



From the Minister . . .

I HAVE BEEN MEDITATING on the recent request of a young woman at a non-Fellowship meeting. At this gathering it is a tradition to open by sharing some tidbit about our lives at the current time. She simply stated, "I am searching for a mentor. I realize that people these days are incredibly busy, so actually I am looking for more than one."



This woman's story could be so many of ours. She moved to the Northeast a few years ago and enjoys many aspects of her life here. However, she used to participate in an intergenerational community where the elders cared about her next steps and she cared about theirs. She longed to regain the wisdom and loving connection that springs from such authentic relationships. She asked, "Do you know someone who would be willing to give me some time and guidance? Could one of you be that person?"

Congregations like the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship afford young and old the opportunity to practice making these influential connections born out of risk and love which help shape and reshape both the mentor and the mentee. I have heard wonderful stories about how some of you volunteered to help one of our junior high students with their credo, and one result was that you also learned more about what you believe. Mentoring relationships often take place where there is an age difference, but I would maintain this is not usually the case.

We all need mentors throughout our lives. Young? Recently moved? Recently divorced? Job promotion or transition? Struggling with an illness? The birth of a new baby? Writing a living will? Finally making the choice we held back on for so long? You name the situation.

We could all use the wisdom and loving connection that springs from an authentic relationship with an "elder" who cares about our next steps and for whom we care. An "elder" or "mentor" in this case can be defined

as someone who has had an insight from which we can learn, possibly because they have experienced something similar to what we are presently going through. This also means that by the mere fact of our daily living, each one of us also possesses some gift, skill or perspective from which others can benefit, if only we are willing to carve out the time and space to mentor.

The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship is increasing our capacity to foster such connections, and I hope you will take part in some way. You are invited to learn and to teach and to grow here not only through our programs with youth, but also through our new and developing adult classes, retreats and small group ministries.

Quaker educator Parker Palmer describes a powerful mentor as one who "awakens truth within us." In our religious tradition this is the task not of one person or one book; rather it is the beloved task of all.

In faith,

Alison

Alison's Office Hours are Tuesdays-Fridays,
by appointment

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday,
June 4, 12:30 p.m. (See page 11.)

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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.

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 also appears on the address panel of each Newsletter.

From the Board of Trustees

Recent Developments

The Board approved the 2006-2007 budget recommendations from the Finance Committee. The budget has been shared with the Administrative and Program Networks. Finance Committee members will answer any questions and an appeal process will be possible.

The Youth Group now has a Youth Adult Committee to work on transition with Jami and John, recruit an interim Youth Minister, and address the important issues of ministering to our youth.

The Endowment Committee provided formal approval of the two proposals approved by the Board last month for (1) a new video camera and (2) startup costs for RE Workshop Rotation. The approval stipulates that requests must be carefully estimated and appropriate training and organization be in place before monies are spent.

The Board approved the Personnel Policy submitted by the Personnel Committee.

The pictorial directory has finally arrived! See page 6 for arrangements for its distribution.

Upcoming Board of Trustees and Network Meetings

Meetings are open to all Fellowship members. The meeting time is 7 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 programming to attend and participate in the Network meetings.*

Meetings in May are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	May 10
Administrative Network:	May 17
Program Network:	May 24

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March meetings have been approved and are now 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!

Our Financial Health

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

	July 2005 through March 2006	Mar. 06 Actual	Mar.06 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Mar. Actual	July-Mar. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
INCOME	Pledges, collections, donations	33,397	26,333	7,064	264,305	236,001	28,304	315,000
	Rentals	2,523	2,533	-11	22,435	22,800	-365	30,400
	Fund Raising	5,739	10,100	-4,361	21,899	29,100	-7,201	39,100
	Other	6,316	1,942	4,375	23,440	16,950	6,490	22,425
	TOTAL INCOME	47,974	40,908	7,066	332,079	304,851	27,228	406,925
EXPENSES	Salaries, wages & benefits	26,532	22,668	3,864	190,743	209,417	-18,673	277,422
	Administrative, program	6,898	8,773	-1,875	61,473	60,248	1,226	80,686
	Building and other	8,251	7,871	380	54,694	52,039	2,655	68,152
	TOTAL EXPENSES	41,681	39,312	2,368	306,910	321,703	-14,793	426,260
		6,293	1,596	4,698	25,168	-16,852	42,020	-19,335

