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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From the Minister...

OVER 50 YEARS AGO, the founders of our congregation gifted us with incredible assets – a Georgian mansion built by architects Delano and Aldrich, and a beautiful 5-acre property. I think it was incredibly courageous, creative and visionary for a group of between 25 and 50 people to take such a leap of faith and purchase this property. It has been the vessel of our common endeavors.



In this spiritual home, we worship, learn, practice, care, listen, reflect, play, advocate, serve, welcome, dance, sing, cook, share, mourn, celebrate, lead, read, work, hope and inspire one another to create a community grounded in love and in covenant. While we all know it has been a challenge to care for a building that was originally designed for different purposes than to be a congregation, our home has also been precious to us. It is one piece of the puzzle that has allowed us to become a growing, midsized congregation with 335 adult members, 150 children and youth, and many other friends and newcomers who will soon pledge to become one of us.

We are in the midst of a five-year strategic plan, and so it is an opportunity for our leaders, our members and our newcomers to ask how well do our facilities help us to fulfill our mission today. This is an important question to ask because there are many pieces of our identity that are the same as in previous years, and there are many pieces of our identity that have changed.

We are not exactly the same congregation that bought the property in the 1950s. We are not exactly the same congregation that built a sanctuary in the 1970s to have a larger space for worship. We are not exactly the same congregation that led a capital campaign to renovate our facilities in the 1980s called the Home Improvement Project. We need to reflect on what our needs, hopes and visions are for our spiritual community in 2010 and beyond.

That is why we have been gathering all year to create a five-year strategic plan, including goals for our five programmatic areas: 1) **Spiritual Growth** – Exploration, Practice, Worship... 2) **Deepening Connections** – Hospitality, Caring, Fun... 3) **Lifespan Learning** – Engaging our Minds, Bodies and Spirits in matters of Faith, Life, Ethics... 4) **Social Justice** – Education, Service, Advocacy... 5) **Leadership and Stewardship** – Equipping our members

with the skills and the heart to make a difference. Do take the time to read materials about the growing sense of our goals, plans and recommendations for these areas. The final version will be shared on **June 6** in our annual meeting.

With a deeper sense of our shared purposes in hand, it is now time to think about our building and our grounds, and how they help us or hinder us in achieving our vision of who we are today. When was the last time that you took a tour around our building and our grounds?

After both services on **May 9 and 16**, there will be tour guides ready to show you around. After both services on **May 23**, the Strategic Planning Task Force will share a presentation to help us begin to reflect on a possible renovation in our current location or a possible move to another nearby location. There are benefits to both, and we'd love your input.

Please do join us for these opportunities and help us to pass on a valuable legacy and facilities that will enable Unitarian Universalism to thrive in our area for generations to come.

In fellowship,

Alison

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

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Deeds Well Done

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

For producing the wonderful “Murder at the Manse” fundraiser: **David Landau** and the cast (**Charlie Carroll, Kate McAteer, Jane Baldwin Shivas, Maria Manna, Drew Hayes, Paul Ferm, Wendy Landau, Ken Nemeth** and the Kitchen Crew (**Nina Nemeth, Tony Rutigliano, Susan Oxman, Arlyne Dalman, Sharon Glickman, Ann Gaynor**) and **Karen Burns Rutigliano** for Project Management (making it happen).

Donna Becker for her efforts in leading the fundraising for the Youth Group Habitat for Humanity trip.

Jennifer and Adam Woods and the Miller-Snedden family (**Inez Miller, David Snedden and the Rev. Alison Miller**) for all the work they did on the Seder.

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.

Please E-Mail All NEWSLETTER Articles
—both print and online versions—

to editor **PAT BAXTER** at
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by the **15th** of the month
preceding the one in which they will appear.

Thank you!

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 12
Administrative/Program Networks	May 19

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 - A Hole in Our Community



WHO ARE WE MISSING?

