



From the Minister...

Happy 55th Birthday to us! The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship has offered area residents a platform for the free and open quest of mind, heart, and spirit for five and a half decades now. Our founders can be very proud of what they started and the ripples it has caused in the wider community. Really, it is the legacy of everyone who has joined our Fellowship whether it was recently or long time ago.

One element of that legacy that I have been meditating on of late is how we model peace to the world in terms of religious differences. Here in our spiritual home we prove that week after week atheists and theists, mystics and scientists, and those drawn to the wisdom of the Abrahamic Faiths, Eastern traditions or Earth Based spiritualities can worship, and play, and learn, and grow and love one another more deeply because of, and not in spite of, those differences.

One of the ways this element of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist is passed down from one generation to the next is through teaching the Six Sources. Last year we spent some time in reflection on what it means to be part of a covenantal rather than creedal tradition by examining our Seven Principles. The principles and the sources provide the framework for how we understand the religious quest in our community. **This year our theme is "Sources of Wisdom"** and we will be exploring the role that drawing from multiple paths plays in our faith journeys.

The six sources of Unitarian Universalism can be summarized as the following. (The full text can be found in our gray songbook and at www.uua.org.)

- Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men
- Wisdom from the world's religions
- Jewish and Christian teachings
- Guidance of reason and science
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions

This fall also marks my personal 5th Anniversary as your minister, and I want to let all of you know how much gratitude I feel for the many ways in which you have offered the best of yourselves to this place and to me and helped to shape me as a spiritual leader. I am keenly aware that most

of what I have learned in our years together is because of you, and I shall not forget your offerings of hope, love, wisdom, treasure and time.

I can't wait to see all of you at our First Sunday Festival on Sunday, September 12th. In order to enjoy our beautiful grounds and so that we can all be together – children, youth, adults, first session and second session folks – we will hold one celebratory service outside at 10:00AM followed by an All-Congregation Potluck. Amongst other things, we will be honoring the contributions of a famous Universalist, P.T. Barnum, who was born 200 years ago. It will be multigenerational, there will be cotton candy, stilt walking, inspiring words, festive music and more. You will also meet our new Executive Assistant/Ministries Administrator – Deneise Murad – and our student ministerial intern – Barnaby Feder. You will not want to miss any of it.

In fellowship,

Alison



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

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Mission and Covenant Statement

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

This is our pledge:

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

Deeds Well Done

- Kathleen Taggart for organizing the kitchen and providing care and storage of our linens.
- Susan Lausell for the incredible effort she's put into MUF's financial system
- John Oehler for supporting Bill Forsyth's transitions to South Carolina

- Submitted by Norman Ng
MUF Board Secretary

Reminder from Strategic Planning Committee:
Committee Chairs: Please submit your Strategic Plan recommendation prioritization, action steps, resources and partners to sptf@muuf.org.
Help us complete our Five Year Strategic Plan!

Congratulations to Pratik Mamtora for stepping up to edit the September Newsletter!



Please E-Mail All Newsletter Articles
—both print and online versions—
to **Deneise Murad**, admin@muuf.org
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by the 15th of the month preceding the one in which they will appear.

The President's Corner

THIS SUMMER has been a great time for sharing traditions. I have thoroughly enjoyed jumping into Gary Kunz's "Front Steps Ministry" - our former President's tradition of welcoming people to our Fellowship as they enter the building on Sunday mornings. This delightful opportunity to greet members and friends alike was clearly a labor of love for him, and one that I am proud to say that this year's Board of Trustees has decided to continue.

Our community has also benefited from other traditions being shared this summer. Visiting Minister, Reverend Linda Goonewardene's service on her personal heritage and experiences in India and Ken Piascik's lessons in drumming as part of the lay lead service entitled, "The Healing Power of Music" are just two examples. This sharing of traditions and personal passions becomes quite a spiritual experience as we are drawn into the world of the person (or people) sharing during a thoughtfully crafted service.

