



From the Minister...

Congratulations to the Strategic Planning Taskforce on all of their hard work throughout 2009 and 2010. They successfully engaged over 200 members in imaginative conversations about how we wish to learn, lead, and grow as a congregation over the next five years. The members who served on the SPTF are Karen Dinsmore, Steve Kreha, Norman Ng, Steve Parker, Kelly Schnur, Tanya Van Order, and Beth Wilson with ex-officio participation from Gary Kunz, Lisa Schmitt, and me. We also benefited from the consulting expertise of Tilly-Jo Emerson and Margaret Ng. I am deeply appreciative of all the hard work they have put into this process.

If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, you can read the set of strategic recommendations presented at the June Annual Meeting at the following link: <http://muuf.org/Strategic%20Planning.htm>. I wouldn't be surprised if you find a recommendation that you are interested in helping us fulfill. There are lots of exciting components to our five-year vision.

Now that we have a set of common goals, our work is to move from dreams to action. Beginning over the summer and the early fall, the strategic recommendations are becoming an operational plan, and we're already achieving some of our goals.

Fulfilling these goals will include a reallocation or an increase in our money, time and talents. I'll give two current examples. First, we wanted to do a better job of caring for our building, so we reallocated our budget to increase staff hours dedicated to cleaning. We are also reorganizing how our buildings and grounds volunteers do their work. Second, we wanted to be a teaching congregation, so we raised money to support a half-time Ministerial Intern for the next two years. I also reallocated my time to be able to supervise our Intern, Barnaby, and a group of volunteers will join this effort by serving on the Internship Committee.

The next big implementation piece on the horizon is the Congregational Facilities Feasibility Taskforce being put together by our Nominating Committee. You won't want to miss the kick-off meeting, open to everyone, which will take place at the tail end of the Fall Leadership Retreat. **The Retreat spans parts of two days: Friday, October 22nd from 6pm – 9pm and Saturday, October 23rd from**

9am – 4pm. The Facilities piece will take place from 1-4pm on Saturday. Please RSVP to our new Executive Assistant/Ministries Administrator, Deneise Murad, if you can make it to: a.) Whole Retreat, b.) Friday Only, c.) Saturday All Day, or d.) The Facilities Kick-Off.

As we move from imagination to action, let us meditate on the words of Andrew Carnegie: "Teamwork is the ability to work toward common vision: the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." May all our efforts bring us closer to the vision statement that precedes all of the recommendations: *We are a dynamic congregation, growing in spirit, community, numbers, and impact seeking to transform ourselves and the world beyond.* May it be so.

Alison

Alison



Alison's office hours are Tuesday-Thursday & Sunday by appointment.

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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.

Deeds Well Done

Brad Pryor for putting together the handsome, practical chancel tables we are using every Sunday morning.

- Submitted by Carol Titus



Senior High Youth

I'm writing this shortly after the year's first in-gathering of MUUF's senior youth, which was also my first opportunity as your intern minister to get to know the group and introduce myself to them. I have to say that if the spirit in which they made me feel welcome is any indication, this is a really special group of young people. We are looking forward to a year full of cherished traditions and some new initiatives, including some expanded and creative adventures in worship. Matt, SarahJane and I will also be working on providing more opportunities for those who are interested to develop leadership skills and to socialize and work with youth from other U.U. congregations in our district.

During the in-gathering, we discussed the article in the recent *UU World* about Danielle Smith, a 17 year-old at the UU church in Brunswick, Me., who was named student advocate of the year by the national gay rights group and invited to a reception at the White House. Raised as a Catholic, Smith began attending the Brunswick UU church her freshman year in high school when a friend told her "You're a UU and you're going to church with me." Here's hoping that our youth – and all of you adults – find equally fruitful opportunities to emulate Danielle's friend!

