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

*Morristown Unitarian Fellowship*

# News

*Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out*



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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.

## *From the Minister . . .*

### DID YOU KNOW

that our Puritan forbears banned Christmas celebrations when they came to America? First, they found no evidence in the Bible that Jesus was born in December. Second, they objected to the raucous partying associated with the holiday. In 1687 the Reverend Increase Mather described the Christmas revels: “The generality of Christmas keepers observe that festival after such a manner as is highly dishonorable... they are consumed in compotations, interludes, in playing cards, in reveling, in excessive wine, mad mirth....”



The Puritans viewed caroling as a prime example of the excessive and wild behavior. In 1725 the Reverend Henry Bourne cried, “Christmas caroling is a disgrace generally carried on amidst rioting and chambering and wantonness!”

Christmas celebrations were viewed as potentially dangerous to the order of society. In Europe, the working class observed the holiday by celebrating in the streets—drinking, making lots of noise and wearing costumes. They would stop by the homes of their employers and be served lavish amounts of food and drink. The class role reversal was a means of employers expressing gratitude for their workers’ labor throughout the year.

By the mid-1800’s wassailing practices escalated to the point that Christmas seemed more

like a riot. Urban merchants and the wealthy began to pool money in order to hire extra police officers to keep order in the streets. Much like today, this method was not very successful. Eventually the holiday was moved off the streets into homes, and the role reversal shifted from the wealthy serving the poor to parents serving their children.

Christmas carols continued to have a bad reputation and were thought of as drinking songs until reformers like the Unitarian minister Edmund Hamilton Sears transformed them into songs of hope and peace. Sears wrote the first Christmas carol that expressed the social-ethical significance of the gospel and Christmas story and their implications for modern day. This carol is the familiar “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” written in 1848.

Sears was inspired by the angel’s words in Luke, Chapter 2, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, good will to all.” The Mexican-American War had just ended and there were battles breaking out across the frontier between settlers and Native Americans and between slavery supporters and abolitionists. The words in this song were a radical departure from traditional Christmas songs, and Sears endured much criticism that it was too “humanist” in orientation by not mentioning Jesus.

The ravages of war inspired another carol written by the Unitarian poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1862, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.” He heard the bells peal out carols of peace which seemed to mock the sadness he felt for his war-torn nation. He wrote, “For hate is strong and mocks the song, of peace on earth, good will to men.” The medium of the carol is used to express the moral urgency he feels to resist the war. Longfellow’s words ring powerfully in these years which also seem to bring endless wars, “God is not dead nor doth he sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men.”

Let us sing loudly together in our services this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, more fully appreciating the relevance of these songs to our times.

In faith,  
*Alison*



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

## Young Adult Brunch with Our Minister

Are you between the ages of 18-35? College students, young professionals and young families are invited to come to Alison and David’s home for brunch on Sunday, December 4, after the first or second service. They will be serving food from 11 a.m.-1:15 p.m. RSVP to [amiller@muuf.org](mailto:amiller@muuf.org).



*If you did not expect to receive this print Newsletter...*

The mailing labels for the Newsletter are being produced in the MUF office from our new membership database. You may have received this newsletter even though you have opted to read it online. Please call or email ([maggie@muuf.org](mailto:maggie@muuf.org)) the MUF office to correct this, and thanks for saving paper and postage.

Thanks,



Maggie Chilton, Administrator

### ***Missing Persons Wanted!***

If you have noticed that any member or friend who used to attend MUF regularly is no longer coming, we would like to know about it. The Welcoming and Membership Support Committee would like to contact these people to find out how they are doing and why they are no longer attending. Help us find our missing persons! Please contact Susan Oxman at [soxman13@verizon.net](mailto:soxman13@verizon.net).

### ***MUF's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memories Blog - 50 Years and Counting!***

Don't forget to leave your memories of our 50 years on MUF's "Blog"! You can reach it from the home page of our website and read the memories others have recorded and add your own. You may also send written memories to the Fellowship c/o "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memory Book." We look forward to your thoughts either way.

### ***Board Meetings Open to Members***

This is a friendly reminder from your Board of Trustees that all board meetings are open to members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14.

