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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

WHAT DOES IT MEAN to be a member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship? This is the question that many of the newcomers asked during the recent "Getting to Know UU" series. As a religious institution that prizes the religious seeker and her voyage, we do not require membership in order to participate in either our Sunday Services or most of our activities. This has led several people to ask me, "What would change if I join MUF?"



I am proud of our welcoming atmosphere and openness to the good and interesting folks who spend a period of time at MUF on their way to somewhere else. I hope that we always have a place for these individuals in our religious home. Yet, I would turn the previous question around a bit and ask another, "What would our lives look like if we never had the courage or we never cared enough to make commitments?"

Joining the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship is about making a commitment to yourself, to our spiritual community and to the world. There are four elements of membership that I would like to lift up this April as we kick off our Annual Pledge Drive, welcome new members and honor long-time members of our congregation.

1) Nourish your spirit. The first element of membership is finding something in our congregation that nourishes your spiritual life. We hope you find regular activities through which you find renewal, inspiration and the challenge to deepen your spiritual life. Two examples are our worship services and our religious education ministries.

2) Share your talents. Once you have found the activities that sustain and inspire, we hope that you will volunteer to help with one of our programs, events or committees. Depending on how much time you have, this may be a once-in-awhile commitment or a regularly scheduled one. Depending on the specific talents you wish to share or develop, this could be in the area of worship, education, community building, governance or justice.

3) Share your treasure. The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship exists because of the generosity of its members and friends who fund the vision, programs and facilities of our vibrant, growing and liberal religious home. Please, be generous with your financial support to help us realize dreams for you and for all who seek what we offer.

4) Live Our Values Out Loud. It is our hope that through your involvement with us, you will be inspired to act upon Unitarian Universalist values in your life beyond our walls. This can also take on many forms, whether through one of MUF's social responsibility programs or through deeds of advocacy and service elsewhere in your life.

So, what exactly changes when you join our Fellowship? Rather than saying "maybe," you say "yes!" to this covenanted community as your partner in creating a more holistic life for yourself and a restorative presence for our world.

In faith,

Alison

Alison's Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and by appointment

Annual Meeting Sunday, June 4, at 12:30 p.m.

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From the Board of Trustees

Deeds Well Done

The Board wishes to acknowledge and gratefully thank the following members for their service to the Fellowship:

- Tony Rutigliano, Anne Paust and Maggie Chilton for creating and conducting the financial workshop "Building the Center: Finance"
- Susan Spencer, Susan Oxman, Sarah Jane Rath, Matt Rath, Sharon Glickman, Carol Todd, Miriam Pogash, Jim Burchell, Tony Rutigliano, Rita Morris, Michelle Kunz and Karen Burns Rutigliano for their work on the Alternative Gift Fair

Recent Developments

Based on recommendations from the Administrative and Program Networks, the Board approved two proposals for use of Endowment Funds:

1. Purchase of a new video camera and essential accessories
2. Workshop Rotation start-up costs for Religious Education

The Board has recommended Eleanor Mason to the New York Metro District as recipient of this year's "Unsung Unitarian Universalist Award" for her many years of social and political activism, her involvement with the UUA-UN, and for helping to found this Fellowship. Although the Metro District will be receiving recommendations from other congregations, we sincerely hope this award will be bestowed upon Eleanor.

A Youth Advisory Council is being organized by our Minister and DRE to work with Jami Thall and John Franklin in their transition out of youth ministry, to support our youth during this transition, and to address the important issues of ministering to our youth.

Upcoming Board of Trustees and Network Meetings

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7:00 p.m. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, the Administrative Network on the third Wednesday, and the Program Network on the fourth Wednesday. *It is especially important for committee chairs and members who participate in Fellowship administration and programs to attend and participate in the Network meetings.*

Meetings in April are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	April 12
Administrative Network	April 19
Program Network	April 26

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from the previous month are approved at the next meeting; therefore, minutes of the February meetings are now approved. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website in the Members Only section. Reading the minutes will keep you up to date on developments within Fellowship Committees, recommendations made to the Board, and decisions made on behalf of the Fellowship.

Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!

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.

