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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister . . .

*"I have merged, like the bird, with the bright air,
And my thought flies to the place by the bo-tree.
Being, not doing, is my first joy."*

– Theodore Roethke



THE FIRST PRINCIPLE

of membership in our Fellowship is an invitation to "Nourish Your Spirit." It is a request to pay attention to your mind, body and spirit. It is a call to include the daily and weekly practices that keep you sane and the ones that make you whole.

In a time of uncertainty in some of our lives and in the world around us we remind one another that making time for our wellbeing is crucial. That is only half right. Our wellbeing is something to pay attention to all of the time.

Nourishing our bodies, our emotions, our aspirations, our spirits, our relationships and all the things that sustain us will help to create our greatest joys. If we nourish these, joy and healing will come even in the midst of trials. If we don't nourish these, we often discover an inner dissonance in a circumstance of plenty. The world around us seems to be filled with achievement, abundance and anything we want, yet our inner world may be filled with a sense of lack.

This community and our spaces of worship and spiritual practice serve as a reminder to tend the vines of hope withering or flourishing within – the vines attempting to wind towards love, connection, healing and the holy. Too often, other spaces in our lives serve as encouragement to tend the vines of fear which also have the capacity to wither or flourish – the vines attempting to wind towards insecurity, the illusion that we are independent, immediate pleasure, and desires or actions that cut us off from those we love and all that is sacred.

If you don't already possess a daily, or at least weekly, spiritual practice that allows you a space of reflection, renewal, connection and clarity, I invite you to experiment with a few practices this spring. Let me share a few suggestions that are possible right on our property or near your home.

Walk a labyrinth on a regular basis. We have one by the whispering wall that is available day or night. Attend a worship service every week – ours are held on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. Begin a meditation or contemplative prayer practice. The sanctuary, the second-floor Chapel and the third-floor Meditation room are available whenever our building is open (most of the time). Enjoy a hike alone, with a friend or with a pet. We live in the Garden State, options are everywhere. Begin reading a portion of a sacred text on a daily basis. The Bible, the Tao Te Ching, the Upanishads and a collection of poetry are but four options.

May such practices nourish your spirit, so that your inner vines may indeed grow into visible connections with the kinds of achievement and abundance that will bring you to a place of inner and outer joy, peace and celebration.

In fellowship,

*Alison's office hours are Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday
by appointment.*

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Mission and Covenant Statement

WE, the members of the **Morristown Unitarian Fellowship**, mindful of the rich diversity and essential oneness of human experience, covenant to weave the fabric of community from the strands of our separate lives.

This is our pledge:

- To create for ourselves and our children a spiritual home which will nurture, challenge and offer us renewal.
- To seek what is true even as we celebrate the mystery of existence.
- To reach out to all who share our liberal religious values and participate in the broader Unitarian-Universalist movement.
- To work for social justice and the well-being of our planet Earth.

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

Thank you!

Deeds Well Done

The Fellowship board recognizes and thanks the following members and friends for their work at MUF and in the community:

Avianca Bouchedid for donating toys to RE.

David Snedden for his work on coordinating and filling in for the Sunday morning ushers.

All of the MUF members who represented MUF at the marriage equality rally at Drew University through the cold and rain.

Upcoming Board and Network Meetings

Meetings are at 7 p.m. and open to all Fellowship members. This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	May 13
Administrative/Program Networks	May 20

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the most recent meetings have been approved and are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website. (Go to the Members Area and scroll down to the "Board of Trustees"; or from the homepage, click on "Congregational Leaders" and then scroll down to the Board and click on "Board Meeting Minutes.")

Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!

The President's Corner

WHEN I THINK BACK TO MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MUF, I hear the loud, animated voices in the entryway as I open the front doors. I see the vibrancy of its members and friends talking about what is currently happening at MUF. I hear the laughter of children on the second floor engaged in their teacher's lessons. I hear the beautiful music coming from the sanctuary. Mostly, I hear the welcome to our congregation from all of you. I knew I would be here for a long time and I have been. It took me two years to join the Fellowship because I couldn't believe this place was for real.

Here I am 16 years later and I still hear and see animated voices, high activity, the sounds of children's laughter and music that sends chills down my spine. What got me then, and still gets me now, is that we put our values into action. It is so different from the experience I had in my childhood growing up in a different religion.

