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October 4 **“It’s Consequential”**
Rev. Manish Mishra

Join us as Rev. Mishra leads our Sunday service honoring the values of the Jewish High Holy days, in particular the themes of reconciliation and forgiveness that are a part of Yom Kippur.

October 11 **Transylvania Partnership Committee Service**
Transylvania Partnership Committee

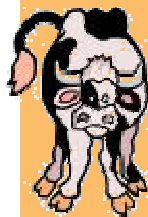
Unitarianism began in Transylvania in the mid 1500s. Members of the Transylvania Partner Church Committee will share their experiences of their travels and the culture of our friends in the village of Szekelyderzs, Romania. The service will include Transylvanian and Hungarian songs and readings.

October 18 **“A Thousand Ways to Pray”**
Rev. Manish Mishra

We’ve sometimes heard people say things like “I don’t need prayer” or “I don’t believe in that kind of supernatural mumbo jumbo.” Is that all that prayer is? How might we understand it from our own Unitarian Universalist perspective? Rev. Mishra shares his experience and perspective as we explore this topic together.

October 25 **“Things That Go Bump in the Night”**
Rev. Manish Mishra

You won’t want to miss this one! Come one, come all, come old and young—this is our Sunday service celebrating Halloween and all are invited, as so moved, to join us in worship in their favorite Halloween costume. (C’mon, if the minister can show up in costume, you can too!) Rev. Mishra leads our fun this morning—provided Darth Vader doesn’t get to him first!



We’re Mooing at You

Our fourth annual **Community Outreach Week (COW)** is off to a great start! The last day to sign up was **Sept. 27**. If you missed it, there are still a couple of activities that need your help. Contact the COW team at uucchcow@gmail.com to find out where you are needed.

For those who did sign up, thank you! The team leader for your activity will call to confirm with you about a week before the scheduled activity. On **Oct. 25**, there will be a lunch after service in Fellowship Hall where we can share our experiences with one another. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

— *Social Justice Committee*

Reflections for the Journey

Reverend Manish Mishra, MMishra@aol.com



Fall is here! No, really, it's a big deal. At least for me. I haven't lived through a "proper" northern fall in three years. And, so I've been finding myself nostalgic. This has

always been my favorite time of the year, ever since I was a little kid. A fall day in Pittsburgh, as a second grader, invariably involved collecting oak and other assorted leaves that then got smushed onto construction paper with moldable plastic covering. (Ginko leaves were always the unusual, prized leaf. I never did figure out where those ginko trees were hidden away in my neighborhood...)

Leaf collecting season would give way to Halloween and the fun of picking out costumes. Back in that era (eons ago), there were still Five and Dime stores, and we had one near where we lived. That's where we'd go to look for costumes. I have to admit, though, I've never been very good at picking out costumes—I'm a costume procrastinator.

By the time I'd get around to it, it would be the day before Halloween, sometimes the day of, and the Five and Dime would be nearly sold out of costumes. Didn't matter—something always worked out, even if it looked goofy. The more important part was that there was an orange, candy-filled pot at the end of that rainbow!

Once you hit Halloween, it was all fun and games for the rest of the year. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hannukah, New Year's. Christmas carols. The dreidel song. The Times Square countdown. What more could a kid ask for?

As we kick off our first fall season together, I invite you to re-kindle your child-like spirit with me. No need to procrastinate. Go out and find an interesting costume for our Halloween worship service on **Sunday, Oct. 25**. A little bit of the imp in you will come out to play, and you'll be glad you did.

Looking forward to a joyful month ahead,
Rev. Manish K. Mishra

Staying in Touch with Rev. Manish

Dear Friends: Building on our dialogue from last month, I wanted to share some thoughts this month on staying in touch by email, phone, and in-person.

EMAIL AND PHONE:

I usually respond to email the same day I receive it, though occasionally due to meetings or things happening in the community, I might fall behind. It's important to keep in mind that because Friday is my day "off" and because Saturday is a day devoted to reflection, reading, and worship preparation, routine email messages received on Friday and Saturday will be responded to on Sunday night, at the earliest, or more likely Monday.