The deadline for EACH Newsletter is now the 15th of the previous month! All articles for both print and online versions of the Newsletter should be e-mailed to melodylingers@verizon.net (editor PAT BAXTER) by the 15th of the month preceding the one in which they will appear. The deadline for each issue will also appear on the address panel of each Newsletter.

Our Financial Health

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

	July 2005 through Feb. 2006	Feb.06 Actual	Feb.06 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Feb. Actual	July-Feb. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
INCOME	Pledges, collections, donations	12,976	26,333	-13,357	230,908	209,668	21,240	315,000
	Rentals	2,981	2,533	447	19,913	20,267	-354	30,400
	Fundraising	1,417	4,000	-2,583	16,160	19,000	-2,840	39,100
	Other	0	1,792	-1,792	17,023	15,008	2,015	22,425
	TOTAL INCOME	17,374	34,658	-17,284	284,004	263,943	20,061	406,925
EXPENSES	Salaries, wages, benefits	18,837	22,668	-3,831	163,108	186,748	-23,640	277,422
	Administrative, program	6,602	6,183	420	54,514	51,475	3,040	80,686
	Building, other	5,896	5,371	525	46,443	44,168	2,275	68,152
	TOTAL EXPENSES	31,335	34,222	-2,887	264,065	282,391	-18,325	426,260
	TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)	-13,961	436	-14,397	19,939	-18,448	38,386	-19,335

- NOTES**
1. The February loss is not accurate as income was not posted, but salaries paid, for two weeks. Total recovery by March 1.
 2. As of February 28, we were still \$38,386 ahead of budget.
 3. Committees and MUF departments are submitting their budgets, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will make recommendations to the Board, which will make its decision in April.
 4. Fundraising and personnel expense are below budget; Office and RE expenditures are above budget.
 5. Direct deposit will be offered in the near future.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer

See Our Website (Members Only) for Reminder on Pledging/Financial Support

Help Wanted!

This is a new feature of the Newsletter. MUF committees can use this section to post information about open leadership positions and volunteer opportunities.

This month, the Nominating Committee is providing a list of leadership positions for which, according to Fellowship By-Laws, that Committee must provide a slate of candidates **to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting on June 4**. Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee with suggestions for potential candidates. Job descriptions for these positions may be found on the web site: www.muuf.org. All time periods run July–June.

Board of Trustees:

- President-Elect: One-year term as President-Elect (2006-2007) followed by one-year term as President (2007-2008)
- Secretary: Two-year term (2006-2008)
- Vice President – Program: Two-year term (2006-2008)
- Endowment Committee Member: Three-year term (2006-2009)
- Nominating Committee Member: Three-year term (2006-2009)

Nominating Committee: Ron Corey, Helene Ferm, Shari Loe, Lisa Schmitt and Kelly Schnur

Faith Developments

THE DREAM TEAM AND I have been hard at work, planning a change for how we deliver Religious Education at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. Our dream is to make Religious Education a meaningful experience for all kinds of children. It's not to change what we deliver; it's more to change the method of delivery of what our children have always learned within our walls.



We still want our children to understand Unitarian Universalism, its principles and purposes, and the sources from which we draw our knowledge and wisdom. We want our children to love their community of faith; we want our children to understand social justice, and why we choose to put our faith into action as well as talk.

Finding new ways to bring Social Justice and Stewardship to our children has been at the front of my mind. The adults and Senior Youth of our faith community have found so many ways to walk our talk, and I aim to bring more opportunities to our children and Junior Youth, too.

During a recent Children's Chapel about Darfur I realized that our children understand that part of our work is to bring justice to all the people of the world. It's partly our curricula – we do talk about it a lot. But I believe it's more because of our actions that we take as adults, modeling the kind of behavior that we hope to foster in our children, that helps them be such wonderful global citizens.

Have you taken your children to a demonstration or vigil? Do they help you cook for the soup kitchen? Do you discuss current events at the dining room table? Do

they help you with recycling or composting? Do they give money toward any charities, or volunteer their time at events that help others? Do you show them, with your actions, how to be a global citizen? When I talk to our children about peace, or about individual rights, or about the inherent dignity and worth of all people, they understand at such a deep level. I suspect that you must be having similar conversations at home with them, too.

