably with a catchy, memorable acronym. Submit your suggestions to Barnaby Feder at [intern@muuf.org](mailto:intern@muuf.org). The group will announce a winner at its Nov. 22 meeting, which is open to all.

**The prize for the chosen entry is a bottle of wine with a customized label!**

## Chalice Seekers

I have been watching God in America and God in New York on PBS. It's a good overall documentary on the history of religion in American. And it comes right at a time when intolerance seems to be gaining ground. Thankfully, many faith traditions are paying close attention to all the ways we dishonor and hurt one another - the internet bullying of the GLBTQ community, and the way some people lump Muslims into a pool of radical fundamentalism to name a few. Tolerance and acceptance of 'the other' is being openly talked about and solutions are being addressed by secular and religious communities in many parts of the world.

Our Unitarian Universalist Principles give us guidance on our journey of tolerance and acceptance and our Sources provide the means in which to live out those principles. One of our sources draws from the wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

On Friday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup>, a few of our Junior High Advisors along with some of our parents, took approximately 14 youth to Temple B'Nai Or in Morristown as part of their *Neighboring Faiths* curriculum. Praying for peace and healing was a substantial part of the service. Saying Shabbat Shalom to each other mirrored our time for greeting each other in our own service. The energy of abundance and acceptance was felt in the mind, body and spirit. We could experience and embody the presence of the oneness of life and see a community gather together for love, support, ritual, food, prayer and service. Rabbi Mary Zamore and Rabbi Ronald Rossoff graciously spent time with our group. We had many questions. The Jr. High Youth at the Temple B'Nai Or will be visiting MUF on Valentine's Day for a tour of our building and to meet with our Jr. High youth. *Neighboring Faiths* is an important curriculum for our youth and for the adults who lead them. Our advisors this year are Mark

Aronson, David Buckler, Jim Harp, Charley Carroll, Helene Ferm, Dana Punzo and Paige Oszemanski. You might have a chance to thank them and ask them about their experiences with the youth and the curriculum this year.

On Saturday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth met at our Fellowship for an "almost sleepover." Our upper elementary youth are in the midst of "Beginnings" - a rich curriculum that has been part of the Fellowship for many years. Shari Loe re-wrote the curriculum to fit into our regular Sunday morning schedule. In Beginnings, the youth explore what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. They study our UU Super Heroes and our principles which bring our children into a deeper understanding of the Golden Rule found in most religions - loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. I felt blessed being in a circle of worship with the children - passing the candle of peace and listening to their heart-felt stories. Thank you Shari Loe, Hazel Bell and Rachael Coleman for guiding our children in our first unit of Unitarian Universalist heritage and identity.

We are a faith tradition that affirms the right of every individual to seek their own truth in the spirit of love. Here we learn how to resist our temptation to say no to the 'other' and enter into a place where we can change ourselves instead of reforming others. There is a Spirit of Life that calls; in our religious education classrooms and in our services we learn to listen.

*Karen*

Karen



## Getting to know UU Series



Join Rev. Alison B. Miller and other leaders for a series of three sessions every other Sunday afternoon:

**November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>  
1- 3pm in Room 204**

A simple lunch, including sandwiches, will be available in the room by 12:45pm. If you are a newcomer or a new member, this is a great opportunity to learn about Unitarian Universalist history and ideas, ways to get involved in our congregation, and an opportunity to meet others in a smaller group setting.

The class size is limited, so please register by calling (973)540-1177 or emailing [admin@muuf.org](mailto:admin@muuf.org).

Childcare is available if you register and make a request by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## UULMNJ NEWS

### UU Legislative Ministry of NJ

The UU Legislative Ministry (UULMNJ), a statewide network of the 21 New Jersey Unitarian Universalist congregations, is devoted to expressing our Unitarian

Universalist principles and values in the public arena. We are seeking your help in arranging meetings with our local state legislators to discuss affordable housing policy. Many members of MUF live within Districts 16, 25, and 26 represented by Assembly persons Bodi, Coyle, Carroll, Bucco, Webber, and DeCroce.



## ***“Waging Peace” Film/Talks (Nov 11 - Dec. 12)***

### **Sponsored by the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)**

To learn about the interfaith NSP chapter we're forming at MUF, check out [www.spiritualprogressives.org](http://www.spiritualprogressives.org) or contact: Teresa Guyton, NSP Contact, at [teresaguyton@yahoo.com](mailto:teresaguyton@yahoo.com) or (973) 989-9098 or Jo Sippie-Gora at [seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net](mailto:seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net) or (973) 838-8576.

