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**April 7 "Creating One World: Through a Culture of Love"**  
Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn, Ministerial Intern Donna Renfro

This service honors Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Remembrance. The focus will be on how we remember the past and lift it up that the future may be better. We will look at the power of memory, knowledge, relationship and love to create a culture that can prevent violence and genocide.

**April 14 "Who Are Our Neighbors?"**  
Ministerial Intern Donna Renfro

Working against racism is a spiritual practice with the power to change us as much as we seek change. We continue the journey to transformation and wholeness, with stops of cultural humility and competence along the way. Ministerial Intern Donna Renfro will share this new program for ministers, share her own stories and invite yours. This service will include a time for reflections and comments

**April 21 All Music Sunday**

We will be celebrating Earth Day (April 22). Be there for an interesting look and share thoughts about our "blue boat home", where have we been and where we are going. This is an inter-generational service, so the youth will be joining us.

**April 28 "The Annual Question Box Sermon"**  
Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

One of our most popular worship services! Rev. Mishra-Marzetti responds unscripted to questions submitted by the kids and adults of our congregation pertaining to their spiritual lives. Hear candid, in-the-moment responses to the spiritual issues you find most pressing. All attendees this Sunday will have the opportunity to participate in the service by submitting a question for our Question Box. It's a dynamic and engaging service you won't want to miss!

Please note that after the worship service this Sunday there will be a Board of Trustees feedback forum, in which all are cordially invited to participate.

# Reflections for the Journey

Reverend Manish Mishra-Marzetti, [MMishra@aol.com](mailto:MMishra@aol.com)

"We covenant to affirm and promote... the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all." The sixth Principle of Unitarian Universalism. In recent weeks our community has visited our Tibetan Buddhist neighbors in Shamong, we've had our first ever "pulpit exchange" with the First Baptist Church of Moorestown, we have had a joint worship service with the Hindu community that meets at our church, and we've held a Passover Seder. Religious diversity, as can be seen in the life of our community, is deeply woven into the fabric of Unitarian Universalism. It is this very respect for diversity that I believe is one of the greatest gifts we Unitarian Universalists can give the world. While other religions rush to affirm their faith's supremacy, at the price of distancing or discounting others, we, in contrast, ask respectful, curious questions: What are your beliefs? How do you practice and live out your faith? How do your beliefs and deeds contribute to the world we live in? Without necessarily agreeing on every tenet of belief, what can I gain or learn from your perspective? As a tradition of curious, lifelong learners, what does our Unitarian Universalist commitment to our own individual journey look like amidst the tremendous diversity that is present in our congregation each and every Sunday? How does one live into a faith that is as broad as Unitarian Universalism?

I have been reflecting, in response to this, on my own journey in Unitarian Universalism, which has been incredibly rich and varied. Some pieces of my journey have been nurtured and cultivated with other Unitarian Universalists - through small group sharing/reflection, through participating in national retreats and UU summer camps, through deepening one-on-one friendships with other UUs with whom I can share my life story and ongoing explorations. But it has not been the case that my journey is "exclusively" Unitarian Universalist. I have worked with shamanic healers and belong to a spiritual practices community grounded in

Lakota teachings; I have studied the wisdom of Buddhism; I practice yoga; and, I read voraciously on topics that are inviting me to learn and grow. Living into Unitarian Universalism, for me, has involved extending beyond Unitarian Universalism in ways that have personally resonated and been meaningful.

Unitarian Universalism, in such an experience, provides two key things, among others: 1) it provides a lens, a certain way of being spiritual/religious, and 2) companions on the journey who share a similar sense of what it means to be spiritual/religious. What Unitarian Universalism offers is imminently unique in the American religious landscape: there is no other major denomination that has enshrined in its founding documents a commitment to religious pluralism and a commitment to an embodied ethics, as articulated in our seven principles. It is this dual commitment that allows for such a wide range of spiritual and secular expression in our congregations. This lens is what has allowed us, as a faith tradition, to be on the leading edge of standing up for human dignity and equality in our country for the past 200+ years. This is also what allows us, in our present day, to be a community that models what it means to be passionately committed to inquiry, growth, and the richness of diversity, and less so in holding the mantle of "the one true faith." What does it mean to you to be Unitarian Universalist? How are the values and the framework of our faith reflected in your life? How are some pieces of your journey held in the congregation, and others pieces beyond the congregation? I invite you to join me in reflecting on these questions, and if you so choose, I'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to drop me a note with your own personal reflections by either email ([MMishra@aol.com](mailto:MMishra@aol.com)) or regular mail.

