



What*s Happening

MAIN LINE UNITARIAN CHURCH

February 2010

FEBRUARY OFFERING OUTREACH: THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Families now make up 40 percent of the homeless population, and one out of every four homeless is a child. In response to this crisis, Interfaith Hospitality Networks (IHNs), partnerships of congregations within a community, help families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. IHNs offer an opportunity for volunteers of all faiths to reduce homelessness and transform lives.

Nationally, 80 percent of the families that IHNs serve go on to long-term housing. In 2008, more than 45,000 children and adults were served by more than 125,000 volunteers in 5,000 congregations.

IHNs mobilize community resources: houses of worship for lodging, congregations for volunteers, social service agencies for assessment and referrals, and existing facilities for day programs. This strategy enables networks to help homeless families achieve sustainable independence at a third of the cost of traditional shelters.

Main Line Unitarian Church has joined our local Interfaith Hospitality Network. We will host homeless people four times a year, a week at a time, and our first week is February 14 to 20. More than 150 of us have volunteered to help with this project and Bob Batt and Sally Fritzon have volunteered to coordinate our efforts.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network is our *Offering Outreach* for February. We will give half of each the offering at every Sunday worship in the month of February to this organization whose values and mission are consistent with our own. We hope everyone will be inspired to contribute their time and their treasure to help our neighbors who are without a home to call their own.

MLUC SKI/SNOWBOARD SPREE

The snow, natural and home-made, has arrived at Mount Snow, VT! The MLUC Ski/Snowboard Spree will run from Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21. We will get on the bus in the MLUC parking lot by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, travel about 6 1/2 hours (weather permitting), and arrive at the cozy Mountaineer Inn.

We will have sandwiches, cheese, desserts, wine, beer, and soft drinks on board. We get two delicious country breakfasts, one gourmet dinner, and a wine and cheese party. Discount lift tickets and lessons are available for downhill skiers/snowboarders. Mount Snow's MOOVER bus takes skiers and snowshoers to the cross country areas. Or you could take the MOOVER to Wilmington, a nearby classic Vermont town.

After skiing or boarding, you can enjoy the swimming pool, game tables, or a sing-along beside the large upstairs fireplace. On the way home, we have sandwiches and beverages. We will return to MLUC around 10:00 p.m. Please contact Neil Chippendale or Jon Bass for information.

MARCH IS PLEDGE MONTH

Stay tuned for details.

WHO WE ARE

Main Line Unitarian Church is a diverse and caring religious community engaged in a liberating ministry of spiritual growth, human compassion, and universal justice.

At our church we:
embrace all people, regardless of age, race, ability, politics, financial situation, or sexual orientation; encourage and nurture every individual in his or her own search for meaning in life; and commit to serve local and world communities in promoting peace, social justice, and responsible stewardship of the earth.



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RUMINATIONS



Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman
Senior Minister

The images that emerged from Haiti in the wake of the recent earthquake were horrifying. Modern news coverage dissolves distance and brings stricken communities into our homes in an instant, and nothing strips away our illusions of difference like the face of abject human suffering. My heart aches for the victims, living and dead.

Like disasters of all kinds, the devastation in Haiti has been revealing. The raw power of nature is humbling, and we are revealed as mere riders on a wild planet, far less in control than we wish. Revealed also is the difference in religious views of this tragedy. In religious terms, *ethics* guides how we “respond” to such a calamity, while *theology* strives to “explain” why it happened.

In her provocative book *The Unthinkable*, Amanda Ripley observed that humans create narratives about and make meaning from disasters. Some religious voices have proclaimed Haiti’s suffering to be “God’s punishment” or “God’s perfect plan.” Some secular voices dismiss all religious meaning making amid such a tragedy. This “either/or” religious view (either God is in complete control or there is no God) has characterized the public debate about faith in recent years. The world needs a religious response that reconciles hard science with healthy spirituality, the Divine with the devastation, the Sacred and the suffering. Unitarian Universalism has offered that religious response for over 150 years and our voice is needed now more than ever.

