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News

Reaching In . . .
Reaching Out

From our Minister

Happy 50th Anniversary to the UUA! While our religious tradition has historic roots that go back hundreds of years, it was only fifty years ago that the American Unitarian Association (AUA) merged with the Universalist Church of America (UCA) in order to form the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The Universalist message of God's Love without Eternal Punishment was a badly needed antidote to the hell, fire, and brimstone preaching that could readily be heard in Christian congregations in the 1700s and 1800s. In fact, it was so popular that thousands would gather to hear a Universalist preacher offer his good news.

By the 1900s, the Universalist Churches were in decline, and many believe this was in part because their message was so successful in causing other Christians to rethink their understanding of God and salvation. Non-Universalists began to see that their concepts of God and humanity were far too limited, and so you were less likely to hear a sermon based solely upon God's wrath and human depravity. Even though the Universalist message was still far more inclusive and hopeful, the softening of the Orthodox teachings meant the pull away from traditional Christianity had lessened. The Universalists began to think about merging with another religious tradition that would align with their values.

The Unitarians hoped that the Universalists would choose to merge with them. They were experiencing a growth spurt and felt the joint efforts of these two religions had great potential. Unitarians and Universalists already had positive experiences working together. The following are two examples: The AUA and the UCA published a hymnal together in 1937, and the two youth organizations had merged in 1954 under the banner of Liberal Religious Youth (LRY). In 1960, those who favored the merger won the vote and Unitarian Universalism was born one year later.

Newcomers often ask why our name is the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship and not the Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The reason this name was chosen by our founders is that we were named in 1955 before the merger. Some congregations formed pre-1961 have chosen to change their name, and others have kept it the same.

Members and Friends of all ages are encouraged to join us

for the **50th Anniversary of Unitarian Universalism Celebration at 10AM on June 12th**. We will also be honoring Karen Brown and the powerful ministry of Religious Education she brought during her three years with us. And don't forget the Annual All-Fellowship-Picnic follows the service (details in this newsletter).

Another date to mark on your calendars is **Membership Sunday on June 5th**. In the 10AM Service, we will recognize the newest members who have signed the membership book - an act representing their desire to be in a covenantal relationship with our community. We will also mark the anniversaries of our longtime members whose dedication to us over the years is inspiring. The Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held at 12:00pm following a sandwich lunch. I hope to see many of you there.

In fellowship,

- Rev. Alison Miller
Minister, MUF



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Summer Sunday Services: 10 am (More info on last page)

Religious Education Classes: June 5 @ 10am, June 12 Multi-Generational Service, Summer Break from June 19

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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, Building & Grounds
Dan Byrd, Memorial Garden

Finance

George Hays and Susan Lausell, Finance Committee

Governance

Lisa Schmitt and Paul Ferm, Board

Pick up a copy of the new 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, Janine M. Torsiello, can help you get in touch with the above.

E-mail her at 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

I have always loved words, especially the written word. However, in this – the last of my “President’s Corner” columns – I am at a loss for words to express what an honor it has been to be on the Board of Trustees these past two years. I have learned, grown, stretched a lot, and even occasionally snapped. I have served with some incredible people, and I am so grateful for all (well almost all) of it. So to help me describe some of this year’s excitement, I have enlisted the help of two of my favorite constituents – my daughters, Amanda (11) and Lena (8).

“We enjoyed greeting people on the front steps as they walked into MUF. It has been nice to say, ‘hi’ to everyone, and also nice to be at church early. We recommend a reserved parking space, though – especially when there is a lot of stuff to be carried into the building. There were a lot of meetings all the time at crazy hours. We liked hanging out in Alison Miller’s office, where there were often really interesting things such as a labyrinth pillow, Day of the Dead masks, and giant, poster-size post-its™. We also loved getting the delicious snacks that came home as leftovers following some of these meetings.

Food and parties are a great part of being on the Board. We had waffles and smoothies that we made for ourselves and the entire Board at the summer retreat. As requested, Dad made a spicy chicken dish but, thankfully, we did not have to eat it.

We think that having a newsletter column is cool. The kids in RE should have a monthly column too. Written either by RE classes taking turns or by a group of RE kids interested in writing, it could be about what we are learning or suggestions for activities and improvements to MUF. We hope that Mr. [Paul] Ferm has a great time as President because we know Mom did!”

