



From Our Minister...

When I think of the word “congregation,” I think of the community of people who gather for worship, learning, caring, and serving the world. It is most definitely the people and less so the facilities that comes to mind. I feel called to minister to and with a group of Unitarian Universalists. Although, I love our building and grounds, it was the appeal of all of you and what we could do together that made me excited to say “yes” when you asked me to become the Minister of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship.

Having asserted that people come first, I must also say that our building and grounds are the vehicle that helps us get where we want to go. Having a building means we have a spiritual base in which and from which we can fulfill our aspirations as a progressive religious community. Our children and adults have a sanctuary where we can explore the meaning of this precious life and feel inspired to face the world with more hope, love, and justice in our hearts. Our children and adults have classrooms where they can meet in smaller groups to learn more about the world religions, the issues of our time, and themselves. Our adults and children have gathering places, such as the terrace room or the library, where we can share a meal, honor a milestone, and meet for conversations and coffee. Our spaces are also assets for the wider community in which we live. We can hold public meetings about issues facing the wider community. We can proudly display banners about how same sex marriages for our members and neighbors are celebrated in our worship spaces. We can hold an alternative gift fair. We can offer space to AA in the morning and to concerts in the evening and to organizations of justice and service during the day. Many things are possible because we have the asset of a building and grounds to help us fulfill our vision, values, and mission.

Last year the Sacred Spaces Taskforce explored some of the questions relating to the financial feasibility of continuing in our current spiritual home, or selling it and buying another place and renovating, or buying raw land and building. I remember returning from the first half of my sabbatical last year with anticipation to hear what

this taskforce was discovering. This year, our congregation needs to add other criteria beyond the financial questions in order to make the best decision for our future. These additional criteria may include questions relating to location, aesthetics, green design, priorities and phasing, and much more. Once again, I look forward to hearing what is discovered during the second half of my sabbatical and maternity leave, which begins on November 17th. So, please be thinking and sharing your thoughts about important criteria for making the choice for our future building and grounds. I will also be reflecting on these important questions and truly look forward to a common vision for our space that will be the vehicle for all of our aspirations and activities in the decade to come.

In fellowship,

- Rev. Alison Miller
Minister, MUF



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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

Who Do I Talk To?

(if I want to get involved)

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

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

Beth Murphy, Children's RE Council
 Matt and Sarahjane Rath, Youth Advisors
 Danelle Simonelli, Life Span Programs Committee

Social Justice

Chris Reynolds and Karen Burns Rutigliano

Community Connections

Margaret Ng, Membership & Welcoming Committee
 Laurie MacGeorge and Catherine Corey, Caring Committee
 Hazel Bell, Website

Facilities

Steve Parker, Sacred Space Task Force
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 At (973)540-1177 x203 or admin@muuf.org

President's Corner

I love the MUF Service Auction. It provides fun, funds, and, most importantly, it offers numerous wonderful opportunities for everyone to share their special talents and energy with the community.

We are running our Service Auction a bit earlier this year to allow everyone a chance to offer and take advantage of these Services throughout the year. This is our biggest single fundraiser and I really hope you have all taken advantage of the entertaining and delicious Service Auction dinner and the many wonderful offerings that you can both offer and purchase through the auction.

Helene and I got into the spirit of the Service Auction on October 8th through the Minda and Al Chu's wonderful Millennium dinner. The price of admission here is simple – you must be 80 years or older or, if you're lucky enough to be the MUF president, minister, or spouse, then you are blessed with being able to plate and serve the dinner. It is truly an honor and the weather, food, and company were stunning.

Our family has been amazingly touched by the Service Auctions over the years. I have enough stories here for several newsletter articles. Imagine the following:

- ◆ Your 7 year old is treated to a percussion lesson and 7 years later is travelling on tour with the New Jersey Percussion Ensemble.
- ◆ You teach folks how to make Apple Pie and end up writing a short story of your Mom's Idaho home cooking to share with your siblings.
- ◆ You sign up for a Shiatsu message to find the practitioner's skill increasing by leaps and bounds each year.

