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Hey Janus!!!

"What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from."

~T.S. Eliot "Little Gidding"

So, here we are again, at the beginning. For even as my ministry ends, so does the congregation begin again on a journey with a new minister. The congregation is like breathing, taking the next breath just as the last one ends. We have entered a time presided over by Janus.

The Roman deity, Janus, was depicted as having two faces- one looking into the past and one into the future. Janus was invoked at the time of transition in ritual or was the focus of ritual for significant beginnings and endings. As such, Janus was evoked in daily ritual- a constant marker of the natural routine way of change.

This congregation has been in an intense time with Janus these last three years- during the 'year without a minister' and the interim time. You enter into an exciting future of possibility and leave this intensity, but you will never leave a time of transition. Transition is forever and perpetual. This is a time of ending and beginning- you've been here before.

May Memorial has known a lot of struggle at the times of ministerial transitions. As a community you have had far more difficulty with ministers leaving than positive times. Whether it was a minister who needed to retire long before they actually did, a minister who was in heated debate with you, or a minister who simply stopped showing up for you- you've had a difficult time. Transitions can be a time to change all of that.

We certainly had a conflict around the chalice. My worry is that this will somehow be woven into the narratives of difficult transitions. Instead, I'd like to argue that even with the conflict, this will be a positive transition. Conflict is a healthy process when we each show up for one another and I believe we have done this. We have survived a time of disagreement and found a way forward together. I will be sad to leave you AND I think we will each leave this ministry with hope and strength.

As you enter into this new time with Rev. Jo, please keep in front of you the Janus moments you will have with her. Whether Rev. Jo serves five, ten, or twenty years, there will be a beginning, a middle, and an end to

June Worship Service

Join us at 10:30

June 3rd, 2018-
"Under Whose Authority: The Changing Role of Ministry" with Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe and Worship Associate Randy Archambault

June 10th, 2018-
"Keep On Swinging: Transition and Life" with Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe and Worship Associate Kent Lindstrom *This is an intergenerational service.*

June 17th, 2018-
"Vision 2038" with Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe, Rev. Bethany Russell-Lowe, and the Worship Associate Team *This is an intergenerational service.*

June 24th, 2018-
"The Fire of Commitment: Do You Have to Be an Activist to Be a Unitarian Universalist" with Rev. Sunshine J. Wolfe and Worship Associate Randy Archambault

her ministry. How will you, as a community, choose to mark those moments? Will you be honest and present? Will you be open to the transformation that will inevitably come? Will you accept the end of the ministry with patience and intention?

Janus moments have degrees of intensity and they will always happen. You will change and change and change and change. You can't change change. You can control how you will respond to the changes as they come. So, I invite you to set your intention now-at the start. May this ending at the beginning be a blessing.

Blessings on the journey,
Pastor Sunshine



Pastor Sunshine's Office Hours and Away Schedule:

Office hours are on Wednesdays 1-5 at May Memorial and Thursdays at Recess Coffee in Westcott on Harvard from 4-6pm. Public *office hours will discontinue after June 14th*. *Pastor Sunshine will continue to be available by appointment until July 6th*.

You can schedule an appointment with Pastor Sunshine during available times Tuesday to Sunday at <https://revsunshine.as.me/> or by calling 317-448-3818. As always, Monday is gher day off.

Pastor Sunshine will be away from June 19th to June 27th for U.U. General Assembly in Kansas City.

Vacation/study leave from July 7th to July 31st returning for a celebration life service on July 21st. As always, ghe will be available for emergencies during this time.

June 2018 Services at The Nottingham

The following weekly services will be held at *The Nottingham* in September. Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room at *The Nottingham* (1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville, NY 13078). All are welcome.

