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# News

Reaching In . . .  
Reaching Out

## From the Minister...

**WE BELIEVE IN DEEDS, NOT CREEDS.** This is a Unitarian Universalist mantra you will often hear me repeating. We are a religion that is based on a set of covenantal promises rather than a religion based on a set of theological doctrines. UU congregations covenant to affirm and promote seven principles beginning with the first, “the inherent worth and dignity of every person.” The full text can be found in English and Spanish at the following site: [www.uua.org/visitors/6798.shtml](http://www.uua.org/visitors/6798.shtml). These principles help guide us towards living just and meaningful lives.



At the end of the seven principles, you will find six sources that range from direct experience, prophets of today and yesterday, Christian and Jewish teachings, world religions, humanist teachings, to earth-centered traditions. In a creedal tradition there is one source of ultimate truth, while in our tradition we draw inspiration from many paths.

When I first arrived here four years ago, I remember hearing that our building was once called the “Gateways” mansion. I smiled as soon as I heard this name, for our mission in part is to help one another through multiple passageways where we may encounter what is most true or most sacred to us.

The six sources are the six gates through which we offer passage. Each one of us will find a different source (or maybe a couple) which speaks to us most loudly, but we have decided to be in a community that values exploring them all. This has a lot to do with our fourth principle, “the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.” The result is a congregation of individuals who hold differing beliefs and spiritual practices and who have respect and even enjoy these differences.

My parents, who came from different religious backgrounds, always said Unitarian Universalism was their choice because “We can worship together and hold different beliefs.” Contrary to how we are casually described by some, this doesn’t mean we can believe anything without limits. The seven principles provide the framework and the values by which we test our beliefs.

They are also a set of promises as to how we aim to live together in our community and how we hope to raise our children.

When a new congregation is started, one of the first events is writing the covenant. Throughout the life of a congregation, the covenant is revisited, reaffirmed and rewritten to capture the deepest expression of the community at a particular time.

That is another difference between creeds and covenants. Creeds are meant to stay the same forever, while covenants are open to change. Our congregation has had two covenant versions so far (1955 and 1993), both of which hang on the walls of our building. The seven principles have also changed over the years.

Our theme of the year is “Living in Covenant.” Throughout the year in Sunday Services, in covenant circles, in our social justice work, and in education programs for children, youth and adults, we will have opportunities to explore this theme. The journey will begin on September 13 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at our intergenerational Ingathering Sunday Services. I hope to see you there!

In fellowship,

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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.

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

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

Thank you!

***Deeds Well Done***

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

**Joe Uhrhane** for his excellent carpentry work on the third-floor coat-hook shelves.

***Waterloo Canal Heritage Day***

**Family/Friends Trip**

**Saturday, September 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Rain date: October 10**

**Free Admission**

Come and experience this interactive historical village. Ride a boat on the canal.

See the Indian Village, museum, general store, Rutan Cottage.

Bring lunch and picnic in a shady grove.

Sponsored by The Canal Society of New Jersey, Division of Parks and Forestry,

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Info from Geri Silk: [gerisilk@yahoo.com](mailto:gerisilk@yahoo.com) or Joan Clifford.

**Upcoming Board and Network Meetings**

Meetings are at 7 p.m. and open to all Fellowship members. This month's meetings are scheduled on:

Board of Trustees	September 9
Administrative/Program Networks	September 16

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the most recent meetings have been approved and are posted on the bulletin board in Room 100 and on the website. (Go to the Members Area and scroll down to the "Board of Trustees"; or from the homepage, click on "Congregational Leaders" and then scroll down to the Board and click on "Board Meeting Minutes.")

***Be a knowledgeable member of your Fellowship!***

## **The President's Corner**

So many good people, so hard at work! In the year plus that I have been on the Board, I have had the privilege of seeing so many people doing the work that happens behind the scenes in every church and spiritual community. This work includes some of the following:

- Committees getting together on retreats so that they can better understand each other and the work they need to do in the coming year.
- Our Minister generously spending a lot of her study time on various Fellowship matters.
- The Director of Religious Education writing new curricula and leading the Religious Education Council as they put a new RE year in place.
- The many RE volunteers that have spent hours this summer painting the RE spaces.
- Walking in the building to a newly painted sanctuary. It is stunning!
- The Fundraising Committee planning an exciting series of events for the coming year and beyond.

These are just a few of the many, many groups and activities that keep our community humming all summer long.