- ◆ You are treated to gourmet food by friends in their homes where friendships flourish.
- ◆ You and your mother get a personal tour of the United Nations and have the opportunity to hear Hillary Clinton speak.
- ◆ You host a progressive Asian dinner with MUF neighbors and build some stunning memories of your own gala event.
- ◆ You hike on beautiful New Jersey spots and enjoy picnics at trail's end.
- ◆ You host a Smoothie and Game Night and just laugh and have fun.
- ◆ You learn gourmet cooking skills- cooking sambar or smoking gourmet fish and meats.
- ◆ You play golf with real golfers, who get you down the fairway and make the most frustrating of pastimes fun for all.
- ◆ You get to ham it up in a Murder Mystery.

These are a collection of activities embarked on by just one family! When I multiply that by all of our families and interests, I am thrilled by the possibilities. I am very thankful for the Service Auction coordinators and volunteers for making this all possible and I wish each of you joy as you embark on the new adventures found in this year's Service Auction.

In Fellowship,

Paul

Paul



ENDOWMENT NOTES

Endowment Board: Ron Corey, Carolyn Evans, Don Price, John Solu & Marti Weinstein

Thanks to the Gathering of Men support group for their donation of over \$550 to the Memorial Garden to fund a plaque in **Fred Mayer's** name.

In honor of **Dennis Luken** from: Janine Torseillo

In Memory of **Amor McGuinness** from: Paul Mitchell, John & Judy Oehler and Marti & Jerry Weinstein

In memory of **Fred Mayer** from: Janet, Steve, Vickie & Gregory Kreha, Paul Mitchell, Matt & Sarajane Rath and Marti & Jerry Weinstein

In memory of **Jim Russell** from: Edward A. Russell

In memory of **Ludmilla Olsen** from: John & Judy Oehler, Mary & Lee Olsen and Toby & Annette Tyler

Your gift in honor of/in memory of a family member or friend may be made to the Endowment Fund to enhance MUF's mission. When the fund reaches a defined level, a portion may be allocated for major capital improvements or preservation of the building, outreach in the community or contributions to the wider mission of the UU movement. The brochure, Pathway for Your Legacy, describes more ways of giving now and in the future. Take a copy from a pamphlet rack at MUF.

Deeds Well Done

The "TechTeam" composed of *Brad West and sons, David Palmer and Laurent Comes*.for finding and fixing the internet problem as well as establishing some wi-fi in the dining room.

Al and Minda Chu for preparing and hosting the octogenarian dinner this year and for the past 10 years.

Elbjorg Bjerkenkamp for having the vision to bring Words of Choice to MUF and her hard working committee of *Claire Dixon, Anne Gaynor, Sharon Glickman, Leslie Moran, Sandy Powers and Janine Torsiello* for making it happen.

Facilities Council

MUF FALL CLEANUP

Saturday, November 19th, 9am-12noon.



It's that season, again! Bring your rakes and come on down to MUF to help out with the Fall Cleanup! Save the fellowship thousands by pitching in together to make short work of the leaves and twigs – and get to know other MUF members and friends!

Come early for coffee and treats, help finish and we'll treat you to pizza. See you there with gloves on! Contact Nan Perigo or Paul Snellgrove for more information: facilities@muuf.org



Can't make it to the Fall cleanup? 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.

Milestones & Passages

Submitted by Linda Howe, 10/2/11

Yesterday afternoon 100 people strolled thru the Master Tree Steward Pavillion and learned about the life cycles of trees and learned to Touch Draw about trees! It's great living my values, loving earth and having fun sharing thru doing!

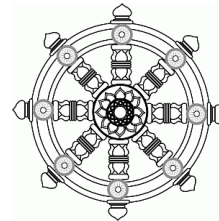
Submitted by Jo Sippie-Gora, 10/16/11

My godmother, also the matriarch of my adoptive family, was buried on Friday. Although poor in finances, she leaves a legacy of wisdom, love and compassion. Nancy was a wonderful listener.