- NOTES**
1. We continue to gain more in income than we spend.
 2. It is possible that we will end the year in the positive column despite our deficit budget.
 3. We are spending less than our annual budget for personnel costs, though more for the month.
 4. Committees and departments have all submitted their budget requests for 2006-2007.
 5. The Finance Committee has prepared recommendations for the April Board meeting.
 6. Direct deposit will be offered in the near future.
 7. The Pledge Drive for 2006-2007 is going well.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer

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

Deeds Well Done

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

- **George Aronson** for 4 ½ dedicated years as webmaster (retired on March 31)
- **Kathi Caccavale** for taking initiative to develop the concept and coordinate the Seeds of Peace Sunday Service on March 19
- **Bruce Daggy** for successfully presenting the energy audit proposal to the Board and negotiating cost with the supplier
- **Bill Forsyth** for making energy-saving improvements to the building long before the energy audit
- **Erin Hodgson** for organizing most of the arrangements for the Youth Group Habitat for Humanity fundraiser on March 11
- **Jason Ricci** and his band (**Shawn Starsky, Steve Johnson and Todd Edmunds**) for donating their time and talents for the Youth Group Habitat fundraiser and spending time with the youth on Sunday morning
- **Jo Sippie-Gora** and other participants in the Seeds of Peace Sunday Service for an excellent program
- **Robin Slaw** for helping raise money to purchase hymnals and supplements and for bringing the children what adults are doing, including the recent postcard writing campaign
- **Todd Van Gordon** for repairing the sign to the overflow parking lot
- **Harry Wilson** for repairing the rocking chair for religious education



Faith Developments

A FEW PEOPLE had been recommending a book to me: *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, by Richard Louv. I finally picked it up, and read it on the way to and from Phoenix, while attending the mid-sized church conference.



The book is about how our children have lost touch with nature. When I was growing up (and likely you, too), I'd get up on Saturday morning, grab a quick breakfast, and head outside for the day with my brothers and sister. Sometimes we'd come home for lunch, sometimes we'd show up at a neighbor's house and they'd feed us. We'd come home when we heard the big supper bell ringing.

Around us we had a creek, acres of fields, some farmed, some not. We had large woods, a tree house, a fort, a dam on the creek, swimming, wading, fishing nets, ice skates, sledding in our backyard or across the street. We were allowed to ride our bikes in about a 25-square-mile circle around our house. We could disappear for the entire day without our parents worrying. We only got in trouble if we didn't return home by dark.

Our children don't have quite as much freedom. They often have many more hours of homework a day, nowhere to ride bicycles safely, and may not have any fields or creeks or woods within walking distance of home. They have electronic gadgets to take the place of wandering in nature. And our children are losing a spiritual upbringing that brings innate understanding when they aren't exposed to timeless wondering in and about nature.

The book came at the perfect time, as the Dream Team is working on plans for Workshop Rotation next year. I have pledged myself to ensure that our children will have as many opportunities as we can provide to spend some time outside, learning from nature. This year, the first and second grade spent one Sunday a month watching a special tree, journaling and drawing their tree, learning its life cycle. They also helped control trash on the Fellowship grounds by doing a trash walk the same morning. The teachers tell me it

was their favorite lesson of the month. The children came in with rosy cheeks, alive and glowing; I have no doubt it was their favorite time, too.

Using Workshop Rotation as a method of delivering religious education will allow us much more flexibility to do that. Here's how it will work, on a monthly basis:

Each month will have a theme. Themes next year will relate to our Unitarian Universalist principles. For example, in September, we'll have a theme on Building Community. Each class will have a Guide (or two) who stays with them all month, and each class will rotate through a series of workshops. September's workshops might include an art workshop to make name tags, an outside workshop to enjoy the labyrinth or plant bulbs, a games workshop where they'll play name games and other games to get to know each other, and a music workshop to learn a few songs that we'll use all year for children's worship.

Each week, the children will also hear a story about building community, and will reflect on the story as they work toward a workshop goal. That means that the outside workshop will have a goal of Building Community while exploring or planting. The arts workshop will make name tags that help build community. The music workshop songs might all relate to community building. And the games workshop will emphasize building community through cooperative games, explaining how the games help build community by fostering cooperation, trust and respect.

