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## News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

### From our Minister

Our spiritual theme this past year has been “Sources of Wisdom.” The theme intersected with our worship, our Adult RE programming, and our children’s RE programming. Some of you may remember, the sermon series I offered in the fall related to this topic on the six sources of Unitarian Universalism.

I have summarized the six sources below, and you can find the complete text in our gray songbook or at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org).

- Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men
- Wisdom from the world’s religions
- Jewish and Christian teachings
- Guidance of reason and science
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions

I invite you to reflect on which of these sources undergirds your worldview, your decision-making, and your understanding of what is sacred. There are many wonderful resources out there to help you connect more deeply to each one. Whether your schedule slows down, or whether the additional daylight hours bring you more energy, the summer offers all of us a chance for renewal of the spirit. Below are some possibilities to make the UU Sources part of your summer journey.

The following items can be found in the UUA Bookstore. For children and parents (and others too), there is a wonderful book called, Stories of Faith written by Gail Forsyth-Vail. Another resource is the Six UU Sources Activity Booklets illustrated by Terry Stafford. For adults, there is A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism that also deals with the sources of our tradition. This is the book we gave as a gift to our newest members this year. (If you joined in the last year, and missed the ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup>, don’t forget to pick up your copy from the office.)

There are also some affiliated organizations of the UUA that offer connections and resources to individuals inspired by a particular source. An example of this in our congregation has been the efforts of the UUJA group (UUs for Jewish Awareness). This falls under the national group, also known as UUJA.

I invite you to peruse the materials of the affiliated organizations and their websites as a part of your summer reading. As you can imagine, the list is growing all the time. Here are some that I am aware of: Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship: [www.uuchristian.org](http://www.uuchristian.org), Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness: [www.uuja.org](http://www.uuja.org), Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship: [www.uubf.org](http://www.uubf.org), Association of Unitarian Universalist Humanists: [www.huumanists.org](http://www.huumanists.org), Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans: [www.cuups.org](http://www.cuups.org), and UU Ministry for Earth: [www.uuministryforearth.org](http://www.uuministryforearth.org).

May this summer bring you inspiration, enjoyment, and renewal.

In fellowship,

- Rev. Alison Miller  
Minister, MUF



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## Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

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**Ministerial Intern:** Barnaby Feder

**Operations Manager:** Bruce Benson

**Acting RE Assistant:** Donna Becker

**Sunday Services:** 9 am & 11 am (More info on last page)

**Religious Education Classes:** 9 am



## Summer Office Hours

Monday—Friday, 10am-4pm

Saturday, closed

Sunday, 9am-1pm

*Please note that Deneise will be out of the office on vacation  
June 26-July 5.*

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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.

## Who Do I Talk To?

*(if I want to get involved)*

*Any of the ministers and staff would be delighted to speak with you.*

*Our Five-Year Plan coaches, Karen Dinsmore and Gary Kunz, can help you connect your passion with one of our goals.*

*Volunteer Leaders in the various Program Areas would be more than happy to let you know how you can make a difference in their area of the Fellowship.*

### Sunday Services

Marjorie Wormser and Carol Titus

### Religious Education

Nina McCormack, Children's RE Council

Matt and Sarahjane Rath, Youth Advisors

Danelle Simonelli, Life Span Programs Committee

### Social Justice

Karen Burns Rutigliano and Chris Reynolds

### Community Connections

Michelle Kunz, Welcoming Committee

Laurie MacGeorge and Catherine Corey, Caring Committee

Hazel Bell, Website

### Facilities

Steve Parker, Sacred Space Task Force

Diana West and Nan Perigo, Facilities Council

### Finance

Susan Lausell, Finance Committee

### Governance

Paul Ferm and Tanya VanOrder, Board

Pick up a copy of the most recent Morristown Unitarian Fellowship Directory (green cover), or link to it on the members section of our website, for updated contact information for everyone listed above.

If you are a newcomer, Deneise Murad, can help you get in touch with the above.