One of the groups that has been working very hard all spring and summer is the Strategic Planning Task Force. They have interviewed various consultants and are close to hiring someone who will be a big help

in bringing us together to plan for the future. They will soon be asking you for your help and input into the process.

### **Community Discussion October 3-4**

Please set aside some time on the weekend of October 3-4 and plan on participating in a community-wide interaction led by the Strategic Planning Task Force. It is a Board priority for the year and it is crucial that everyone has a voice in the future of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship. I am really looking forward to our first major opportunity to hear what your thoughts are about our future.

I am also looking forward to a respite from the workplace for a week as Michelle and I head off to Star Island and our annual return to the Life On A Star 2 family conference. I will spend the week relaxing on the porch, co-facilitating an Our Whole Lives Adult workshop and catching up with our two sons, who are working on the island this summer.

By the time you read this, I will be back in town, back to work and back at MUF. But I will also have my spiritual batteries recharged and I will be raring to go. Let's have a great year together and make some great plans for the future.

**Gary**

Gary Kunz, President

### ***UU Legislative Ministry of New Jersey Fall Issues Workshop***

**Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Held at the Summit Unitarian Church, this gathering will be a working session to:  
Move forward on issue development and goals.

Review how the legislative process in New Jersey works.

Hear about the ongoing work of our Task Forces: Health Care,

Environmental Justice, Economic Justice, and Emerging Issues.

Better understand the role of Congregational Liaisons and Action Teams.

Meet Julia Hamilton, UULMNJ's Director.

Prepare to take action on pressing issues, like Marriage Equality!

Visit [www.uulmnj.org](http://www.uulmnj.org) for more information, or contact Julia Hamilton, [director@uulmnj.org](mailto:director@uulmnj.org).

## Faith Developments

### FOURTEEN MEMBERS

AND FRIENDS of our congregation are currently enjoying *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron, a course in learning how to live a life of creativity.

Among artist's dates, writing morning pages, and committing to several exercises to help spark the creative spirit, many of us are experiencing what C.G. Jung dubbed as synchronicity. Jung believed from his own inner leadings and experiences that we live in a responsive universe and this universe acts and reacts in our interests. We look for synchronicities in *The Artist's Way*, and I experienced a wonderful synchronicity this week.

I had been thinking about what I wanted to say in my Newsletter column, and my thoughts were leaning toward what we as adults believe as Unitarian Universalists and what our children believe. I am called to this vocation of religious education because I believe "what we believe" matters. Our thoughts drive what we do in this world, and the world isn't always giving us positive and healthy direction. I believe that the principles of our faith can transform us and our time spent together on Sunday morning really does matter.

I don't go into the RE office file cabinet very often, but last week I opened up one of four cabinets to file a paper I thought was important. What was staring me in the face after opening the file folder was an 8" X 11" poster with the following words, "It Matters What We Believe," by Sophia Lyon Fahs. So there it was looking right at me, a synchronicity that couldn't be ignored. I went to our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*, to look up Sophia's famous writing and found it – number 657. Here is what Sophia Fahs wrote:

"It matters what we believe. Some beliefs are like walled gardens. They encourage exclusiveness, and the feeling of being especially privileged. *Other beliefs are expansive and lead the way into wider and deeper sympathies.* Some beliefs are like shadows, clouding children's days with fears of unknown calamities. *Other beliefs are like sunshine, blessing children with the warmth of happiness.* Some beliefs are divisive, separating the saved from the unsaved, friends from



enemies. *Other beliefs are bonds in a world community, where sincere differences beautify the pattern.*

"Some beliefs are like blinders, shutting off the power to choose one's own direction. *Other beliefs are like gateways opening wide vistas for exploration.* Some beliefs weaken a person's selfhood. They blight the growth of resourcefulness. *Other beliefs nurture self-confidence and enrich the feeling of personal worth.* Some beliefs are rigid, like the body of death, impotent in a changing world. *Other beliefs are pliable, like the young sapling, ever growing with the upward thrust of life.*" (Italics mine.)

We are what we believe. We can make a difference in how we live our own lives and how we interact positively in the lives of others if what we believe enhances our own sense of self and reaches out in love to our neighbors. In our world of greed and self-serving interests, our faith of Unitarian Universalism can help us discern a way to be in the world that is life-enhancing. What our children learn in Religious Education gives them tools for life. They acquire these important tools in our Religious Education Program that helps them find their spirit.

