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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

“TO DO IS TO BE,”

said Aristotle. “To be is to do,” said Plato. If settling philosophical debates were a matter of public opinion, at least in the culture in which we live, “doing” would win hands down. We are a *doing* culture.



We seem to automatically assign value to a person based on the length of his/her list of accomplishments. We give greater honor to people involved in five nonprofits than we do to people whose community efforts create a shorter list. We read magazine articles about people who have sold three or four or five different businesses and made a bundle each time. We love watching programs detailing the lives of stars who have made it to the top of their craft, whether it is film, stage or television.

The season of Lent in the Christian calendar begins on February 6 this year, and it lasts for 40 days. It is a period of time that invites us to consider the possibility that we’re doing the wrong things. It offers the chance to let go of one of our bad habits.

I remember one Lent where I was in a conversation with a friend who shared what she planned to give up. Admittedly, the first thought that crossed my mind was that giving up something didn’t seem admirable. Doing something extra during the 40-day period sounded like a better idea. I said, “I like the idea of using Lent to do something extra that makes your life better. Rather than giving up pastries, why not go to the gym?”

I realized my folly a couple of days later in the middle of studying the Buddhist practice of mindfulness. I began to see parallels between giving something up for Lent and the third noble truth of Buddhism: to stop creating suffering by refraining from doing the things that make us suffer.

In a society that worships doing, it is often easier to add a new activity to your life than to practice the art of letting go. Paring down to what is essential leads to creating the space for your soul to flourish. Doing less may very well lead to doing more of worth.

There is a Zen story that highlights the human tendency to rush around doing things without much reflection. A man is galloping on his horse as fast as he can, and it appears as if they must be headed somewhere significant. Another man, standing alongside the road, shouts, “Where are you going?” and the first man replies, “I don’t know! Ask the horse!”

We’ve all had those weeks – the ones where your schedule runs you rather than your running your schedule. We prioritize speed and efficiency. We forget to examine whether what we are doing makes sense or whether it really matters to us. The name “human doing” might fit these times more than “human being.”

But it doesn’t have to be that way. We can release ourselves from bad habits, from the addiction of doing and the prison of expectations. Before tumbling into the next activity, we could stop for a while. We could close our eyes and listen to the sounds of the ice crackling and melting beneath our feet. Before rushing to do anything, we could stop and ask what is waiting to be born. We could make time to just be.

In fellowship,

Alison’s office hours are Tuesday-Friday 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.

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

Thank you!

From the Board of Trustees

Deeds Well Done

The Board wishes to recognize the following persons for their contributions to the Fellowship:

Susan Oxman for handling the finances for the Alternative Gift Fair.
ALL the New Year's Eve helpers, especially **Karen and Tony Rutigliano**.
Children's choir and the **adult choir** for their participation in the Christmas Eve services.

Financial Summary for December

Pledge Income year-to-date: \$225,005

Total Income year-to-date: \$254,659

Total Expenses year-to-date: \$282,967

Net (\$28,308)

Upcoming Board and Network Meetings

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. *It is especially important for committee chairs and members who participate in Fellowship administration and programming to attend and participate in the Network meetings.*

This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	February 13
Administrative & Program Networks	February 20

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 in the Members section.

Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!

As you might guess, as President of the Fellowship I am now aware of more of what's going on at MUF than ever before in my 12 years here. I am amazed by the number of people who keep this congregation going strong!

Sometimes when it seems that there's a lot of work to be done and no "volunteers" in sight, I have an idea that "only a few people are doing all the work." And then I become aware of a person in the background who plays a critical role that I knew nothing about. Or of a project underway that I'd never heard of. That happened to me recently and led me to step back to really see how many of us are working side by side here at MUF and why.