#### ***Video & Discussion: Positive Economic Alternatives***

**Thurs., Nov. 11, 7:00-8:30 pm (T/R)**

Watch economist **David C. Korten**'s address to the NSP's 2010 Conference in Washington, D.C.

#### ***Video & Discussion: Caring for the Earth and Each Other***

**Sun., Nov. 14, 12:30-1:45 pm (D/R)**

Watch the following addresses to the NSP's 2010 Conference: **Congressman Dennis Kucinich** speaks on the need for the *Environmental Social Responsibility Amendment to the Constitution (ESRA)* to protect the planet from environmentally and socially destructive behavior; **Rabbi Arthur Waskow**, speaks on "Earth as Our Sacred Temple" and confronting big oil; **Marianne Williamson**, speaks on "soul power"—turning love into a political force for good.

**Film: *The Corporation* (2 ½ hr., divided into 2 parts) Mondays, Nov. 15 (Part I) & Nov. 22 (Part II), 7:00-9 pm (T/R)**  
Watch & discuss this Canadian documentary's exploration of the genesis of the American corporation, its global economic supremacy and its psychopathic leanings, based on Joel Bakan's book, *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit & Power*.

#### ***Video & Discussion: Ethics, Economic Democracy, & Social Change***

**Mon., Nov. 29, 7:00-8:30 pm (T/R)**

Watch the following addresses to the NSP's 2010 Conference: **Dr. Sharon Welch** speaks on paradoxes & challenges of democratic government, opening closed minds; **Dr. Gary Dorien**, speaks on economic globalization, meltdown, democracy and the National Council of Churches' Social Creed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; **Dr. Graylan Hagler**, speaks on new ways of doing things, seeing things, engaging each other.

*For more detailed descriptions of the Films contact Teresa Guyton or visit the Bulletin Board in Room 100 of MUF. For December dates and events check the December Newsletter.*

## **UU Metro NY Minute -- Upcoming Meetings and Workshops and Action Alerts**

The District Women and Religion Committee is sponsoring its [Annual Women's Weekend Renewal](http://www.uumetrony.org/events/UUWA_Renewal_Weekend_2010.pdf) on November 12-14 at St. Josephat's Retreat House, Glen Cove NY, featuring a presentation by UU minister and Dartmouth professor the Rev Nancy Jay Crumbine on "Living Creatively With Intention," a two-part workshop on creativity and spirituality. [http://uumetrony.org/events/UUWA\\_Renewal\\_Weekend\\_2010.pdf](http://uumetrony.org/events/UUWA_Renewal_Weekend_2010.pdf) or call Sandra Frank at 516-873-0246.

Go to <http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/actioncenter/>, UUA Social Action Center, for information on BGLT Equality, Environmental Justice, Immigration, and Reproductive Justice to find out how to take action on these issues.

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 Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs**

## **Halloween II Return of the Costume!**

Don't put those costumes to rest just yet...

The RE Council is having a night of spoooooooky and silllllly fun here at the Fellowship!

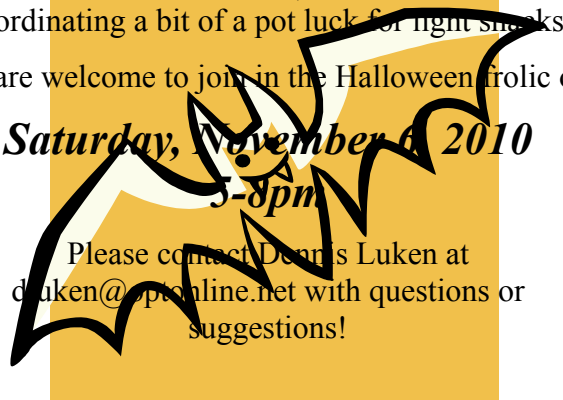
There will be crafts and games for the kids in all of us.

The spirits of Halloween will conjure up some goodies and treats for us, but we will also be coordinating a bit of a pot luck for night snacks.

All are welcome to join in the Halloween frolic on

***Saturday, November 6, 2010  
5-8pm***

Please contact Dennis Luken at [dluken@optonline.net](mailto:dluken@optonline.net) with questions or suggestions!