In fellowship,

Barnaby Feder,
Student Ministerial Intern



The President's Corner

We parents have tough decisions to make regarding our children's religious upbringing. Sports, Scouts, other distractions, and our kids' true need for "down time" make it even more difficult for us to provide the spiritual guidance that we may intend. For our interfaith family, this September heralded the beginning of some of the choices available and the decisions to be made. September 12th was the "opening" Sunday at both of our family's religious homes – the Presbyterian Church in Morristown and the Unitarian Fellowship. But really...even a multigenerational parade with balloons, banners and music has a hard time competing with bringing P.T. Barnum back to life and watching a performer juggle machetes over our unsuspecting members' bodies.

However, the choices to be made go much deeper than deciding which service to attend on a given Sunday. For us, it begins with Baptism and Naming Ceremonies (We had one of each), and continues with RE classes, choirs, Confirmation, OWL, and various other rites of passage. As Alison guides us through this year's theme of the "Sources of Wisdom" and the multiple paths that make up the Unitarian Universalist journey, I am thankfully reminded that mine is more of a scheduling dilemma than a philosophical one. Not only are Judeo-Christian teachings one of our UU Six Sources, but there are noticeably striking similarities between our family's two chosen faiths. Both speak of peace (inner and global) and

our connectedness as humans in spite of our differences. Both call for social justice which can be seen in the actions of the members of each of these particular institutions. Our children walk the labyrinth and learn about caring for our earth and environment at both locations.

I even keep an important daily reminder given by the Leaders of each our respective Churches as part of my own morning ritual – a smooth stone symbol of the David and Goliath story from the Bible and a marble from one of our services at the Fellowship this year. The stone is to remind me that God gives us (like David fighting a giant) the tools that we need for the task at hand even when we seem ill-equipped. The marble is to remind me to "play" and find delight in the day.

Of course, in the end, the decisions on the beliefs and values to embrace will be made by our children themselves. For now we will continue to surround them with the positive influences and experiences that will help them on their spiritual journeys.

Thank you for being the village to all of the children at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship!

In Fellowship,

Lisa

Lisa Schmitt, President



Hunger Walk 2010

To benefit the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center in Morristown.

Please join the Senior High youth group at the Hunger Walk 2010 – as a member of Team: "Morristown Unitarian Fellowship" on October 17th, 1:00pm

The Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center, located in downtown Morristown, serves a hot noon-time meal to up to 300 men, women and children a day. Through the Outreach Center, guests are connected with needed social and medical services. On **October 17th** we will join together with over 600 walkers in a 5K (3.1 mile) pledge walk to raise money to benefit the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center.

October 10th at 10:15-11:00 in the dining room we will have a visitor from the soup kitchen giving a short presentation telling us about the soup kitchen and Hunger Walk. You can register to walk, donate, or find more information at www.cskmorristown.org. Donations will also be gratefully accepted by Senior High Youth at coffee hour on 10/10 & 10/17.

To donate or register to join the team: go to the website for the Community Soup Kitchen www.cskmorristown.org.

After clicking on **"To donate"** you will be directed to <http://www.active.com/donate/HungerWalk10>. You will want to enter the team name *Morristown Unitarian Fellowship* in the top of page where it says "find a fundraiser to support" or "team name". You will then at the next page have an opportunity to donate to a particular team member or the entire team. OR

After clicking on **"To register"** you will be prompted to fill in information including the name of the team you will be walking with. If you have any problems, you can contact Donna Becker at writeme79@juno.com

Chalice Seekers

LifeSpan Religious Education—Chalice Seekers

Chalice Seekers..... I have developed a new name for my Newsletter Article and for the Parent Email Newsletter that I send out weekly. It personalizes our program and speaks to our endless journey of seeking what is right in life. The Chalice is a symbol of that eternal flame that sparks the journey.