## **Our Financial Health** *(Figures may not add up exactly due to truncation and/or rounding)*

	<i>July 2005 through Oct. 2005</i>	Oct.05 Actual	Oct.05 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Oct. Actual	July-Oct. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledges, collections, donations	42,649	26,333	16,316	127,421	104,336	23,085	315,000
	Rentals	2,045	2,533	-488	8,475	10,133	-1,658	30,400
	Fundraising	1,908	0	1,908	3,698	5,000	-1,302	39,100
	Other	2,157	1,792	365	8,042	7,192	850	22,425
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>48,758</b>	<b>30,658</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>147,636</b>	<b>126,661</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>406,925</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries, wages, benefits	18,313	22,668	-4,356	77,508	90,674	-13,166	277,422
	Administrative, program	7,476	6,083	1,393	28,980	26,853	2,127	80,686
	Building, other	4,971	5,371	-400	18,544	22,684	-4,140	68,152
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>30,759</b>	<b>34,122</b>	<b>-3,363</b>	<b>125,031</b>	<b>140,211</b>	<b>-15,180</b>	<b>426,260</b>
	<b>TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)</b>	<b>17,998</b>	<b>-3,464</b>	<b>21,463</b>	<b>22,605</b>	<b>-13,550</b>	<b>36,155</b>	<b>-19,335</b>

- NOTES**
1. Pledges and donations are coming in well. Thank you all! We really appreciate your contributions.
  2. Rental income is slightly down.
  3. Fundraising income is also not as high as we had hoped.
  4. We are not spending as much as we had planned on Salaries.
  5. We are not spending as much on Building/Other as we had planned, but large expenses may be down the road.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer*

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

### **Help Beautify and Preserve Our Building and Grounds!**

Are you interested in the beauty of our MUF home? In preserving the beauty of the building and the grounds? The new Beautification and Preservation Committee needs you.

Whether or not you can help by lending your expertise, or more actively by completing some of the jobs, your participation would be greatly appreciated by all. If you are interested, please contact Arlyne Dalman at [ajdalman@optonline.net](mailto:ajdalman@optonline.net).



## Faith Developments

LAST WEEK, ON THE DRIVEWAY on my way to work from my new house in Blairstown, I had to sit and wait for a huge flock of what I think were Common Grackles crossing the driveway. It was hundreds of birds, and they were flowing across the driveway in waves, stopping every few feet to peck at the fields on both sides of the driveway. I sat for many long minutes watching their feeding patterns, fretting that they would make me late, until I started to see the grace in their whirling patterns of flight. And then the wait became magical and fascinating.



At this time of year, as we approach holiday season, life becomes frenetic in pace, and it's easy for us to become overwhelmed with too much to do, the need for 30-hour days, and too many demands adding stress to already overstressed lives. Finding the time to sit for a few minutes, admiring the dancing waves of birds that cross our paths, brings us little moments of sanity in an otherwise insanely stressful life. I was more peaceful for my drive in to the office, able to let go of the many still-packed boxes littering our corners and hallways.

I remembered that there is so much more to life than answering the daily demands of our fast-paced lives. I remembered to be grateful for our peaceful new home, the help of many friends as I transition through a difficult time, and for the magic of the natural world that calls us back to our center, and gives us the gift of a break (even when we're already late). I had a moment of sheer perfect magic to enjoy, and a chance to remember what's truly important in life.

As you start shopping for the winter holidays your family celebrates, remember the less fortunate in our world, and give some gifts of meaning by shopping at the MUF Holiday Alternative Gift Bazaar. Bring in some mittens, hats and scarves for local children who have need, and hang them on the Mitten Tree on December 11.

Remember our children and youth at MUF, too. December starts signup for Mystery Buddies, where you can correspond with a child or youth at the Fellowship, and remember what's essential in life—helping our children grow into responsible, loving adults who can continue the good work of Unitarian Universalism, and have a whole lot of fun in the process!

After the New Year, we start lots of new programs at MUF. The first and second-grade class will begin *Our Whole Lives*, a human sexuality program for



## Religious Education Calendar Highlights

December 4	Parent Meeting for Our Whole Lives (OWL) Grades 1 & 2, 10:30 a.m.
December 4	Registration for/participation in Mystery Buddy program, thru Feb. 12
December 11	Mitten Tree, bring in your hats, mittens and scarves
December 24	Family Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.
December 25	All Ages service at 11 a.m. only, no RE classes
January 1	No RE, nursery only, one service at 11 a.m.
January 7	OWL 1/2 class Orientation, for children AND parents, 4-7 p.m.
January 15	Junior High Parent Orientation for ALL NEW Coming of Age

young children. Parents need to attend a Parent meeting on December 4, and parents and children attend an orientation session Saturday night, January 7. On January 15, parents of Junior High Youth have an orientation for an all-new Coming of Age program. Mark your calendars, and watch for an explanatory letter.

