



# UUMAC Newsletter

Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community

Spring 2004

## **UUMAC 2004 Theme: Finding Hope in Times Such as These**

*A UU theology that just might change the world*

Planning for this summer's Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community has been ongoing through the year. Most of the program is now in place, including the **Reverend John Morehouse** as Theme Speaker, the **Reverend Paul Johnson** as Minister of the Week, a tempting list of workshops, and a smorgasbord of off-campus activities, including many old favorites and a few new selections.

Director Ken Shilling gives us a summary of the staff picture and some highlights on page 3.



### **Spring Reunion to be March 13 in Montclair**

UUMAC's Spring Reunion will take place on March 13 at The Unitarian Church of Montclair, NJ. The Board of Trustees will meet during the day, and the reunion will start at around 5:30 PM. Everybody is asked to bring food or drink to share. As always, children and teens are as welcome as adults.

The Board is hoping to make a decision during the day on a theme and theme speaker for UUMAC 2005. Come and find out what's in store not just for 2004 but hopefully for 2005 as well.

*Directions are on page 4.*

**Save the dates: July 18 - 24 at DeSales University in Allentown, PA.**

**Watch for many more details about workshops and off-campus activities in the UUMAC 2004 brochure!**

### **Staying Connected On-Line**

Just a reminder that we have an announcement hot line which enables us to send out messages that are of immediate interest to the community. These announcements are very infrequent and will not fill up your mailbox. We do encourage you to sign up for this list if you are not already on it. You can go to <http://www.uumac.org> and click on the link entitled "UUMAC List servers." There you will also find information about the UUMAC-Friends list for casual contacts with fellow UUMACers and other lists that are in use or proposed.

Everyone in the UUMAC community should join the UUMAC-Announce list for important announcements that come out once a month or less. Most of you were subscribed in early January and should have received an e-mail from our board president, Mel Pine. If you didn't get this e-mail, please join the UUMAC-Announce list.

Any subgroup of UUMACers with a common interest can have a similar discussion group by contacting webmaster Darrell Duane at [d@duane.com](mailto:d@duane.com).

## President's Corner

### The Zoe Falkenberg Fund

As we go to press, the Board is working on a new twist on the Zoe Falkenberg Fund -- the money raised in memory of the 9-year-old UUMACer who died along with her family in the 9/11/01 tragedy. We've decided to use at least some of the money to provide financial assistance for grandparents who want to bring their grandchildren to UUMAC and for grandchildren who want to bring their grandparents to UUMAC. Stay tuned for more on this.

### A Commitment to Plan Ahead

The UUMAC Board has made a commitment to plan two years out instead of always working on the current year. We were able after UUMAC 2003 to decide promptly on a theme and theme speaker for 2004, so we started working on 2005. We passed a resolution calling on future boards to plan two years ahead. So by the start of UUMAC 2004, we'll be able to announce the theme, theme speaker and minister of the week for 2005. After UUMAC 2004, the board will work on the theme, theme speaker and minister of the week for 2006. That will greatly expand our possibilities, because it's easier to get a commitment from popular speakers if you can give them more notice.

That means also that we have to lock in dates with the college two years out. The only date the college is willing to commit to us for 2005 is July 17-23. We understand that some people don't like a week that early in the summer, but the board felt the right thing to do was to lock in the date. So you can put it on your calendars now: **UUMAC 2005** will be **July 17 – 23**. We're considering a couple of great possibilities for theme and theme speaker, and we will announce them, along with the minister of the week, no later than UUMAC 2004.

As for UUMAC 2004, I'm excited about how the planning is going. The **Rev. Paul Johnson**, last year's theme speaker, is returning to be minister of the week. We've previously announced the theme, "**Finding Hope in Times Such as These**," and the theme speaker, the **Rev. John Morehouse**. There will be more details in the brochure, of course, but I wanted you to have this brief update ASAP.

Mel Harkrader Pine

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This summer

and beyond

at UUMAC . . .

Director Ken Shilling and his able assistant, Bill Stratton, visited DeSales University in January 2004.

