



From Our Minister. . .

There are so many diverse and important causes to support in the world, and I am sure that many of you, like me, spend time considering how to be involved in meaningful ways. One powerful thought that turned up in our strategic planning discussions was: *Imagine how much we could accomplish together if we made an effort to involve the entire congregation in a common cause of justice.* The idea of a signature project or a signature social justice focus was born.

Our signature social justice focus for 2011-2012 is to work together to do our part to **alleviate poverty**, specifically working on issues surrounding **hunger** and **homelessness**. Every adult, youth and child in our congregation is invited to get involved. We hope that you will find a way to make a contribution of time, talent and money at some point this year to help us achieve this important goal.

I have seen the difference a congregation can make when its members band together with clarity of mission to address an important social issue of the day or of their particular community. I have seen a congregation be so successful in its impact that they got to be a part of the change that ended the injustice they sought to address.

The ultimate goal of social justice is to do just that: to educate ourselves about the issues those we wish to serve are facing, to design service opportunities that alleviate the current problem, and to advocate for and be a part of the changes that will put an end to that issue of inequality or suffering. All of this needs to be done in ways that are accountable to and empower the people we wish to help.

Focusing comprehensively on a justice issue includes four components – education, service, advocacy, and fundraising. Our common desire to alleviate poverty through concentrating on hunger and homelessness will provide all four opportunities. We ask that you get involved in ways that feel positive and exciting to you. There will be both one time and ongoing opportunities. There will be a need for people to lend their minds, hands, voices, creativity, caring, and financial support. If you are looking for ways to get involved or have an idea about something we can do, Katharina Pietraszek (signature project coordinator), Maggie Kribs (intern supporting the initiative), and Chris Reynolds (social justice chair) are

three people to whom you can turn.

One opportunity coming up this month is the Hunger Walk to benefit the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen on October 16th at 1:00pm (see page 4 for more information). You can walk or you can donate to a Morristown Unitarian Fellowship walker.

One thing I said “yes” to this year with addressing hunger and homelessness in mind was the request to serve on the Board of the United Way of Northern NJ. Their efforts overlap with these issues in significant ways.

Please join us and choose to do something or a few things that will make a difference.

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 planet Earth.



Baby Shower for Alison & David

Alison and David's big day is on the way.

Let's help get them prepared. All are invited to a Baby Shower, THIS Saturday, October 1st, 2—4pm. The shower is hosted by and will be held at MUF.

Registered at Babies 'R' Us and Amazon.com.

Deeds Well Done

Judy Goldberg O'Neill and her family for their years of dedicated service to the residents of Morristown's homeless shelter. Judy coordinated MUF volunteers in preparing a birthday dinner, the 2nd Saturday of each month, for guests at Homeless Solutions on Hanover Avenue.

Andy Rosenberg, Ron Corey, Joe Urhane, John Oehler for their work on the Annual Budget Drive.



Transylvania Tidbit

We have received thank you e-mails from three of the students who were benefitted by *Arlyne Dalman's* gift during the summer: *Gábor Kovács* (11th grade interested in Trucking), *Loránt Fodor* (11th grade, Natural Science) and *Robert Fodor* (12th grade, Animal Husbandary).

—Submitted by *Gabor Kiss*

New Banners

A special thanks to George Aronson for our new photographic banners for Meeting Room

Last month, the second of a series of photographic banners was displayed at a Sunday service. George Aronson created it from a photograph he took of Buttermilk Falls in Sussex County. This is the highest waterfall in the state, but isn't much publicized and is accessible via a road that is *not* maintained by the National Park Service (nor anyone else).

Earlier this year, the first of this series was hung: Purple Beech in Winter. This is a monochromatic rendering of this tree which George took as one of his first photographs back in the 1970s when he still lived in N.Y.C.



President's Corner

All Aboard!

Carol Todd, Helene Ferm, and I were excited to share a lovely summer evening introducing Austen Peterson to New Jersey Italian dining in Morristown. Austen is our new Acting Director of Religious education and, while hunting for an apartment, she seemed to be quickly finding her way around and making herself at home here in New Jersey. I hope you have all had a chance to meet her and are as excited by her enthusiasm and energy as I am. So, for Religious Education as MUF, I call out "ALL ABOARD!"