This is why it is so hard for me during the budget process. I feel like I spent my tenure on the Board in a slash and cut mode and it makes me weary. I want nothing more than to have rich summer programming, fully financially supported RE, staff to push forward our mission for ourselves and our wider community, a website that says, "This is who we are. Come join us." And a building space that lives our green values, is in full repair, is fully accessible to all and is filled with community support groups and justice centers. But it's getting harder and harder to see how we can do all this with the resources we have available.

The reality is that we are in a difficult position financially, without any easy solutions. Honestly, only 5% of our budget goes to RE and our committees (not including staffing costs). Our fixed costs are high, with staff, debt and our building accounting for 83%. The last 11%, our administrative costs, go for our office

supplies, computer, legal, liability, accounting, UUA and Metro NY fees and other UU obligations. We sent our fall redo for our current budget through the networks and we honored your recommendations.

So here we are again. With rising staff costs, building costs and other fixed expenses on the rise and with so much to be done for us spiritually, and so much justice left to help beyond our doors. What do we do?

It would be nice, first of all, to have your trust. We are working very hard on this, and we will not spend your money unwisely. Secondly, it would be fantastic to have those of you who can afford to give find it in yourselves to increase your already generous donation. We understand that times are tough, and some of you are hurting financially. But please think about what you can afford, and balance that against what this community means to you and your lives.

Thirdly, join us at the network meeting this month to share your ideas. Finally, if we do not receive enough of a financial commitment, please know we are doing our best to honor our mission, but that we will have to make some tough choices. We will need to look at our fixed assets and make decisions that will not sit well with many on the Board or in the congregation. That is what happens when our means don't match our desires.

I know this is a generous congregation. But I also know that our costs are rising faster than our income. The question for us is what choices do we make to continue to live our values, support our mission and still live within our means.

I am confident that we will all come together and find a way to make this work.

In faith and hope,

Mary

Mary Hodgson, President

Our Financial Health

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

	Year-to-date	Annual Budget
Pledge Income	\$313,917.88	\$412,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$402,037.32	\$543,300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$374,290.44	\$536,129.00
Difference	\$ 27,746.88	\$ 7,171.00

Faith Developments

HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY

to engage in a research paper and then step into a learning situation that addressed the “big question” you are looking for in your paper or project? It’s a blessing when it happens, because the experience affirms the “big question” you are asking and you are able to confidently connect with the paper in a new and compelling way.



I have almost finished, Spirit willing, a 35-page paper titled *Creating Multigenerational Communities*. It’s the last project I need to accomplish before I graduate from Christian Theological Seminary in May with a Master’s Degree in Specialized Ministries – Religious Education. My big question is: “Are Unitarian Universalist multigenerational communities necessary for the growth and health of congregations devoted to the spiritual development, social conscience, and religious education of its members?”

My paper is leading to a big YES, but the research has been exhausting, and organizing the paper into something understandable and systematic has been more difficult than actually writing the paper.

John H. Westerhoff III wrote a book called *Will Our Children Have Faith?* It was an important book, written in 1976 and revised in 2000. He contends that the “hidden curriculum of life” is “far more significant and influential than our formal educational program.” He “discovered that the learning needs of people do not always correspond to a schooling context, an instructional design, or curriculum resource.”

This is difficult to write, because we spend so much time on curricula and teaching in our religious education programs. But we also know that what we “do” is always more important than what we “say” in religious education. How we treat each other and listen to each other in community in a multigenerational context is more important than learning the history and principles of Unitarian Universalism.

It’s a balance, but taking the time to be in dialogue with one another in meaningful ways is the hidden curriculum that we need to pay attention to. If I am listening to you and engaged in the conver-

sation, I am living into the first principle of “the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

For four days, Matt Rath, Shari Loe and four of our youth spent time at the Unitarian Universalist–United Nations Office Spring Seminar. Thank you, Matt, for being the Youth Advisor to four of our girls, and thank you, Shari, for bringing a speaker to the youth group who inspired four of our youth to participate – Ally Becker, Molly DeSmedt, Sam Spector, and Erin Luken.

The panel speakers and events took on a greater meaning as time marched on. While the lectures and testimonies were inspiring and heart-wrenching, and the call to action was great, it was time spent in a multigenerational community that brought me to the truth of our faith in action. Just the simple act of eating a meal together and talking and laughing together is what makes our faith real. Youth need us and we need youth. It’s as simple as that. The richness of our faith tradition is expressed through working in the tension of engagement, understanding and the give and take of community.

