



# What\*s Happening

MAIN LINE UNITARIAN CHURCH

January 2010

## HEY MAN, IT'S AUCTION TIME! MLUC AUCTION – JANUARY 16

The long-awaited MLUC Auction will be held Saturday, January 16, and will once again be one of the biggest nights of the church year. This year, the auction will have a sixties theme and costumes are encouraged. Who will be Mod? Hippy? Square? Come and find out!

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres, raffles, music, and fun. The auction catalog is already full of generous donations, ranging from fresh-baked desserts to professional services and vacation homes. Because the catalog is once again loaded with these great items, we will not have a silent auction this year but perennial favorite Ron Rose will start the live auction earlier: at 7:00 p.m. sharp. For the first time the entire auction catalog will be available on the church Web site so you can browse at your leisure.

Due to popular demand, there again will be a party during the auction for children in grades 1-6 with food, fun and games organized specially for them. Childcare for younger children will also be available. Please contact Chris Merken if your children will attend the party, and Laura House-Kelly (laura@mluc.org) or the church office (610-688-8332) if you need childcare.

Save January 16 and look for volunteers at coffee hour with more information on purchasing raffle tickets and bid numbers so you can WIN BIG at this year's auction.

For questions, contact Laura House-Kelly and SEE YOU AT THE SIXTIES!

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE VOLUNTEERS: SAVE THE DATE!

MLUC is once again partnering with The Unitarian Society of Germantown (USG), which is hosting the Martin Luther King Day of Service on the holiday-Monday, January 18, at their church at 6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia.

A variety of service projects will take place on-site and around the USG community in which everyone can take part. Come for coffee and bagels at 8:30 a.m. in the dining room, while you sign-up for your special project of interest. A short worship service at 9:00 a.m. featuring Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman will kick off the day! We will leave for the projects work sites at 9:30 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m. to USG for a free lunch provided by MLUC lunch team. There will be a selection of age-appropriate projects to choose from, with details of all projects forthcoming in early January.

MLUC contact information: John Juzbasich or Hiro Nishikawa. If you have special needs, questions about projects, or USG directions, please contact Nancy Dearden.

## 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

Congratulations on your success! Starting in September, we embraced the practice of naming a local charity, whose work is consistent with our core values, to receive half the money collected through our Sunday offering each month. Your enthusiastic support of this outreach effort is reflected in the results.

Through the first three months of this new outreach effort, we have supported a local food pantry (West Chester Food Cupboard - \$2,098.80), a counseling center for victims of domestic violence (Life Beyond Abuse - \$2,358.81), and a program to help struggling families pay their winter utility bills (Tredyffrin & Easttown CARE - \$2,735.85.) I am deeply impressed by your generosity and enormously proud of our church. The results of this outreach through the offering show clearly that ours is a congregation of generous, caring people who want to make a difference in the world through their community of faith.

A four member selection team, formed by the Social Action Council, is helping me to select appropriate charities and create a policy to guide our process in the future. Our preference thus far has been to support smaller, volunteer led, local charities, with which our congregation has an existing relationship. As this new ministry evolves, we will identify the characteristics of potential recipient organizations and also develop clear guidelines for our selection process. Details about this new outreach effort can be found on the church Web site and suggestions about charities for consideration can be sent to [offeringoutreach@mluc.org](mailto:offeringoutreach@mluc.org). Actions always speak louder than words. Congratulations on putting your faith into action in a way that makes a powerful statement about us to the world.

Yours in faith,  
*Rev. Justin Osterman*

## CRAIG'S COLUMN



**Rev. Craig C. Roshaven**  
Associate  
Minister

One of my favorite readings in our hymnal is by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A person will worship something-have no doubt about that.

We may think our tribute is paid in secret in the dark recesses of our hearts-but it will out. That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives, and character.

Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshipping we are becoming.

What we pay attention to makes a difference in one's life and one's character. We can take in the spiritual equivalent of junk food, or we can savor the sublime.

The first time I joined a church choir I discovered that one of the unexpected benefits was being filled with beautiful music. Throughout the week, I would often "hear" the music we had practiced. Similarly, one of the benefits of attending Sunday worship is being filled with beautiful music, feelings, and ideas. If you are lucky, you just might become "enchanted" with a lovely thought, image, or feeling that will linger in your memory or spur your imagination. Worship, that is, directing one's attention to that which is worthy, can be transformative.