Both as a parent, and as a Flight Instructor, I know that the benefits and even the spirituality of sharing traditions and passions can be experienced by both the receiver and the giver of the information. It is always so exciting for me when a student of mine flies "solo" for the first time; it means they have somewhat mastered something that I love. And how personally rewarding is it when a child, or a learner of any age has that "ah-ha" moment because of something that you have communicated? The

possibilities for engaging each other are as numerous as our community member's diverse traditions and talents.

I hope that as we resume our busy fall schedules, we find time to continue sharing ourselves with each other. Whether you participate in an experience such as the Theater Group initiated by Pratik Mamtora, volunteer with DRE, Karen Brown on Religious Education for our children, youth, or adults, or share talents and ideas with our Sunday Services Committee, it will very likely be an experience that benefits you as much as our beloved community!

In Fellowship,

Lisa

Lisa Schmitt, President



SAVE THE DATE: *LEADERSHIP RETREAT*

Friday, October 22nd, 6-9pm

Saturday, October 23rd, 9am-4pm
(including a Facilities Kick-off)

MUF welcomes, Barnaby Feder

Student Ministerial Intern

Barnaby Feder, is a native of San Mateo, Calif. and a lifelong UU. A graduate of Williams College and the University of Calif. at Berkeley School of Law, he was a reporter for more than 32 years, including 27 at The New York Times.

Barnaby is on track to graduate from Drew Theological Seminary next May. He lives in Montclair, N.J., with his wife, Michele, and Alfie, their youngest son. Their two other children, Linus and Matilda, are away at college.



Faith Developments

IT'S STILL AUGUST and I don't like to rush the summer season. But this year, with all the heat, **maybe a little rushing isn't so bad.** I hope September brings us warm but cooler weather. Our fall programming is coming up soon. We start with a multi-generational on September 12th. Universalist, P.T. Barnum will be alive and well in our service and we have some serious fun planned after the service. September 20 brings our first day of programming. As always, I am looking forward to seeing you all. **I've been busy writing/editing curriculum, planning, and planning and planning with a little cleaning/organizing on the side!** I had the pleasure of working with Luna – Susan Lausell's daughter – this summer. She helped me immensely as did Susan Oxman. A big thanks to both of them. Our interim administrator Rachel Kwock should also be thanked. **I couldn't have accomplished what I did without her.**

As I was thinking about an RE topic for the newsletter, I came upon the perfect quote – one that I keep on my refrigerator.*Service is the rent we pay for living. It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time. Education is for improving the lives of others and leaving your community and world better than you found it.* Marian Wright Edelman. This quote speaks to me because I have seen its truth in action. Let me give you an example. In the congregation I served in Indianapolis, I saw many children go through the program until they graduated from Sr. High. Throughout the years, our members and friends educated the youth in the act of leaving their community and world better than they found it. And the youth did just that. Following is a sampling: My daughter Becca volunteered for youth group work on the continental level at 25 Beacon Street, and engaged in serious anti-racism, anti-oppression and gender identity analysis. She is now an organizer for immigrant rights and focuses her time on the rights of hotel workers. Her best friend Nora works in sustainable farming methods. She has been to Africa working on farms and teaching there. Leslie graduated from High School last year and just got back from South America. The school where she volunteered needed money to complete a

much needed addition. She emailed home, her mom got out an email to everyone she knew asking for donations, and the new wing of the school is now finished. Maura left for India for a year before going to college to work in a school teaching children. Jack went to Africa to serve the children there and has since returned. He will graduate from Earlham – when he stops going to Africa! All that being said, many of our youth are not service oriented in their younger years. But, their education in social justice and the values they learn in their congregations serve them well as adults.

I haven't been at MUF long enough to know all the wonderful things many of our children have done since you have nurtured them. You religiously educated them and guided them and this is the rent you have paid. What we do here with our children is 'very big'. Don't lose sight of it. Welcome back to our 2010-2011 Programming year. Come and see what a difference you can make.