Submitted by Janine Torsiello & Drew Hayes, 10/23/11

Drew and Janine would like to give a big than you and hugs to Jill Cadman this morning for Jill's surprize presentation of a triple portrait of photo's of Janine Taken at Star Island this past June.

Wheel of Life



A *memorial service for Tony Fisher*, husband of Carolyn Schwartz, will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 11am.

Member Happenings

Annette Hanna will be exhibiting at the Bernardsville Library from Nov. 1st to Nov. 29th. Reception on Sunday, Nov. 6th from 2-4:00PM. Refreshments will be served. Everyone iinvited.

She is also exhibiting with the American Artist's Professional League at the Salmagundi Club in New York from Nov., 1st. to Nov,11th.

Best family's new address:

8 Hill Rd
Stanhope, NJ 07874

Bestfamily5@optimum.net

Lifespan Religious Education

Thanksgiving is a time for thankfulness. In the immortal words of Stevie Wonder, “tell me something good.” How can we see something good in the world, something for which to feel thankful? Often starting with something small can help. How about a door handle? Who invented the mechanism to help us unlatch our doors and let us into our homes? Being filled with thanks for the small things can lead to more thoughts of thankfulness.

I recently visited the Franklin Delano Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, New York and was filled with awe at the beauty of the land. When Roosevelt ran for President, he listed his occupation as “tree farmer,” and either planted or supervised the planting of over 400,000 trees at Hyde Park. He found a way to grow new life, and many of those trees are still alive on the estate today.

Walking through the house, I was filled with wonder at all the simple machines that had been installed to make life easier for Mr. Roosevelt. There was a simple system of ropes and pulleys that Roosevelt had installed to pull himself up to the second floor of his home at bedtime. He had to pull himself up to the second floor because he could not walk. He lost the use of his legs to polio in 1921, long before he ever ran for office. I was filled with thanks that such a machine existed, and wandering through the museum’s exhibit about the New Deal, again I was filled with thanks and wonder about our nation’s only four term president. From where did his optimism spring even during difficult moments facing the effects of polio? Visiting Hyde Park, I suspect that this land was a great inspiration and source of thankfulness for Mr. Roosevelt. I am thankful for many of the projects he set in motion, and looking around the land that kept him going I was filled with thankfulness that he had his “something good” to inspire him. As we look around and experience thankfulness for ourselves, it is equally a wonderful thing to be thankful for the thanks of others. Around this holiday

of Thanksgiving, we can appreciate the good things in the lives of others even as we are thankful for the things a little closer to home.

Since the theme for this year is “the stories that shape us,” it seems appropriate to tell you a little bit about our story so far this RE year. We had a wonderful ingathering Sunday in September, our High School youth have begun attending Sunday services once a month followed by a discussion with Rev. Alison, we’ve had our RE Halloween Party, and the Coming of Age group has had a lovely kickoff service and potluck. Our RE program is vibrant and active thanks to the many volunteers who generously give their time – among them Beth Murphy, Dennis Luken, Shari Loe, David Buckler, and Hazel Bell. Also many thanks to the talented and hard-working Donna Becker for all the dedication and warmth she brings to her position as RE Assistant!

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned. On November 19th our MUF Youth and Children’s Choirs will be participating in Bach to Rock! At 7:00 P.M. We have a Children’s Chapel on November 20th during the first service. The following Sunday, November 27th is a RE break because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

From the Lifespan side of things, we are excited to be getting the Lifespan Council going again. If you would like more information about joining, please contact Austen Petersen (973-540-1177 x205 or dre@muuf.org) or Danelle Simonelli (dksimonelli@hotmail.com). We are also interested in hearing your suggestions for classes or activities we should be offering. Drop us a line!

In Fellowship,

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FINANCIAL NEWS

The school year is in full swing, the fall weather is entrancing and by the time this update goes to print I anticipate a successful Service Auction fundraiser.