But worship isn't limited to Sundays in church. It can happen anytime and any place you direct your attention to that which is worthy. A spiritual practice is simply a deliberate attempt to direct one's attention.

I would encourage all of you to consider developing a spiritual practice. It's not difficult but it's also not easy. It requires dedication, discipline, and persistence. But it is worth the effort because "That which dominates our imaginations and our thoughts will determine our lives, and character."

Yours in a Shared Faith,  
*Rev. Craig Roshaven*

## REFLECTIONS FROM "DR. DRE"



**Sandra Greenfield**  
Interim Director of  
Religious Education

So, what is a Director of Religious Education (DRE)?

Typically, this is a non-ordained religious education leader with formal education and experience in the theory and practice of education, having knowledge and skills in the area of faith/spiritual development. A UU religious educator understands the theories of human development, learning, and curriculum development, as well as theories of moral development, UU history and religious identification, and family dynamics. Many are knowledgeable in theology, world's religions, social justice advocacy, and pastoral care. Quite a skill set!

Many UU religious educators have the capacity to manage a volunteer organization, to direct support staff, to administer policies and procedures, and to develop budgets. They are administrators, not administrative support staff. Many DREs are experienced and skilled in some of the same areas as a Minister of Religious Education (MRE) such as worship, preaching, storytelling, and pastoral care. A minister of religious education is an ordained religious professional with special emphasis on lifespan religious education who is in fellowship with the UUA. An MRE is able to assist with preaching, perform marriages, conduct memorial services, and provide pastoral counseling. A parish minister seeking a religious education leadership position may go through the same process as a non-ordained applicant.

Some DREs are credentialed, having gone through a formal certification program through the UUA to demonstrate competencies in RE. Congregation's needs for RE staff vary. The DRE Search Committee at MLUC will submit a proposed job description to the Senior Minister by this time next year.

In faith,  
*Sandra*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### JANUARY 3: "SAVING THE WORLD (TEN PEOPLE AT A TIME)"

**Rev. Craig C. Roshaven**

*Music: Rebecca Field, mezzo-soprano*

It can be difficult to feel connected in any church, let alone a church as large as ours. That's why one of our most important ministries is our Small Group Ministry. In a small group, you can experience a level of commitment and community that's hard to match in any other setting.

### JANUARY 10: "WHEN JESUS BECAME GOD"

**Rev. Craig C. Roshaven**

*Music: Barbara Sonies, violin*

It is important to understand that not all Christians believe that Jesus is God. It was not until the Roman emperor Constantine insisted on theological uniformity that Jesus was "officially" proclaimed to be "very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father."

How and why this came to be and what it meant then and now is the topic of this morning's sermon.

### JANUARY 17: "THE SOUND OF LOVE"

**Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman**

*Music: MLUC Choir*

On this national holiday weekend honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 81st birthday, we will consider the significance and challenge of the message that Dr. King gave his life to deliver.

### JANUARY 24: "I'M A SPIRITUAL PERSON, BUT I'M NOT RELIGIOUS"

**Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman**

*Music: Kelly Fielden, guitar and vocals*

#### **Bring a Friend to Church Sunday**

An increasing number of Americans today choose to identify themselves as "spiritual, but not religious." What does that mean, and what is the difference between "spiritual" and "religious?" Come find out and invite your non-Unitarian Universalist friends and family to attend with you.

### JANUARY 31: "PRACTICES OF THE SPIRIT"

**Rev. Craig C. Roshaven**

*Music: Sandra Greenfield*

Practice is essential in the development of any skill or ability. If we are to develop our ability to be aware of the wonder and mystery of existence, we need to devote time and attention to the cultivation of such awareness. There are a wide variety of practices that can serve to deepen faith and enhance daily life.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Submissions of 225 words or less are due on January 10 for the  
February issue.

Submit material to [news@mluc.org](mailto:news@mluc.org).

## BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

**“Chris” Christensen, Chair**

It has been too many months since we had an item in “What’s Happening,” but rest assured that work to keep a viable building is constant. Some of you may have noticed new faucets, new faucet strainers, leaks fixed, and we now have a baby changing station in the first floor Men’s Room. We also have a sub-committee, chaired by Al Little, working on a solution to our rear parking lot drainage problem.

