



From our Minister

“From you I receive, to you I give,
Together we share, and by this we live.”

Two brothers, and also two rabbis, Joseph and Nathan Segal, wrote this simple chant in 1969. It is simple, but very powerful and captures a big part of the essence of participating in a religious community.

This spiritual home we call the Morrystown Unitarian Fellowship is a creation of our shared efforts. Every year we share with one another the gifts of our time, our talent, our dreams, our sweat, and our finances to co-create a community that is based on principles of love and hope, justice and integrity.

You may ask, what kinds of gifts make a difference? All of them... making a generous financial contribution... offering care and support to a member or friend in a time of need... teaching our children... serving as a greeter, or an usher, or worship sound support... volunteering for one of our service projects... stewarding our endowment and our finances... working in our memorial garden or on the grounds... and every small and large effort that makes our congregational life possible.

You may ask, what differences these shared gifts make? They help us to live into our shared mission of being a welcoming and inclusive, spiritually alive, justice centered community. Because people share their gifts, we do things like... teach our children or youth that there is wisdom in all of the world’s religions, the sciences and nature, and in our human experiences... hold worship that is inspiring, meaningful, and beautiful... have caring networks that walk with us in our time of suffering and celebrate with us in our time of joy... work to alleviate poverty and its effects in our county and around the globe... and more!

You may ask, who shares these gifts? The answer is you. Every member and every friend of the Morrystown Unitarian Fellowship is asked to volunteer and to contribute generously and according to their ability. The gifts we share with one another are part of the glue that binds us together in community.

For most of you, figuring out what you have to give and what you are looking to receive in the coming year has been decided. For others, it is still a process of discernment. If you need someone to talk to about your relationship of giving and receiving within our community, please do not hesitate to call me: 973-540-1177 x204. I’d be grateful to be in dialogue with you.

If you have let us know your plan for contributing and volunteering in the 2011 – 2012 year – *Thank You!* This information is being used right now to create the annual budget and to update what’s next for year two of our five-year plan.

May all of our shared gifts allow us to reach the targets we have set for ourselves.

In fellowship,

- Rev. Alison Miller
Minister, MUF



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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

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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

As you probably have heard and read by now, our wonderful Director of Lifespan Religious Education - Karen Brown - will be leaving us after this Fellowship Year. She has accepted a position as Director of Faith Development at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn in Swampscott, MA. This is such a great opportunity for her; to be able to return to her hometown area, living near her daughter and other family members, with an exciting job in her chosen profession is ideal for Karen or, indeed, anyone.

Although I will be saddened by her departure, I am both happy for Karen and grateful for the gift of her ministry over the past three years. I especially appreciate her diligence in bringing us engaging new curricula, the new opportunities she brought us to come together in community, and her obvious passion for our children and youth.

As we coordinate a Search Committee for a new Religious Education leader for MUF, I find myself in appreciative reflection on the many educators (officially so titled or not) who have influenced me and my children since we have been at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. I am always amazed by the dedication and enthusiasm of our RE Teachers, most of whom are not professional educators. Their creativity, sensitivity, and willingness to show up prepared to

“work” on Sunday mornings is such a wonderful gift.

As a parent of two of those tired looking, snack-motivated, sometimes easily distracted children, I can tell you that their efforts do make a difference. Our UU kids are developing a delightfully mature and decidedly Unitarian view of the world in which we live. I have also personally been blessed by past Covenant Circle facilitators and participants, numerous fellow committee members, and a couple of terrific Boards of Trustees, whose wisdom continually influences me. And, of course, we all appreciate our esteemed, energetic Minister – Alison Miller – especially now that she has returned from her sabbatical!

So the bar has been set pretty high for our Spiritual leaders, but our Fellowship Members and friends always rise to the challenge as well. If you are interested in joining or assisting the DRE Search Committee, please let me or Alison know as soon as possible. We are extremely hopeful as we look for our new guide into Lifespan Religious Education.