With love and blessings for this springtime season,

~Rev. Manish

## Senior Minister on leave in April

As our church continues to move towards a "year round" model of congregational life, I will be taking some deferred leave during the month of April, from April 3 to April 27. Please know that Rev. Julie-Ann and our Ministerial Intern Donna will be present and available to you for pastoral needs during this time. I hope that you will turn to them, if you need them. Lise Neely will be serving as acting chief executive (providing overall direction to our programs and operations) during my absence. I look forward to returning to our work together later in April.

~ From Rev. Manish-Marzetti

# Moving in Spirit

Donna Renfro, Ministerial Intern, [bdonna7568@aol.com](mailto:bdonna7568@aol.com)

'Grateful for the religious pluralism that enriches and ennobles our faith' – that line from our sources speaks to what is the most beautiful part of our faith, and what we have experienced here at UUCCH this year, and especially in the last month. We have welcomed our religious neighbors from the Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Baptist, and Buddhist communities. We appreciate the diversity of religious expression.

Sometimes we use the word diversity in another way. We can use it as a code word for our desire to include people of color in our congregations. All too often, we only want what we call 'facial diversity', we still want the people who congregate with us to participate in our style of worship, and our way of being in the world. We have a checkered past and present as a denomination in how we have included people of color in our association and our congregations.

Last month I attended the annual Allies for Racial Equity (ARE) conference. This is an organization whose goal is to build an anti-racist movement among white UUs in partnership with DRUUMM, a UU People of Color organization. The theme of this year's conference was Cultural Humility: Developing Intercultural Competency. The keynote speaker, Beth Zemsky, has developed a model of learning that she has been teaching in UU circles called 'Who Are Our Neighbors'. It is a way to truly enrich and ennoble our faith in understanding and welcoming diversity of race and ethnicities, that will then allow us to work to dismantle systems of racism and oppression. It is a model that makes great sense, in naming the developmental stages that we all go through to get to humility and competency, without staying in shame and guilt. I am getting more training in the model and hope you will join me in this learning. I will be sharing details in the coming months.

Peace, Shalom, Shanti, Ashé

~Donna Renfro, Ministerial Intern

# Faith-Full Thoughts

Reverend Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn, [revja@aol.com](mailto:revja@aol.com)

Friendships are something to be treasured. It seems at the oddest times people from my past seem to reappear and offer to accompany me on a part of my journey. It is really a wonderful gift they bring, sharing their reflections on the time we have spent together in the past, and reminding me of things I have often long forgotten. Often times these glimpses into the past provide a snap shot of life long forgotten.

Yesterday a friend I have not seen since my family moved when I was nine sent an e-mail reminding me of the day we went to pick up our puppy when I was five. The image that comes to mind is kids piled into the back of a Blue 1965 Rambler Ambassador Station wagon with lots of old towels and blankets and a tiny little golden retriever puppy that was the center of attention! She was named Honeycomb Golden Girl, most of us called her Goldie, but my Grandfather called her "Gelda, the beautiful dumb blonde". I had not thought of that day in ages, but the image is one I think I will treasure for years to come now that it has resurfaced. I treasure this image and memory in part because it lifts up the close knit community of children and families I lived in during my early childhood in the heart of Trenton, but also because it is an image of so much love radiating and bouncing from child to puppy and puppy to child and friendship from child to child. These innocent memories are so rich in reminding us that we are so much more than just the person we are aware of

in the typical moment.