Yours in faith,

*Robin*



*Robin's Office Hours for December are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment*

### **The Mystery Buddy Program Is Coming!!**

Signups will begin Sunday, December 4, at the Mystery Buddy table and continue throughout December. The program will start in January, and run through February, finishing at the Valentine's Day Brunch on February 12. We had so much fun last year and it was such a success! It's a great way for adults, teens and children to learn about each other by corresponding and sending each other small gifts each week. For more info, contact Kim Dunn-Meynell at [KWDM1@aol.com](mailto:KWDM1@aol.com), or visit the Mystery Buddy table!

## Upcoming Events

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### *Minstrel Coffeehouse*

**Fridays, 8:30 p.m.**

Regular admission, \$6.

**DEC. 2 Chorus Song Night**

**DEC. 9 Open Stage**

**DEC. 16 The East River Ensemble and the Early Music Players**

**DEC. 23 CLOSED**

**DEC. 30 Pat Victor and Zoe Mulford**  
*For complete information call 973-335-9489 or visit [www.folkproject.org/fp\\_minstopen.html](http://www.folkproject.org/fp_minstopen.html).*

### *First Monday Book Group*

**Monday, December 5, 7 p.m.**

You were missed at the last meeting. Are there books you loved and you would like to share, or books you have always wanted to read and discuss? Here is your chance. We will be discussing *Player Piano*, by Kurt Vonnegut. Books suggested for the New Year were *Politics the Wellstone Way* and *It Can't Happen Here* or *Babbitt* by Sinclair Lewis. What books would you like to read? Please help choose the books to read for the remainder of the year. We meet in Room 208. Contact Nancy Lee McLure.

### *Normandy Chorale*

**Sunday, December 11, 1:15 p.m.**

The group will perform selections from Haydn's *Creation* and *Songs of the Season*. The donation at the door is \$8 for

adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

Refreshments will be served. The music will be performed under the direction of Bruce Sidelnik and accompanied by Beth Wilson on the piano.

### *Singles Christmas Party*

**Sunday, December 11, 4 p.m.**

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye!* Come to Eleanor Mason's, 6 Sunrise Dr., Morris Plains, for this annual event. Call Carolyn Schwartz for food assignments. Bring gift for traditional gift exchange. Have a merry, merry Christmastime!



### **EVENSONG**

**Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**

Evensong is a lay-led small-group service that provides 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 topic:

**December 14 Wonder**

Please bring a favorite refreshment and join us for a holiday party following the service. For further information please see the MUF website or call Drew Hayes.



## The Metropolitan Guitar Trio Saturday, December 3, 8 p.m.

Three Eminent Classical Guitarists,  
from Three Different Countries!



3-Concert Series: \$40 — Individual Tickets: \$20 (\$15 until Nov. 27)  
Contact Pat Baxter, 973-627-3282 or melodylingers@verizon.net

*Film: Poison Dust (2005, 84 min.)*  
Sunday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.

Audience discussion moderated by Sue Harris, the filmmaker of *Poison Dust*. This film tells the story of three young men from New York who could not get answers about their mysterious ailments after their National Guard unit's 2003 tour of duty in Iraq. A mother reveals her fears about the extent of her child's birth defects and the growing disability of her young husband, a vet.

Today, half of the 697,000 U.S. Gulf War troops from the 1991 war have reported serious medical problems and significant increases in birth defects among their newborn children. During the current Iraq War the U.S. use of radioactive DU (depleted uranium) weapons increased from 375 tons used in 1991 to 2200 tons. Are the troops coming home safe this time? Millions of Iraqis are affected. Sponsored by Seeds of Peace (formerly UUs United for Peaceful Alternatives). Optional soup lunch first, courtesy of Green Sanctuary at 12:30 for \$3.

## *Social Responsibilities Committee*

*Helping Our Neighbors in Need—Holiday Gifts from Your Heart*

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MUF

*Gifts of Conscience - Holiday Fair!*

**Sundays, December 4, 11, 18 – 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

10,000 Villages' Artisans & Heifer International Project and Six Other Alternative Holiday Gift Tables That Express UU Values!

Here's what you can offer that will change the world...one small "gesture of conscience" at a time. Honor the people close to you by buying lovely hand-crafted items made by third world artisans (who will receive the money!) and food and income-producing animals like pigs, bees, chicks & heifers for hungry rural families working to improve their lives...and by lots of other ideas to help local and wider charitable projects. Give a gift with a "special" message that provides poor people with a future!