The same is similarly true for phone messages. I typically try to return phone messages on the same day. Non-urgent phone messages received on Fri. and Sat. will generally be responded to on Monday.

LIVING ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS:

My family and I are very much enjoying living on the church grounds. Many in the community devoted countless hours to help make our apartment a special home! Thank you so much for that. Living essentially "at work" has had some wonderful benefits—I'm able to stay in close contact with many people in the community, often seeing folks in the evenings as they come to church for meetings or other gatherings. I've been especially grateful that everyone in the community has respected the apartment as our personal "family" space. (i.e., no one's come knocking at the door at 3 a.m.! Or even 6 p.m.!) Thank you for that—we *really* do appreciate it.

REsources



October in RE:



- Oct. 4: Children's Worship
- Oct. 11: RE classes
- Oct. 18: Service Project/Intergenerational Service
- Oct. 25: RE classes with special treats for Halloween

Rev. Mishra has invited children (and all) to wear Halloween costumes to church on **Sunday, Oct. 25**. Children may collect donations for UNICEF during Coffee Hour. An anonymous donor has agreed to match the donations children collect for UNICEF!

Saturday, Oct. 10, 1-3 p.m.: Michelle will speak in Hillside about the Parliament of the World's Religions (the oldest and largest interfaith conference). Learn about religious pluralism, the modern interfaith movement, and youth's role in it. Multicultural snacks provided.

Friday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. to MIDNIGHT: *Coffee4All* TIM BURTON PARTY
Screening: *Coraline, Sweeney Todd, The Nightmare Before Christmas*

RE & Service Projects

RE participation in Community Outreach Week:

Jr. Youth Group will assist with the Food Drive for Cherry Hill Food Pantry on **Sunday, Oct. 18, noon to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.**

YA anticipates a service project: the Cancer Walk or other.

THANK YOU to a member of Community Relations, South Jersey Mothers of Multiples, who donated school supplies in **abundance** to the RE project on Sept. 13.

Michelle will attend the LREDA (Liberal Religious Educators Association) Fall Conference Oct. 23-24.





Music Notes



News from the Music Director

Ken Ewan, kewan783@comcast.net

It has been a great start to the new season. The Music Program is enjoying a wonderful new collaboration with Rev. Mishra. Fresh ideas and new members are expanding our scope and ranks every week.

The Greater South Jersey Chorus is beginning its 5th season using our facilities for rehearsals and concerts. For a third year, the Cherry Hill Rotary will be presenting its Sunday Afternoon concert series (late February). Mr. Scrooge will make his second appearance on **Dec. 20**—watch for audition calls. Medford Leas has asked us to do a concert with choir and handbells in the spring. Other area music teachers and schools will be giving recitals throughout the year as well—watch for announcements.

One of our long-time and honored members passed away this past spring. It is our great honor to be a part of his memorial service on **Oct. 3**.

We are still looking for folks to join our choir and handbell choir.

CHOIR rehearsals every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

HANDBELL rehearsals every Sunday, noon in the Sanctuary.

Come to either as you are willing and able. Any questions, please email Ken Ewan at kewan783@comcast.net.

— Ken Ewan



UUs Got Talent

The Music Committee is presenting **UUs Got Talent** on **Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Singers, instrumentalists, dancers, magic, comedy, short skits, dramatic readings—whatever your talent, here's your chance to showcase it.

Admission is free, but donations will be happily accepted to support the church's music program. If you're interested in participating, there will be a box in the Commons and paper for your name, contact information and a brief description of your act.

Supplement Your Sundays

Would you like to hear a greater variety of hymns on Sunday mornings? If so, the Music Committee hopes you'll participate in our "Supplement Your Sundays" campaign to raise funds for the purchase *Singing the Journey*, a 75-song supplement to *Singing the Living Tradition* (aka, the grey hymnals). The supplements contain an exceptional variety of music that can be used for both choir and congregational singing. You can hear audio clips of the songs at www.uua.org/publications/singingjourney/52328.shtml.



Please consider contributing \$18 to cover the purchase and shipping cost of one supplement. In return, you will be able to include a personalized inscription inside the supplement. Donation forms will be available in the Commons and in electronic format in early October. Our goal is to raise enough to purchase 150-200 supplements.