The past does matter. Our past matters to us. It is important at times to forget, and at times even more important to remember the good, the golden moments. What snap shots from your childhood have been lifted up for you lately? What joyous moments can you weave back into a life that often seems too focused on moving forward to revel in a moment from long ago. We are stronger when we can ground our present in our past. We are stronger when we allow ourselves to be integrated, but it is hard at times to let go of the troubling moments and let in the happier lighter hearted ones.

I am delighted to have friends who have circled back into my life to connect me with my roots and remind me that I have the strength of family, friends and community woven from a life time of ups and downs ready to carry me forth in to the second half of my life...

Please share some glimmers of your past with me, it will help me understand and know you more deeply, and help us to create new memories to share in the future! I look forward to seeing you in church!

~ Rev. Julie-Ann



# Music Notes



Music Notes

Ken Ewan, Music Director, [kewan783@comcast.net](mailto:kewan783@comcast.net)

In The Body Experience... that is what we musicians strive for through the labors of our practice. All musicians, singers, instrumental and conductors must be able to take in the information ("feel") music gives us and then return it to the listener, quite literally or with varying doses of us and our understanding of the music's message. In that process, we the musicians, and you the listener, have had that authentic exchange necessary in Spiritual Practice.

We all want to experience life's deeper significance... the need to know. We reflect on the ultimate truth of our situation. Music practicing and listening takes us to that place. Through music practice, we in fact exercise spiritual practice, the balance of head and heart.

Now before I get too preachy OR go all textbookie on you, let me give you the very recent, practical, wider, two-sided results of an In The Body Experience. The last several weeks have been great at UUCCH because we have hosted musical events that make a difference in the wider community. The JPD Worship Arts Festival at the end of February was one. Two districts and more than thirty churches participated in the Friday night, all day Saturday event. The greatest majority of workshops were centered

around and focused on various aspects of spiritual practice. Following weeks saw Jennifer Kelleher's ordination where we came together (two choirs participated) with music, word and ritual to celebrate our spiritual growth. In addition, a week after, several of our musicians and I and professionals from the community performed at the annual Cherry Hill Rotary's Afternoon of Music. Here we saw one wonderful aspect of music's power in a young woman with autism playing the concert harp. Believe me, this is NOT a student recital. All the musicians are of professional caliber. She played flawlessly, a full-fledged concert piece.

So my estimation of these events clearly told me that we all received unity, awe, joy, acceptance, consolation and a feeling of significance as we came together to learn, grow, inspire and be inspired. We did indeed share authentic In and Out of Body experiences.



~ Kenneth Ewan

## Happy April Birthdays

06 – Linda Lincoln, Bea Smolens

09 – Julie Vick

11 – Quin Anderson, Gary Jacobs

12 – Sylvia Barclay, Manish Mishra-Marzetti

13 – Theodora Baldassari

14 – Brett Jacobs

17 – Doug Johnson

25 – Pat Fazio, Adam Fols

26 – Spencer Alexander

28 – Melody Hall

29 – Bob Messick

*If you would like to be included in the monthly birthday list, please call or email the church office.*

## Member Anniversaries

Congratulations to those in our church community with milestone membership anniversaries during the month of April:



30 Years: Nancy Hall

20 Years: Helen Hamilton

5 Years: John Billetdoux, Sharon Billetdoux, Christine Baughman

1 Year: David Jackson, Thomas Dravec, Karen Nowicki

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# From the Board of Trustees

## What's New with the Board of Trustees (BOT)?

At the March 6 meeting of the Board of Trustees, we welcomed four new members: Alexander Strauss, Michele Strauss, Matthew Hapeman, and Chuck Nankivell. This brings our current membership total to 334.

During the meeting, the Board heard about some changes in how the Ministry Team meetings are being held. Led by our Ministerial Intern, Donna Renfro, Stacy Labelle, Lise Neely and I are collaborating on how to best capitalize on the talents of our Ministry Team, while meeting the reporting needs of the Board. In Policy Governance, the Board has developed Ends which are inspired by the congregation's Mission and Vision. We are coaching the Ministry Team on translating these into Strategic Goals, and eventually, plans for realizing these goals.