One of the great opportunities presented to me this year was to stand at the entrance to our spiritual home and greet people as they come to our doors. It has been, and continues to be, a marvelous experience, particularly now that the weather is getting warmer. It allows me an opportunity to connect with most of you, and it also informs my understanding of who we are as a community.

One of my observations is that there is a hole in our community. It is not a big surprise that we do not have very many "Millennials" in our midst. Who are the Millennials? They are the young people between 18–30 years of age.

Why are they missing? A recent article in the *Daily Record* highlighted some of the research that was done on this group by the organizations LifeWay Christian Resources and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

Here are some of their findings:

- 65 percent rarely or never attend worship services.
- 67 percent don't read the Bible or sacred texts.
- 72 percent say they're "really more spiritual than religious."

The Pew survey found young people today were significantly more likely than those in earlier generations to say they didn't identify with any religious group. Neither are Millennials any more likely than earlier generations to turn toward a faith affiliation as they grow older.

When I read this information, I was not surprised, but I was very excited. The three bulleted items above would be an excellent description of my own journey through those years. After hearing many of your own

faith journeys, I often find one or more of these elements were present in your life too. I think we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of an entire generation.

How do we do this? By being even more intentional about how we present who we are in the community, how we construct our worship service and the kind of activities and fun/fund raisers we choose to engage in. We can consider making better use of social media (Facebook, etc.) and mass outreach avenues (YouTube, ...). We can use our web presence to send a message of welcome that speaks to their interests, styles and language. We can bring different music and visual elements into our worship space. We can provide our minister with the help she needs to allow her to consider worship services at different times and in different ways than we have traditionally done.

In short, we need to examine ourselves, be open to change and be welcoming to the younger people already in our midst and those that walk through our doors.

I know this can be done. We have evangelical churches in our midst that are growing and thriving by appealing to this demographic, even though their message is different than the spiritual home this group is seeking. I think we have the compelling message that the Millennials are seeking. I know that our future depends on our ability to connect and provide this group with an attractive and effective spiritual home. It is time for us to focus more of our efforts to reach out to this fantastic group and make them part of our community and our lives.

Have Faith,

Gary

Gary Kunz, President

Slate of Candidates to Be Presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting June 6

President-Elect: Paul Ferm, 1-yr. term
VP Program: Paul Snellgrove, 2-yr. term
Secretary: Norman Ng, 2-yr. term
Endowment Committee: Don Price, 3-yr. term
Nominating Committee: Beth Hayward, 3-yr. term
Ex-officio: Nominating Cmte: Gary Kunz, 2-yr. term

Ready to Become a Member?

On May 16, we will welcome the newest members who have joined our congregation since last spring. If you are ready to join the fellowship now, and want to be included during this service, please set up a new member appointment with Alison during the month of May, so you can sign the book and become more deeply connected to our congregation. She can be reached at amiller@muuf.org or 973-540-1177, x204. She has set aside several appointment slots for this purpose throughout the month.

Faith Developments

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE is complicated.

Along with all that people do to create sacred space to be together in Unitarian Universalist congregations, we also struggle with our own internal problems of budget deficits, aging buildings and ever-increasing life expectations. Many times we fail to look at the big picture and step out of our own way.



So it was with great interest that I discovered Lifelong Faith, a Christian organization that researched some trends and forces that affect faith formation in churches and in the world. You can find them on *LifelongFaith.com*. They asked the question “What will Christian faith formation in churches look like in 2020?” Their research is being looked at in Unitarian Universalist circles; some Districts of the UUA are studying all its implications.

I have read the overview of the working paper on faith formation in 2020, and would like to share a digested piece of the research. Congregations are up against a number of “social, cultural, technological and economic forces” they might want to take a look at as they go forward in the next 10 years.

1. Declining Participation – Only 17.3% of the U.S. population are in church on any given weekend, compared to 20.6% in 1990.

2. A survey by the American Religious Identification group discovered that people in the U.S. who claim no religious affiliation has nearly doubled since 1990 – rising from 8% to 15%.

