



What*s Happening

MAIN LINE UNITARIAN CHURCH

July-August 2010

MLUC MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$10,000 TO HELP EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN HAITI

Contributions by MLUC members and offerings collected by the church made possible a donation of more than \$10,000 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) response to the earthquake in Haiti.

Kate Wallace, UUSC Program Assistant, says that MLUC's contribution will make a huge difference. "Since we are working with local grassroots groups, the funds are being used efficiently to help survivors who are not receiving aid from other international organizations. Our staff are experts in crisis response and are looking at the situation in Haiti with the lens of race, class, and gender, considering who was disadvantaged even before the quake."

"Though there are many important efforts underway to help the people of Haiti, we believe it's important to support the UUSC's efforts because of its focus on helping survivors who are not receiving aid from other organizations and their commitment and experience in working with grass-roots Haitian organizations such as the Papaye Peasant Movement," says Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, Associate Minister, MLUC.



Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, Associate Minister, MLUC, presenting donation check to Priscilla Osgood, UUSC Liaison.
Picture courtesy of Ed MacDonald.

UUSC is supporting the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP) to ensure that earthquake survivors who fled to the rural Central Plateau, and the host families who received them, can access the food they need to survive. The MPP is purchasing locally produced food to distribute to women heads-of-households caring for large numbers of earthquake survivors. The MPP also began a cash-for-work program for survivors. The program focuses on soil and watershed conservation. UUSC continues to support a variety of other relief and recovery initiatives, including trauma-recovery workshops.

As part of its offering outreach initiative, MLUC donates 50% of the offerings collected every month to a selected organization. Visit <http://www.mluc.org/> to learn about MLUC's offering outreach, charities supported in the past, or to suggest a charity for consideration.

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

June 30 marks the end of the 2010 fiscal year at MLUC and the budget we adopted at our congregational meeting in May goes into effect July 1. I am pleased to report that a combination of carefully managed spending over the past 12 months and better than expected revenue allowed us to pay our congregation's full 2010 "fair share" dues to both the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Joseph Priestley District, of which MLUC is a member.

We were also able to make a much needed contribution to MLUC's building maintenance fund.

The austere budget that we lived with over the past year had reduced our congregational contributions to the Association and the District to 25 % of "fair share." MLUC has a perfect record as a "fair share" contributor to the denomination over the years. I am proud that our church, in the midst of a difficult economic climate, was able to preserve its reputation as a leading institution in our larger movement.

Our congregation's support of the denomination mirrors the responsibility that each MLUC member has to our church. When we all give generously, within our means, the ministry is strong enough to serve all our members equally. If you have not yet completed your pledge payment to MLUC for the past year, or submitted a pledge for this year, then please do so. Like the larger denomination, our church is only as strong as the commitment of its members. Thank you for your support of our church.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Justin Osterman

CRAIG'S COLUMN



Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Associate Minister

We are in the midst of a national debate on immigration. Everyone agrees that the current system, with more than 11 million undocumented immigrants is not working. Though there are many proposed solutions to this problem, the obvious solution — penalizing employers who hire undocumented workers — has never been tried.

When Lyndon Johnson was Senate Majority leader in the 1950's, immigration reform and border control were hot button items. But Johnson was unwilling to allow effective legislation on this issue because it would hurt his political backers — the Texas businesses who benefited from the low cost of undocumented labor. In one of her many memorable columns, the late Molly Ivins wrote that a guest worker program dating from World War II was amended to allow Texas businesses to hire illegal workers, i.e. workers not in the program, because Texas businesses weren't willing to pay the minimum program wage of 30 cents an hour.

If we are truly concerned about reducing the number of undocumented immigrants, we need to reduce the demand. As long as American employers keep hiring, undocumented workers will keep coming. No fences, no matter how high, will keep them out. No penalties, no matter how draconian, will prevent them from taking the risk. Let's insist the burden of this solution be borne by the employers who benefit from the current situation and not by the largely law abiding men and women who have come here in order to better provide for their families. In Exodus 22:20 it is written: *You shall not aggrieve a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.* Let us respect that mitzvah. Let us welcome the stranger. Let us also call to account those who benefit themselves at the expense of the stranger.

Yours in a shared faith,
Rev. Craig Roshaven

REFLECTIONS FROM "DR. DRE"



Sandra Greenfield
Interim Director of Religious Education

During a retreat held jointly by the Church School and Youth Adult Committees, the RE leaders reflected on an integrated program of religious learning for children, youth, teachers and parents. For teachers, it is important to view their leadership as spiritual development which requires continuing education and nourishment. Parents need to know how to be role models, mentors, and teachers while in the process of growing and learning themselves.