Our congregation’s strong support of the UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund has revealed something powerful about our “ethics.” I think the world needs an equally strong public statement reconciling faith and reason, science and spirituality – from a liberal theological perspective – in response to the Haitian tragedy.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Justin Osterman

CRAIG’S COLUMN



Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Associate
Minister

I’m excited about our Adult Religious Education (RE) program. Instead of an eclectic assortment of classes, we are in the process of creating a comprehensive curriculum for Adult RE that will allow members to choose courses from a variety of tracks. Each track will begin with an introductory course followed by courses that are more specific and/or challenging.

We have organized the classes under two broad categories: Faith Development and Faith in Action. Under Faith Development, we will offer tracks in Bible, World Religions, Spiritual Practice, Unitarian Universalism, and Theology. Under Faith in Action, we will offer tracks in Leadership Development and Justice Making.

This is an effort that has been underway for some time. It began under the auspices of my predecessor, Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst, who envisioned it as a Pathway of Spiritual Development. This year, Rev. Dr. Osterman and I, along with the help of a committee chaired by Bruce Pappas, have continued to develop and refine it.

The introductory sessions in theology, Bible, Unitarian Universalist history, and world religions in the current Adult RE brochure reflect this new vision.

The brochure is available at the Welcome Table, or you can download it from the church Web site at: <http://www.mluc.org>, and click Adult Religious Education.

I hope you will all consider participating in one or more of these sessions. It is my hope that by offering a comprehensive curriculum, we will make the ideals of lifetime learning and lifespan religious education more meaningful and achievable.

Yours in a Shared Faith,
Rev. Craig Roshaven

REFLECTIONS FROM “DR. DRE”



Sandra Greenfield
Interim Director of
Religious Education

In January 2011, MLUC will be in active search for a settled DRE. The job description and salary/benefits package will be established and the congregation, along with program and lay leaders, will have a vision in place for children, youth, and adults. This means analyzing MLUC’s:

- * Program Strengths and Successes: Documenting the RE program’s history (curricula, staffing) and identifying possible changes (for example, is 7th grade the most developmentally appropriate age for Coming of Age?)
- * RE Identity: What does it mean to call the RE Program Lifespan? What is a family ministry program?
- * Staffing: Establishing the roles and responsibilities of the DRE and the Associate Minister, two new staff positions involved in RE, as well as identifying needs for administrative support (for example, what does it take to monitor the

Safety Policy?)

* RE Mission: Reviewing and possibly modifying the current RE Mission

* Organizational Structure: Identifying any possible committee changes needed to support the mission (for example, should there be an RE Council that looks at the RE program from the 3-year-olds to adults that would support the three separate committees?)

* Strategic Plan: Establishing a long-range strategic vision to match the RE Mission Statement (for example, having an established social action program in the senior high group such as an annual mission trip)

The interim process has begun and includes EVERYONE!
In faith,
Sandra

SUNDAY SERVICES

THREE-PART FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES ON *LOVE*

What does the Senior Minister of a liberal church, located on the outskirts of Philadelphia, have to say about love during the month that includes Valentines Day? Actually, there is a lot to say above love, in its many forms. Join us this month for a deeper reflection on this most human and divine of subjects.

FEBRUARY 7: "PART ONE: *PHILOS*, SIBLING LOVE"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: MLUC Choir

FEBRUARY 14: "PART TWO: *EROS*, EROTIC LOVE"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: Michael and Teresa Zink, guitar and vocals

FEBRUARY 21: "PART THREE: *AGAPE*, DIVINE LOVE"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: MLUC Choir

FEBRUARY 28: "SO WHAT"

YRUU

Music: Youth Group

This unique service, planned by the MLUC youth, will explore what it means to accept yourself and others.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS!

Were your material needs met during the holidays but you still have spiritual needs to fulfill? Satisfy your soul with Small Group Ministry (SGM). SGM is designed to encourage spiritual and personal growth, and to help develop relationships of substance and depth. These groups enrich our community with the sort of personal sharing that happens rarely in our busy lives. SGM provides a way to meet members' needs for worship, community and service, and to grow spiritually and in understanding.

Interested, but not sure? New to MLUC? Do you want to meet new people and investigate this type of personal growth? Introduction to SGM offers the chance to explore without a long-term commitment. A series of introductory SGM sessions provide a format for self-discovery, thoughtful discussion, and relationship-building.