The Building & Grounds Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., in the Wonder Room (201), along with the Landscape, Halls & Walls, Memorial Gardens, Hardscape, Parsonage & Media Services representatives to provide all of us with a broad overview of where we stand and what is needed. If any of you see something that is needed or should be investigated, let us know! There are two ways to let us hear from our parishioners. You can attend our meeting, or fill out a form from the blue binder labeled “Request for Building Needs” on the wall opposite Doreen’s desk in the administrative area and put it in our mail slot.

## SOMETHING NEW AT 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. Small Group Ministry 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 four introductory SGM sessions provide a format for self-discovery, thoughtful discussion and relationship-building.

Sign-up in the Atrium on January 3 or 10, or contact Ingrid Deckman. Sessions will be held in the evenings on Tuesdays (1/12, 1/26, 2/ 9, 2/23), Thursdays (1/ 21, 2/ 4, 2/18, 3/ 4), or Fridays (1/ 22, 2/5, 2/19, 3/5). Childcare will be provided for Friday sessions.

## REV. DR. MARK MORRISON-REED VISIT, RESCHEDULED.

### SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 12-14

Owing to illness, our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, from Toronto, Canada, had to cancel his visit on Oct. 2-4. We are happy to announce that his visit to MLUC has been rescheduled for 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.

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

## WOMEN’S ALLIANCE MEETING

The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21, at 11:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Robinson, a WW2 retiree (Army), and currently a board member of the Pennsylvania Veteran’s Museum. She will show a film during the meeting. Desserts and beverages will be provided. All are welcome.

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH RECEPTION

**Visual Arts Committee**

**Barbara Bugliani, Co-Chair**

**Mary Kane, Chair, Artist of the Month**

Marcie Feldman’s paintings will be on exhibit in the Fireside Room through February 14. This show is sponsored by Robert Bullock’s Coalition Ingenu, a non-profit organization which showcases the work of self-taught artists. Although Feldman does not fall into this category, she shares the core elements of personal vision and dream-like imagination. Feldman holds a BFA from Tyler School of Art, an MFA from Boston Museum School, and received a Fellowship from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA, where she returns each fall as an artist-in-residence. She has been a long-time member of an artists’ co-op in Old City, and has exhibited for many years in the Philadelphia area. Inspired by visionary art, she creates detailed, imaginative worlds, rich in color, whimsy, and wonder. The rich tapestry of images will engage the viewer, and offer welcome respite from an over-stimulating world. Please attend a reception for the artist on Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at MLUC.

## Annual Members Art Show and Gala

The annual art show by members of the congregation has been moved to May, 2010, which will give everyone a chance to produce something wonderful in any medium for this always thrilling event. Surprise us in the spring with your entry of painting, sculpture, pottery, found object art, fabric design...collage...flowers. Stay tuned!

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

The holiday season is fading fast, giving many of us much needed relief from the frantic pace of year-end activities. Time to curl up and hibernate for the rest of winter... wouldn't that be nice! But with 2010 around the corner, we have much to look forward to – and much to do – in order to ensure the same bright future for MLUC that our founding members envisioned some 50 years ago.

As you relax and take in the accomplishments of 2009 and prepare yourselves for the New Year, consider for a minute what we have inherited through the untiring efforts of those who went before us. Recognize that we are the **Stewards of the MLUC of tomorrow**. We have been entrusted with maintaining the chalice flame and continuing to build upon the foundation of our spiritual home.

MLUC is a vibrant, vocal, active community of worship that fills our lives. We have much to be thankful for in this regard. But we also owe it to future generations, to the seekers out there, to ensure that MLUC remains a beacon that reaches out to change the lives of others around us, to create a more humane and just world.

On **Sunday, January 10**, your trustees will host another of our ongoing conversations to discuss how we might be the *best Stewards* we can be, to ensure that MLUC's flame burns even brighter in the next 50 years. Please plan to join us.

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Introduction to the Bible

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

January 19, 26, and February 2; 7:30 p.m.; McGinness Room  
Come join Rev. Osterman for this three-part series on the Jewish and Christian scriptures that together make up *The Bible*.