The Morristown Unitarian Fellowship is a wonderful community in which to find and create a spiritual home. It has been a lot of work, yes, but a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees. As many other time-limited volunteers, I find myself ending the Fellowship Year with unfinished wish lists and yet unaccomplished tasks. However, in a community whose lofty vision includes “seeking to transform ourselves and the world beyond us,” I believe that aiming high and enjoying whatever heights are achieved is just another lesson on life’s journey.

Please join us for the Annual meeting at 12:00 on Sunday, June 5th, following the 10am service and Board sponsored lunch.

In Fellowship,

Lisa

- Lisa Schmitt, MUF President



Network of Spiritual Progressives

Join us for a showing of the Academy Award nominated short documentary film:

Sister Rose's Passion

Followed by a presentation by

Luna Kaufman

Sunday June 5th at 7:00 PM

Location: St Teresa of Avila Church ,

Avila Room (306 Morris Avenue , Summit , NJ)

About Sr. Rose Thering

Rose Elizabeth Thering was born in Plain, Wisconsin in 1920 the sixth of 11 children. She entered St. Catherine Siena Convent of the Racine Dominican Sisters in Racine , Wisconsin at age 16 and continued her studies, eventually earning a doctorate from St. Louis University . In 1962, Augustin Cardinal Bea used Sr. Rose's study to draft portions of the 1965 Vatican document “Nostra Aetate” (“In Our Age”).”As Sr. Rose recalled later, “They were 15 lines in Latin, but they changed everything. Sr. Rose went to Seton Hall University in 1968, and soon after developed a program jointly run by the Institute and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) known as the Menorah Studies Program. By 1975 this program had grown into an entire course of study with the establishment of a Masters program in Jewish-Christian Studies.

About Luna Kaufman

Luna Kaufman is a Jewish woman who was born in Krakow , Poland and survived the labor and death camps of the Holocaust with only one other family member, her mother. After the war she was determined to embrace life in forgiveness and reconciliation. She returned to Poland and completed her education at Jagellonian University and the Music Conservatory. She emigrated to Israel in 1951, and a year later came to the United States and eventually settled in New Jersey with her family.

Luna Kaufman is an author and chairman emerita of the Sr Rose Thering Endowment board. Seton Hall University awarded Luna Kaufman the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, on May 11, 2009.

For more information, contact Karen Malnati at malnatifamily@hotmail.com or 908-598-8194



CHALICE SEEKERS



My last Chalice Seeker newsletter article has been very difficult to write. Part of the reason is because my emotional mind is sad about leaving this beloved community. The reasoning part of my mind wants to leave you with some understanding of how I view my role as an educator and that is not an easy task.

One major goal for Unitarian Universalist Religious Educators is to articulate and teach the 7 Principles by way of the sources of our faith. We help people live into these principles that develop values to sustain them throughout a lifetime. These principles are easy to articulate but living into them is difficult. Our busy lives just keep on getting busier and our conditioned minds keep us on that steady track of going and going until we are all used up. Religious Education is learning about the faith of Unitarian Universalism and that's sometimes challenging enough. 'Living into the faith' is even more challenging. I think the only way we can live into our faith is by *slowing down* our hectic lives.

Over the years, I have developed good spiritual practices that have sustained me in my life and in my life's work. I take time to sit in silence, meditate and pray. I have a yoga practice and I love walking in nature. I also find deep spiritual awareness in gardening, great movies, good books and bird watching. I participate in these wonderful spiritual practices because I find them joyful and healthful and I want to be *awake* when it

comes time to doing the work I feel strongly called to do - serving Unitarian Universalist congregations.

If we spend our lives *doing* instead of *being* we will have nothing to give ourselves or to others. We will have nothing left to give to our faith communities. My dream as an educator is to partner with people who want to live into the awe and mystery of life - to not only value thinking, but to value the silent place where awareness is found. This is the place where peace, kindness, compassion and love reside. This world is certainly wanting for all those things. And we cannot do it alone. Our beloved faith communities can and do help the faithful on their journeys toward wholeness. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, *What lies behind you and what lies before you are tiny matters compared to what lies within you.* The faithful journey is found within your being.

I loved every minute of *being* with you these past three years, and I'll take away with me your spirit and love for this Fellowship.