Contact Ingrid Deckman to sign-up. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays (2/9, 2/23) at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays (2/4, 2/18, 3/4) at 7:30 p.m., and Fridays (2/5, 2/19, 3/5) at 7:00 p.m. Childcare is provided for Friday sessions.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

“Chris” Christensen, Chair

We finally have our new 100 gallon Atmospheric Vent High Input Energy Saver Gas Water Heater in place! Not only that, this heater has a cleanout port so you can inspect the interior and Vitraglas lining. We achieved all this plus a lot of other eco-friendly bells and whistles on an affordable low bid.

You may miss it but the bad wood in the Kite Atrium window wall has been replaced (except for one small piece of trim). In two weeks, you won't find it since it still needs final contouring and painting. We just keep on working to keep our house in good order.

The Building & Grounds Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Wonder Room. Drop in and see everybody in action.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE

Priscilla Osgood, Liaison



After 21 years of brutal war that displaced 1.6 million people, communities in Northern Uganda are beginning to return to their homes. UUSC is working with local partner, Caritas Prader, in a project to pool resources for oxen and ploughs that the villagers share.

By ploughing land, villagers increase the size of their fields, harvest more food, feed their families, and even save money for school. The youth take responsibility of ploughing for the whole group, allowing those especially vulnerable, such as widows and the elderly, get the assistance they need. In exchange, the youth are able to rent out their oxen-ploughing services to other communities, once they have taken care of their responsibilities to the families of their group. Keep your UUSC membership current, so these efforts can continue and grow.

SAVE THE DATE!

Valentine's Barn Dance sponsored by YRUU on Saturday, February 13, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

REV. DR. MARK MORRISON-REED VISIT SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 12 - 14

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed is visiting MLUC from Friday, March 12, through Sunday, March 14. Please save the dates! Meanwhile, do some fascinating winter reading by buying a copy of his book: *In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby*, which is on sale at the MLUC book kiosk in the Atrium after every Sunday service.

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, a pioneering African American UU minister, will start the weekend visit with a book reading and signing event on March 12, 7:30 p.m., at MLUC. For information, contact Sally Tweedie.

PHILADELPHIA TRIO CONCERT

The Philadelphia Trio will play on Sunday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m., in the Main Meeting Room at MLUC. The program will include music by Haydn, Shostakovitch, Ravel, and Rodion Shchedrin. Elizabeth Keller, piano; Barbara Sonies, violin; Deborah Reeder, cello. Pick up a brochure in the Atrium or contact Mary Stromquist for information.

ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Visual Arts Committee

Barbara Bugliani, Co-Chair

Mary Kane, Chair, Artist of the Month

Judith Ingram, painter RoseMarie Cunniffe, and encaustic artist Nancy Markezin, will have a joint show from February 17 through April 4 in the Fireside Room at MLUC. Judith Ingram is one of the area's outstanding artists, according to Victoria Donohoe. She studied at the Philadelphia College of Art, was a founding member of MUSE Gallery in Philadelphia, and was at the heart of the 70's Feminist Art Movement. She has given workshops at Arrowmont and Haystack. Her work has been exhibited at the Tokyo Central Museum of the Arts in Japan and the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. She is represented in the collections of the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Delaware Art Museum, as well as numerous private and corporate collections. Opening reception TBA.

GOT MAPS?

For our annual ECO show, our own John Smith will again "show us the world" this April, with his extensive antique map collection on the walls of the Fireside Room. Don't miss his entertaining talk on April 10. He invites those of us with antique maps of our own to bring them to display on tables at the talk.

ALL MEMBERS ART SHOW IN MAY

We are eagerly anticipating the show of our members and friends at the annual All Members Art Show and sale. All ages are invited to enter a painting, ceramic, sculpture, or mystery art to display. The gala is scheduled for Friday, May 7. Details to follow.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dave VanOcker, President **Diane Kyker, Vice-President**

Consumers or Stewards?