From the Board of Trustees



September 15 Board Meeting

Positives from Last Month: Publicity work done by a Board member was complimented. The Board President said church attendance has increased dramatically over the past several weeks. The *Courier Post* published an article about Rev. Mishra; a copy is posted on the church bulletin board and will be laminated for a more permanent display.

Consent Agenda: The Board used the Consent Agenda to approve Board policy on becoming a church member; set the date for the **annual meeting for June 20, 2010**; update existing policy on the Past President's Council; and designate how much of the minister's salary would go towards housing.

President's Report: The Board President expressed his appreciation to the many people who helped ensure the success of recent events, including the congregational reception for Rev. Mishra. The President hopes to create a hospitality committee to plan and coordinate congregational events. He also asked another member to provide an update on creating a Coffee Hour Committee.

The President met with the Grounds Chairman to discuss the view of our property from Kings Highway, including our current sign. He said it might be time to have a general capital campaign to raise monies for property maintenance needs and to improve our signage.

We are progressing toward creating our new Committee on Ministry (COM). Rev. Mishra will meet with the Nominating Committee to discuss the qualities he would like to see in COM candidates.

Executive Committee Report: The date for the Board retreat was set for Saturday, Oct. 17.

A Fall Start Up Weekend is scheduled for Nov. 20 and 21. The Friday evening activities are primarily designed for the congregation; Saturday activities are more for the Board and church leaders. Two facilitators will assist with the weekend, one being Rev. Dr. Richard Speck from the Joseph Priestley District (JPD).

Rev. Mishra has met with the Installation Committee to discuss installation needs and planning.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that we closed August with expenses greater than income by

\$11,253. The bank balance is at \$71,916; the amount of restricted funds is \$67,350. He mentioned that the budget relies on transferring \$11,500 from the Ministerial Salary Reserve account, which currently has a balance of \$7,343.

Minister's Report: Rev. Manish Mishra drafted a document listing the guidelines and procedures he intends to follow regarding the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Manish thought the fund should be included as a line item in the church budget as it would then include the entire congregation in the good work made possible by the fund.

Manish plans to focus on listening, learning and earning trust during his early ministry with UUCCH. He has many ideas but wants to learn about us and build understanding before making changes. He sees his initial style as being more understated: providing leadership, building relationships and enabling quiet progress. His priorities include enhancing our worship experience and coaching leaders in the church.

Manish asked everyone to let him know about any urgent pastoral care issues that may arise. No one should ever assume that he already knows about such issues. Others who should also be informed are the Board President, the Church Secretary, and the Lay Caring Team Leader.

Membership: There were no new members. A couple members were removed from "active" membership status because they have moved out of state, and another member was moved to "emeritus" membership status.

Other Business: The Board retreat was planned. A facilitator from the JPD will lead the Board as we set our goals for the new church year.

A Board member reported that seven of our past presidents attended the first Past President's Council dinner meeting on Sept. 2.

A different Board member reported that, with Executive Committee approval, he submitted a request to the JPD for funds to help send 23 individuals to 6 workshops and conferences over the coming year. The grant would be added to UUCCH funding.

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The Board Secretary reported that the Audit Task Force asked about the Board's expectations for the audit. The Board President said church by-laws call for a yearly audit and that the Task Force has the authority to conduct the audit in any manner that they believe best serves the interests of the church.

The President reported that a member found that we could save money by purchasing our church photocopier instead of continuing our lease agreement. As a result, we now own our photocopier.

A reminder to all: As we see an increase in the number of visitor's to the church, we all need to do our part to welcome them warmly. There is a "Guest Table" set up during Coffee Hour to accommodate our guests. Please save seats at this table for our guests, a Board member and Rev. Mishra.

— Board of Trustees



Staff Hours

Rev. Mishra's Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: noon to 9 p.m. Phone and "By Appointment"

Monday – Thursday: noon to 5 p.m. Open "Drop By" Availability

Appointments recommended. Please email (MMishra@aol.com)

or call the church office to set a date/time.

Acting DRE Michelle Mueller's Office Hours:

Mondays: 1 to 8 p.m.

Tuesdays: hours fluctuate

Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please email Michelle at uucchre@aol.com to set up a meeting at any other time.