E-mail her at [admin@muuf.org](mailto:admin@muuf.org) or call 973-540-1177 x203.

*You are also invited to pick up a complete list of the current committees and programs along with descriptions and contact information to help you gain a greater understanding of what is offered.*



## President's Corner

Greetings! My family and I know many of you very well. We are always excited to make connections and meet the new families that discover our Fellowship every year. Perhaps our journey here is not too different from some of yours; we were raised by inquisitive parents, who encouraged us to explore, do good deeds, support our community, work hard, and to try to keep things in perspective and enjoy life.

MUF has been very nurturing to my family and very good at getting me to try on new hats --- that is to get me in touch with what I think of as "Silent Affirmations". When I find myself really connecting with a good deed, or mitzvah, that someone is doing and in my heart it feels right for me as well, that is what I call a Silent Affirmation. If I am not really listening, I may not hear it or perhaps I don't want to hear it because it makes me uncomfortable. But these are wonderful opportunities that MUF can offer each of us. Let me give you some examples from my journey.

Leadership - I remember coming to an Annual Meeting in 1988 and looking with great admiration at the Board President. I felt good to be in a Fellowship that encouraged such wonderful women and men to take time out and help in this way. My Silent Affirmation was that perhaps one day I could help the congregation in that role as well.

Teaching – Teaching was always a great way to contribute. My Silent Affirmation came when I saw talented volunteer teachers negotiate middle-school waters with such ease. How cool! Could I ever do this? Many years later, I found some of

my most rewarding times in the RE program as a mentor to teenage youths, trying to explain what I believe in and encourage them to find their own path.

Music – while I always loved music of all sorts, I was far too shy to sing in public. My Silent Affirmation came as I would listen to our wonderful singers. After many years, I admitted to our music director, Beth Wilson, that I had by happenstance met a vocal coach and was working on a song. She had me sing the song the very next week - It's a Wonderful World! As you may have noticed, I haven't turned back and I love to sing with our congregation.

What are your Silent Affirmations? Do you look in awe at our Social Justice members or Youth Group advisers or Singers or Buildings and Grounds folks? I know for a fact that each of these areas are keen to have fresh energy and ideas.

I look forward to our continuing journey together!

In Fellowship,

*Paul*

- Paul Ferm, MUF President



## Seeds of Peace

\* ***"We affirm the reality of love as a dynamic power...(which) moves us to create relationships of compassion, respect, mutuality, and forgiveness..."***

The response we've had to Compassionate Communication workshops has encouraged us to continue offering opportunities to become acquainted with these life-affirming skills. Our 2-hour workshop in May was attended by a co-ed mix of members and non-members (community outreach is part of our commitment). A new practice group was spawned and, at this time, plans to meet in Madison on a regular basis. That brings the number of our ongoing practice groups to three!

\* ***"As individuals we covenant to learn and practice the skills of compassionate communication..."***

Currently, we are seeking a professional Compassionate Communications trainer to facilitate an extensive workshop on a Saturday in September. Watch for the date!! A sliding scale fee will be requested.

\* ***"We advocate a culture of peace..."***

\* Quotations from the UUA *Creating Peace* Statement of Conscience, a document overwhelmingly approved by the UU delegates who attended the 2010 UUA Annual Assembly of UU congregations.

-Submitted by Jo Sippe-Gora, Seeds of Peace Committee



## Chalice Seekers



An attitude of gratitude has been shown to enhance life. From the Buddhist Soka Gakkai International website: “Gratitude is the key to unlocking a more open and rewarding perspective on life. Feelings of appreciation are always accompanied by the elevation of one’s state of life and the broadening of one’s perspective. And the more life expands, the more our sense of gratitude becomes, to the point where we can feel appreciation even for the problems we face in life.” The practice of gratitude in my life has changed my life and this is measured by my increased awareness that we all contribute to the collective joy of being. It broadens my perspective in appreciating the things that normally go unnoticed such as being aware of how much my breathing affects my daily round and in appreciating the things that are more apparent such as my vocation and how I deal with my happiness and my sadness. When you are depressed, filled with grief, or just generally sad, sit down and list all the things you are grateful for and see what happens! Even though bad times can be overwhelming, over time you will notice a change in your emotional climate to one of being grateful for life itself.