Each month, the board receives the Executive Report from our Chief Executive, Rev. Mishra-Marzetti. This month focused on continuing to explore how we might better meet the increasing operational needs of our community. We recognize that as the programs and activities of our vibrant community continue to flourish, so do our staffing needs. We have discussed various part-time administrator and coordinator positions, which could fill the gaps in each area of need separately.

However, the needs of our church are now great enough to warrant looking at bringing on one full-time staff member as an Operational Manager to support all of these areas. One on-site point of contact could manage facility needs, property rental tours, communications and public relations initiatives, management of membership database, our general accounting needs and more, while allowing for greater accountability and professionalism overall.

The resources for this positional are not part of this year's stewardship campaign. After consulting with the finance committee, it is clear that a multi-year plan to integrate this position in the budget will be necessary. A three-year timeframe would be a great achievement and a great relief to our current group of staff and volunteers who tirelessly give their time and talent to keep our community operational needs met. Depending on our available resources, this timeframe may be extended to five years.

The Bylaws review committee, led by Rohn Hein, reported that the by-laws committee is making progress. They may be recommending a decrease in the number of members on the Board of Trustees at our Annual Meeting on June 9.

~ *Charlotte Baldassari, Board of Trustees*





# Programs & Events

## Secular UUs

The Secular UUs will meet at **7 p.m.** on Tuesday, **April 2, in the Horsch Room**. This month's discussion topic is humor and religion. All are welcome.

~ Helen Ewan, Secular UUs

## Anthropological Approaches to Religion

Sunday, **April 14, 12:15 p.m., C102**. Discussion on "Us vs. Them": Cultic Control in Three "Religions" led by Jocelyn Ellis and Lorraine Baird-Lange.

~ Lorraine Baird-Lange

## Fifty Years Ago

April 1960 (Vol. 4, No. 11) The April 10 sermon is titled "*Why Jesus Died*" and is a revision of the sermon heard by the pulpit committee when Ed Lane was being considered as a candidate.

The Executive Board of the Church has contracted with the Philadelphia firm of Oskar Stonorev and J. Frank Haws for the design of our new church. A list of their extensive credentials appeared in the newsletter.

The Sunday attendance in the Merchantville Community Center has outgrown the classroom space, necessitating some classes this past year meeting in the homes of the Bethanys and the Stebbinses. In the fall, even this space will not be adequate. Three possible solutions were explored but no larger suitable meeting space was found within our budget and discontinuance of church school for grades 5 and above was strongly opposed by the R.E. department. The only solution seemed to be double sessions at the same location. Details will be worked out and presented at the annual meeting in April.

~ Caroline Ringo, UUCCH Archivist

## New Adult Classes

Jim Watkinson will present the following 2 classes on consecutive Thursdays, **April 11 and 18, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in Hillside 201**. Please note that Jim has requested a minimum of five attendees, so please register with Paula Horton at 856-439-9588 or [phorton100@comcast.net](mailto:phorton100@comcast.net)

*"Exploring Consciousness"* Gain an understanding of various states of consciousness such as dreams, lucid dreams, the vibrational state, and out-of-body experiences. Learn about the concepts of clairvoyance, telepathy, psychokinesis, and other ESP phenomena.

*"Exploring Life's Purpose"* Explore the various concepts of Karma, Life after Life, Life between Lives, and Reincarnation. Explore the Near-Death and Shared-Death experiences. Consider various theories about planning the challenges that life affords us. Learn some of the possible stumbling blocks and some of the beneficial patterns of thought and behavior for growing spiritually and evolving one's consciousness.

Facilitator: Jim Watkinson, [artandresearch@mac.com](mailto:artandresearch@mac.com) or 609-859-8640

~ Paula Horton, Adult Programs Committee

### A film about Unitarian Heroes



Unitarian Heroes from 1939

After seventeen ministers declined the Unitarian Association's request for relief volunteers in Europe, Waitsill and Martha Sharp were the eighteenth call. When they committed to the dangerous undertaking, they left their two young children in Wellesley, Massachusetts and traveled to Czechoslovakia at the onset of WWII. In order to enable the clandestine transportation of refugees, they combatted political and social blockades, broke laws to get imperiled individuals exit visas and laundered money on the black market. Over the course of two missions, in Prague (1939) and in Southern France (1940), the Sharps and their underground confederates played a vital role in saving thousands, including Jews, gays and intellectuals from Nazi persecution.