Learning in classrooms every Sunday is of course part of what we need to do to educate and that is important. When we connect with all ages and share our personal truth with one another outside of the classroom learning environment, our faith of Unitarian Universalism becomes enlivened. We need to share our stories and build bridges across the ages for our faith to be realized in a way that brings meaning to our lives.

At the end of our time together in a Spring Seminar that disregarded the “pure market” syndrome of age groupings, I felt the revelation of love and compassion building within me. When my eyes tear up for what appears to be no reason at all, and when I feel moved to change my attitudinal direction from one of apprehension and judgment to inspiration and awe, I know the “hidden curriculum” of life is taking hold. And that’s a very good thing indeed.

Karen

Annual Budget Faces Serious Decisions



Dear Congregants,

Our financial health and financial peace lies with all of us collectively. It is the job of the Board, the Finance Committee and the administration to see that our collective resources are used in such a way as to fulfill our vision and mission. It is your time, talent and treasure that make it happen. Without our collective resources, none of what we do is possible. Spring is a financially busy time of year as we wrap up the current fiscal year and plan for the next. And *we need your help.*

Cash Flow Challenge

During the month of April, we experienced a cash flow crisis and drew \$20,000 from our equity line of credit to weather this cash squeeze. The intent of this line of credit is to navigate times of little cash, not to add to our total mortgage debt. This means that we must repay it by the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30. In order to repay it, we must stay within our budget, both on the expense side and the income side. For this, *we rely on the balance of your pledges for this year.*

Budget and Annual Budget Drive

Spring is also the time of year when we create a budget for the following fiscal year. Many of you remember that last year we created a budget based on

what we thought the congregation would pledge. Our estimate turned out to be wrong. As the pledge cards came in after the budget was passed at our annual congregational meeting in June, it became apparent that the collective pledge amount was less than our budget. We then proceeded to make budget cuts to create a balanced budget, which was adopted at a special congregational meeting in November.

This year we intend to get the budget right the first time and for that we need your help, but for this we need an accurate income amount. *If you haven't already done so, please help us to better serve the congregation by getting your pledge cards in as soon as possible.*

Our budget process has begun and, assuming no increase in pledges, the usual increases in expenses and a building with many maintenance and repair needs, the budgeting process is full of difficult choices. I hope we can all reflect on all of the great programming, charity, community outreach that we do and feel proud. It is our collective giving that makes it happen. Any stretch in our giving makes a difference, no matter how small. I encourage us all to stretch, not until it hurts, but until it feels good.

Toward a continued vibrancy with financial peace,
Susan Lausell, Assistant Treasurer

Slate of Candidates to be Voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting June 7

President: Gary Kunz, 1-yr. term
President-Elect: Lisa Schmitt, 1-yr. term
VP Administrative: Arlyne Dalman, 2-yr. term
Treasurer: Susan Lausell, 2-yr. term
Asst. Treasurer: Venkat Puranapanda, 2-yr. term
VP Program: Rita Morris, 1 yr. remaining of 2
Secretary: David Palmer, 1 yr. remaining of 2
Endowment Committee:
 Carolyn Evans & John Solu, 3-yr. terms
Nominating Committee:
 Don Preziosi, 3-yr. term



2009 General Assembly Will Be Held June 24-28

Registration is now open for this event, to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Delegates will vote to accept or reject the Draft Statement of Conscience on Peace-making. Contact garegistrar@uua.org.

Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Cleanup Party

Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Join the Beautification & Preservation Committee for this event. Signup sheets will be in the Great Hall after Sunday services, or contact Bruce Daggy at bpd2011@optonline.net. See you there!

Taichi Light

Saturdays, May 2 and 16, 10-11:30 a.m.

Al Chu will teach this simplified version (in the Terrace Room) of the traditional Chinese Tai Chi and Qigong exercises that is easier to learn, memorize and practice by people of all ages, especially for people of advanced age or reduced physical mobility. Helps increase body flexibility and sense of balance, and stimulates physical and mental vitality. A DVD is available to help you practice the exercise at home, free to Service Auction winners; others can buy it for \$20.

First Monday Book Group

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

We will be discussing *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, by Willa Cather. In June we'll focus on works by the late John Updike—his short stories or novels. Contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com.