June 5

Pastor Sunshine J. Wolfe
May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
Fred Fiske, Musician

June 19

Director Peter Willner
El-Hindi Center for Dialogue
Interfaith Works of Central New York
Introduction by Don Byers, Retired Presbyterian Minister,
living at The Nottingham
Nancy Pease, Musician

June 12

Rev. Jennifer Hamlin-Navias
First Unitarian Universalist Society, Syracuse
Sara-Jo Brandt-Doelle, Musician

June 26

Rev. Andrea Abbott
First UU Society of Central Square
Jody Brown, Musician

These services are sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society, and all leaders and musicians are volunteers



Greetings from Your President!

I'm very proud of the Board's accomplishments this year! I'm also thankful to have had such a dedicated group of trustees and officers to work with. Their commitment to their leadership responsibilities came through loud and clear. They came to meetings prepared (there was always homework!), and willing to provide their own opinions on various issues, even when they might hold a minority position. This allowed us to make the best possible decisions for our church. Here's a quick run-down of the major Board achievements this year:

- Creation of an **Organizational Chart** that clarified the roles of committees and teams, and organized them into three categories: those that report to the congregation, those that report to Pastor Sunshine, and those that report to the Board. This one step allowed the Board to focus on decisions related to our Mission, rather than getting bogged down in smaller matters that were competently handled by at the committee level.
 - Development of a **Perpetual Calendar** of recurring Board activities to provide a monthly look at issues and activities the Board needs to address, *before* they become urgent.
 - Assignment of **Portfolio Roles** for The Growing Place (Leah Cronlund), the Perpetual Calendar (Sue Savion), Program Council (Diane Chappell-Daly), Policy Manual and Constitution (Jay Brenner), and the Safe Congregation Policy (Kevin King). With one Board member responsible for each of these roles, there is a central point of contact, and the work of the Board is spread out among its members.
 - **Streamlining Board meeting processes** so we could be more productive and move toward a Mission-oriented focus. We incorporated various tools suggested by Pastor Sunshine and proposed in the book *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership* by Dan Hotchkiss, which we read and discussed together.
- Board secretary in the coming year, when Linda Wobus will take over from Ruth Yanai. Many thanks to Ruth for her years of service as secretary! The composition of the Board will stay the same, as Diane Chappell-Daly, who was a "temporary" trustee to fill Emanuel Carter's remaining year, has agreed to serve for a full term. We're excited about the year ahead, as Reverend Jo brings her own ideas and energy to May Memorial.

Have a wonderful summer, and see you in church!

Jane Fagerland, President
Board of Trustees

Most of all, though, I'm pleased that the tone of our Board meetings has been convivial and respectful. Everyone's voice is heard, and we laugh together a lot. We welcome a new

Spirituality of the Enneagram

Saturday, June 30th, 10am-12pm

(Must have completed at least one Enneagram class to participate).

This workshop will explore the spiritual and developmental dimensions of the Enneagram. How does your type help you tune into personal growth? What are practices that can help you transform underlying motivations? This program will focus on your particular Enneagram type. *Prerequisite: completion of at least one class on the Enneagram and a general understanding of your personal Enneagram type.*



Ministerial Intern Column

Rev. Bethany Russell-Lowe

It is hard to believe that my time with you all is coming to a close this month. What a blessing and honor it has been to learn and grow alongside you all these past two years. The Unitarian Universalist congregations of Syracuse have provided fertile space for me to grow and thrive in my ministry. I will be forever grateful for this time to learn, be challenged, and grow into my most authentic ministry.

At the late stage of my internship, my focus is on saying a goodbye. Saying goodbye is a practice we go throughout our lives, and also in ministry. Saying goodbye is not easy, nor should it be. Grieving a parting is a sign that we care deeply for one another. So many of you have changed my ministry for the better. I will not forget you, even when we say goodbye for now.