3. People are becoming more “spiritual” and less “religious.” What implications does this have for our congregations?

4. Individualism is increasing. There is a decline in feeling the necessity of “communal or institutional structures” as being part of faith formation. It is less bound by doctrine or creed.

5. Diversity is on the rise. The most significant change in our demographics is in the Hispanic population. We are also becoming more religiously diverse.

6. Hispanics are transforming the religious landscape by two characteristics - “spirit-filled religious expression, and ethnic-oriented worship.”

7. There is a new stage of life in town called “Emerging Adulthood.” The transition into adulthood is much more complex than it was in past decades. These young people aged 18 to 30 years are still trying to figure it all out.

8. The Post-Boomers – ages 20 through mid-40 – have a unique style of faith. They do what is called spiritual tinkering, according to Robert Wuthnow – piecing together ideas about what makes a spiritual life.

9. The postponement of marriage and child-bearing is having an effect on church attendance.

10. The most important social influence on the religious life of children comes from parents. How we do lifespan religious education in our UU congregations matters!

11. We live in a digital world. Americans are online using the internet almost 30 hours per month, according to this study. Wireless and mobile use continues to increase along with social networking. Our children are online and congregations are now embracing technology.

12. We are educating in new ways due to the research in recent years about multiple intelligences and learning styles. We are more project-based and collaborative in our learning.

13. The number of adults 65 and older is increasing. By 2050, according to Pew Research projections, about one in five Americans will be over age 65. We are seeing a new stage of life.

If you think about these faith formation trends from a Unitarian Universalist perspective, we are poised to fly high if we embrace the changes needed in the coming future. So while we wrestle with all the internal affairs of our individual congregations, it might be wise to look outside ourselves, broaden our perspective and keep the chalice of our being in the arena for future generations.

Karen

MUF WEEKEND OF THE ARTS - Saturday & Sunday, May 15 & 16 - Don't Miss It!

Jazz/Art/Dinner Event (JADE)

Saturday, May 15 - 3:00-9:30 p.m.

3:00-9:30 Art Reception

7:00-9:30 Dinner & Jazz Concert

A delightful evening will start off with an Art Exhibition in the Terrace Room (and possibly the Terrace!), featuring MUF artists' works and those of members of the Morris County Art Association.

At 5:00, you will meander among the beautiful displays – possibly purchasing one for your home – while listening to live piano music, sipping wine and sampling hors d'oeuvres.

At 7:00 we'll adjourn to the Meeting Room for dinner (Lead Chef: Tony Rutigliano), and we'll be treated to a Jazz Concert by a Jazz Anonymous quartet playing jazz standards/blues.

Tickets are \$ 35 a person...fabulous value for art, gourmet dinner & jazz.

Buy your tickets at the Box Office. For questions about Dinner/Jazz Show and reservations for JADE, contact Karen Burns: karenburns@casaessex.org or Avianca: abouchedid@colotraq.com. For questions about exhibiting in Art Exhibition: Arlyne Dalman at ajdalman@verizon.net or Nina Nemeth at nina.nemeth@yahoo.com.

There is a special Combo ticket price for both events of the "MUF Weekend of the Arts" (J.A.D.E. and the debut of the Legacies Oratorio at the Choral Festival) of \$45 per person. Tickets are also available for both events separately, with J.A.D.E. priced at \$35 and Legacies at \$15.

The mulching angels hard at work
(See story on p. 9)



Choral Festival

Sunday, May 16 - 3:00 p.m.

A seance by flashlight, wise advice from a dog, and communicating with the dead by telephone!..... MUF's second annual Choral Festival (to be repeated on **Saturday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.**) will feature over 50 singers and chamber orchestra in the premiere of New York composer David Tcimpidis' Oratorio, *Legacies*, on texts by MUF's own Betsy Burr. Also featured are the premieres of short works by local composers Jerry LaBrie and Cristina Punzo, making her compositional debut at age 12, plus the Morris Consort performing madrigals of *Gesualdo* and hilarious choruses by Randall Thompson.

