



What*s Happening

MAIN LINE UNITARIAN CHURCH

March 2010



THE 2011 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: MARCH 1-31, 2010

Our theme, **“Which MLUC?”** asks us to consider what we want our religious community to be. As members of MLUC, we have the privilege of being part of a kind, caring, and generous community that supports the spiritual needs of those among us and beyond our walls. Every year, each of us has the opportunity to pledge our financial commitment to support this important work. That time is now.

“Which MLUC?” A church that *struggles* to meet its obligations, just *maintains* the status quo, *thrives* on new members and creative programming, or *lives out the dream* of all that is possible – the choice is ours. Financial support is the very foundation of all that we do. None of the work we do can be done well without a secure staff, a roof over our heads, and properly funded educational and outreach programs.

This year, we are asking that every member pledge on time – pledging their most generous gift in March. This allows the church to create a realistic budget later this spring. With a clear financial picture, we can better set goals for the coming year. Look for the Status Board across from the Main Meeting Room that will track member participation and overall pledge levels.

We are confident that all of us, each and every member, will consider, not only the value that this church provides to us and to others now, but what this community is truly capable of being. There is a great deal of energy and excitement at church today. The parking lot is full every Sunday. New programs are being started. Let’s invest in that energy!

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

I met with some intrepid MLUC members on a snowy Thursday night for a “Topical Conversations with the Senior Minister” about Islam. It was a great opportunity to learn and share in a relaxed setting.

On Friday afternoon, after visiting one of our long-time members in declining health, I read the most recent Harvard Divinity Bulletin, which featured an article titled “Spiritual but Not

Religious.” I thought, “You don’t need Harvard to hear about that topic, just come to MLUC!” (I preached on that topic on January 24). That evening, I had fun bowling with church members of all ages. We had a great time and celebrated Rev. Craig’s birthday with song and cake.

On Saturday, I visited the family that our congregation “adopted,” in partnership with the local charity, Tredyffrin & Easttown Care, after their Strafford Station apartment was destroyed by fire on January 30. An MLUC Neighborhood Caring Group rallied to collect clothes and home furnishings for the family’s new apartment.

Those three days exemplified the best of MLUC: Sunday services and weekday programs that educate and inspire; a caring community that nurtures our members and plays together; and a ministry of justice that builds a better world for all people and provides leadership in the larger community.

This month you will be asked to make a pledge of financial support to MLUC. The funds we commit together will shape our ministry for the coming year (July to June). MLUC is a very good community of faith, but it could be a great one. Let’s take a step toward greatness by making our March campaign a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Justin Osterman

CRAIG’S COLUMN



Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Associate Minister

Wangari Maathai is the founder of the Greenbelt movement, which has planted more than 2 billion trees around the world. She is the subject of *Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai*, which I will screen at the church on Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

In 2004, Maathai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It was the first time the Nobel committee had correlated environmental degradation with political conflict and violence.

Her husband divorced her because she was “...too educated, too successful, too stubborn, too hard to control.” He forced her to stop using his name, Mathai. She complied, defiantly, by adding one more “a.”

But it is easy to be simply defiant. It is something else again to inspire rural women to not only plant trees, but to see the connection between deforestation, poverty, and politics. In her words, “It’s a matter of breaking the cycle. From the very beginning, that’s what I was telling the women, that we cannot solve all the problems...there are too many problems...[but] the way to break the cycle for us is to do something that is doable...something that is within our power, our capacity, our resources. It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees.”



Wangari Maathai

On Saturday, April 10, we will have a chance to do a little thing ourselves: help plant hundreds of redbud trees on the Cynwyd Heritage Trail in lower Merion Township (See page 7).

See you there!

Yours in a Shared Faith,
Rev. Craig Roshaven

REFLECTIONS FROM “DR. DRE”



Sandra Greenfield
Interim Director of Religious Education

In the McGinness Room, there is a timeline of the RE program at MLUC created during the Interim RE Startup Workshop on January 30. Feel free to add to it. It is fascinating to see the changes and challenges in programs, staff and lay leadership, governance, and philosophy over these 50+ years.

In many ways the philosophy of RE experienced at MLUC reflects the larger experience in our denomination and in our American culture. MLUC was formed only a few short years before the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America in 1961. Both the newly formed Association and this congregation saw Unitarian Universalism “as a vital force with a mission to the larger world” (Bumbaugh, 2000). But in 1975, membership in the Association dropped from 152,000 to 150,000; church school fell from 78,000 to 49,000. The merged association found new life through the examination of sexist assumptions which ultimately led to the adoption in 1984 of a new set of principles and purposes; a redefined covenant.