### Hatha Yoga

Anne Marie Susas, MS, RYT

January 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.; Children's Rec. Room  
Anne will once again lead a series of classes in Hatha Yoga in the Svaroopaa Style. Many members may be familiar with this because it was taught at MLUC for several years.

### Cinema 2 Make U Think

Friday, January 29; 7:30 p.m.; McGinness Room

A five-part series of films on issues of social justice selected by the Racial Justice Task Force. The first film in the series is *Take Out*, a deeply affecting portrayal of a struggling Chinese émigré in New York City. Frank Weber will facilitate a discussion.

### Discussion of Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed's book,

*In Between: Memoir of An Integration Baby*

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven and Hiro Nishikawa

Monday, February 8; 7:30 p.m.; McGinness Room

Come join in a discussion of the Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed's compelling book in advance of his visit here in March. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the church book store for \$18.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Phillip Exline** moved to Devon recently from Portland, OR, to take a job as assembly manager at a Phoenixville manufacturing facility. He was born in Evansville, IN, 25 years ago, and lived also in Charleston, WV. He remembers its beauty vividly. Majoring in philosophy and political science at DePauw University, Phil also was active in the TV station and video production. After graduation, he tried freelance video production, quickly learning that he couldn't turn his hobby into a job. Phil loves to try new things, as evidenced by subsequent jobs in manufacturing and sales. He has played competitive golf, welcomes a tennis game, and enjoys reading magazines from the Economist to Esquire. His favorite authors are Vonnegut, Bukowski, and Hemingway. Phil always felt a spiritual dimension in his life but never seriously attended church before MLUC. He would like to get involved with Social Action.

**Christopher Smith**, 45, was born in Phoenix, AZ, and traveled with his Air Force family until settling in Dover, DE. He has a BA in English from the University of Delaware and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. He shares a house in Paoli with his partner Anthony, and currently works as a realtor at RE/MAX Action in Exton. Although Chris says that he's not sure if he believes in the God of religious texts, he loves the outdoors and sees the divine in the beauty of nature. His journey to MLUC is one in which he hopes to find a loving community, abundant spiritual growth, and an enlightened spiritual understanding.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

The first Volunteer of the Month for 2010 has been a member for the past eight years, after looking for a supportive liberal religious community to help educate his children about religion and life. A former IT consultant, Peter McDowell retired in 2003 and has a new role as a stay at home dad. Peter enjoys skiing, tennis, hiking, and playing ping pong with his family, Nancy, his better half, son Tyler and daughter Julia. In the non-physical world, he studies the Human Energy Field (Aura), the Human Spirit, Psychics and Mediums, and human contact/communication with Angels and Spirits.

Currently, Peter is most recognizable as the Chair of Media Services since 2004 where he coordinates the maintenance and upgrade of the Main Meeting Room Sound System, the maintenance and upgrade of MLUC's Audio/Video equipment, technical staffing for MLUC events, and Sunday service audio technician coverage. Additionally, he is on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and a recent volunteer for the Junior Youth Group (JYG) as well as singing with the Men's Choir. Peter finds MLUC the perfect place for him to decide if he believes in the existence of God/The Spirit of Life. So, don't forget to stop at the sound control panel in the back of the Main Meeting Room and give Peter a big thanks.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE

Priscilla Osgood, Liaison



Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's *Guest at Your Table* is our annual celebration of UU faith in action. Most of you received your colorful box just before Thanksgiving. Now, having cheered in New Year, we will gather these donations at the services on Sunday, January 3 and 10. Please fill in your information on the box, and, if you replace the cash with a check made out to UUSC, the elves tallying your generous donations would be most appreciative. If, however, this might detract from your children's excitement, it's not an absolute. You didn't get a box? Not to worry. Bring a check; we have envelopes.

Donations go toward UUSC membership:

\$40= One adult  
\$75= Dual (two adults)  
\$20= Senior (65 + older)  
\$10= Youth/ student

Gifts of \$100 or more are matched by the Unitarian Universalist Shelter Rock Congregation in Manhasset, NY. Plus, gifts are tax deductible and may qualify for a matching giving program through your employer.