## Upcoming Events

### **THE EIGHTFOLD PATH TO HAPPINESS**

*(based on the teachings of The Buddha.)*

**Wednesdays Nov. 3, 10, 17; 7:30-9:15pm @ MUF**  
*Led by: Rev. Allen Wells, MUF Community Minister*

We will explore Right View, Good Intention, Good Speech, Good Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Mindfulness, and Concentration, as practical steps for spiritual development. We will connect each step to our UU values and discuss how it relates to living our daily lives.

We will begin and end each class with a short meditation. This will also be an excellent way to learn about Buddhism.

It will be important to attend the first evening because there we will lay the foundation of the path, but after that you may attend as you please. Please e-mail or call Rev. Wells for questions and for signing up for the class at: awells@uuma.org or 973-539-0301 ext 2.

### **SHOW MORE DRAMA**

*Alternate Wednesdays, November 10 & 24, 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, Oct. 27,**  
**10:30am-1pm - bring a boxed lunch**

Our *Cordial Conversations* will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:uudrek@gmail.com). We hope you join us in community.

### **SPANISH LANGUAGE GROUP**

*(preliminary planning meeting)*

**Saturday Nov. 13th, 1-3pm @ MUF**

*Coordinated by: Jack Herman*

This is the preliminary planning meeting for the Spanish Language Group. The book we will be using is “Spanish for Dummies (with the Berlitz CD).” It would be helpful if you could bring this book with you. Copies can be purchased at Barnes & Noble for about \$15. There are approximately a dozen people who have inquired and we will also host volunteer tutors from the Wind in the Spirit Immigrant Resource Group. Join us for this meeting as we plan our agenda for the class and select an ongoing time to meet.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPLEMENTATION**

**Sunday, Nov. 14th, Following the 9am and 11am Service @ MUF**

How do we move from **Strategic Plan to Action**? What is the timeline and the structure for implementing the Strategic Plan which was developed from a year long process engaging over 200 members? Now that the Strategic Planning Task Force has completed its task, how can each of us help MUF live our Vision?

Please join members of the Board of Trustees for a 30 minute presentation of the Strategic Plan and its implementation. This presentation will take place on Sunday, November 14th, immediately following both the 9:00 and 11:00 Services.

### **Beautification & Preservation needs YOUR help!**

The Beautification & Preservation Committee is looking for 2 to 3 volunteers to help us temporarily remove and replant the pachysandra and rhododendrons next to the walkway from the parking lot to the front steps. We are having some topsoil brought in to level the ground between the walkway and building to prevent further drainage of water toward the building, and would like to be able to save these plants. Please let Paul Snellgrove or Steve

## Notes from the Intern Barnaby Feder



One of our goals in the MUF youth group this year is to take the possibility of creating holy moments of our own much more seriously. We want to preserve our times of less structured, informal fellowship, of course, but we want to reach as well for what these lifelong U.U.'s still find in that hymn. Will our youth group find favorite hymns? Will they make their own? Who knows, but I'm looking forward to seeing – and supporting -- what develops!

*P.S.* Our youth group has been playing a fill-in the quote game. Here's your chance: \_\_\_\_\_ *makes what we have enough.* See the bottom right of pg. 4 of the newsletter for the word in the original quote.

### MAD AGNES REVIEW

I hope you enjoy reading and listening to (turn on the sound) this review of the Mad Agnes concert at MUF.  
<http://morristowngreen.com/2010/10/25/mad-agnes-casts-its-musical-spell-in-bittersweet-morris-township-weekend/>

Sincerely, Geri Silk

## Transylvania Tidbits

- 1) A sad note, the retired Bishop of the Unitarian Church in Romania, Dr. Árpád Szabó passed away at the end of September at the age of 76. He personally showed Gabor and Klara around in the Unitarian High School in Kolozsvar a few years ago. The current Bishop is Rev. Bálint Benczédi
- 2) We received an email from Rev. Denes Palfi, thanking us for our support in the form of our usual \$750 Christmas Present in 2009 and indicating how he used the money. Here is an excerpt: "The money which we received from you this year was used in the following way: \$328 to supplement the minister and music director salaries, and also to Andras for handling the money, \$110 for church events, and \$193 for maintenance and repair. The sum was a great help to us again this year. We are grateful for it and we hope that once we will be able to return your kindness. "

- Submitted by Gabor Kiss

## MUF's Work Party/ Celebration

On Saturday, October 9, more than 35 MUF members, families and friends met for the joyous occasion of a Work Party/Celebration. We were one of 7, 347 groups worldwide joining 350.org's global mobilization for climate action.