This event was significant in religious education. Much of the curriculum that Rev. Virginia Jarocha-Ernst found upon arrival did not include this new found spirit of Unitarian Universalism. Many changes were made to incorporate the principles in classrooms and in worship like in the current Coming of Age program and this year’s Children’s Worship.

As Jansen Wendell mentioned, his RE experience “was pretty secular. There’s a lot more UU identity now.” What does UU identity mean? That’s our next task – to establish a collective understanding of this paradigm.

In faith,

Sandra

SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 7: "FIGHTING FOR HEARTS AND MINDS: SCIENCE AND RELIGION"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: Topper Roth, vocalist

Five centuries ago, the leading scientific minds of the western world were trained in religious schools to study nature and the universe in the pursuit of knowledge. Today, in our nation, many religious people see science as a threat to their faith. What happened to create this divide between science and religion in our society, and can it be bridged?

MARCH 14: "DRAGGED KICKING AND SCREAMING INTO HEAVEN"

Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed and Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: Men's Choir

An 18th century French Huguenot was one of the first to preach Universalism in America; by early 19th century, Universalism had swept across the young nation finding a popularity it never again achieved. What does the message that God's love brooks no resistance mean in the 21st century, and why is it important that we once again proclaim it?

MARCH 21: "DEBATING GAY MARRIAGE"

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

Music: MLUC Choir

There are two bills pending in the Pennsylvania state senate that relate to marriage: SB 935 and SB 707. The first would grant gay and lesbian couples the right to marry, while the second would amend the constitution of the Commonwealth to define marriage as limited to unions between one man and one woman. This morning, we will consider the issue of gay marriage and what its legalization and/or prohibition would mean.

MARCH 28: "WHERE ARE WE GOING? (AND WHY ARE WE IN A HANDBASKET?)"

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven

Music: Wendy Schmid, soprano

Francis Moore Lappé, author and activist, believes that "the ideas humans hold – our core assumptions about how the world works – can be more powerful than instinct. They can trap us in powerlessness or free us to create the world we really want." If we are going to solve our global environmental crisis, we need to question the assumptions that are trapping us and replace them with ideas that can free us.

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Haiti Relief

UUSC is focused on getting resources into the hands of grassroots groups on the ground. While large-scale relief operations remain snarled in logistical challenges, Haitian grassroots organizations are swiftly getting relief to their communities.

Within a few days of Haiti's earthquake, Atema Eclai, UUSC's Program Director, was in touch with aid emergency medical teams in Haiti. With years of experience in disaster situations in areas that include Rwanda, Liberia, and Darfur, Eclai can offer advice on how to deal with trauma, and matters such as using dirt to keep medicines cool without refrigeration. In less than two weeks, contributions to UUSC/UUA Haiti Relief Fund climbed to more than \$470,000 (At MLUC's January 17 service, we contributed more than \$4,000 to this fund). By February 5, a UUSC team was operating within Haiti to interact with current partners and organize more.

Please keep the contributions coming. In supporting the efforts of caring and capable people at the street level to deal with their myriad problems, we are empowering the Haitians to build a far better future for themselves. Find current information at UUSC's Web site (www.uusc.org). You can contribute on-line or drop a check to UUSC Haiti Relief at MLUC. These contributions are tax deductible.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010 - SAVE THE DATE!
June 23-27, Minneapolis, MN

Join thousands of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from across the United States for the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis. Worship with thousands of fellow UUs and be informed by terrific speakers and hundreds of programs.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Visual Arts Committee
Barbara Bugliani, Co-Chair
Mary Kane, Chair, Artist of the Month

Judith Ingram will have her mixed media work in the Fireside Room through April 4. Ingram has been identified as one of our region's outstanding artists, according to Victoria Donohoe. "The refined narrow sophistication of her mature style is handsomely noted especially in her use of paper pulp sculptures and small mixed media, found-object paintings." Ingram studied at what is now the University of the Arts, and is a founding member of MUSE Gallery in Philadelphia. 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 at the National Museum for Women in the Arts, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Delaware Art Museum. A reception and slide/talk by the artist will be on Saturday, March 20, at 5:00 p.m.