In this last article I feel moved to express my gratitude to my beloved community. My deepest gratitude goes to Rev. Alison who is my supervisor, colleague and mentor. You are sure to catch her intelligence, vitality and Spirit just by being in her presence. Gratitude goes to the staff: Jim Blanton, our Director of Music; Deneise Murad, our Executive Assistant/Ministries Administrator; Barnaby Feder, our Ministerial Intern; Allen Wells, our Affiliated Minister; Donna Becker, our RE Assistant; Bruce Benson, our Operations Manager and the newest member of our team; Mary Doane, our Nursery child-care provider; Sergio Lopez Rojas and Eduardo Guzman, our custodians; Consuelo Rojas, our Sunday custodian. These are the people who work hard for you and keep the Fellowship running smoothly and looking well cared for.

I express gratitude for the RE Council – present and past. All of you have made my life at the Fellowship an enriching experience with our fun and laughter-filled meetings and all the work you do to provide great programming.

Gratitude goes out to all the teachers and advisors who make **Religious Education happen**. You are the heart of the program and the heroes. While the Director of

Religious Education administers, coordinates, facilitates and provides the resources needed for an RE Program, you make it happen. **KEEP ON TEACHING**. You are sending our children and youth out in the world with important values and helping them create a society that is based on our Principles.

Thanks to our parents who consistently bring their children to our programming. While I know it isn’t easy to get up early every Sunday morning, your diligence will pay off as you start to see your children living into our principles.

My spirit of gratitude goes out to the Board of Trustees – past and present. They have welcomed me into their meetings with the spirit of engagement and cooperation and their assistance in matters of governance have furthered the goals of Religious Education programming. The same spirit of gratitude goes out to all our volunteers who are responsible for our Strategic Planning and all those volunteers on the Networks and Sacred Spaces Task Force working on fulfilling our vision.

Thanks to our committee members and all our volunteers who help our Fellowship run smoothly. Thanks to **all of you** for making my time spent at MUF happy, productive and spirit/faith-filled. I have grown as a professional. MUF is a learning place, a place that helps people live out what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist. I am blessed by being part of this gracious community.

Gratefully,

*Karen*

- Karen Brown,  
*Director of Religious Education*



*Thank You*

Thank You Karen, we will miss you!

## ***Book Study/Discussion: The Left Hand of God: Healing America's Political and Spiritual Crisis***

**The Left Hand of God: Healing America's Political and Spiritual Crisis  
(2006), Rev., by Rabbi Michael Lerner**

**Four Wednesdays: July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24, 7-9:00pm, Room 205  
Sponsored by the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP)**

“A book that sends a clear call to everyone who cares about the future of America”--*Los Angeles Times*. “Part social critique, part save-the-world primer ...brims with hopeful proposals.”--*Houston Chronicle*. “

“Ambitious ...serves the vital purpose of articulating a progressive alternative to the conservative flavor of religion that has dominated American politics for the past thirty years.”--*Washington Post*.

This 2006 bestseller is the study in “spiritual activism” that sparked the creation of over 100 NSP chapters nationwide. The class will follow *TLHOG Discussion Guide* that contains thought provoking questions, suggested individual activities on “spiritual activism” between sessions, and optional follow up actions at the class conclusion. (*Rabbi Michael Lerner is an internationally renowned social theorist, theologian, psychotherapist, editor of Tikkun magazine, and co-founder of the NSP.*)

Please contact Teresa Guyton for more information, to sign up, and to receive *TLHOG Discussion Guide* with questions, assigned readings, and suggested activities at [teresguyton@yahoo.com](mailto:teresguyton@yahoo.com) or 973-989-9098.