Blessings,

Karen

- Karen Brown,
Director of Religious Education



General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 - General Assembly this year will be held from **June 22-26 in Charlotte, NC**. For information go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>. From that link you can get information about housing, a summary of the schedule, registration and everything you need to know about General Assembly.

JOIN THE CHORUS

EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE CHOIR

Help support Sunday morning music by sponsoring a set of hymnals (one grey and one teal). Our music budget is in the red due to the unanticipated need to purchase more hymnals and another hymnal shelf. The cost of a set of hymnals is \$45. Your donation is tax deductible and will appear on your giving statement. Donors will be acknowledged in the hymnal. Write a check for \$45 with "hymnal donation" in memo line and put in basket or send to the office.

Social Justice Council Update June 2011

Helping Neighbors in Need

MUF Social Justice Signature Project- Round-Up
Alleviating Hunger & Homelessness in Morris County

Thank you everyone for your interest and support for our Blue Sky Gallery in April.
During this galvanizing input exercise, many of you stopped in to sign up for task/interest areas and to note your preferences which was exactly what we had hoped for!

We'd like to get started immediately this summer, so each Sunday in June we'll have a mini-Blue Sky Gallery in the Great Hall during Coffee Hour for sign up for 2 summer activities:

Bake Sale at MUF for Benefit of Soup Kitchen

Habitat Morris County MUF Work Teams

The MUF Bake Sale Team needs participants (families & adults) to sign up to bake or donate fresh bakery goods for re-sale to MUF members at periodic Bake Sale for Charity Sundays. Initial Captain: Katharina Pietraszek .

The Habitat Morris MUF Work Team needs participants to agree to periodic work days (1/2) at Morris County Habitat sites. We already have 5-6 signees and need a Captain (for a limited time) to arrange details for commitment dates with Habitat Morris Office. Contact: Katharina Pietraszek at katharinap@ymail.com.

MUF 25th Annual

Folk Concert to Benefit the People of Central America Saturday June 4th Doors Open 7:15 pm

See details p. 9 Music Starts 8:00 pm

Help needed for set up at 11:00 am-1:00 pm- We need to borrow Card Tables for the night for Cabaret Seating.

Can you help? Contact: Karenburns@casaessex.org or 973-252-2485.

Social Justice Collection Distribution Information Quarter January 1, 2011- April 30, 2011

Charity and Amount

Interfaith Food Pantry \$300 Pathways to Work (Neighborhood House) \$400

Homeless Solutions Shelter Support \$600 UU-United Nations Office(UNO) \$620

Northwest NJ Community Action Program (NORWECAP) \$200 UU- UNO Project

Ghanaian Orphans School \$250

Peaceworks \$700 Planned Parenthood Assoc of NJ \$200

Interfaith Council for Homeless Families \$400 Total for Q 3 Charitable Gifts from MUF ½ plate \$3,670

Other opportunities for service:

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners Wednesday June 1 and June 15th 5:45-7:00 pm MUF is meeting two monthly commitments to this great Morristown community of recovering AIDS/HIV neighbors.

Your friendly self &/or your good cooking needed. Contact Zella Geltman @ 973-669-1181.

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen Help is needed for June 14th serving. We need cold salads (pasta, veggies, etc.) soup, chili, hot dogs and beans. Cooks are needed to prepare food in advance to serve 150++ people . Helpers are needed to serve and shop day before for fresh items. Please step up Contact Michelle Kunz at mbkunz@gmail.com to let her know you are cooking or willing to help!

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner Saturday, June 11th-- 5:30-7:00 pm Help prepare our monthly MUF cheeseburger & birthday cake dinner for homeless shelter residents. Table talk is also where your natural self can be of great friendly help Contact judyoneill@verizon.net

Contact Pathways to Work for your Spring/Summer clean up assistance! The Pathways to Work Network of registered and experienced laborers is ready and able to help you with your fall labor needs. Contact Rosa Chilquillo at 973-538-1229 ext 43 or at cell: 973-647-8495 to arrange for your worker(s). Just describe your help needs: outdoor clean-up, basement clean out, painting, domestic cleaning, etc. She will arrange for your worker (s) to be waiting for your pick up. This is a fantastic deal for you and them. There are many people in our community who need work.