By the end of the month each class, from 1st through 6th grades, will have made their way through all of the workshops, and will end the month with a much stronger, cohesive group of children and Guides who know each other well. They'll look forward to the next series of workshops, where they will start learning about the inherent worth of all beings through story, song, games, theater, cooking, making a video news report, arts, crafts, being outside and many more ideas. Doesn't that sound like fun?

To make Workshop Rotation work, we need a few things to happen. Registrations for next year will be mailed out, and we need them returned in May, so we can plan for optimal teaching staff. We need people to volunteer to help Guide the children, or to run a workshop for a month.

You might really enjoy teaching the children an

Religious Education Calendar Highlights

April 30-May 31	Registration for 2006-07 year of Religious Education
May 6	Rehearsal for Age of Reason ceremony
May 7	Age of Reason ceremony and reception
May 9	Dream Team meeting
May 16	RE Council meeting
May 20	Rehearsal for Coming of Age service
May 21	Coming of Age service
May 28	Coming of Age Heritage trip to Boston

art technique, but don't feel ready to teach about UU history or spirituality. You would make a perfect Workshop Leader. Just think, as a workshop leader, you would prepare one workshop and teach it three or four times in one month, with slight modifications for age-appropriateness. Then you are finished, unless you enjoyed it so much you sign up for another rotation later in the year!

Some of you may prefer the more in-depth interaction engendered by being with children for weeks at a time, getting to know them in a more intimate way ... you would make a perfect Guide. You don't prepare a lesson at all, just show up to

guide the children through their morning, assisting workshop leaders as needed, guiding the children into appropriate choices and actions when necessary, engaging them in conversation about the theme.

The Dream Team and I are excited about the possibilities, dreaming of an awesome year of Faith Development next year. Plan to join us!

Yours in faith,

Robin

Robin's Office Hours for May are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and by appointment



Upcoming Events

First Monday Book Group

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m.

We will read *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:

May 3 Mothers (If you like you may bring a photo of your mother to share)

May 17 To Be Announced

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

Minstrel Coffeehouse

Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

May 5, 19, 26 (Closed May 12 for Spring Festival, www.folkproject.org/Spring06.html).

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

Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Join the Beautification and Preservation Committee as they complete the Spring Cleanup plan with outdoor planting and other grounds-keeping activities. Contact Matt Rath, Steve Rice or any member of B&PC to volunteer or for further information.

Newcomers Gathering

Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m.

The Welcoming & Membership Committee is planning this event at Steve Kreha's house in Madison. Childcare will not be available. Please contact Arlyne Dalman at ajdalman@optonline.net if you are coming. You can also sign up at the Welcome Table.

Women's Festival

Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m.

The theme of this 16th annual event is "Real Women, Read Bodies, Real Lives—Celebrating Our Whole Selves." Sponsored by Womenspace. Scholarships available.

This year's keynote speaker, Dawn Noble - corporate trainer, nurse, personal coach, entrepreneur and inspirational speaker—will make you laugh, cry and think, as you are inspired to explore and celebrate your whole self. Speaking on "There's GOT to Be a Better Way!" Dawn will share her own journey and talk about how to achieve a healthy lifestyle while creating true happiness and satisfaction in your life.

For more information, you can visit www.muuf.org/WomensFestival.html, or contact us at WomensFestival@muuf.org or 973-540-1177, x256.

MUF-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Volunteers still needed to help put on this fantastic Yard Sale—work before, during and afterwards. Here's your chance to get rid of those household items you no longer need! No clothing will be accepted. For additional information, contact Michelle Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com.



Photo Directory Is Finished!

Our long-awaited photo directory is finally finished after a long series of stumbles and bumbles—mostly by the vendor, but some self-inflicted too. Everyone listed in the directory gets a free copy. Copies are available to others at \$10 each. Please pick up yours between services!



Bob DeVos Jazz Quartet

Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m.