The continuing evolution of MLUC's program does depend on a strong base of volunteers who are in an intentional covenantal relationship with the congregation. Using the Pathway of Spiritual Maturity, there is a framework for experiencing teaching and youth advising as both faith in action and faith development. One of the plans or goals that evolved out of the retreat included restructuring the training and support programs for teachers and youth leaders. This would include making the RE program's overall goals and mission explicit and the pathway to young adulthood coherent.

Most folks agree that children's primary teachers are their parents. And yet the minority of parents at MLUC were raised Unitarian Universalist. While worship and adult classes impact knowledge and attitudes, attention is needed in "teaching the teachers." Young people may spend half a day at church each week, at best. Plans involve extending the "curriculum" to include those other 6 1/2 days by meeting the needs of the parents.

In faith,
Sandra Greenfield

SUNDAY SERVICES

I just want to remind everyone that from June 27 through September 5, there will be a single Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. As you will see below, we have an exciting schedule of thought-provoking and inspiring services throughout the summer months. As usual, we will have a number of lay-led services featuring our own members as well as services officiated by our resident ministers, some guest ministers, and other leaders. I would love to receive your feedback on these or any other services.

- Terry Dixon, Chair, Worship Committee

JULY 4: "A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS"

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven

Music: Wendy Schmid, soprano

Part of the genius of our nation is its ability to attract and assimilate immigrants. Part of the history of our nation, though, is its mixed record in welcoming immigrants.

JULY 11: "SPIRIT OF COMPASSION"

Kathy Ellis

Music: Meadowlark — Jansen Wendell, violin and mandolin; Elisa Lang, autoharp; Beth Garner, piano

Compassion is at the heart of all of the world's major religious traditions, and increasing compassion is a primary goal of spiritual practice. Kathy Ellis, who recently received her Master in Divinity degree, will discuss how we can increase compassion both in our own lives and in the world.

JULY 18: "THE SINTI AND THE ROMA: EUROPE'S GYPSIES"

Neil Chippendale

Music: Lisa Chippendale, violin

A service dedicated to the past, present, and future of Europe's Gypsies, including their experience at the hands of the Nazi's during World War II, and hundreds of years of myths, falsehoods, and discrimination.

JULY 25: "MLUC POETRY SERVICE"

Music: Jim Scott, singer, songwriter

MLUC members will share their original poetry in this celebration of creative expression in our church. Music will be by noted UU composer and musician, Jim Scott.

AUGUST 1: "LEAPING INTO THE DARK"

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven

Music: Dan Karney, tenor; Jan Karney, piano

Prayer, I believe, does not change the world, but it changes me and enables me to change the world. Prayer cannot mend a broken bridge, but it can mend my sore and troubled spirit. It helps me leap into the dark.

AUGUST 8: "YESTERDAY'S WISDOM"

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven

Music: Kelly Fielden, guitar and vocals

It's easy to dismiss yesterday's wisdom, the wisdom of scripture and spiritual practice as so many obsolete superstitions and harmless indulgences. Yet there is something hidden behind the apparent contradictions, something that has the power to transform us, something that can ring us like a bell.

AUGUST 15: "SEXUALITY AND THE SACRED"

Ms. Sandra Greenfield, Interim Director of Religious Education

Music: Vincent Craig, piano

According to theologians James Nelson and Sandra Longfellow, "faith communities open to exploring the integration of sexuality and spirituality can help to reclaim sexuality as a positive, elevating force in religious tradition." This integration raises provocative questions for theological reflection.

AUGUST 22: "THE RELUCTANT RADICAL"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: Emily Bullock, mezzo-soprano

The institutional history of Unitarianism as an independent denomination in the United States really begins with a sermon delivered by William Ellery Channing in May 1819. Anointed by scholar Conrad Wright as one of the "Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism," Channing is a towering figure in our religious history that we must not overlook.

AUGUST 29: "THE CULTURE OF IMMEDIACY"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: Terry Klinefelter, piano

The speed of life in our society seems to be increasing every year and as it does our expectations of both institutions and other people continue to change. The notions of patience and delayed gratification seem like quaint relics of the past. In some cases, the accelerated pace of life is for the better, but not always.

