

**"Building and Sustaining a Strong Small Group Ministry Program"**

**Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

(Snow Date: Saturday, February 28, 2009)

Registration and coffee from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**Mattatuck UU Society**, 122 S. Pomperaug Ave., Woodbury, CT 06798-0876

**Workshop Purpose:** Many Unitarian Universalist societies are trying Small Group Ministry (or Covenant Groups) as a way to strengthen their congregations. This workshop will provide inspiration and information for lay and professional leaders who are 1) beginning a Small Group Ministry Program or 2) who are in an existing program in need of revitalization and/or 3) who are seeking inspiration and ideas on how to expand and grow an existing program. The following topics will be covered: the power and purpose of Small Group Ministry; the essential components of a strong Small Group Ministry program; addressing common challenges in an SGM program; developing shared leadership within a small group; handling group difficulties; and two hands-on experiences in actual small groups. At lunch there will be table topics so that participants who want can have a deeper conversation about a topic that is most pressing for them.

**Workshop Leader:** The workshop leader is **The Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy**, a UU community minister and community psychologist. She is co-founder of the U.U. Small Group Ministry Network. Rev. Kennedy has been working with lay led small groups for over 20 years and has offered facilitator training to hundreds of lay and professionals leaders. Her workshops get excellent reviews. She also serves as consulting minister for the Universalist Society in Strafford, VT and Washington, VT.

**Workshop Cost:** The cost of the workshop is \$40 for one member of a church to attend and \$35 for each additional person from the same church. Lunch is included. If you have questions, contact Rev. Jeanne Lloyd at [revlloyd@comcast.net](mailto:revlloyd@comcast.net), 860-930-4101.

**Comments from attendees at this workshop at the UU Church in Concord, NH,  
Fall 2007**

*"The workshop was utterly amazing -- informative, helpful, and inspiring! I am so grateful to you for offering the workshop, and look forward to spreading the word and the concepts. SGM has such great potential to strengthen, and deepen, the relationships and spirituality in our congregation. Thank you, thank you, many times over."*

