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# News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

## From the Minister . . .

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS** are a liberal religious people. Contrary to what you may hear from time to time, this is not equated with being politically liberal. It is possible to hold liberal religious ideals and be politically conservative, and it is equally possible to hold conservative religious ideals and be politically liberal. It is important to remind ourselves of these facts during election season when words like *liberal* and *conservative* and the people who identify with these terms are often stretched into caricatures of their former selves.



Throughout our country's history and to this day, Unitarian Universalists have never all participated in the same political party. There are UU Democrats, UU Republicans, UU Libertarians, UU Independents, UU Green Party members, and UUs with other party affiliations in our congregation, and this political diversity exists in other UU congregations too. As a point of information, the most recent Unitarian Universalist to serve as the president of the United States was Republican William Howard Taft.

**C**onservative means favoring tradition while liberal means favoring reform. Conservative and liberal can be used to describe the way an individual relates to subjects like economics, culture, social issues, religion and more. There is a tendency to assume that liberalism of all kinds and conservatism of all kinds go hand in hand, but this is simply not true. Being liberal in one subject area does not automatically lead to being liberal in another.

What is religious liberalism anyway? It means that our practice has been one of reform when it comes to matters of religion. Unitarian Universalists have held fast to the notion that revelation was not sealed in a book 2,000 years ago. We look to the Bible for elements of truth, yes, but we also look to the wisdom we have discovered in other sacred texts, as well as the writings of scientists, poets and journalists.

We describe ourselves as a religion of the open mind and open heart and are unafraid to regard any dimension of this life as off limits to the religious quest. It is more important to a Unitarian Universalist that we have freedom in religious pursuits, including the freedom to change what

we believe and how we practice religion, than it is to hand down in pristine form the religious rituals and truth we received from the generation which preceded us. This doesn't mean we disregard or disrespect tradition, only that it is not our ultimate concern in religious life.

A liberal religious quest, or being a Unitarian Universalist, does not alone determine whether an individual holds liberal or conservative perspectives when it comes to the economy, government, social issues and culture. However, we do have a common starting point for ethics, values and religion. This means that if we can rise above the din of strident accusations in the world at large, we have a great opportunity to create a safe space to thoughtfully exchange and listen to ideas that converge and diverge from our own.

After all, we are a community that has come to thrive out of a rich exchange of perspectives. It is my hope that this kind of dialogue will lead each of us to make more just and wise decisions.

In fellowship,

*Alison's office hours are Monday through Friday by appointment.*

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### Deeds Well Done

The Fellowship board recognizes and thanks the following members and friends for their work at MUF and in the community:

- **Gabor Kiss** for working with GEM on its video project.
- **Toby Tyler** and **Paul Mitchell** for the bookkeeping and follow-up work on the Service Auction.
- **Claire Mayer** and **GEM** for providing lunch for the “Dream Into Action” workshop.
- **Michelle Kunz** and **Soup Kitchen** volunteers for providing lunch for the Annual Meeting.
- **Garry Hodgson, Ken Nemeth, Cintra Fricke, Matt Rath** and the **Youth Group** for their great work in building a house for Habitat.
- The DRE Search Committee—**Janine Torsiello, David Palmer, Elizabeth Bain, Edith Lee, and Ken Nemeth**—for a successful search and all of their efforts in finding our DRE.
- **Bob Campbell** for coming back to co-chair Interfaith Council for Homeless Families after stepping down.
- **Zella Geltman** for posting a calendar for flowers and for doing such a great job with the flowers for so long.
- **Steve Humphreys** for all his work with the Board of Trustees and his work as the VP of the admin network.
- **Diana and Brad West, Steve Parker and Tanya Van Order** for their work on the 2d and 3d floor renovations.

### 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.

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—both print and online versions—

to editor **PAT BAXTER** at  
**melodylingers@verizon.net**

by the **15th** of the month  
preceding the one in which they will appear.

Thank you!

### Upcoming Board and Network Meetings

Meetings are at 7 p.m. and open to all Fellowship members. This month’s meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	October 8
Administrative/Program Networks	October 15

### Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the most recent meetings have been approved and are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website. (Go to the Members Area and scroll down to the “Board of Trustees”; from the homepage, click on “Congregational Leaders” and then scroll down to the Board.)

***Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!***

## The President's Corner

Four years ago, the members of MUF approved a five-year long-range plan. We agreed to incur debt for the first three years so that we could increase staff, with the expectation that this would fuel growth in our numbers and income. From that visionary decision, an office administrator and a music director were hired. We called a new minister, and we have recently added an experienced, award-winning DRE to our staff. The plan calls for us to balance the budget in this, our fourth, year.

However, this year's dreaming budget fell short. Our expenses (heat, insurance, etc) increased faster than anticipated. In addition, even though you were very generous in your pledges (an average 12% increase, for which we are very thankful), we received less in financial commitments than we had hoped. Even after making across-the-board budget cuts and increasing our fundraising commitment, we still need to do more.

This last year, I have come to understand how expensive it is to pay for the maintenance of our physical space, our beloved staff and committees, and religious education. Yet these are the things that allow us to bring meaning to each others' lives, to our MUF

community and to our wider community. The money we give makes possible all of the things we do here, and all of the gifts we receive.

In order to balance our books without further cuts, we are having a special collection in October. We are asking every adult member and friend to donate \$100 to help us with the gap in our budget. We know that for some of you this will be a hardship, and we understand if this is not a time you can give. For those of you who are able to give more than we are asking, this would really help us out. Regardless, we want to thank all of you for your generosity of time and money. We are grateful for all that you do.

Yours in gratitude,

Mary

Mary Hodgson  
President



***Don't miss the Special Congregational Meeting to Approve the Revised Budget to be held on Sunday, November 9!***

## Music at MUF Announces its 2008-09 Season



Presenting music for all ages and musical tastes, the Music at MUF 2008-09 Concert Series will offer outstanding instrumental and vocal performers, performing classics to jazz for adults and young people.

**Sunday, November 9, 2008, 3 p.m. – The Morris Consort: a *Very Merry Madrigal Party*** (chamber choir and woodwinds). The Morris Consort, a 25-member select vocal ensemble joined by woodwind quartet, knows how to present outstanding music and throw a great party at the same time! Renaissance madrigals, both ribald and plaintive, accompanied by refreshments, a touch of costuming, and good humor. Bring the whole family, if you dare!

**Saturday, February 21, 2009, 7 p.m. – Kids Classics: *All in the Musical Family- Strings*** (violin, viola, cello, string bass). For children and adults alike, the Goliard Ensemble's acclaimed *Kids Classics* Series educates and entertains. Learn about string instruments and musical concepts, hear short pieces of various musical styles (including Rock and Roll!) and interact with the performers.

**Saturday, April 4, 2009, 7:30 p.m. – MUF Choral Festival** (The Morris Consort, MUF Festival Chorus, MUF Children's Choir, Chamber Orchestra). Atlanta composer Lee Johnson, distinguished composer of symphonies, oratorios and film scores, will be Composer in Residence at MUF on April 2-5. This concert will combine 40 singers and chamber orchestra to present Johnson's stunning setting of a text from Ecclesiastes and related contemporary poetry, *Every Matter Under Heaven*. Meet this compelling composer and personality after the concert, or in seminars and programs throughout the residency.

**Sunday, May 31, 2009, 3 p.m. – *Jazz on the Terrace: Jazz Players Anonymous***. Back by popular demand, this 16-piece ensemble wowed the MUF audience last season with their high-energy renditions of swing, blues and bebop. The talented group includes professional musicians and outstanding high school players. Come early, bring a picnic, a blanket and the whole family, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Fellowship. There will be seating on the Terrace for the performance.

Subscription tickets are \$50 for four concerts (save \$30!); Adults: \$15 advance or \$20 at the door, youth 18 years or under: \$5. For brochure or more information: [music@muuf.org](mailto:music@muuf.org) or 845-858-9895.

## Faith Developments

### GREETINGS!

My column this month will not be much in the way of giving our congregation information about religious education. I'm still figuring it all out and meeting with the right people who are helping me navigate my way through all the RE calendars, schedules and technicalities of working in Church Windows. But I am not easily discouraged and before long I'll be an old pro.



In the meanwhile, I will be getting to know the staff, teachers, parents, youth, children, leaders and congregants. And I'll be learning to navigate the classrooms, the supply closets and all the attending rooms that abound in our historic building.

This week I met with Rev. Miller and our music director Dr. Jim Blanton and I thank them both for their help in bringing me gently on board.

I met with Jamie Thall and John Franklin – the co-chairs of the RE Council – and started the process of getting to know the ins and outs of the program. Thank you, John, for setting up the lovely brunch.