Cognitive development is important for children to succeed. They need the love of their families and friends. Children need good food, rest, relaxation and play. Children need to be nurtured and protected. And children need to grow spiritually. They need a faith community that helps them articulate their beliefs. Our community strives to grow our children's Spirits in a safe and loving community. As Sophia Fahs articulates, some beliefs are like sunshine, blessing children with the warmth of happiness. May our Unitarian Universalist beliefs help us and our children find true joy in Life. See you in September.

Karen

**Registration Has Begun – Reserve Your Spot Now!**  
***All-Day Nonviolent Communication (NVC) Workshop at MUF***  
**Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** (healthful lunch included)

**Led by National Trainer Dian Killian, Ph.D.**

**Learn how to speak peace and transform conflict, and build peace and partnership at home and in the world.**

Imagine connecting with the human spirit in each person in any situation at any time.

Nonviolent Communication (NVC) allows heart and hope and justice to get through in all our conversation.

Try it! It takes practice, but is simple and flexible.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn NVC from a national trainer. Registration forms now on turnstiles in Great Hall or can be printed from [www.muuf.org/documents/NVC%20Workshop%20Flyer-Final.doc](http://www.muuf.org/documents/NVC%20Workshop%20Flyer-Final.doc).

Please register early. Info: Seeds of Peace, call Jo at 973-838-8576 or [seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net](mailto:seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net).

\$70 per person (*scholarship available*)

Childcare available upon advance arrangement.

*Please register early!* This supports us in planning for the workshop.



To register, complete registration form, include check made out to *Seeds of Peace*, and mail to Seeds of Peace, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Need Childcare? Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Lunch Preferred? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Registration Fee \$70 Optional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*toward scholarships*) Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Gifts in Your Name – MUF Plate Allocations Made for the Fourth Quarter, FY '09***

Sunday Collection – 50% to Charities - MUF Q4 – April 1-June 30, 2009	Amount
Morristown Children on the Green Nursery School	\$ 600
Neighborhood House – General Ops Contribution	\$ 275
Pathways To Work – Immigrant Support Project	\$ 275
Wind of the Spirit – Immigrant Support Org.	\$ 265
Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County	\$ 450
NORWESCAP – Support A Family Project	\$ 300
Planned Parenthood	\$ 200
UU-UNO - General Ops Contribution	\$ 375
UU-UNO Ghanian Orphans – Tuition Support	\$ 300
<b>Total – Gifts in MUF Congregation's Name- Q4</b>	<b>\$3,040</b>

## *Upcoming Events*

### ***First Monday Book Group* CORRECTION** **Monday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.**

We will discuss *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. Our book for October will be *Infidel*, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. For more information, contact Nancy Lee McLure at [nlmclure@msn.com](mailto:nlmclure@msn.com).

### ***Compassionate Communication Practice Group*** **Thursday, September 24, 7-9 p.m.**

Peace begins within. If you're interested in cultivating more honesty, empathy and connection in your interactions with others, join our small group to learn and support others in using compassionate communication techniques. Participants at any skill level are welcome. For more information, contact Genie Bane at [geniebane@optonline.net](mailto:geniebane@optonline.net).

### ***Waterloo Canal Heritage Day*** **Saturday, September 26, see p. 2**

### ***Metro NY Minute–Future Meetings/ Workshops***

*Congratulations to Susan Oxman, who has been named our new Denominational Affairs contact! She will be reporting each month on items of interest happening in the Metro NY District area and/or information from the Unitarian Universalist Association.*

Creating a Jubilee World: An Anti-Racism Workshop: Friday-Saturday, September 25-26, UU Congregation of Central Nassau, Garden City, NY.

Long Island Leadership Institute, Session 1: Saturday, September 26, UU Fellowship at Stony Brook, NY; Session 2: Saturday, November 7, UU Congregation at Shelter Rock, Manhasset, NY; Session 3: Saturday, November 14, South Nassau UU Congregation, Freeport, NY.

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

*Susan Oxman, Denominational Affairs*

### ***Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, Part 2: On the Threshold***

**Six Tuesdays – September 29, October 13 & 20, November 10 & 17, December 8, at 7 p.m.**

**Coordinated by Danelle Simonelli**

This women's spirituality course continues where "Cakes Part 1: In Ancient Times" left off last year, by

exploring the stories of powerful women found in ancient Judaism and early Christianity. While we seek to reclaim these echoes of women's "theology," we will also look at the global suppression of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and societies. Topics will include the ancient Hebrew goddess Sarah the priestess, the Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, witchcraft, and the exciting changes in women's spirituality that have emerged in our own time. You need not have taken Cakes 1 to enroll in Cakes 2.