We met together at 10:00 am on September 12th at a multigenerational ingathering. Rain didn't deter us; we moved the service in-doors. We celebrated community; we celebrated the life and times of P.T. Barnum; we broke bread together in the form of a potluck; we had a lot of fun. Many thanks to all our members and friends who pitched in to make it all happen. Thanks to Benjamin Lipman our Circus Entertainer.

September 19th started the first day of our Children and Youth programming.

Following are the highlights:

- Our **Nursery** is open from 9:00 until noon. Mary Doane is our child-care provider on staff and is with our children every Sunday. Kelly Gleason is our Child-Care Coordinator and recruited several members of our congregation to help Mary on Sunday mornings.
- **Preschool** children will be learning and having fun with their teachers. Carol Todd has volunteered her time to be the Preschool-Coordinator and is in class most Sundays. *We Are Many We Are One* offers young children the opportunity to learn about their religious community and tradition, as well as the freedom to discover and express their uniqueness.
- **Preschool/Kindergarten** children will be engaged in a curriculum new to MUF called *A Discovering Year*. It was written by Tirrell and Richard Kimball for the UU Shelter Rock Congregation. The curriculum seeks to nurture children's spiritual and religious growth through carefully sequenced connections to their ever widening environment.
- **Grades 1 through 6** children will be entering Unit One – Year 2. The first Unit is Unitarian Universalist Identity. All our elementary children will be learning about our faith using new curricula from the UUA and other UU curriculum authors – Picture Book of Unitarian Universalism for Grade 1 and 2, a UUA Tapestry Curriculum called Toolbox, and Shari Loe is working on the Beginnings Curriculum that has been used successfully for many years at MUF for Grades 5 and 6 children.
- **Jr. High Youth** will be visiting congregations around our neighborhood and beyond and learning about different faiths using a curriculum called Neighboring Faiths. We have a team of 8 advisors.

- **Sr. High** will meet 3 times a month from 9 – 11:00 pm and move off the Sunday Morning schedule once a month. They will meet in the latter part of the afternoon – time to be announced. We will be introducing new curricula into the program and we are pleased that Barnaby Feder – our new Intern Minister – will be joining the team.

We plan on several multigenerationals this year and fun family events. Our first one is scheduled for November 6th – Halloween 2! All families young and old are invited to attend. Please look at the **LifeSpan Learning Brochure** for September through October that can be found in the Great Hall in a rotating rack before you enter the Meeting Room. *What's Happening* in your Sunday Order of Service gives a full update of upcoming events. And please visit our Website at www.muuf.org. I'm looking forward to a year full of possibilities. I can't believe I will be entering my third year with you in Morristown. It's been an extreme pleasure.

Karen



The FUNdraising COME-MEET-ME wants to ask:

- Would you 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?
- Are you social and enjoy planning parties?
- Does the thought of asking people for money directly make you a bit sick to your stomach?
- Do you not have a lot of time to volunteer but would like to in a meaningful way (e.g., helping out cleaning up for just one event)?
- Can you spearhead just one event or lend a hand for several events?
- Are you not particularly social and prefer to be behind the scenes? of an exciting event?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider joining the Fundraising Committee. Contact the chair, Avianca Bouchédid, at abouchédid@colotraq.com or 973-270-7713.

Social Justice Council - October 2010 Update Helping Neighbors In Need

By now, you will have heard the short weekly description of a charitable group or social justice cause that MUF supports relayed briefly during each Sunday service. How wonderful to have the opportunity to share these vignettes of heart-warming work and solid programs that are working to make a difference in the lives of our disadvantaged brothers and sisters- close by and distant.

Here are 2 ways for your voice to be heard when we are making charitable support decisions!