It is customary for intern ministers to have no contact with members of their internship congregations for 1 year after the end of their internship. This is in order to give adequate space to grieve the loss of our minister-congregant relationship. And in the case of members of First UU, to give you adequate space to bond with your incoming Ministerial Intern, Marty Pelham. If you contact me after June, I will direct you to your current minister(s). I will also be unfriending members of both congregations on Facebook at the end of June. If after a year you wish to friend me again, you are welcome to do so. If, by chance, we happen upon one another in the coming years, you do not need to avoid me. We can be friendly with one another. I simply will not be your minister after this June. My last service at First UU will be on June 10th, and my last service at May Memorial UU will be on June 17th. My contract with you all ends on June 18th.

As many of you have heard, I have accepted a call to be the settled minister at the UU Church of Tucson, Arizona. I start on August 1. My husband, Bryan, and are just thrilled by this opportunity! We will be moving out there in mid-July, after a quick tour of New England to see our family and friends.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to grow alongside you these past two years. Know that I will carry the memories we have created together throughout my ministry. If I do not see you before I go, goodbye for now.

In faith,

Rev. Bethany

Rev. Bethany's Goodbye Picnic on Sunday, June 10 at 1 PM at Ryder Park



Come join members of May Memorial and First UU to celebrate the end of the church year. We will also say goodbye to our shared Ministerial Intern, Rev. Bethany Russell-Lowe. We have reserved space at Ryder Park in Dewitt. We will have a potluck picnic – bring a drink or dish to share! We will start gathering soon after worship ends. Join us!

What's Next: Concluding the Interim Time

Though my last day to preach at MMUUS is on June 17th, my contract continues until July 31st. I will be available for one-on-one meetings through July 6th. After that, I will be available for emergencies until July 31st.

Please note that I do follow a recommendation by colleagues to remain out of contact with a congregation for two years after I serve. This means that I will not respond to messages or calls, but rather refer them to the next minister. Also, I will unfriend all members and friends of both of the UU congregations in Syracuse for the duration of the two years. I will welcome contact again and friend requests after that period of time.

While difficult, I've found that this period of time away is important for grieving the end of our time together and respecting the minister(s) currently serving the congregation. Please feel free to ask questions about this or any other changes that will be coming in the next several months. It has been truly an honor to serve this congregation. With blessings- Pastor Sunshine



On a chilly April morning two religious educators, a youth advisor, a parent, and five youth gathered in front of May Memorial with stars still peeking out of a darkened sky. We were about to embark on an adventure that was years in the making for the two churches. If you are wondering why we chose West Virginia as our destination, the biggest deciding factor was that the UU College of Social Justice was offering programs there after having developed partnerships with local congregations and grassroots organizations. To describe a reason that seems a bit more romantic though, it was an opportunity to immerse ourselves in a culture that was different from our own but sort of in our own backyard. And yet, we discovered that the folks of West Virginia aren't all that much different from folks here in Syracuse. We discovered that no matter where you go...people are complicated.

When Tina Lesley-Fox (DLFD at First UU) and I were planning this venture, we were intentional about how we described it. It wasn't *just a service trip*, it was a *service-learning journey or immersion journey*. While we certainly were planning to do service work, we went into the trip knowing that our service would be one component of a greater experience. Prior to leaving on our journey, we spent a considerable amount of time with preparation materials including documentaries and reading selections and then coming together for discussion groups. One message we took to heart was that we were not going into a place knowing how to "fix" things, we were going into a place to listen to the people who are living and working there, and asking them what they need and what we could do to help.

When we arrived in Charleston, we were offered wonderful hospitality by the local UU congregation. The members brought us air mattresses, pillows, and blankets and opened up their beautiful sanctuary for us to sleep in that first night. Sunday morning we were invited into worship which was a lay led service about how travel changes you--a service designed for us! After worship, we were offered a delicious potluck meal and many congregants stuck around to talk with us, answering our questions and sharing

their stories. Later in the week they brought together a panel of local activists including their minister to speak with us about local environmental and racial activism. They offered suggestions about how we could use our experience from the trip back home in our own activism.