In Fellowship,

Lisa

- Lisa Schmitt, MUF President



Deeds Well Done

- Thanks to our small but enthusiastic crew for Spring Cleanup on the 26th. You folks are amazing! - *Nan Perigo*
- Thanks to Keith Sagers for all the work he has done for the **Soup Kitchen**.
- George Hays for all he has done in the **Finance Committee**, and Karen Burns Rutigliano, Chris Reynolds and Katherina Pietraszek for organizing the Blue Sky gallery to design MUF's signature **Social Justice Project**.
- David Landau and cast (Paul Ferm, Jane Baldwin Shivas, Drew Hayes, Maria Manna, Charlie Carroll, Kate McAteer, Janine Torsiello, Maxim Keyler and Venkat Puranapanda) for making **Murder at the Manse** a very entertaining evening. Gary Kunz, Tony Rutigliano, Monica O'Donnell, Charlotte Luer, George and Beverly Hays for catering this event. - *Submitted by Norman Ng*

UU District of Metro NY 2011—Annual Meeting

When: May 6-7, 2011

Where: Hyatt Morristown, Morristown NJ

Highlights

* *Keynote Address* by the **Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed** (pictured), author, lecture, and Affiliated Faculty member at Meadville Lombard Theological School

* *On Friday night*, **Peter Mayer** in concert.

* *The UU Network Mall*.

* *Election* of the District President, Trustees at Large, members of the District Nominating Committee, and the District UUA Trustee



* *Outstanding workshop and caucusing opportunities*.

* *Awards and scholarships presentation*.

Complete details, including registration and hotel information, are available at: www.uumetro.org/am11



Chalice Seekers



When I was a DRE in the Heartland District, I developed an Educator's Retreat called "It's All About Me." We are now in our 8th year and I'm still the facilitator. We'll meet together again at the end of May. I design the mornings to be in circle with a well-crafted topic and for the rest of the time? Well, we build community and find time for total freedom from doing anything that feels like too much work. We sing, meditate, chant, eat organic food from the farm, watch spectacular sunsets, catch up on reading..... The key ingredient is Being and I encourage you to find the time to just Be – whether it's on retreat, having fun with your family or spending time alone without doing much of anything except enjoying yourself.

This year the theme of our retreat is called "the not so big life – making room for what really matters." I am using the book of that title written by Sarah Susanka. I found this book on CD in a bargain store called Building 19 in Massachusetts for \$2.99. Sometimes the best items can be had for little money. I listened to the CD several times and I ordered the book written in 2007. This delightful read has made a big impression on me. It's a simple book with a simple philosophy that works. Susan describes our "waking dream" as our own story line – a movie that is going full speed ahead. She encourages us to step out of our own story line into the flow of reality. I know, I know – easier said than done. But her excellent writing style guides us well. In this age of speed and constant doing, where we don't seem to have the time to gather our thoughts together to craft a well-lived life, some discipline is in order to live that 'not so big life'. One needs a plan of action to slow down. Following are some simple steps Susan encourages us to pursue as we engage in Life.

Follow your passions: Think of Marie Curie, Charles Darwin and Albert Einstein. **Clearly express your intentions; then let go:** Don't necessarily ask for things. Be more open-ended. "Help me to understand my own value and what I'm accomplishing through the living of my life." **Be obedient to the situation:** We have buried and conditioned beliefs in our story line. Discover why we are feeling a certain emotion – dig deep, clarity takes time. **Go toward that which you are rejecting:** When you do this, you are engaging in a tremendous opportunity to learn. Susan believes we create our own suffering by sticking to what we feel is 'right'. **Do one thing at a time:** Susanka says multitasking is an indicator we are sleepwalking through our waking dream. We have become efficient but ineffective.

This brief summary of "the not so big life" I hope will inspire you to reflect on your own life and how you are living each day. There are certainly many books and seminars that play on this theme. The key is to step out of the philosophy and make it real by actively living life fully. Reading Thoreau's Walden's Pond may get you where you want to be. You might consider reading the essay on beauty by our Unitarian ancestor Rev. Ralph Waldo Emerson. This essay on beauty might be stated simply with a quotation by A.H. Almaas, "The fulfillment of our life is to see life objectively, to see what's really there....Life is the expression and fulfillment and celebration of beauty. This is what we're here for. We're not here for anything else."

With life speeding up, many faith communities are trying to find ways to help keep members engaged in what's important and relevant. I feel committed as a Unitarian Universalist educator to focus on how we can help our members and families live that 'not so big life'. If we don't do so at the pace our society is going, our congregations will sadly diminish because we won't have any time to gather as a community. Together let's find a way to keep our faith alive and incorporate our values into that 'not so big life'. See you at the Fellowship.