The MUF Strategic Planning Committee & MUF Board has asked the Social Justice Council to form a special ad hoc task force this year from among the broadest possible group of MUF members for a two-fold purpose:

- 1) To identify a Signature Social Justice Project that all members of MUF can participate in next year (FY'12) – families, adults, teens, etc. The goal is to create a project with wonderful activities that are easy to participate in, and these activities should also be such that participants don't have to be a member of a MUF Committee to take part in them...they just should want to join in the action and do good. The end goal, of course is to alleviate some aspect of human suffering and to raise up, by good deeds, our collective MUF voices/hands into meaningful social justice activity. What "that looks like...is ours to decide together.
- 2) To help us create a comprehensive Social Justice Plan for MUF – one in which we factor in the very numerous social action programs our volunteers support and evaluate them for their vitality and effectiveness.

This ad hoc social justice task force has a big mission to accomplish "create a major first class social justice project" and help us take a measure of how we are conducting "social justice" at MUF. So we'd like YOU to consider helping us to rise to this challenge. If you'd like to be a part of the Social Justice Special Task Force that is being assembled please send karenburns@casaessex.org or Chris Reynolds at Reynolds@nac.net an email to declare your interest or have your questions answered. A meeting will be set for October, time/date to be determined.

2. Meanwhile, the standing Social Justice Council will next meet on Wednesday October 13th at 7:30 to 9:00 pm at MUF. It is one of our regular quarterly Charitable Allocation meetings and your input would be most welcome. We are also planning the Harvest Day at MUF (November 21) and the MUF Alternative Holiday Fair (Dec3,4,5). You are most welcome to bring your ideas and energy.

Interfaith Council for Homeless Families (ICHF) of Morris County - MUF is co-hosting a week as a Supporting Host Congregation beginning on Sunday October 31st. Many gratifying volunteer tasks need filling! You can help the guest families settle in, entertain the children by reading or homework or play support, help serve a meal, do an "overnight". Please contact Bob Campbell bobc@2023@verizon.net, to learn about the volunteer jobs we need to fill during the course of that week.

MUF First Sunday, "We CAN Drive" – October 3rd at both services

Help us to help the hungry in our community by shopping for a few extra items the next time you go grocery shopping. We will collect the cans/boxes/bags of non –perishable foods:

Hot and cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, canned meats/stews, hearty/chunky soup, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fish, rice, beans, canned fruit juices, etc.

Bring your items in on October 3rd and look for the collection basket – Thank you in advance!.

Two (2) Eric Johnson House Monthly Dinners – October 6th and October 20th 5:45-7:15 – MUF is meeting two monthly commitments to this great Morristown community of recovering AIDS/HIV neighbors. Your friendly self ...and/ or your good cooking needed. Contact Zella Geltman @ 973-669-1181.

Morristown Community Soup Kitchen – Help is needed for October 12th serving. We need casseroles, soup, chilli, hot dogs and beans. More cooks are needed to prepare food in advance to serve 200 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!

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Upcoming Events

THE EIGHTFOLD PATH TO HAPPINESS

(based on the teachings of The Buddha.)

Wednesdays Oct., 6, 13, 20, and Nov. 3, 10, 17; 7:30-9:15pm @ MUF

Led by: Rev. Allen Wells, MUF Community Minister

We will explore Right View, Good Intention, Good Speech, Good Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Mindfulness, and Concentration, as practical steps for spiritual development. We will connect each step to our UU values and discuss how it relates to living our daily lives.

We will begin and end each class with a short meditation. This will also be an excellent way to learn about Buddhism.

It will be important to attend the first evening because there we will lay the foundation of the path, but after that you may attend as you please. Please e-mail or call Rev. Wells for questions and for signing up for the class at: awells@uuma.org or 973-539-0301 ext 2.

4th ANNUAL QUEEN'S ARRIVAL

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 8 & 9, 7pm-9:30pm

“The Spirit Of Gratitude & Witness”

Featured Guests include Matt Meyer, Rosemary Bray McNatt, Rev. Michael Tino, Jennifer Greene, DRE, Daniel Gregoire, Union seminary.

