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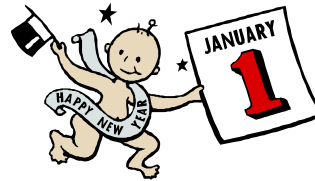
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TO ASSURE privacy of our members and friends, all "Joys and Concerns," personal telephone numbers and home addresses are now removed from the *public* online newsletter. A copy in the Members Only section of our website includes the full information.

*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 . . .***

**O**RIGINALLY NEW YEAR'S wasn't held near the Winter Solstice. It was first observed 4,000 years ago in ancient Babylon, and it began with the first New Moon after the Vernal Equinox. This was an important season of rebirth for this agricultural people—a time when they would plant crops and witness blossoms pushing up all around. The date continued to shift around until Julius Caesar finalized the Julian calendar beginning with January 1. January is named for Janus, the Roman god of gates and doors, beginnings and endings. He is usually depicted with two faces; one looks back to the year past and the other looks towards the year ahead.



Ironically, the group that resisted the change of the New Year from spring to winter the longest were our religious ancestors, the New England Puritans. They were offended by the idea of changing calendars around pagan gods. When Britain and the American colonies finally changed the New Year to January 1 in 1752, the Puritans changed the calendar, but refused the name January and just called it the "First Month."

This was not the only pagan tradition that early Christians attempted to resist. Around 600 B.C.E. the Greeks celebrated the New Year along with their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. The ancient Egyptians also celebrated the Solstice and depicted the newborn Sun as an infant whose mother was the great goddess called the Heavenly Virgin. Hmm... Sound familiar? The popularity of the baby as a symbol of the Solstice, the New Year, and rebirth forced the Church to reevaluate its position against this practice.

The rituals in early January are invitations to each of us to examine our past and to imagine our future. This can lead to a range of feelings including hope, helplessness, pain and “can do” confidence. People make resolutions about simple or significant changes they wish to make in their lives. This New Year’s tradition is very old indeed. Apparently, the common resolution in ancient Babylon was to return borrowed farm equipment. Let me caution you to look within for the changes you wish to make, rather than allowing the media to persuade you as to what matters most.

I also want to share a couple of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship’s resolutions that relate to our 2005-2006 theme of *Building the Center*. First, the “Sunday Morning Experience Task Force” will begin its work looking at all of the logistics and happenings that make Sunday morning a meaningful and positive experience for members and visitors of all ages. Second, we also begin our search for a new music director. We owe a huge thank you to Beth Wilson, who generously offered to serve in the position (for free!) when our last music director left in 2002. Beth’s gift of time, talent and dedication has made a lasting impression on me, and I am sure many of you too. Please, try to attend the forum after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on **January 22** to express your wishes and dreams for the music life at our congregation.

New Year’s Blessings,

**Alison**

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

## *From the Board of Trustees*

### **Deeds Well Done**

The Board would like to thank the following individuals and groups:

- Green Sanctuary Committee for exploring and implementing a new program to collect recyclables
- JoAnn Quattro, Judy O'Neil, Kelly Schnur and Claire Mayer for their coordination of and participation in the Religious Education children's fundraiser for songbooks/hymnals and supplements
- David Snedden, Pat McNaught and Marti Weinstein for helping the RE children produce the Microcredit Initiative banner
- Pat McNaught, David Landau, Charlie Carroll, Ron Corey, Sue Oxman, Erin Hodgson, Elisa Scott and Richard Kunz for their work on the Service Auction
- Alyse Kalas and Michelle Kunz for their work on Casino Night

### **Announcements**

Based on recommendation from the Program Network, the Board approved a Special Sunday Collection for each of these groups:

- Microcredit Initiative
- Partner Church
- Chalice Lighters

### **Board Meetings**

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11.

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).

## *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.

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

	<i>July 2005 through Nov. 2005</i>	Nov.05 Actual	Nov.05 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Nov. Actual	July-Nov Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	Pledges, collections, donations	30,054	26,333	3,721	157,475	130,669	26,806	315,000
	Rentals	3,175	2,533	642	11,650	12,667	-1,017	30,400
	Fundraising	1,282	0	1,282	4,980	5,000	-20	39,100
	Other	1,825	1,842	-17	9,963	9,033	930	22,425
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	36,335	30,708	5,627	184,068	157,369	26,699	406,925
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Salaries, wages, benefits	20,360	22,668	-2,308	97,868	113,343	-15,475	277,422
	Administrative, program	7,738	5,433	2,305	36,873	32,286	4,587	80,686
	Building, other	3,415	5,371	-1,956	21,959	28,055	-6,096	68,152
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	31,513	33,472	-1,959	156,699	173,684	-16,984	426,260
	<b>TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)</b>	4,822	-2,764	7,587	27,369	-16,315	43,684	-19,335