We didn't spend the entire week on the church floor though! After that first night we packed up and traveled to Beards Fork, a "holler" that requires a steep journey up a one lane road. (This can be a little unnerving when the school bus is traveling down the one way road!) The Southern Appalachian Labor School (SALS) is the non-profit organization that we partnered with for our service work. They housed us in a cozy dormitory in Beards Fork that was attached to an elementary school that SALS had purchased and repurposed as an after-school program / living space. We had four days of work time scheduled for service work with SALS, and we were glad that we had come with open hearts and open minds about what we would be doing work wise because there were often times when they didn't have work ready for us to do and we simply had to wait. We found ourselves doing a lot of standing or sitting around, which was a tad bit frustrating at first - but then we came to realize that this was an opportunity to get to know the local youth and young adults we were working with, as well as the family living in one of the houses where we were scheduled to do some repair work. The young people we were working with were a part of the SALS YouthBuild program, where they work and learn building skills on the job and have the opportunity to complete their GED if they don't have a high school diploma. Some folks were reluctant to open up at first, but eventually we were all sharing stories together. Learning about a region's economic and social challenges from reading articles or watching documentaries is one thing, but learning about how those challenges affect people who are sitting in the same room with you and who you are working together with toward a common goal makes a much deeper impression.

In addition to the service work, our program leaders through the College of Social Justice and SALS arranged for a historian to visit us at the dorm to talk about WV history. We impressed him with having done our prep work. We also visited a mountaintop removal site that was being reclaimed as farm land through a program called Refresh Appalachia. The two farm workers we met there were former coal miners who were earning Associate's Degrees while working on the farm. Once again, it was hearing the stories of these former coal miners and how their lives were impacted by the coal industry that resonated with me. One farm worker, Chris, talked to me about his hope for the future thanks to this program, rather than mining mountaintop coal. He was anticipating buying a larger home and adding another child to his family.

Beyond learning more about the local folks in West Virginia through stories, I also had the wonderful experience of learning more about the youth who traveled with me. As DRE, I don't get to spend as much time with the older youth on Sunday mornings, so when we have the opportunity to travel and work together it is wonderful to learn more about what they are doing in their schools and what they are passionate about. I am thankful to the youth who made this journey with us and to their parents who trusted us to care for them 10 hours away from home in a remote area that (gasp!) often didn't have cell service or WIFI. I know I have been changed by this experience and the youth were a big part of that for me - they brought their humor, creativity, insightfulness, and passion to this work. I also am grateful to both May Memorial and First UU for their support without which this trip would not have been possible. I hope that more service-learning journeys await us in the near future.

In Peace,
Stacy Sceiford, Director of Religious Education

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors!



Jacob Fraser-Gilbert

Madison Scheer

Jesse Hamlin-Navias

Owen Snyder

Jack Kaftan

Sadie Yackel



History Corner

Rev. Samuel Joseph May Actively Engaged Citizen of Syracuse

In recent newsletters, we've talked about Samuel Joseph May's involvement in the major reform movements of the mid-19th century, including abolition, women's rights, racial and gender equality, educational reform, and pacifism. He was also a beloved minister to the Unitarian Congregation of Syracuse (1845-1868) and an actively engaged citizen of the rapidly growing city.

When Rev. May moved to Syracuse in 1845, it was a rough canal town, and he was bothered by the severe poverty he encountered – worse than any he had witnessed in New England. Within a year he was involved in opening a **home for orphans**. He worked with other ministers for state legislation to provide housing and education for the impoverished **"canal boys,"** and he helped start a **school on the Onondaga Reservation**.

Just three years after coming to Syracuse, Sam May helped draft a resolution that established the **school system for the city**. He was elected to the **Board of Education** in 1864 and served as president of the Board from 1865 to 1869. He became known for his sup-

port of public education for *all* students, including blacks and girls, and for the elimination of corporal punishment in the city schools.