David Tcimpidis received a Ford Foundation Young Composers Grant, and has had compositions performed in the United States, Europe and Asia. He has composed musical scores for WABC, CBS Network Television, and New York Theater and has been published by Carl Fischer, Willis Music, and GIA Publications. Tcimpidis has been on the faculty of Brooklyn College and the Mannes College of Music in NYC.

Betsy Burr is a fourth-generation Unitarian who has been active in the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship for 44 years. She has had an eclectic working life, serving as a legislative analyst, a writer in organizational development, a Religious Education Coordinator, director of a summer program called Earth Camp, and a vendor of Chinese hand-made teapots. But all the while she has been writing poetry. Her poetry and prose for the oratorio *Legacies* asks two questions: *What have we inherited from the past?* and *What will we leave to the future?* Betsy lives in Morris Township with her husband, Stefan, and her dog, Ringo.



Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$5 for youth 18 years of age and under. For information, contact music@muuf.org or call 845-858-9895.

Upcoming Events

Taichi Light Monthly Practice

Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m.

Coordinated by Al Chu, Bruce Daggy, Laurie MacGeorge

MUF member Al Chu, the creator of Taichi Light, leads us in practicing this ancient energy work together the first Saturday of each month. Contact Al at alchu888@gmail.com, or Laurie MacGeorge at dlmag10@aol.com.

Sunday Potluck

Sunday, May 9, from 4-7 p.m.

Continuing our series of successful Potluck suppers, bring something you like to eat and enjoy a great end (or beginning) of your week. Last names starting with A-M bring a main course to feed from 6-8 people and last names starting with N-Z bring a salad/appetizer (BYOB). We will provide dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.

Please drop an email to Michelle Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com with any suggestions about what you would like to see or do at future potlucks.

Monday Night Book Group

Monday, May 10, 7 p.m.

We will discuss *The Measure of a Man: a Spiritual Autobiography*, by Sidney Poitier, facilitated by Dee Dasara. We meet on the second Monday **always at 7 p.m.** Newcomers are welcome. It is suggested that you try to read the book but it is not required! Contact Nancy Lee McLure for more information, at nlmclure@msn.com.

Compassionate Communication Practice Group#2

Wednesday, May 12, at 1-2:30 p.m.

Consider joining this new group, meeting on the **second** Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Brenda Forte at bgforte@verizon.net or Jo Sippie-Gora at jossippie@optonline.net. (**Note: Compassionate Communication Practice Group #1 continues to meet monthly on Thursdays. For more information & next meeting date: Contact Genie Bane at geniebane@optonline.net.**)

Next Womenspace – Women's Spirituality Circle

Sunday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

The Footsteps of the Buddha, by the Rev. Allen Wells

Monday, May 17, 8-9:30 p.m.

A presentation on the life of The Buddha with pictures of the various sites in India, where he was born, enlightened, taught and died. In February Allen took a three-week pilgrimage to India with a study group from The Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, to trace the Buddha's life by visiting the significant places in his life. Allen will tell anecdotes about what happened in each of the sites, and there will also be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The Seven Stages of Spiritual Development, by the Rev. Allen Wells

Monday, May 24, 8-9:30 p.m.

Many of us are on a personal/spiritual journey. Like most journeys, these have a starting point and a destination. Though our individual routes may vary, each of must pass through the same stages, which are becoming well known. Each has unique challenges and offers new rewards. It can be reassuring to understand our universal passages, and helpful to recognize where we have come from, where we are, and where we are headed. We can also become more appreciative of each other by better understanding that we are all traveling together. Tonight we will look at the map of spiritual development.

Crafting Group

Friday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.

This year the MUF crafting group & the knitting group are meeting together. Bring your own project from home, or just join us for a friendly atmosphere with great company and conversation. Please call or email Cintra Fricke at cintrafricke@gmail.com, or Tina Demottie at demottie@optonline.net by May 22 if you will be coming.