As much as we all may hate "chores," very few of us would want to live a life of leisure in which everything was done for us. There are satisfactions and connections created when we invest ourselves in that which defines us. "No one ever came to church to join a committee," it's true, and yet, so much of the meaning we find and who we are has to do with what happens when we "work" together toward a common goal, whether it's preparing a responsible budget for next year, serving lunch at the soup kitchen one Tuesday a month or singing in the choir on Sunday mornings.

Being involved at MUF is not like volunteering at other nonprofit organizations. We are not here just to

give of ourselves to the effort – contribute our money, time and skills. We are here to nourish our souls, to deepen our relationships, to build a loving community, and to make the world a better place. As Unitarian Universalists, we find that our seven principles enjoin us to get involved and stay involved – in our inner spiritual lives, in our close relationships, in our congregations, in our communities and in our world.

Think of Your Role in the New Year

At the beginning of this new year, I encourage you to take a look at your life – what are you doing to feed your soul? What are you doing to strengthen your ties to family and loved ones? What are you doing to help us flourish as a congregation? What are you doing to bring our UU values to Morris County and to the world?

We've recently identified several key positions and committees that need just the right MUF member(s). Some are jobs that require special skills and/or experiences; others just need a person who is enthusiastic and wants to be involved. And there's always room for one more leaf raker or dish washer. I hope to see you...

On the path,

Carol

Carol Todd, President

Denominational Affairs, with the guidance of our Minister, Rev. Alison Miller, has cast our vote for the Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) 2008-2012, proposed by the Commission on Social Witness (CSW). Following are summaries of the two CSAIs which will appear on the General Assembly (GA) 2008 agenda for vote.

CSAI 1: Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice

Issue: Some people enjoy many food choices while others remain hungry. The food industry produces wealth, but small farmers and farm workers are often poor. Food production and transportation contribute to many environmental problems.

Background and Reasons for Study: There is a need for political advocacy in support of government programs that try to feed the hungry. There is a need also for involvement with service programs that deliver food to individuals and families – for example, Meals on Wheels programs.

CSAI 2: Nuclear Disarmament

Issue: Should the Unitarian Universalist Association work with other faith communities to advocate a dramatic reduction in the world's nuclear weapons inventories, primarily those of the United States and Russia, in favor of reinvigorated nuclear arms control agreements and principles, such as those embodied in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty?

Background and Reasons for Study: Two hundred well-placed nuclear weapons could drive civilized society back to the Stone Age. Each of these weapons can kill more than 100,000 in populated and targeted areas.

The *Current Study/Action Issues* include "Peacemaking," which was adopted in St. Louis, MO, to be the Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2006-2010. Read complete information about the CSAIs at www.uua.org/socialjustice.

Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs

Faith Developments

*“Five Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand
Six Hundred Minutes
How Do You Measure
A Year in the Life?”*

How About Love?”



AS I WANDERED

through the after-Christmas sales this past holiday season, I was stunned to see that the Valentine’s Day paraphernalia were already out. The season of love had already begun – and it wasn't even January!

Valentine’s Day is the first of the major “Hallmark” holidays – an entire industry has grown up around the tradition of sending greeting cards and has expanded to include overpriced flowers, jewelry and chocolate. OK – maybe chocolate and flowers aren't all that bad...

But while lamenting the commercialization of Valentine’s Day recently, I had a chance to hear again the hit song from the *Rent* soundtrack: “Seasons of Love.” For those unfamiliar with the lyrics, it lists a variety of ways to measure a year, to measure a life: “In Daylights - In Sunsets/In Midnights - In Cups of Coffee/In Inches - In Miles/In Laughter - In Strife” and “In Truth That She Learned/Or in Times That He Cried/In Bridges He Burned/Or the Way That She Died.”

January marked a season of change for us. In our own lives many of us spent the past month fulfilling a New Year's Resolution or recovering from last fall! I myself moved and am still dealing with boxes. Here in the Fellowship we launched the DRE search committee. We'll be making a decision soon about whether to accept the roof grant. We recruited new volunteers and said thank you to those who had to step down. You might say that we measure a year in transitions.