The end of the 1st Quarter of 2011 finds MUF in good financial health. The GREAT news is that the total income at the end of the 1st Quarter of 2011 is \$158,384 and our expenses are \$130,317. This is consistent with the current projections. The not so great news is that our expenses do not reflect items such as UUA dues, Metro district dues, etc. which will be paid in the remaining fiscal year. Expenses due to Hurricane Irene are still being tallied at this time.

Automated pledge payments are essential to maintaining a smooth cash flow. If you have any problems with signing up for automatic payments please contact the Treasurer, Venkat Puranapanda, the Assistant Treasurer, Laurent Comes or the Chair of the Finance Committee, Susan Lausell. You can also reach out to the Operations Manager, Bruce Benson if you have any questions regarding your pledge.

The Draft financial policy and procedures are available for review. The MUF Board, the Minster, the professional and administrative staff and the members of the Finance Committee are committed to fiscal responsibility and welcome your suggestions and input.

-Submitted by Venkat Puranapanda, Treasurer

Upcoming Lifespan RE Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, November 2 & 16, 5-7 pm
Light dinner included.

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

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

1st Mondays, November 7, 7 pm

Upcoming Books: Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingsolver led by Eleanor.

December 5th book-*Giving: How each of us can change the world* by Bill Clinton - led by Jackie.

All are welcome to come and participate. We hope to choose the books for the remainder of the year in December. Please bring your suggestions. Our policy has been that the person who suggests the book will lead the discussion. We request that books are suggested based on books the leader has read themselves and found worthwhile, enjoyable or both.

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP

Thursday's November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 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

November 2 & 16, 7:30-9:15pm

Led by Rev. Allen Wells in MUF Meditation Room

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.

MONTHLY KNITTING AND CRAFT GROUP

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

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

Fundraising Projects:

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



A Successful Event: Service Auction Kick-off Dinner & Halloween Party

Please be sure to make your payment for the items/ services you won at the Service Auction.

All payments are due by December 15, 2011.

11/12/11

Storytelling Series: The Holy Land Experience by Martin Dockery *Saturday, November 12, 2011, 7-8pm*

Martin is back by popular demand. A playwright and performer, Martin is a frequent performer in New York's storytelling scene. Over the past three years, he's created five monologues and one play, performing them across North America and Australia. In 2011, he also headlined The London Storytelling Festival, performing three different monologues (The Bike Trip, Wanderlust, and Bursting Into Flames) three nights in a row.

Come see what everyone has been raving about!

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$15 for people under 16 years old, and \$25 at the door (for all)

For more information e-mail: fundraising@muuf.org

(SAVE THE DATES)

2/25/12

Black Maria Film & Video Festival

4/7/12

Storytelling Series: The Bike Trip by Martin Dockery

Ongoing

Enjoy the City (coupon book)

More Lifespan RE—Adult Events

Covenant Circles

Covenant Circle Facilitators have begun meeting in order to prepare to lead a circle *starting in January*. The Circles will provide an opportunity to go deeper with the theme of the year, “Stories that Shape Us.” Each Covenant Circle will meet monthly for seven sessions from January through July and will end with the final session and a celebratory potluck. Look for opportunities to *sign up in November and*

early December. For more information, please contact Alison Miller at amiller@muuf.org, or Barnaby Feder, intern@muuf.org.

Chinese Wisdom

On *Friday, December 9th at 7pm*, we will explore the theory of the 5 elements, using music, food, discussion and observation. Learn more about how acupuncturists see your health and pick up some great ideas to keep yourself healthy throughout the year. This course is led by Dana Holmes who is a member of Central Unitarian Church of Paramus. She has a masters degree in acupuncture and is currently practicing acupuncture at North Jersey Community Acupuncture in Morristown. This is the first in a series of 6 classes (5 remaining class dates will be set at this first meeting). To offset costs, a donation of \$5 is requested but not required. To sign-up for this class, please contact Dana Holmes at 845-490-0936 or dana@njcommunityacupuncture.com.

Anna's Story and the Five Wishes

Anna's Story and the Five Wishes for your planned end-of-life care – *Thursday, November 10, 7:00-9:00 PM* – unlimited enrollment, registration is required, Leaders: Gloria Jackson (hospice chaplain) and Beth Hayward (hemodialysis nurse)

The Five Wishes document is a living will written in everyday language. It helps start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness and lets your family and doctors know:

Who you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them.