In fellowship,

Karen

- Karen Brown,
Director of Religious Education



Transylvania Tidbit

This is esoteric, but amusing. See Transylvanian folk dancers illustrate computer sorting algorithms
<http://www.i-programmer.info/news/150-training-a-education/2255-sorting-algorithms-as-dances.html>

Help Wanted

The Technology Council is seeking someone to take over the maintenance of MUF's website. Hazel Bell has been doing it for years, and it's time for someone new to take over. Please contact Gabor 908-850-5535
gabor@gaborkiss.com

- Submitted by Gabor Kiss

"Gilbert And Sullivan And So Forth"
Pirates, Japanese Maidens & Emily Dickinson

Pirates, Japanese Maidens and Emily Dickinson will storm the stage in MUF's **third Annual Choral Festival** on **Sun, May 15 at 3 PM and Sat, May 21 at 7 PM**. The Morris Consort, MUF Choir, Youth and Children's Choirs and Chamber Ensemble will combine to perform music from "The Mikado" and "The Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert and Sullivan, the premiere of "Two Views of Emily Dickinson" by NYC composer George Boziwick and other diverse repertoire. **Admission is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for youth 18 and under.**

Relating to "The Mikado," which is set in Japan, and out of concern for the recent tragedies in Japan, MUF congregants and friends will construct 1,000 paper cranes to be displayed at the concerts. In Japanese tradition, the crane represents peace and hope, and recalls a Japanese girl who survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and, before her death from cancer at age 12, strove to construct 1,000 paper cranes for world peace and the end of suffering from such bombs. Audience members are invited to GIVE AT HOME by bringing canned goods and non-perishables for the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County or GIVE ABROAD by donating to the UUA Japan Relief Fund. **Donors will receive an origami paper crane for their contribution.**

For more information, please contact *Dr. Jim Blanton*,
MUF Music Director music@muuf.org or 845-858-9895.



Getting ready for the act: 'MUF Choir and Cranes'

Compassionate Communication:
Engaging and Connecting at the Need Level

Saturday, May 21, 2011, 10:00am - Noon
 Facilitated by Brenda Forte, LCSW & Tricia Armstrong

Is setting limits at work an ongoing challenge? Are you looking for ways to reduce the amount of anger and frustration you experience in your day to day interactions? Do you want to forge a more respectful and harmonious relationship with your partner and kids?

Join us to explore what Compassion Communication is and to discover ways to apply it in everyday life situations. We'll share communication "technology" that can help you:

- avoid being triggered in difficult situations
- make requests that increase the likelihood that you'll get your needs met
 - maintain peace of mind when you hear a "No."

This Morristown Unitarian Fellowship Lifespan workshop is sponsored by Seeds of Peace and the Network of Spiritual Progressives - Morris County (Northern NJ)

For further information and to reserve your spot please contact Tricia
 at Tricia.Armstrong@verizon.net or 973-377-2646

Upcoming Events

SHOW MORE DRAMA

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, May 4th & 18th 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 pratikmamтора@yahoo.co.uk or Call (256) 335-4800.

MEN'S CONSCIOUSNESS RASING GROUP

Thursday's, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 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.

WRITE YOUR LIFE STORIES

Saturday, May 14th, 10:15am – 12noon.

Facilitated by writer and teacher Zella R.P. Gelman. Do you have a lifetime of stories to share? If so, join this creative group. Writing expertise is not required and sharing is optional. The group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. Zella♥ can be reached at 973-669-1181.

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, May 25, 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, May 20, 7-9pm, Petal Art

Beth Murphy our "guest artisan" who will lead the group in Petal Art. 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.

Save the Date

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

Two nights and six scrumptious meals for only \$184 (plus tax) at the very majestic Turning Point lodge at Kirkridge. The lodge Sleeps 23 (minimum 16), so sign up soon. The meeting rooms are air conditioned and the lodge has a magnificent view of the Lehigh Valley and lake. This is a perfect time for new comers to get involved and have a fun and meaningful weekend. If you'd like to help organize or run an activity/workshop this is a great opportunity to stretch your imagination and creativity. For more information about the lodge visit www.Kirkridge.com. If you are ready to reserve your spot, have further questions or would like to offer a workshop, please RSVP to Geri Silk 973-539-2854 or gerisilk@yahoo.com or to Sharon Heller 973-492-9073 or SharonJeanHeller@yahoo.com.