DeSales University has completed construction of its **new cafeteria**. Ken and Bill pronounced the new cafeteria "fabulous." It has seating for about 500 with a panoramic view of the campus. There are multiple food lines: main entrée (meat and vegetarian), specialty salad, sandwich grill, pizza, salad bar, and dessert bar.

Bill and Ken also learned about the University's plans to move all the conference space as well as the book store and offices to a new space adjacent to the cafeteria by 2006. While returning to a familiar campus, we look forward to an exciting new space for UUMAC.

Bill and Ken had lengthy discussions with the Board about how we should organize UUMAC differently for 2004. In the past, we went to breakfast, and then congregated in McShea until it was time to go to morning worship. It was easy to congregate in McShea after breakfast because we were already there. We can't do this anymore.

This year, our morning routine will begin in Dooling and the new cafeteria. We will continue to use the McShea Commons for the dance, yoga, and other movement classes. We will also use McShea for Night Owls and Vespers. Something familiar, something new. (Something borrowed, something blue?)

The UUMAC Board will visit DeSales in June to plan how we can best make use of the new space this summer. By 2006, all conference space will be centered around Dooling.

### UUMAC Board 2003-2004

Mel Harkrader Pine (Pres)	Emily Conger
Laura Barrows (VP)	Susie Eastridge
Jane Peatling (treasurer)	Brenda Lovette
Kaye Dee Barrows (teen rep)	Mary Brower
Inge Hyder	Henry Davis
Noel Monardes	Ken Shilling ( <i>ex officio</i> )

## Musings from Director Ken Shilling

### UUMAC STAFF IS GETTING READY FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

The UUMAC staff are planning and preparing for UUMAC 2004. Did you see the UUMAC ad that **Bill Stratton** placed in the UU World? Did you get your copy of the fall and spring newsletter from **Rickey Slezak**? Be on the alert for the **UUMAC brochure** that **Susie Eastridge** is making. **Treasurer Jane Peatling** is making sure the price is right for 2004 registration. **Darwin Anderson** is standing by the phone to receive your registration.



In the brochure, you will notice the main attractions. Behind the scenes, **Mel Pine** recruited **Rev. John Morehouse** as **Theme Speaker** and **Rev. Paul Johnson** as **Minister of the Week**. While moving to Maryland, Paul Barnette focused on the UUMAC workshops. While dealing with her teenager, **Julie Watson** prepared the **Off-Campus activities**. **Gail Compton and Zoe Vilicic** will organize the **Intergen** activities, including the Carnival. They are planning for more on-campus games and activities. **Audrey and Rick Dahl** will provide the Wednesday night **concert** for all ages.

Bring your donations to the **UUMAC auction** that **Barbara Barnette** is organizing. **Susie Reynolds** will sell the 2004 T-shirts at the bookstore.

**Laura Barrows** will recruit Tweens to staff the fabulous Night Owl snack table. The **Fab Four** led by **Brenda Lovette** will arrange a variety of **Night Owl Entertainment**. **Dee Kysor** will lead the **UUMAC choir**. **Abbie Crowley** will organize people willing to lead Vespers. **Ed Crowley** will lead the singing sensations in the Showcase. **George Craft** will prompt the tweens in telling the real story.

**Nina Lomax** has selected as a theme "Stories of Hope" for the youth program. She is actively recruiting volunteers for **teachers and teacher's aids**. **Laura Stewart** is returning as dorm parent for the teens, and we are still seeking another teen leader to support the **teen leaders Kevin Drew and Robin Slaw**. **Darrell Duane** has assumed duties as **Web Master** as well as young adult coordinator. **Mike Collier** is returning as Daily News Editor and **Rob Dahlstrom** is returning as **Photo Directory editor**. **Charlotte Zinser** is returning as accessibility advisor. **Charlotte Zinser** is returning as accessibility advisor.

Unfortunately, **Julie Watson** will not be able to attend UUMAC 2004 as she will be taking care of a family member. We will keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers. She has prepared a wonderful schedule for Off Campus activities. We need a volunteer who is willing to handle registrations, double check time of activities, organize car-pools, and graciously answer questions. Please contact Ken Shilling at [pinball157@aol.com](mailto:pinball157@aol.com).