My first volunteer role at MUF, fifteen years ago, was as a 1st and 2nd grade RE teacher. It is very special to meet all the children in this age group and then see them flourish over the years. My favorite class was one where the teachers were train conductors, ALL ABOARD! The children were so excited as they entered the classroom and we handed them travel tickets. Many of them bounced into the room wearing those nifty shoes that light up as you run. We took them on a trip back in time to when people came to settle the new world. There we met Native Americans on the land bridge, Pilgrims on the Mayflower, and families trapped in a slave ship. At each stop, we punched the children's tickets and they were full of questions. Finally, we led them down the boat ramp onto Ellis Island.

So go many a class each Sunday here at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, as our education

professionals and volunteers design classes to foster relationships and learning and fun for our children and our adults. Such memories are priceless for both students and teachers alike and I consider it a precious part of the fabric of our community. When you enter the Fellowship, try on both hats - student and teacher. There are many opportunities to do both. While trying to teach the kids an important lesson, you'll invariably find yourself learning a great deal from your fellow teachers, fellow students, and most of all, from the children themselves.

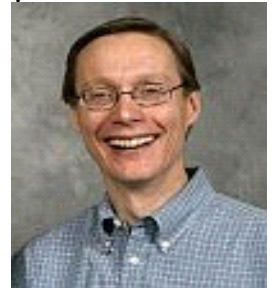
This year as Austen focuses her attention on our life-span religious education program, she will benefit from your enthusiastic support and input. Beth Murphy is Chair of the RE council and the Life-Span Religious Education PAL (priority area leader) and will be keeping an eye on strategic issues identified in our ongoing strategic plan implementation. Donna Becker is our RE Assistant and will provide invaluable connections to the long legacy of RE at MUF.

I can't wait to see this year of RE unfold and hope to see you "ALL ABOARD!"

In Fellowship,

Paul

- Paul Ferm, MUF President



* * * Endowment Notes * * *

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

In memory of Tony Fisher, from:

Dudley and Alice Woodbridge; Wayne and Suzanne Callahan; Brian Duffy; Lisa, John and Evan Yorston; Alice B. Schwartz; Sunny Reilly; Hans & Judy Bjorkland

In memory of Fred Mayer, from:

Anthony Mayer and Iris Dudman; Beverly and George Hays; Thomas and Amor McGuinness; Ken Pogash and Miriam Kohler; Sunny Reilly; Tony and Karen Rutigliano; John Esposito; Ron and Catherine Corey; John and Kathy Solu; Steve Parker & Beth Hayward; Gloria Dyer

In memory of Ludmilla Olsen, from:

Ron and Catherine Corey

And thanks to Kathy and John Solu for completing their pledge to the Endowment Fund, as well as gifts to the Memorial Garden to fund a plaque in Fred Mayer's name, to honor the memory of Rochelle Kelman and Walt Stasiak.

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.

Milestones And Passages

Submitted by Carol Titus, 9/4/11

Pat Baxter is home recovering from surgery on her neck. Healing thoughts in her direction would be appreciated—cards too!

Submitted by Pat Baxter, 9/11/11

I'm happy to report that the growth on my neck was removed successfully, and no further treatment is needed!

Submitted by Drew Hayes, 9/18/11

Please hold my cousin, John in your thoughts & prayers. He was re-admitted to Morristown Memorial Hospital, in the ICU, following surgery on his leg and foot due to complications from diabetes. See Janine/Drew for more info.

Submitted by Irene Mendelson, 9/18/11

As of last Monday, I am back at work, as a consultant at Becton Dickinson. The goal in the future would be permanent employment. For now, it's great to be going some where other than the outplacement office.

Submitted by Jami Thall, 9/18/11

We are delighted to announce the arrival of our newest family member. Kate Thall Ponder, a MUF alumna, gave birth to Wyatt William on September 11, 2011. Mom and baby are happy and healthy. Aunt Colby and Grandma Jami look forward to visiting them in Atlanta soon.

