

## View from the Study Window...

December with its several special holiday celebrations is over – and so is the break many of us manage to take between Christmas and New Year's. January is cold and snowy – that hasn't changed. But in my life and around May Memorial, I feel a lightness of spirit.

My extended family agreed this year to cut back on our Christmas spending. Of course, the day was every bit as good. "Too commercialized" is a near-universal complaint about the ever-expanding U.S. Christmas season. I imagine that some of you, like me, are very relieved to have an excuse to shop and spend less for these religious and family-focused celebrations.

## Beloved Community in a Time of Financial Stress

Our treasurer and bookkeeper have noted that MMUUS finances are holding up to our projections for this point in the fiscal year. We are thankful, for it reflects May Memorial's worth and potential for ministry. Contributions at our Winter Solstice and Christmas Eve services

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## Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.



### January 4 "It's a Small World"

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

Making meaning of news and events around the globe involves a life-long process of learning. We are privileged to have in our congregation many people who have had rich – even life-changing – experiences abroad. So this will be a morning rich in sharing, listening, and learning.

### January 11 "To Meet the Asking Years"

Mission-Vision Team and Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

This is the year we will craft a new Mission Statement, based on the Vision we have for May Memorial. Let the Mission-Vision team and Rev. Jean guide you in a process of discovery and discernment. Make your own mark upon the future course for our religious society.

### January 18 "So That We Can Fly"

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

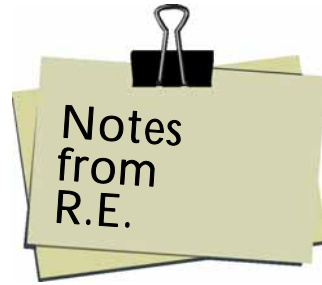
"Rosa sat so that Martin could walk. Martin walked so that Barack could run. Barack ran so that our children can fly." Many variations and attributions of this saying have been circulating worldwide. This historic week, let us join in the party of "We, the People."

### January 25 Social Justice Committee

*We welcome guest speaker Magda Bayoumi.*



## Wheel of Life



### Notes from R.E.

"Many thanks to the Care-Ring, the choir and very many others who have expressed concern during my recent illness. I have appreciated the cards and calls before and after my surgery. I'm happy to report that the doctor says the cancer has been removed, with no need for further treatment. I'm feeling better daily and look forward to seeing everyone at church.

Thanks very much everyone."

**Joel Hastings**

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It was great to have **Judy Thomas** back with us for the Winter Solstice celebration.

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Please keep **Alexa Carter** in your thoughts and prayers as she undergoes hip surgery this month.

**A**s most of you know December 4, 2008 I was accepted into preliminary fellowship with the UUA. It seems like a long time ago now, but we haven't had a full issue of our newsletter since then. And I wanted to say thank you. On Dec.7<sup>th</sup> when my acceptance was announced during Sunday service, the congregation broke into a warm and spontaneous round of applause. That was a great moment of lived community. Many, many of you have offered your congratulations, thank you. I have felt your support and your warm feelings and I do appreciate them. The process to reach preliminary fellowship has been a good process for me and I am glad that that major hurdle is over!

The New Year is upon us. Goals from last year lay met or unmet. There may be new goals or renewed goals for this year. I like setting goals for myself; I like having a "plan." But this year I think I will try to focus more on gratitude.

What am I grateful for at May:

- A Wonderful children – engaged, creative, energetic fun to be around.
- A Wonderful parents – inquisitive, committed, active, fun to be around.
- A The members and friends of May – as a whole this is a flexible, accepting, warm group of people.
- A For the journey that you and I are on together.
- A Storytelling – I've discovered here at May that I like telling stories.
- A I am grateful for the opportunity to help others explore their faith, what an honor and privilege.
- A My office, not all DREs get offices and mine has a lovely view of the creek and that gorgeous old tree.
- A The surprises along the way.

As much as I would like to hibernate in the darkness of January activities continue and RE is busy!

- January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our RE committee meeting at 12:30
- January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. there will be an orientation meeting for our Coming Of Age mentors
- January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. there will be an informational meeting for parents of Senior High Folk. This agenda of this meeting will be to talk about the senior highs planned trip to New Orleans this summer.
- January 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a family pizza lunch at noon in the gym for parents and children; a time to gather relax, socialize before you go home.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> we will begin our winter term of RE!

~Jennifer Hamlin-Navias



## Marvelous History Corner

### From Prisoner of War to Prisoner of Conscience

Those who have read this column for a while know that I feel the privilege is all mine in being able to pour over our archives. There is so much to learn, I gain so much inspiration from our past leaders, and my awe on what has already been accomplished by May Memorial people over the years continues to grow. This remains so true as I now go through the material of Rev. Dr. Nicholas C. Cardell, Jr., our 10<sup>th</sup> minister (1974-1995).