- Submitted by Karen Burns and C. M. Reynolds

Upcoming Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

Wednesdays, June 1st, 8th & 15th 5:00-7:00 pm

MUF's own Theatre Club will be working on upcoming **Bollywood 101** Event. Please join us to learn more about Indian Film Industry while helping to organize the show. Questions? E-mail Pratik Mamtora pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk or Call (256) 335-4800.

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RASING GROUP

Thursday's, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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.

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, June 22, 10:30am-1pm - bring a boxed lunch

Our *Cordial Conversations* will continue on the 4th 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 and Karen Brown at 862-432-0173 or uudrek@gmail.com. We hope you join us in community.

MONTHLY KNITTING & CRAFT GROUP

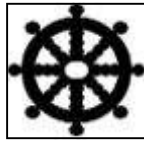
Friday, June 24, 7-9pm

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*

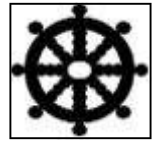
WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

PLEASE NOTE: The Retreat has been cancelled. Kindly make changes in your calendar.



Wheel of Life



- ◆ We are sad to announce that Fred Mayer, a longtime member of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, passed away yesterday. You might remember that Fred along with Claire breathed new life into Eco-Action at MUF and he was chair when MUF became a Green Sanctuary. At that point Eco-Action became Green Earth Ministry. You might also remember that before compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) were readily available for sale, Fred set up a table right in the MUF Great Hall and sold them to members to encourage their use. Fred also served on the MUF Board. He will be greatly missed. We hold Claire Mayer in our hearts at this difficult time. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Sunny Reilly has made donations to the Minister's Discretionary Fund in memory of Ken Diehl and Ludmilla Olsen and in acknowledgement of Steve Humphreys and others who helped her after a serious fall. She encourages others to contribute to this fund which helps members of the fellowship and the community at large who are in need. PS. Sunny is doing much better after her fall.

ENDOWMENT NEWS

The Fellowship is grateful to Ludmilla Olsen, and her daughter Marika and former husband Rev. Clark Olsen, for the generous gift of a large donation from Ludmilla's estate to the Endowment Fund.

Transylvania Tidbit

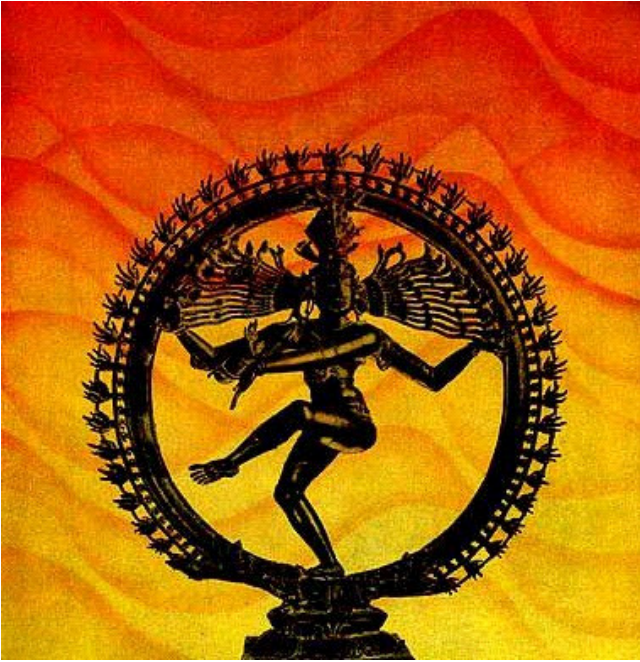
Read Gabor's article about the Hungarian Székely Áldás (Szekler Blessing) and a story about our visit to Sinfalva on p. 14 of the Partner Church Council Newsletter, at http://www.uupcc.org/newsletterpdfs/PCNews_v18n1withLinks.pdf

A/V News

We have strung cable to feed live video to the library during services. Now we just need a donated flat screen TV. It doesn't need a working tuner, since we will pipe in the video directly. Can anyone donate this? Contact Gabor muf-av@gaborkiss.com 908-850-5535

*** Bollywood 101 ***

SHOW MORE DRAMA and MUF Fundraising Committee presents



Often wondered what BOLLYWOOD means?
Feed your curiosity about the Indian Film Industry,
Hindi Cinema & South-Asian aesthetics.

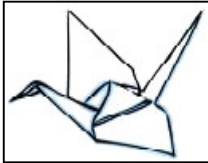
Let 'Rasa Theory' - Dramaturgy entice you with
forms of Indian art including dance, music, theatre,
cinema & literature in treatment, interpretation & usage.