Submitted by Joe Urhane, 9/18/11

I had cataract surgery this week. You all are looking good.

Submitted by Lilli Keating, 9/25/11

Please keep new attendee Kay Collins in your prayers or thoughts. She was devastated by the floods in Pequannock, lost her car to rising waters, watched her possessions float away. She is heartened by the care of her neighbors and community.

Submitted by Barnaby Feder, 9/25/11

I was approved for Fellowship in UU ministry with no conditions beyond completing my internship. I'm so grateful for all the support, inspiration and wisdom I've received from the MUF community on this journey.

Wheel Of Life

Our heart goes out to the Sakayama family. **Mary Sakayama** transitioned at the age of 91 and will be remembered as an avid crafts enthusiast. Please visit Mary's memorial website: <http://mary.sakayama.truly.com/>

We also hold one of our founding member of MUF, **Leslie W. Bauerle**, who passed away on Sep 14 at the age of 83. Memorial contributions can be made to the MUF Seeds of Peace Committee.

A Memorial Service will be held for **Tony Fisher**, husband of **Carolyn Schwartz**, on **Sat, Nov 5 @ 11:00am at MUF**. Tony passed away on July 19th. Keep Carolyn in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Amor celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows on Sat, June 18 2011. Rev. Alison was their Officiant. Amor will be greatly missed!



Submitted by

Tom McGuinness, 9/4/11

As you may know, Amor McGuinness died Sat, August, 27. Tom and his family will be having a Memorial Service at MUF

on **Saturday, October 15th at 11:00am**. There will be a light lunch following. All are invited.

Hunger Walk

**Do you have a home and enough food to eat?
Not everyone does!**

PLEASE join the Social Justice Committee for the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen's 5K (3.1) mile hunger walk on October 16 (1:00 PM), at the Church of the Redeemer. Our goal is to raise money for the Soup Kitchen, who serves hungry guests 365 days a year, and increase understanding about the problems of hunger and homelessness in our community, IN OUR COMMUNITY, seems so unbelievable to have to say!

Due to changes the Board of Health has made, our members who have cooked in their homes every month for years and made casseroles, soups and meals to donate to the CSK, can no longer do so. To replace these donations, member congregations/ organizations including MUF have each been asked to raise an additional \$5,000/year.

So join us on this hunger walk or sponsor one of our walkers or if you're feeling particularly generous, match the donations we collect! For further information, contact Katharina Pietraszek katharinap@ymail.com or Susan Oxman soxman13@verizon.net - or donate online at www.active.com/donate/CommunitySoupKitchen/MorristownUnitarianFellowship

Walkers raising at least \$100, will get a 2011 hunger walk t-shirt and, the walker (along with a friend) who raises the most money will win a day of volunteering at the Soup Kitchen and work with NY Jets football players.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity!



HALLOWEEN at MUF

Two Ways To Celebrate!



Annual Service Auction & Dinner Party

The Fellowship's biggest fundraiser will kick-off with dinner and a **live** and a silent auction on Saturday, October 22nd. Come in costume (if you are game)! Bring your checkbook or credit card and your calendar. The silent auction will continue on Sunday, October 23rd & 30th.

Some exciting items/services up for bid are:

Tiffany Jewelry and Serving Pieces - Gingerbread House Party

Tea Parties - July 4th BBQ - Garden Party

Jim's Victorian B&B - Kathy Burgess' New Hampshire Cottage - Dragonfly Manor

And SO many more...

Donation forms, for donating a goods or service to be auctioned, are available on the Fellowship website, www.muuf.org or at the Box office on Sunday morning, Oct. 2.

Please note: Deadline for donations/submissions is Saturday, October 8.

For further information contact Annette Tyler, 973-267-3438, aotylert@optonline.net.

Tickets for the dinner & party are on sale at the Box office on Sunday's or by calling the MUF office.

Ticket costs in advance: \$20 per adult, \$12 for children (under 13)

Ticket costs at the door: \$30 per adult, \$15 for children (under 13)



Halloween Party Hosted By MUF Religious Education

Members, Visitors, Friends and Family of MUF—All ages are invited!

