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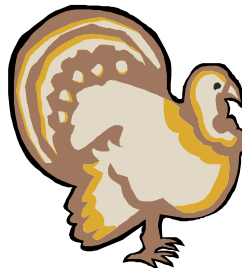
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*Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out*

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Mission and Covenant Statement

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

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

From the Minister . . .

THE MORRISTOWN **UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP**

is sacred ground in part because of the traces of footsteps left behind by people during the milestones of our congregation's history and the history of their individual lives. After fleeing a more dogmatic faith, many individuals have courageously opened our doors and their hearts to the possibility of a new way of doing religion. It is in our hallowed Meeting Room that members have dedicated them-selves to the loving nurture of a child, celebrated the wedding of two hearts in a marriage or life partner-ship, and grieved the death of a loved one or friend.



It is also in this holy and historical space that you, the members of this Fellowship, have voted four times to call a Unitarian Universalist minister to serve as your partner and guide in our congregational life. What a humbling and awesome task I am about to undertake with you as I officially take my seat on November 13th next to a row of spiritual leaders who have served before me: Rev. Charles Reinhardt (1962-1967), Rev. Clark Olsen (1968-1978), and Rev. Paul Ratzlaff (1980-2002).

Let me reiterate here what I explained to your search committee is a glimpse of my vision for the shared task of ministry in a congregation. "I hope to serve as a minister in a congregation where I can listen to and partner with a community in order to deepen our spiritual lives, vision, programs and ministries. I would love to work with a congregation that aims to make a

Sign Up for Movie Nights!

Action, adventure, horror, comedy and romance...experience them all with your MUF friends. Join us for MUF Movie Nights, where hosts feature flicks in their homes. Tickets (\$5), show times and signup sheets at MUF's Box Office between services.

If you would like to be a host or want to know more, contact the Flick Chick [a.k.a. Susan Spencer] at sespencer@optonline.net or call 908(-). Provide your name, phone number and address with directions, also movie name, date and time of screening and number of seats available. Feel free to invite your own audience. Have fun and be creative - host one time or have a themed film festival. This is a fun way to get to know other each other and to introduce other people to MUF. Ticket proceeds go towards MUF's fundraising campaign. Going to the theater is fun but "oh, Auntie Em - there's no place like home!"

Immediate Help Needed Before Alison's Installation

There are still a couple of weeks in which you can make a difference in sprucing up the building and grounds before Alison's Installation ceremony November 13. Look at the Beautification and Preservation Committee's list of tasks for Fall Clean Up Day November 19 for ideas about what you could complete independently on your own time. Please pick out a little project and work with a friend.

Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed!

We need members and friends to support the coffee hours that follow our Sunday morning services. Simply volunteer to provide snacks for one Sunday this year. You will be helping the congregation by supporting the social side of Sunday while also (with the Senior High students' assistance) encouraging extra donations to Habitat For Humanity. Consider sponsoring in memory of a loved one, to commemorate a special birthday, an anniversary, etc. For details on how easy this is to do, contact Dan Cohen at 973(-) or at danielcohen@optonline.net.

MUF's 50th Anniversary Memories Blog - 50 Years and Counting!

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

Board Meetings Open to Members

This is a friendly reminder from your Board of Trustees that all board meetings are open to members. The meeting time is now 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9.

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

	<i>July 2005 through Sept. 2005</i>	Sep.05 Actual	Sep.05 Budget	\$ Variance	July-Sep. Actual	July-Sep. Budget	YTD \$ Variance	Annual Budget
INCOME	Pledges, collections, donations	17,523	26,333	-8,810	84,773	78,003	6,770	315,000
	Rentals	2,070	2,533	-463	6,430	7,600	-1,170	30,400
	Fundraising	-435	4,000	-4,435	2,002	5,000	-2,998	39,100
	Other	73	1,817	-1,744	5,806	5,400	406	22,425
	TOTAL INCOME	19,231	34,683	-15,452	99,011	96,003	3,008	406,925
EXPENSES	Salaries, wages, benefits	19,296	22,668	-3,373	59,195	68,006	-8,810	277,422
	Administrative, program	10,195	10,723	-528	21,715	20,771	945	80,686
	Building, other	3,896	5,371	-1,475	13,572	17,313	-3,741	68,152
	TOTAL EXPENSES	33,386	38,762	-5,376	94,483	106,089	-11,606	426,260
	TOTAL GAIN/LOSS (-)	-14,155	-4,079	-10,076	4,528	-10,086	14,614	-19,335

NOTES

1. We had a \$19,045 surplus last month; this month we ran a deficit of \$14,155, reducing our surplus to \$4,079.
2. We continue to be ahead of budget in pledge receipts.
3. Our copier needs extensive work and is past its useful life, so it is to be replaced.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Paust, Treasurer

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

From the Metro NY District

UU Women's Association (UUWA) Fall Renewal Weekend

Friday, November 11-13

Sponsored by the UUWA and the Metro NY District Women and Religion Committee, at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y. All UU women in the District are invited. Contact Reena Kondo at 518-(-) or 212-(-) after November 1.