The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want.

How comfortable you want to be.

How you want people to treat you.

What you want your loved ones to know.

The workshop will begin with Anna's Story – a video created by the Palliative Care Program of Atlantic Health to raise awareness about the difficult situation that patients and families commonly find themselves in when serious illness strikes. Copies of the Five Wishes document will be available for purchase at cost.

To register for the *Anna's Story and the Five Wishes* workshop or to ask questions about it, contact Beth Hayward via email, at lizzieanne@digress.org.

MUF Music



BACH / ROCK!

Saturday, November 19 at 7 PM



What happens when you combine the music of J.S. Bach with Rock and Roll/Classics?

The Morris Chorale, MUF Youth and Children's Choirs, Chamber Ensemble and Rock Ensemble will perform music of Bach, Motown, and Bon Jovi. This unique and surprising program features Bach's *Missa Brevis in G* and *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* accompanied by chamber ensemble. This is followed by favorite hits by the Supremes, Temptations and Bon Jovi accompanied by rock ensemble. The *Music at MUUF* series has undertaken an unprecedented challenge by pairing such disparate music in one program. Says Director Jim Blanton, “Although we think of *Rock* and *Bach* as opposing musical styles, there are elements of style and performance practice that the two actually have in common!”

Tickets are \$15 in advance (through November 13); \$20 at the door (Nov. 13– 19) ; and \$5 for Youth 18 and under. *For more information, contact music@muuf.org or 845-858-9895.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

2011-2012 Signature Project Alleviate Hunger & Homelessness

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!

Signature Project Volunteer Opportunities

"Raise some dough" BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 6th.

10:30-12:30pm

All proceeds of this Bake Sale will benefit the Soup Kitchen. A HUGE thanks to all who donated toward the Hunger Walk, we raised over \$4,200. Now help us finish out our yearly donations for the Soup Kitchen. Bakers please contact Katharina Pietraszek at katharinap@ymail.com to let her know you will be baking. Buyers bring your cash or checks to buy up all the goodies!



MUF Habitat Work Party Saturday's, November 12 & December 10

Help us build a 6 unit condo project in Summit. Open to anyone ages 16 or older. For more information contact Toby Tyler at wtyler3@optonline.net



MUF's Annual Harvest Festival Sunday, November 13th

10:30am- 12noon

All children and adults are invited to help assemble 50 Thanksgiving Baskets for families receiving assistance from the Morristown Interfaith Food Pantry! On Sunday November 13th after the first service, we will have fun decorating boxes & filling them with food for area families. Bring Food Any Sunday up to and including Sunday, November 13th! Drop off food in the "Harvest" bins or in the drop-off box near the kitchen.

Please shop using the following list!

Regular Food drive suggestions include:

- juice (unfrozen concentrates or powder mixes)
- peanut butter & jelly
- tuna & mayo
- hot cocoa mix
- pasta sauce & boxes of pasta

Regular Food drive suggestions (continued):

- canned meats or meals (such as Chef Boyardee)
- canned soups
- canned beans & bags or boxes of rice
- canned vegetables
- canned fruit

Thanksgiving Dinner components:

-Please NO Turkeys!

- canned corn or other canned vegetables
- canned yams
- chicken or turkey gravy & canned or boxed potatoes
- stuffing mix
- muffin or brownie mix
- canned pumpkin & with graham shell

Harvest Fair help – Social Justice Committee also needs the following help for the Harvest Fair...

- 4 people for set-up at 8am (Including lifting of tables)
- 4 people for helping with crafts from 10:30am-12noon
- 4 people for clean-up from 12noon-12:30pm
- 2 people for delivery of Harvest Fair boxes to food pantry on Monday, 11/14.