Come share in the Halloween fun at MUF on Saturday, October 29th 4-7pm! Funny, spooky, and crafty events will fill the afternoon. Wear your costume (optional) and bring along a Halloween themed food or drink. For more information or to volunteer to help at the party, contact Dennis Luken (dluken@optonline.net) or Beth Murphy (petalart@verizon.net).

We hope to see you on the 29th! Hosted by the MUF RE Council.

Financial News

To all the Fellowship members, Welcome back to MUF! Schools are back in session; we have a full house at MUF and a new Acting Director of Religious Education. As many of you may recall, we ended Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in good financial health due to the outstanding effort made by Susan Lausell acting in the capacity of a nearly full-time volunteer bookkeeper.

Although the July 2011 pledge income of \$40,718.50 met projections, the pledge income for August 2011 was \$11,807.33 and well below expectations. I strongly urge our members to pay the pledges on time. The quarterly

pledge statements will be sent out beginning of October. If you have not already signed up for the automatic payment program please do so. You can always contact the Treasurer (Venkat Puranapanda), Laurent Comes (Assistant Treasurer) or Susan Lausell (Chair, Finance Committee).

On time pledge payments greatly contribute to the financial strength of MUF and are vital to maintaining a healthy cash flow. This also helps to maintain the sanity of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

- Submitted by Venkat Puranapanda, Treasurer

Upcoming Lifespan RE-Adult Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

*1st & 3rd Wednesdays, Oct 5 & 19
5-7 pm @ MUF Meeting Room*

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

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP

*Every Thursday, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27
7:30pm @ MUF 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

*1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month, Oct 5 & 19
7:30-9:15pm @ MUF Meditation Room*

A group for those with an ongoing meditation practice and brief instruction for beginners. 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, Oct 28
7-9pm @ MUF Room 205*

Would 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.

Dates will be: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 20 (since May 27 is Labor Day weekend) and June 24. For more information contact: Maureen Dempsey mkdemp@verizon.net

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS & CHOW

*4th Wednesday of the Month, Oct 26
10:30am – 12noon @ MUF Library*

Bag lunch for those who would like to stay, 12noon – 1pm. Conversational topics are created from the groups that attend and they will be as varied as poetry to the latest scientific research. For more information contact Gloria Dyer at 973-543-7883 or by e-mail at Gloria.dyer@verizon.net.

LESSONS OF LOSS

*4 Thursday's – October 6, 13, 20, 27
7-9 PM @ MUF Room 204*

Limited to 12 adult participants, registration is required, Leaders: Gloria Jackson (hospice chaplain) and Beth Hayward (hemodialysis nurse)

This UUA curriculum (developed by Carol Galginaltis) provides a forum for adults to discuss loss, understand how we respond during times of loss, and why. It provides an opportunity for participants to discuss specific losses in their lives and to evaluate their attitudes about loss. In addition, it includes discussion of the UU response to loss, and how UU theology can comfort us as we grieve.

This workshop is not an intellectual discussion of loss, nor is it a bereavement support group. The workshop is not designed to support those who have experienced a recent (or even not-so-recent) loss who are interested in finding a community in which to discuss a specific loss at great length. Those individuals would find better support through a bereavement group or a therapist.

To register for the *Lesson of Loss* workshop or to ask questions about it, contact Gloria Jackson via email, at gloriajcksn@aol.com.

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

*1st Monday of the Month, October 3
7pm @ MUF Dining Room*

We welcome new members! Come to the September meeting with suggestions of books you have found interesting! All suggestions are welcome and the group chooses the books together.

Upcoming Books are:

October 3rd- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot- Led by Nancy Lee McLure (with help from Jeanne Craft who has her own experience). People should get on the waiting list for the book at their library because I'm not certain I can get a "Book Bag". For more information about the Book Group and how to become involved, contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com.