Nicole has been very helpful and her smile and hug on Sunday along with asking me if I was doing okay was just what I needed.

I have a meeting set up with Maggie this week and I'll come armed with a list of questions.

This evening I will be looking forward to meeting everyone who attends the Network Meetings. It's basically an adventure – a new beginning!

Sunday, September 14, was my first day at the Fellowship and I was more than welcomed. The DRE Search Committee led the chalice lighting, and Janine said such nice things about me.

What a way to start out my journey with all of you! I thank the Search Committee for hosting the "Coffee Hour" in my honor. To be quite frank, it wasn't easy to actually get to the Coffee Hour because of all the warm greetings I was getting on the way. Next Sunday I am looking forward to the Peace Festival .

In the next few months, my main focus will be on programming needs. We'll figure out how to best support teachers, and we'll get all the schedules and calendars in order. Having a solid structure will be what will support an active, growing and exciting program.

See you in Fellowship,

Karen

### Our Financial Health

(Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding and/or truncation.)

Account Name	August 2008	Year to Date	Annual Budget*	Budget Remaining*
Pledge Income	\$26,180	\$62,367	\$419,000	\$356,633
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,397	\$71,500	\$550,300	\$478,800
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$30,823	\$64,532	\$536,129	\$472,692
Difference	(\$1,426)	\$6,968	\$14,171	

\*NOTE: This is the revised budget proposed by the Board, which has not yet been approved by the Fellowship..



## Best Wishes to the Happy Couple!

A Wedding Reception/Shower for Alison and David will be hosted by the Congregation on **Sunday, October 19, from 3 to 6 p.m.**

It's an opportunity for all of us to celebrate Alison & David's marriage – a festive event with fun, food and laughter across the ages. Childcare will be provided (*with two-week notice only*) as well as activities for older children.

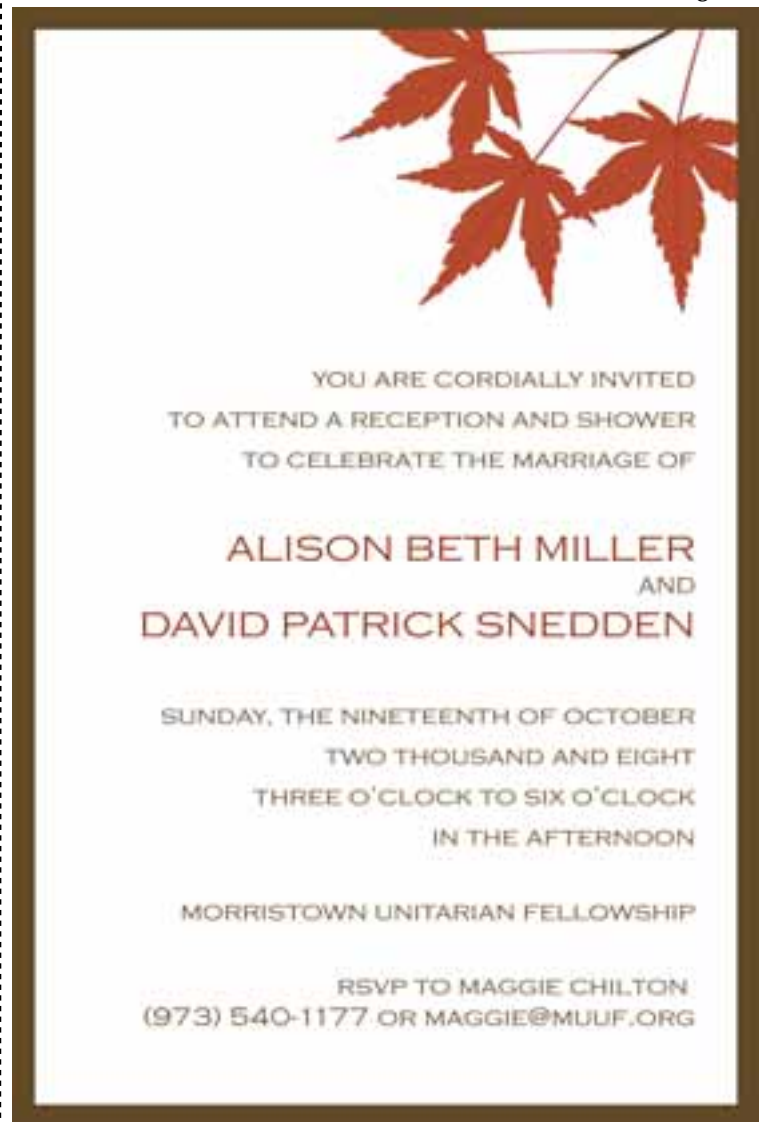
Many people are needed to decorate, prepare food and help with setup-cleanup. Contact event organizers Carol Todd at [catodd@verizon.net](mailto:catodd@verizon.net) or 908-766-4840, or Karen Burns at [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) or 973-252-2485. We'd also like to "shower" Alison and David with gifts as they establish their household together. Some ideas are the following:

**Contribute** your "keys for a happy life together": treasured recipes, anecdotes, poems, pictures, etc., for a scrapbook to be created by a team of MUF artists. Please send your submissions to Tina Demottie by e-mail ([demottie@verizon.net](mailto:demottie@verizon.net)) or leave them in the "Recipes" box on top of the mailboxes by the office. Deadline for submissions is October 5.

**Give** them a traditional shower gift. Alison & David have registered a range of gifts at nearby stores. You can find out more about that at [www.muuf.org/shower.htm](http://www.muuf.org/shower.htm).

**Contribute** to a gift fund that has been established for those who want to contribute to a cash gift that would enable Alison & David to purchase something of their *own* choosing or to add to their "nest egg." Make checks payable to MUF with "Wedding Gift Fund" on the memo line.

**Contribute** to a community gift to charitable organizations of Alison and David's choosing: the Edmund Niles Huyck Preserve in Rensselaerville, NY ([www.huyckpreserve.org](http://www.huyckpreserve.org)) or the UUSC ([www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)). Write checks payable



to the nonprofit organization (e.g., UUSC) and mail to MUF (Attn: Shower Gifts).

Mark your calendar now, let Nicole ([Nicole@muuf.org](mailto:Nicole@muuf.org)) know ASAP that you're coming, and contact us to find out how you can help with the party. It's going to be a celebration to remember!



## *Upcoming Events*

### ***Creative Dance Group***

**Ongoing on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Terrace Room for fun and exercise. No experience is necessary; no fees are charged. For more information, contact Astrid Martin or Joan Clifford at [cliffjoans@yahoo.com](mailto:cliffjoans@yahoo.com).

### ***First Monday Book Group***

**Monday, October 6, 7 p.m.**

We will be discussing *Three Cups of Tea—One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin (Viking hardcover 2006/Penguin paperback 2007), one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time. "Mortenson's dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is not only a thrilling read, it's proof that one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, really can change the world." -*Tom Brokaw*

On November 3 we'll discuss *Moyers on Democracy*, by Bill Moyers; on December 1, *The Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett.

New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Cakes for the Queen of Heaven***

***Part I: In Ancient Times***

**Five Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – October 14 & 28,  
November 11 & 25, December 9**

**Facilitated by Arlyne Dalman, Dee Dasara, Pat de la Fuente, Gloria Jackson, Nina Nemeth, & Danelle Simonelli**

Women of MUF, mark your calendars to hold these dates! The newly revised version of this classic UU curriculum on women's spirituality will be offered at the Fellowship in 2008-09.

Part 1 in the Fall will introduce participants to the ancient goddesses who played a pivotal role in emerging human societies around the world. We will learn that there was a time when Divinity was female, when women's bodies were considered sacred, and when females had significant power in their societies. We will explore how the balance shifted toward patriarchal religion and what the implications of this change have been for women through the ages. We will discuss how

women's religious history affects our lives today, including issues of body image, mother-daughter relationships, sexual freedom, war and peace, and societal power. *Materials fee: \$5.*

### ***Crafts Group at MUF***

**Friday, October 17, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

Join us as we discover the craft of candle-making. If you are an experienced candle holder, please let us know if you can help. Call Nicole in the office (973-540-1177) or visit the box office and let us know you are coming. Please bring some fruit, cheese or a dessert to share over some friendly conversation. More info from Donna Becker at [writeme79@juno.com](mailto:writeme79@juno.com).

### ***"Dream into Action" Design Competition***

**Awards Ceremony & Reception**

**Sunday, October 26, 1 p.m.**

All are invited to join us to see the results of the competition hosted by MUF. It was open to architecture students interested in generating sustainable and energy-efficient designs for historic buildings and communities with growing populations and space needs. We will view the submissions and spark ideas for green growth in our future together.