A Conversation with the District Board

Saturday, December 10

Sponsored by the District at the Unitarian Society, a UU Congregation, East Brunswick. For information, contact Jerry Muntz at jmuntz@comcast.net.

Rita Morris, The Wider U (Denominational Affairs)

Faith Developments

HAVING CLARK OLSEN VISIT the Fellowship has me reflecting on our Unitarian Universalist heritage, and whether we are raising children who will go out to do the kind of work that Clark, Jim Reeb and Orloff Miller did in Selma in 1965, and that Unitarian Universalists continue to do around the world today.

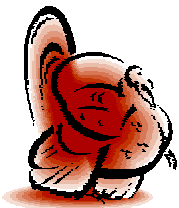


In October, I co-led a District training for Junior High Youth Advisors, and was reminded to be grateful to the amazing people who give part of their busy lives to our UU children and youth, to help them grow into the kind of adults who will go out to help change a little part of their world. We have wonderful teachers at MUF, too, and I'm grateful every Sunday for the time that you give to helping our children understand what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

For those of you who don't know who Jim Reeb was, or weren't at MUF when Clark Olsen was the minister, it's an inspiring story. The Reverends Reeb, Olsen, and Miller, three UU ministers out of many there, went to march in Selma, Alabama, in 1965 when Martin Luther King, Jr., called for more supporters after the brutal murders of black civil rights marchers a few days earlier. The three ministers were attacked and injured, and Reeb died of his injuries a few days later. Those three men were living their values as loud and hard as they could. And hearing their story makes me think about my own life, and whether I am living my UU values as hard and loud as I can.

As parents, we all want to raise our children to live out their values and work for change in the world in the same way that we do. Have you taken the time this week to talk to your children about an action that you've taken or plan to take around a social justice issue? Do you take your children with you sometimes? Do your children understand why it's so important to live our faith and try to make differences in the world?

As part of my service to the Fellowship, I will be offering a parenting class (open to more than parents) on Parents as Social Justice Educators, Parents as Resident Theologians, and Being a UU Parent, starting this winter and running through the spring. I'd like to hear from you if you are interested in these programs, and when I could offer the classes to reach as many interested



Religious Education Calendar Highlights

November 15	RE Council Meeting 7:00-8:30 p.m.
November 20	Second Conversations in Faith Development

people as possible. Please stop by the Adult RE table during coffee hour, or call or email me at MUF, to let me know of your interest and when it would best work for you.

The support that you have given the RE classes who are working hard at making and selling sandwiches in order to raise funds for the new Songbook supplement has been heartwarming and gratifying! Thank you, from myself and the children and youth, for being so supportive!

Yours in faith,

Robin



Robin's office hours for November are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and by appointment.

Beautification and Preservation News

The Beautification and Preservation Committee, headed by Steve Rice, is sorting out potential projects, estimating costs and effort involved. One of the first tasks we are taking on is compiling a list of experts to whom we might turn for advice. So if you are an expert at anything like plumbing, carpentry, architecture, landscaping, feng shui, etc., please send an e-mail to Matt Rath (mgrath@optonline.net) with a brief (or lengthy if you prefer) description of your skill. Thanks!

This newly reformulated committee has developed a process for all suggestions for projects to be considered for MUF building and grounds. If you have an idea for a needed project, fill out a routing form (found in the wall rack near the copy room) and the committee will determine if, when and by whom the project will be completed. Hint: a project is more likely to rise to the top of the priority list if it is within MUF's mission; it's urgent, low-cost, provides high benefits, takes little effort and has a sponsoring group or champion to do the work. All these rating points will be applied to each request to determine what gets done in the future. Some jobs will of course be handled by our maintenance staff. We will coordinate our plans with Maggie, our administrator.