More Lifespan RE-Adult Events

GETTING TO KNOW UU

Sunday's, October 2, 16 & 30
1pm @ MUF Room 204

Join Rev. Alison B. Miller, Barnaby Feder and Allen Wells for a series of three sessions (a simple lunch, including sandwiches will be available in the room by 12:45pm). If you are a new-comer 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. Please register by calling Deneise in the office at (973) 540-1177 x 203 or by e-mailing admin@muuf.org. (Childcare will be available in the 2nd floor Nursery)

WORDS OF CHOICE

& Olympia's Daughters

Sunday October 16, 3:00pm
Sponsored by MUF's Lifespan RE program

Created by Cindy Cooper this smart, funny, dynamic *pro-choice theater* presents powerful stories of women (and men) and the right to choose. Special musical performance by Olympia's Daughters. For more information contact (973) 292-5331 or by e-mail at mufwordsofchoice@yahoo.com.

Tickets are \$15 in advance; and \$20 at the door.

MEN'S RETREAT

Saturday October 29th
9 AM - 2 PM @ MUF

Sponsored by MUF's GOM (Gathering of Men)

Much discussion these days centers on the so-called "Work/Life Balance". But we wonder exactly what the "Life" portion of that equation means for men who are trying to meet their commitments not only to work but to their partners, children, families, church, and other community and social activities? Trying to balance Life and "Self" sometimes seems the more difficult equation. Worse, we men often try to go it alone. Take time to come up for air and share a few steps on the path in the company of other good men.

We'll start by setting sacred space and getting acquainted. It's hard to do important work unless we step into a safe, confidential environment.

Using a fun new tool called "open space" technology, we'll identify exactly what needs to be talked about and by whom. It will help create fluid topic and participant groupings that have an amazing ability to take us to what is most urgent in the moment.

We'll break bread together. We'll play together. Make an important promise to your SELF and join us!

Registration fee is \$20 and will cover the cost of food.
For More Information, contact: John Oehler @
(973) 361-6972 or johnnoehler@verizon.net or to register for
this retreat, email admin@muuf.org.

Special MUF Events

The Millennium Celebration Luncheon (Octogenarian Dinner)

Saturday, October 8th, 12noon – 4pm.

All members who are 80 years of age or over are invited the home of Al and Minda Chu for a luncheon. Al and Minda want to show their respect and care for the elderly among us and to honor their own parents. Each year they host a luncheon for members of MUF aged 80 or over. This is the 10th anniversary of this luncheon. The minister and president of MUF, and their spouses or partners, serve at this event.



MUF Blood Drive

Sunday, October 16th, 8am—1pm.

Help save lives by donating blood. Sign up with Zella in the Great Hall between and after services or call her at (973) 66-1181.



Green Earth Ministry

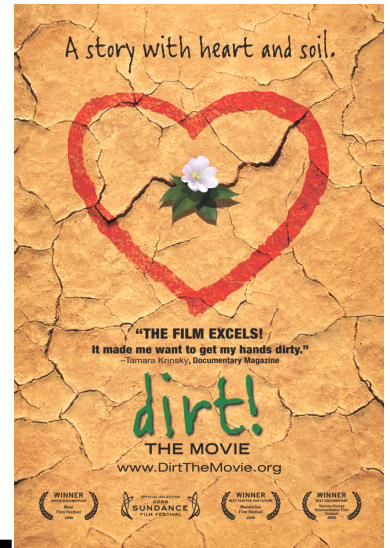
Film showing & Lunch by: Green Earth Ministry

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 pm. (Lunch available for \$4.00 at noon)

Dirt! The Movie is an insightful and timely film that tells the story of the glorious and unappreciated material beneath our feet. Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, **Dirt! The Movie** takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to.

– **Dirt The Movie will make you want to get dirty!**

For more information, contact Claire Mayer at (973) 984-5371.



Looking for Recommendations to "Green" Your Event at MUF?

In case your event will include refreshments, please note...The Fellowship's kitchen has dinner plates, soup bowls, plastic tumblers, stainless steel flatware, and serving utensils galore for your use. After you wash off the food residue, the dish sanitizer will process the items in 3 minutes per load. The items come out so hot that they will dry almost immediately and will then be ready for you to put back into the cabinets.