Music Director Ken Ewan's Office Hours:

Mondays: 2 to 6 p.m.; Greater SJ Chorus rehearsal 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Wednesdays: 1 to 7 p.m.; choir practice 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursdays: 1 to 5 p.m.

Fifty Years Ago ...

From the October 1959 Newsletter (Volume 4, No. 5):

The Sunday Closing Laws would be on the ballots in all but five NJ counties on Election Day. Camden, Burlington and Gloucester Counties would be voting, hence the minister's Oct. 18 sermon topic, "Blue Laws and the Coming Election." On Oct. 25, the guest speaker was Senator Harrison Williams, one of six Unitarians in the U.S. Senate.

Average church attendance for the first three Sundays in September was 104. The average for the same period a year before was 84. Church school opened on Sept. 13 with an enrollment of 117 children ranging from three through high school. In addition, there were 25 in the pre-three-year-old group, including babies who had already arrived and those who were obviously anticipated.



Programs & Events

Fulfilling Opportunities

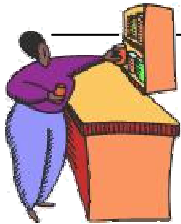
Cherry Hill Food & Outreach needs a few good people to do a variety of tasks. As part of **COW**, we are packing and distributing food on

Tues. nights (Oct. 13 & 20) from 5 to 8:30 p.m.
Thurs. (Oct. 15 & 22) from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We have a regular need for people who can lift 40 lbs. or more to help unload boxes of food on **Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon**. Another need is for nurses to test blood pressure (this was requested by clients) **6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays**.

A marketing partnership is needed. Join members in requesting businesses to give us financial support. We are also looking for schools, scouts and businesses to hold food drives. And, lastly, our supplier, the Food Bank of South Jersey in Pennsauken, needs folks to sort food sometime **between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily**. This will help us find the food we need when we go to the food bank. Please contact the Social Justice Committee to take advantage of these exciting opportunities.

— *Social Justice Committee*



Next Food Pantry Collection

Our next collection of canned goods and other non-perishable items to help the needy will be on **Sunday, Oct. 18**. In light of the current economic situation in the country, with jobs and housing lost, the need for food has increased. Thank you all for your generosity.

— *Social Justice Committee*

Philosophy Group

The Philosophy Group has resumed its weekly meetings in the Horsch Room at **10 a.m. on Weds.** We are reading selections from two books: *Types of Religious Philosophy* by Edwin A. Burtt and *Religion from Tolstoy to Camus* by Walter Kaufmann. All are welcome.

We're Looking for a Few Good Adult Programs

The Adult Programs Committee is looking for a few good programs to offer during the winter and spring of 2010. If you have an idea for a program that you would like us to consider, either that you could teach or that would need a teacher, please contact the Adult Programs Committee Chair.

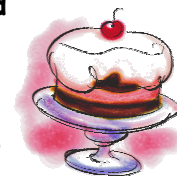
— *Adult Programs*

Friday Morning Book Discussion

The Friday morning book discussion group will meet on **Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Horsch Room to discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. The selection previously announced for October, *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris, will be our choice for **Nov. 20**. All are welcome.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven (Part 2): On the Threshold Thursday nights, Oct. 1-29 & Friday, Oct. 30

Let's continue our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology.



The Guest Room



Welcome to our Guest Room, a space devoted specifically to our recent visitors. Look in the Guest Room for upcoming events and information tailored to those wishing to know more about us and Unitarian Universalism.

For those recent visitors who have children, our **religious education classes began on Sept. 27**. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings.

Our next **Wine and Cheese Reception** will be on **Oct. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Church Commons.

The **November Wine and Cheese Reception** will be on **Friday, Nov. 13**. Please join us for a casual evening of food and conversation and get to know us better.

— *Membership Journey Task Force*

New UU

New members and visitors to our church are invited to attend the New UU program on **Monday evenings: Oct. 26, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9**. The three-session program will provide you with opportunities to meet with our minister, our acting director of religious education and several lay leaders; equally important, it will give you time to get to know other folks who are new to our church community.