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## ***Green Earth Ministry***

What do Lupus Foundation, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Purple Heart Foundation, Market St. mission and Planet Aid have in common? They all want old clothes, yours and mine.

The ultimate recycling definition: Waste = Food. What we no longer need nor want becomes life supporting necessities for people and the earth.

With all these organizations to choose from, pick the one that most reflects your values. I spotted the Planet Aid bin at J & M Home and Garden in Madison when I stopped to buy some plants. After checking the credibility of the organization, I knew this is where I wanted to bring Fred's clothes. As I dropped them into the bin I felt good to know that he was still doing his environmental work with me as his partner. To see their mission statement go to: [www.planetaid.org](http://www.planetaid.org). Click on Who We Are, then click Mission.

Don't toss out your no-longer-wanted stuff or let them hang useless in the back of your closet. They are valuable.

-Submitted by Claire Mayer, Green Earth Committee

## Upcoming Events

### **INSIGHT MEDITATION GROUP**

*Wednesday's, July 6 & 20, 7:30-9:15pm*

Led by Rev. Allen Wells in MUF Meditation Room

A group for those with an ongoing meditation practice and brief instruction for beginners. Our primary focus will be that of Insight Meditation as taught by The Buddha, though all are welcome. The evening will consist of both sitting and walking meditation with an opportunity for the exchange of experiences. For further information please contact, Rev. Wells: 973 539-0301 ext 2, or E-mail: [awells@uuma.org](mailto:awells@uuma.org).

### **MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUP**

*Thursday's, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:30pm @ Library*

We share personal joys and issues in a non judgmental setting where feelings are important to express. Call Victor Sperber 973-895-5360 or Don Price 973-347-5515 for more information.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING**

*Thursday, July 14th – 7:30 – Dining Room.*

Come help create a wonderful plan for the upcoming year's MUF-wide Social Justice efforts – Harvest Fair in fall, holiday activities, and Signature Project activities -projects that will make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.etc. It's a brand new year...and a year when lots of folks are "up against it". Be a change agent in the world. We need you...just show up. If you have questions, contact: Christine Reynolds at [Reynolds@nac.net](mailto:Reynolds@nac.net) or Katharina Pietraszek at [katharinap@ymail.com](mailto:katharinap@ymail.com)

### **CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW**

*Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, July 27, 10:30am-12pm; Boxed lunch from 12-1pm*

Our *Cordial Conversations* will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month in the Library – go green, bring your own plates and utensils. Conversational topics are created from the groups that attend and they will be as varied as poetry to the latest scientific research. Our circle of participants decides on the topics. Coordinator – Gloria Dyer 973-543-7883 or [Gloria.dyer@verizon.net](mailto:Gloria.dyer@verizon.net) and Karen Brown at 862-432-0173 or [uudrek@gmail.com](mailto:uudrek@gmail.com). We hope you join us in community.

### **MONTHLY KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP**

*Friday, July 22, 7-9pm*

Would you like to spend a couple of relaxing hours clicking needles or crafting with fellow MUFers? Beginning knitters are welcome - bring your knitting and you are sure to bring home a few tips from the evening. If you are not knitter, just bring your own favorite craft - crocheting, felting, scrapbooking, jewelry making, origami, etc. Enjoy some peaceful crafting. *For more information contact: Maureen Dempsey [mkdemp@verizon.net](mailto:mkdemp@verizon.net).*

### **SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION**

*Saturday, October 22, 2011*

It's never too early to start planning! For information contact Annette Tyler, [aot Tyler@optonline.net](mailto:aot Tyler@optonline.net).

## Financial News

2010-2011 was the first year in the four that I have served on the board as treasurer in which our cash flow has not gone dangerously low. Among other factors, automatic pledge payments, have helped provide a predictable and even revenue stream. So far for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, we have 72 households (53%) signed up for automatic pledge payments. It's never too late to sign up! If you would like to do so, please contact Bruce Benson in the office at (973) 540-1177x 201.