BOLLYWOOD 101

Saturday, June 18th 7:00 pm

"Aaja Nachle" means "Come Dance With Me" in Hindi. This event organized by 'Show More Drama' & the **Fundraising Committee**. It explores the Indian Film Industry and Bollywood Cinema aesthetics. Combination of information and interpretive dancing, it is a children-friendly event and Indian refreshments will be served. More info to follow. Questions? E-mail Pratik Mamtora pratikmamтора@yahoo.co.uk or Call (256) 335-4800.

MUF's Youngest Newbie...

Our Office Ministries Admin. & Executive Assistant, **Deneise Hyatt-Murad** is a proud mother of **Edith** born on April 14th. **Baby Edith** weighed 6 lbs 0 oz and 18 inches at the time of her birth. If you would like to Congratulate Deneise with a card please give it to our office and we will mail it to her.



Pathways for your Legacy—Endowment News

A donation was received for the Endowment Fund from William and Annette Tyler.

Donations were received in memory of Kenneth Diehl from Pat DeLafuente and Robert Karasiewicz, Stefan and Betsy Burr, William and Annette Tyler, Mathew Corshu, Paulette Edelson, Mary and Darrell Courtley, Jan and Stuart Sendell, Gregory Colella and Deborah Morrone-Colella, Ellwood Kerkeslager, John and Judith Oehler, Genie and Dudley Woodbridge, Janet and Niles Davies, Jr. and Sarah Chapman.

Donations were received in memory of John Vogler from Anne Marie and Charles Sadlowski, Carol Lancaster, Gerald and Ann Williams, William and Annette Tyler, Margaret Carroll, Jan and Stuart Sendell, Felicia Jamison, and Joan Rafter.

A donation was received in memory of Eileen Walker from Jan and Stuart Sendell.

A donation was received in memory of Marie Antalfy, mother of Lillian Keating, from Kay Shay Kribs.

A donation was received in memory of Ludmilla Olsen from John and Judith Oehler.

Gifts in any amount can be made to the Endowment Fund, and can include donations in honor or in loving memory of family members and friends, or to celebrate special occasions. If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund, a "Pathways for Your Legacy" brochure is available in the kiosks in the Great Hall, or you can contact any of the Board Members below:

- John Oehler, Steve Rice, Carolyn Evans, John Solu, Don Price (Endowment Board)

Northern New Jersey Peace Conference

Move the Money: Turn Swords into Plowshares



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



**At Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center in Boonton (ICB)
110 Harrison Street, Boonton, N.J. 07005**

While our economy is still suffering and political battles rage over how to cut the budget, America is enmeshed in two wars and the FY 2011 military budget is the largest since the end of WWII. We believe our nation's priorities must change. The purpose of this conference is to promote the reduction of military spending by at least 25% and move the money from the development of nuclear weapons, their support systems and unnecessary defense items to humanitarian, social and environmental needs. Speakers will address these spending priorities, the military budget, nuclear policy, security, and NSP's Global Marshall Plan, along with the NJPA's Move-the-Money Campaign in the morning. Lunch will be provided by the ICB. Further panel discussion with Qs/As and an action segment is scheduled for the afternoon. Free admission.

Organized by:

August 9 Saving Lives Task Force
Church and Society Committee, Sparta United Methodist Church
Islamic Center of Morris County
Network of Spiritual Progressives Chapter--Morris County (Northern New Jersey)
New Jersey Peace Action (NJPA)
Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of Newton
Seeds of Peace Committee of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

Co-Sponsored by:

Morris County NOW,
Multi-faith Peace and Justice Alliance
Network of Spiritual Progressives Chapter--Central New Jersey

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Teresa Guyton, Contact, NSP—Morris County (Northern NJ) at teresaguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098. Subsequent flyers will be distributed with more detail on format, specific speakers, and additional co-sponsors.

Update from the Annual Budget Drive Committee

As of April 27th we have received pledges from 221 households for a total of \$412,000. There are still a number of people who haven't made their pledges, so we are having trouble predicting the 2011-2012 Budget amount the Finance Committee and Board must work with. If you haven't pledged yet, please do so as soon as possible.