The first meeting will be in the Horsch Room at **7 p.m. on Oct. 26**. Please RSVP to the Membership Committee or the church office so that we can plan for refreshments and materials. We look forward to getting to know you.

— *Membership Committee*

Secular UUs to Discuss *Galileo's Daughter*

In 17th-century Italy, the Catholic Church taught that Earth stands motionless at the center of the universe, with the sun and stars revolving around it. Those who contradicted this doctrine risked prosecution by the Holy Office of the Inquisition. Then Galileo Galilei published evidence supporting the Copernican theory that the earth revolves around the sun. Join the Secular UUs at **7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6** in the Horsch Room to discuss *Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love*, by Dava Sobel.

— *Secular UUs*

Sanctuary Meets Oct. 21

On **Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.**, please join members of Sanctuary as we conclude our study of Krista Tippett's inspiring book, *Speaking of Faith*. We will begin on page 218 of the final chapter, "Confessing Mystery," and reflect on our reading of the book as we reach the final line: "We speak because we have questions, not just answers, and our questions cleanse our answers and enliven our world." All are welcome.

— *Sanctuary*

Reclaim to Fame: Art from Recycled Objects



We are all aware of the benefits of recycling our trash. Many artists and crafts people are using material previously recycled or trashed in making objects of art.

Share your "green" art with us and display it in our upcoming **Reclaim to Fame** show, starting **Oct. 11** in the Fellowship Art Gallery. Do you have a rug, quilt, lamp, wall hanging, jewelry, clothing or sculpture made from material previously used for another purpose? You are also welcome to create a piece from recycled material.

Contact any member of the Arts & Aesthetics Committee to coordinate your piece to be displayed.

— *Arts & Aesthetics Committee*



Committee Corner

Welcome Tables, Buddies, Membership Directories

No doubt you've noticed the Welcome Table for our guests in the Commons on Sunday. We've also added a Welcome Guests table at Coffee Hour. Guests can grab a cup of coffee and visit with a board member and other guests. While it's tempting for us all to stop and chat (or sit) with the friendly members who staff these tables, please remember they are there for our guests. If our Welcome Tables become too congested, we may miss someone who would like to grab a name tag and visitor's packet or sit with a board member at Coffee Hour.

We've had a lovely problem the past several weeks. We've run out of buddies on Sunday morning.

If you're interested in extending a friendly welcome to our guests, consider becoming a buddy. Buddies sit with our guests during the church service, invite and escort them to Coffee Hour, and introduce them to other church members.

— *Membership Journey*



Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee, which is responsible for the development and maintenance of the church grounds, always needs help, but the help must be reliable and reasonably consistent. Occasional spur-of-the-moment help is often not effective. With the thought that some members would like to help but find it impractical to commit much time, may I suggest participating in limited capacities? For example:

1. Be responsible for mowing the grass in a specific small area.
2. Develop and maintain the flower garden along the walk behind the lower-level classrooms.
3. Weed shrub beds as needed.
4. Remove aggressive vines from shrubs and trees.
5. Maintain the Bell Garden.
6. Apply herbicide to control unwanted shrubs and vines.
7. Help with the spring grounds clean up.

8. Help with spring and fall pruning and trimming of trees and shrubs.
9. If none of the above appeal to you, choose your own grounds project and be responsible for it.

What will be your reward? First, the satisfaction and pleasure of helping to make your church grounds beautiful and useful. Second, the Grounds Committee perk of picking a flower or small fruit from among our many plants to wear in your button-hole on Sunday morning. See me if you want to help.

Here's another item: I have been told that some of our members would like a tour of the grounds. I would be pleased to conduct such tours for one or two people or a small group. Let me know if you are interested and we can set a mutually suitable time to do this. However, be prepared to spend more than an hour for the tour. Not much can be shown in twenty minutes. Also, wear walking shoes.

— *Grounds Committee Chair*



Social Justice: Marriage Equality & Other Issues

With 11 congregants sitting around the table for the September meeting (don't worry, we have a seat for you if you want to join), the Social Justice Committee began addressing the issues we plan to deal with this year. For the September meeting: Marriage Equality and Anti-War/Peace.

In October: Women's Rights and Health Care.

Soon to be featured: feeding those in need by expanding our role in the local food bank.