\$15 each night or \$25 for both (includes dinner served @ 6:00 PM). For more info visit: www.UUCQ.org

350.org WORK PARTY

Sunday, Oct. 9, 9am– 2pm

On Sat., Oct. 9, 9:00 to 2:00, adults and children are invited to a Work Party/Celebration, part of 350.org's global mobilization for climate action. We'll begin with an invocation and Tai Chi. During the morning, adults will help save our trees from invasive vines (bring work gloves), wash windows to let the sun shine in and warm our building, or participate in a “Joy of Cooking Green” hands-on workshop with Claire Mayer. Meanwhile, children will enjoy paper cutting with Homer Hansen, storytelling with Linda Howe, and crafts. At 10:00, Betsy Burr will lead a tour of our historical mansion, sharing its stories. Bring a bowl and spoon and stay for an earth-friendly lunch of soup,

bread, and apples (\$3.50 donation) followed by family storytelling, a sing-along with Arthur Schwartz and Tom McGuinness, and a group photo. Our photo will be uploaded onto the internet along with those of more than 2500 groups marking 10/10/10 (we'll be 1 day early!) in over 150 countries.

Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, endorsed the 10/10/10 Global Work Party: "It's time for us to roll up our sleeves and get to work on building the clean energy future that will generate economic opportunity and provide a better, safer, healthier world for our children. On October 10, I encourage everyone to do his / her part to be part of the solution to the climate challenge."

After services on Oct. 3 (if you have not already done so), sign up to join MUF's Oct 9 work party/celebration. info Contact: GEM Co-Chairs, Caroline Gower @ 973-539-6546, caroline.g.gower@gmail.com or Linda Delap @ 973-898-0903, linda.delap@gmail.com for more info.

MEDITATION FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

Sunday, Oct. 10, 7:30 - 9:30 @ MUF

Led by: Rev. Allen Wells, MUF Community Minister

This is for you if you've wanted to meditate but can't find the time, have tried to meditate but get distracted, or wonder why you should even consider meditating in the first place.

We will look at some untraditional ways that might work for you, or at least we will help you to feel good about not doing it.

A helpful but not required reading is: *Unlearning Meditation* by Jason Siff.

For further information please contact Rev. Allen Wells: awells@uuma.org or 973 539-0301 ext 2.

SHOW MORE DRAMA

Alternate Wednesdays, October 13 & 20, 5-7pm

Theatre Club for ALL Ages from 7 and up in the Meeting Room @ MUF. Acting, Singing, Dancing, Role play, Improvisation, Scenario based workshops, Script reading, Memorizing Lines, Wardrobe, Costume, Make-up... possibly putting up a production !!

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And more...Upcoming Events

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Childcare will not be provided. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) responsible for their children. However, there will be activities to keep them busy!!

For more information, call Pratik Mamtora on 256-335-4800 or e-mail pratikmamtora@yahoo.co.uk

NETWORK OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESSIVES (NSP) - BUILDING A CARING SOCIETY- FILMS & TALKS

Thursday, Oct. 21, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss Film: The End of Poverty (2008). An "Inconvenient Truth" for global politics.

A phenomenal discourse on why poverty exists when there is so much wealth in the world. (Terrace Rm.)

SAVE THESE DATES:

Thursday, Nov. 11, 7-9 pm

Watch & discuss David C. Korten's address to the Network of Spiritual Progressives, Washington, DC Conference, 2010, on positive economic alternatives. Korten's latest book is Agenda for a New Economy: A Declaration of Independence from Wall Street. (Terrace Rm.)

RSVP: Teresa Guyton at teresguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098 or Jo Sippie-Gora at seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net or 973-838-8576. And please refer to the NSP article in this newsletter for more information on the Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP).

MUF BLOOD DRIVE AT MUF

Sunday October 17, 8am-1pm

Blood saves lives - sign up with Zella♥ when you see her on Sundays or give her a call at 973-669-1181.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

October 22, 6:00-9:00pm and Saturday, October 23rd, 9am-4pm (including Facilities Kick-off)

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Weekend of October 22 through 24

We are sorry to say that this retreat is full.