GOT MAPS?

For our annual ECO Art 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 **moved to April 24**. He invites anyone with antique maps to bring them to display during a wine and cheese reception at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS ART SHOW IN MAY

Get those lovely pieces of art you've produced ready for hanging, or display at our annual Members Art Show and Sale. The Annual Gala Opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 8. Watch for details.

"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.

SOUPS ON YOU!

Committee of Fun
Sally Fritzon, Co-Chair

Kevin Black will lead a soup making workshop for both inexperienced and seasoned soup makers.

On Saturday, March 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., we will make a vegetarian and a meat soup, and enjoy it afterward. The workshop is limited to 12 people; please sign-up in the Atrium. Each participating cook will be asked to bring an ingredient.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dave VanOcker, President Diane Kyker, Vice-President

MLUC lives its values by striving to make a better world for those outside its walls.

In keeping with our third major "end," the start of 2010 has seen an outpouring of energy by MLUCers, both planned and unplanned, in reaching out to help those in need.

- The Martin Luther King Day of Service hosted by the Germantown UU Society was supported by more than 75 MLUC members and friends who repaired and cleaned community centers, spread cheer to elderly and challenged individuals in group homes, and made lunches for children in day care centers.

- MLUC hosted its first homeless family through the Interfaith Hospitality Network the week of February 14, with the assistance of more than 30 volunteers who provided direct support during their stay. Our next host week is scheduled for April.

- MLUC's Strafford Neighborhood Care Group adopted an Albanian family who lost all their possessions in the late January Strafford Station Apartments fire. Group members coordinated the efforts of many MLUC volunteers who donated furniture, goods, and their time and muscles to help in the family's relocation.

- Assistance was given to the Nationalities Services Center in providing services to injured Haitians in Philadelphia for medical treatment.

- Our new program of donating half of the weekly Sunday plate collection to local charities that share our values continues to be widely supported by members.

What an inspirational way to start the year, and there will be more ahead!

But, as impressive as these efforts are, they only scratch the surface of meeting the pressing level of need around us. Think what more we could do in the way of social action with expanded resources of volunteers and funds! When the call goes out for your annual pledge, please find a way to step forward and dig deep, knowing that the stronger our church community, the larger will be our impact on the greater good.

RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE

John Juzbasich, Co-Chair Hiro Nishikawa, Co-Chair

A Wayward Journey Towards Wholeness. The Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14 visit by Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed will afford MLUCers a great opportunity to hear, interact with, and celebrate with him this journey towards wholeness. He will lead off on Friday, 7:30 p.m. with readings from and autographing his recent book, *In Between – Memoir of an Integration Baby.* This sojourn through Civil Rights era taken over by the Vietnam war, interracial relations, and raising multi-cultural children is a real 'page turner.'

On Saturday, 10:00 a.m., he will show *Wilderness Journey* (about the black empowerment struggles within Unitarian-Universalist denomination) and facilitate a discussion on the consequences of this history and its lingering impact today. After lunch*, Rev. Morrison-Reed will give a seminar titled, *It Happened the Way It had to Happen*, answering the empowerment controversy conundrum and contextualizing that era to help understand it and move on. He will end the day by meeting with MLUC historians and archivists to gather written and oral material relating the congregation to this period. He is an archivist at his alma mater, the Meadville Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago.

During the Sunday services Rev. Morrison-Reed will join Rev. Osterman in sermon entitled, *Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven.* *RSVP for lunch by March 13 with Doreen Jackson (doreen@mluc.org; 610-688-8332).

Cinema 2 Make U Think, the new film series co-sponsored with AREC will present *A Witness in Palestine* on Friday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the McGinness Room, facilitated by Frank Weber. This film involves Anna Baltzer, a young Jewish American, who went to the West Bank to discover the realities of daily life for Palestinians under the occupation. What she found would change her outlook on the conflict forever. For more information, contact Hiro Nishikawa.

Racial Task Force meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on March 21, 12:30 p.m. All are invited. Contact John Juzbasich for information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Fred Davis grew up in Bryn Mawr, but was lured west, graduating from the University of San Francisco in 2008. He is 23 and single. Now at home in the Northern Liberties area of Philadelphia, he works in Bridgeport, N.J. as an environmental contractor. Fred is a rugby player! In addition he enjoys other sports, hiking, and current events. Fred was brought up in the Catholic faith and would like to become involved in outreach at MLUC.