Yet throughout the changes that are happening here at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship comes the overriding feeling of love. The members and friends of MUF love this community. You love this space. You love the children and youth. You love the services and the opportunity for service.

The truth is that this congregation is growing – and it is growing because of love. And so in this season of love – this Hallmark season of hearts and candy – let's take a moment to remember the real sources of love in our lives: “It's Time Now - To Sing Out/Though the Story Never Ends/Let's Celebrate/Remember a Year in the Life of Friends.”

In Faith,

News and Events in RE:

- RE enrollment is at 140 children! Please take a moment to thank all our volunteers for their hard work.
- RE has eliminated bottled water - cutting our plastic waste/recycling in half!
- Don't forget there is no RE on President's Day weekend, Sunday, February 17.

Habitat Crafting Bees

**Fridays, Feb. 15 & March 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Feb. 23 & March 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

All women, men and teens are invited for the second Annual MUF “Crafting Bees” – with a purpose! Enjoy fabulous craft workshops for **Jewelry Making, Wreath Making**, etc. You will have instruction from some of MUF’s expert crafters (each workshop is led by one or more host crafter). You can keep one item that you make – but the trick is that **we need you to make 2-3 more** that we will sell on **Sundays, April 13 & 20, with all proceeds going to benefit our Senior High Habitat Build in Sumter, SC, this summer!** Last year’s sale raised over \$3,400–let’s do it again! We will have bottomless coffee & teapots and scrumptious foods available. Help our Senior High to build a home in South Carolina while we build community with crafting, conversation and delicious food!

Cost: \$15 for each workshop date, which includes materials ... a bargain! Saturday dates include lunch; Friday nights desserts will be served. Make checks payable to MUF, note “MUF Craft Bee” on the check. Sign up at the Box Office or by calling Chris at the office (973-540-1177).

In an overwhelming realization that humankind struggles to achieve peaceful coexistence economically, socially and spiritually, our UUA adopted the following Study/Action Issue (SAI) at General Assembly 2006:
"Should the Unitarian Universalist association reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war to resolve disputes between peoples and nations and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through nonviolent means?"

PEACEMAKING AT MUF

(Sponsored by the MUF Social Justice Peace Team)



Sessions on personal and interpersonal peace and peace in the wider world around us

February 17 – Our Own Beverly Hays, MUF member, LCSW, APM, LMFC

Discussion on "Coming to Forgiveness" – Understanding, Accepting, and Forgiving

Sandwich Luncheon – 12:15 p.m. - Terrace Room

Discussion – 1:00 p.m. - Room 204

March 2 – Bob Moore, Executive Director, Coalition for Peace Action of NJ

A legislative activist in national and international affairs, Bob Moore will help us examine our Study/Action Issue

Peace Soup Luncheon – 12:15 p.m. – Terrace Room

Talk and Discussion – 1:15 p.m. – Meeting Room

March 9 – Allen Wells, MUF member, UU Minister and professional facilitator

"Peace Is Not the Absence of Conflict" – Allen will offer a bridge between making peace and being a peace-maker

Sandwich Luncheon – 12:15 p.m. – Dining Room

Conflict Resolution Discussion and Practice – 1:15 p.m. – Room 204

All Congregations are asked to comment on the Study/Action Issue on PEACEMAKING

April 27, 12:15 p.m. – ALL-FELLOWSHIP "COMMENT MEETING"

Our comments will be forwarded to the UUA for clarification of the SAI

MUF's Own "Broadway" Singers!

Saturday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.

Starring Music Director Jim Blanton

mezzo-soprano Kate McAteer

soprano Mary Jo Reid

bass-baritone John Keating

Enjoy Broadway favorites set to the lyrics of Yip Harburg, who collaborated with such composers as George Gershwin and Harold Arlen; he became famous in the Hollywood, Broadway and popular music realms, writing lyrics for *The Wizard of Oz; Finian's Rainbow; Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?* and many others.