Although Rev. May argued vigorously against the "hell fire and brimstone" preachers and evangelists who sometimes held revivals in Syracuse, he often cooperated with other local ministers on issues of common concern, as noted above. For many years, Rev. May and Rev. Jermain Loguen of the AME Zion Church worked together to combat slavery and to help fugitive slaves. The homes of both men were part of the Underground Railroad, and both were involved in the famous "Jerry Rescue" of 1851.

With philanthropists and members of the Unitarian church, Rev. May was involved in attempting to set up the first hospital in Syracuse. When that effort failed, they gave their support to Father James O'Hara of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the five Sisters of St. Francis who established **St. Joseph's Hospital** in 1869. The authors of *May No One Be a Stranger* (1988) note that Rev. May became well-liked in the Catholic community because he objected to the prejudice that some strict

Protestants showed toward the nuns.

Perhaps in part because of his childhood friendship with a Jewish family in Boston, Rev. May did not hesitate to work with the Jewish community in Syracuse. Accounts of his funeral state that the congregation of the Temple Society of Concord attended the memorial as a group.

After Rev. Samuel Joseph May's death in 1871, the congregation published *In Memoriam*, a pamphlet containing speeches and tributes given at his funeral (<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/maysamuel/maysamuel.html>). In it, Rev. May is described as a "public spirited" minister who "came out of his pulpit" to mingle with the people, who participated in public meetings, and who could be counted on to support every worthwhile civic project in the city of Syracuse.

As always, we can be proud that our congregation bears the name of this remarkable person!

Mary Louise Edwards

MMUUS History Committee

**The History Committee Meets the 3rd
Wednesday of the month in Room 8.**

All are welcome!

GIFTS OF FAREWELL

Members of MMUUS are coming to terms with the leave taking of Rev. Sunshine and our shared intern, Rev. Bethany. We have come to love them both and we will miss them sorely when they leave. After consulting with both of them, gifts that meet their particular needs have been chosen.

Pastor Sunshine will leave us with a beautiful clerical robe custom made especially for her. Sunshine will wear the new robe at the service of The Living Tradition at GA this June as well as for many formal occasions in years to come. We hope Pastor Sunshine will think of us every time she dons our robe.

Rev. Bethany will be relocating to the southwest after she leaves us and could use some extra funds to help with that endeavor. If you would like to make a contribution for her money gift, please see Janet Hiemstra, Alexa Carter or Fred Fiske. Each has a card you can sign and each will be happy to collect a contribution of any size.

In addition, there will be "Wish Jars" at the June 10 picnic/Farewell Bethany event and the June 9 event for Pastor Sunshine. There will be an assortment of art paper and writing implements available. Please take a few minutes to pen a personal message to both and drop them into the jars.



Green and Social Justice Committees



How Should You Talk to Climate Change Deniers?

We often see climate change as a scientific issue that should be non-partisan. Just educate people about the science and they'll want to take action. However, scientific issues can involve severe ideological conflicts, especially when there are enormous stakes for society. University of Colorado political scientist Roger A. Pielke, Jr. usefully distinguishes "tornado politics" and "abortion politics." Tornado politics simply relies on the provision of more information: Faced with a tornado warning, a group of people will try to find out where and when the tornado will hit and where they can take shelter. Based on such information, folks will come to consensus and take action. In the political arena, one might think of response to an epidemic or toxic spill.

With abortion politics, additional information – such as about the development of an embryo or fetus – does not generate agreement and action, but is interpreted to bolster opposing positions grounded in divergent worldviews. Issues of abortion politics, such as how to address gun violence, are not resolvable through more information, even when that information is objectively true, but through the exercise of political power.

Climate change is a matter of abortion, not tornado, politics. Throwing data at climate change deniers won't win the argument. Overcoming resistance to climate action entails mobilizing enough people to demand change and also defeating obstructionist politicians on Election Day.