CORDIAL CONVERSATIONS AND CHOW

Fourth Wednesday of Every Month, Oct. 27, 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.

SERVICE AUCTION FUNDRAISER

October 30, 6:30 pm at MUF

Mark your calendars NOW

Save the date for our big fundraiser, service auction. Come in costume if you dare! We will have a live and silent auction. Bring your calendars and check books. Silent auction starting at cocktail hour on the 30th and continuing on Sunday, October 31st and November 7th.

Older elementary and high school youth welcome. No childcare available.

Ticket prices for dinner
\$15 for adults and \$10 for youth.

Questions? Please e-mail Beth Hayward: lizzieanne@digress.org





Green Earth Ministry's Work Party/Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 9th, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Please join us and be part of the global mobilization for climate action called by 350.org for 10-10-10. Send a message to our politicians around the world: We went to work and now it's your turn!

Activities include:

- 9:00 – 9:30 *Sign In, Invocation, & Tai Chi Movement with Tricia Armstrong*
- 9:30 – 11:30 *“Joy of Cooking Green,” a stirring hands-on workshop led by Claire Mayer*
(RSVP)
- 9:30 – 11:30 *Outdoor/Indoor Projects to save our trees and let the sun shine in, led by*
Linda Delap (Please bring work gloves)
- 9:30 - 11:00 *Paper Cutting with Homer Hansen & Loving the Earth Activities (For*
children)
- 10:00-10:30 *Historic Mansion Tour led by Betsy Burr, noting MUF's energy saving*
& mansion ghost stories! (For all ages)
- 11:00-11:30 *Children's Storytelling: Earth Tales with Linda Howe*
- 11:30-12:00 *Cleanup and Historic Group Photo to be uploaded to 350.org website*
- 12:00- 1:00 *Earth-Friendly Lunch of soup, bread, and apples (\$3.50 donation) --*
(Please bring a bowl & spoon)
- 1:00- 2:00 *Family Storytelling with Linda Howe & Family Sing-along led by Tom*
McGuinness & Arthur Schwartz

Co-sponsored by: Seeds of Peace &
The Network of Spiritual Progressive (now forming)

Building a Caring Society: Caring for the Earth, Caring for Each Other

Monday Book Group

The Monday Book Group will be meeting again this year upstairs in room 205 at 7pm. Join us for our enlightened discussions. This year our regular meeting day will be the FIRST Monday, but when there is a conflicting holiday we will meet on the Second Monday. It does, however, ALWAYS begin at 7pm. For information, please call Nancy Lee McLure (908-204-9572). Our book choices for the beginning of the year are as follows:

Here is the list through February

October 4th *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery-

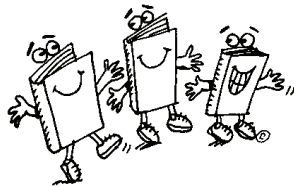
November 1st *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford led by Nancy Lee McLure

December 6th *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder led by Jackie Mulcey

January-9th Because of New Years Day on the first Monday- *Tinkers* by Paul Harding led by Frank Siwec

February-7th *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett led by Jeanne Craft

- Nancy Lee McLure



THE BEGINNING OF THE END MAD AGNES GOES ON ITS FINAL



We are lucky to have the musical trio, Mad Agnes, make Morristown Unitarian Fellowship one of its stops during the launch of their latest CD, "Hush". On October 23rd, at 7:30 pm, please participate in one of the last opportunities to hear Mad Agnes in concert. Who is Mad Agnes? From simple a cappella to breathtaking instrumentation (guitars, bass, mandolin, keyboard), the genre-bending Mad Agnes delights, incites, and heals. This trio--made up of Margo Hennebach, Adrienne Jones, and Mark Saunders--"brims with funny showmanship, the most agile, rambunctious harmonies and intense beauty."--Boston Herald

Why do you have to be at this concert? Because Mad Agnes has decided that this is their last year of touring together as the Mads.