Upcoming Events

EVENSONG

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Evensong is a lay-led small-group service that provides an opportunity to explore individual life journeys in an intimate and supportive setting. Through readings, music, quiet reflection and sharing of our experiences, we will explore the following topics:

November 2 Gratitude

November 16 Hope and Optimism

For further information please see the MUF website or call Drew Hayes at 973-(-).

Minstrel Coffeehouse

Fridays, 8:30 p.m.

Regular admission, \$6.

Nov. 4 Roy Book Binder and Grand Bayou

Binder plays country blues music and spins tales of his travels. Opening is the trio **Grand Bayou**, veteran performers in this Cajun group of fiddle, bass, accordion/guitar, singing in Creole French.

Nov. 11 Open Stage An opportunity for all acoustic players and singers to do a 15-min. set. Signup has changed; early arrival is no longer required. Visit www.folkproject.org/fp_minstopen.html or call 973-335-9489 for procedures.

Nov. 18 Zoe Speaks and Rob Ritchie The duo **Zoe Speaks** consists of Mitch Barrett and Carla Gover, who play traditional ballads. Opener **Rob Ritchie** is a Tanglefoot alumnus.

Nov. 25 Mad Agnes and Late Bloomers

Mad Agnes plays original and traditional Celtic music with outrageous whimsy, breathtaking instrumentation and tight a cappella harmonies. Group includes Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones and Mark Saunders. Opening act is **The**

Late Bloomers, the duo of Randy Browning and Brett Kinney. They write fascinating songs that sound like a well-edited book of short stories.

For complete information call 973-335-9489 or visit www.muuf.org/FolkProject.html.

Paul Zeigler, Piano

Saturday, November 5, 8 p.m.

This outstanding pianist will open the 25th year of our Saturday Evening Concert Series, playing his own nine-foot Steinway concert grand! He will be joined by flutist Diane Toulson for one of his original compositions. Tickets \$20 from Pat Baxter, 973-627-3282.

Big Jeff Concert

Sunday, November 6, 3 p.m.

Come and hear Big Jeff (De Smedt), one of our own, performing for kids 2-8, their parents and grandparents. Tickets are \$6 each, or \$18 per family, and are available at the Box Office or from Lisa Schmitt at 973-(-).

First Monday Book Group

Mondays, 7 p.m.

November 7 *May It Please the Court*, transcripts of live sessions of landmark cases as argued before the Supreme Court. Edited by Peter Irons and Stephanie Guitton; *Roe v. Wade*, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, *DeShaney v. Winnebago County* and others. Join us for lively discussions and help us choose next month's book. For information, please call Nancy Lee McLure at 908-(-).

Blood Drive

Sunday, November 20, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please sign up with Zella in the Great Hall to donate your lifesaving pint or call her at 973-(-).

**MUF
BOX OFFICE**

We now have a Box Office every Sunday morning, located at the back door of the Library (next to the Terrace Room), at which you can purchase tickets for all MUF events and sign up for upcoming workshops, etc.

Try it!
You'll like it!

Saturday Evening Concert Series
Our 25th Season of Great Music!

The Metropolitan Guitar Trio
Saturday, December 3

**Three Eminent
Classical Guitarists,
from Three Different
Countries!**



*Don't forget Pianist Paul
Zeigler on November 5!*

4-Concert Series: Only \$55! 3-Concert Series \$40
Individual Tickets: \$20 (only \$15 until November 27)

Contact Pat Baxter, 973-627-3282 or at the Box Office

Nine Reasons to Attend the Service Auction Saturday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

1. Good food: wine and hors d'oeuvres, supper, dessert and coffee.
2. Live music.
3. Many new items are being offered (family pool party, Valentine's Day tea, trailer load of trash hauled away).
4. Many familiar items are being offered (Arabian Nights dinner, fabulous desserts, rides to the airport).
5. Fun live auction, with some items bid in reverse.
6. Opportunity to bid first on Silent Auction items, some of which are fixed price.
7. Complementary babysitting (by prior arrangement with Rita Morris).
8. Low price with prior purchase of tickets (\$12 per ticket; \$20 at the door).
9. The opportunity to support the Fellowship by purchasing services you need or will enjoy.

COME; HAVE A GOOD TIME; BID OFTEN AND BID HIGH!

For more information, contact Patricia McNaught at pmcnaught1@verizon.net.