Through the internet and news media our message to politicians around the world is:

**We got to work  
and now it's your turn!**



## Seeds of Peace @ Washington



## Hiking Trip

**Wanna' Hike? Pack a lunch and meet Tom McGuinness and others in the Great Hall after the second service on:**

**Sunday, Nov. 7th, 12:00noon**

**Group drives to Pyrmad Mtn. visitor's center, hike (Moderate); and eat on top. For more info e-mail Tom at [tomamor@optonline.net](mailto:tomamor@optonline.net)**



## Make MUF a UU-UNO Blue Ribbon Congregation

### ***COUNTDOWN to January 23!***

This year I have set two goals as UU Envoy. The first is to have MUF become a UU-UNO Blue Ribbon Congregation - by January 23! If we make it, MUF will be recognized for its steadfast dedication to international human rights and be presented with:

- 1) A blue ribbon at UUA General Assembly or the CUC Annual Conference and Meeting.
- 2) Formal recognition on the UU-UNO website.
- 3) A special plaque to be displayed at the Fellowship.

### ***To qualify as a Blue Ribbon Congregation, MUF must:***

- 1) Have an Envoy, Youth Envoy, or Envoy Team (check! that would be me, Shari Loe, your Envoy)
- 2) Hold an annual UN Sunday service (check! ours will be January 23)
- 3) Give the UU-UNO an annual budget line or collection plate.  
(Check! Special Collection will be January 23)

### ***LAST ONE:***

- 4) Have 15 members or 5% of our congregation be contributing members to the UU-UNO.

**SO GET US STARTED! JOIN TODAY! UU-UNO membership is \$50\***

***\*\$40 for ministers and seniors***

Go to [uu-uno.org](http://uu-uno.org) and click on the big red "Donate Now" button! Give at least \$50, fill out the online form and put "I want to become a member; I attend Morristown Unitarian Fellowship" in the Comments. Watch for updates to our progress!

**- Submitted by Shari Loe, MUF UU-UNO Envoy**

**For Questions or More Information: E-mail: [shariloe@att.net](mailto:shariloe@att.net)**

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## ***Congregational Home Feasibility Task Force***

The new nine-member committee has been appointed by the Board to flesh out the preliminary research done by the Strategic Planning Task Force over the past two years. In a brief gathering after the October 23rd Facilities Kick-off meeting to discuss how it will operate, the new group set up a preliminary meeting schedule and decided to invite **anyone in the congregation who is interested to attend its meeting at MUF on Monday, Nov. 21, 7:30pm**. That evening will be the first of several in which congregants will be able not just to monitor the progress of the group but also to make suggestions and raise concerns in response to what is being discussed.

Congregants and friends are also free at any time to share ideas and concerns about our mansion's future with the Rev. Alison Miller, board members, or any of the nine members of the new task force, all of whom affirmed to the nominating committee that they are not currently wedded to any particular option. (See "President's Corner, p.3, for list of Task Force members)

The new task force has been asked to complete its initial work by next spring. The group is aiming to present its findings for all three options at a Sunday service in early April. The hope is that the research will result in some version of one of the three options emerging over the ensuing weeks of discussion as favorable enough in comparison to the others to be presented for a vote at next year's annual meeting.

"Doing nothing is not an option," said Karen Dinsmore, a co-chair of the Strategic Planning taskforce, at the Oct. 23 meeting. The staying with major reinvestment and two moving options assume that the congregation will authorize a capital campaign, which would be the first such fund raising effort at MUF in more than two decades. Steve Parker, Strategic Planning liaison to the new Congregational Home Feasibility Task Force, said that the process of making a decision on what home to create for MUF's future was something to look forward to and "an exciting opportunity."

**- Submitted by Barnaby Feder, Ministerial Intern**

## Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will be meeting again this year upstairs in room 205 at 7pm. Join us for our enlightened discussions. This year our regular meeting day will be the FIRST Monday, but when there is a conflicting holiday we will meet on the second Monday. It does, however, ALWAYS begin at 7pm. For information, please call Nancy Lee McLure (908-204-9572). Our book choices for the beginning of the year are as follows:

November 1st *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford led by Nancy Lee McLure

December 6th *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder led by Jackie Mulcey

January-9th Because of New Years Day on the first Monday- *Tinkers* by Paul Harding led by Frank Siwiec

February-7th *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett led by Jeanne Craft  
- Nancy Lee McLure

## NSP Invitation

To our first NSP (Network of Spiritual Progressives) interfaith event: *Peace & Environment*  
Lunch/Film/Talk

### THE PEACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEES

invite you to join us for an informative video and discussion on the state of the globe and how we might begin to peacefully protect it for our future generations. A light lunch will be served.