- ***10,000 Villages Artisans***—We have taken a large consignment inventory of beautiful, value-priced toys, great jewelry, home decorative items, baskets, personal articles that make fabulous gifts for family and friends. We remit 90% of price to Ten Thousand Villages, which provides vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America (a long-standing program with retail outlets across U.S./Canada ([www.tenthousandvillages.org](http://www.tenthousandvillages.org) to learn more.) Remaining funds to be distributed to MUF-sanctioned local charities. Win, Win, Win!!! Bring your children, safe shopping, powerful message!
- ***Heifer Project*** –selling whole gift animals and “share” gifts of sheep, chick flocks, water buffalo, llamas, pigs, cows, honeybees and more!! Change the world by changing a family's or a village's life. There's even an “Ark” challenge!
- ***Wind of the Spirit*** - “selling” English Scholarship Lessons for new immigrants to Morristown.
- ***Peaceworks*** -selling fuel-efficient cooking ovens; donations for Inhijambia, the Managua center that works with street children; donations for the Masaya Women's Collective, providing literacy training and counseling against domestic violence and donations for the ongoing work of Peaceworks to help the forgotten people of Latin America.
- ***Green Sanctuary*** - selling environmentally friendly wildflower seeds, etc.

- ***Seeds of Peace***- selling books and T-shirts with powerful messages of peace!
- ***Eric Johnson House*** - donation cards with red ribbons and briefing booklets on the status of AIDS/HIV work in our area. (Also “Wish List” for residents’ presents available for “Dream Filling.”)
- ***UNICEF Cards*** - traditionally, the finest cards your heart will send during the holidays (see article below).

***Eric Johnson House Dinner -Wednesday, December 7- 5:30-7 p.m.*** Morristown HIV/AIDS Residence for 10 enjoys our company and cooking. Contact: Susan Spencer at [senspencer@optonline.net](mailto:senspencer@optonline.net). You can help us purchase holiday presents for the residents, too! Basic needs to cover, few frills.

***Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner -Saturday, December 10- 4:45-7 p.m.*** 60-80 homeless neighbors look forward to monthly MUF second-Saturday dinner of cheeseburgers & birthday cake. If you’ve got a few hours, the cooking, set up and dialogue with the guests is good for your UU-heart and soul. Meet at West Hanover Avenue shelter. Supervising Adults and Junior High age children needed for MUF team. Contact Michele Kunz to volunteer at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com).

***Morristown Community Soup Kitchen - Help is needed for Tuesday, December 13.*** We need 25 casseroles/entrees (to serve 8) and seven gallons of soup to serve 180-200 guests. Store food in MUF freezer prior to December 11; thereafter, in refrigerator. Mark for CSK (and contents, date, your name). Help needed for Serving Team on day-of. Contact Sharon Glickman at [foxwood2@optonline](mailto:foxwood2@optonline). Note: The Soup Kitchen Team will host Coffee Hour on December 4 and have signup sheets for additional helpers. The Annual Special Collection for MUF’s work at the Soup Kitchen will be held December 4.

***Morristown Food Pantry*** - Thanks to those who gave to November’s “Harvest Food Drive”!



## ***US-Sponsored Torture Must End***

**2005 Action of Immediate Witness** - The systematic use of torture as a policy of governmental control is a crime against humanity. Our practice of torture has shamed us and endangers our troops abroad and citizens at home. No United States policy or official—not the attorney general, not the secretary of defense, not the president—is above the rule of law, including laws against torture. This time-honored principle of respect for law is intended to prevent governmental corruption and the abuse of power.

**Take action now!** Raise your voice against U.S.-sponsored torture while Congress is considering the annual national defense appropriations. Call and write the chair and ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Subcommittees on Defense Appropriations. Access [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org) to send legislators an immediate message by email or fax, or call the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3121.

*Rita Morris, The Wider U (Denominational Affairs)*

## ***Sign Up for Movie Nights!***

Join us for MUF Movie Nights, where hosts feature flicks in their homes. Tickets (\$5), show times and signup sheets at MUF's Box Office between services. To host, contact the Flick Chick [a.k.a. Susan Spencer] at [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net).

***Sponsor Coffee Hour!*** If you'd like to sponsor a coffee hour after our Sunday morning services, contact Dan Cohen at [danielcohen@optonline.net](mailto:danielcohen@optonline.net).

## ***New Date for Super 50-50 Raffle***

Don't forget to buy your tickets (\$100 each) for the Super 50-50 Raffle, offering a grand prize of \$10,000, until the drawing January 28 at the SCAN concert. Proceeds will support our community and social action initiatives. Contact Michelle Kunz at [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) or Alyse Kalas at [malenka@aol.com](mailto:malenka@aol.com).

## ***Transylvania Tidbit***

The embroidered Unitarian flag is finished and has been received. We will have a presentation ceremony during an upcoming program. You can see it now at [http://photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/Embroidered\\_Flag/](http://photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/Embroidered_Flag/) and [http://photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/Photos\\_sent\\_from\\_Sinfalva\\_2005/](http://photobucket.com/albums/v218/MUF/Photos_sent_from_Sinfalva_2005/). Other photos sent by our Partner Church are also on view.