Karen



2009/10 Financial Year Results

We closed the books on our financial year that ended on June 30th. While pledge income fell \$15,870 short of our goal, fundraisers and other income made up all but \$3,281 of that shortfall. At the same time, thanks to our staff and committees, expenses were held well within budget even with some unanticipated expenses. The final result was a surplus of \$2,962.

As is typical, we find our cash flow significantly lower not that we are at summer's end. Thank you to all who have paid your pledges in part or in full. If you have not begun to pay your 2010-2011 pledge, please begin to do so. We greatly appreciate your support.

- Susan Lausell, Treasurer

Social Justice Council – September 2010 Update Helping Neighbors in Need

September ushers in a great sense of new beginnings for all of us....and it is also so for all our agency partners in social justice, the people we serve, and MUF's Social Justices teams.

The Social Justice Council has been busy this summer planning two major changes that you will begin to see implemented later in September:

Every Sunday we will feature a very short vignette – either spoken or appearing in What's Happening/Order of Service – about one of the charities that we support.

We will be using this coming year to invite the congregation to dream your biggest best dream of how MUF might collaborate together on a "Signature SJ Project" next year that can involve ALL of us. Can you imagine?

Pathways to Work(ers)! Get a jump on fall clean-outs and help give a neighbour needed income. Call Rosa Chilquillo at Neighborhood House -973-538-1229 ext. 43 or cell 973-647-8495—Let the PTW registered workers help you rake leaves, haul trash, paint that room over, clean out the basement or garage (so it doesn't get sealed in for another wintertime!) etc. etc.. Skilled and experienced workers are available for other home projects – laborers – men and women (domestic work) are available 24/7. Very reasonable rates!

Morris County Food Pantry Support -- MUF First Sunday, We Can Drive!- Sundays, September 12th and October 3rd

In support of the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County each first Sunday of the month, we ask you to help us with a one-day monthly food drive...Plan that for the first Sunday of each month you will bring one item (or more) from the following list:

- Plastic Sandwich Bags:** any zip lock bags
- Peanut Butter:** 18 oz size preferably but will accept any size
- Diapers and Wipes:** Sized 4, 5, and 6
- Hearty/Chunky Soups:** Beef, Vegetable and Chicken
- Rice:** Brown and white rice (1 & 2 pound bags)
- Pastas and canned sauces**
- Hot and cold breakfast cereals**
- Canned fruits & vegetables**
- Canned meats:** ham, chicken, meat spreads
- Canned fish:** tuna, salmon, sardines
- Fruit Juice:** No sugar added/ natural juices
- Tea:** Bagged, General use Teas (no herbal or loose)

When shopping, if possible, please consider selecting Low Salt/Low Sugar items

Keep it GREEN... Donate Extra Re-usable Cloth Bags

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners – September 1st and September 22- 5:45-7:15 – MUF is meeting two monthly commitments to this amazing Morristown community of recovering AIDS/HIV neighbors. Help on a cyclical basis – prepare part of the meals/& or host. Contact Zella Geltman @ 973-669-1181.

Morristown Soup Kitchen – Help is needed for MUF September 14th Hosting. Late summer means not quite as many clients as will line up in the fall months, but we need your help to prepare cold salads, chilli, hot dogs, soup for 150+.. Contact mbkunz@gmail.com to prepare food in advance or to shop day before, help the day of or transport food to kitchen &/or serve!

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, September 11th- 4:45-7:00pm –Help prepare our monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner for homeless shelter residents. "Table talk" is also where your natural self can be of great friendly help [Contact judyoneil5@gmail.com](mailto:judyoneil5@gmail.com)

Next MUF Social Justice Meeting – Thursday September 9th 7:30-pm MUF- . Bring your ideas and compassion, we'll help you put them to use. Help us promote social justice in local, regional, national, and global arena. Contact Chris: reynolds@nac.net

Upcoming Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

Alternate Wednesdays, September 15th & 29th, 5-7pm

Theatre Club for ALL Ages from 7 and up in the Meeting Room @ MUF

Acting, Singing, Dancing, Role play, Improvisation, Scenario based workshops, Script reading, Memorizing Lines, Wardrobe, Costume, Make-up... possibly putting up a production !!