Judy and Eric Elinow, both 36, currently live near Hatfield, PA. They have an infant daughter, Morgan, born in April 2009 and a nine year old son, Adrian. Both Judy and Eric grew up in Philadelphia. Eric is a software engineer, working from home while caring for their daughter. Judy was a lab technician before becoming a high school biology teacher. She is an avid reader of all things science fiction/fantasy and biology related. Eric loves to study languages both spoken and computer-related. Adrian is a dedicated lego-builder while Morgan is fascinated with playing peek-a-boo. The Elinow family comes to MLUC seeking a spiritual community for friendship and education.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have many adult religious education offerings for the month of March. 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 Web site at: <http://www.mluc.org>, and click Adult Religious Education.

Saturday Night Parenting Circle

March 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to World Religions

March 2, 9, 16; 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

What's Your Problem!

Effective Communication at Home, Work, and Church

Wednesday, March 3; 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Roshaven and the Committee on Ministry

Mark Morrison-Reed Workshops

March 12, 7:30 p.m., and March 13; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Introduction to Theology

March 22, 29, and April 5; 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Craig C. Roshaven

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven:

Volume Two: On the Threshold

Thursday, March 18 and 25, April 1, 8, 15, and 22
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday Night at the Movies:

Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

Friday, March 19; 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Rev. Roshaven

Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize winner and founder of the Greenbelt movement, which has planted more than 30 million trees throughout Africa and more than 2 billion trees around the world.

Cinema 2 Make U Think - A Witness in Palestine

Friday, March 26; 7:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Frank Weber

Topical Conversations with the Senior Minister

March 30; 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Justin Osterman

"The American presence in Afghanistan and foreign policy toward Pakistan"

It has been more than eight years since US troops invaded Afghanistan and the future of that nation still seems uncertain today. Over the same period of time, significant events have occurred in neighboring Pakistan. Tonight we will discuss the effect of US foreign policy on the region over the past eight years and what the future might hold.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The meeting will be on Thursday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. Rani Mothey, a social worker in both the U.S. and India, and our guest speaker, will speak on Hinduism. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided. All are welcome.

LET'S SING INTO THE SPRING AT MLUC!

More voices are needed for our choirs. All voice types are welcome. This is your opportunity to contribute to our worship experience in an active, meaningful way. The Adult Choir sings on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday at 7:45 p.m., and at 8:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday in the McGinness Room. The Men's Choir will sing during the March 14 worship services. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m., Main Meeting Room

Saturday, March 6, 11:00 a.m., McGinness Room

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 p.m., McGinness Room

Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m., McGinness Room

Sunday, March 14, 8:00 a.m., Main Meeting Room; Worship services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to participate, please contact Music Director, Vincent Craig (vincent@mluc.org). This is a small group and knowing the number of singers available ahead of time will help determine what repertoire will be sung. If you are a church school teacher on March 14, you can sing at the other service where you are not teaching.

Intergenerational Choir and the Children's Choir will sing at the April 4 Easter Family Service. Intergenerational Choir is open to all ages, and has a convenient Sunday morning rehearsal time. Come out to two Sunday morning rehearsals and bring the whole family.

Rehearsals for the Intergenerational Choir will take place on Sunday, March 21 and Sunday, March 28 at 10:15 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room. Rehearsals for the Children's Choir will take place on Thursday, March 25 and Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the McGinness Room.

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. *Path to Membership* comprises 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:

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

MLUC Music Committee

Topper Roth, Chair

Archie Lane and his State Street Orchestra return to MLUC on Friday, April 23 for a reprise of last year's exhilarating Spring Fling Swing Thing! This is a free, all-church event, sponsored by the Music Committee. There will be professional dance instruction from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., then dancing to the sweet tones and punching big band rhythms of Archie and his 16-piece crew from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun! There will be refreshments and door prizes. Childcare will be provided. You MUST pre-register with Sandra Greenfield (sandra@mluc.org). Bring your friends; MLUC membership not required for admission.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MLUC MUSICAL

The musicale will take place on Sunday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the fine performance space of the Main Meeting Room. This is a great opportunity for children, youth, and adults to present music, dance, and drama in any of the wonderful forms of these arts, in a program involving our 9' Steinway grand piano. There will be more information and registration forms available through the RE program by the end of February.