Women of MUF, please register for this course through the Fellowship's office. For further information, contact Danelle Simonelli at [dksimonelli@hotmail.com](mailto:dksimonelli@hotmail.com).

### ***Amor at Lincoln Center***

**Saturday, October 17, 4 p.m.**

"Amor & Friends" will present a concert of Broadway, Opera and Philippine Love Songs in Alice Tully Hall to benefit Philippine Street Children. Join a group of MUFers attending this event. A bus will depart our parking lot at 4 p.m. and return after the show for \$ 15 round-trip. Get your tickets at our Box Office or contact Amor or Tom McGuinness at [tomamor@optonline.net](mailto:tomamor@optonline.net) or [amorilao@optonline.net](mailto:amorilao@optonline.net).

### ***WOMEN'S RETREAT***

#### ***Taking in the Magnificence and Appreciating Our Bounty***

**Friday, November 13, to Sunday, November 15**

Coordinated by Beverly Hays, Karen Burns and others

This year we will be having our weekend retreat of *Rest and Renewal* at the Farmhouse at Kirkridge on the beautiful Kittatinny Ridge of eastern Pennsylvania near the Delaware Water Gap and the Pocono Mountains region ([www.kirkridge.org/building-rentals/building-descriptions/the-farmhouse-36-147.html](http://www.kirkridge.org/building-rentals/building-descriptions/the-farmhouse-36-147.html)). All women are welcome! The program will consist of meditation, writing, reflections, free time, crafts, yoga and sharing.

The cost will be approximately \$230 per person for two nights, six meals. Register with the office at 973-540-1177 or [office@muuf.org](mailto:office@muuf.org) by **November 2**. For further information contact Beverly Hays at [beverly.hays@verizon.net](mailto:beverly.hays@verizon.net).

## *From Green Earth Ministry (GEM): Eat Less Meat to Curb Global Warming*

When asked what one most important thing is that a person can do to slow Global Warming, Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, co-winner with Al Gore of the Nobel Peace prize, replied, “Eat Less Meat” Here’s why.

Cattle raised in large indoor barns in close quarters called Confined Area Feeding Operations (CAFO) are fed a diet of corn laced with antibiotics and hormones. Corn is difficult for ruminants (such as cows) to digest. As a result they emit large amounts of methane, a gas that has 24 times the warming power of carbon dioxide. The manure held in large lagoons spews into the air even more methane, as well as hydrogen sulfide, ammonia and nitrous oxide, which has 294 times the carbon dioxide equivalent. Rivers

and streams become contaminated with hormones and antibiotics.

Meat production uses about 1/3 of all the arable land on the planet, much of it to grow the corn and soybeans to feed the cattle to feed ourselves.

Nutritionally speaking, it wouldn’t hurt to cut down on meat. On the whole, Americans eat 200 pounds of meat each year, twice the recommended amount. If you would like to cut down, visit [www.meatlessmonday.com](http://www.meatlessmonday.com) for suggestions. It might be somewhat of a challenge, but then again it might also be more fun than you thought.

As climate scientist Dr. Gidon Eschel said, “The health of the planet and the health of people are almost perfectly aligned.”

*Claire Mayer for GEM*

## *New Signpost Installed On Columbia Turnpike*

The Beautification & Preservation Committee has purchased and installed a new signpost on Columbia Turnpike, at the entrance to our lower parking lot. To enhance its visibility, a large area around the sign was cleared and landscaped with woodchips and decorative stone.

The new signpost has an early 1900’s design similar to other road fixtures in the area. Because it is made from cast aluminum with black powder-coated paint, we expect it to be attractive and maintenance-free for many, many years. Fortunately, the hanging sign was still in good shape, so it was cleaned, affixed with new hardware and reinstalled onto the new signpost. The previous signpost had been there 30-40 years and had to be repaired several times in the past few years.

Thanks to Matt Rath, Brad West and Steve Rice for their efforts.