Many readers know that Nick spent time in prison on two occasions. Once was as a Prisoner of War during WWII and 54 years later as a Prisoner of Conscience when he served time in a Federal Prison Camp, joined by active members Dan and Doris Sage, for their demonstrations against the School of the Americas. You can read more about the despicable background of the U.S.'s School of the Americas at <http://history.mmuus.org/judasbyproxy.pdf> in a sermon by Nick in the fall of 1997. Several months years later Dan, Doris, and Nick's prison terms began. Go here to read some about his experiences: <http://www.uuworld.org/1999/0799feat3.html>. Such commitments based on conscience establish a role modeling atmosphere explaining so well why I am a Unitarian Universalist and why I so love this church. I encourage parents with young children to talk about this with them and read some of Nick's words.

I recently discovered an undated sermon by Nick entitled *From POW to POC*. It was written sometime in 1999. You can see it at <http://history.mmuus.org/From%20POW%20to%20POC.pdf> It, too, is well worth reading. Nick talked about the feelings people have when they do something that is truly based on their conscience and knowing that they know how to distinguish right from wrong in terms of the way you deal with others: "There is a joyful exhilaration in risking something with others for the sake of some deep-down fundamental conviction that has to do, I think, with belonging and caring—with loving. It is a spiritual experience." In essence, I believe Nick was describing how spirituality comes about in so many different ways.

~Rog Hiemstra, Chair, History Committee

### Looking Forward Toward STEWARDSHIP!

Greetings Fellow May Memorialites! The Holiday season is upon us with the usual excitement and wonder, family gatherings, friendly get togethers, and all of those special programs, plays and concerts. Some people think that the fun is all over once January 1<sup>st</sup> has passed. Not so here at May. Why you may ask. Well, it's because we are just gearing up for the next time of celebration! A celebration of giving to our beloved community! The Stewardship Campaign will be taking on an exciting new face this year. So in January be on the look out for some enlightening and inspiring information about upcoming events and speakers. Keep watching the website, newsletter and the mail for YOUR special invitation to the party! Happy Holidays!

~MMUUS Stewardship Steering Committee

### MMUUS Financial Update November 30, 2008

Our fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. This means, with the end of November financial reports we are nearing the half way point. While we are currently on track with our budgeted expenses, we must remember we are approaching the cold months and the utility bills are likely to rise. The finance committee would like to thank all of you who continue to meet your pledges even as the economy is experiencing financial difficulty.

~JoanWeiser-Treasurer

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## Fine Craft Fair 2008 a Success!

Despite the struggling economy and all our worries, this year we had the best Fine Craft Fair fundraiser ever!

The final bottom line for net income was: \$5,761.54.

Gross sales including sales tax came to: \$23,623.63.

The \$3 entry fee netted \$1060, which means at least 350 people came in addition to many MMUUSers and a few Folkus concert-goers. The raffle brought in another \$531 and the booth fees came to \$875.

Total expenses for postcards and postage, advertising, credit card charges and supplies came to \$1306.22.

Support from the MMUUS community was tremendous, and the committee thanks all the many folks from MMUUS who volunteered to spend hours at May helping, to bring the delicious food that kept the crafters and volunteer workers all going, to help make all the publicity happen. It was a good time!

~Barbara Mihalas



## What Our Spiritual Enrichment Group Means to Me

Last spring, when Jean introduced the Spiritual Enrichment Group to the congregation I immediately thought, "spiritual" enrichment? The word spiritual brought back some childhood memories. I was brought up in the protestant faith. As a child, I thought that my spirit or my soul was hovering about me and always watching over me. I remember my Sunday school teacher saying that we must attend church so that our spirit or soul would be replenished. Otherwise, it would shrivel up and die and only a shell of our body would be left. Since going to our spiritual enrichment group meetings, I have discovered that spiritual enrichment has many meanings and can happen just about anywhere.

Our facilitator's group has been meeting every two weeks since early April. During the first couple of meetings, we created a list of "Shared Understandings" or a covenant that gave us the guidelines we needed to form a trusting relationship and a comfortable environment to work in. The various topics we have discussed have broadened our understanding of each other and ourselves. We listen as each of us shares how our life experiences have shaped the way we think about such topics as prayer, after life or spirituality.

I believe that spiritual enrichment does define our group. By listening to each other and sharing our experiences, we have gained new insights as to who we are. We have explored some difficult topics that have allowed us to appreciate each other as the unique people that we are. I feel that we have developed a special relationship over the last few months that will continue as we try to pass on to you what we have shared in our group. I hope that our groups will look forward to the time they spend together as it offers an opportunity to step back from daily life and think about and sort out some of life's complexities.