Employment Workshop

Thursdays, May 7-28, 10 a.m.

Gain some skills in your search for a new and better job. This workshop will cover such issues as how to write a resume, search for an employer, get an interview and get the job you want! The pace will be determined by the participants and their needs. It will be led by Jackie Mulcey, who has a dozen years of experience in professional writing and editing of resumes, and has spent 10-20 years as a full-time and part-time recruiter in job placement.

Register with the office by Friday, May 1. For more information, contact Jackie at jackiemulcey@yahoo.com.

MUF Craft Night

Friday, May 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Were you here last year when we painted our one-of-a-kind bird houses in the Terrace Room with Elizabeth Bain and her beautiful assortment of acrylic paints? We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! This year

Elizabeth has agreed to host another painted object Craft Night in Room 204. The item to be painted has not yet been determined. To let us know you are coming, you **must pre-register by May 5** by contacting Donna Becker at writeme79@juno.com. There will be a minimal fee to cover expenses, and you may bring a snack to share if you would like.

Calling All UU Birders

Friday-Sunday, May 15-17

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 10th annual "Birding B&B," where it provides beds, meals and guided birding tours for its guests. There is an abundance of woodland and shore birds in this area. More information from www.uucsjs.org, by e-mailing betsysearight@comcast.net.



Knitting Circle

Friday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.

Please call or e-mail Cintra Fricke at cintrafricke@gmail.com. (If there is a change in plans we will let you know.)

Women's Night Out!

Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Elizabeth Bain, elizabethbain@hotmail.com

All MUF women are invited to share a potluck supper and make music together! Beth Wilson will lead us. Bring your favorite dish and any instrument that you can carry. In order to make this an easy setup and cleanup, bring a place setting that you will take home to wash (plate, utensils, glass/cup, whatever)! Register with the office by Wednesday, May 27.

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 17

All-Day NVC* Workshop at MUF

More info: Jo Sippie-Gora, Seeds of Peace



*Nonviolent Communication

Jazz on the Terrace: Jazz Players Anonymous Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m.

This will be the final concert on this year's Music at MUF series, featuring Jazz Players Anonymous. Back by popular demand, this 16-piece ensemble wowed the audience last season with their high-energy renditions of swing, blues and bebop. The talented group includes professional musicians and outstanding high school players. Come early, bring a picnic, a blanket and the whole family, and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Fellowship. Summer refreshments will be served. There will be seating on the Terrace for the performance. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Fellowship Meeting Room.



Ticket prices are: Adults - \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; Youth 18 years or under - \$5. For more information, contact music@muuf.org or 845-858-9895.

Menu for the Future— Anonymous Food Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m.

This second program in the series will be held in the Morris County Library (Conference Room) and will trace the historical shift from family farm to industrial agriculture to present-day questions surrounding GMOs and industrial organics, examining the ecological and economic impacts that have accompanied changes in how we grow and prepare our food. For more info and to register, contact Tom McGuinness at tomamor@optonline.net or Claire Mayer at clairemayer@optonline.net.

Missing Persons Wanted!

If you have noticed the repeated absence of any member or friend who used to attend MUF regularly, please let the Welcoming and Membership Support Committee know, so that we can 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, or Michelle Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com.

The Sunday Services Committee Wants YOU!

Have you ever wondered how Sunday services are put together? Have you ever had an idea for a service that you might want to participate in?

The Sunday Services Committee seeks new members to add breadth, depth and diversity to the committee as others cycle out of it. We support our minister's services, as well as create and produce lay-led services—roughly one lay-led or guest speaker per month and for most summer Sundays.

We meet first Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Dining Room. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5, and all are welcome to attend. Come see what we do and how we do it. We hope to pique your curiosity and encourage your active participation.

If you have any questions, please contact our Sunday Service Committee co-chairs Jane Shivas (jnmibaldwin@aol.com) or Kathi Caccavale (kathi@sumcom.org). Other committee members include Danelle Simonelli, Marjorie Wormser, Carol Titus, Betsy Burr, George Aronson, Tom McGuinness and Amy Panetta. Staff members Alison Miller, Karen Brown and Jim Blanton also attend our meetings.