Activities for one and ALL.
Dance to "Jai Ho" from *Slumdog Millionaire*.
Enjoy Indian refreshments in a children-friendly
environment with live entertainment and info.

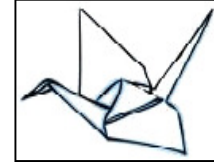
Sat, JUNE 18th 7:00 pm
\$15 in advance \$20 at door
\$5 Kids & Youth (16 years old)

Tickets @ MUF Box Office or Call Avianca Bouchédid 973-359-0550 E-mail: fundraising@muuf.org.
Questions? Pratik Mamtora on 256-335-4800, pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PEACE CONFERENCE TO BUILD SUPPORT TO: MOVE THE MONEY: TURN SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES



Saturday, June 4, 2011
From 9:30 am to 4:00 pm



Hosted by: The Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center in Boonton, 110 Harrison Street, Boonton, N.J. 07005

At a time when people are suffering from the economic downturn, political battles are still raging over how to cut the budget and the nation is still involved in several wars, we believe our nation's priorities need to change. FY 2011's military budget is the largest since the end of World War II, even though the Cold War is over and there is no longer the threat of aggression from a major power.

The purpose of the conference is to help change our nation's priorities by promoting the reduction of military spending by at least 25% and "Moving the Money" from nuclear weapons, their support systems and unnecessary defense items to humanitarian, social and environmental needs. Ultimately all nations will need to greatly reduce their military spending and eliminate nuclear weapons in order to address human needs and make the world safe for our children.

To help achieve these goals, at the conference we will also promote the advancement of the Global Marshall Plan, a key element to a sustainable just world based on our shared human values of compassion and justice, which our keynote speaker, Jonathan Granoff, will talk about.

Lunch to be provided by the Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center.
There is no admission charge.

*For more information and to RSVP, please contact Teresa Guyton,
Contact, NSP—Morris County (Northern NJ) at teresaguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098*

***FUN**draining COME-MEET-ME*

The Fundraising Committee raises operational funds for our spiritual home and is for you if you:

- \$ Would like to see MUF continue to flourish as a religious community that values social equality, the freedom of individual spiritual beliefs, and the importance of social responsibility.
- \$ Would rather not ask people directly for money
(that is left to the hardworking folks on the Finance Committee and Annual Pledge campaigns)
- \$ Are social and enjoy planning parties
- \$ Have tons of experience fundraising
- \$ Can help generate ideas
- \$ Have NO experience fundraising and are interested in gaining some
- \$ Do not have a lot of time to volunteer but would like to in a meaningful way (e.g., setting up or cleaning up for an event)
- \$ Can spearhead just one event or lend a hand for several events
- \$ Are not particularly social and prefer to be “behind the scenes” of an exciting event.



PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM!

E-mail Avianca Bouchédid, Chair
at abouchédid@colotraq.com
if you have any questions.

THE FOLK PROJECT

New Jersey's premier acoustic music and dance organization



6-3-2011 - Reeds, Rhythm, and All That Brass, an eighteen-piece swing band. Betsy Rose and The Chicago Fire open.

6-10-2011 - Open Stage

6-17-2011 - Josh Joffen and The YaYas (split bill)

6-24-2011 - Dave Kleiner and Liz Pagan. David Kleiner (a completely different person) opens.

All concerts start at 8:00 pm

For more info visit: www.folkproject.org

UU UNO Spring Seminar

From April 27 April 30 several of our youth (Ezra and Hannah Goldberg-O'Neill, Molly DeSmedt, Nina Guiliano, Maggie Tenbroek, Sarah Matsushima and Erin Luken), accompanied by Matt Rath attended the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU UNO) spring seminar. The Seminar was titled Empower Women for a Better World. We learned about and engaged in discussions of a wide range of women's issues from access to education, reproductive rights, access to healthcare, violence, sex trafficking, global warming and economic empowerment. We met many amazing people from all over the US and Canada as well as a Queen Mother from Ghana. We all arrived home, exhausted, but very much enriched by the experience! We would like to especially thank Shari Loe and Judy Goldberg-O'Neill for driving us to and from the seminar!