~Joyce Leonard, Spiritual Enrichment Facilitator's Group

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## "Worship 101"

On **Saturday, January 24**, from 9:00 to noon, Rev. Jean will lead a one-session workshop on the art and craft of worship at May Memorial. Anyone interested in learning—or learning more—about planning, preparing, and leading worship at May Memorial is most welcome to attend. We will step through how to build a Celebration of Life which flows from opening music to closing words. See Rev. Jean for more information.

~Worship Committee, [worship@mmuus.org](mailto:worship@mmuus.org)

## UUSC Guest at Your Table Wrap Up



If you have not yet filled out a contribution envelope and inserted your check to establish or renew your membership in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, now is the time. While our target date for collecting envelopes and Guest at Your Table cash boxes is January 4, and we can postpone the final collection until January 11, we must complete the record keeping and mailing of proceeds to UUSC by January 15. The UUSC table will be staffed in the Social Hall each Sunday for the collection of envelopes and cash boxes. Checks should be payable to **UUSC**, not MMUUS. The tax deduction for your contribution can count for either year by dating your check accordingly. Please be sure to fill out all parts of the envelope, to enable our congregation to be recognized.

In a recent newsletter it was reported that UUSC celebrated International Human Rights Day and the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on December 10, by awarding Reverend Gloria White-Hammond the UUSC Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award at a ceremony in Boston, Mass.

As part of the commemoration of the UDHR's anniversary, UUSC President and CEO Charlie Clements sent a letter to President-elect Barack Obama. The letter congratulated the president-elect on his election and offered him our support and assistance, stating, "We hope the UDHR will inspire your administration with a vision of a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights." The full text of Clement's letter can be accessed on the UUSC website [www.UUSC.org](http://www.UUSC.org).

May Memorial's continuing support of UUSC in all their activities helps to make the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights a reality.

~Dan Sage  
UUSC Rep, MMUUS



## Fund Raiser Dinner for Lost Boys of Sudan!

Enjoy an authentic Southern Sudanese dinner, drummers and dancers and help raise money to build a health clinic in Aweil Province. The food is delicious, and not very spicy. We had this dinner menu last month, and everyone enjoyed it.

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009  
6:00 PM

Place: May Memorial Unitarian  
Universalist Society

### Menu:

Choice of Beef Stew  
Roasted Chicken Wings  
Peanuts and Greens Stew  
Includes side dishes  
Sudanese style rice  
Lima Bean stew  
Flat bread  
Beverages  
Tea  
Coffee  
Juice

Donation: \$25 per person  
Limited to 24 people

Call Judy Linder 420-4567  
or Harsey Leonard 446-6775

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## Awad Family Update/Request for Volunteers

A core group of people continue to help the Awad family settle into life in Syracuse, and sincere thanks go to everyone who has contributed in major or minor ways. They have been moved to a safer, healthier house (although the location is problematic). Medical and dental needs are being addressed. Accommodations to the realities of CNY winters are being made. Both our experiences and feedback from the Center for New Americans indicates that this resettlement has been unusually complex. We are again looking for additional people who might be able to help in some small, concrete way. Perhaps you have an hour or two to help tutor, or simply play Chutes and Ladders with the two youngest while Mom works on her English. Please contact Judy Antoine at [jeantoine48@gmail.com](mailto:jeantoine48@gmail.com) or Jennifer Newman at [mamaslash@twcnj.rr.com](mailto:mamaslash@twcnj.rr.com) to discuss the possibilities!

## Coffee Hour Notes



### Coffee Hour Thank You's

Thank you for the following groups who hosted Coffee Hour this fall:  
Board of Trustees - October  
Sister Circle - November  
Evenings Beyond Eve-December

Also, "Thank You" to all our hosts for the past couple of years who have cheerfully accommodated to going green by adding the duty of cup washing to their hosting duties. Please feel free to volunteer to host Coffee Hour as well as usher, greet, and decorate for Sunday Service. There are sign up sheets in the hallway outside pastor Jean's office. It's a wonderful way to become involved as well as meet newcomers and welcome them to May Memorial.

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### February Art Show

The Annual Art Show of May Memorial members will take place in February, 2009.

Please be thinking about what you would like to exhibit. We're looking forward to an interesting and varied show this year. Artists will need to bring their items to May Memorial Saturday January 31st from 10:00 to noon. Questions, call Joyce Droege @ 637 0525.