 We will Rise up Singing again this year. Please bring all the books you can. If you have questions or just like to sing please contact Alexa Fraser at [Fraser1@westat.com](mailto:Fraser1@westat.com). 

### Sneak Preview of Workshops 2004

#### JUUDO! Physical Self-Defense for Pacifist Unitarian Universalists

leader: **Laura Shemick**

This low-impact introductory course to Judo ("the gentle way") will give participants light aerobic activity through the teaching of safe falling methods, submission holds, escapes from grabs, and escapes from pins.

#### 60's Dance

leader: **Kay Wylie Jacob**

After a Pilates-based warm-up which emphasizes strengthening the abdominals and stretching the extremities, you will develop your own '60's movement style, learn some smooth routines and have fun working out.

#### Haptic Meditation: A Series of Mini-Retreats

leader: **Jo Paoletti**

Each session will function as a mini-retreat, with a reading, setting a personal intention, crafting quietly to music, writing and sharing.

#### Keys to Peaceful Parenting

leader: **Naomi Drew**

How can we help our children grow into happy, caring people with a compassionate hearts? How do we parent in this complex, violent world and manage to raise kids with a sense of their own inherent worth and dignity, as well as the worth and dignity of others?

#### Where Do We (Unitarian Universalists) Find Hope?

leader:

**Rev. Roberta Finkelstein**

Building on the theme talks, this workshop will offer participants an opportunity for personal spiritual exploration into the sources of hope in our faith and in our lives.

#### An Ethic of Right Relations

leaders: **Maud Clarke and Hank Dahlstrom**

How can we insure that the ways we relate with each other reflect our UU values? This workshop will use readings, small and large group discussion and teaching to explore the nature of our interpersonal relationships within our church communities.

#### Quilting and Conversation

leader: **JoAnne King**

Workshop participants will work together to make a quilt that will be sold at the benefit auction.

#### The Tapestry of Your Life

leader: **Amy Taylor**

In this workshop, you will create a tapestry from pieces of fabric representing those special people who have a continuing influence or change your life forever in deeply spiritual ways

#### Learn to Play Bridge

leader: **Mike Harris**

Learn the basic rules, strategy, and technique for bidding and play of both rubber and duplicate bridge.

#### Yoga for YOUR Life

leader: **Kathy Clay**

Safely exploring and stretching on a physical, mental, emotional and spiritual level.



## Directions to the Spring Reunion – The Unitarian Church of Montclair

67 Church Street  
Montclair, NJ 07042

Phone: 973-744-6276  
[www.uumontclair.org](http://www.uumontclair.org)

**From the West:** Take Route 46 East to Valley Rd./Montclair exit (you will be at the point where Rt. 46 meets Rt. 3). The exit ramp will feed you into Valley Rd. going south. Continue on Valley Rd. for approximately 3 miles. Just after you cross Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, Valley Rd. ends at a small fountain encircled by a traffic circle. The church is immediately to your left. There is a parking lot immediately to the right of the church.

**From the East:** Take Route 3 West to the Grove St./Montclair exit. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Grove St. Take Grove St. for approximately 4 miles, passing traffic lights at Bellevue Ave., Watchung Ave., Walnut St., and Glenridge Ave. Turn right onto Bloomfield Ave., go past four traffic lights and turn left at the fifth light onto Park St. Go one block and turn right onto Church St. The church is immediately past the parking lot on your right.

**From the South:** Take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 148 (Bloomfield Ave.). Follow signs after exit toll to Bloomfield Ave., holding to the left lane. In order to get on Bloomfield Ave. in the direction of Montclair, you will first cross Bloomfield Ave. and then make a U-turn just beyond in designated left lane. Follow Bloomfield Ave. to Montclair town center, a distance of approximately 2 miles. As you climb hill, look for signs for Park St. (cue: Park St. comes just after Fullerton Ave.). Turn left at Park St. Take the next right at Church St. The church is immediately past the parking lot on your right.

**Parking** is permitted on the street and is free after 6 p.m.

If you are coming from the north, call the church at 973-744-6276, call Rickey Slezak at 973 731-9838 or go online to the church's website (see above).



UUMAC is the perfect place for hugs (*above*) or a quiet moment of contemplation (*below*).