In order to accommodate families with children, we will have FREE BABYSITTING available, and will run the concert straight through, so it should be over by around 9pm. Tickets are \$20 each, \$10 for kids (and the kids will love the music as well). Tickets on sale at the Box Office on Sundays or by calling the MUF office to reserve a seat. Call Michelle Kunz for more info 973.945.5174 or e-mail mbkunz@gmail.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL GOM MEMBER(S)

The Gathering of Men (GOM) is a group of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship members that began meeting together about two decades ago.

We are a group of men who gather together on a regular schedule to:

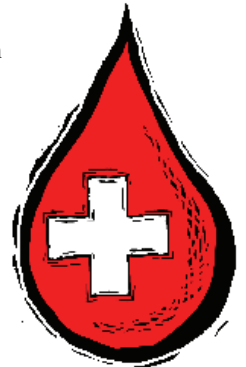
- Develop and maintain close and continuing group and individual relationships,
- Discuss feelings and issues of importance to us personally and as men in a safe, secure, confidential environment and,
- Support one another without attempting to act as a therapy group

If you are interested in joining GOM, are able to make a commitment in time, and are comfortable with the members of GOM, please contact John Oehler 973-361-6972. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, at 6:30 pm at MUF.

MUF Blood Drive

Sunday October 17th
8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**BLOOD
SAVES
LIVES!**



Sign up with Zella♥
when you see her on Sundays
or give her a call at 973-669-1181.

Sharing Our Milestones & Passages

To assure the privacy of our members and friends, we have removed all “Milestones and Passages” as well as personal telephone numbers from the online and printed newsletter. A Milestones & Passages section will soon be set up on our website in the Members Only Section.

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.

Halloween Party & Auction

October 30th at the Fellowship at 6:30 pm

**Fun, Friends (costumes optional) and
Ghoulishly Good Food by Ken Nemeth!**

Live Auction to follow dinner!!!

Bring your calendars and check books.

Silent auction starting at cocktail hour on the 30th and continuing on Sunday, October 31st and November 7th.

Older elementary and high school youth welcome.
No childcare available.

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To volunteer to help or for more information please email
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Metro NY Minute

Upcoming Meetings and Workshops and Action Alerts

The UU Service Committee (UUSC) offers experiential learning trips that allow participants to get a firsthand understanding of human rights and social justice. A trip to Uganda is scheduled for November 4-16 and a trip to Haiti is planned for January 2011. For more information go to: www.uusc.org/learn_by_doing.

Delegates to General Assembly 2010 approved Phoenix, AZ, as the site for General Assembly 2012 but specified that the event would have minimal “business as usual”, creating instead a special Justice General Assembly focusing on immigration and racial and economic justice.

Immigration as a Moral Issue has been chosen as the Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2010-2014.

More information on the above can be obtained on the UU Metro NY website: www.uumetro.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.

- Susan Oxman
Denominational Affairs

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Social Justice Council - October 2010 Update Helping Neighbors In Need

Morris Homeless Solutions Monthly Dinner –Saturday, October 9th– 5:45-7:00pm –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](mailto:judyoneill@verizon.net)

Contact Pathways to Work –for your special fall labor/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 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. Let your need be their pathway to work. . .