A film about their heroism will be premiered on Saturday **April 6 at 8:00 p.m.** and Sunday **April 7, at 12:30 p.m.** at our church. Come and bring your friends. Any questions on the film can be addressed to John Nielsen.

~ John Nielsen

### Sanctuary Hosts Another "Movie Night" April 17

Sanctuary will sponsor its second annual "Movie Night" on Wednesday, **April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Horsch Room**, featuring the documentary 'I Am.'

'I Am' is the story of Tom Shadyac, a highly successful film director, who has directed such films as 'Bruce Almighty', 'Liar Liar, and 'Ace Ventura, Pet Detective'. Following a biking accident which resulted in a life-threatening head injury, Shadyac takes a film crew of four to visit some of today's great minds to ask two simple questions: "What's wrong with our world?" and "What can we do about it?" With a smattering of humor, the film is a serious search for the fundamental endemic problem that causes all of the other problems in the world. Shadyac interviews Howard Zinn, Lynn McTaggart, Desmond Tutu, Noam Chomsky, Thom Hartmann, Coleman Barks, and others, while reflecting on his own choices, material excess, greed, and eventual healing. All are welcome; please join us!

~ Libby Pontillo, Sanctuary Committee

### Help us Connect to Good Resources

We are attempting to compile resources that we may share with members of our community who are in need of service. Personal referrals to qualified professionals can be an important part of the pastoral care a community offers. If you are or know of great therapists, counselors, lawyers for divorce, bankruptcy, or specialists in any area you think it would be helpful for the clergy to have knowledge of please share that information with Rev. Julie-Ann or give her a business card for that person or business.

Thank you for helping us to help our community be more pastoral and caring.

~ Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

### **Pastoral Visitor Training**

Join us for Pastoral Visitor Training with Rev. Julie-Ann and Cheryl Dunican-Hein Thursday **April 11, 7-9 p.m.** As our community grows, our need for members of the congregation trained to be pastoral visitors also grows. If you have ever thought of yourself as a good listener, and want the chance to learn how to visit members of the congregation who are in need of visits from the caring community of our church come learn what makes being a pastoral visitor unique. Our pastoral ministry team takes this role for lay members of our congregation very seriously. If you would like to come to the training, there is no commitment involved. Join us and see if this is a place for you to put your unique gifts to work. We welcome many hands to help us share in the critical work of ministry to one another. Please RSVP to Rev. Julie-Ann at [revja@aol.com](mailto:revja@aol.com) or 203-231-8243.

*~ Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn*

### **Friday Morning Book Discussion**

The Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will meet on Friday, **April 19, at 10:30 a.m. in the Horsch Room.** We will be discussing "*Paris, A Love Story*" by Kati Morton. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Delany at 779 - 2890 or [gemini0651@yahoo.com](mailto:gemini0651@yahoo.com)

### **Interweave Potluck**

LGBT members of UUCCH are invited to a potluck brunch on Sunday, April 21. For details, please contact Bobbie Keane at [bobbun81@comcast.net](mailto:bobbun81@comcast.net).

*~ Bobbie Keane, Interweave*

### **Save the Date**

Next Open Forum with the Board of Trustees is **April 28, 2013**  
Follow-up on UUCCH Core Values and Purpose. Plan to attend at **9 a.m. in the Horsch Room** or after the service!

*~ Rosemary White, Board of Trustees*

### **The Greater South Jersey Chorus presents, Spotlight!**

An exciting, varied program with great opera choruses, popular stage and screen songs, some fun and surprising pieces you thought you knew! Two concerts: May 5, 3:30 p.m. Unitarian Church, Cherry Hill and May 18, 8 p.m., St. Isaac Jogues Church, Marlton, NJ. Guest ensemble, the Strings of Symphony in C. Tickets \$20. Call 856-492-8282 or visit [www.greatersjchorus.org](http://www.greatersjchorus.org) web site.