SEPTEMBER 5: "MARY OLIVER, MYSTICISM, AND UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM"

Rev. Elizabeth Ellis

Music: Laurie Rogers, piano

Mary Oliver is one of those poets who, with a sudden word or phrase, can suddenly transport the reader to another, deeper place. Like some of our Unitarian Universalist foreparents, she is a true transcendentalist and mystic. Mysticism is an experience of Mystery, of knowing beyond knowing. There are many, many forms of mysticism. How does it fit into Unitarian Universalist experience – and what about Mary Oliver?

Visit www.mluc.org and click on 'Sunday Services' for information on upcoming services or to listen to recent sermons.

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We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of summer, perhaps recharging somewhere restful: on a lake, in the shade, with the family, with a good book. It's important to rest and reflect. But it's also important to stay abreast of events outside our community and to remember that we have a voice that needs to be heard. So what's your cause?

Arizona's recently enacted immigration law continues to get a lot of press. The law is surely counter to our first UU principle — affirming the worth and dignity of every person. Voices against the bill are being heard and taking many forms, like the students in Los Angeles who are taking “freedom rides” to Phoenix in order for their protests to be heard.

Our own Unitarian Universalist Association is suggesting that we support an economic boycott by moving the planned 2012 General Assembly from Phoenix to a location outside of Arizona. This may well be a valid way to gain leverage against such hateful legislation, but how will it affect workers in the hotel/resort industry who will lose out as a direct result? Each action has significant costs. Whatever decision the UUA ultimately makes, what matters is that we care, we stay informed, and we get involved.

It's not easy speaking out and doing the right thing. But speak and do we must; it's what UU's are about. Whether it's Marcellus Shale drilling in PA, or hands-on work for the Nationalities Service Center, or the Interfaith Hospitality Network, we shouldn't be sitting on the sidelines. Let your voice be heard and your time volunteered!

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT MLUC

In the Bible, Isaiah 58 teaches that a “true fast” is undertaken in service of “loosening the chains of injustice.” On Sunday, June 6, a few of us, including Rev. Roshaven and Hiro Nishikawa, participated in an Isaiah 58 Vigil at the Central Baptist Church of Wayne. Between now and July 29, when Arizona State Bill 1070 is scheduled to take effect, there will be more vigils and protests held around the country and here.

If you are interested in this and similar events calling for Immigration Reform, please pay careful attention to the weekly notes. An even better way to stay informed about social justice issues is through the Google group, MLUC Social Action Council Group (MLUC-SAC). Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/mluc-sac?hl=en>, apply to join the group, and you'll be notified of all the opportunities for social action and community service at the church.

ADOPT A SPOT

MLUC's beautiful grounds are being overrun with weeds. They are calling out for help! There are jobs for all levels of expertise. You can work with a buddy for camaraderie or go solo in the quiet off hours for a more meditative experience. Weeding and gardening offer an increased sense of physical well being, fellowship, meditative time, new skill, and sense of ownership in our faith. Sign up early to assure yourself of a prime location. Contact Priscilla Osgood or Lee Dastur.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Warm wishes from MLUC for Vincent and Candice Craig on the birth of their son, John Vincent Craig, born on Friday, June 4!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Discussion of *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge*

Wednesday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m., Wonder Room (201). Edward O. Wilson is a biologist, philosopher of science, and noted author. His 1998 book *Consilience* is full of challenging insights and conclusions. Join Rev. Craig C. Roshaven and Richard Fritzon to discuss some of Wilson's key ideas.

Advance registration is highly recommended so we can tell you the specific sections we will be discussing. Please register by emailing Rev. Roshaven (craig@mluc.org). *Consilience* is available for purchase on www.amazon.com for \$10.88 and is also available in local public libraries.

For a full description of offerings, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Table, or download it from the church Web site at: <http://www.mluc.org>, and click Adult Religious Education.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Anne Crowley

I would like to explore the idea of starting a small contemplative prayer group at MLUC. I envision meeting once a week at MLUC for one hour starting with a very short opening prayer ritual, followed by personal contemplative prayer, brief sharing of our prayer experience, and commitment to daily spiritual practice. Members would take turns leading the group. If interested, please contact me for further conversation. If this is something that might be of interest in the fall, also let me know.