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

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

Parlez-Vous Français?

Wednesday, September 22, 7-9pm

If you can read this, you are invited to a MUF Cercle Français to hang out and speak French -- both beginners and experts.

We will circulate a small story or poem in French and English beforehand so we will have some conversation/talking points. Please bring some French-like goodies to share.

Acquiring another language is good for thought process creativity and communication skills.

RSVP (that's French, too) so we can send written material, to Laurent Comes: laurent@comes.US or Geri Silk: gerisilk@yahoo.com.

NETWORK OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESSIVES (NSP) - BUILDING A CARING SOCIETY- FILMS & TALKS

Thursday, Sept. 16, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss PBS documentary: Frontline Heat (2008). Frontline producer Martin Smith investigates how the world's largest corporations & governments are responding to Earth's looming environmental disaster and what we can do as social activists. (Terrace Rm.)

Thurs., Sept. 30, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss DVD of Bill McKibben's address to the Network of Spiritual Progressives' Washington, DC, Conference, 2010, on global warming & organizing a worldwide movement. McKibben wrote *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet* (2010) and founded 350.org. Time Magazine called him the world's best green journalist and Foreign Policy named him "one of 100 most important global thinkers." (Terrace Rm.)

SAVE THESE DATES:

Thursday, Oct. 21, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss Film: *The End of Poverty* (2008). An "Inconvenient Truth" for global politics. A phenomenal discourse on why poverty exists when there is so much wealth in the world. (Terrace Rm.)

Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss David C. Korten's address to the Network of Spiritual Progressives, Washington, DC Conference, 2010, on positive economic alternatives. Korten's latest book is *Agenda for a New Economy: A Declaration of Independence from Wall Street*. (Terrace Rm.)

RSVP: Teresa Guyton at teresaguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098 or Jo Sippie-Gora at seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net or 973-838-8576. And please refer to the NSP article in this newsletter for more information on the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP).

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, Sep 22,

10:30am-1pm - bring a boxed lunch

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

And more... Upcoming Events

THE EIGHTFOLD PATH TO HAPPINESS

(based on the teachings of The Buddha.)

Wednesdays Sept. 22, 29, Oct., 6, 13, 20, and Nov. 3, 10, 17; 7:30-9:15pm @ MUF

Led by: Rev. Allen Wells, MUF Community Minister

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

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

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

"JUST NEIGHBORS"

3-SESSION WORKSHOP

Sundays, September 26th, October 17th, and November 14th, 12noon-1:30pm @ UU Congregation in Summit

Come and join other Unitarian Universalists in a Social Justice opportunity: The affordable housing subcommittee in Summit will be hosting a 3 session workshop, using a curriculum called "Just Neighbors" that includes audiovisuals and discussion topics. Sr. High youth are invited to this event. Please email Toby Tyler at wtyler3@optonline.net or call him at 973-267-3438 if you want to carpool to Summit.

MEDITATION FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

Sunday, Oct. 10, 7:30 - 9:30 @ MUF

Led by: Rev. Allen Wells, MUF Community Minister

This is for you if you've wanted to meditate but can't find the time, have tried to meditate but get distracted, or wonder why you should even consider meditating in the first place.

We will look at some untraditional ways that might work for you, or at least we will help you to feel good about not doing it.

A helpful but not required reading is: *Unlearning Meditation* by Jason Siff.

For further information please contact Rev. Allen Wells: awells@uuma.org or 973 539-0301 ext 2.