*~ Kenneth Ewan, Music Committee*

### **Everyday Spiritual Practice Discussion Group**

All are invited to the April meetings of the Everyday Spiritual Practice Discussion Group. The book, *Everyday Spiritual Practice*, is a collection of 38 essays by prominent UU ministers and laypeople. At the April meetings, we will discuss the essay, "*Vegetarianism*," by Rev. Helena Chapin (pp. 219-221). Please join us!

The April meeting times are:

Thursday, **April 18 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Horsch Room**

Saturday, **April 20, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Horsch Room**

For questions, please contact Robert Schindler ([rschindl@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:rschindl@camden.rutgers.edu), 856-304-6006) or Mitch Newcomer ([mitchnwc@gmail.com](mailto:mitchnwc@gmail.com), 609-314-0054).

*~ Robert Schindler, Everyday Spiritual Practice Discussion Group*

# Committee Corner

## New Directories Available

The new Member Picture Directories are available at the Welcome Table in the Commons. Please stop by to get your copy. The directories include an updated address list and are fun to read through and see all the activities that take place at UUCCH.

~ Sylvia Barclay

## What is Sustainable Development?

In 1987, the United Nations defined it as *"development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."* By 2005, the World Summit on Social Development recognized that it "requires reconciliation of environmental, social equity, and economic demands." These two quotes capture the challenge of the twenty-first century for our planet to survive.



*"We recognize the geometric growth in population, the destruction of our aquifers and water supplies, the destruction of land and production of toxic waste in the pursuit of fossil fuel energy, the clearing of forests which adds to loss of oxygen and addition of more carbon dioxide and other gases to the atmosphere. But we cannot ignore our attitudes of seeing nature as a commodity or a resource to be exploited because it is our right. Do we believe that the next technological advance can always fix any problem? We need a paradigm shift of attitude to really address all the issues to protect the planet and ourselves."*

~ Robert Downey, the Green Team

## Social Justice Summit: Save the Date

Dear friends, more information will be made available shortly, but we wanted to get Saturday, **May 11** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on your calendars as an opportunity to reflect on and help shape the future of our church's work in the area of social justice. The Rev. Craig Hirschberg, Executive Director of the UU Legislative Ministries of NJ and one of our state's foremost social justice advocates, will help facilitate a "summit" gathering of all in our community who are interested in participating in and contributing to this work. Please save the date - we hope you will join us.

Also, please keep an eye/ear out for a social justice survey that will be conducted in mid-to-late April. The results of this survey will directly feed into the content of the May 11 summit gathering.

~ From Rev. Manish

## Gaining as much as you give...

Current and past members of the Nominating Committee (NomComm) and Board of Trustees (BOT) report "gaining as much as they give" from their experiences. They say they have deepened relationships with other church members, increased their knowledge of the church and denomination, learned more about leadership, and given back to UUCCH, their spiritual home.

Interested? The Nominating Committee is looking for people like you to share their leadership skills with the church beginning June, 2013. What do you think of as your gifts?

If your gifts include strategic thinking, a long - term view, interest in establishing and evaluating policies – if you gravitate towards being the "conductor of the symphony" – consider nominating yourself (or someone else whom you think has these attributes) for the BOT.

If your gifts include knowledge of members of the congregation, helping people learn and grow, and managing events over time, consider nominating yourself or someone else as a member of NomComm.

Learn more about these positions by visiting the church website page: <http://uucch.org/job> - descriptions. Any member of the Nominating Committee is happy to answer any questions. Susan Duncan, Amelie Harris McGeehan, Tammy Muehlenz, Debbie Pilzer, Marion Reigle, Sheran Roach, Carrie Rupnow - Kidd, Kathy Sloan, Larry Solow, or Peg Willard.

~ Peg Willard, the Board of Trustees

## For UUs, From UUs

### Remembrance

If you had the pleasure of knowing Leigh Eastwood, you knew the joy of her wonderful laugh, her stylish flare and love to join or host a social occasion. She was dear and loving friend of many at UUCCH and the Cherry Hill area.