This year a couple of our most generous donors have either moved away or have had financial reverses that forced them to sharply reduce their pledges. From the numbers we have so far, we will not make our goal of \$500,000 to support the desired 2011-2012 budget. Therefore, we will have to reduce our staff significantly from the desired level forecasted for next year, and possibly below our current level. We really don't want to do that, because of the impact it will have on the Minister, Office, RE and Building and on you.

Therefore, if you have already pledged, the Annual Budget Drive Committee will give you a suggested pledge increase that will enable us to match the current pledge income of \$445,000. That will enable us to keep our staffing at current levels and our building in the clean condition we have enjoyed this year. We will try to spread the pain equitably, so no one will be unduly pressed. Together we can make it happen.

- Submitted by Joe Uhrhane

Milestones and Passages

Submitted by Pratik Mamtora 04\03

I'm so excited and thrilled that I could jump and scream. I'm SUPER happy that Rev. Alison is back from her sabbatical. I won't be stretching the truth if I said WE feel the same way.

Submitted by Carol Jones 04\03

I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in early February. I had surgery Feb 9 and started Chemotherapy Mar 23. The medical professionals at Morristown are taking great care of me. If anyone who lives fairly near Basking Ridge could help me with a ride to my chemo some Wednesdays (AM). I'd be grateful.

Submitted by Linda Howe 04\03

I've resumed a search for a new apartment, hopefully, free of molds or toxic elements. If anyone hears, sees or knows of a lead kindly let me know. Thanks in advance.

Submitted by Barbara Stasiak 04\03

This week my family observed the 6th anniversary of Walt's passing on Mar 20, 2005. In the years since, hardly a month has gone by when I've not met someone whose life was touched by Walt's life, work as a teacher, coach, & religious educator. These encounters feed my faith that "The memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on."

Submitted by Janine Torsiello & Drew Hayes 04\17

We joyfully thank the congregation for your prayers and good wishes for Drew's successful Hernia Surgery past Friday. GENTLE hugs are welcome.

Submitted by Annette Hanna 04\24

I was very happy to get the news that I was accepted for an artist residency in Acadia National Park this Fall. I will be there for three weeks in Sep.

Submitted by Steve & Debbie Rice 04\24

Our son, Adam, has been selected for Phi Beta Kappa as he gets ready to graduate from Carnegie Mellon University.

Submitted by Pratik Mamtora 04\24

My sister, Ami's Father-in-Law has been admitted into the ICU for the 2nd time in 3 weeks. He has suffered from bone cancer for past 4 years. He is too frail & weak for any more needles let alone any treatments. Her wedding is preponed to April 28 & I won't be able to attend. Please keep Jaydev Uncle in your thoughts & prayers.

Submitted by Nan Perigo 04\24

Sorrow: My last grandmother passed on Good Friday after a long life filled with love & family.
Joy: Happy 11th Birthday to daughter June, our favorite Easter Bunny.

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:

May 2nd- *Olive Kitteridge* by Kathryn Straut—led by Susan Oxman

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*



Minstrel Folk Project Concerts

May 2011 Minstrel concerts for the MUF newsletter are listed below. Adults \$7, children 12 and under free.

5-6- 2011 - Anne Hills. Nick Annis opens.

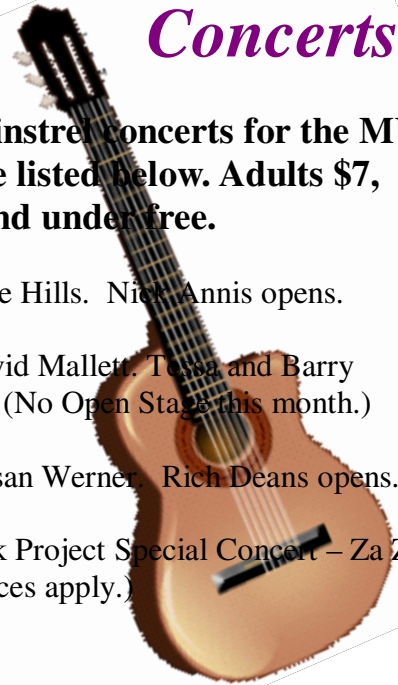
5-13-2011 - David Mallett, Teresa and Barry Mitterhoff open. (No Open Stage this month.)