### ***New Adult Course!***

***The Great Turning***

**Six Wednesdays at 7-9 p.m., beginning Nov. 5**

What does it mean to -- and how can we -- join together to bring forth a sustainable global society founded on respect for nature, universal human rights, economic justice and a culture of peace? Paul Snellgrove & Lauralee Arnold will facilitate this discussion group of David Korten's book *The Great Turning*, on the first Wednesdays of the next six months at MUF.

**For more information:** Contact Paul at [paulsnellgrove@gmail.com](mailto:paulsnellgrove@gmail.com). Contact Nicole at 973-540-1177, X203, or [Nicole@muuf.org](mailto:Nicole@muuf.org) to sign up.



## Read This Newsletter Online! Get More Complete News Coverage + Color!

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Send your request to remove your name from the mailing list to Nicole Luland ([Nicole@muuf.org](mailto:Nicole@muuf.org)) in the MUF Office. She can also help you to reset your password to the Members Area if you can't remember it. After you enter it, check the "Remember my password" box and you won't have to enter it again.

The Members version has all the phone numbers AND the Joys and Concerns column which have been removed from the public Newsletter to protect your privacy. **Check there often for updates and corrections.**

### Morris Consort Holds Singer Auditions

The Morris Consort, a new select chamber choir based at MUF, is holding auditions for a limited number of singers with good sight-reading skills and choral experience. The Consort, a group of about 20 singers, will rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:30, about 20 rehearsals per season, at the Fellowship. The Ensemble will perform as part of the "Music at MUF" Concert Series and at occasional guest appearances, and will be under the direction of Dr. Jim Blanton. For more information, or to arrange an audition, contact Dr. Blanton at 845-858-9895, or [goliardcts@earthlink.net](mailto:goliardcts@earthlink.net)

### Looking for a Friendly Face?

Joining a community that is entirely new to you can sometimes be an awkward experience, particularly when attending large functions such as social activities, concerts, etc. We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend an event at MUF with one or more of our friendly members.

If this interests you, please let us know when you sign up for an event at the Box Office, or contact Laurie MacGeorge at [dllmacg10@aol.com](mailto:dllmacg10@aol.com). She will arrange for a member to meet you, sit with you and introduce you to some of our other friendly faces.

### Who Remembers Ric Masten?

The November 30 service will honor UU Poet, Preacher and Troubadour Ric Masten, remembered so often by us here at the Fellowship as we sing his song "Let It Be a Dance." Anyone who has a special memory of meeting Ric or being moved by his poetry and music is invited to take part in the planning of the service. Please contact Carol Titus at [carol.titus@yahoo.com](mailto:carol.titus@yahoo.com).



### The Committee on Ministry (The COM)

What is it? The COM is ...

- A group of six members, elected by the congregation to work with its members and the professional minister to help fulfill the mission and enhance the ministry of the whole Fellowship.
- The COM takes a holistic view of the congregation and is not biased by friendships or any individual/group agenda.
- The COM works to encourage direct and constructive communications among the members of the congregation, the professional minister and the staff.
- Recognizing that misunderstanding and grievances are inevitable in human interactions, the COM offers individuals and groups a tool for achieving redemptive resolutions to concerns and conflicts.
- The COM makes recommendations directly to the MUF Board, the Networks and Committees when relevant. Its approach is "improvement over blame, potential over problem and positive over negative."

Any member of the congregation can speak to any COM member to discuss matters that affect the overall health of the ministry of the Fellowship. We recognize that confidentiality is essential to deal with conflicts in a positive way, but the COM does not endorse secrecy.

This year (2008-2009) the COM members are *Beth Hayward, Ron Corey, Paul Ferm, Gloria Jackson, Lisa Schmitt and Daniel Byrd.*

## *Social Justice Council - October 2008 Update* *Helping Neighbors in Need*



### ***Looking Forward to Harvest Day at MUF – With October Food Collection*** ***(Sundays, October 19, 26 & November 2, 9)***

.... a special intergenerational gesture of community outreach and generosity.

The Social Justice Council & the RE Program Children/Families invite you to help us prepare for a very special event – Harvest Day at MUF that will take place on November 9 between services.

The idea is to have very successful food drive for three weeks leading up to Harvest Day – when we all will gather in the Terrace Room and ask families and all members to “assemble” and “decorate” a box/basket that would be filled with foods (staples and items suitable for a Thanksgiving Dinner (but canned/boxed) as donation gifts to be given out by both the Soup Kitchen in Morristown and the Interfaith Food Pantry. We have a target of filling and decorating a minimum of 30 decorated boxes/baskets to deliver! Help us get there.