If dish washing is not practical for your event, please look inside the base cabinets between the stove and the window. You may find disposable paper plates, paper napkins, plastic cups, and plastic tableware. If you will need more than what is there, please check with Deneise (admin@muuf.org) about ordering in bulk to save money. Green Earth Ministry (GEM) recommends using products made from sugar cane fiber or recycled paper, not from trees, and minimizing the use of non-biodegradable single-use plastic cups, tableware, and plates. GEM is preparing a list of sources for biodegradable single-use items, to be posted in the kitchen. You are welcome to ask committee members for more information. Have fun, and thanks for being mindful of our UU Seventh Principle!

- Submitted by Linda DeLap

Special Services

Yom Kippur Service

Friday, October 7th, 7pm.

Members, friends, children, adults, people with or without Jewish heritage, all those interested in the rituals and themes of the holidays are welcome to join Rev. Alison Miller and members of UUs for Jewish Awareness at a special Yom Kippur Service.

Holy Communion Service

Sunday, October 23rd, 12:30pm

The second service on Oct. 23 will be followed by a Holy Communion service for anyone who wants to participate. This service will include some elements of Christian communion along with elements reflecting and honoring other sources of wisdom that were suggested by participants in an adult education class Barnaby Feder led in May. Barnaby will lead the Communion, which will be open to adults and children. A follow-up workshop to consider how often this Communion should be celebrated in the future and possible refinements will be conducted at a time to be determined in November.

Volunteer Corner

The Board and MUF staff are *seeking members with human resource experience* for as-needed consultation/information/referral. If you have human resource experience, please email Deneise at admin@muuf.org or call (973) 540-1177 x203. It would be helpful if you could note in what sectors you have experience (private, corporate, public, non-profit). Thanks!

The Service Auction Coordinating Team is looking for *help during the Service Auction Dinner & Party*. They can use help with set up, serving, and ESPECIALLY clean up. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Annette Tyler at (973)267-3438, aotyler@optonline.net

The *Facilities Council needs YOU*, yes YOU! They have done a great job breaking down so many of the tasks to be done here at MUF. There is something that everyone can help with. Please see the Bulletin Board in Room 100 to sign up to do your part in caring for our spiritual home!



Seeds Of Peace

“We covenant to advocate vigorously for policies and participate in practices that move our toward collaborative leadership in building a peaceful, just, and sustainable world ... advancing the United Nations’ efforts in promoting peace, and its implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” – excerpted from the Creating Peace Statement of

*Conscience (SOC), passed at the UUA General Assembly in 2010. Over 1,000 participating NGO’s seem to agree that the global movement for a culture of peace is just beginning. You can learn more about it in the World Report * which covered the news from 2001 to 2010. This lengthy report included new peace-building resolutions passed by the UN; growing activity for a culture of peace in all areas of their program of action; and, highlights and recommendations by region. **A Culture of Peace through Education is, by far, the highest priority in every region.***

The (U.N.) International Day of Peace is on Sept. 21 and is dedicated to peace, and specifically the absence of war. The International Day of Peace is also a *Day of Ceasefire – personal or political. Take this opportunity to make peace in your own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time. If you haven’t yet reserved your seat for the Saturday, Sept 17 expanded workshop on Effective Conversation, please do it now!* Contact Jo Sippie-Gora, (973) 838-8576 or seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net, or in person at MUF.

* Midterm and End-of-Decade Reports available at <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org>.

- Submitted by Jo Sippie-Gora on behalf of ‘Seeds of Peace’

Network of Spiritual Progressives

NSP—Northern New Jersey Chapter

PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY

A CONFERENCE ON CHANGING THE WORLD’S PRIORITIES FROM WAR TO PEACE

Sunday, October 30, 2011, 2:00—6:00pm

Hosted by: **The Islamic Center of Morris County**
1 Mannino Drive, Rockaway, N.J. 07866



The conference will promote:

- The end of world poverty,
- The Global Marshall Plan (GMP) and
- Moving money from destructive military expenditures to human needs.