Social Responsibilities Committee

Helping Our Neighbors in Need - Thanksgiving Update



Thanksgiving – American Style – Thursday, November 24 – Share your family's favorites with the Wind of the Spirit—drop off a dish for Newcomers' Thanksgiving feast 1:30-5 p.m. While preparing your own Thanksgiving feast, why not make one batch extra and share? Side dishes; desserts – even Thanksgiving dinner turkey & trimmings are all needed for Wind of the Spirit young laborers. On Thanksgiving Day, the WOS extended community will gather at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church Parish Hall (6 Sussex Ave. at Speedwell in Morristown). Drop off your dinner contributions in foil-covered pans. You're invited to stay and enjoy their cultural festival and dinner at 5:30 p.m. or drop off only.

MUF Harvest Food Drive for Morristown Interfaith Food Pantry – Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 -Shop with your children, share gratitude and your pantry extras. (Even ask your Thanksgiving guests to help your family put together a few bags of welcome donations.) Shop for staples: cereals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned fish/meats, pasta & sauces, peanut butter, diapers, cleaning supplies. Drop off at box in MUF foyer at SR table between services.

Eric Johnson House Dinner—Wednesday, November 9 - 5:30-7 p.m. Morristown HIV/AIDS residence for 10 enjoys our company and cooking. Contact Susan Spencer at 908-(-) or sespencer@optonline.net.

Social Responsibilities Committee Monthly Meeting – Join us and bring your compassion, your ideas and your values. Help us continue to plan MUF Holiday Outreach projects; e.g., Heifer Project, 10,000 Villages/Alternative Holiday Fair to benefit UU priority-MUF Microcredit project. Help plan/purchase/collect gifts for Wind of the Spirit, Neighborhood House children, Eric Johnson House, etc. **Thursday, November 10 – 7:30-9 p.m.** –Contact karenburns@casaessex.org.

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner – Saturday, November 12 – 4:45-7 p.m. Some 60-80 homeless neighbors look forward to monthly MUF second-Saturday dinner of cheeseburgers & birthday cake. If you've got a few hours, the cooking, setup and dialogue with the guests is good for your UU-heart and soul. Meet at West Hanover Avenue shelter. Supervising adults/junior high age children needed; contact Michele Kunz to volunteer at mbkunz@gmail.com.

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen – Help needed for November 15. We need 20 casseroles/entrees (to serve 8) and six gallons of soup to serve 150-180 guests. Store food in MUF freezer prior to November 13; thereafter, in refrigerator. Mark for CSK (and contents, date, your name). Help needed for Serving Team on day of. Call Sharon Glickman at foxwood2@optonline.

Peaceworks – Jim Burchell thanks all who donated items for Nicaragua-destined Peaceworks container shipment in October! Keep Peaceworks in mind for holiday donation in your name for Street Children and Women's Cooperative at Holiday Fair.

Thanks from the Soup Kitchen

"On behalf of the Community Soup Kitchen and the needy children of the Morristown area, I want to thank the MUF members and friends who provided approximately 25 filled backpacks for the beginning of the new school year. Altogether the CSK collected just over 200 backpacks, so MUF's contribution was impressive. The next hands-on effort is the Thanksgiving Basket Drive (information below). This is another direct way we can help the needy in our own community."

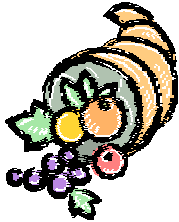
Nancy Bailin, MUF representative to the CSK Board of Trustees

"Thanksgiving Basket" Drive

The Community Soup Kitchen will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to homeless and working poor families and senior citizens in Morris County. Each "basket" should be packed in a sturdy cardboard box and should contain: Stuffing Mix, Canned Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned or Dry Packet of Gravy, Biscuit or Muffin mix, Boxes of Jell-o, Pudding, Brownie or Cake Mix with icing, Cereal or Oatmeal

****Please note – Turkeys will be supplied by another source -please don't send in turkeys –we can't store them!***

Please deliver your completed baskets to the Community Soup Kitchen, 36 South Street, Morristown, by **November 10**. If you have any questions, please call the Soup Kitchen office at 973-267-0709. Thank you for your generosity!



First Annual Fall Cleanup Day and Poker Tournament **Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m.-12 noon or 1-3 p.m.**

Choose from cleaning up (leaves, minor interior cleanup/repair) in the morning (families invited) and cleanup and poker tournament in the afternoon. Entry 'buy-in' of 2 hours of fall cleanup assistance and a small contribution to cover tournament trophies required. Maximum limit only 24 entrants. Lunch provided at 12 noon.