- Submitted by Matthew Rath

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group meets the first Monday of the month. We meet in **The Dining Room at 7:00 pm**. Upcoming books are:

June 6th- *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austin—led by Sharon Glickman



For more information, please contact Nancy Lee McLure at nlmclure@msn.com or by phone at (908-204-9572). We welcome new members! All opinions are respected. Since weather may vary considerably between members' homes, please call if weather is doubtful. - Nancy Lee McLure

FOUR GREAT ACTS!
S.C.A.N.
 (Service Committee Action Network)

25th



 Dave Kleiner & Liz Pagan
 Mike Agranoff


 Jean Rohe & Rohe Family
 A.J. Bodnar & Lisa DiSavino

**CENTRAL AMERICA
 BENEFIT CONCERT**

Tickets \$20 in advance • \$25 at the door. Tickets on sale at MUF Box Office on Sundays.
 Advance Reservations List for "Hold" tickets: call MUF Office 973-540-1177, ext. 203
 or email karenburns@casassex.org • Cabaret Seating • Refreshments Provided • BYOB

Saturday, June 4, 2011 • 8:00 pm
MORRISTOWN UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP
 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown N.J.

Search for a New Director of Religious Education



DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. The Morristown (NJ) Unitarian Fellowship, located 35 miles west of New York City, is a vibrant, creative and growing congregation of 330 adults and 135 children and youth. We are seeking a full-time DRE whose ministry is built on leadership, team-building, communications and organizational skills. In addition to overseeing the children and youth program, the DRE will work collaboratively with the Adult Programs area. Recent milestones include the addition of a monthly Children's Chapel, the implementation of a new curriculum for grades one through six, and adult Covenant Circles. Partners in Religious Education Ministry include a part-time assistant, our Minister, and the Religious Education Council. The Fellowship follows UUA guidelines on salary and offers a competitive benefits package including professional development and training opportunities. Please send resume, letter of interest and a statement of religious education philosophy to dre-search@muuf.org or DRE Search, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. Preferred start date August 1, 2011.

Whoever becomes our new DRE will be joining a congregation that places a very high value on lifespan faith development.

For a detailed job description or for more information about us please visit www.muuf.org.
 Phone contact Carol Todd at (908) 625-7807.

Milestones & Passages

- ◆ I am pleased to announce that a bio and colored photo of Professor J. Douglas Carroll for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award in Psychometrics in 2010 was included in the commencement program for Rutgers University held at the New Stadium on May 15th. He holds the Board of Governors Chair at Rutgers School of Business with a joint appointment in psychology. — *Sylvia Carroll*
- ◆ In our garden we are enjoying the colorful and unique tulips from our trip to Amsterdam. Bob also planted some in the MUF parking lot. Look for the white fence around one of the trees so you can enjoy them for yourself. — *Irene Mendelson & Bob Scott*
- ◆ We achieved our goal of 1000 cranes and we surpassed it by many more. Thank you to all who participated in making this possible, especially David Snedden for making our impressive chalice. Many more cranes are made into mobiles to decorate our concert on 05/15 and 05/22. These will be for sale and proceeds to benefit MUF and the UUA Japan Relief Funds. Donations are welcomed. Looking forward to seeing you, your family and friends at the concerts. — *Vicki Hicks*
- ◆ 5 Cinco de Mayo's ago, we became members of MUF. 44 days later, we found out Av was pregnant. — *Avianca and Dany Bouché*
- ◆ Monica, Jordan, and Hayley O'Donnell had a double treat last Sunday when Monica's mother Ruth and cousin, Jan, travelled from San Diego CA to see Hayley sing with the Morris Knolls Chorale at Lincoln Center with the Eric Whitacre Choir. Fabulous! — *Monica O'Donnell*
- ◆ Ken Drake's father died on Wednesday at age 86. He was staying with Ken and Carol so they could work with local doctors on his health problems. He died at their home after a brief final illness. May of you have met him. He was a wonderful, kind man and will be missed. We will be arranging a service where his many friends in the antique arms community can attend. — *Ken Drake*
- ◆ A strong guest of mine blew a large tree down yesterday afternoon in my neighbor's yard during a large gathering of people and children on their deck. If you have large trees near your house or your neighbor's house please have them trimmed every 3 or 4 years. — *Bob Campbell*
- ◆ Please hold Drew in your hearts. He is missing his Dad—a World War II veteran a lot. Please hold me as I have to have a talk with my uncle John—a long sober alcoholic who is depressed from many recent family deaths and is drinking again. — *Janine Torsiello*
- ◆ Mid-May I was informed that my job at Merck has been eliminated as part of the sheering plough – Merck merges within days we went on a family vacation. Back from the vacation the upside is that I don't have to worry about how my Research IT projects have been screwed up while I was away. — *Irene Mendelson*
- ◆ Last Sunday afternoon, I attended the first of the "William Main Doerflinger Memorial Shanty Sessions at the Noble Maritimes Collection." These are free, and will be held on third Sundays each month at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center on Staten Island where Bill collected many sea songs from retired seamen. Bill was the only MUF member who is famous all over the world. His book, *Shanty Men and Shanty Boys, Songs of the Sailor and Lumberman*, is the Bible of latter day shanty men. — *Kelvin Domovs*
- ◆ I dropped off 3 paintings yesterday at the Montclair Museum for the Faculty Show and my work is making its way into 3 other art exhibits this spring. Ask me for reception dates. All are welcome. — *Linda Howe*