5-20-2011 – Susan Werner. Rich Deans opens.

5-27-2011 – Folk Project Special Concert – Za Zu Za. (Special prices apply.)

All concerts start at 8:00pm.

For more information visit www.folkproject.org



“JADE”

MUF Jazz Art and Dinner Event Saturday, MAY 7th

5:30pm- 6:45pm Art Reception

6:45pm- 9:30pm- Dinner & Jazz Concert

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

You will meander among the beautiful displays – possibly purchasing one for your home – while listening to live piano music, sampling hors d'oeuvres and sipping wine. At 6:45ish we'll adjourn to the Meeting Room for dinner (Lead chef: Ken Nemeth) and we'll be treated to a Jazz Concert by “Jazz Anonymous” quartet playing jazz standards. Tickets are \$ 35 per person. A fabulous value for art, dinner & concert. Tickets at the MUF Box Office.

Questions: nina.nemeth@yahoo.com.

Green Earth Ministry

GEM wants you to waste less when eating out.

Like to eat out but don't like to waste food? So you take your leftovers home to eat another time. What are you taking them home in? Most likely it is a throw-away container made of Styrofoam. We all know that is not good for our earth. Here's a better idea. You can BYOC (Bring Your Own Containers) to when you eat out. Be sure to keep some extras in your car so you always them on hand.

While I'm handing out free advice, here's another suggestion. How about NOT imitating how Asians eat by NOT using chopsticks. Think of all the trees cut down, shipped across the sea made into chopsticks and then shipped back to us. And if you enjoy the cultural challenge you can always purchase reusable pair for you own exclusive use. Otherwise a fork will do nicely.

Bon appetite!!!

- Submitted by Claire Mayer

Green Earth Ministry - Timely Environmental News for You.

Welcome Nature to Your Part of New Jersey This Spring

As sunshine and warmer days return, we think of spending time outside appreciating nature. To see spring wildflowers, walk the Rockaway Valley Garden Club's wildflower trail in The Tourne Park in Boonton. You may be inspired to plant your own wildflowers and other native plants. Native plants are adapted to our region's climate and soil and will add a "sense of place" and variety as their appearance changes throughout the growing season. In addition, native plants provide biodiversity for a healthy ecosystem, feeding and sheltering birds and (if you do not use pesticides) the nourishing insects their nestlings need. If you like butterflies, how about feeding their children?

Caterpillars need native plants. On May 7 beginning at 8:00 am, the Rockaway Valley Garden Club is selling native plants and offering advice at 91 Powerville Road, Boonton. NJ Audubon (908 766-5787) will have plant sale in Bernardsville on June 6, (preceded by a class on May 13. Wildflowers are available by mail order from Toadshade Wildflower Farm (908 996-7500) and other companies.

Lunch and Learn Film: "Tapped"

Sunday, May 1, 1:00 PM

For your sustenance and enjoyment before the movie, a delicious soup, salad, and bread luncheon will be provided for \$4 immediately after second service.

Is clean drinking water a basic human right or a commodity? On Sunday, May 1, at 1:15 at MUF, watch the award-winning, 76-minute documentary Tapped. Critically acclaimed as "eye-opening, informative, and incredibly important for you to see," this movie from the producers of Who Killed the Electric Car has style, verve, and righteous anger. In accordance with the UUMinistry for Earth (UUMFE) theme for Earth Day of "Sacred Waters" we will also introduce possible actions for 40 days regarding respect for the resource of water and water justice.

Your older children may enjoy this film very much – so ask them if they are interested.

-Submitted by Linda DeLap

Denominational Affairs

Metro NY Minute -- Upcoming Meetings and Workshops and Action Alerts

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011 - General Assembly this year will be held from June 22-26 in Charlotte, NC. Reservations for housing began March 1st. 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. Karen Armstrong will be giving the Ware Lecture this year.

2011 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING - The Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed will be the keynote speaker at the 2011 District Annual Meeting, May 6-7, at the Morristown Hyatt. Reverend Morrison-Reed is a prominent African-American scholar and author of *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination* and *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby*. On Friday night, Peter Mayer, singer-songwriter well known for *Blue Boat Home* will perform. Registration began 2/15/11.

Go to <http://uumetrony.org/am11/index.htm> for more information.