MUF BLOOD DRIVE AT MUF

Sunday October 17th, 8am-1pm

Blood saves lives - sign up with Zella♥ when you see her on Sundays or give her a call at 973-669-1181.

350.org WORK PARTY

Sunday, Oct. 9, 9am– lunch

On Sat., Oct. 9th, 9:00 to 2:00, Green Earth Ministry invites MUF members, friends, and RE families to a Work Party/Celebration, part of 350.org's global mobilization for climate action. Along with outdoor projects to save our trees and let the sun shine in, activities include paper cutting with Homer, storytelling, a family-style sing-along, Tai Chi movement, a "Joy of Cooking Green" hands-on workshop, a tour of our historic mansion with ghost stories about hot and cold air, and seasonal food. Be there for our historic group photo, which will be uploaded onto the internet along with those of more than 1000 groups in over 100 countries. Send a message to our politicians around the world: We got to work and now it's your turn! Contact: GEM Co-Chairs, Caroline Gower @ 973-539-6546, caroline.g.gower@gmail.com or Linda Delap @ 973-898-0903, linda.delap@gmail.com for more info.

SERVICE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

October 30th, 6:30 pm at MUF

Mark your calendars NOW

Save the date for our big fundraiser, service auction. Com in costume if you dare! We will have a live and silent auction. Child care will be provided. If you need childcare please call or e-mail Karen Brown at (973) 540-1177 x205 or karen@muuf.org by October 23rd. More details soon.

Questions? Please e-mail Beth Hayward: lizzieanne@digress.org

And more... Upcoming Events

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Weekend of October 22 through 24

Cost \$230, Location: Kirkridge Retreat Center
Holding our 12th **Annual Women's Retreat** of Rest, Relaxation and Renewal. Each year, the retreat is better than the previous one. The combination of wise, wonderful and witty fellowship women along with a sprinkling of laughter and tears make for a memorable experience. Come join us!
For more information and to sign up, call Beverly Hays (973)267-9429.

FALL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Save the Date:

October 22-23 Fall Leadership Retreat will Facilities Kick-Off Workshop to follow.

*****INGATHERING SUNDAY*****

Sunday, September 12th at 10AM

Title: "Herald of Freedom"

Rev. Alison Miller and Karen Brown

*Children, youth and adults, as well as 9AM and 11AM regulars and newcomers, are invited to join us for our First Sunday Festival, including a special multigenerational outdoor service where we will honor the 200th birthday of celebrated Universalist, P.T. Barnum, followed by a Congregation-wide potluck picnic. There will be a stilt walker, cotton candy, tasty food, new staff and more. **Don't miss it!***

For the Potluck Picnic, Please bring item(s) according the first letter of your last name:

A-I: Salads and Side Dishes

J-R: Main Dishes

S-Z: Desserts

Monday Book Group

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

Here is the list through February

September 13th. *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain* by Robert O. Butler led by Marion Thompson (The First Monday is Labor Day)

October 4th *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery-

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

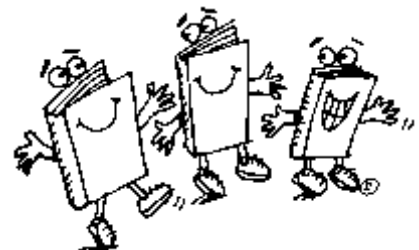
December 6th *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder led by Jackie Mulcey

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

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

Suggestions for later books will be taken in September.

- Nancy Lee McLure



Sign(s) Of The Time

The **Beautification & Preservation Committee** is active with the spirit of change and renewal here at MUF – including how many of MUF’s signs have been around for too much time! The committee has designed, purchased and installed new ‘No Parking’ signs along the entrance driveway loop and a new ‘No Smoking’ sign at the walkway entrance. See the photos below.

These are more visible, nicely color-coordinated, made from a rigid synthetic foam board and attached with rust-proof stainless steel hardware. Beautiful, long-lasting and maintenance-free!