Upcoming September Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Details
Monday, Oct 4	7pm @ Room 25	Monday Book Club	P. 9
Wednesdays, Oct 6, 13 & 20	7:30— 9:15 pm @ Room 205	The Eightfold Path to Happiness	P. 6
Friday & Saturday, Oct 8 & 9	7—9:30 pm	4th Annual Queen's Arrival	P. 6
Saturday, Oct 9	9am—2pm	350.org, Green Earth Ministry Work Party/ Celebration	P. 6 & 8
Sunday, Oct 10	7:30—9:30pm @ Library	Meditation for Those Who Can't	P. 6
Wednesdays, Oct 13 & 27	5—7 pm @ Meeting Room	Show More Drama—Theatre Club	P. 6 & 7
Sunday, Oct 17	8am—1pm @ Terrace Room	MUF Blood Drive	P. 7 & 9
Thursday, Oct 21	7— 9pm @ Terrace Room	Film: "The End of Poverty (2008)" (NSP: Network of Spiritual Progressives)	P. 7
Friday & Saturday, Oct 22 & 23	6—9pm & 9am—4pm	Leadership Retreat	P. 7
Saturday, Oct 23	7:30pm @ MUF Meeting Room	Mad Agnes Concert	P. 9
Wednesday, Oct 27	10:30am—1pm @ Library & Dining Room	Cordial Conversations and Chow	P. 7
Wednesday, Oct 27	6:30pm @ Library	Gathering of Men	P. 9
Wednesday, Oct 27	7— 9pm @ Terrace Room	Cercle Francais	P. 6
Saturday, Oct 30	6:30pm @ MUF	Service Auction & Halloween Party Fundraiser	P. 7 & 10

The Network of Spiritual Progressives

Will you join us in forming a MUF Interfaith Chapter of the NSP?

"We believe all people share a moral responsibility to create peace...we commit ourselves to a radically inclusive and transformative approach to peace...becoming a resource for creating peace within our communities in cooperation with other faith traditions and community organizations..."

--Creating Peace: the 2010 UUA Statement of Conscience.

The NSP is a perfect fit for UUs to implement our new 2010 UUA Statement of Conscience. The NSP is a loose network of locally organized chapters in 100s of American cities in over 30 states, co-chaired by Rabbi Michael Lerner, Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, and Princeton University Professor Cornel West. The NSP chapters are interfaith groups also open to people who are "spiritual but not religious," humanists, agnostics, or atheists, as long as they are willing to let all of us bring all of who we are to the table. We are called together by Tikkun magazine and its vision of healing and transforming our world. (Tikkun: to mend, repair, and transform the world.)

Our call to action is three-pronged: the outer transformation needed to achieve social justice, ecological sanity, and world peace; the inner healing needed to foster loving relationships and a generous attitude toward the world and toward others; and the celebration of the grandeur of creation with awe, wonder and radical amazement. For more information on NSP: www.spiritualprogressives.org .

If this resonates, join us for the NSP Film/Talks in Oct. & Nov. or contact: Teresa Guyton, NSP Contact, at teresguyton@yahoo.com or 973-989-9098 or Jo Sippie-Gora at seedsofpeacemuf@optonline.net or 973-838-8576.



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Have you been receiving the weekly email updates? We might not have your email address in the database. If you would like to receive the email updates, please send your email address to: admin@muuf.org, subject: Please add my e-mail address to database.

- Oct 3** *Prophethood of All Believers @ 9:00am and 11:00am*
This is the second in our worship series on the Six Sources, focused on the 2nd Source: “Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.”
Rev. Alison B. Miller
- Oct 10** *Darwin’s Search for Truth and Meaning @ 9:00am and 11:00 am*
This lay led service will explore the meaning of Charles Darwin’s theory of evolution by natural selection for UU principles, including the responsible search for truth and meaning and the interconnected web of all existence.
Steven Humphreys
- Oct 17** *A Sense of Place @ 9:00am and 11:00 m*

Rev. Alison B. Miller
- Oct 24** *Multiple Paths to Wisdom @ 9:00am and 11:00am*
This is the third in our worship series on the Six Sources, focused on the 3rd Source: “Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.”
Rev. Alison B. Miller
- Oct 31** *Where are Our Ancestors @ 9:00am and 11:00am*
At this time of year we honor our relatives, friends, pets who have died. Please bring a memento or picture of loved ones you would like to remember on this day.
Karen Brown and Barnaby Feder

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