Social Justice Council - May 2009 Update

Helping Neighbors in Need



May Opportunities to Join in Direct Service to Morristown Neighbors:

Homeless Relief - Next "Hosting Week" May 17-24 – ***Come and see what it's all about!*** MUF collaborates with four other area congregations: Redeemer Episcopal, Calvary Baptist, Denville Community and Assumption RC as partners in service to Interfaith Council for Homeless Families. We "host" 5-6 area homeless families at Redeemer (South Street, Morristown) 4 times each year. If you have a few hours to share, you can: read to a child or play a game, be the "responsible MUF person on location for a few hours or overnight, help with homework, prepare/help with a dinner, help with the cleanup (strip linens, roll cots to pickup point, vacuum, clean kitchen). Contact Bob Campbell at bobc@verizon.net.

Morristown Soup Kitchen – Next Hosting: Lunch Tuesday, May 12 - Please consider joining in by preparing a cook-ahead casserole or gallon of soup this month. You can pick up your aluminum trays & soup containers at the Box Office every Sunday. If you are already one of the "crew," consider making us an "insurance" extra casserole or more servings of soup. **YOU ARE ALL WONDERFUL!** Thank you for being a part of this MUF commitment. Contact: Michelle Kunz: mbkunz@gmail.com.

Eric Johnson House – MUF Monthly Dinner Teams – Next hostings: Wednesdays, May 6 & 27 (5:45-7 p.m.). Join other MUF members as we serve and host a cozy family-style dinner for 12 at the residence. Our gift of food and conversation is quite appreciated by these wonderful people who are recovering from illness related to addictions and AIDS/HIV. Contact: karenburns@casaessex.org.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, May 9 – 4:45-7 p.m. – If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High or older children that you can help prepare an easy meal for the 100+ shelter residents. This is the Morris County homeless shelter and they are dependent upon congregations/corporations/civic groups to provide dinner nightly. We have maintained this commitment for more than 10 years - one Saturday night per month. Be a part of the gift! Contact judyoneil@optonline.net.

Next Social Justice Council Meeting – We will meet Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 at MUF in the Dining Room. Help us to help all of MUF be a greater force for good in the world. Contact Chris Reynolds at Reynolds@nac.net or karenburns@casaessex.org.

Thanks So Much!

Thank you for your generosity in Sunday Collections! In April, the Social Justice Council allocated \$3,300 to charity as a result of your generosity in the 3d quarter (Jan.-March 2009). Gifts in the name of the MUF membership were:

Morristown Children on the Green	\$200	Pathways to Work – Workers Center	\$500
Wind of the Spirit– Immigrant Resource Center	\$250	Interfaith Food Pantry	\$450
NW/NJ Community Action Program	\$300	PeaceWorks	\$275
Great Swamp/Environment	\$200	Planned Parenthood	\$100
Jersey Battered Women Services	\$100	Literacy Vols. America (Morristown)	\$100
Meals on Wheels - Morristown	\$100	Asociacion Grupo Cajola - Guatemala	\$100
UU-UNO Quarter	\$375	UU-UNO "Ghanaian Orphans Project"-Qtr	\$250

See "MUF Tag Sale - The Big Recycle!" on page 9!

MUF Women's Spring Retreat
Friday-Sunday, May 1-3



Sign up now for this event at
Kirkridge Retreat and Study
Center, Bangor, Pa.

Our theme this year is “**Renew and Reinvent**,” a weekend of spirituality, friendship and joy, with group discussions, reflection, nature and labyrinth walks, and crafts. Room and board included.

This year we'll also be attending, on Saturday afternoon, May 2, the May Day celebration at Kirkridge's next-door neighbor, Columcille, a megalith park (www.Columcille.org).

For signup and information, contact: Kathy Burgess at kathyb.41@verizon.net. All MUF women members and friends are welcome. Think Spring! Check out the Kirkridge website: www.kirkridge.org.

2009 District Annual Meeting
Friday-Saturday, May 1-2

This meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jersey City. Go to www.uumetrony.org/am09/index.htm for complete details. Keynote speaker is **Rev. Meg Riley**, UUA Director of Advocacy and Witness Programs, who will focus on how congregations can serve the broader community, a powerful way to help members grow spiritually.

MUF Blood Drive

Sunday, May 31, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Donating your pint of blood is lifesaving for recipients and healthy for you, the donor. Sign up with Zella in the Great Hall.

Saturday, May 30 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
“MUF Tag Sale/Great MUF Recycle!”