However, this effort may require converting enough deniers to help tip the scales. So, how should one talk to a climate change denier? Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist at Texas Tech University, has taken up this challenge. Hayhoe is an evangelical Christian whose husband is a pastor. Her husband was a climate change denier until she set him straight. In an interview on the *Sierra* website (<https://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/katharine-hayhoe-reveals-surprising-ways-talk-about-climate-change>), Hayhoe notes that "more education [about climate science] doesn't change people's perceptions." Indeed, "the people with the highest degree of science literacy aren't the ones who are most concerned, but rather, the most polarized. Because those people can muster evidence to explain why they're right, too."

So what is Hayhoe's approach?

- Don't try to change people's values. Appeal to values they care about and, even better, values you both share. Don't try to convince hard-core deniers, but people with whom you have productive common ground.
- Avoid focusing on disagreement. "Don't ever start from what divides, but rather what unites us. Do we fish? Ski? Parent?"
- Don't frame climate change as an environmental issue, but as "an economic issue, a public health issue, a national security issue, a humanitarian issue." Don't focus on endangered polar

bears! Climate change "should matter precisely because it's already affecting ... your kids, your recreation, what you eat, whatever industry you work in."

- Emphasize solutions, especially those that resonating with people's values. Dr. Hayhoe, who emphasizes the economic benefits of Texas's booming wind energy industry, says, "Talk about solutions that will make people feel like the better versions of themselves—more pragmatic, more competitive, more innovative, maybe even more fiscally conservative! The ones that'll make them feel like they're making a difference and that are entirely consistent with their identities."

I myself have never been good at talking to climate deniers. I make all the mistakes that Hayhoe warns against. However, if we are serious about getting results on this issue rather than engaging in moral or political posturing, her advice might be worth considering.

The Green and Social Justice Committee meets on the third Sunday of each month. All our welcome to join or to help us with our action plans.

General Assembly Online: All Are Called

All members and friends are encouraged to participate in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) General Assembly online. The theme is "All Are Called." This is a great opportunity to deepen your faith, meet UU people from across the globe, and receive valued programming for free. Major programs are Livestreamed during the week. You can learn more at www.uua.org/ga. Key events include:

Opening Celebration: Wednesday, June 20th, from 8-9:30pm (EST)

Service of the Living Tradition, Thursday, June 21st, from 8-9:30pm (EST)

(Pastor Sunshine will 'walk' in this service in recognition of achieving Final Fellowship as a minister).

Ware Lecture: Brittany Packnett, Saturday, June 23rd, from 8-9:30pm (EST)



Unirondack weekend for Central New York UU congregations:

Friday Sept 14 - Sunday Sept 16, 2018

Families, Friends, Individuals - People of all ages are encouraged to participate in a Fall family weekend at Unirondack. Since 2008, this intergenerational Unirondack weekend has been a source of early fall community building for Syracuse UU congregations. This year, it is scheduled for **Friday Sept 14 (starting at 4:00) - Sunday Sept 16th, 2018 (ending at 2-3 pm) and we are inviting folks from many UU congregations in Central New York.** Unirondack is a UU Camp and Conference Center, a 2 - 2.5 hour drive from Syracuse in the western Adirondacks, near Lowville, NY. To see the Unirondack facilities/environment, the website is: www.unirondack.org

People hike, bike, read, play games, go boating, talk, nap, arts, crafts, sport games or just sit by the lake soaking in the beauty. Group activities are encouraged and are led by the weekend participants. We ask that there be no electronic games since this is a weekend to spend in community with other UUs from the area. There are cabins and heated sleeping spaces with indoor bathroom facilities! People need to bring their own bedding, towels and pillows as well as their personal items.

The 2018 cost will be: \$70/PP for those over 10 years old; Children 4-10 years \$62; Children 3 and under are free. This is *inclusive* of 2 nights (F, S) lodging, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast & lunch. Our costs are \$31/night to Unirondack and the small balance is for group food costs for 5 meals. Friday dinner is on your own. (eaten in the car, dining out or cooked there) Snacks and transportation are not included in this rate. Car-pooling has been arranged by individuals in the past. Meals are prepared by participants and are shared in a dining hall. Special dietary needs are carefully addressed and refrigeration is available for individual needs. Housing placements are selected by the coordinator based on group size, health needs, and order of reservation.