These causes all matter, but one is quite pressing on a statewide level: **Marriage Equality**. We are a Welcoming Congregation with many gay/lesbian couples in pre-nuptial bliss, yet the state of NJ won't give them the license. That's simply not fair.

Now, the hard part: what are we going to do? Do we simply offer our blessings? Do we speak up to each other? Growl and complain, saying, "There oughta be a law"? Well, there could be a law, and it could be passed by the end of this year.

Over the next few months, Social Justice will give you things you can do that could tip the balance toward a favorable vote. Donate one evening to volunteer for the Garden State Equality phone bank. Write a letter to your local legislators (we'll provide the paper, pen and stamps). Join the rapid response UUCCH Brigade ready to go to Trenton, sit in the galleries and hold signs on the days of the crucial Senate and Assembly votes.

Please note, we did not forget those other important issues. We still sponsored two Anti-War/Peace activities in September and want to know, from you, where to take it now. Is this your passion? Do you want to get involved? Contact a member of our committee if you want to do more. As I said, we've got a chair reserved for you. We'll see you on **Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:15 p.m.** in the Horsch Room.

— *Social Justice Committee*

Our Worship Committee

A few weeks ago, one of our long-time members asked who we are and what do we do.

Our members are:

- Foremost, our minister. One of our responsibilities is to assist in the Sanctuary so that Sunday mornings flow smoothly.
- Next, our advisors: Michelle Mueller for RE, Ken Ewan for Music, and a member the Board of Trustees. They keep us informed about their areas of expertise and any special needs.
- Then, our lay members. We must all be church members. Each of us has either associations with other committees or valuable life experience. This constitutes a full committee according to our procedures; therefore, we are closed and not seeking new members. Our term of office is two years, renewable for an additional two years if we choose. Then we must retire for at least two years, allowing others to serve.

When the minister is not in the pulpit, we are responsible for creating the service. Any of our church committees may request a Sunday forum and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Currently we have scheduled requests up until our Annual Meeting in June 2010. Summer services are still available.

What we request from you are constructive comments about the services. Positive and negative are both valuable; we cannot improve without your help.

— *Worship Committee*

Green Sanctuary Survey Results

First, a warm and hearty thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Green Sanctuary Survey. 60 members and 7 friends participated. This sample showed that most people have some awareness of our impact on the environment and are making efforts to protect our valuable and limited resources.



Program. Call 866-NJSMART or visit the website at www.njcleanenergy.com and click the Residential tab.

Many survey respondents were willing to consider reducing water consumption, eliminating the use of toxic substances in the home, and being more aware of the purchases we make, making sure they are from socially responsible companies. We all have the power of the wallet, and we can make a difference.

Almost all of the respondents reuse and recycle at home, and a majority would consider the third "R" of reduce, as in reducing excess packaging when making purchases. This may seem like a "duh" moment, but with a portion of each sale typically going into the trash in the form of packaging, we are all essentially throwing some of our money away.

A vast majority of respondents replaced their lighting with CFLs, which is a good thing, but there seemed to be less awareness of other conservation or energy efficiency measures available to NJ residents. If you are interested in saving 20-40% on your utility bills, there are hundreds of millions of dollars available in rebates and low-interest loans for home energy upgrades through NJ's Clean Energy

At the end of the survey, we posed two questions on something we can all do together that, while small, can have a significant impact over the long haul: were you willing to use the reusable cups and plates during Coffee Hour or bring your own mug to eliminate the disposable cups and plates we currently use? An amazing 85% of the respondents were willing to do or consider this.

— *Green Sanctuary*



In the News

Have you read any news in your local newspaper about our church, including Social Justice causes, committee events or services? If yes, please clip it out and bring a copy to church for the bulletin board, our scrapbooks and the public relations files. Press releases are sent to all South Jersey, Philadelphia & Northern Delaware newspapers. Thank you!

Labyrinth

During the past few years, several congregants have expressed a desire to construct a labyrinth on our church grounds. Interest in this project seems to continue to grow. If you would like to be involved in a labyrinth project, please let us know. Then we will determine what our next steps will be. It will probably be useful to begin collecting resources regarding labyrinths.