*-Submitted by Susan Lausell,  
out-going treasurer/incoming Finance Chair*

### **Thanks from Deneise and Edith**

I have been overjoyed with the amount of support you all have given me through my pregnancy and now that Edith is here. Edith and I just want to say thanks for all the gifts and well wishes!



# Social Justice

## MUF Signature Project – “Alleviating Hunger & Homelessness” What You Can Do!

**Morris Habitat for Humanity MUF Summer Work Parties**—we are now organizing MUF work teams to work on housing construction/finishing projects in Morris County this summer. Toby Tyler is our MUF Habitat Work Team leader. (Adults and teens over 14) Let him know you are interested in working for a day – get more info about what is involved, tentative dates, etc. : contact him at [wtyler3@optonline.net](mailto:wtyler3@optonline.net)

**Raise Some Dough!** - Yeh! our first “MUF Bake Sale” for the benefit of the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen was a fine “launch” raising \$175 on Father’s Day. We’re up for another – we need bakers who will create something delicious to offer after our Summer Sunday service. Contact Katharina Pietraszek at [katharinap@ymail.com](mailto:katharinap@ymail.com) to let her know you can help. And to everyone else... bring your appetite....and get something for now....and something for later.

**Summer Long MUF Food Drive/ The pantries are empty!** -- Please Don’t forget – bring your food staples Great Hall– place in food pantry box. Get your kids out to do a neighborhood food drive on your block!

**Eric Johnson House – MUF Monthly Dinner Teams** – Next Hostings: Wednesdays, July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17. (5:45-7:00pm). Join other MUF members as we serve and host a cozy family style dinner for 12 at the residence. Join our meal prep rotational schedule and/or join us for warm conversation with great people who need warmth and support. Contact: Zella Geltman at 973-669-1181 or [zellarpg@yahoo.com](mailto:zellarpg@yahoo.com)

**Morristown Community Soup Kitchen** – Next Hostings: Lunch Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>- The numbers of people to be served are still significant even in summer. For July, contact Michelle Kunz to confirm need for soup, chilli, hot dogs, and cold/room temperature salads” Big changes in Soup Kitchen routine to take effect in August. Major push for MUF team of on-site Hosts/Servers 11:15-1:00pm Contact: Michelle Kunz: [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com)-- if you can help.

**Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner** –Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup> – 4:45-7:00pm – 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! If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High or older children that you can accompany, help prepare and easy meal for the 100+ shelter residents. Contact: [judyoneil@optonline.net](mailto:judyoneil@optonline.net).

## Other Ways to Help:

### “Pathways to Work” (PTW) - Look for the Workers in Yellow Caps

Sponsored by Neighborhood House program /The Morris Area Clergy Council.

#### PTW Workers’ Center Hiring Process

The center’s Job Bank is available to receive your job posting by contacting Rosa Chilquillo at (973)538.1229, ext.43 or go to [www.neighborhood-house.org](http://www.neighborhood-house.org). On the Main page you will find PTW listed under programs. You can use either the phone or the web to reserve a worker. This referral service is open every day of the week, for phone job postings and dispatch of workers. Here, you can hire skilled or unskilled workers for daily, seasonal or temporary employment. Our Job Bank contains Skilled workers – painters, gardeners, carpenters, masonry workers, etc. *How much are workers usually paid?* We suggest paying unskilled workers in the range of \$10- \$12 per hour. Also, we suggest providing lunch if you’re hiring someone for only a day or even a few days. Specialty or Skilled workers earn more, depending on the level of experience or knowledge required, or language ability. Negotiations are between the employer and the employee, but translators are available to make communication more comfortable. Housekeepers are available to clean homes and offices.

## *Common Security Circle*

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### ***July 21, August 11 and 25, September 8 and 22 (7-9pm)***

How did we get into this economic mess and what can we do—right here, right now—to start getting out of it? Common Security Circles, which are forming all over the US, are looking for local solutions to a national crisis. We are hoping to bring David Korten's "new economy" to life here at MUF and in our neighborhoods.