**NOTES**

1. Fundraising is almost at budget, but mostly as a result of the Saturday Evening Concert Series.
2. Rental income continues to be slightly down.
3. Sunday Morning Contributions and Pledges are ahead of budget; thank you for your generosity!
4. Our expenditures on Religious Education and the Office are somewhat over budget.
5. Our expenditures as a whole are below budget, so we are adding to the surplus.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer*

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

### ***Thanks from the Community Soup Kitchen***

Thanks to all those who donated money to further our MUF effort for the Community Soup Kitchen. Your generosity was wonderful. And thanks also to those who volunteered to make a soup or casserole each month and to those who intend to give of their time to work at the soup kitchen.

If you missed the opportunity to be part of the special collection, you can write a check to MUF with a memo that this is for the Community Soup Kitchen.

*Sharon Glickman, MUF Soup Kitchen Coordinator*



## *Faith Developments*

**T**HE START OF THE NEW YEAR brings some first-time events for the Religious Education program at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. We will also be implementing three new programs this year.

Our first and second-grade class will start a program called Our Whole Lives (OWL) in January. All parents should have attended an informational session in December - if you haven't, please call me for information. All parents and students will attend a mandatory orientation for OWL on Saturday, January 7, and the first class starts Sunday, January 8. Our Whole Lives is a faith-based liberal human sexuality program that includes elements to help young people understand and express themselves in healthy, positive ways; to help them recognize and avoid abuse, and to show that the religious community affirms bodies as well as minds, hearts and spirits.



**O**n January 15, we will have the first parent orientation for our seventh and eighth-grade Junior Youth Coming of Age program (formerly known as Passages). Please plan to join us at 11 a.m. in the Junior High Room (204) to learn about how we'll be changing the program for this class in some wonderful new ways.

Also in January, we will start a monthly Children's Chapel, a worship specifically designed for younger elementary children at one time, and our 5/6 and 7/8 grade groups at another time. Our first Chapel will be held on January 8; the older students will attend chapel at 9 a.m. (for grades 5-8) and younger elementary children will attend from 10-10:30 a.m. On that Sunday, no children will attend the adult service, but will proceed directly upstairs to their classes or chapel.

Don't forget to start writing your Mystery Buddy letters in January!

All-new monthly Teacher's Circles start January 29. Food and enrichment for the body and soul, as thanks from the RE Council and DRE for the volunteer work that you do with our children and youth!

**T**he other exciting news is that the RE Council and I are working on plans for a new method for Religious Education called Workshop Rotation, to be introduced next September! We will be writing articles, hosting coffee hour, and introducing you to the ideas in various ways all winter and spring.

Workshop Rotation is an amazing new program that gives children and youth

## Religious Education Calendar Highlights

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 8	NO Time for All Ages downstairs; Chapel for 5/6, 7/8 classes at 9 a.m.; 4/K, 1/2, 3/4 classes at 10 a.m.
January 8	January 8 to February 12: MYSTERY BUDDIES!
January 15	Junior High Parent Orientation for ALL NEW Coming of Age program, 11 a.m.; Seeds of Peace student presentation on landmines, 1 p.m.
January 29	Teacher's Circle, open to all teachers. Come and be enriched with goodies for the body and soul!

many different ways of growing in understanding of Unitarian Universalism and Faith Development, by catering to multiple learning styles, giving depth to lessons, making lessons easier for teachers by appealing to their strengths, and by being just plain old FUN!

Yours in faith,

*Robin*

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

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 \* Imagine a Sunday School where \*  
 \* \* children drag their parents out of bed on Sunday morning! \*  
 \* \* adults beg to teach again! \*  
 \* \* youth deepen their understanding of their faith tradition! \*  
 \* \* kids have FUN! \*  
 \* Come join our Dream Team and help plan for the future! Contact \*  
 \* Janine Torsiello or Kris Johnson, co-chairs of the Dream Team, \*  
 \* or Robin Slaw, DRE, for more information. \*  
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## Upcoming Events

### ***Adult Discussion Forum Cancelled***

**Sunday, January 1**

The next Forum will be held Sunday, **February 5**, at 11 a.m. For more information, see [www.muuf.org/AdultPrograms.html](http://www.muuf.org/AdultPrograms.html) or contact Carol Todd at [caroltodd@att.net](mailto:caroltodd@att.net).