This is slightly different from Small Group Ministry as most of the time together is spent quietly in personal prayer with only a brief time of sharing. No single faith perspective is the basis of the reflection time. The purpose of the group is to help each other create and sustain a daily spiritual practice.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE

MLUC Blood Drive

We have been offered a challenge by the Red Cross! They are asking us to join the 2010 summer Blood Drive. This year's theme, *Power in the Blood*, is an interfaith initiative that encourages all faith groups in the area to join together to help save lives. The campaign is strategically scheduled in the summer because the season generally is the most challenging time for the Red Cross to collect blood. Dubbed "trauma season," summer brings an increase in the demand for blood to treat trauma victims, but a decrease in the availability of donors. *Power in the Blood* seeks to meet local patient needs during this critical time. The tag line, "Many beliefs, one purpose," encompasses the idea behind this interfaith program. The Red Cross hopes that by working together, churches and faith groups with a shared goal will be able to meet the need.



Jan Cauffman
Parish Nurse

The Blood Drive at MLUC is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 6, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.!** I hope you will consider making an appointment either by calling me (610-688-8332 x16), or scheduling yourself online at www.redcrossblood.org and entering sponsor #2123.

The Red Cross has also thrown in an incentive: anyone who gives blood from July 1 through September 12 will be entered into that week's drawing to win a GiftCertificates.com SuperCertificate redeemable for \$250 worth of gift certificates from various stores, hotels, airlines, and more.

The point, however, is to help out those in need. I'm sure many of us have, at one point or the other, needed blood or know of someone who required it. Having it available when needed can save a life. Our goal is 30 donors. Let's join together and make it happen!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rebecca Polss and daughter Maya (5), live in Ardmore. Rebecca is a licensed social worker and loves cycling. She has ridden in the Cancer Society bike-a-thon for 12 years, several MS-150s as well as many community bike events throughout the area. She enjoyed biking vacations up and down the east coast, California wine country, and Coast Rica before hanging up her bike after adopting Maya in 2006. However, she's looking forward to getting out with Maya now that she's older. Rebecca was raised Jewish and has chosen to raise her daughter in the UU community. Together they enjoy spending time at the beach or the local pool. Rebecca is looking forward to getting involved at MLUC in community volunteer events as well as craft shows and the auction.

Willettta Silva, a retired professor of a Japanese University, resides in Valley Forge. She works with seniors as the producer of *Senior Moments*, a TV production that airs out of Radnor 21, Radnor. She also supports Senior America, Inc. as Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America, 2009. Biking is a favorite activity along with cooking; experimenting with plant based foods. A native of Champaign, IL, Willettta was raised in the Methodist Church. She is a single parent of three adult children — John, who resides in Allentown, Lisa, in Phoenixville, and Angela in Palmetto, FL.

Kathy Antaki is originally from New York. Her sons, Jakob (12) and Isaac (11) are from Vietnam. They love to travel together and have recently taken trips to Cape Cod, Puerto Rico, Rome, and Vancouver Island, BC. They've also made religious journeys from Catholicism to Episcopalian to Lutheran, and feel blessed to have finally found a home at MLUC. Jakob reports that he is an avid golfer, strong swimmer, and magician in training! Isaac is a lover of history and expert in facts about WWII and fighter planes, and budding yo-yo artist! Both boys are also avid fishermen. Kathy is interested in MLUC's social action work. As a parent, she is pleased to have found a community which supports her values and where her children can see these values lived in other's lives.

CONGRATULATIONS 2010 YRUU SENIORS!

Arley Styer, Youth Program Director

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UU bridging like many other celebrations in life, signifies a rite of passage in the lives of our UU youth. Bridging is not only the completion of a set of religious education classes, it is also a chance to honor the learning that has taken place and welcome our youth into the wider community of adults. This spring YRUU had eight of its members who crossed the "bridge" from youth to adulthood in our community. We would like to send them well wishes in the next stages of their journeys. Congratulations to our 2010 YRUU Seniors!

Sarah Dickson, Caleb Glassman, and Holly Walker graduated from Radnor High School on June 16! **Sarah** will be attending Colgate University in the fall, and will take the sense of community she found at MLUC with her. Sarah says she will miss the people she has come close to the most, but will always cherish her memories of Kweebec. **Caleb** will also miss the friends he has made in youth group, and will also take those tight bonds with him to the University of Vermont where he will be attending college in the fall. **Holly** will be attending Penn State in the fall, and says she will always carry the sense of belonging she found at MLUC with her.