Many of us begin our time at MLUC as consumers rather than as stewards, coming in the hope that MLUC will meet a need:

- for non-doctrinal religious education for our children
- to find a greater sense of meaning and purpose in our lives
- for a supportive community
- to do good in the world in the company of like-minded others

This is not a bad thing; these are exactly the kinds of needs MLUC exists to fulfill. But if the church never becomes more than just a pay-as-you-go commodity for the people who are here, then we have truly failed to create the "beloved" community to which we aspire.

Somewhere along the way, each of us needs to transform ourselves from customers into stewards, who value the church of the future as much as the church of today, who care as much, if not more, for what the church can do for others as for what it can do for them.

What are the attributes of stewardship? They are:

- embracing generosity as a core value, caring for one another and ourselves, and for those outside our walls
- really *engaging* in our community – showing up regularly
- viewing giving – whether of time, talent or treasure – as a joyful, *spiritual* practice, borne of gratitude, trust, and faith
- giving freely and unconditionally, expecting nothing in return
- looking always to leave a legacy that will benefit future generations

Stewardship leads to greater connection, which in turn leads to greater commitment to the whole and its future. And the good news is that we *are* becoming better stewards! Challenge *YOURSELF* to be part of this transformation!

"DRUM FOR JOY" WORKSHOP

Joseph Priestley District Women & Religion and Soul Sisters of MLUC present the "Drum for Joy" Workshop on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at MLUC. Join workshop leader Jaqui McMillan of "Drum for Joy!"

You will learn the language of the drum, basic hand-drum techniques, and how to make your drum sing. Jaqui presents drum songs in a way that makes it fun and easy to learn.

This workshop is suitable for all levels of drummers. Bring your own drum or percussion instrument. Jaqui will also bring some to share. Invite a friend, neighbor, sister, daughter, or granddaughter over 10 years. Drinks and dessert will be provided with your own bag lunch.

Save with advance registration and payment (mailed by March 1): \$20 per person, \$10 for guests 16 and under. At the door: \$25 for adults, \$15 for 16 and under.

Make your check payable to The JPD of the UUA, and leave it in the Soul Sisters mail box in the MLUC office. Include the following information with your registration: name, address, phone number, e-mail address, additional registrants (if any), and total fees included.

JOB SEARCH WORK TEAM

A Job Search Work Team is a way for people who are looking for work or for better work to support and help each other along the way. A meeting has been scheduled at MLUC for Monday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. If you are unemployed, underemployed, or fear you may become unemployed, come join us.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Brian and Kerissa Peasley recently relocated to Woodmere, Havertown. They are in their early 30's and have two young children, Griffin, 2 1/2 and Cassius, 1 month. Brian is an engineer and Kerissa is an architect, currently staying at home with their children. Kerissa grew up in northern New Jersey (Ringwood). Brian was born in northeast Philadelphia and grew up in Fairfax, VA and Langhorne, PA. Before moving back to Pennsylvania to be with family, the Peasleys spent three years in Southern California for work and school. Although both were Catholic, while planning for their wedding they decided on a UU minister (Rev. Libby Smith) because her beliefs and values were more in line with their own. On moving here, they sought a UU church to fulfill their spiritual needs, and provide an outlet for giving back. Kerissa creates games, lessons, and songs for Griffin and is very creative. She is interested in teaching. Brian is interested in helping with the building and grounds committee, or in operations and finance. They enjoy spending time with family and friends and like to travel.

Peggy and Frank Arico have two children, Gabriel, 17, and Olivia, 15, both students at Conestoga High School. Born and raised in Delaware County where her parents were active in the Presbyterian Church, Peggy joined the Wayne Presbyterian Church with her family soon after moving to Strafford. However, after the senior pastor retired, they wanted to find a church where the whole family would feel comfortable. They found MLUC to be very welcoming and the inclusiveness of Universalism especially appealing. Peggy grew up in the Rittenhouse Square area and later enjoyed bicycling around the city while at Temple University where she met Frank in the early 80's. They married when they were Computer Science graduate students. Peggy works as a computer software consultant, mainly in the finance and health care industries. Frank discovered another Unisys colleague at MLUC. He also composes music! They enjoy cooking, brewing their own beer, gardening, listening to music, music festivals, and petting their cats.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have many adult religious education offerings for the month of February. Listed below are just the titles, dates, and leaders for the courses. For a full description, please pick up an Adult Religious Education brochure at the Welcome Table, or download it from the church website at: <http://www.mluc.org>, and click Adult Religious Education.