**DIRECTIONS to Mattatuck Unitarian Universalist Society at 122 South Pomperaug Avenue in Woodbury, CT.**

**From I-84, Exit 15:**

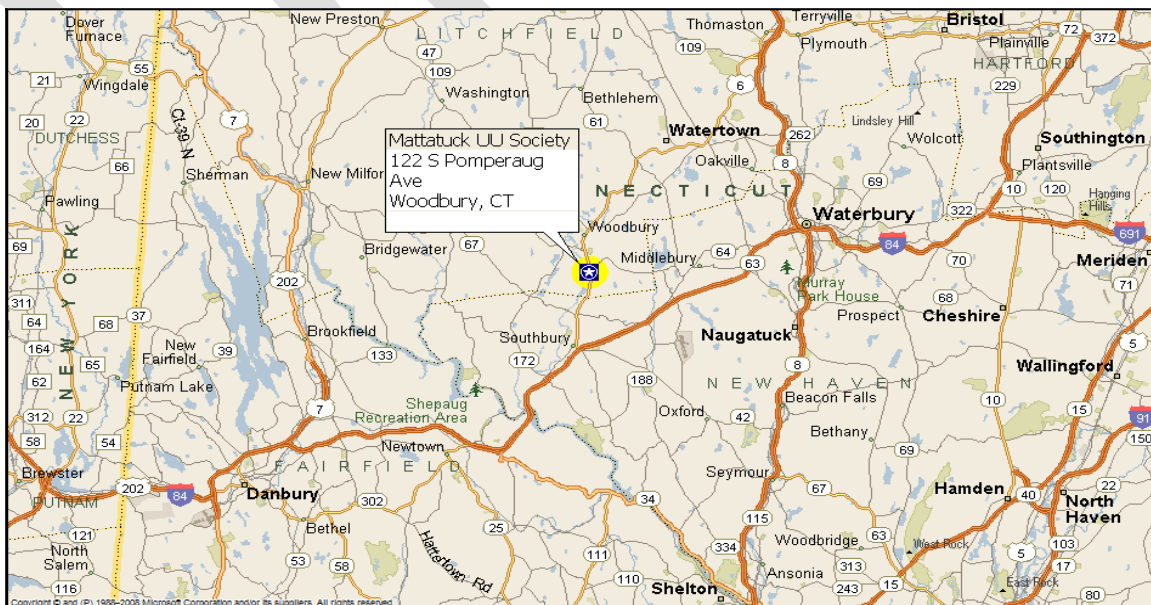
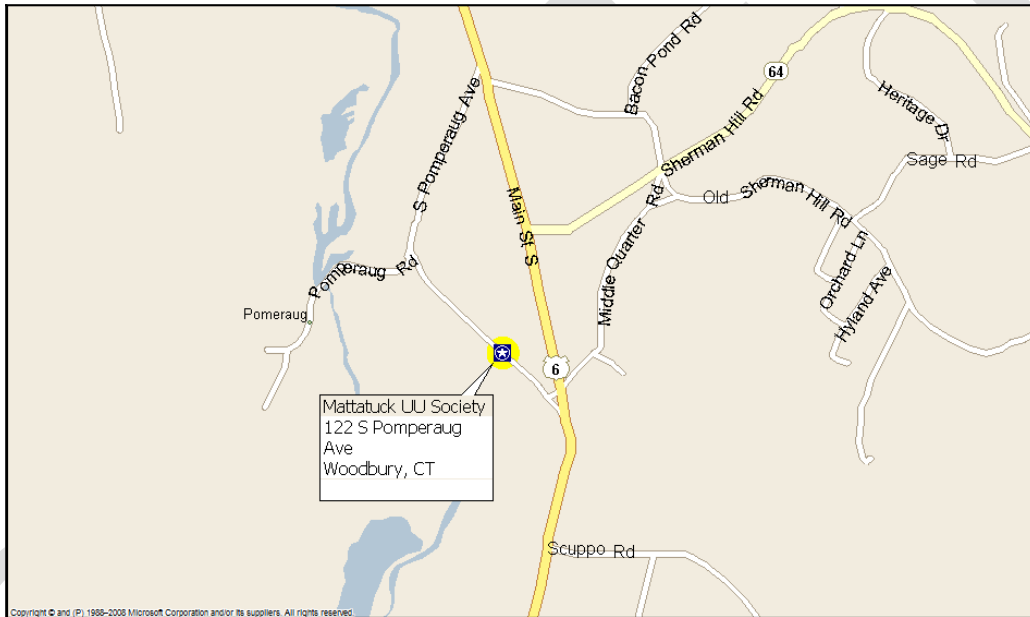
Go 3 miles to Woodbury on Route 6. Watch for Woodbury Pewter on your left. South Pomperaug is the next left. Turn left on to South Pomperaug (marked by a ← left turn yellow sign). Go 0.1 miles, and look for the large white & blue sign on the left, at #122. Turn left into business park. MUUS is the first building on left.

**From the North on Route 6:**

MUUS is located 1.3 miles south of Canfield Corner in Woodbury (junction of Routes 6 and 47). Watch for the Curtis House on the right. The next right is South Pomperaug Avenue (just before large sign for "The Barn"). Continue 0.7 miles (bearing left at as the road curves left) to the entrance of #122 on the right. (Look for the large white and blue sign on the right.) Turn right into business park. MUUS is first building on left.

**From the East on Route 67:**

Take a right onto Route 6 at the light. Go 0.3 miles to the next crossroads (marked by a ← left turn yellow sign). Left to South Pomperaug. Turn left in 0.1 miles to the entrance of #122. MUUS is first building on left.



**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**SMALL GROUP MINISTRY WORKSHOP**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2009 (FEBRUARY 28, 2009 – SNOW DATE)**  
9-4:30 PM

Please send this completed form and your check by **FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup>** to Rev. Jeanne Lloyd,  
15 Pond Road, Canton, CT 06019, [revlloyd@comcast.net](mailto:revlloyd@comcast.net), 860-352-2408 FAX

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PHONE (IN CASE WE NEED TO CONTACT YOURSELF FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES)

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CONGREGATION/CITY, STATE

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PLEASE NOTE MY SPECIAL NEEDS:  Vegetarian  Vegan  Allergies Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES:** I enclose a check to "MUUS" with "SGM Workshop" in the memo line for this amount:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 one member \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 each add'l. member

**TOTAL enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_