This course will have three components: study group, self-help and mutual aid, and political action. In small sharing circles and in the larger group, participants will be encouraged to talk about how they are affected by the current economic crisis/recession. We will share resources as we seek ways to create a more just and sustainable economy.

Please contact Pat de la Fuente [karasr@optonline.net](mailto:karasr@optonline.net) for more information about the course and the curriculum materials.

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## *Milestones and Passages*

### **Submitted by Brad Pryor, 6/5/11**

On Saturday when I got the mail there was a letter from my son Gordon. I had not seen or heard from him since August 28, 2008. He is safe and living in Florida. He now had a three month old daughter, Rachel Victoria Pryor. He sent me sic pictures of them. The loads of people who said he would come around were right. The people who offered prayers, like Margaret Crowl and Carol Titus, I think were the people who really did it. Thanks to ALL of you!

### **Submitted by Kristi Morin, 6/5/11**

Kristi Morin, Neil Stourton, Alex & Eleni are excited to share the news that we are moving to Italy in July! We will live and teach there for a year and then return home to New Jersey in August 2012.

### **Submitted by Monica O'Donnell, 6/05/11**

On a very happy note my daughter, Hayley, received the Walter Staziak & Tina Witowski Character Scholarship for Chorale music at a senior awards ceremony at Morris Knolls High School this week. We are happy and proud for her successes.

On a sad note I bring news of the death of a dear friend and long time MUF UU member, Diane Burns. She passed away yesterday after suffering a heart attack while mowing her lawn. She introduced me to MUF by inviting me to join her in the Dance Group. I will miss her warmth and direction immensely.

### **Submitted by Jo Sippie-Gora, 6/12/11**

Half my heart is still in Tokyo, where I recently spent a fabulous week with my son, Jason, daughter-in-law and 2 little grand-daughters.

### **Submitted by Chirs Monroe, 6/12/11**

Linda finally found an permanent job, after looking for over a year, but the job is in Pittsburgh! Little Katherine and I will join her there at the end of the month. Luckily there is a UU community right in the Mt. Lebanon, PA, where we will be, but we will miss everyone at MUF and the RE program in particular.

### **Submitted by Patricia M. Armstrong, 6/12/11**

The Armstrong family is sad to have lost family friend, Doug Roth. He died yesterday at age 45 after living a little over a year with cancer. WE hold him, his wife, Donna, and their two children, Brian and Jenny in our hearts.

### **Submitted by Drew Hayes, 6/12/11**

This past week my Aunt Alexia passed away after a long illness. Her spirit is now in a better place.

### **Submitted by Avianca Bouchédid, 6/19/11**

Last night, Show More Drama put on its first theatrical production ever AND its first collaboration with the Fundraising Committee. Bollywood 101 was a hit with about 70 attendees.

# Minstrel Folk Project Concerts

**Adults \$7, children 12 and under free.**

7-1-2011 - The Jean Rohe Band. Amandala, a female acapella group from Highland Park High School, opens.

7-8-2011 - Open Stage

7-15-2011 – The Shockenaw Mountain Boys. Scooter and Friends open.

7-22-2011 – Dirty Birdies Jug Band. Katie Weiss opens.

7-29-2011 – The Minstrel’s Birthday Show. Come celebrate 36 years with us! Folk Project members perform.

*All concerts start at 8:00pm.*

*For more information visit [www.folkproject.org](http://www.folkproject.org)*



## Staff Planning Day

**July 12, 2011**

*The Staff will meet to plan for the 2011-2012 year on Tuesday, July 12.*

*We would like to be able to put out a yearly calendar by September so we need your help!*

### Attention all Committee Chairs

*or others who need items on the calendar:*

Please submit as many calendar dates as you can for the upcoming 2011-2012 year to Deneise at [admin@muuf.org](mailto:admin@muuf.org) by Friday, July 8. Thanks for your help!