Bob DeVos, Guitar Tom Dicarlo, Bass
Tim Harrison, Piano David Humm, Drums



"the thinking man's guitar hero"

"soulful, intelligent interpretations"

"a brilliant player"

"musically mature and versatile"

"a modern player with strong traditional roots"

"full, liquid tone"

"long, blues-drenched melodic lines"

"DeVos has many stars in *Downbeat* and throughout the jazz media"

Tickets: \$20 (only \$15 until May 14)
973-627-3282 or melodylingers@verizon.net

Metro NY Minute — Upcoming Workshops and Meetings

Wednesday-Sunday, June 21-25 – UUA 2006 General Assembly, St. Louis, MO
Topic: Toward Right Relations. Registration forms, etc., available at MUF and also at www.uua.org/ga.
Registration rates increase May 1; children's registration closes May 31.

Message received from the "ONE MILLION VOICES FOR DARFUR":

To the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship—"Your postcards are starting to work and your voices are being heard. On Monday, the Bush Administration announced support for sending several hundred NATO advisers to aid African Union troops struggling to protect the innocent people of Darfur. This is a small step in the right direction. Thank you. David Rubenstein, Save Darfur Coalition."

MUF members, friends and RE children have sent over 200 postcards – great advocacy for justice!

Rita Morris, *The Wider U*

HELP WANTED: Adult Enrichment Program Committee

Are you searching for a way to deepen your spiritual journey? To meet others who share your passion? Get involved with the NEW Adult Enrichment Program Committee from the beginning to plan and implement a variety of programs for adults at MUF, from "What It Means to Be UU" to "Centering with Yoga" to "Social Justice NOW!" Contact Alison or Carol Todd at caroltodd@att.net for more information.



Social Responsibilities Committee

May Update -- Helping Neighbors in Need

Study Action Group Formed – “Immigrant Concerns & Support” Building on the groundwork laid in April, a group of MUF members invite you to continue the study of varied views related to US immigration reform and to explore, with us, MUF action options. We continue to consult with the UUA HQ and with activist UU congregations for effective models of support and outreach on immigration activities. UUA President Rev. Bill Sinkford states that “There are no easy answers, but the religious community is called to stand in solidarity with the oppressed ...that racism has blinded most Americans to what takes place in our own kitchens, workshops and fields. For our nation to be whole, we must acknowledge that our lives of privilege are supported in thousands of ways by people whose labor is invisible and whose suffering is hidden.” We will meet on a twice-monthly basis on Sundays, beginning May 14 and 28, from 10:45a.m.-12 noon in Room 209. Please join us. To ask questions, or receive an initial packet of reading materials, contact karenburns@casaessex.org.

Wind of the Spirit – Morristown Immigration Resource Center – will host its 6th Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m. doors open, reception at 8 at St. Margaret’s Church – 6 Sussex Avenue, Morristown. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 dollars at the door. Families welcome, children under 10 FREE. Music and Dancing. **A table of MUFers will be in attendance, join us in supporting the important work of this dedicated group. It is always a very lively and fun evening!** At a time of major challenges and heightened expenses for a shoestring budget, Wind of the Spirit can use our time/presence and financial support. To make a donation or to purchase tickets for the Annual Dinner contact 973-538-2035 or 973-984-0081. Checks can be sent payable to Wind of the Spirit, 19 Market St., Morristown, NJ 07960.

Sunday, May 7 – 2 Great Social Action Activities to Support!

Eric Johnson House – 16th Walk-a-Thon – to benefit the Morristown residence and the services they provide to persons living with AIDS/HIV. They have asked for MUFers as both volunteers to help staff the walk and walkers who will collect pledges. (Pledge sheets available at www.theericjohnsonhouse.org. If you are able to help/more details contact Rob Meredith (rob.ejh@verizon.net) and copy MUF EJH Coordinator, Susan Spencer (sespencer@optonline.net).

Will New Jersey Remain a Pro-Choice State? Gourmet Breakfast and Topical Discussion 9:30 a.m., Temple B’Nai Social Hall, 60 Overlook Drive, Morristown. Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, MUF SR Committee, Morristown Area League of Women Voters, Morris County NOW and NJ Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – Speaker: Laurie Lowenstein, Former Executive Director, NARAL Pro-Choice NJ – Moderator Barbara Kavadias, National Director of Field Services, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. \$5 at door; parking in back/use back entrance.

Morris Habitat for Humanity –Invites MUF members to Saturday Work Parties – 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Construction & Non-Construction Jobs. Great expansion in 2006 with 11 projects in Morris County – both new construction & rehabs. Must be 14+ (with adult supervision) or adult. All must first attend “Habitat Orientation Session” given monthly in evening. Contact Volunteer Coordinator: Suzanne Hartman, 973-605-5804.

Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinner – Wednesday, May 3, 5:45-7:15 p.m. – Share your hospitality and/or cooking skills by participating in hosting our MUF monthly dinner for the wonderful residents of EJH. Contact Susan Spencer at sespencer@optonline.net to receive your “assignment”; you’ll be added to the rotation.

Morristown Soup Kitchen – Help is needed for Tuesday, May 9, serving. Casseroles and Soup needed as well as people to set up/serve 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Sharon Glickman at foxwood1@optonline.net to let her know you are cooking or able to help.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, May 13, 4:45-7 p.m. – Help cook and serve homeless shelter residents their monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. Contact Judy Goldberg O’Neil at judyoneil@optonline.net.

Social Responsibilities Monthly Meeting – Thursday, May 11, 7:30-9 p.m. –Dining Room – Join the Social Responsibilities Committee and help us promote social justice. We serve as MUF’s voice/hands in our local community and by studying/addressing social justice “root problems.” Contact karenburns@casaessex.org or Michele Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com for more information.

MUF in Malawi, Africa

After the successful Global Partnerships Conference on March 25 and the generosity of the congregation's donations on March 26, the Microcredit Task Force has been in discussions with The Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA) regarding MUF's funding a microcredit bank in Malawi, Africa. FINCA has been operating in Malawi since 1994 and has almost 2,000 banking groups currently operating there.

FINCA is headquartered in Blantyre and serves all 28 districts in the three regions of the country. The majority of their clients are women who are involved in trade, selling second-hand clothes, spare parts, groceries, textiles and farm produce. Others have small enterprises including restaurants, bakeries, furniture-making and wood-selling. Studies show that women who do realize a profit from their work feed their families better and then go on to send their children to school.

FINCA Malawi has been selected to pilot HIV prevention and behavior change education and is demonstrating how their network of village banking groups can be used as a distribution system for training village bank members as peer educators to deliver behavior change messages. This program will be used as a model for integrating HIV/AIDS prevention education with microfinance programs that will be replicable worldwide.

After FINCA receives MUF's donation and employs the funds in its operations, we will receive information about the individual clients, the amount of their loans and how the loans have been used, as well as the repayment record of the clients. MUF's funds combat poverty, disease and lack of education. Look for more news about our microlending projects in the future. For more information, contact Claire Trudgen Dixon at pennnamehome@earthlink.net.

New Members

Since September, 21 people have deepened their commitment to the Fellowship by signing the membership book. Please be sure to congratulate them when you see each of our new members.

Fred Bosbous and Kyle Gustafson	Patty and Howard Paulman
Kathi Caccavale	Ken Piascik
Karen Dinsmore	Sarahjane and Matt Rath
Beth and James Haessig	Keith Sagers
Christine Golis and Steve Humphreys	Beth Sparacino
Susan Hunt	Kathy Waehler
Kirsti Morin	Diana and Brad West
	Marjorie Wormser

A Note of Thanks

As participants in last month's Women's Spirituality Workshop at the Kirkridge Center, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Barb Pecca, Karen Burns Rutigliano, Jane Kelly and Alison Miller for designing a spiritually nourishing and uplifting retreat. While the Kirkridge Center provided a beautiful, soothing environment, the program of learning and sharing was deeply meaningful and inspiring to all of us. It was a special weekend filled with laughter and camaraderie. Thank you!

Eleanor Mason Wins District Award

Eleanor Mason was awarded an honorary "District Unsung UU Award" at the NYC Metro District Annual Meeting held in Stamford, CT, in April. Congratulations, Eleanor! You make our Fellowship proud. A copy of the application submitted by our Fellowship Board, which is a bio clip of Eleanor's amazing accomplishments, is posted on our bulletin board in Room 100.

Rita Morris, The Wider U

Earth Day Pledge Results

This just in! The top three actions listed by those attending the April 23 Earth Day service as already taken to reduce our footprint on Earth are: **1. patronizing local merchants; 2. adjusting thermostats; 3. eating more organic food.** The top three *additional* actions pledged are: **1. eliminate/reduce out-of-season produce; 2. replace incandescent bulbs; 3. reduce/eliminate plastic bags for produce.**

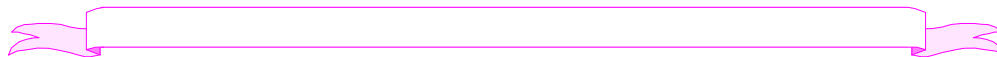
For those who did not turn in a pledge, forms will be available at the Green Sanctuary Table. Please make this commitment to do more to reduce your footprint on Earth. Much more is needed.