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



Grow It Green Saturday, November 5th 9:30am-12:30pm

Join MUF's Garden Party as we winterize the gardens at on of the Community Gardens in Morristown. Let us know you are coming or for more information contact Caroline Gower at caroline.g.gower@gmail.com

MORE SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social Justice Distribution of Sunday Plate Funds – July through September 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
(NORWESCAP) Support a Student Program	\$200	UU- UNO Project – Ghanian Orphans School	\$250
Jersey Battered Women	\$150	Grow A Green (Morristown Community Garden)	\$200
Interfaith Council for Homeless Families	\$625	Children on the Green	\$250

Total for 1st Quarter 2012 – Charitable Gifts from MUF 50% plate = \$3,125
Getting to know the organizations MUF supports through the Sunday collection.

(Each month we will let you know a little more about the organizations we support)

Children on the Green provides child care and early education for children of families living or working in the Morristown area. They are committed to supporting the child care needs of families from Homeless Solutions, Jersey Battered Women's Services and the Interfaith Council for Homeless families as they transition to permanent housing.

Social Justice More Ways to be involved

COAT DRIVE

(due) Thursday, November 3rd

MUF is participating in Market Street Mission's coat drive – please donate any clean, gently used coats along with hats, scarves, gloves! Coats are needed for men, women & children. Please place all donations in the box marked “coat drive” in Room 100. All donations must be at the fellowship by Thursday night, November 3rd.

Hire a Day Laborer

Pathways to Work

For more information contact Rosa Chilquillo at (973) 538-1229 x43.

UU Legislative Ministry

Action Item

Take the 2011 UULMNJ Issues Priority Survey. You can find this survey on our website at www.muuf.org.

Social Justice Meeting

Thursday, November 10

7:30-9:30pm

8th Annual Gifts of Conscience Holiday Gift Fair

Ten Thousand Villages Artisan Gifts, Heifer International Project and many more alternative Holiday Gift Tables that allow you to express your UU values when giving this holiday season.



Friday, December 2nd

6:30–9:30pm

Saturday, December 3rd

9:30am–4:30pm

Sunday, December 4th

8:30am–1pm

3 volunteers needed for the Gift Fair:
Event Coordinator, Publicity and Liaison to Partner Groups. Work starts early November. Contact Chris Reynolds at Reynolds@nac.net to volunteer.

Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)

Northern New Jersey Chapter

The Caring Society: Caring for Each Other, Caring for the Earth

Coalition for Peace Action's 32nd Annual Conference and Interfaith Service for Peace **Smart Security: Reducing Military Spending to Fund Urgent Needs at Home** **Sunday, November 13, 2011**

NSP-No. NJ Chapter joins over 25 faith and peace groups to co-sponsor this Princeton peace conference and interfaith service.

11:00 AM Interfaith Service for Peace, Princeton University Chapel

The Interfaith Service is free and open to the public, a free will offering will be received

Preacher: Swami Tattvaidananda Saraswati

Swami Tattvaidananda Saraswati teaches at the Asha Vidya Gurukulam, Institute of Vedanta and Sanskrit. He holds PhDs in Sanskrit and Chemistry and has recently completed a translation of the Bhagavad Gita. (He will also participate in the afternoon Conference)

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM, Peace Conference, McCormick 101, Princeton University

Speakers Include:

Dr. Gordon Adam, Professor of Foreign Policy, American University, Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center; former White House official for national security and foreign policy budgets

Jo Comerford, Dir., National Priorities Project; Adjunct Faculty, Smith College of Social Work

Judith LeBlanc, National Field Director, Peace Action; Former National Co-Chair, United for Peace and Justice

Dr. Prasannan Parthasarathi, Professor of Global History, Boston College; Founder of the 25% Solution; Member of the Sustainable Defense Task Force.

Please see CFPA website for more details,

including registration for the conference portion at www.peacecoalition.org.

Contact Teresa Guyton, NSP Contact, No. NJ Chapter at 973-989-9098 if interested in carpooling.

Happenings at MUF by Ongoing Rentals



Minstrel Folk Project

All concerts start at 8:00 pm. Visit www.folkproject.org, for more information.