Fishin' with Ish – Tall Tales and Short Tails

Saturday, June 19, 3 p.m.

This is the third in our Storytelling Series, an afternoon of stories and songs for all ages with Ken Galipeau and Carol Titus. Come ready to laugh and sing and participate with your whole self.

Metro NY Minute

- **11th Annual Anti-Racism Conclave: Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**, New York City
- **Building Healthy Congregations:** May 8, Staten Island
- **UU Leadership Team Institute by the Sea,** August 26-29, Ocean Grove NJ

More information on the above, and other news from the district, can be obtained on the UU Metro NY website: <http://uumetrony.org>.

Registration and housing reservations are open for General Assembly, to be held in Minneapolis June 23-27. This year's events feature UU singer-songwriter Peter Mayer; Winona LaDuke, renowned Native American activist working on issues of sustainable development; Rev. Galen Guengenrich, minister at the Unitarian Church of All Souls (Manhattan) with an eight-part workshop series, "The Necessity of Virtue," plus over 300 workshops, lectures and worship opportunities. Advance registration closes June 11. After May 15, hotel rooms and the group rate are subject to availability. Contact www.uua.org/ga.

Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs



David Snedden cleaned the Atlas status, too!
(see story on P. 9)

Maggie Chilton is Moving to Louisville

Maggie Chilton has worked as our Administrator for 4 years and 9 months, and with her keen no-nonsense skills has helped to whip us into shape! We are



deeply grateful for the time and talent she has shared with us. Amongst other contributions, she has organized one database out of seven databases, generated sound financial policies, and put into place many helpful procedures.

On one hand, we are sad to see our valued colleague leave, and on the other we are happy to see our friend off on an exciting adventure. Maggie is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and has served in denominational leadership. She leaves us to become an Administrator in a Presbyterian congregation right next to their denominational headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky.

Her beloved cousin (a Unitarian) also lives there. On Sunday, May 2, in our services and on Tuesday, May 4, at a potluck lunch with staff, board, office and finance volunteers will celebrate her contributions to us and wish her well.

With gratitude,

Alison and All of our Leaders

Interested in Genealogy? Go Out on a Limb This Summer!

Are you a genealogy buff? Or do you just have some interesting characters in your family tree?

We're looking for a few people to help put together a Sunday service this summer that will address genealogy from a spiritual point of view. What does knowing your roots say about who you are? What is your place in the pageant of human history?

Service planning will start in early May. So if this interests you, please contact Danelle Simonelli soon at dksimonelli@hotmail.com.

Parlez-Vous Français?

Wednesdays, May 19, and June 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

If you can read this, you are invited to a MUF Cercle Français to hang out and speak French – both beginners and experts..

We will circulate a small story or poem in French and English beforehand so we will have some conversation/talking points. Please bring some French-like goodies to share.

Acquiring another language is good for thought process creativity and communication skills.

RSVP (that's French, too) so we can send written material, to Laurent Comes: laurent@comes.US or Geri Silk: gerisilk@yahoo.com.

Social Justice Council - May 2010 Update *Helping Neighbors in Need*



Pathways to Work(ers)! –Need help getting your grounds, garage, house or apartment in tip-top, “Spring Clean” shape? PTW workers can help! – Call Rosa Chilquillo at Neighborhood House, 973-538-1229 ext. 43, or cell 973-647-8495. Let PTW’s registered workers help you freshen up world – cart out rubbish, paint your deck, or other indoor/outdoor painting. Skilled workers are available for other home projects – laborers – men and women (for domestic work) are available 24/7. Very reasonable rates! MUF testimonials available.

May Food Pantry Drive Day “ Each One, Reach One!” Saturday/Sunday, May 15/16

Bring Just One Food Item as an Admission/Attendance Offering - When you attend the MUF Weekend of the Arts – Saturday, May 15 - J.A.D.E. (Jazz, Art, & Dinner Event) or Sunday, May 16 - Legacies Oratorio Debut or Sunday, May 16 - Sunday Services – ***We hope every person attending will bring in 1 item for the Food Pantry.*** Large Food Bin will be positioned to take your offerings! The Interfaith Food Pantry always needs: peanut butter/jelly, pasta/sauce, tuna, stew, beans, rice, cereals, canned veggies, fruits.