## Deeds Well Done

**Arlyne Dalman and Nina Nemeth** for their work to make JADE a successful event – over 120 attended.



**Tony Rutigliano** for his exceptional cooking for JADE.



Crane Making—**Vicki Hicks** for her vision and creativity in making 1000 cranes and donations to the Japan Relief efforts. **Alan Hicks** for all the help he provided in making this a success and **David Snedden** for his incredibly beautiful chalice made of cranes.

RE picnic

## *Upcoming Events Calendar—July*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>
Wed, July 6 & 20	7:30pm Room 304	Insight Meditation Group	P. 6
Thurs, July 7, 14, 21 & 28	7:30pm Library	Men's Group Consciousness Raising	P. 6
Tues, July 12	11:15—1pm Morristown Soup Kitchen	MUF serves at Morristown Soup Kitchen	P. 7
Wed, July 13 & 27	7– 9pm Room 205	Book Study/Discussion: <u>The Left Hand of God</u>	P. 5
Thurs, July 14	7:30pm Dining Room	Social Justice Council Meeting	P. 6
Thurs, July 21	7—9pm MUF	Common Security Circle	P. 8
Wed, July 27	10:30am Library	Cordial Conversations & Chow	P. 6
Sat, July 30	11am—7pm Lewis Morris Park	RE Picnic	P. 10



### *Welcome Bruce*

*Operations Manager*

Bruce Benson, our new Operations Manger, will be working part time, 20 hours a week for MUF. He will be coordinating our finances and will be working with the Facilities council to coordinate building maintenance. Please stop in to welcome Bruce!

Summer Office Hours for Operations Manager:  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10-4  
Saturday's for events

## *Memos:*

Don't forget to check out our *Wall of Gratitude* for our 2010 – 2011 Volunteers in Room 100. If you see a name missing, please add it to the list!

### ***DID YOU LEAVE A NOTE IN THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE'S MAILBOX A FEW WEEKS AGO?***

If so, please email [fundraising@muuf.org](mailto:fundraising@muuf.org). That note has been misplaced and Avianca would really like to get back to you. *Thanks.*



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Deadline for the AUGUST issue is

***August 15***

### *July 3*      ***“Our Biggest Choice ” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am***

Sometimes we can choose to submit to what life has chosen for us rather than have what we would have chosen. And this surrender can open us to large loving and great peace.

*- Led by Rev. Allen Wells*

### *July 10*      ***“A General Assembly Reporter’s Notebook” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am***

The New York Times used to allow its reporters to string together a handful of colorful vignettes from a reporting trip into a "Reporter's Notebook." The result was often a quirky, fuller picture of the event they had covered than a straight news report. This morning, our summer minister and former Times reporter, Barnaby Feder, will present a "Reporter's Notebook" on the recent General Assembly in Charlotte.

*- Led by Barnaby Feder*

### *July 17*      ***“Can we Have Faith in the Future? ” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am***

These are turbulent times. The economic crash has lingered on in a painful recession that affects all of us. Natural disasters such as drought, floods, tornadoes, forest fires and earthquakes show us a world out of balance. We will explore the ways we can respond to the economic/ecologic crisis while regaining faith in ourselves, our community, and our ability to create a more just and sustainable world.

### *July 24*      ***“Enough About Jesus, Let’s Talk About Me” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am***

At long last the sermon many of you requested that Barnaby told us he couldn't deliver on his first appearance in our pulpit last Dec. 26: a look back on his transition from being a New York Times reporter to UU ministry. This is dedicated to all of us who hear a voice calling us to something new and wonder whether to trust it.

*- Led by Barnaby Feder*

### *July 31*      ***“Reflections about Life and Death” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am***

How do we die? How does facing the realities of death teach us about life – our choices, our hopes, and our beliefs about life and what (if anything) comes next?

*- Led by Gloria Jackson is an Interfaith Minister and a Chaplain with Compassionate Care*