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

**Monday, January 2, 7 p.m.**

Join a book group for the New Year! We're considering discussing *The Known World*, by Jones. Please join us in Room 208 and help choose the books to read for the remainder of the year. Let Nancy Lee McLure know if you plan to attend on this date; if not enough interest is shown, the meeting will be cancelled.



### **EVENSONG**

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

Evensong is 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:

**January 4** Filling the Well: With the Holidays Behind Us, How Do You Replenish Your Soul?

**January 18** Faith: In What or Whom Do You Have Faith; What Role Does Faith Play in Your Life?

More information from Drew Hayes or the MUF website.

### ***Minstrel Coffeehouse***

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

Admission at the door is now \$7.

**Jan. 6** Orrin Star – Bill Griese

**Jan. 13** Open Stage

**Jan. 20** Harmonytryx – Greg Alexander

**Jan. 27** The Kennedys – James Ralston  
Information from [www.folkproject.org/fp\\_minstopen.html](http://www.folkproject.org/fp_minstopen.html) or 973-335-9489.

### ***Newcomers' Luncheon***

**Sunday, January 29, 12:30 p.m.**

The luncheon will be held in MUF's Dining Room. This is an informal way for us to get to know each other. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Susan Oxman at [soxman13@verizon.net](mailto:soxman13@verizon.net).

### ***Sign Up for Next Circle Dinner***

**Saturday, February 11, 7 p.m.**

The signup deadline is **Sunday, January 29**. Several dinner groups of eight each will meet in different homes. Participants will be assigned food to bring and notified of their host's location. No obligation to host but volunteer hosts are needed. We welcome new participants to this opportunity to socialize in a pleasant and relaxed setting.

For more information or to sign up, contact Marilyn Guernsey at [marilynguernsey@earthlink.net](mailto:marilynguernsey@earthlink.net) or Diane Martin at [JKDLMartin1@aol.com](mailto:JKDLMartin1@aol.com).

Service Committee Action Network

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# BENEFIT CONCERT

**Saturday January 28, 2006**

7:15 pm Doors Open • 8:00 pm Concert

**MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**

21 Normandy Heights Road -- near the Morris Museum

\$20 admission (\$25 after Jan. 22) • \$30 Patron (reserved seating)

Light Refreshments Are Included (BYOB)



**NYC NIGHT-ON-THE-TOWN RAFFLE to be Held (\$600 value)**

**INFORMATION: call 973 984-5371 or 973 989-0452**

## ***Social Responsibilities Committee*** ***Helping Our Neighbors in Need***

***Eric Johnson House – AIDS/HIV Recovery Residence – Family-style dinner, Wednesday, January 4 – 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 [sespencer@optonline.net](mailto:sespencer@optonline.net) to receive your “assignment” – you’ll be added to the rotation.

***Morristown Soup Kitchen – Tuesday, January 10*** - Thanks for the wonderful special MUF Community Soup Kitchen Collection in December! And thanks for the surge in soup and casserole makers and help on the day of. Still need casseroles January 10. We served 196 hungry folks on our December date. Store casseroles in MUF freezer prior to January 8; thereafter, in fridge. Clearly mark for Community Soup Kitchen. Contact Sharon Glickman, MUF Coordinator, [foxwood2@optonline.net](mailto:foxwood2@optonline.net), to confirm help.

***Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner – Saturday, January 14 – 4:45-7 p.m.*** – Be a bulwark against the pain and loneliness of homelessness. Bring some cheer – just be yourself and you can still have time for your own Saturday eve plans! – Help to cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. E-mail Michele Kunz -- [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com)

***MUF Members.... Thanks for Your Amazing Support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MUF Gifts of Conscience Holiday Fair!*** As of December 14 – with still one week to go—you all have stepped forward and purchased fair trade items from Ten Thousand Villages or purchased Heifer income-producing animals...and donated dozens of “cause-based donations” valued at more than \$9,000. This is a phenomenal outpouring! So many of your friends and relatives will have received these special holiday gifts this year...and so many of our poorest brothers and sisters here and around the globe will be the beneficiaries of your thoughtfulness. Full report to follow! Help us next year to be even more effective. Contact [karenburns@casaessex.org](mailto:karenburns@casaessex.org) with your ideas and you can help us in 2006!