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners – Wednesdays, May 5 and 26, 5:45-7:15 – Volunteers are needed ***to help occasionally*** to prepare/purchase items (entree, sides, salads, desserts) for these “family style “dinners for 12. Heart-warming volunteer opportunity to talk/ befriend people who are formerly homeless/recovering from AIDS/HIV illness. Home-like, friendly atmosphere. Cook in advance/drop off/stay & host with MUFers (44 South St., Redeemer campus). Call Zella Geltman.

Morristown Soup Kitchen – Help is needed for Tuesday, May 11 MUF Hosting - 250+ people were served at our last hosting. We always come through....but if you can be a part of the pre-hosting , cook in your own home/bring to MUF prep of casseroles, soup, chili in advance, much THANKS!! Helpers needed to serve and shop day before for fresh items. Contact Michelle at mbkunz@gmail.com to help either way.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, May 8, 4:45-7 p.m. –This is the homeless shelter MUF supports by hosting/preparing monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner. “Table talk” is also where your natural self can be of great friendly help - Contact judyoneil1@verizon.net.

MUF Social Justice Council Monthly Meeting – Thursday, May 13. Bring your ideas and compassion, we’ll help you put them to use. Help us promote social justice at local, regional, national, and global levels. Contact Chris: reynolds@nac.net or Karen: karenburns@casaessex.org.

Bonus for Morristown: Wind of the Spirit (WOTS) – Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis announced the US Labor Department’s OSHA alliance with WOTS was signed and celebrated at Houston ceremony honoring WOTS in April. The alliance, “one of the first in the U.S, has provided more than 1,000 day laborers and other low-wage workers with training to better understand their rights and to protect themselves on the job.” Congratulations, WOTS!
(Plate allocations for first quarter, page 9)

A Pink Slip You May WANT!

The MUF staff has updated the *Building and Grounds Condition Report* form, commonly called “The Pink Slip.” Completing this form and submitting it to the Administrator is the way to report on conditions needing attention in/around MUF – maintenance, repairs, safety/security, etc.

The new form clarifies the submittal, review, decision and action process and strengthens communications to the person submitting the report. New copies are now available in the forms holder on the copy room wall.

Please keep in mind that the staff may determine that the appropriate action should be implemented by some MUF person or group other than staff personnel. Either way, you’ll be kept informed of what’s happening!

MUF Plate Collection – Charitable Allocations for Period January - March 2010

Morristown Pathways to Work (Immigrant Support)	\$ 400	NJ Highlands Conservancy (MUF Green Sanctuary)	\$ 250
Morristown Wind of the Spirit (Immigrant Sup)	\$ 300	UU-UNO Operations Support – Quarterly	\$ 600
Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County	\$ 500	UU-UNO Ghanaian Orphan Project Qtrly	\$ 300
NORWESCAP (NW NJ Community Action Program)	\$300	Peaceworks: Operations Support/ Container Ship	\$ 400
FINCA – Balance to launch MUF Micro Credit Bank (\$5,000) #3 in Zambia!	\$300	Total: MUF Quarter #3 MUF Y-T-D	\$ 3,350 \$ 7,565

Do You Believe in Angels?

The strongest evidence proving that angels exist, and that they visit the earth's surface to do good deeds, happened at MUF on the morning of April 10!

Over 20 angels visited MUF for Spring Cleanup Day and spread mulch, patched the entrance driveway, raked stones, picked up branches, cleaned and polished the dining room and greeting tables, cleaned fireplaces and glass doors, cleared out heating grates and performed many, many other miracles to help preserve and beautify our home.