Save these dates for future concerts: **Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m.** - pianist Paul Zeigler, offering a pre-concert discussion at 6:30; **Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.** - the acclaimed Goliard Ensemble of piano, cello and clarinet; **Sunday, May 18, 3p.m.** - **Jazz on the Terrace** by **Jazz Players Anonymous**, a 15-piece big band. Tickets at \$10-\$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 13, available at the Box Office or by mail order.

Subscription tickets for the remaining four MUF concerts only \$45. For information, call 845-858-9895 or contact music@muuf.org.



2 Different Programs • 4pm & 7:30pm
Either Program: \$10 Donation

COMBINATION TICKET
\$18. for BOTH PROGRAMS

There will be food for sale between shows

Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

21 Normandy Heights Rd., Morristown, NJ

For Information: 973 952-0105

Upcoming Events

UUs for Jewish Awareness (UUJA)

Friday, February 1, 7 p.m.

Coordinated by Gloria Jackson

The group, which meets the first Friday of most months, focuses many of its meetings on major Jewish holidays as they relate to current beliefs, and also discusses books, music, poetry and personal life stories. Contact Gloria at gloriajcksn@aol.com.

Creating Lay-Led Services

Saturday, February 2, 1-3 p.m.

Coordinated by Betsy Burr/Sunday Services Cmte.

Curious as to how lay-led Sunday services are created? Like to explore the possibility of helping create one yourself? Join Betsy Burr, Carol Titus and the Sunday Services Committee and learn how it's done. In the MUF library. Give Betsy a call and let her know you are interested (burrs@att.net).

First Monday Book Group

Monday, February 4, 7 p.m.

The First Monday Book Group is reading *Sister Carrie*, by Theodore Dreiser. Books we will be reading in the rest of the season are the following: March 3, *Tortilla Curtain*, by T. Coraghessen Boyle; April 7, *Death of Innocents*, Sister Helen Prejean; May 5, your choice of a book by Joyce Carol Oates that looks interesting to you; June 2, *An Open Heart Practicing Compassion in Everyday Life*, The Dalai Lama. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com.

Adult OWL (Our Whole Lives)

Saturday, February 9, 3-7 p.m.

Then first & third Thursdays at 7 p.m. February 21-June 5. Final session Saturday, June 7, 2-6 p.m.

Facilitated by Sarahjane Rath, David Snedden, Kelly Schnur and Gary Kunz

An adult version of the sexuality education course our young people receive. [emphasizes the values of self worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice and inclusivity.] Space is limited; *registration is required*. Contact Gary Kunz at garykunz@gmail.com.

Soul Cards: An Intuitive Collage Process

Beginning Mondays, February 11 & 25, 7 p.m.

Facilitated by Nina Nemeth & Elizabeth Bain

Eight sessions on the second and fourth Mondays at Elizabeth Bain's Morristown studio, creating through

collage and mixed media. Contact Nina Nemeth at NemethFam@aol.com.

Womanspace

Sunday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.

This Women's Spirituality Circle meets the third Sunday of every month for ritual, discussion and sharing of personal experiences. Contact Gloria Jackson at gloriajcksn@aol.com.

Peace Luncheon

Sunday, February 17, 12:15 p.m.

Sponsored by MUF Social Justice Peace Team

The second of this four-luncheon series will focus on personal peace, with counselor and MUF member Beverly Hays leading a discussion on the topic of forgiveness. In a world full of fighting and violence, on an interpersonal as well as a global level, we need to learn the art of forgiveness. *Suggested donation \$3. No registration required*. Contact Eleanor Mason at eleanormason@att.net. More on page 5.

West African Drum and Dance for All Levels

Wednesdays, February 20 & March 19

Drum at 6:30 p.m., Dance at 7:45 p.m.