A 50% deposit is required to hold your space; the balance needs to be paid 2 weeks *in advance* of the weekend. Please respect this payment schedule! Reservations can be made by sending your name(s) to:

Stephanie Cross at mscross1234@gmail.com.

Deposit checks should be made to "Stephanie Cross", given to her at MMUUS or mailed to:

3844 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY 13104. Please include your contact information (phone and email), names of people attending and ages of the children attending with your check. You will receive an email confirmation.

This is a great weekend - we hope you will join us!

Stephanie Cross, Coordinator, May Memorial UU Society, Syracuse



The 27th Annual Gathering of Men will be held at Camp Unirondack Friday to Sunday, June 8th - 10th. For more information and to register contact

Alexander Pita, 2087 Rush-Mendon Rd, Rush, NY 14543, alexander.pita@rochester.edu, or 585-397-5654. If questions you can contact Richard Weiskopf richardw6@twcny.rr.com

Are you looking for a fulfilling, wildly fun, outdoor experience for your young one? Unirondack, a UU summer camp nestled in the foothills of the Adirondack's might be the place for you. While our high school sessions are already full for the summer, our 12-14 and 14-16 year old sessions still have room!

Campers at Unirondack live the experience of building a unique, caring, UU community that puts their experience first. Build upon the values of the seven principles, we strive to create a camp community that is intellectually stimulating, welcoming to campers of all walks of life, and gives youth the opportunity to leave the rest of the world behind while they perform in talent shows, paint with watercolors over a wild Adirondack lake, swim and canoe in nature, and let their imagination run wild in theater and music. Email Director@unirondack.org or visit www.unirondack.org for more info!

Thank you!



MUSIC AND THE ARTS

June Artist: Bonnie Goetzke

I have always been interested in art and became an art major at the University of Wisconsin where one of my favorite mediums was woodcut printmaking. I loved layering color over color and exploring the combination of shape and line. I did not continue in art again until after I retired and started taking watercolor classes. Taking workshops with well-known artists influenced me in using many techniques, mediums, and styles. In trying to develop my own style I branched out into fluid acrylics, acrylics, brush, collage and a treasury of different art worlds materials, there are so many available! I have come to enjoy more abstract design using a more creative approach to painting.

My memberships in local art groups include the Onondaga Art Guild, Cazenovia Watercolor Society, Central New York Art Build, Bradford Art Guild and the Central New York Watercolor Society. These groups all reinforce the learning of art!

The more I paint, the more I want to "keep" painting! I'm loving my art journey and try to paint from life's experiences. Taking photos from my travels gives me endless possibilities for future paintings. Having been a member of the Art & Soul Watercolor group for the past several years has been a wonderful experience also and has broadened my painting knowledge along with camaraderie and friendships!

My work can be seen at the Inn Between restaurant year around as well as the Canal Walk in Baldwinsville and at various shows throughout the area.

The art gallery is open daily from 11-2 (except Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday)

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the drafts of our Vision Statement and Covenant. The Writing Team has edited the documents to include some of your suggestions and they are here for you to peruse. Please come to the Annual Meeting on June 3rd prepared to vote yay or nay.

Covenant

We, the members of the May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, adopt this Covenant to guide our interactions.

We promise to affirm and promote REACH:

Respect

Listen carefully and attentively

Empathy

Interact with kindness and understanding

Appreciation of differences

In our congregation and the larger community

Community

Heal and care for our selves and others by dealing with disagreements constructively

Honesty

Act with integrity and authenticity

Vision Statement

MMUUS strives to build a safe, welcoming, diverse, multi-generational, and vibrant religious community.

We do this by inspiring our members to engage in:

- spiritual growth
- social justice
- protection of the environment
- celebration of the arts



You are invited to...

Pastor Sunshine's Going Away Bash!