Honor NEWSLETTER Deadlines

All articles for both print and online versions of the Newsletter should be e-mailed to **melodylingers@verizon.net** (editor PAT BAXTER) by the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month preceding the one in which they will appear.

Transylvania Tidbit

The embroidered Unitarian flag which will be placed on the empty flagpole in the Great Hall has been finished by our Partner Church minister's wife, Ildiko Palfi. It will be delivered by the minister of the Unitarian Church in Torda, Rev. Laszlo Kiss, during his visit to their partner in Weston, Mass., in October.

What Does It Mean To Be Present?

Sunday, November 6, 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

First Sunday of Every Month - Different Topics & Guest Speakers Each Month

This NEW Adult Discussion Forum will be led by guest speaker ***Greg Geiger***. Come to the first service on Sunday morning, get your coffee, and then join us for a lively discussion. Greg, formerly a member of MUF and now of All Souls Unitarian Church in NYC, is trained in Religious Studies and Urban Planning and is presently a UU seminarian at Union Theological Seminary in NYC. His talk will focus on his experiences, studies and meditation practices surrounding Buddhism. Share your experiences of *being present* in your daily life. Everyone is welcome. No registration required. ***For more information, to suggest a topic or to volunteer to lead the discussion:*** Contact Carol Todd at 908-(-) or caroltodd@att.net.

Remember Casino Night Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m.!

If you have ever fancied yourself a high-roller with cold feet, here's your opportunity to play roulette, blackjack and other games of chance for the price of admission—seniors \$25, advance \$35, at the door \$40. Bring your friends, but no one under 21. ***(And you may win a ticket for the Super 50-50; the drawing will be January 28 at the SCAN concert. See p. 15 for more information.)*** If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Kunz at 973-(-) or mbkunz@gmail.com, or Alyse Kalas at 973-(-) or malenka@optonline.net.

Join the Memorial Garden Committee

Do you have an interest in gardening, trees and the outdoors? If you do, we might be the ideal committee for you. Our time is dedicated to taking care of plants and our beautiful garden. We have flexible scheduling and are an ideal committee for people who can't commit to a regular schedule. We also do not have many evening meetings. If this interests you, the Memorial Garden Committee is looking for new members. Please call Carolyn Schwartz, 973-(-).

Help Us Sing the Living Tradition



Singing the Living Tradition - Our songbook/hymnal supply has rapidly depleted to the point that even when shared, there are not enough for each program. If you have not purchased a hymnal, now is the time to do so and to include a personal dedication for its inside cover.

For the new paperback supplement, ***Singing the Journey***, our RE children took the initiative to raise money to jump-start its purchase by selling sandwiches on Sundays in October.

Sign up in the Library to purchase the hymnal/songbook and/or supplement. And take this opportunity to personally dedicate your purchase. See the dedication sample next to the signup book. Thank you.

Rita Morris & Dan Byrd

Happy Fourth Birthday, MUF Newsletter!

Last month's Newsletter was the 48th consecutive one produced totally inhouse and available both in print and online versions. The savings from not using outside consultants and by having so many of our members and friends read the Newsletter online has added up to over \$10,000. We will always produce a printed Newsletter, but we still encourage people to opt out of the mailed version if they are satisfied with its web equivalent. A simple email to webmaster@muuf.org with the subject line "STOP THE MAILED NEWSLETTER," along with your full name and mailing address, will accomplish this.

Four years ago, the pioneers of this way of doing things were George Aronson, who laid it out and chose the software platform; Suzanne Apel (later Apruzzi), who was the initial data entry person; and Lee Hauck and Pat Baxter, the co-editors.



Now the team is really down to one person—Pat Baxter—who does virtually the entire Newsletter creation herself, with an assist by George Aronson, who optimizes it and gets it onto our website every month. And of course we couldn't do the whole job without our loyal and dedicated office volunteers, organized by Lee Hauck to prepare it for mailing.

George Aronson

Prison Ministry Study Group Forming

In response to a recent UUA Statement of Conscience for Criminal Justice and Prison Reform, (www.uua.org/csw/RevisedDraftSOCCriminalJustice2005.pdf), we are creating a Prison Ministry study group. The study group is sponsored by the Denominational Affairs Committee. We will learn about the local jails and state prison system, network with other congregations and explore opportunities for volunteers to go into the prisons and get involved with prisoners and their families. If you are interested in being a part of the study group, please contact Gloria Jackson at 973-(-) or gloriajcksn@aol.com.

Many, Many Thanks!