Thanks for your Generous Donations to this Fundraiser to offset

MUF Operations Costs. We need Your Merchandise for MUF to Sell!!

Merchandise Drop Location: MUF Basement
Entrance/Near Playground
...Nothing in Room 100!

You must hand off the merchandise to a MUF Tag Sale Crew Member. Remember merchandise must be in sellable condition! Receipts will be available.

Needed Items:

- **Clothes** (men's, women, children's)- (clean and only for current season, and good quality shoes)
- **Home Furnishings & Antiques** –small furniture (great condition); all decorative accessories
- **Draperies & bedding** (clean, sized, and in clear display plastic bags if possible)
- **Women's Jewelry/Accessories/Bags**
- **Books, DVDs, CDs** (no magazines)
- **Toys** (good condition, clean, all parts)
- **Kitchenware** – pots, dishes, glasses, flatware, gadgets, storage items, etc. – (good, clean, “usable/attractive”)
- **Tools, Bikes** – all workable
- **Other Items** - small appliances, outdoor/ occasional furniture, luggage , etc.

Please be reasonable and don't saddle us with unsellable junk – it's not revenue for MUF and unfair to volunteers. If you aren't sure we want it, **bring it** and we'll decide on the spot. Be a good sport! ***But.... for your “good stuff” ... we thank you so much as this is our collective MUF fortune ... the Great MUF Recycle!!!!***

We Need MUF Tag Sale Crew Volunteers - For Merchandise Tasks – Dropoffs, Tagging, Setting Up, Selling and Breaking Down. Fun for Sure! To Volunteer, Contact: Anne Gaynor or Karen Burns foxwood2@optonline.net or karenburns@casaessex.org.

And, Don't Forget to Bring Your Family, Friends & Neighbors to Shop and Enjoy MUF Tag Sale/Great Recycle. Cash and Checks Only!!
Refreshments Available!



Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have removed all other “Joys and Concerns” and personal telephone numbers from the online newsletter. A copy of the Newsletter in the Members Only section of our website includes the complete information.

Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns

Be sure to send your Joys and Concerns to melodylingers@verizon.net so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.

Contributions to the 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

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Saturday, May 2	9 a.m.-12 noon	Spring Cleanup Party	p. 6
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Young Adult BBQ at Rev. Alison and David's House

Who's Invited:

The younger adult population – anyone who graduated from high school after 1990

When:

Sunday, May 17, from 1–4 p.m.

Where:

Alison Miller & David Snedden's home, 2 John Glenn Rd , Morristown (1 mile from the Fellowship)

What to bring:

Yourself and... A-F a salad, G-M a side, N-S a beverage, and T-Z dessert

RSVP:

Nicole@muuf.org and let us know... omnivore, vegetarian, vegan, etc.

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

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MAY 15

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will
be held on Sunday, June 7. Don't miss it!**

Sunday Services

Services at 9 and 11 a.m. unless specified



May 3 Membership Celebration Sunday

Join us as we welcome new members, honor the anniversaries of longtime members and re-covenant to share our time, talent and treasure towards building out beloved community. *Rev. Alison B. Miller*

May 10 The Wisdom of Children's Stories

Stories we encountered as children can leave lasting impressions as we grow into adulthood. Come explore the wisdom we've gleaned from children's stories of our youth which continues to guide us in our lifelong learning and growth. This wisdom can become a gift we share with friends and loved ones.

Rev. Alison B. Miller and Marjorie Wormser

May 17 A Unitarian Choir Pilgrimage to Transylvania

A glimpse of this August 2008 visit to the land where Unitarianism began, featuring a performance by the traveling choir, with singers from the UU congregations of Morristown, Montclair, Orange and Summit. The 5th and 6th graders lead off by sharing their spiritual journey as UUs through worship created in their Beginnings of UU Spirituality program.

Coordinated by Amy Panetta, Beginnings Advisor Shari Loe, 5th/6th Grade RE Class, Rev. Alison B. Miller

May 24 The Cycle of Life

A moving meditation on growing up and growing older, by Ben Tousley, a speaker-musician-storyteller who has led services at Ridgewood, Montclair and Summit and at Star Island. a sequence of interspersed music and stories, with room for congregational participation/interactivity.

Coordinated by Carol Titus

May 31 The Ten Suggestions

Rev. Alison B. Miller