Calvin Mingione, Claire Holahan, and Will Batt graduated from Conestoga High School on June 8! **Calvin** will be off to Lafayette College in the fall, and will most remember being warmly welcomed back into the youth group after a two year absence; he will cherish the UU values as well as the friendships he has made. **Claire** will be attending Shippensburg University in the fall, and says her best memories are of GaGa at Kweebec, because it was the most fun ever. **Will** plans to study Human Ecology at the College of the Atlantic in the fall, and will miss the supportive MLUC community which he says is the foundation of his spiritual identity.

Emily MacDonald graduated from Marple Newtown High School on June 17, and will be studying Fine Arts at the Delaware College of Art and Design in the fall. Emily will miss the people she says helped to shape her open mind, helping hands, and loving heart. **Jacob** Lipton graduated from Hill Top Preparatory School on June 16, and will be attending Richard Stockton College of New Jersey where he will study Biology and Marine Science; Jacob will take his sense of belonging to a huge UU family with him to college.

Best wishes from YRUU and the YAC and lots of love to each one of you.



YRUU Seniors
Back row (L-R):
Jacob Lipton,
Emily MacDonald,
Will Batt
Front row (L-R):
Holly Walker,
Sarah Dickson
Not pictured:
Claire Holahan,
Calvin Mingione,
Caleb Glassman
*Picture courtesy of
Laura House-Kelly*

MLUC RITES OF PASSAGE 2010

Congratulations to our third grade Stepping Stone graduates, our Coming of Age (CoA) teens, and our graduating senior high youth!

There were 17 third graders who engaged in a program to begin looking at life's deepest meanings through mythology, the lives of famous Unitarian Universalists, scientists, and core values. On May 16, each student received a memory book as well as a clay chalice pendant (yes, made by our clay artist-in-residence Ann Keech).



MLUC Stepping Stone Graduates, 9:00 a.m.
(L-R): Kevin Beck, Martin Gusick,
Mia Deckman, Emma Susas, Elena Magidson,
Anna Lee, Anna Zink, Nikolas Koveos,
Drew Havlick Reich
Not pictured: Ludwig Posauner Chan
Picture courtesy of Ms. Sandra Greenfield

Special thanks for our Stepping Stone adult leaders: Lisa Beck, Pam Magidson, Pat Manley, Jeff Parnell, Tim Hart, Rachel Locke, Nanda Hydrisko, Marie Pierre Crowe, Mary Spinozzi Connor, and Carla Connor.



This year's CoA group involved 23 seventh graders who provided a worship service on May 9 which included the sharing of their credo statements. Their program was based on the curriculum called Traditions With a Wink, a Vision Quest workbook and the UU Pocket Guide. Their credo statements were published; contact the RE office to get your own copy.

MLUC Stepping Stone Graduates, 11:00 a.m.
(L-R): Emily Hart, Lydia Varcoe-Wolfson,
Alex Conner, Madelyn Murphy, Julian Crowe,
Bobby Hydrisko
Not pictured: Maria Locke
Picture courtesy of Ms. Sandra Greenfield

The 9:00 a.m. CoA group comprised of Jacob Borislow, Joshua Briscoe, Christa Deckman, Zoe Demitrack, Sophie Everbach, Julia Magidson, Philip Piasecki, Anna Russo, Katie Russo, Benjamin Silverman, Jonathan Sklar, Juliann Susas, and Grace Williams.

The 11:00 a.m. CoA group included Aidan Elwood, Vaughn Hillman, Anahita Keyhani, Kayla Kochanowicz, Tyler McDowell, Sophia Pirozzi, Julian Sherman, Charlotte Varcoe-Wolfson, Moritz Walther, and Bryan Weber.

We are indebted to the adult leaders for their work on facilitating the teens' discernment processes and on a community project: Christy Parry, Anne Susas, Rob Williams, Stephanie Vincent, Jeff Keating, Bob Elwood, Tanya Keyhani, and Kent Zehner.

Thanks to this year's youth leaders for their inspiration: Scott Turner, Richard Bank, Casey Aspin, Rob Moore, and Sarah Kinder.

NEWS FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

As the church year comes to a close, I look back on a year with a sense of accomplishment in my commitment to the quality and diversity of our music program. It goes without saying that serving as your Music Director has been a ministry, and it is not a solitary endeavor. It takes a lot of volunteers to make our church run smoothly, and the music ministry is no exception.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone in the congregation to start thinking about what they can do to contribute to our music program. In the next edition, be ready to read *The Music Director's Wish List* for the 2010-2011 church year. This wish list will contain some of my vision, hopes, and desires for the coming year, including how I would use volunteers to help carry out this important work. Every time your worship experience has been enhanced by the music you have heard, remember that it is **your** music program.