Come join congregations of many faiths, interfaith peacemaking groups, secular peace organizations and humanitarian groups to advocate on behalf of people in need, especially the 14 million human beings who perish each year from poverty-related causes and pollution. We will identify programs that help people in need, support legislative programs to eliminate poverty and organize to accomplish the long-term goals developed at the conference. This is an opportunity to have your voice heard!

The conference will open with prayers from the Torah, Bible and Qur’an calling on everyone to help our neighbors. The speakers will share their experiences and expertise, followed by a panel discussion. We will conclude with breakout groups that will develop firm plans for advocating, organizing and implementing the objectives we set.

Our speakers include: Madelyn Hoffman, New Jersey Peace Action; Bruce Hirsch, MD, Network of Spiritual Progressives; Naresh Jain, Task Force for Humanity Coalition on Educare Foundation (India), Heather Anen and Laura Franc, Interfaith Days of Service, on youth work; Rabbi Ronald Kaplan, Temple Beth Am, Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, Chuang Yen Monastery, NY, on Buddhist Global Relief; and others. Light refreshments will be served. The conference is free to the public.

Please join MUF’s **Social Justice Council** and **Seeds of Peace Committee** and the NSP—No. NJ Chapter in becoming advocates for our neighbors in need here in the U.S. and around the world. Together we can forge a worldwide **“Partnership for the Elimination of Poverty”** and **“Change the World’s Priorities from War to Peace.”**

For more information, please contact: Teresa Guyton at teresaguyton@yahoo.com or Jo Sippie-Gora at josippie@optonline.net.

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*Alleviating Hunger & Homelessness
Signature Project*

Volunteer Opportunities

Hunger Walk to raise \$5000

for Morristown Community Soup Kitchen (CSK)

Date: **October 16th** Time: 1 -3
Great Family Event

Sign-up for this 3 mile walk
OR make a pledge

Contact: Katharina Pietraszek
katharinap@gmail.com

MUF Habitat Work Party

Place: Summit
Time: **SATURDAYS** Nov 12 & Dec 10
Great for those over age 14
Contact: Toby Tyler wtyler2@optonline.net

Hold A
Neighborhood Food Drive

A "How To Run a Food Drive" kit is available from Chris Reynolds
Reynolds@nac.net

Driver needed 1 hr/month to deliver MUF's food donations to Interfaith Food Pantry
Open: 9:30 - 4
Contact: Chris Reynolds
Reynolds@nac.net

YOU Can Make a Difference:



10 Volunteers Needed to Serve lunch at Morristown Community Soup Kitchen
Date: **10/11/11** Time: 11:30-1
Contact: Susan Oxman
soxman13@verizon.net

Cook/serve dinner for residents of **Eric Johnson House**
Dates: **10/5 & 10/19**
Time: 5:45 - 7 pm
Contact: Zella Geltman 973-669-1181
zellaprg@yahoo.com

Open your Heart & Match a Pledge

Volunteers needed 3 hrs a month to prepare a *Birthday Meal* on the **1st Saturday each month** at **Homeless Solution in Morris Plains.**

Set menu: burgers, fries, salad & cake.
MUF pays for food.
Time: 4:45 - 7 pm
Great opportunity for a family, couple, or group of friends.
Contact: Chris Reynolds Reynolds@nac.net

HIRE a day laborer through Pathways to Work
Contact: Rosa Chilquillo at 973-538-1229 ext 43

Holiday Gift Fair



Dec 2-4
Planning Help Needed
Event Coordinator
Liaison to Partner Groups
Publicity
Contact:
Chris Reynolds Reynolds@nac.net
Katharina Pietraszek

Next Social Justice Meeting
10/13/11
7:30 pm

Important Deadlines

Please be aware of current office deadlines.

Newsletter articles- Deadline is the 15th of each month! Please send requests to **Pratik Mamtora** at pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk, along with a CC to admin@muuf.org.

What's Happening and the Sunday OOS (Order of Service)- Deadline is 12noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday of service. Please send requests to admin@muuf.org.

Announcements for Sunday service – **Deadline is 12noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of service.** Please send requests to admin@muuf.org.

E-mail blast – **Deadline is 12noon on the Tuesday prior to the Wednesday of the blast.** Please send requests to admin@muuf.org.