June 9, 2018
5:00pm – 8:00 pm
May Memorial Social Hall

Join your friends and fellow parishioners
for a family friendly potluck dinner
and board game night to honor
our interim minister for the last 2 years,
Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe!

WHAT TO BRING:
Your favorite dish to pass and share*
Your favorite board games
Poems, skits, or songs to share as a tribute to Pastor Sunshine

*Due to food allergy and intolerance, please include ingredients list with your dish, and especially note if your dish contains beef, pork, grapes, tomatoes, potatoes, bell peppers, eggplant, celery, sugar substitutes, gluten, nuts, dairy, etc.

Friendship Gatherings in Full Swing



The next gathering that still has available space will be the Spring-time Country Brunch hosted by Jane Fagerland and Stephanie Cross. It will take place on June 2 and its signup sheet can be found on the bulletin board right outside Sunshine's office. Have a look at their terrific menu.

You will also find the particulars on the September Smorgasbord Dinner hosted by Ann and Dick Pearson. This meal with a Swedish flavor promises to be a real treat.

There will be other meals added to the board as their providers make final decisions on menus and dates. Keep a lookout consider offering a meal yourself. These gathering are proving to be wonderful opportunities to get to know people and experience some terrific meals.

To pay for a Friendship Gathering, write a check for the exact amount to MMUUS, write 'Friendship Dinner' in the memo line, slip it into an envelope and put it in the fundraising mail box. You may also send the check to the office by snail mail.

For more details contact Alexa Carter or Jennifer Newman.

**9th Annual
CNY Pride Interfaith
Service**

Love is...

JUNE 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Hosted by Temple Concord
910 Madison St, Syracuse, New York 13210
<https://www.templeconcord.org/P>: (315)-475-9952

♥ Childcare and Children's Program Provided ♥

A celebration of the spiritual lives of people who
are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer,
Questioning, Plus and Everyone!!

Change for Change Recipients

All money received for the Sunday offering is divided between the MMUUS operating fund and local service organizations.

The final tally of the paper and online ballots resulted in the following top five groups:

- Center for New Americans,
- Francis House,
- Food Bank of Central NY,
- Vera House, and
- Planned Parenthood.

These organizations will each receive half of the Sunday collection for two months. Funds for July and August go to our Homeless and Hungry meals at the Samaritan Center. Planned Parenthood received the most votes. It is interesting how close the vote count was when comparing different groups. Thanks to all who took the time to participate.

Getting in Touch with ...

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May Memorial is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Yoga Kids in the Social Hall
5:00 pm Tuesdays
 Contact Julie Daniel
 jdanielyoga@gmail.com



Tai Chi in the Social Hall
FREE
3:00 pm Tuesdays and
Thursdays

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| Sunday | June 3 | 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 pm | Annual Meeting | Social Hall |
| Monday | June 4 | 6:30 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Saturday | June 9 | 5:00 pm | Pastor Sunshine Going Away Party | Social Hall |
| Sunday | June 10 | 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | After service | MMUUS/FUUS Joint picnic/going away party for Bethany | Ryder Park |
| Monday | June 11 | 2:30 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Thursday | June 14 | 6:00 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Sunday | June 17 | 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 pm | Coffee Hour | Social Hall |
| Monday | June 18 | 6:30 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Thursday | June 21 | 6:00 pm | Twisted Sisters | Memorial Room |
| Sunday | June 24 | 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 pm | Coffee Hour | Social Hall |
| | | 12:15 pm | Spanofiles | COA |
| Monday | June 25 | 2:30 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Thursday | June 28 | 6:00 pm | Spiritual Enrichment Group | Memorial Room |
| Sunday | July 1 | 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:00 pm | Coffee Hour | Social Hall |

Notes from the Admin Office:



- July and August Newsletter will be combined. Due date for submissions will be June 25. Please keep your articles to 300 words and relevant to the work your committee is doing or will be doing for the church.
- Summer decreased hours start June 25.