Thanks to Nan Perigo for designing and purchasing the signs and to Paul Snellgrove and Steve Rice for installing them. Next up – reinstall the long-ago rotted and discarded ‘Additional Parking’ sign and the rapidly deteriorating Main Gate sign.

- **Beautification & Preservation Committee**



MUF MUSICIANS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM BEGINS

Thanks to the support of the MUF Music Outreach Committee, MUF will have three Musicians in Residence this season. These talented performers will participate in and help lead some of the MUF Choirs and Ensembles and perform as soloists for Services and Concerts at MUF.

Tenor **Raymond UY** and soprano **Marie UY** live in Dover and have been active as soloists in Opera and Concert, as well as being experienced music teachers. Ray and Marie sang in the MUF Choral Festival last spring (Ray was our fabulous tenor soloist) and both have their Masters in Vocal Performance.

Cellist **Katie Mulgrew** is a student of Marnie Kaller (who has appeared on the MUF Concert Series) and lives in Maplewood. Katie is pursuing her college degree in cello performance, and performed in the MUF Chamber Ensemble for one of the Choral Festival performances last spring.

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

BECOME A MUF MUSICMAKER

MUF offers performing music ensembles for many ages and levels of performance. Get involved in the group that fits you!:

MUF ADULT CHOIR: Rehearses Tuesdays at 6:15-7:30 PM and Sundays before Services, and sings throughout the year for the 11 PM and Summer Services.

MUF CHILDRENS CHOIR: Grades 1-5, rehearses 3 Tuesdays a month at 5:15 -6:15 PM and sings for the 9 AM Service twice a month.

MUF YOUTH CHOIR: Grades 6 through high school, rehearses 3 Tuesdays a month at 5:15 -6:15 PM and sings for the 9 AM Service twice a month.

MORRIS CONSORT: An advanced-level chamber choir, by audition, which rehearses Tuesday evenings at 7:30-9 PM and performs twice yearly at Services and on the MUF Concert Series.

MUF CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: For instrumentalists who have played their instrument at least 4 years. Rehearses twice monthly TBA and performs at Services several times a year.

NEW THIS SEASON!: MUF YOUTH CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: for instrumentalists, grade 6 through high school, who have played their instrument at least 3 years. Rehearses directly after RE classes and TBA twice a month and performs occasionally for Services and other events.

To get involved, call or e-mail Dr. Jim: 845-858-9895 or music@muuf.org

Sharing Our Milestones & Passages

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

Be sure to send your Milestones & Passages to admin@muuf.org AND pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.

UULMNJ – Legislative Ministry

The Fellowship received a thank you note from Elaine Nigam, Treasurer of the Legislative Ministry (UULMNJ), thanking us for our total 2009-10 contribution to the UULMNJ of \$2955.50 from Chalice Lighter and general contributions.

The funds that you have sent will be used for our operating budget (about \$48,000 per year) which includes expenses for our part0time Director, Julia Hamilton, travel and meeting expenses, Board and legal expenses, web site, IT needs, and communications.

As you know the purpose of the network is to provide a comprehensive structure, network and resources to empower the moral voice and actions of our Unitarian Universalist principles and values in the public arena and to strengthen local congregational social justice programs.

Elaine also expressed her appreciation to Marjorie Wormser and Erin Luken, daughter of Dennis and Carolyn, for their service on the

Free Faith High Holy Day Services

Wednesday, September 8th at 7PM
Free Faith Rosh Hashanah Service

All are welcome, whether you have Jewish heritage or you are interested in learning about this tradition. This Jewish New Year's service will be followed by challah, apples, honey and other goodies.

Friday, September 17th at 7PM
Free Faith Yom Kippur Service

All are welcome to join us for the Day of Atonement service, one of the most important days in the Jewish calendar.