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## 2010 MLUC SKI/SNOWBOARD SPREE

The snow, natural and home-made, has arrived at Mount Snow, VT! The 2010 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 ½ hours (weather permitting) and arrive at the cozy Mountaineer Inn.

We'll 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'll return around 10 p.m. to MLUC. Please contact Neil Chippendale or Jon Bass for more information. We will also have an information table in the Atrium on January 24 after Sunday services.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS: TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Gail Burgess, Chair

**Teacher Spotlight:** Eileen Andrews, currently teaches the 4th grade 9:00 a.m. class

**Fondest Memory:** Non-UU: going to Woodstock; UU: my first "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" class

**Why I teach church school:** My basic understanding of UUism is a commitment to life-long learning, and teaching church school is the best way I know to live that commitment in a mutually nurturing, extended family way

**Number of years teaching at MLUC:** 3

**Best teaching moment:** Last year's 3rd grade "Stepping Stone" ceremony, and the chance to see what remarkable children we have in our congregation

**How long have you been a UU:** 35 years

**Biggest teaching challenge:** To not over-plan a Sunday lesson; to encourage spontaneity, and let the kids' interests guide the class

**What I do when not teaching:** Travel/visit family (Thailand in February!), read on the beach in Margate, and participate in MLUC women's programs

**Favorite musician:** Joan Baez (especially around Christmas – her "O Come Emanuel" is my all-time favorite)

**Advice for potential teachers:** Never underestimate the children in your class, and expect to have fun

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## SOUL SISTERS: NEW YEAR, NEW ATTITUDE!

If you've resolved to be more mindful in 2010, join your Soul Sisters on Sunday, January 10, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., to start the new year off right. Parish Nurse Marybeth McMurray will lead us in an evening devoted to being present in the moment, with time for both discussion and practice.

The agenda will include mindful movement, body relaxation, mindfulness of sound, mindful yoga and, of course, mindful meditation. Please bring a snack to share following the program. Soul Sisters is open to MLUC women and guests of all ages who seek opportunities to expand feminine spirituality, energies, and friendships.

Childcare is available upon request through Doreen Jackson (doreen@mluc.org) in the church office. Contact Eileen Andrews (eileen@mluc.org) with other questions.




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## RE HISTORY & VISIONING WORKSHOP: JANUARY 30

Everyone is invited to join in a day of reflection and visioning about the religious education program at MLUC. Pat Infante, the District's Program Consultant, will lead us in an exploration of MLUC's unique history and begin the work of visioning. The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at MLUC.

## MY FUNNY VALENTINE-IN HARRISBURG

Pennsylvania's UU legislative advocacy group, UUPLAN, is feeling romantic. That's why we will be distributing Valentines in UU congregations statewide in January. We will try to collect as many as possible to let your legislators know that you support legislation permitting same-sex marriages in Pennsylvania. UUPLAN members will deliver the Valentines to your representatives after a February 8 press conference. Look out for UUPLAN's table in January.

UUPLAN is also excited to announce that it has adopted a new issue for 2010—cleaning up our state government. We will be partnering with Common Cause to bring Pennsylvania's campaign financing system into the 21st century. It's time we join the two-thirds of the states in our nation that restrict the amount of money that individuals and organizations may give to political candidates. We need to break the bond between affluent special interest groups (and individuals) and powerful elected officials.

Please e-mail us at [info@uuplan.org](mailto:info@uuplan.org) to learn how you can help advocate for a more progressive Pennsylvania, or call Casey Aspin with questions.

## COMMITTEE OF FUN PRESENTS *A NIGHT OF PLAY READING*

Come join us on Friday, January 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at MLUC. Be a reader, an audience member, or both. We will have some 10 minute selections or you can bring your own.

Wine/cold drinks and light refreshments will be available. Babysitting is available upon request. Limit is 25 people. Look for a sign-up sheet on Committee of Fun poster in the Atrium. Contact Sally Fritzon for information.

## BOOKS THROUGH BARS PACK-A-THON #2

The event will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 28. Sign-up sheets will be out in the Atrium in February. Check their website for a list of needed books:  
<http://www.booksthroughbars.org/get-involved/donate-books>.