What about stewardship? Do they see you volunteering your time in your faith community? Do they see you adding to the collection basket so we can help others in our community less fortunate than ourselves? Do they see you singing during worship? Do they see you welcoming new visitors?

Do they see you helping by attending meetings where the work of governance, or service planning or social justice projects are developed? Do they see you returning a dirty coffee cup to the kitchen for washing? Do they see you picking up a piece of trash blowing in the parking lot? Are you helping with the MUF Spring Cleanup Day, as a family?

Did you know that our first and second-grade class has gone out once a month for a good part of the year to pick up trash around our property and find a special tree to journal about? They are learning to be stewards of our community and earth in a deep way. They are disturbed to see trash lying in a spot that they just picked up the previous month.

Pay attention to the modeling you do as stewards of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. Think about how your children are viewing your actions. Find a way to give of your time, talent and treasure to MUF, so that our children will also understand the importance and value of our faith community.

Yours in faith,

Robin

Robin's Office Hours for April are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., and by appointment

 * Definition of stewardship from a UUA *
 * curriculum: "Stewardship means taking care of *
 * something we value and enabling it to grow. *
 * Stewardship calls us to take responsibility and to *
 * make a contribution of our time, talent and *
 * treasure." *

Religious Education Calendar Highlights

April 1	Family-Friendly Spring Cleanup Day and Ice Cream Social
April 2	Children's Chapel
April 8	MUF Variety Show
April 8-9	District Junior High Con
April 11	Dream Team meeting
April 15	Free-faith, family-friendly Seder
April 16	Easter Egg hunt
April 18	RE Council meeting
April 22-23	Junior High Retreat
April 23	Dream Team coffee hour
April 25	Dream Team meeting
April 28-29	District Annual Meeting (with Children's Workshops)

UU Niagara Experience Open to UUs July 16-19

If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls, or if it is already one of your favorite places, this is a chance to experience its wonder, including some great educational opportunities, while in the company of UUs from around the country. The First UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four-day experience to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our web site at www.uunex.net, e-mail info@uunex.net, or phone 716-791-4453.

Birding Weekend

Friday-Sunday, May 5-7



If you are a birder, or would like to learn about bird watching in the company of other Unitarians, this announcement is for you. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Jersey Shore is having its 7th annual "Birding B&B," where they provide beds, meals and guided birding tours for guests. There is an abundance of woodland and shore birds in our area. The weekend is May 5-7. You can get more information from their website, www.uucsjs.org, by e-mail at betsysearight@comcast.net, or by calling 609-645-2869.

Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-12 noon

(Inclement Weather/Completion Date: May 6)

- Optional lunch follows.
- Select activities available for the whole family; RE participants invited to stay to make their own sundaes!
- Interior & exterior suggested activities, or name your own!
- We had a lot of fun in the Fall and MUF looked great, please come out to help.
- Questions? Contact Bruce Daggy at bpd2011@optonline.net.

Spring Circle Dinner

Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m.

Signup required by March 19 with Diane Martin at jkdldmartin1@aol.com.

First Monday Book Group

Monday, April 3, 7 p.m.

We will read a nonfiction book, *The Assassin's Gate*, by George Packer. Our book for May will be *Eleni*, by Nicolas Gage; June's book will be *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, by Thomas Hardy. Come and join us in Room 208. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com.

EVENSONG

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

A lay-led small-group service providing an opportunity to explore individual life journeys in an intimate and supportive setting. Through readings, music, quiet reflection and sharing of our experiences, we will explore the following topics:

April 5 What Fools Are We?

Come share April Fools stories and tell us how you have experienced mischief and being gullible.

April 19 The Pace of Life

Are things moving too fast or too slowly for you? What do we do when we're not happy with the tempo of life around us?

For further information see the MUF website or contact Drew Hayes.

Minstrel Coffeehouse

Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

April 7, 14, 21, 28

Information from 973-335-9489 or www.folkproject.org/fp_minstopen.html.

Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room

Sunday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.