Video: Lester Brown, author of *Plan 4.0*

Guest speaker: Teresa Guyton,

The Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon**

**Parlor of Parish House**

**Church of the Redeemer**

**36 So. Street, Morristown, NJ**

Call NSP contact Teresa Guyton on 973-989-9098 or e-mail: [teresaguyton@yahoo.com](mailto:teresaguyton@yahoo.com) for more information. RSVP: [desilets@fdu.edu](mailto:desilets@fdu.edu)

## The Caring Committee...

### ...is in need of Transportation & Other Service Providers Caring Committee Service Providers Position Description

**Purpose of Position:** To be available to provide caring services in one or more of the twelve (12) "areas of care" the Caring Committee supports.

**Responsibilities:** 1. When contacted with a need to be filled, inform the contact person whether you accept or decline the responsibility of providing the services needed.

2. If you agree to provide services, but are unable to fulfill the obligation for any reason, inform the contact person as soon as possible.

**Qualifications:** Desire to help others.

**Amount of Time Required:** The amount of time required varies by the "area of care" and the services provided, but most of the services can be fulfilled within one hour.

**Length of Commitment:** When a person agrees to be a "Service Provider", that person's name is put on the Caring Committee's list of providers for the current year. A "Service Provider" may request to be taken off the list at any time by calling a Caring Committee Co-Chair; Catherine Corey 201-323-0572 or Laurie Mac George 201-650-1013.

**Responsible To:** Each "area of care" has a Coordinator who contacts the "Service Providers" and is responsible for finding someone to fulfill needed services.

**Please pick up a Caring Committee Interest Form from the Caring Table, fill it out, and return it to the Caring Table or to a member of the Caring Committee.**

- Submitted by Catherine Corey and Laurie Mac George

# Sharing Our Milestones & Passages

Jim Russell, a long-time member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, passed away on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Some of you will remember his late wife Dolores, also a long-time member. Jim was an active Unitarian Universalist throughout his life and was even present at the merger of Unitarian and Universalism fifty years ago. He was very bright and a beloved member of the MUF “Bullosophers” circle. He will be greatly missed. We especially hold member, Judy Harris, and his three children Dee, Jim, and Ed in our hearts at this time. A memorial service will be held at the Fellowship on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that people consider a contribution to the Community Soup Kitchen (<http://csmorristown.org/>) or the charity of your choice.

## Social Justice Council Update – Helping Neighbors in Need

### Next Social Justice Council Meeting:

Please join us on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at MUF at 7:30pm to plan December's activities - Holiday Fair, MUF Giving Tree and Holiday Gift Giving to Community Programs. Bring your heart ... and creativity. Other Social Justice issues will also be discussed. Contact Chris at [Reynolds@nac.net](mailto:Reynolds@nac.net) or (973) 361-5527 with Q's or just come!

### **MUF 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Day ... Sunday, November 21st**

*10:30am-11:45 am (after Religious Education Classes)*

MUF adults and children are ALL invited to decorate and pack up “Food Staple” and “Thanksgiving” boxes of food for the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County. It is a heartwarming intergenerational and family MUF activity that allows us to give Thanks and give from our hearts and treasure. Light refreshments will be served.

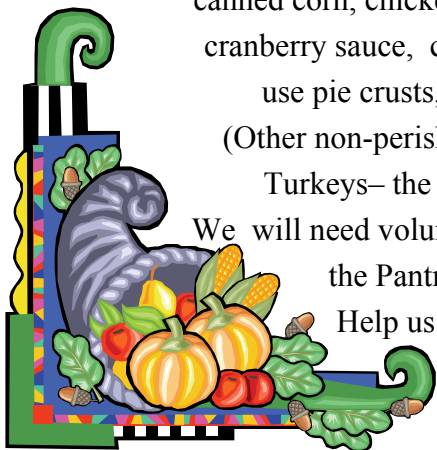
**In preparation, all Sundays October 31 and November 7, 14, & 21 are Food Drive Days. Bring Donations in bags to MUF’s Great Hall!**

For “Food Staples Boxes” bring:

canned vegetables, beans, fruits, stews, tuna/other seafood, soups. Cereals, boxed potatoes, rice. Pastas/ sauces, etc.