MUF welcomes, Deneise Murad Executive Assistant/ Ministries Administrator



Deneise Murad is a native of West Monroe, Louisiana, transplanted to New Jersey in the Fall of 2005 to complete her Master of Divinity at Drew University Theological School. Upon completion of graduate school in October 2008, Deneise worked as a Director of Youth and Family Programs in a nearby congregation. She has a history of work with non-profit organizations as well as experience in Retail Management.

Deneise currently lives in Madison, New Jersey. She has 2 daughters, Maggie and Ruby.



Upcoming September Events

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesday, Sep 8	7pm Meeting Room	Free Faith Rosh Hashanah Service	P. 10
Sunday, Sep 12	10 am Outdoor	First Sunday Festival, Ingathering Sunday	P. 8
Monday, Sep 13	7 pm @ Room 205	Monday Book Club	P. 9
Wednesdays, Sep 15 & 29	5–7 pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama—Theatre Club	P. 6
Thursday, Sep 16	7– 9 pm @ Terrace Room	'Front Line Heat' PBS Documentary (NSP: Network of Spiritual Progressives)	P. 6
Friday, Sep 17	7 pm Meeting Room	Free Faith Yom Kippur Service	P. 10
Wednesday, Sep 22	7– 9 pm @ Terrace Room	Cercle Francais	P. 6
Wednesdays, Sep 22 & 29	7:30 - 9:15 pm @ Room 205	The Eightfold Path to Happiness	P. 7
Wednesday, Sep 22	10:30 am—Noon, Noon—1 pm	Cordial Conversations and Chow	p. 6
Sundays, Sep 26	12–1:30 pm @ UU in Summit	3 session Workshop "Just Neighbors" begins	p. 6
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The Network of Spiritual Progressive's DC Conference

Interested in helping to start a MUF Interfaith Chapter of Network of Spiritual Progressives?

Fed up or deeply disappointed with America's policies on war, jobs, healthcare, energy, and climate change and alarmed by the rise of right wing fear, 400 social activists from 35 states, including Catholics, mainline Protestants, Quakers, Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, UUs, and secular and religious humanists gathered in Washington, DC, on June 11-14, at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation-- the 140-yr.old building where The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) organized for the Civil Rights Movement.

We answered the call for progressives to come to NSP's Strategy Conference for the Obama Years: to help create the caring society-- care for the earth, care for each other (and all the people of the planet). For four days, we listened to thoughtful, dynamic, and inspiring speakers and then broke out for workshops and planning groups. We left hopeful, energized, and impressed with a sense of urgency.

We are committed to creating an interfaith NSP chapter at MUF, with the help of like spirits, in keeping with our new UUA Creating Peace Statement of Conscience.

More info will follow. Watch for films and NSP talks (Sept-Nov.) and a winter workshop on the DC Conference. For further information contact: Teresa Guyton @ 973-989-9098 or teresaguyton@yahoo.com or Jo Sippie-Gora at 973-838-8576 or seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net

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**Don't miss the Multigenerational Outdoor
Service on Sunday, Sep 12th, 10am
followed by a Congregation-wide potluck!**

Sunday Services

NOTE: Two Service Schedule Resumes Starting Sep 19th through Memorial Day



Sep 12 Herald of Freedom @ 10 am

Children, youth and adults are invited to join us for our ***First Sunday Festival***, including a special outdoor service at 10AM where we will honor the 200th birthday of celebrated Universalist, P.T. Barnum, followed by a Congregation-wide potluck.

Rev. Alison B. Miller and Karen Brown

Sep 19 Us And Them @ 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Two service
schedule
resumes

How can we learn to move towards peace in our lives and around the globe given the human propensity to “other” which leads to phobias, isms, biting political rhetoric and war?

Rev. Alison B. Miller

Sep 26 Transcending Mystery and Wonder @ 9:00 am and 11:00 am

This year's theme is *Sources of Wisdom*. We begin by exploring our first source, a favorite of the transcendentalists, which encourages us to open ourselves to those moving experiences of awe and wonder.

Rev. Alison B. Miller