Contact Pam Kosty or Sally Fritzon for information.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Volunteer training will be Saturday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at MLUC. Training is required for all volunteers. Childcare is available upon request. Light breakfast will be provided. If you have not yet volunteered, please email us at [ihn@mluc.org](mailto:ihn@mluc.org), or contact Bob Batt or Sally Fritzon.

Thank you to all the people who have opened their hearts and volunteered so far. There will be a repeat training session in February.

## SUPPORT IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

Are you in a period of economic transition? Have you been laid off or fear you soon may be? Or perhaps you have suffered setbacks due to a significant unbudgeted expense or an illness or accident coupled with a lack of health insurance. There are a number of circumstances that can have a major negative effect on our financial well being. One of the advantages of being a member of a church community like ours, though, is the support we can provide one another in times of transition. Come join other members at MLUC on Monday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of mutual support, encouragement, and networking in a time of transition. Rev. Craig Roshaven will facilitate.

## MEDIA SERVICES

**Peter McDowell, Chair**

### Sunday's Audio Technicians

Just in case you are wondering who those handsome gentlemen are sitting in the back corner of the Main Meeting Room fiddling with the sound controls, here's a list of us (with my unabridged editorial comments):

Neil Chippendale—usually 9:00 a.m. (unless he's singing with one of the MLUC Choirs)

Jay Wiley—swing (unless he's teaching OWL, or playing drums in the service)

Joe Campbell—usually 11:00 a.m. sub (unless he's teaching OWL)

Bob Batt—swing (it's nice to have him back!)

Dwight Macomber—swing (always steps up when we get into a scheduling jam)

Rob Eames—just joined Media Services (new to MLUC, please introduce yourselves)

Peter McDowell—usually 11:00 a.m., (tall, handsome, intelligent, loving, witty, ...)

## RETIRED MEN'S GROUP LUNCHEON

The Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 13, at noon in the Fireside Room. Snacks and beverages will be available at 11:30 a.m. Chris Christensen will prepare his always delicious lunch. Our speaker will be Kyle Christensen, who is the System Administrator of PB Nation, and he will educate us about the Paintball Industry. Please register by contacting Martin Stevens. Deadline for signing up is noon on Monday, January 11.

## JANUARY FOLK SING

The holiday folk sing will be held at the home of Marile Marshall, on Saturday, January 2, 8:00 p.m.

## CASUAL CONVERSATIONS AND...

is now the MLUC Women's Breakfast Club (WBC). We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The next meeting is on January 19, at Cream and Sugar, 163 E Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Please join us for conversation and camaraderie. There is meter parking in front and rear of Cream and Sugar, twenty-five cents per hour.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Parish Nurse Marybeth McMurray will check your blood pressure after services on Sunday, January 10.

### FOLK SING

Saturday, January 2, 8:00 p.m. (See page 7).

### SOUL SISTERS

Sunday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. (See page 6).

### RETIRED MEN'S GROUP LUNCHEON

Wednesday, January 13, noon. (See page 7).

### MLUC'S AUCTION

Saturday, January 16, 6:00 p.m. (See page 1).

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 11:30 a.m. (See page 4).

### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Saturday, January 23, 9:00 a.m. (See page 7).

### 2010 MLUC SKI/SNOWBOARD SPREE

Friday, February 19 through Sunday, February 21. (See page 6).

### REV. DR. MARK MORRISON-REED VISIT

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

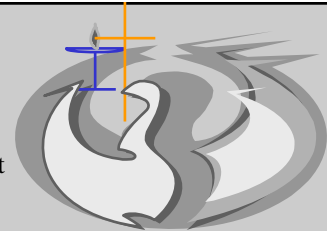
### ON THE WEB

The complete MLUC calendar of events is online at [www.mluc.org](http://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.

### RIGHT TO HEALTH CARE: THE ETHICS AND CHALLENGE OF REFORM

Phoenix 2010 presents Dr. Arthur L. Caplan, Director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, on Sunday, February 21, at 3:00 p.m. in St. David's Episcopal Church.

Health care is a right of all Americans. While few will say so, the fact is that in 21st century America, health care must be seen as a right. Critics worry about government-run health care and the rationing they fear will follow. But this is the wrong place to attack health reform. True health care cannot be an unbounded right. That, however, is not where the ethical challenges are of implementing health reform. This talk will identify those challenges and outline how they might best be handled in the coming years.



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