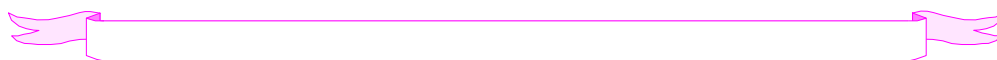
Linda Clark



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 Celebration of Life

To the Endowment Fund from **Steve Parker**

To the Endowment Fund from **Morton Jack Silk**, in memory of his wife, **Regina (Jean)**, and for the many kindnesses shown to her by MUF members and friends.

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
Monday, May 1	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 6
Wednesdays, May 3 & 17	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 6
Fridays, May 5, 19, 26	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 6
Saturday, May 6	9:00 a.m.-12 noon	Annual Spring Cleanup Completion	p. 6
Sunday, May 7	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Newcomers Gathering	p. 6
Saturday, May 13	8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.	Women's Festival	p. 6
Saturday, May 20	8:00 p.m.	Annual Jazz Concert: Bob DeVos Quartet	p. 7
Saturday, June 10	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	MUF-Wide Yard Sale	p. 6

Single Services in June

We will hold only one service, at 10 a.m., on each of the last two Sundays of the Fellowship year.

The June 4 service will be held at the Bickford Theater in the Morris Museum, and will be followed by a party (at MUF) for John Franklin and Jami Thall, in honor of their retirement as Senior High advisors. That will in turn be followed by our Annual Meeting.

The June 11 service will be followed by our annual year-end picnic.

Partner Church Flag to Be Presented May 7

The embroidered flag created by our Partner Church in Sinfalva, Romania, will be presented to the congregation at the May 7 service, and a Special Collection for the benefit of our Partner Church will be taken as well. Coffee hour with palacsinta (Hungarian crepes) will be sponsored by the Partner Church Committee.

We're Here All Summer!

"Summer Sundays" run June 18-September 3. The Fellowship will hold services all summer, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Generally less formal than services from September to June, Summer Sundays in previous years have been vibrant, creative, and frequently led by MUF members. This is your chance to share your ideas, your talents and yourself with an open, caring community during the warm weather. Let us know what you'd like to see happen during the summer, and we'll work with you to help create a meaningful Sunday morning experience.

Contact Pat de la Fuente at karasr@optonline.net or Alison Miller at amiller@muuf.org.

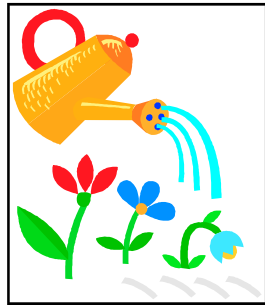
To sponsor a coffee hour after one of our Sunday morning services, contact Dan Cohen at danielcohen@optonline.net.



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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MAY 15

**Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday,
June 4, at 12:30 p.m. (See page 11.)**

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



May 7 Wise as Serpents and Peaceful as Doves

The title comes from the logo of the Transylvania congregations. The embroidered flag created by our Partner Church in Sinfalva, Romania, will be presented to the congregation, and a Special Collection will be taken for the benefit of our Partner Church. A special "Age of Reason" coming of age ceremony for 1st and 2nd graders will take place at 9 a.m. Music by the Normandy Chorale.

Rev. Alison B. Miller

May 14 The Circle of Love

Many forms of love support and renew us in the course of our lives. Through music, readings and poetry, we will reflect on the power of five forms of love: love at life's beginning, romantic love, the love that creates community, love at life's end, and spiritual love. These relationships are shared and renewed with each generation, creating an unending circle of love.

Presented by Bob Verbrugge, Carol Todd, George Aronson, Janine Torsiello and Marjorie Wormser

May 21 Credo: What are Unitarian Universalist Beliefs?

Honoring our Coming of Age youth.

Robin Slaw, Acting Director of Religious Education

May 28 True Heroes

Music by Kate McAteer.

Rev. Alison B. Miller