Food drive suggestions include juice (unfrozen concentrates or powder mixes preferred, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, hot cocoa mix, tomato sauce, canned meats or meals (such as Chef Boyardee), canned soup, canned beans and vegetables, canned fruit, ketchup and mustard and, for the Thanksgiving Dinner components: canned corn, yams, chicken/ turkey gravy, and pumpkin, along with other nonperishable “fixings” – no turkeys!

### ***October Peaceworks Humanitarian Aid Container – for the People of Nicaragua***

**Sundays, October 5, 12, 19**

As the seasons change, we tend to make room in our homes/purge items we no longer need. Let the beneficiaries be the poor people of Managua, Nicaragua, and the surrounding areas. Jim Burchell is gathering clothing, sports equipment, kitchen/home items in good repair, toys, office supplies and other serviceable items in October. Drop off in Room 100 - Mark “Peaceworks” – A Big Thank-You for Caring!!

***Morristown Community Soup Kitchen*** – Next Hosting Date: Tuesday, October 14! Thanks, MUF members, for helping cook great summer food once more for 180 neighbors in August. Cold casseroles, chili, etc., needed. Contact Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) to let her know if you can help out.

***Eric Johnson House MUF Monthly Dinner Teams*** – Next hostings: Wednesdays, October 1 and 22 (5:45-7 p.m.). Join other MUF members/friends in hosting family-style dinner for 10-14 current residents–plus aftercare alumni of AIDS/HIV restorative home. Join in conversation/hosting and/or helping prepare part of the meal to share. To help: Contact: [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net).

***Morristown Homeless Solutions*** (Shelter) monthly dinner commitment (next hosting, Saturday, October 11 (4:45-7 p.m.). If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High and older children that you can accompany, help prepare an easy meal for the 100+ shelter residents. Contact: [judyoneil@optonline.net](mailto:judyoneil@optonline.net).

***Next Meeting Social Justice Council – Thursday, October 9, 7:30-9 p.m.*** – Join other MUF members to plan help for neighbors, near and far. This is a Quarterly Plate Allocation meeting so you can help us to allocate financial support gifts in MUF’s name. We are also planning a number of fall and holiday Social Justice initiatives. Come..... we’d welcome your thoughts and help! Contact [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) if you have questions.

***District UU “Visioning For Change” Networking Event - Saturday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*** - to be held at Montclair Unitarian Universalist Congregation – join the discussion among 13 regional UU congregations on their efforts in the arena of: “Living Wage,” Civil Liberties,” “Drumbeat for Darfur,” and “Fair Trade.” Contact Michelle Edgars at [working4peace@gmail.com](mailto:working4peace@gmail.com) to participate.

## Strategic Planning Task Force Being Formed

In the Spring of 2008, the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship took the first step toward long-term planning for our future when about 60 members attended the *Search for the Future* workshop. Currently, our *Mission Statement Task Force* is combining the thoughts from that workshop into a draft of a Congregational Mission Statement which will ultimately be presented to the congregation for acceptance. The next step is to assemble a Strategic Planning Task Force that will move this vision and mission into action.

The Task Force will create a 5-year strategic plan based on the vision and mission of the congregation that will provide the structure in which the congregation can move forward in a focused manner. We expect this will ultimately be the basis for a capital campaign to support the implementation of the plan, which will address key topics including Building & Location; Staffing; Financials; Religious Education, and Outreach.

The task force will be composed of 5-7 members

representing the diversity of the congregation, and will be appointed by the Nominating Committee. A member of the Board of Trustees will be an ex-officio member. The core team will also draw upon the time and talents of a larger group of volunteers who will help research specific issues; develop facts and ascertain Best Practices among other UUA congregations.

The skills and expertise required on the task force and this larger group of volunteers include Visionary/Long-Range Planning; Construction/Real Estate; Financial/Fund Raising/Grant Writing; Personnel & Staffing; Effective Communication; Religious Education, and Project Management Skills.

The Strategic Plan Task Force should be formed by November 1, 2008. We expect the Task Force to complete their work within 9 to 12 months. If you are interested in contributing time to this exciting initiative, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Steve Parker, Janine Torsiello, Annette Tyler, Jerry Weinstein, Joe Uhrhane).