For more information: Visit www.MySpace.com/MarfanyiPercussion

Peace Within/Peace Without

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Paul Snellgrove

This book and discussion group continues on the third Wednesday of every month to study how conflict and violence play out in our personal, interpersonal, community and international relations. In February we will discuss Allan G. Johnson's *Privilege, Power and Difference*, examining the nature of privilege and domination, and how our unconscious assumptions and language can do violence on a societal level. Anyone can join at anytime. *No registration required*. Contact Paul at paulsnellgrove@gmail.com.



Registration with the office is required for all programs

(unless otherwise noted in description)

To register, e-mail chris@muuf.org, call 973-540-1177 or sign up on the bulletin board in Room 100.

Creating a Vision for Our Future

Starting from where we are...

In preparation for the congregation-wide visioning process this spring, the Board contracted UUA Consultant Rev. Patricia Hart, to conduct an assessment related to long-term goals and strategic planning of MUF. This article summarizes her findings; identifies major issues, strengths and challenges, and recommends next steps. The full report can be found at www.muuf.org/members or on the Book Table in the Library.

Congregational Strengths and Resources

- A dynamic, growing membership
- Capable, talented leadership - both lay and professional
- Valuable resources in size/value of our land and in our historic building
- Progress in improving financial resources
- A sense of momentum and possibility

Congregational Challenges

- The need for a galvanizing vision of our church's future
- Financial concerns
- The need for broader lay involvement and leadership
- Sorting out priorities and possibilities about facilities

Recommendations for Next Steps

1. ***Develop a clear, comprehensive plan for the future, based on a shared congregational vision.*** Organize a comprehensive planning process by which our congregation can make informed decisions about our future in all areas of congregational life – programs, staffing, membership development, outreach and facilities, starting with forming a Comprehensive Planning Committee, and implementing a congregation-wide visioning process.
2. ***Revitalize financial stewardship, starting with this year's annual budget drive.*** We need to make our annual stewardship process more effective, both in raising the needed dollars and, more importantly, in strengthening the connections members have with the Fellowship and its future.
3. ***Get a handle on membership, and make a realistic plan for growth.*** It is important to develop a clear understanding of how our current church membership is already strong, and where it might grow or change. The goal of this effort is not only to establish a better demographic picture of the officially signed "membership," but to answer questions like these: who regularly comes on Sundays; who attends classes; who visits; who returns after the first visit; why do people leave, and so forth. What new space is needed in order for us to grow in the ways we hope for?
4. ***Focus on the DRE search.*** The growth MUF has enjoyed in the last few years can only continue if, in addition to excellent worship, there are also consistently excellent programs for children, youth and adults.

Conclusion

Though the challenges before us are significant, the strengths and opportunities are also abundant. This is a good time for us to take on those challenges, and to develop a comprehensive vision of the future that can inform our choices. We already possess much of what we will need to build a vital, dynamic congregation that can truly be a beacon in the community – a religious home for current members, and for many others who have not yet arrived.

Carol Todd, President

Social Justice Council - February 2008 Update**♥ Spiritual Practices Put into Action ♥****Special February SR Events:**

Habitat for Humanity Benefit – MUF Craft Bees– A reprise of the very successful “Friend-Raiser/Fund Raiser” from 2007 has just kicked off its 2008 schedule. Make jewelry, fabric crafts, spring wreaths amid great camaraderie. Two Friday Nights - February 15 & March 14 - and two Saturday Morning/Lunch Workshops - February 23 & March 1 (See related story on page 4.)

Winter Food Drive for Morristown Interfaith Food Pantry - Sundays, February 3, 10 17 & 24. Drop Food Bags off in Room 100, Box Marked “Food Drive.” Did you know that nearly 300 tons of food packed into 60,000 bags per year is distributed from this pantry? Nearly 1,500 eligible families/Morris County residents - our neighbors - are receiving supplemental/emergency food. **Most Urgent Pantry Needs:** Parmalat/powdered milk, SOUP- all kinds, 100% fruit juice/packs, canned fruit, whole grain cereals (e.g., Raisin Bran, Wheat Chex, Cheerios), peanut butter, all canned beans (pinto, kidney, etc.), pasta, MEATS & MEALS (canned pasta, Spam, chili, stew, tuna & other fish), macaroni & cheese, diapers (all `) & wipes. (Come on MUF ! Let’s gather 100 bags!)