***Martin Luther King Breakfast Tickets*** – Super community event at the Headquarters Hotel, Morristown, Monday, January 16, 8 a.m. Advance tickets (\$15) needed and available for sale from Annette Tyler, or at SR Table.

***New MUF Support for Dover Family*** – MUF has agreed to “sponsor” a second Dover single mother and her four children who are working with the excellent NORWESCAP (Northwest NJ Coalition Against Poverty) agency. While they strive for self-sufficiency, interim help is needed from MUF for basics for the family home – linens, towels, curtains, clothes for the children. Few frills. Details @ SR Table.

***Next Social Responsibilities Committee Meeting Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p.m.***, at MUF – Help set, organize and fulfill MUF SR agenda including supporting existing MUF Social Action groups, shared SR projects across MUF, and seasonal/special efforts. Help visit support agencies; help assess/allocate MUF collection funds for charities. Contact: karenburns@casaessex.org or mbkunz@gmail.com.

## ***UUA Advocacy Action Alerts***

On Tuesday, December 6, when I arrived at work, a timely Action Alert was sitting in my email box. This Action Alert encouraged me to contact my senators that very same day concerning our troops in Iraq:

“The House of Representatives reconvenes on Tuesday, December 6; they'll be greeted by a massive mobilization in support of withdrawing US forces from Iraq. The Washington Office strongly encourages Advocacy-News subscribers to take two minutes on Tuesday, December 6, to call your Representative's Washington Office and share your opinion.”

This Action Alert, if placed in our monthly Newsletter, would be a month out-of-time for the reconvening of the House on December 6. And, requesting email blasts to be sent from MUF on so many important issues of the day is not feasible. Therefore, I urge each of you to subscribe to Advocacy-News to add your voice to advocacy issues, which issues speak to each of our principles. As stated in the Alert above, “take two minutes” to live our UU principles, to make a difference in *our* world.

And it does not get easier than this: Type “uua action alerts” into your search engine (Google or otherwise). Click on the Washington Office for Advocacy site and then an Action Alert of your choice. In the body of the Alert will be a site where you can subscribe to Advocacy News. Remember, a click of the mouse carries your voice and our UU principles.

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

## ***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.

## ***More Movie Nights Available!***

Join us for MUF Movie Nights, where hosts feature flicks in their homes. Tickets, 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). She also has agreed to make available openings for Movie Nights from the Service Auction. These offer more opportunities during the new year to share some good movies with friends. Contact Sue or come to the Box Office to talk about it.

Chocolate: Gift of the Gods, sponsored by Geri Silk and George Aronson

George Aronson's photography loft

Movie: "Chocolat" (that's you-know-what in French)

Dine on exotic chocolate delights, "scholarly" introduction by Geri, gifts and take-home gourmet treats.

Saturday, April 8, 7 p.m. Price: \$25 – 21 openings. *Minimum of 15 guests.*

Movie Night, sponsored by Katharina Pietraszek and Robbie Schneider

Beat the February blahs; come to Katharina and Robbie's for movies along with wine, snacks and other beverages. You'll have a wicked good time!

Movie: To be announced.

Saturday, February 25. Price: \$25 – 5 openings.

Supper and a Movie, sponsored by Claire and Fred Mayer

Start at 6:30 with a supper of superb home-made soup, best breads and super salad. At 8:00, we'll start the movie, with popcorn; after the movie, we'll share beverages and home-made desserts.

Movie: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," that crazy 1963 comedy

Saturday, March 18. Price: \$25 – 5 openings.

Movie: "Harold and Maude," an all-time favorite about life, death, love and the meaning of life shown through the relationship of an 18-year-old boy and his 79-year-old woman friend.

Saturday, October 21. Price: \$25 – 1 opening.

## ***Super 50-50 Raffle Winners to Be Drawn at SCAN Concert***

This is the last month in which you can buy tickets (\$100 each) for the Super 50-50 Raffle—OR you can split one into quarter shares with friends. Look for tickets at the Box Office or at a table in the Great Hall or Terrace Room. The drawing will be held January 28 at the SCAN concert. Half the 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).

## *NJ Youths Promote Global Initiatives*

### *Sunday, January 15, 1 p.m.*



What began as a New Jersey middle-school teacher's concept of exploring issues of conscience with his students blossomed into the creation of Global Care Unlimited, Inc., a nonprofit organization aimed at promoting youth leadership in global humanitarian service initiatives. Currently, the Global Care students are dedicated to raising awareness and making a tangible difference in the lives of Cambodians as they rebuild their country.