### GEM Cell Phone Fundraiser!

PLEASE dig out all your old CELL PHONES and bring them to MUF for recycling! Green Earth Ministry (GEM) will have a cell phone collection for the **month of October**.

A collection box will be located on the mantle in Room 100. There will also be a basket on the table in the Great Hall (next to the nametags) on Sunday mornings.



Note: Please donate cell phones and batteries only – no chargers or other accessories. The proceeds from this recycling fundraiser will be used by GEM for a “greening” project at MUF.

### A/V Committee: Volunteers Needed

If you can join the roster of A/V volunteers to help support our high-quality Sunday programs with video recording, operating the sound system, and projection (simple training offered), contact Venkat Puranapanda at [puranapanda@yahoo.com](mailto:puranapanda@yahoo.com).

### New Address!

Lauralee Arnold  
122 Plane St., Apt. #6H  
Boonton, NJ 07005



Save money and energy (CO<sub>2</sub> footprint)!  
Use compact fluorescent bulbs.  
Sundays, Room 100, or call Fred Mayer.  
Large selection, discount prices.

### New Members

Please welcome **Jacqueline Dougherty** and **Claudia and Bill Diesing**, who deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in August and September.

# haring Our Joys & Concerns

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have removed all other “Joys and Concerns” and personal telephone numbers from the online newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter in the Members Only section of our website includes the complete information.

## *Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns*

*Be sure to send your Joys and Concerns to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.*

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### *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

The Endowment Committee thanks **Pat De La Fuente, Vince and Dena Peszynski and Jim Blanton** for donations in memory of **Bonnie Franklin**.

*Contributions to the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, or the Celebration of Life Fund are special ways of honoring family and friends. Your gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated.*



## Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Month of October		Cell Phone Collection	p. 9
Thursdays throughout October	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Creative Dance Group	p. 6
Monday, October 6	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
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### *Erev YOM KIPPUR*

**Wednesday, October 8, 7 p.m.**

On this eve (*erev*) of the Jewish New Year, join fellow Unitarian Universalists for a Free Faith Observance of the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days. You don't have to be Jewish to participate, and all are welcome. Honey, challah and other goodies will be served following the service. *No registration required.*

**For more information:** Contact Gloria Jackson at [gloriajcksn@aol.com](mailto:gloriajcksn@aol.com).



### *Getting to Know UU*

**Saturdays, November 8 and 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
**Led by Rev. Alison Miller**

Are you a newcomer or new member at the Fellowship? Join us for this opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our religious heritage, find out about our congregation's activities, share some highlights from MUF's history, and get to know others who are interested in membership or who have recently joined. Please watch the newsletter and Sunday bulletin for details about this class. *No registration required.*

**For more information:** Contact Rev. Alison Miller at 973-540-1177, ext. 204, or [amiller@muuf.org](mailto:amiller@muuf.org).





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**OCTOBER 15**

*Don't miss the Special Congregational Meeting to Approve the Revised Budget to be held on Sunday, November 9!*

### Sunday Services

Services at 9 and 11 a.m.

**October 5      Restoring Wholeness**



*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**October 12     Whose Am I?**

*Presented by the Board of Trustees – Mary Hodgson, Susan Lausell, Gary Kunz, Rita Morris, David Palmer and Tony Rutigliano*

**October 19     The Road to Freedom**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**October 26     All Hallows Eve**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**November 2    The Empty Bowl**

*Presented by the Tao Covenant Circle  
Coordinated by Kathi Caccavale*

## ***Iron-Jawed Angels***

**Saturday, October 25**

**7:30 p.m. (doors open 7:00)**

**Post-film Refreshments & Conversation**

***Iron-Jawed Angels*** is a sexy, exuberant tour de force that tells the amazing story of fierce young suffragettes fighting for a Constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. Headlining the stellar cast are Hilary Swank as brainy, charismatic Alice Paul, and Frances O'Connor as smart, cheeky Alice Burns - real-life women who mobilized a defiant vanguard that gave Congress a run for its money.

This true story has startling parallels to today, as the young activists struggle with issues such as the challenges of protesting a popular President during wartime and the perennial balancing act between love and career. Using a pulsing soundtrack, vivid colors, a freewheeling camera, the driving filmmaking style shakes up the preconceptions of the period film and gives history a vibrant contemporary energy and relevance. Sponsored by Seeds of Peace.

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