Peace Team – Book Group Meeting – Wednesday, February 20 – “Privilege, Power & Difference” facilitated by Paul Snellgrove - using book by Allan Johnson as basis for discussion, the group will examine societal violence through words and unconscious assumptions. Anyone can join! More on page 6.

Peace Soup Series Workshop - Sunday, February 17- “Coming to Forgiveness” – led by Beverly Hays, LCSW, APM, LMFC – a facilitated workshop on personal forgiveness – the gift you give to yourself. Luncheon starts at 12:15 following second service/workshop follows immediately. More on page 5.

Interfaith Council for Homeless Families of Morris County – Thanks to the 15 MUF members who helped to make MUF’s January 20-27 co-hosting with Redeemer Church (on site at Redeemer) such a quality experience for the five families we helped house/feed and extend friendship to. Next Host Week (of four annually): May 25-June 1. To join the team which performs “tasks” of love & care, such as entertaining/homework with children for defined time periods, set up, take down, laundry, dinner hosting, etc., contact MUF co-coordinators Bob Campbell at wrobc@earthlink.net or karenburns@casaessex.org. **(Help Keep the Flame: New MUF volunteers needed** for this hands-on service. We have been a part of the ICHF MC for 12+ years – great organization lifeline to our poor!)

Eric Johnson House- Bi-Weekly Dinner – Wednesdays, February 6 & 27 – Be a part of the MUF contingent that makes home-cooked dinners and/or serves & converses over dinner with Morristown homeless neighbors living with HIV/AIDS. Contact: sespencer@optonline.net to help.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner – Saturday, February 9, 4:45-7 p.m. (still time for your own Valentine’s weekend plans!) – Help is needed to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. Contact judyoneil@optonline.net to volunteer.

Morristown Soup Kitchen – Help is needed for Tuesday, February 12 hosting. More than 200 to serve so 25 casseroles and 10 gallons of soup needed. Drop off prepared-in-advance foods to MUF freezer or put in refrigerator after February 10; mark “For CSK.” Contact coordinator mbkunz@gmail.com with questions.

Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 7:30-9 p.m. –Room 204 – Join the Social Justice Council and help extend MUF’s caring locally, nationally and internationally. Contact co-chairs karenburns@casaessex.org or mbkunz@gmail.com for more information.

New Members

Please welcome Martin Fischer, Gretchen Fry, Ken Hoffman, Jude Pfister and Miriam Pfister, who deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book in January.

Newcomer/New Member Luncheon **Sunday, February 24, 12:30 p.m.**

A luncheon to be held in the Terrace Room, is a chance for you to get to know us better and for us to get to know you. Childcare will be available. Please contact Susan Oxman at soxman13@verizon.net by Sunday, February 17, if you plan to come. You can also sign up at the Welcome Table.



Getting to Know UU Workshop **Sundays, March 2, 16 & 30, 1 p.m.**

This workshop for newcomers and new members will be held as follows:

Track 1: Adults led by Rev. Alison Miller

Track 2: Children led by Kim Mason, Interim Director of Religious Education

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
- . Get to know others who are interested in membership or who have recently joined.

To register, e-mail Chris Dunning at chris@muuf.org or call 973-540-1177, ext 201.

Annual Three-Day Winter Retreat

Friday-Monday, February 15-18

Join the Metro New York Young Adults in the beautiful foothills of the Catskills Mountains in Upstate New York. Young adults between 18 to 35 from the tri-state area are invited to attend. The retreat features activities such as circle worships, hiking, cross-country skiing, arts and crafts and ample time to catch up with old friends or opportunities to make new ones, all in a private, ECO-friendly lodge. Meals are included! **Only \$250 per person.**

Visit www.Connectuu.com and search under **Metro New York District**, or contact Samantha Garland at 917-902-3736 or sp209@hotmail.com.