Be sure to send your Milestones & Passages to admin@muuf.org AND pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.

Upcoming JUNE Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15	5-7pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama	P. 6
Wednesday, June 1	7:30 pm @ Room 304	Insight Meditation Group	
Wednesday, June 1, 15	5:45-7pm	Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners	P. 5
Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7:30 pm @ Library	Men's Consciousness Raising Group	P. 6
Saturday, June 4	9:30am-4pm	NSP Peace Conference	P. 7
Saturday, June 4	8pm	SCAN Concert	P. 9
Sunday, June 5	7pm	NSP Movie— 'Sister Rose's Passion'	P. 3
Monday, June 6	7pm @ Dining Room	Monday Book Club	P. 9
Thursday, June 9	7:30pm @MUF Dining Room	Social Justice Council Meeting	P. 11
Saturday, June 11	5:30-7pm	Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner	P. 5
Saturday, June 18	7pm @ Meeting Room	Bollywood 101	P.7
Wednesday, June 22	10:30am -1pm	Cordial Conversations and Chow	P. 6
Friday, June 24	7-9pm	Monthly Craft and Knitting Group	P. 6

Annual Meeting June 5, 12:00 p.m.

Members as of May 5, 2011, are eligible to vote. Lunch will be provided. Business to be discussed or presented: Reports of the leadership, next year's Budget, election of Officers (see below), and an update from our Sacred Spaces Task Force.

Annual Picnic June 12, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Come one, come all, to the annual end-of-the-year picnic, sponsored by the Board and the RE Council. Last names starting with A-M please bring a salad and N-Z bring a dessert to share. There will be hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, sausage and pepper sandwiches and drinks to purchase. There will be fun and games for children of all ages. Let's celebrate another wonderful congregational year with each other.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9th
7:30 pm – MUF Dining Room**

Join us in organizing MUF's many ways of **"Sharing Our Values"** And in helping to "bringing social justice alive" through MUF in direct service, education, government policy change and charitable giving on behalf of our neighbors in need.

New members welcome!



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(More info on p. 11)

- June 5* **“Membership Sunday: Spiritual Companions” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am**
The first of the four elements of membership here is: Nourish Your Spirit. We will reflect on the importance of companions for this journey. We will also publicly welcome our newest members and honor the anniversaries of longtime members.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller
- June 12* **“50th Anniversary of Unitarian Universalism” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am**
Children, Youth and Adults of All Ages are encouraged to join us for this multigenerational celebration of last fifty years since the merger of Unitarians and Universalists. The service will be followed by the Annual Picnic sponsored by the Board and RE Council.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller
- June 19* **“Fatherhood Blessings” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am**
No father or mentor is exactly the same. We will lift up the many different qualities that the men we have known and loved have imparted to us and to future generations.
- Led by Rev. Alison B. Miller
- June 26* **“Whenever and Now: My Spiritual Pilgrimage” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am**
My life has been "immersed" in spiritual yearning and searching. Since my childhood as a Baptist Fundamentalist, the search has been for a safe place to ask and discuss my questions with more than some form of, "Take it to the Lord," or "Jesus is the Answer," as the reply. Finally I've found a safe place with better questions!!!
- Led by Rev. Ben Breitreuz, ordained in the Baptist and Methodist traditions