## ***Deeds Well Done***

The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the following:

- Thank you to all members who contributed to the wondrous evening of the Fellowship's **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration. So much time and spirit went into creating this now memorable milestone in our Fellowship's history.
- The **Service of Installation of Reverend Alison Miller** was a proud moment for our congregation. Thank you to members who made this ceremony possible. The celebration afterward reflected much preparation. Thank you to the many members who made the event possible.

The Board would also like to thank the **children in Religious Education** for their fundraising efforts to buy hymnals/songbooks and hymnal supplements. There are plenty of hymnals available now for Sunday services, and the congregation is also enjoying songs from the new UU supplement.

### ***PLEASE SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES EARLY THIS MONTH!***

Your editor would greatly appreciate it if you would send your articles for the January Newsletter *sooner but no later than December 11* if possible, in the interest of facilitating timely publication of both the print and online versions before she leaves on vacation. Just **EMAIL** all articles to PAT BAXTER ([melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net)). Thanks—and Happy Holidays!



## ***Contributions to the Celebration of Life***

From Claire and Fred Mayer in memory of  
**Jean Hubble**  
From Darrell and Mary Courtley in memory  
of **Marty Geltman**  
From Jane Baldwin, in honor of our 50th  
anniversary.

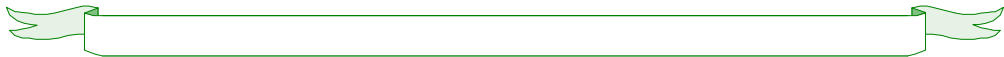
*Contributions to the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, or the Celebration of Life Fund are special ways of honoring family and friends. Your gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated.*



# *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.





## Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Fridays, December 2-30	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 8
Saturday, December 3	8:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Guitar Trio Concert	p. 9
Sunday, December 4	11:00 a.m.-1:15	Young Adult Brunch with Our	p. 3
Sunday, December 4	1:30 p.m.	Film: Poison Dust	p. 9
Monday, December 5	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 8
Sunday, December 11	1:15 p.m.	Normandy Chorale Concert	p. 8
Sunday, December 11	4:00 p.m.	Singles Christmas Party	p. 8
Wednesday, December 14	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 8
Sunday, December 18	7:00 p.m.	Yule Celebration	p. 16
Sunday, December 25	12:00 noon	Holiday Party	p. 16

### *Call for Participants*

If you would like to participate in or contribute to the upcoming January 22 service on "Science and Religion," please contact coordinator Wes Shanks.

### *Save the Date!*

Save Saturday, January 28, for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Central American Coffeehouse concert at MUF at 8 p.m., proceeds to benefit humanitarian efforts in Central American countries. Admission is \$20 until January 22; after that \$25. Patron (reserved seating) is \$30. For more information and tickets, contact Barbara Pecca.

# Sunday Services



9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
unless otherwise noted

## December 4 Understanding Class in America

Hurricane Katrina revealed and helped us all realize the deep class divisions in American society. What are the dimensions of this seemingly intractable issue? What are the “hidden rules” that determine class membership and inhibit class mobility? How should UUs respond and help?

*Tony Rutigliano*

## December 11 Gifts That Matter

Don't forget to bring scarves, hats and mittens for the Children's Mitten Tree in our Meeting Room.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

## December 18 Omnipotence and Other Mistakes

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

## December 18 Yule Celebration



7 p.m. – Come celebrate the joyous pagan holiday of Yule, the winter Solstice festival, with MUF's Earth-Based Spirituality Circle. If you have a drum, rattle or other percussion instrument, please bring it, along with a snack to share following the ritual. For further info, contact Danelle Simonelli at 973-(-).

## December 24 Christmas Eve at the Fellowship

7 p.m. – Family Christmas Eve Service *Rev. Alison B. Miller and Robin Slaw*  
9 p.m. – Christmas Eve Celebration *Rev. Alison B. Miller*



## December 25 Christmas Day at the Fellowship

11 a.m. – Christmas Day Service (An intergenerational service; no RE, but the nursery will be open.)  
12 noon – Holiday Party *Rev. Alison B. Miller*

*Note about the party: As well as being Christmas, December 25 is also the first night of Hanukkah. Please bring a gift valued at around \$5 for a gift exchange. We will have a children's exchange and an adult exchange. (We'll have a few extras in case, but try to remember.) You can also taste homemade latkes with sour cream and applesauce (Miller Family special recipe).*