A multidimensional study of one of the biggest business scandals and greatest corporate disasters in American history, this film shows how top executives from the 7th largest company in this country walked away with over one billion dollars, leaving investors and employees with nothing. The film features insider accounts and rare corporate audio and video tapes that reveal colossal personal excesses of the Enron hierarchy and the utter moral vacuum that posed as corporate philosophy. The human drama that unfolds within Enron's walls resembles a Greek tragedy and produces a domino effect that could shape the face of our economy and ethical code for years to come. Strengthen your constitution before the film with a delicious soup luncheon (\$3) after second service. Sponsored by Seeds of Peace.



Blood Drive

Sunday, April 23, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

In the Terrace Room at MUF. Please save this date to donate your lifesaving pint of blood, and register with Zella in the Great Hall.

Annual Jazz Concert

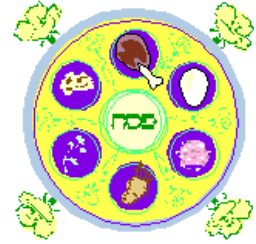
Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m.

This year's finale on the Saturday Evening Concert Series will be the Bob DeVos Jazz Quartet. Guitarist-composer-arranger Bob DeVos has been critically hailed as a "brilliant player, a master with a sound to die for: rich, full, deep, positive, round and warm." He will be joined by Tim Harrison on piano, Tom Dicarolo, bass, and David Humm, drums. Call Pat Baxter at melodylingers@verizon.net or 973-627-3282 for tickets: \$15 until May 13, then \$20.

Please join us for our free-faith, family-friendly *MUF Passover Seder*



Saturday, April 15
 3:30-4:00 p.m. Meet and Greet
 4:00-7:00 p.m. Seder Ritual and Meal
 (in the Meeting Room)
 7:00-8:00 p.m. Dancing



\$5.00 Adults (ages 13 and up)
 \$2.00 Children (ages 6-12)
 Free for ages 5 and under

All are invited (guests and visitors welcome)

The Passover Seder is a ritual retelling of the Passover story. It is a remembrance of the Exodus of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and a celebration of the struggle for freedom then and now. Our Seder will include special foods, customs, songs, a scavenger hunt for the children and dancing.

Since we are planning a cooperative meal, we'll ask you to bring a specific food contribution and to help set up, serve or clean up. We'll provide sample recipes that are free of bread and leavened goods. If you prefer not to bring food, we'll welcome an additional donation.

Reservations are required. Please purchase tickets on Sunday morning in the Great Hall or contact Gloria Jackson (gloriajcksn@aol.com) to reserve your seat.

Metro NY Minute — Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Friday-Saturday, April 28-29 – UU District of Metro NY 2006 Annual Meeting

Topic: Radical Hospitality: Welcome All Into Our House

Stamford, CT, Marriott Hotel – Keynote Speaker: Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

Register online at www.uumetro.org or call Laurie Golson of the UU District of Metro NY, phone 914-271-7861, and contact Rita Morris at rmorris@starbucks.com for carpooling.

Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25 – UUA 2006 General Assembly, St. Louis, MO

Topic: Toward Right Relations

Registration and housing opened March 1. Registration forms, etc., will be available at MUF and also at www.uua.org/ga. Registration rates increase May 1; children's registration closes May 31.

CHALICE LIGHTERS CALLS' special collection on February 26 amounted to **\$1,700**, which will help the *Fourth Unitarian Society of Westchester* to defray the expense of engaging its minister half-time rather than on the current quarter-time basis, and enable the *UU Congregation of Central Nassau* to begin renovations to make at least one bathroom wheelchair-accessible. The message from the NYC Metro District: "That is great news and represents wonderful support from the Morristown Congregation. Thanks again."