REMINDER - For the latest information from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), go to <http://www.uusc.org/>.

More information on the above can be obtained on the UU Metro NY website: <http://uumetrony.org>. From this link you can get news from the district, the social action of the month of the UUA and UU Service Committee News.

- Submitted by Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs

Upcoming Events Calendar—May

Date	Time	Event	Details
Mon, May 2	7pm @ Dining Room	Monday Book Group	P. 9
Weds in May 4, 11, 18, 25	7:30pm @ Room 204	Ethical Eating Course	P. 11
Weds in May 4 & 18	5pm—7pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama MUF's Theatre Club	P. 6
Weds in May 4, 18	7:30pm—9:15pm @ MUF Meditation Room	Insight Meditation Group	
Thurs in May 5, 12, 19, 26	7:30pm Library	Men's Group Consciousness Raising	P. 6
Sat, May 7	5:30-9:30pm @ Meeting Room	JADE	P. 9
Sat in May 14	10:15am—12noon @ MUF	Write Your Life Stores	P. 6
Sun May 15 Sat May 21	3:00pm @ Meeting Hall 7:00pm @ Meeting Hall	MUF Annual Choral Festival	P.5
Fri, May 20	7—9pm @ Room 205	Knitting and Craft Group	P. 6
Sat, May 21	10:00am-Noon @ Room 205	Compassionate Communication	P. 5
Wed, May 25	10:30am—1pm @ Dining Room & Library	Cordial Conversations and Chow	P. 6

Ethical Eating Course

Food for Thought, Food for Worship

Join Barnaby Feder, MUF's Ministerial Intern, on **Wednesday evenings in May** for an exploration of the intersection of food, U.U. principles, and the life of our congregation. On **May 4**, Barnaby will map the role of food in the many religious and spiritual traditions from which we draw. The **May 11** class will look at the background and content of the proposed U.U.A. Statement of Conscience on Ethical Eating, a controversial document that will be debated at this year's General Assembly. The **May 18** class will shift the ethical eating spotlight to creative opportunities available here in northern N.J for applying our principles to how we eat. The concluding class on **May 25** will feature a potluck of food and drink based on what we have learned and a group effort to develop a distinctive MUF Communion Service for occasional use in Sunday worship.

All classes will meet from **7:00 PM—9:00 PM at MUF**. The class will be limited to 20 participants. E-mail Barnaby at intern@muuf.org to sign up.

And the Nominees are...

The following is the slate of officers for vote at our Annual Meeting on June 5:

Tanya Van Order -- President-elect
Karen Burns Rutigliano -- V.P. of Admin
Linda DeLap -- V.P. of Program (complete current term)
Laurent Comes -- Asst. Treasurer

Marti Weinstein -- Endowment
Ron Corey -- Endowment

Donna Best -- Nominating

*- Submitted by Janine M. Torsiello
Nominating Committee Chair*



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***** FRIENDLY REMINDER *****

Beginning May 29th MUF will have only **ONE** Sunday Service at 10:00 am. Kindly make a note in your calendars.

- May 1** **“Why Music and the Arts?” - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am**
The service will celebrate the reasons why music is important to us all: personally, in the community and in education. Through words, and mostly music, the service will spark enjoyment and a gentle reminder of how we must not let the arts leave our lives and especially our future generations.
- Led by Kenneth Piascik and Friends
- May 8** **“Honoring Our Mothers” - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am**
Join us for the morning of Mother’s Day as we celebrate the special women and mentors who have made a difference in our lives.
- Led by Rev. Alison Miller
- May 15** **“Bridging Seniors and Philosophical Musings” - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am**
On this Youth Group Sunday the youth talks about philosophy and existentialism.
- Led by MUF Youth Group
- May 22** **“Enlightenment” - 2 Services @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am**
One of the most important Buddhist holidays, called Vesak, falls this month. Join us as we celebrate the 2600th anniversary of Buddha’s enlightenment.
- Led by Rev. Alison Miller
- May 29*** **“Decoration Day” - ONE Service @ 10:00 am**
Memorial Day began as a holiday known as “Decoration Day,” when a women’s association in Mississippi decorated the graves of both Union and Confederate Soldiers to begin the work of healing. What is that work for us in our own time?
- Led by Rev. Alison Miller