The Executive Board would like to thank all those involved in developing and implementing the Leadership Retreat on September 23-24. The program reflected careful planning and organization, and was well received by attendees. Your time commitment and input were greatly appreciated!

Contributions to the Celebration of Life

From **Catherine and Ron Corey**, in memory of **Jean Hubble**.

From **Darrell and Mary Courtley**, in memory of **Stacy Peszynski**.

To the Endowment Fund, from **Kathleen and John Solu**.

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



Sharing Our Joys & Concerns



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



Memories of Fil-Ame

November 3 marks the fifth anniversary of the sudden loss of Fil-Ame Caces Mitchell. Five years ago I thought my world was over. I had spent half my life with this remarkable person, whom many of you also came to know and love. How could I go on without her? We were supposed to grow old together, travel the world....

The agonizing pain of her loss has eased over time, thanks in large measure to many people in the Fellowship. Not one day passes, of course, without thoughts, memories, dreams of her smile, her laughter, her love for friends, her passion for flowers, for beauty, for life.... Somehow I have survived and most days now I can smile when her face comes into my mind's eye.

Although I am on the journey alone now, the legacy of her life and spirit has given me strength. I have come to realize that we all borrow our loved ones for a few moments in time. Ultimately we are all alone in the universe, but Fil-Ame taught all who knew her the power of love as a way to transcend aloneness.

Fil-Ame loved this Fellowship very deeply. She intuitively understood the spirituality that infuses the people, places and the events that take place here. I too owe this sacred place a deep debt of gratitude. Thank you all for the many kinds of support you have given me on the new path I find myself on. This is surely a special place.

Paul Mitchell



Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesdays, November 2&16	7:30 p.m.	EVENSONG	p. 8
Fridays, November 4-25	8:30 p.m.	Folk Project's Minstrel Coffeehouse	p. 8
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Monday, November 7	7:00 p.m.	First Monday Book Group	p. 8
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Sunday, November 13	4:30 p.m.	Alison's Installation	p. 3
Saturday, November 19	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Fall Cleanup & Poker Tournament	p. 11
Saturday, November 19	6:30 p.m.	Service Auction	p. 9
Sunday, November 20	8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Blood Drive	p. 8
Saturday, December 3	8:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Guitar Trio (SECS)	p. 9

Save the Date!

The Normandy Chorale will present a concert Sunday, December 11, at 1:15 p.m., with selections from Haydn's *Creation* and *Songs of the Season*. Donation: \$8 adults, \$5 students/seniors.

More Time to Buy Tickets for Super 50-50 Raffle!

The Super 50-50 Raffle drawing date has been changed to January 28, at the SCAN concert. Tickets will continue to be on sale until that time. We will sell a maximum of 500 tickets at a cost of \$100 each, with a grand prize of \$10,000. Proceeds will support our community and social action initiatives. If you are not able to purchase a \$100 ticket, stop by the Box Office; we will be selling 1/4 shares for \$25 and will combine shares to give everyone interested a chance to win. Tell your friends about this opportunity. For more information, contact Michelle Kunz at 973-(-) or mbkunz@gmail.com or Alyse Kalas at malenka@aol.com.

Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



November 6 The Earth Trembles

“The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.” (Joel 2:10) The forces of destruction and creation that exist in nature are frequently the subject of myths in the Bible and other sacred texts. What do the environmental catastrophes of this year mean to us?

Rev. Alison B. Miller

November 13 Guest Minister

Ian White Maher will be our guest minister this morning. He is a friend and colleague of Alison’s from Harvard Divinity School. Ian has served as the Intern Minister of Community Church in New York City and has worked at the UUA’s Faith in Action Department in the areas of anti-oppression and anti-racism.

Ian White Maher, M.Div.

November 20 A Holy Curiosity

As Albert Einstein reminded us, “Never lose a holy curiosity.” This service will be the second part of our journey to articulate our wishes for lifespan growth and learning. Each service will be followed by a facilitated “conversation in community” on this topic.

Rev. Alison B. Miller and Carol Todd, Chair of the Adult Faith Development Task Force

November 27 Birth of Virtue

According to Cicero, “Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.” This Thanksgiving Sunday service will be dedicated to the place of gratitude in our lives.

Rev. Alison B. Miller



Who’s interested in having a New Year’s Eve party at the Fellowship?

 The holiday falls on Saturday this year, so how about celebrating it the MUF

 way? If you’re interested and could help, please contact Michelle Kunz at 973-(-) or

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