REGISTRATION OPEN SPACE IS LIMITED!

Coffee Hour Hosts

The Program and Administrative Networks are providing opportunities for members and friends to get to know the various good works of the Fellowship at Coffee Hour – each Sunday a different committee or activity will host Coffee Hour and share its work and dreams.

Committee chairs – check with your network to see when your group is signed up. It is easy to do and does not need to be a costly venture.

Kudos for Dan Cohen for years of coordinating our Coffee Hour program.

LISTENING: “So when you are listening to somebody, completely, attentively, then you are listening not only to the words, but also to the feeling of what is being conveyed, to the whole of it, not part of it.”

– Jiddu Krishnamurti (Indian Theosophist Philosopher)

The Committee on Ministry and the Well-being of MUF

The Committee on Ministry (COM) works with MUF members and the professional ministry to strengthen the overall ministry of the Fellowship. COM listens to personal issues that may arise between individual members of the congregation, committees and/or the professional ministry and staff. COM encourages direct, constructive and respectful communication, and can act as a facilitator when requested. Anyone is encouraged to contact any member of the Committee on Ministry. All input to COM is confidential.

Ron Corey, Pat de la Fuente, Paul Ferm, Beth Hayward, Gloria Jackson, Don Preziosi

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have now removed all “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 so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.

Contributions to the Celebration of Life

The Endowment Fund thanks the following:
Arthur Lloyd and Dai Miyazki for donations in memory of **Henry (Hank) Luer**.

Kel Domovs for his donation in memory of **Jean Hubble Domovs**.

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
Saturday, February 2	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Creating Lay-Led Services	p. 6
Saturday, February 2	7:30 p.m.	Yip Harburg's Broadway Tunes	p. 5
Monday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Saturday, February 9	3:00-7:00 p.m.	Adult OWL (Our Whole Lives)	p. 6
Mondays, February 11 & 25	7:00 p.m.	Soul Cards: An Intuitive Collage Process	p. 6
Fridays, Feb. 15 & March 14 Saturdays, Feb. 23 & March 1	7:30-9:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Habitat Crafting Bees	p. 4
Saturday, February 16	4:00 & 7:30 p.m.	Black Maria Film & Video Festival	p. 5
Sunday, February 17	12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Peace Luncheon Discussion led by Beverly Hays	p. 6
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Caregivers' Time-Out

**Sundays, February 10, March 2 and April 13,
2-3:30 p.m.**

These meetings in the MUF library are informal get-togethers for caregivers to share coffee, snacks and conversation. Phone the MUF office at 973-540-1177 for more information.

West African Drum and Dance for All Levels

Wednesdays, February 20 & March 19

Drum at 6:30 p.m., Dance at 7:45 p.m.

Presented by Marafanyi Percussion, featuring Lara Gonzalez & Yael Shacham

A holistic approach to drum and dance that is fun, encouraging and accessible, exploring traditional African music and movement. All skill levels are welcome, from teens to seniors. Dress comfortably for movement. *\$15 per drum or dance class, \$25 combo price for both. \$5 drum rentals available with pre-registration only.* For more information, visit www.MySpace.com/MarafanyiPercussion.

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FEBRUARY 15

Sunday Services

Services at 9 and 11 a.m.



February 3 Power Appeal

Rev. Alison B. Miller

February 10 UUs We Have Known and Loved...or Not

In this service, we will hear about famous UUs who have inspired us and those who may have been a bit of a scoundrel. Come find out which is which...or are they one and the same? And in honor of Chinese New Year, perhaps we need to banish some evil spirits?

Coordinated by Jane Shivas

February 17 Letting Go

Rev. Alison B. Miller

February 24 Now Is the Time

Rev. Alison B. Miller