The angels spotted included Chris Armstrong, Trish Armstrong, Bob Campbell, Minda Chu, Leah Deats, Bob Erwood, Kendall Martin, Galen Martin, June Martin, Ellen Minde, Laurel Minde, Chris Monroe, Katherine Monroe, Roarke Schafer, David Snedden, Connie Stinson, Linda Tran, Toby Tyler, Lynn Uhrig, Ben West.

Special thanks to Bill Forsyth, our Building Manager, and the members of the Beautification & Preservation Committee who helped out that day, Lauralee Arnold, Cintra Fricke, Paul Snellgrove and Steve Rice.

(See photos on pages 5, 7 and 10.)

Our Financial Health

	Actual	Projected		
	March	April	May	June
Beginning Cash	78,090	55,046	40,202	38,100
+ Income	35,739	36,810	35,510	34,110
- Expenses	47,743	51,654	37,611	42,839
+ Balance Sheet Contributions	-11,041	0	0	0
= Ending Cash	55,046	40,202	38,100	29,372

Dear Congregants,

Thanks to our collective efforts at making our pledge payments, we have not borrowed money nor declared a fiscal emergency this year, and because of the mortgage refinancing, we no longer have mortgage principal payments to make as balance sheet contributions.

Nevertheless, as you can see from the cash flow projection above, it's not over until it's over. The sum of \$30,000 is not a comfortable amount of remaining cash for a congregation and a budget of our size. It is critical that we all continue to honor our pledges so that we remain solvent this fiscal year.

We can do it.

Susan Lausell, Treasurer

haring 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.

**Galen Martin and Connie Stinson
enjoy a well-earned pizza lunch
(See story on p. 9)**



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



Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Saturday, May 1	9:30 a.m.	Taichi Light Monthly Practice	p. 6
Sunday, May 9	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Potluck Dinner	p. 6
Monday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Monday Night Book Group	p. 6
Wednesday, May 12	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Compassionate Communication Practice Group #2	p. 6
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Who do we want to be?

What do we want to do?

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What do we need to do it?

Help Finalize our Five-Year Strategic Plan!

Please go to the MUF website (www.muuf.org) and search the Strategic Planning page to review:

**Vision Statement
Goal Statements
Recommendations**

in the priority theme areas identified by the congregation throughout the planning process.
Any burning comments not yet shared?

Submit your comments today: imagine@muuf.org

SPTF will share a presentation on Sunday, May 23, to help us reflect on possible changes.

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MAY 15

Don't miss the Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 6!

Sunday Services

Services at 9 and 11 a.m. through May 23



- May 2** **Life's Legacies and Labors of Love**
A few of our elders have embarked on a biography project. Albums of their lives and work will be displayed during May and put away in a time capsule for 100 years. Come hear their stories and begin to reflect on your own. *Coordinated by Betsy Burr, Homer Hansen, Eleanor Mason, Rev. Alison Miller, Judy Oehler, and Ann Renz*
- May 9** **Individuality – How to Stand on the Tower of Babel**
Please join the Youth Group as they explore what it means to be an individual in our fast and changing times. The service includes a Bridging Ceremony for our graduating seniors. *Senior High Youth Group*
- May 16** **Who Needs Ten?**
Our topic today has been inspired by our annual theme of *Living in Covenant*. The holiday of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of Ten Commandments, falls this week. We will explore the commandments from a UU slant and honor the anniversaries of longtime members and new members. *Rev. Alison B. Miller*
- May 23** **Fuller Freedom**
On the bicentennial of Margaret Fuller's birth, we will honor our spiritual ancestor's legacy and continuing relevance. She was an early feminist, transcendentalist, and social justice advocate whose thoughts helped shape the goings on of our faith and our country. *Rev. Alison B. Miller*
- May 30** **Living Memory, Loving Hope**
One service at 10 a.m.
Memorial Day weekend provides all of us with a chance to listen to and heed the words of our veterans, to reflect on the meaning of war and peace, and to honor the sacrifices and the loss of soldiers and civilians, men and woman, loved ones, human beings. *Rev. Alison B. Miller*