There will be an audition/orientation rehearsal on Saturday, March 20, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the assigned times and in small groups, to give the participants an opportunity to be fully prepared and confident. We can accommodate a rehearsal with seasoned performers on Sunday before 2:30 p.m. if absolutely necessary.

Contact Marjorie Gingles for information and application details. Applications are also available in the lobby. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA: DISCOVERING GOD AMIDST THE RWANDAN HOLOCAUST

Join us on Sunday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. to hear Immaculée Ilibagiza's amazing story of conversion, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Ilibagiza is a noted author, speaker, and a UN representative working for social justice. During the Rwandan Holocaust of 1994, Ilibagiza hid in a tiny bathroom for 91 days and survived through prayer. Come and be inspired by this courageous woman of faith. She will speak at the Mirenda Center for Sport, Spirituality, and Character Development, 604 Convent Road, Aston, 19014. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. For tickets or information, e-mail fsc@osfphila.org or call 610-558-6152.

INSIGHT BOOK CLUB

On Tuesday, March 9, we will be discussing *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. This is essentially a feel-good book with philosophical aspirations, a cast of charmingly eccentric characters, and a European city-break setting – private courtyards, restaurants, and mysterious strangers. There is also much humor and musing on the meaning of life. The discussion will take place in the Fireside Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Gail Burgess, Chair

During the month of March, our 2nd through 5th graders will be actively engaged in our Workshop Rotation learning about "The Loving Heart," of Henry Bergh. He was the founder of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and was instrumental in the advancement of children's rights by helping to create the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

We want to encourage all of our church school families to participate in the ongoing MLUC social action programs. There are opportunities to volunteer as a family through the Interfaith Hospitality Network and to participate in The Tree Planting Project this April. Get involved, it's a great way for our children to put their helping hands to good use. Mark your calendars! The 2nd annual Chalice Circle Supper will be on Sunday, April 25. We are hoping all of our church school families will come to share in, and to create, a Stone Soup meal and UU traditions and fun. Check RE-News in the next few weeks for more details.

MLUC VOLUNTEER NETWORK

The MLUC volunteer network for Nationalities Service Center (NSC) continues its donation drive for items currently needed for immigrants and refugees who are receiving services from NSC. 21 apartments were set up in January and the first week in February. NSC particularly needs blankets, sheets, pots and pans, pressure cookers, and flatware. In addition, MLUC volunteers are planning a reception at NSC for International Women's Day. Volunteer days will continue to be organized when a group of MLUCers go to NSC offices at 1216 Arch Street, Philadelphia, to help out with a variety of volunteer tasks.

PLANT A TREE AND SAVE THE EARTH

Come join in a fun, all-church, intergenerational service project on Saturday, April 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will help plant trees on the Cynwyd Heritage Trail in Lower Merion.

Planting trees helps to beautify our world, protect our air and water, and provide homes for our fellow critters in the interdependent web. And planting trees together is fun! We will have lots of important tasks that do not involve manual labor, so bring the whole family. To learn more, come to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in the McGinness Room. You can sign-up to participate then, or at the lobby tables on March 28 or April 4.

JOYS/SORROWS

Prayers for family and friends of Martha Steele who passed away on Saturday, February 13.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

INSIGHT BOOK CLUB

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

“DRUM FOR JOY” WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. (See page 4).

WOMEN’S ALLIANCE

Thursday, March 18, 11:30 a.m. (See page 6).

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MLUC MUSICALE

Sunday, March 21, 3:00 p.m. (See page 7).

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.

2010 JOSEPH PRIESTLY DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

Redefining ‘The Good Life’: Faith and Values for a Sustainable Future

April 16-17, Clarion Hotel Park Ridge, King of Prussia

This year’s District Spring Conference is an opportunity to meet other Unitarian Universalists, strengthen Unitarian Universalism in our churches and across the District, and bring home some new skills and insights. Please consider attending. Online registration will be available soon at www.jpduua.org. Conference highlights:

- Outstanding worship by leading JPD ministers
- Friday night coffee house with Grammy-nominated JPD minister, Rev. Dan Schatz
- Nationally known Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Schuler, author of *Making the Good Life Last: Four Keys to Sustainable Living*
- 28 workshops to choose from
- Bookstore with up to date offerings for your congregation
- Exhibits from diverse UU organizations
- Food-filled Friday night reception with a cash bar
- Family-friendly track programming
- Celebration service involving youth to close the conference



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