*–Steve Rice*



*OLD SIGN*



*NEW SIGN*

## *Social Justice Council - September 2009 Update*

### *Helping Neighbors in Need*



***Fundraising for Our MUF Home ! – Mark Your Calendar – Saturday, October 24.*** Be a part of the MUF tradition of providing services/events/treasures for MUF's benefit at our Annual Service Auction! We will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a LIVE Auction that will also be a "Grand Ghoulish Dinner Party & Auction." We want everyone to come in costume and create a vibrant Halloween party to celebrate our community. Start thinking about what service, dinner, sponsored experience or special treasure you will donate for auction to the rest of us! This is MUF's main fundraiser, but you can also think of it as the most fantastic year-long community-building event possible. More details will follow – but mark your calendar for October 24 ( and start working on your costume too). The MUF Service Auction Gallery Sundays will take place for silent bidding on Sundays, October 25 and November 1. Plan to be creative in your offering and adventurous and generous in your participation!

***Summer Thank You*** – Welcome back to school, from summer fun and from the pause that refreshes. There has been outreach all summer long and so many MUF members have been mainstay contributors to our good work in the community – summer-long soup kitchen hostings, interfaith homeless host week, dinners for those who have no kitchen and no family. The gifts of friendly kindness matters greatly and you are part of the safety net that catches those who fall. Thank you.

#### ***September Sharings:***

***Eric Johnson House – MUF Monthly Dinner Teams*** – Next Hostings: Wednesdays, September 2 & 23 (5:45-7 p.m.). 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. Contact: Zella Geltman at [zellarpg@yahoo.com](mailto:zellarpg@yahoo.com).

***Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, September 12 – 4:45-7 p.m.*** –This Morris County shelter is dependent upon congregations/corporations/civic groups to provide dinner nightly. If you are an adult, or a family with Jr. High or older children that you can accompany, help prepare an easy meal for the 100+ shelter residents. Contact: [judyoneil@optonline.net](mailto:judyoneil@optonline.net).

***Community Soup Kitchen – Next Hosting: Lunch Tuesday, September 8*** - Thanks to all who cook! We served 168 people in July. We need soup makers!!!...and casserole makers. Michelle Kunz: [mbkunz@gmail.com](mailto:mbkunz@gmail.com) if you can help.

***Pathways To Work*** – Program to Link Homeowners & Businesses to Day Laborers - sponsored by Morristown Neighborhood House and Interfaith Clergy Council of Morris County. Wow, the number of advance online and call-in requests doubled between June and July – hopefully the trend continues!

Can you help us in September and October as you are thinking of large jobs to tackle? Think of getting Pathways registered laborers to help you lighten the task...and you will also be giving a neighbor in need a job for a day or two. More information available on [www.pathwaystoworkers.org](http://www.pathwaystoworkers.org) or by calling Rosa Chiquillo at Neighborhood House – 973-647-8495.

***Hanover Avenue – Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County*** - We have been dropping off a steady stream of grocery donation bags to the Food Pantry over the summer. Keep them coming. The Pantry is a bustling warehouse – food comes in one door, is sorted in several category rooms, and then transported to the two retail “depots” in town. Hunger is still a very real part of Morris County life....aren't we fortunate that it doesn't touch us. Bring in Donation Food Bags any Sunday and drop in the Box in Room 100.

***Gifts in Your Name*** – See chart on page 5.

***Next Social Justice Council meeting Thursday, September 10 – 7:30 p.m., MUF Dining Room.*** Join us and find your social justice passion.

## Another Budget Shortfall

Dear Congregants,

This year, as last year, the Board has estimated the 2009-2010 pledge amount as we wait for all pledge cards to come in.

And again, we have overestimated that amount. This '09-'10 budget was based on the assumption that the congregation would generate \$440,000 in pledges. To date we have generated \$400,000 in pledges. It has been estimated that we are likely to generate another \$25,000 from those who have not yet pledged, leaving us with a \$15,000 gap.

This year we will not be launching a "Close the Gap" campaign. The Board will instead look at what other expenses can be cut and will work more closely with the Fundraising and Membership committees in search of increased revenues.

**If you plan to pledge and have not yet done so, please help MUF by getting your pledge in now.**

**If you had not planned on pledging, please reconsider the value of the offerings at MUF and the "feel good" of giving.**

Here's to a vibrant beloved community within our means,  
*Susan Lausell, Treasurer*

## Time to Sign up for Dinners at 8

Come one, come all, for a terrific experience next year. The signup sheet is in Room 100.

Reserve your spot now! What a great way to meet fellow MUFers and gain friendships that endure. Besides, the food is great, the conversation is the best and fun is guaranteed. For information, contact Judy Oehler at [judithoehler@verizon.net](mailto:judithoehler@verizon.net).



### COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP

Contact Kathleen Taggart, [ktaggart2@verizon.net](mailto:ktaggart2@verizon.net)

If your group needs to reserve a specific Sunday - call now - the schedule is filling up.

We look forward to every committee and group being represented this year; use this as an opportunity to recruit new members.

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

Account Name	July 2009	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
<b>Income</b>			
Pledge Income	\$53,954.08	\$448,000.00	\$394,045.92
Rental Income	\$1,650.00	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 47,550.00
Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00
Other Income	\$1,382.50	\$ 16,140.00	\$ 14,762.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$56,986.58</b>	<b>\$545,840.00</b>	<b>\$488,858.42</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Payroll	\$31,985.90	\$361,948.00	\$329,962.10
Debt Services	\$1,807.61	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 17,436.14
Building	\$4,410.65	\$ 65,932.00	\$ 61,521.35
Administration	\$3,543.58	\$ 60,072.00	\$ 56,572.94
Committees	\$ 811.88	\$ 15,420.00	\$ 14,738.12
Religious Education	\$1,102.48	\$ 9,716.00	\$ 8,613.52
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$43,662.10</b>	<b>\$532,088.00</b>	<b>\$488,844.17</b>
Difference	\$13,324.48	\$ 13,752.00	

Note: Pledge income was high in July because the pre-paid pledges were booked to income at the beginning of the fiscal year

# haring Our Joys & Concerns

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

## ***Tell Us Your Joys & Concerns***

***Be sure to send your Joys and Concerns to [melodylingers@verizon.net](mailto:melodylingers@verizon.net) so they will reach all members of the Fellowship.***

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



## Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Sunday, September 13		Ingathering Picnic	
Monday, September 14	7:30 p.m.	First Monday Book Group <i>(correction)</i>	p. 6
Friday, September 18	7:00 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah	Below
Thursday, September 24	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Compassionate Communication Group	p. 6
Saturday, September 26	11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Waterloo Canal Heritage Day	p. 2
Sunday, September 27	7:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur	Below
Tuesdays - Sept. 29, Oct. 13 & 20, Nov. 10 & 17, Dec. 8	7:00 p.m.	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, Pt. 2	p. 6
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### *High Holy Days*

A Free Faith Observance of the beginning of the Jewish High Holidays, or **Rosh Hashanah**, will be held **Friday, September 18, at 7 p.m.**, followed by honey, challah and other goodies. You don't have to be Jewish to participate, and all are welcome.

Observance of **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)** will be held **Sunday, September 27, at 7 p.m.** Contact Gloria Jackson at [gloriajcksn@aol.com](mailto:gloriajcksn@aol.com) for more information.



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**SEPTEMBER 15**

## Sunday Services

Services at 10 a.m. only on September 6; two sessions (9 and 11 a.m.) and RE return on September 13.



**September 6**

### Desire It All

How much can you let your attention go to the biggest of desires, and what would that mean for you? I often distract myself by paying too much attention to small quests and miss going for the ultimate satisfaction. What's big and what's small anyway? I've a feeling that satisfying my small desires is damaging the planet.

*Presented by Rev. Allen Wells*

**September 13**

### Ingathering Sunday: "Blessing the World"

Welcome to all children, youth and adults on this first ingathering Sunday service, in which we will explore the theme for the year: Living in Covenant.

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**September 20**

### The Open Book

*Rev. Alison B. Miller*

**September 27**

### Profits and Prophets

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MUF offers performing music ensembles for many ages and levels of performance. Get involved in the group that fits you!:

**MUF ADULT CHOIR:** Rehearses Tuesdays at 6:15-7:30 p.m. and Sundays after Services, and sings throughout the year for the 11 a.m. and Summer Services.

**MUF CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Grades 1-5, rehearses Tuesdays at 5:30-6:15 p.m. and sings for the 9 a.m. Services.

**MORRIS CONSORT:** An advanced-level chamber choir, by audition, which rehearses Tuesday evenings at 7:30-9 p.m. and performs twice yearly at Services and on the MUF Concert Series.

**NEW THIS SEASON! MUF YOUTH CHOIR:** Grades 6 and above, rehearses Tuesdays at 5:30-6:15 p.m. and sings for the 9 a.m. Services.

**NEW THIS SEASON! - MUF CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:** For instrumentalists who have played their instrument at least four years. Rehearses twice monthly on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons and performs monthly at Services.

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