The Sunday program, sponsored by Seeds of Peace, will open with an interactive gallery tour of student presentations about many aspects of Cambodia. Then teacher Mark Hyman and students will explain Global Care's mission, accomplishments and current Cambodian initiatives with respect to landmines and community building (particularly schools, hospitals and the living arts). A video, which he filmed while accompanying his student delegates to Cambodia, will follow. The program will close with a student poetry reading and a question-and-answer session. Middle-school and high school youth, as well as adults, are encouraged to attend. A soup luncheon will be offered by Green Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. for \$3.

### *Please Honor NEWSLETTER Deadlines*

All articles for both print and online versions of the Newsletter should be emailed to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) (editor PAT BAXTER) by the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month preceding the one in which they will appear. The deadlines for the next issue also appear on the front of each Newsletter.

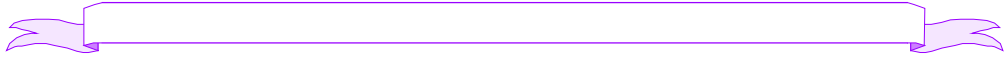
### *Contributions to the Celebration of Life*

From **Lee Hauck** in memory of **Jean Hubble**  
 From Betty Lacy in memory of **Walt Stasiak**  
 From **Garry and Mary Hodgson** in memory  
 of Frank Hayes, **Drew's** dad.

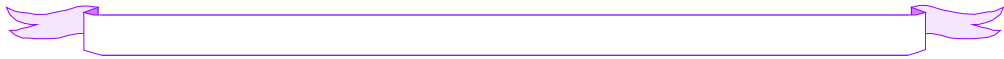
*Contributions to the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Garden Fund, or the Celebration of Life Fund are special ways of honoring family and friends. Your gifts will be acknowledged and appreciated.*



# 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.



## **Toby Jacobson, 1927-2005**

Our dear friend and member died December 1, after an illness of several weeks. A graduate of the University of Chicago, Toby was a writer for pharmaceutical companies for many years. He came to the Fellowship in the mid-90's, after his wife died, and signed the Membership Book in 1999. He leaves four grown children.



## *Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Monday, January 2	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 8
Wednesdays, January 4, 18	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 8
Fridays, January 6-27	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 8
Sunday, January 15	1:00 p.m.	Promoting Global Initiatives	p. 13
Saturday, January 28	8:00 p.m.	SCAN Concert	p. 9
Sunday, January 29	12:30 p.m.	Newcomers' Luncheon	p. 8
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Sunday, February 5	11:00 a.m.	Adult Discussion Forum	p. 8
Saturday, February 11	7:00 p.m.	Circle Dinner (sign up by Jan. 29)	p. 8

### *Singers Wanted for Choir*

The Folk Project would like to invite MUF singers to join its choir for a Valentine's performance at the Minstrel on Friday, February 10. The performance is a highlight of our musical and social calendar. There are only six rehearsals, the show is always great, and we are open to advanced and beginning singers. For questions, introductions, a schedule of rehearsals or directions, please call Choirmaster John Lamb at 973-895-5071.

## Sunday Services

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



### January 1 **Renewal: A Morning Circle**

ONE SERVICE at 11 a.m. Let's usher in the New Year together! Join us for some quiet time in meditation and reflection, as well as readings and music for the new year. No RE, but the nursery will be open. Crafts activities available for children.

*Coordinated by Pat de la Fuente and Marjorie Wormser*

### January 8 **Re: Solutions**

Continuing our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we will have a ritual and plaque dedication during worship to honor members who have served as president during the first 50 years of our history.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

### January 15 **Echoing Demands**

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

### January 22 **Science and Spirituality: Is There Common Ground?**

In these times of conflict between science and religion, we ask, from a UU perspective, how science influences our spiritual lives. Is it that the twain shall never meet, or is there perhaps a unifying vision?

Music by George Aronson.

*Coordinated by Wes Shanks, Betsy Burr and Danelle Simonelli*

### January 29 **Rev. Alison B. Miller**

#### **To All Committees and Others from the Admin Network**

During December and January, please locate and inventory the stuff you have stored in MUF closets, rooms, attic and other locations. Please discard items you no longer need and send your inventory list (location, high-level list of items, percent of space used) to Maggie by the end of January. Early in 2006, we're going to reallocate space and discard any unclaimed articles. Questions? Contact Maggie or Gloria Jackson.