Rita Morris, Denominational Affairs/The Wider U

Social Responsibilities Committee
April Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need



New Study Action Group forming "Immigrant Concerns & Support"

MUF has been supportive financially, spiritually, socially and practically to the members of the Wind of the Spirit – Immigrant Resource Center here in Morristown for several years. We have several members who are individually active in helping WOTS. The SR Committee would like to formalize MUF's focus on Immigrant Concerns & Support. The first step is to form a Study Action Group that lays a foundation for further action: We would study UUA positions on Immigrant Rights, invite in several immigrant support groups (including Wind of the Spirit) to brief us on their views, needs and priorities and then set an initial agenda for a MUF Social Action Group on this topic. Timetable: study in spring; formalize later summer/fall. Given the seriousness of the challenges immigrants are facing, having MUF be more vocal and visible while being consistent with UUA positions is a timely prospect. **We will be meeting on Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.**, to begin this process. If this issue is one tugging your conscience, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact karenburns@casaessex.org.

Peaceworks 49th Humanitarian Aid Shipment for the People of Nicaragua–Sundays, April 23 & 30

– Room 100 - Please take part in helping to fill this shipping container to the brim (!) with school supplies (notebooks, crayons, pens, paper), computers in working condition (Pentium II's or newer), all accessories; bicycles in working condition, sports supplies, medical supplies, summer clothing (clean, ready to wear), household items, tools. Pack like items in boxes and clothing in small plastic bags.

Eric Johnson House – AIDS/HIV Recovery Residence – Family-style dinner, Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-7 p.m. Share your hospitality and/or kitchen skills by participating in hosting our MUF monthly dinner for the wonderful residents of EJH. Contact MUF Coordinator Susan Spencer at sspencer@optonline.net to receive your "assignment" – you'll be added to the rotation.

Morristown Soup Kitchen –Tuesday, April 11– Thanks to all the wonderful March chefs! We need lots of help again – soups and casserole makers (chicken legs, meatloaf, etc.) – and servers on the day of! Store casseroles in MUF freezer prior to April 9; thereafter in fridge. Clearly mark for Community Soup Kitchen. Contact Sharon Glickman, MUF Coordinator, at foxwood2@optonline.net, to confirm you are helping.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, April 8, 4:45-7 p.m. –Help to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. Contact: Judy Goldberg O'Neil to be part of the MUF contingent.

NORWESCAP (Northwest NJ Coalition Against Poverty) – Support-a-Family – MUF continues to offer supplemental support for struggling Dover-area single mom with three teen boys and a 5-year-old girl. Current needs: large storage containers, set of dishes, toaster, bicycles for three boys 26" and girl's starter w/training wheels. Single sheet sets – blue, pink, tan. Gift cards to Stop & Shop, Target.

Next Social Responsibilities Committee Meeting/Quarterly Funding Allocations – Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. – Help allocate Sunday collection 50% set-asides since January 1. Help organize and fulfill MUF ongoing SR agenda. Contact: karenburns@casaessex.org or mbkunz@gmail.com.

If you'd like to sponsor a coffee hour after one of our Sunday morning services, contact Dan Cohen at danielcohen@optonline.net.

Women's Spirituality Weekend

Friday-Sunday, April 7-9

Held at the Kirkridge Retreat Center, Bangor, Pa. (less than an hour from Morristown), this workshop on the theme of "Reflections of Your Inner Self" begins at 4 p.m. Friday and lasts until lunch on Sunday. Fee is \$200 for two nights, six meals and the workshops. The Rev. Alison Miller will be with us Friday night and part of Saturday. It includes workshops on the Buddhist concepts of forgiveness, compassion and interdependence. Signups are on a first-come, first-served basis.

MUF Variety Show

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

You will be amazed and amused. You will laugh until you cry, but most of all, you will be entertained by people you know who have wonderful talent. Come have an evening of fun with your friends and family at this Fellowship-wide family-friendly event, produced and directed by our own Master Showman, David Landau. Babysitting and kid activities will be available for a small fee for the wee ones. Tickets are available at the Box Office: \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens; children under 12 are free. For additional information, contact Michelle Kunz (mbkunz@gmail.com).

Global Partnerships Conference a Great Success

"Such knowledgeable speakers" - "Where did you find them?" - "I'm so sorry the whole Fellowship was not there!" Such was the acclaim for MUF's all-day conference on "Saving Lives Through Economic Justice," right in line with our beliefs: "A world community with peace, freedom and justice for all."

A heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who gave freely and graciously of their time and effort: Sharon Glickman, all signs and directions; Jo Sippie-Gora, everything; Susan Lausell, all graphics; Susan Oxman, volunteers chair; Nancy Tweed, who took over for Susan; Ann Renz, display table; Annette Tyler, registrar; friends from the League of Women Voters; Michelle Kunz, luncheon; Karen Burns Rutigliano, SR chair with Michelle, and Claire Dixon and Eleanor Mason, co-chairs.

And, of course, our minister, Rev. Alison Miller, always dedicated and supportive, plus other numerous and dedicated volunteers. It was all a joyful effort. Look for results of our successful microcredit

Building Matters

It's never too late to say "thank you" to all those loyal folks who came out to the Fall Cleanup Day last November. It was the best-attended in history! So much was accomplished - leaves raked, windows cleaned, walls and first-floor doors and frames painted, flagstones reset at the top of the steps leading to the terrace and Memorial Garden, and the Terrace Room walls cleaned.

Thanks to participants Ann Renz, Larry Nagel, Diane/John Martin, Bruce Kaduk, Sue/Geoff Spencer, Kathy Burgess, Linda Delap, Ellis Jacob, Mickey Salgo, Joe Uhrhane, Elbjorg Berkenkamp, Kathi Caccavale, Steve Gruber, Tony Rutigliano, Susan Hunt, Astrid Martin, Linda Clark, Al Thompkins and members of the Beautification and Preservation Committee (Steve Rice, Bruce Daggy, Marti Weinstein, Matt Rath and Arlyne Dalman).

Geoff Spencer was crowned champion in the afternoon's First Annual Silver Chalice Poker Tournament.

Marti Weinstein

Save the Date!

MUF-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10

We're looking for folks who want to help put on a fantastic Yard Sale this year. Stop by the Box Office to talk about what we need and what you can do to help. For additional information, contact Michelle Kunz (mbkunz@gmail.com).

Jason Ricci and New Blood CDs Available

CDs by Jason Ricci and New Blood (an incredible mix of jazz, blues, and funk) are now available at the Box Office. The band has also made a recording of its March 11 MUF performance available for free download at www.archive.org/audio/etree-details-db.php?id=34740. The "VBR MP3" is format is recommended.



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.



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, April 1	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Annual Spring Cleanup Day	p. 6
Saturday, April 1	7:00 p.m.	Spring Circle Dinner	p. 6
Monday, April 3	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
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Fridays, April 7, 14, 21, 28	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
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Sunday, April 23	8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Blood Drive	p. 6
Saturday, May 20	8:00 p.m.	Annual Jazz Concert	p. 6

Bring in your old *UU Worlds*

The PR Committee would like to put some older issues of *UU World* in the vestibule for visitors to pick up. If you have any at home, please bring them in and put them in the mailbox for the Public Relations Committee.

Service Auction Bills were due on February 28. If you haven't paid yet, you can pay at the Box Office or mail your check to the Fellowship, attention Anne Paust. Help us out by paying now. If you have questions about your invoice, contact Patricia McNaught.



TO ASSURE PRIVACY of our members and friends, all "Joys and Concerns," personal telephone numbers and home addresses are removed from the *public* online newsletter. The Members Only copy includes the full information.

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APRIL 15

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Sunday Services (9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)



April 2 **What Would UUs Do**

Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour.

Rev. Alison B. Miller

April 9 **Buried Treasure: Canvass Sunday**

Rev. Alison B. Miller

April 16 **Easter Sunday**

We will have the pleasure of listening to the MUF Choir sing Darrell Courtley's "Variations on the Mass" during this service.

Rev. Alison B. Miller

April 23 **Choose Life – Save Earth**

Reena Kondo, Regional Representative for the Metro NY District of the UU Ministry for Earth, will speak about the dire environmental crises facing our Earth today, the increasing recognition of problems by the UU community and the world at large, and hopeful signs for future action. The "Variations" will sing. Pledge cards handed out by our youth will inspire us to choose life, love Earth and work much harder to save Earth.

Coordinated by Linda Clark, Eleanor Mason and Pat De La Fuente

April 30 **Belonging: Membership Sunday**

Honoring new members and long-time members. Music by Ken Piascik.

Rev. Alison B. Miller