Nov. 4 – Tracy Grammer (singer-songwriter)

Nov. 10 – Special Thursday Open Stage

Nov. 11 – Dala (Canadian duo)

Nov. 18 – Irish Harper Patrick Ball in “The Fine Beauty of the Island”

Nov. 25 – The Young Project - Second generation Folk Project members

CARING COMMITTEE

GREETING CARDS



Check out the Caring Committee's new Greeting Card Racks this, and every Sunday in the Great Hall. Purchase Greeting Cards for only 25cents to send to fellow MUF'ers or other family and friends! *It's always a good idea to send and receive friendly and uplifting notes!*

Upcoming Events Calendar—October

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesdays, Nov 2 & 16	5—7pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama	P. 6
Wednesday, Nov 2 & 16	7:30—9:15pm @ MUF Meditation Room	Insight Meditation Group	P. 6
Thursdays, Nov 3, 10, 17 & 24	7:30pm @ MUF Library	Men's Consciousness Group	P. 6
Monday, Nov 7	7pm @ MUF Dining Room	Monday Book Group	P. 6
Thursday, Nov 10	7-9pm @Room 204	Anna's Story and the Five Wishes	P. 7
Saturday, Nov 12	7—8pm @ MUF Meeting Room	Martin Dockery Fundraiser	P. 6
Sunday, Nov 13	10:30am—12:30pm @ MUF Terrace Room	Annual Harvest Fair	P. 8
Saturday, Nov 19	7pm @ MUF Meeting Room	Back/ Rock! MUF Music Concert	P. 7
Saturday, Nov 19	9am—12noon @ MUF	Fall Clean-Up	P. 4
Wednesday, Nov 23	10:30am—1:00pm @ MUF Dining Room	Cordial Conversations & Chow	
Friday, Nov 25	7—9pm @ MUF Room 205	Knitting & Craft Group	P. 6

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

Bakers needed, Sunday, November 6

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Harvest Fair help, Sunday, November 13

4 people for set-up at 8am (Including lifting of tables)

4 people for helping with crafts from 10:30am-12noon

4 people for clean-up from 12noon-12:30pm

2 people for delivery of Harvest Fair boxes to food pantry on Monday, 11/14.

Holiday Gift Fair—3 volunteers needed

Event Coordinator

Publicity Coordinator

Liaison to Partner Groups

Work starts early November. Contact Chris Reynolds at Reynolds@nac.net to volunteer.

Family or Group volunteer opportunity at Homeless Solutions 2-3 times per year. Shop for, prepare and serve an evening meal to 30-60 residents at Homeless Solutions. New volunteers are paired with an experienced MUFer. When: 2nd Saturday each month from 4:30 – 7pm. Set menu each month and food costs are reimbursed. Contact: Nina Nemeth at nina.nemeth@yahoo.com

Graphic Artists/Designers

We are in the process of re-designing our website as well as working to streamline all of our publications. If graphic art and/or design is a skill or talent you have we would love to have your help. Please contact Deneise in the MUF office.

Facilities Council needs YOU!

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Nov 6 ***“Faith in Action: Alleviating Poverty” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***

Our signature social justice focus for 2011-2012 is a congregation-wide effort to alleviate poverty, specifically working on issues surrounding hunger and homelessness. Imagine the difference we can make when we band together around a common goal.

- Led by Rev. Alison Miller

Nov 13 ***“Spaces of Worth” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***

We will explore questions relating to the places in which we move. How are we shaped by the spaces in which we live, work and worship? How do we shape those spaces to reflect our values and our aspirations?

- Led by Rev. Alison Miller

Nov 20 ***“Seeds That Helped Us Grow” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***

The religion or philosophy in which we grew up has shaped who we are today, even if we no longer practice the faith of our childhood. How can we reclaim and celebrate the best of that tradition from our past?

- Led by Pat de la Fuente, Danelle Simonelli, and Friends

Nov 27 ***“Thanksgiving and Receiving: Stories that Shape Us in the Breaking of Bread” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***

We will look at the ways that sharing stories while sharing a meal makes both more nourishing.

- Led by Maggie Kribs