Dr. Vincent Craig
Music Director

NEWS FROM THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Barbara Bugliani, Co-Chair

Mary Kane, Chair, Artist of the Month

Artists of the Month

Members of the hardworking Visual Arts Committee will share their work in the Fireside Room during July and August. Paintings by Mary Kane, Alma Neas, and Bonnie Gross; fabric art by Barbara Bugliani; found object constructions by Anne Keech and jewelry by Nancy Wambach.

Thanks to all those not represented in the show for all the help and support over the years, and thanks to those who help the church and support the arts by their purchases.

MLUC'S 2010 LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT AT CAMP TOCKWOGH

September 4 — September 6

Attend the 35th Annual Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Tockwogh and participate in fellowship, fun, renewal, activities that include sailing, rock climbing, tennis, archery, swimming, biking, folk singing, arts and crafts, and much more as well as all meals prepared by camp staff. You can also enjoy many Tockwogh traditions such as the treasure hunt, talent show, air show, water communion vespers, shore clean-up, and bike ride to Betterton.



Camp Tockwogh, on the eastern shore of Maryland, two hours from Devon, offers a beautiful, protected location of woods, fields, bluffs, and the Chesapeake Bay stretching as far as one can see. Children can enjoy an environment where bicycles rule the roads, cars are mostly forgotten, and the only commuting decision is whether to bike or walk.

If you aren't coming with family members, you can expect the company of dozens of other singles of all ages. Tockwogh is a place where everyone begins to feel like a member of one family after only a few hours. For online registration and information, visit www.oldmacd.org/Tockwogh. **Take advantage of early registration by July 15.**



LAST CHANCE — CALL FOR POETRY!

Original poetry by MLUC members will be presented as part of the July 25 Sunday service. There may still be room for you!

If you would like to participate, please contact a member of the editorial and planning committee: Lisa Jochum, Lisa Loeb,

Dee Owen, or Mary Stromquist. You do not need to be a published poet. Just put into words your thoughts, feelings, and responses to this life we share, and read in a passionate voice.

Send submissions to Mary Stromquist by **July 12** at the latest.

We look forward to a fun and creative experience!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Parish Nurse Jan Cauffman will now check your blood pressure on the **second** Sunday of each month starting July 11, continuing through the year. Location will remain the Greeley Library.

MLUC BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, July 6, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. (See page 5).

ADULT RE

Wednesday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. (See page 5).

ON THE WEB

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MURRAY GROVE RETREAT CENTER, LANOKA HARBOR, NJ

Heritage Week at Murray Grove, August 1-6

Led by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stong, with Rev. Carol Haag, Director of Sacred Worship, and Rev. Dr. Carol Taylor, Director of Sacred Nourishment, the week will consist of workshops on Universalist, Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist Religious Education History, and General History. For more information, call 609-693-5558.

Drum and Dance Fest, August 13-15

(Come for the whole weekend, or Saturday only!)

Homecoming 2010, September 24-26

Meet Michael Dowd of "Celebrating Evolution" and "The Great Story," and attend a presentation of the intergenerational musical "Oh Jonah!" by members of the UU Congregation of Monmouth County; Sunday morning service will be in the historic Potter Chapel by Rev. Virginia Jarocho-Ernst of UUCMC.

For more information and registration, please contact Murray Grove (609-693-5558; murraygrove@murraygrove.org).

SUMMER IS THE HUNGRIEST TIME

Summer is here, school is out, and there are no school meal programs. Without them, low income families are having an even more difficult time feeding their children. You can help by contributing to the food collection at MLUC. Each week when you go shopping, pickup a non-perishable item or two and bring it to church. We deliver the food to the Chester County Food Cupboard **which helps 1200 families each month**. The need for help doesn't stop after the winter holiday season; it continues year-round. This program began at MLUC in September 2009 and we are committed to helping supply food all year round.

MEDIA SERVICES

TV-A/V Carts

Summertime is cleaning time for Media Services. The TV-A/V Carts are about to be cleaned. If you have left any personal or RE items on the carts, please retrieve them ASAP. Media Services will be tossing anything that does not belong in the Video Library or with the equipment. Questions? Contact Peter McDowell.