Room Reservation/ Calendar Requests – **Deadline is 12noon on the Monday (min. one week) prior to the event.** Please send requests to admin@muuf.org or fill out the blue Room Reservation/Calendar Request Form and place it in the Admin mailbox.

Disbursement Vouchers – **Deadline is 12noon on Tuesday for payment the following Tuesday.** Completed vouchers should be placed in the mailbox marked “Vouchers” outside the MUF office. Any voucher submitted incomplete (without account numbers or the proper signatures) will be returned for completion. For help with vouchers contact Bruce Benson at operations@muuf.org.

Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP FOCUS GROUP— Do you have ideas on how to invite and retain more visitors to MUF? Feedback on what worked or could have been done better when you first visited us? All are invited to join the membership committee for a brief focus group following each service on **Sunday, October 16**.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON—Please join us in celebrating our newest members during a luncheon after second service on **Sunday, November 6**.

UULMNJ Fall Conference

The UULMNJ Annual Fall Issues Workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 29 at The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick.**

You will have an opportunity to hear first hand current issues being addressed by our Health Care, Immigration, Environment and Economic Justice Task Forces and most importantly, to participate in strategizing our congregational and state-wide efforts.

To register on line, go to www.uulmnj.org by October 25.

GAAMC

(Gay Activist Alliance of Morris County)

10/3—“Taste Of Circles” - Let’s Talk
 10/10—Pride Guide Live
 10/17—Vote Your Issues
 10/24—Compute Securely
 10/31—Halloween Social

GAAMC meets on Mondays @ MUF from 7:00 pm onwards...

For more info log on to: www.gaamc.org

Fundraising

Weekly Yoga

With Hazel & Cintra

Wednesdays, 11/2/11—6/13/12, 6-7pm

Come create balance in your body (by developing strength and flexibility through asanas/postures & pranayama/ breath control) and your mind (via meditation).

Purchase a 10-class card for \$100 or drop in and pay \$12 per class. Super savings card costs \$250 for all 33 sessions! Space is limited so reserve your spot today by contacting **Avianca Bouchdid** at fundraising@muuf.org.

Enjoy the City Coupon Book

Visit the Box Office on Sunday’s to purchase your coupon book.



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- Oct 2** ***“Transcending Troubled Times” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***
Do you feel down about our times? If so, you are probably an "early adapter" which is a blessing, It is possible for you and me to live fully in these times with equanimity, love, and joy. I'd like to share a few things I have learned about "getting up from being down."
- Led by MUF's Affiliated Minister, Rev. Allen Wells
- Oct 7** ***“Free Faith Yom Kippur Service” - One Evening Service @ 7:00pm***
Adults and Children with or without Jewish heritage and all those interested in the rituals and themes of this High Holiday service are welcome.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller, Gloria Jackson and friends
- Oct 9** ***“Writing and Rewriting History” - Two Services at 9:00 & 11:00am***
Columbus Day weekend provides a good backdrop to reflect on how the ways in which we celebrate and share our history impacts our understanding of the world, its peoples, and what matters to us. Part of the series of sermons on the theme of the year.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller
- Oct 16** ***“Defining Moments” - Two Services at 9:00 & 11:00am***
Telling our stories is a sacred practice. What is your life story, including the pivotal moments that shape who you are and who you are becoming? (Don't forget to look for sign ups for the covenant circles on the theme of the year, “Stories that Shape Us”).
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller
- Oct 23** ***“How Does Holiness Taste?” - Two Services @ 9:00am & 11:00am***
As our denomination's recently adopted statement of conscience on ethical eating indicates, our relationship to food can be linked to every one of our U.U. principles. The close link between what and how we eat and our spiritual health is as old as religion.
- Led by Barnaby Feder & several MUF Members
“Holy Communion Service” - 12:30 pm (See Page 8 for details)
- Led by Barnaby Feder
- Oct 30** ***“Trick or Treat” - Two Services at 9:00 & 11:00am***
Children, youth and adults are all invited to this festive and multigenerational service in honor of Halloween.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller and Austen Petersen