For “Thanksgiving Boxes” bring yams, canned corn, chicken gravy, boxed potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, ready to use pie crusts, pudding mixes, nuts, etc (Other non-perishable dinner fixings—No Turkeys— the Pantry provides turkeys).

We will need volunteers to help transport to the Pantry Monday AM on 11/22. Help us reach out in love & care!



### **Other Ways YOU can help!**

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners - November 3<sup>rd</sup> & November 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:45-7:15pm - Your friendly self & or your good cooking needed.

Contact Zella Geltman @ (973) 669-1181.

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen - Help is needed for November 9<sup>th</sup> serving. We need casseroles, soup, chili, hot dogs and beans. Helpers are needed to serve and shop day before for fresh items. Please step up!

Contact Michelle Kunz at

[mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) to let her know you are cooking or willing to help!

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner -Saturday. November 13<sup>th</sup>-- 5:45-7pm -Help prepare our monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner for homeless

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual “Gifts of Conscience”**

#### **MUF Holiday Fair**

**Bring Your Family, Friends!**

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm –9:30pm**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-4:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-1:00pm.**

Ten Thousand Villages Artisan Gifts & Heifer International Project and 8 Additional Alternative Holiday Gift Tables That Express UU Values!

**Volunteers needed!**

To help Contact MUF Office (973) 540-1177 x304.

## Upcoming November Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Monday, Nov 1	7pm @ Room 205	Monday Book Club	P. 9
Wednesdays, Nov 3, 10, 17	7:30— 9:15 pm @ Room 205	The Eightfold Path to Happiness With Rev. Allen Wells	P. 6
Saturday, Nov 6	5—8 pm	Halloween II with RE Council	P. 6
Sundays, Nov 7, 21 & Dec 5	1pm—3pm @ Room 204	Getting to Know UU Series with Rev. Alison Miller	P. 2
Sunday, Nov 7	12 Noon onwards	NSP Special Invitation	P. 9
Sunday, Nov 7	12 Noon onwards	Hiking Trip with Tom McGuinness	P. 7
Wednesdays, Oct 10 & 24	5pm—7pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama—Theatre Club with Pratik Mamtora	P. 6
Various, Nov 11, 14, 15, 22, & 29	Check page 5	Film / Talk / Discussions with Network of Spiritual Progressive (NSP)	P. 5
Saturday, Nov 20	7pm onwards	Return to Wonderland with MUF's Fall Concert	P. 3
Sunday, November 21	7:30pm	Open Congregational Home Feasibility Task Force	P. 8
Sunday, November 21	10:30-11:45am	Harvest Fair	P. 10

### Social Justice

#### Quarterly Collection/Distribution Information July 1 - September 30, 2010

<i>Charity:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>
Interfaith Food Pantry	\$375
Homeless Solutions Shelter Support	\$400
Northwest NJ Community Action Program (NORWESCAP)	\$200
FEDICAMP—(Nicaraguan Restoration Project)	\$300
Pathways to Work—Neighborhood House	\$375
UU-UNO (United Nations Office) Operations	\$280
UU-UNO Project— Ghanaian Orphan School	\$250
Total for Q1—Charitable Gifts from MUF 1/2 plate	\$2,180

Contact **“PATHWAYS TO WORK”**  
for your special autumn 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 x43 or cell (973)647-8495 to arrange for your worker(s). Just describe your help needs: outdoor clean-up, basement clean out, painting, domestic cleaning, etc. She will arrange for your worker(s) to be waiting for your pick up. This is a fantastic deal for you and them. There are many people in our community who need work.



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**Have you been receiving the weekly email updates? We might not have your email address in the database. If you would like to receive the email updates, please send your email address to: [admin@muuf.org](mailto:admin@muuf.org), subject: "Please add my e-mail address to database."**

### *Nov 7*      ***"A View from Wonderland"***

We will explore the wisdom found in Lewis Carol's famous tale and offer a sneak peak of the upcoming concert, including the Consort, and our children, youth and adult choirs.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

### *Nov 14*      ***Sacred Differences***

Conflict is not uncommon in a community, such as ours, that welcomes the diversity of those with different beliefs. Mutual resolution of conflict based on UUA principles is essential. How do we ensure we "stay at the table" when we disagree?

*Committee on Ministry*

### *Nov 21*      ***"Love Thy Neighbor"***

Part of the *Sources of Wisdom* series, focused on the 4<sup>th</sup> UU Source: "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves" *Presenter*

### *Nov 28*      ***Counting Blessings***

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*