Making the Most of Your Doctor Visit

Marybeth McMurray, R.N.
Sunday, February 7, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion: *In Between: Memoir of An Integration Baby*,

by Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed
Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Monday, February 8, 7:30 p.m.

Ministering to the Person in Front of You, Not Who You Think is in Front of You (see page 7 for details)

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman
Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 p.m.

Topical Conversations with the Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman
Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m.— *Encountering Islam*

Saturday Night Parenting Circle

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Childcare will be provided and children's activities will center on games and puzzles.

Leadership Development Training

Lin Koenig and Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Sunday, February 21, 12:30 p.m.

Spirit in Practice

Bruce Pappas and Jenny Campbell
Beginning Thursday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
A ten session course designed to help Unitarian Universalists develop a regular discipline or practice of the spirit – a practice that will help you to connect with the sacred.

Cinema 2 Make U Think

Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible
Friday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Craig C. Roshaven will facilitate the discussion.

FOLK SING

Marile Marshall

The folk singing group will meet in the Fireside Room on Saturday, February 27, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome, no special talent required. Contact Marile Marshall with questions, or to check on weather cancelations.

SORROWS

Thoughts and prayers for Barbara Welsh for the loss of her mother, Rose Ward.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS:

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Gail Burgess, Chair

Teacher Spotlight: Don Walker, currently teaches the 3 and 4 year old class at 9:00 a.m.

Fondest Memory: Birthdays of my two daughters

Why I teach church school: What's more important than helping kids feel like a part of a community?

Number of years teaching at MLUC: 2 (+1 assisting)

Best teaching moment: Having the 3 and 4 year olds do kids' yoga one Sunday morning

How long have you been a UU: 5 years

Biggest teaching challenge: Coming up with quick snippets of UU insight for short attention spans

What I do when not teaching: Direct investments for a non-profit pension; spend time with my family; gardening; fishing

Favorite musician: Paul Simon

Advice for potential teachers: Above all else, have fun while you are teaching and the rest works out!



THE PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

People new to MLUC who have begun to forge a connection with the church may wish to know how to deepen that connection and become a full fledged member of the congregation. That is what the *Path to Membership* is all about. It is comprised of a series of classes designed to help prospective members broaden their understanding of Unitarian Universalism, their familiarity with faith in action, and their commitment to sustaining the church's ministry both financially and with time and talents. The schedule for this winter's *Path to Membership* classes is as follows:

March 7, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
History of Unitarian Universalism

March 14, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Our Faith Community

March 21, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Q & A with Rev. Justin Osterman

March 28, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Exploring Membership

For information about the *Path to Membership*, or to register for any of the classes, contact our Membership Coordinator, Laura House-Kelly (laura@mluc.org; 610-688-8332).

FROM YOUR YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘What are you doing for others?’”

-- Martin Luther King Jr.



As I approach four months in the MLUC community as your Youth Program Director, I keep these words in mind. These words have been a driving force in my work in two big ways: first, in guiding me as I serve the youth of the congregation and their families; and second, as I guide the youth through this period of their lives as UUs. Much of our UU faith is grounded in service to others, and often, service, social action, civic engagement, and the like are a part of the very foundation of a well rounded UU. With each hurdle I have overcome and each milestone I have experienced, I have come to realize that even more. My charge here as the Youth program Director is to plant the seeds of service, social action, and civic engagement in our youth and empower the next generation of well rounded UUs. The first four months have shown a bright future that only makes me look forward to, and anticipate, both the excitement and fulfillment of my journey here at MLUC.

Here is to starting the year, week, month, or day off by asking, “...What are you doing for others?”

COMMITTEE OF FUN’S FEBRUARY BOWLING

Sally Fritzson, Co-Chair

We will be bowling on Friday, February 12, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. at Devon Lanes. Families are welcome. Cost is \$13 and includes two hours of bowling and shoe rental. Sign-up sheets will be in the Atrium on Sunday, February 7. Please RSVP so we know how many lanes to reserve. Bumper Lanes will be available. Contact Sally Fritzson for information.