As a lasting remembrance of Leigh, her family has arranged that donations made to the Cherry Hill Library in Leigh's Memory will be pooled to purchase a bench within the in the Library's Friendship Grove. This outdoor extension of the library is area of Cherry Trees and field of wildflowers. A perfect way to honor her years of community involvement, her love of gardens and great enjoyment of reading.

Heidi Bernard and Rosemary White would like to express their sincere thanks to all who have been so supportive and the many friends of Leigh who were able to attend the memorial service on February 24. The loving care of church community as we shared the sorrow of our loss and the great joy of all that was her life touched her family, many friends, and even a group of high school classmates from PA.

Bench donations may be sent to Cherry Hill Public Library, Attn: Katie Hardesty, 1100 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Payable to "Friends of the Cherry Hill Public Library" or "Friends of CHPL" noting in memory of Leigh Eastwood.

~ Rosemary White: [rwhite221@msn.com](mailto:rwhite221@msn.com)

## Staff Hours

### **Senior Minister, Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti's Work Hours** **Monday-Thursday Noon-9 p.m.**

Appointments recommended. Please email ([MMishra@aol.com](mailto:MMishra@aol.com))  
or call Rev. Mishra-Marzetti to set up a date/time at cell 856-701-9302

### **Associate Minister, Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn's Work Hours** **Monday -- Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

Appointments recommended. Please email ([revja@aol.com](mailto:revja@aol.com))  
or call Rev. Silberman-Bunn to set up a date/time at her cell 203-231-8243

### **Ministerial Intern, Donna Renfro's Work Hours**

**Tuesday - Thursday: 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Appointments recommended. Please email ([Bdonna7568@aol.com](mailto:Bdonna7568@aol.com))  
or call Donna to set up a date/time at cell: 732-513-8867

### **Music Director Ken Ewan Office Hours:**

**Mondays: 1 - 6 p.m.:** Greater SJ Chorus rehearsal **6:30 - 10 p.m.**

**Tuesdays: 11 - 3 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 11 - 3 p.m.:** Children's Choir rehearsal **6:30 - 7:15 p.m.**

Adult Choir rehearsal **7:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

### **Office Secretary, Kathy Wilson's Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR CHURCH PILGRIMAGE TO TRANSYLVANIA

### *Eat, Pray, Love in Transylvania*

Though my travels to Szekelyderz may not have encompassed the cultural odyssey that Julia Roberts encountered in her portrayal as the character Liz Gilbert from Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir, one could say these themes can be similar. Upon first arriving to this new and strange place, my initial surprise was how delightful getting to know our hosts would be while sharing conversation over deliciously prepared authentic Hungarian meals. The smells and flavors brought my memories back to my childhood and the wonderful family dinners spent at my Grandparents' who had emigrated to the US from Poland in the early 1900's. Another surprise was seeing the devotion to their Hungarian traditions and the values we share as Unitarians. It was amazing to see a community truly united in their commitment to revitalizing their way of life and the massive undertaking of the renovations they have taken on the rebuilding of their church. Then, on our last days of a short time spent in their village, I not only found myself making new friends, but I discovered I was entering bonds that felt more like extended family. Not only did we discover how our host families' parents met and fell in love in their youth, we wouldn't be surprised if we are invited to attend their daughter's wedding one day.

Now that more than half a year has gone by since our pilgrimage to Transylvania, and having this time to reflect on our experiences, it possible for me to understand how much it has changed me. It puts a new perspective on your own struggles, when you learn how much of a struggle it can be just to bring food to one's table or how you are going to stay warm though a harsh winter. You appreciate how close the ties are that a family can have when here we find ourselves spread thousands of miles apart from our families in different states only connecting via a phone call or on Facebook. I am grateful for my experiences with our brothers and sisters from Szekelyderz and would encourage you to consider traveling to Transylvania if you are able to on the next pilgrimage with our church.

*~ Jeffrey Mishra-Marzetti*