BOOKS THROUGH BARS PACK-A-THON

Our second packing event will be held on Sunday, February 28, at 12:30 p.m. There will be boxes to collect needed books and sign-up sheets in the Atrium on February 14 and 21. A light lunch will be served. We hope to carpool to Books Through Bars in University City. More information to follow. Contact Pam Kosty or Sally Fritzson for information.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

We are excited to be hosting our first families between February 14 and 20. A warm hearted thanks to all those who have volunteered to help by donating time and/or service. Up to date information on IHN will be on the Social Action Bulletin Board to the right of the McGinness Room. We are very happy to begin this important social action ministry. Please e-mail us at ihn@mluc.org, or contact Bob Batt or Sally Fritzson for information.

YOUTH ADULT COMMITTEE

Gil Stevens, Co-chair

This is a busy month for our youth groups. The YRUU will soon begin preparing the Youth Services on Sunday, February 28, at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. A lot of creativity and energy goes into this annual event – it is always a lot of fun. Note to parents of ALL youth: the Advisor Appreciation Potluck Supper will be also be held on Sunday, February 28, at 5:00 p.m. Please do not contact your kids’ advisors about this, we’ll send an e-mail about arrangements.

If you have ever had a thought about helping out as a youth advisor, or as a YAC committee member, find out what we do! Please e-mail Gil Stevens or Youth Program Director Arley Styer (arley@mluc.org). There are some really fun people involved with our youth – next year you could be one, too!

ADULT RE

Join us for a special program co-sponsored by the Pastoral Associates, and presented by Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman, on “Ministering to the Person in Front of You, Not Who You Think is in Front of You.”

Of all the obstacles to human communication, the most daunting can be the assumptions that we bring to a conversation before it ever starts. Whether we are trying to communicate across gender, generational, racial, theological, sociological, or cultural lines, we need to be able to set aside our assumptions and engage with the person before us. This can be harder than it sounds, but it is crucial to having successful and meaningful interpersonal dialogue.

The program is on Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the McGinness Room. All are welcome. Contact Doreen Jackson (doreen@mluc.org; 610-688-8332) to register. Childcare will be provided.

See page 6 for full list of Adult RE offerings for February.

RETIRED MEN’S GROUP LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at noon in the Fireside Room. Snacks and beverages will be offered at 11:30 a.m. Chris Christensen will again prepare his always delicious lunch for us. A speaker has yet to be chosen so look for more information in the Notes of the Week closer to February 10. Register by contacting Martin Stevens. Please note that the deadline to sign-up is noon on Monday, February 8.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Parish Nurse Marybeth McMurray will check your blood pressure after services on Sunday, February 7.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 9, 2:00 p.m. (See page 7).

RETIRED MEN'S GROUP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 10, noon. (See page 7).

MLUC SKI/SNOWBOARD SPREE

Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21.
(See page 1).

FOLK SING

Saturday, February 27, 8:00 p.m. (See page 6).

REV. DR. MARK MORRISON-REED VISIT

Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14. (See page 4).

"DRUM FOR JOY" WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. (See page 5).

ON THE WEB

The complete MLUC calendar of events is online at www.mluc.org. Members can simply click to request a room for their meeting or event. While you're there, you can listen to past sermons and learn more about MLUC.

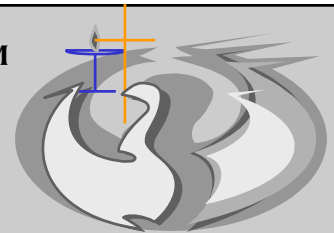
THANKS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S AUCTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

Saturday, January 16 was a night to remember! With our tie-dyed t-shirts, peace signs, and hippie hairdos, we spent an evening of fun and fellowship bidding on live auction items and taking our chances on raffle baskets. Together, we raised \$29,500! Thank you to everyone who participated as a donor, a bidder, or a volunteer. The night was a success only because of **your** participation!

RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE: THE ETHICS AND CHALLENGE OF REFORM

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