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### Ethical Eating and Menu For the Future

The UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2009-2012 is Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice. "Ethical eating is personal in nature (involving our free choices of what we put in our own bodies) and global in reach (with implications for ecosystems, human hunger, social inequity, animal welfare, and climate change." Then, one of our twelve Green Sanctuary actions for the next two years is "Eating for Our Own Health and the Health of the Planet". In pursuit of both of these the Green Sanctuary committee will be holding a Menu for the Future discussion course.

Menu for the Future was developed by the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) and it is recommended by UUA. NWEI programs encourage participants to explore their values, attitudes, and actions through discussion with other people. They're designed for groups of 8-12 people.

The goals for this course are:

- To explore food systems and their impacts on culture, society and ecological systems.
- To gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being.
- To consider your role in creating or supporting sustainable food systems.

A group of us completed a different NWEI course earlier this year and found it to be interesting and enlightening. And a good way to get to know other May people better.

We have scheduled Menu for the Future for the six Monday evenings from February 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Teen room. All are invited to stop by the Green Sanctuary table in the social hall after Sunday services to look at the discussion material.

Contact Geri Aird or John Allen (john.allen1@verizon.net) if you'd like to participate. The cost of the course materials is \$20. If you are interested in this course but the Monday evening time slot doesn't work for you, let us know that also.

~John Allen, Co-Chair  
Green Sanctuary Committee

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## Adult Education News

### All are welcome to Chautauqua Circle:

#### Monday, January 12, 7:30-9 Teen Room

May Memorial's Sue Savion will present a Chautauqua-style program on Joyce Carol Oates, author. Joyce Carol Oates has published more than 70 books in 25 years, while teaching at Princeton University and other institutions. She was born in Lockport, just north of Buffalo and very often writes about upstate New York. She came from an economically challenged but close-knit family. Her writing is sometimes described as dark, including a period of what is sometimes called Gothic fiction. But she has also written ambitious family chronicles and moving studies of the female experience.

You can share interviews of distinguished lecturers like Joyce Carol Oates with family and friends. Now, the Chautauqua Podcast Library brings the Chautauqua Movement online at [podcasts.ciweb.org](http://podcasts.ciweb.org).

#### Monday, January 26, 7:30-9 Teen Room

UUA introductory material to the new Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) on "Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice" offers the view that "...different Unitarian Universalists will define terms like 'ethical eating' in different ways...we encourage all people, in all places, to develop their individual vision and their personal understanding..." On January 26, participants in our group will have an opportunity to share personal experiences and learn a bit "about ethical eating from one another". Hopefully, we will develop a nugget of "collective wisdom" to offer feedback to UUA by their initial informational feedback date of March 1.

Following the discussion, members of the Green Sanctuary Committee will preview the relevant "Menu for the Future" discussion guide from Northwest Earth Institute. The discussions run Monday, February 2 through March 2, 7-9 pm in the Teen Room. More information will be available at the Sundays Green Sanctuary Table in the social hall.

### And more on that from Green Sanctuary:

Green Sanctuary's "Eating for our own health and the health of the planet" sub-committee is planning to offer the discussion course "Menu For The Future" on Mondays at 7:00 beginning the first Monday in February and running for seven weeks. This is one of the resources recommended by UUA in connection with the CSAI (Congregational Study/Action Issue) for the next four years.

### Spanophiles

Continue to meet the first and third Sundays at 12:15 in the Teen Room. Judy Antoine [jantoine@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jantoine@twcny.rr.com) is the contact person.

### T'ai Chi Chih

Continues to meet. Ann Pia (695-6421) is the contact person.

~ Jody Brown, Newsletter Liaison

## Upcoming Folkus Events



### January 2

Paul Geremia, \$15

One of the finest finger-style guitarists alive sings soulful, acoustic blues for the brain and body.

### January 16

Guy Davis and Kim & Reggie Harris, \$18

Singers, songwriters, storytellers, educators, historical interpreters and cultural advocates for African American heritage.

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## What In the World

**Tuesday, January 20.** "What in the World" open discussion group will meet at **10:00 am** in the Memorial room.

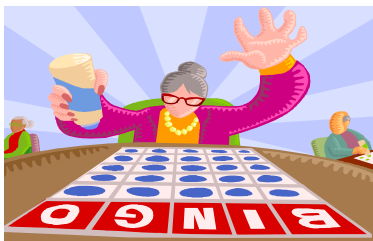
All are welcome to discuss the Winter UUWorld article, "Are you a Dignitarian? We can overcome rankism and build a world that honors the dignity of every person." Copies will be available in the literature rack near the pastor's study. The article is also available online at the Current Issue section of [uuworld.org](http://uuworld.org).



## Family Bingo

The annual Family Potluck and Bingo party will be in the church Social Hall on **Saturday, January 10th from 6-8pm**. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and a prize to donate (from each person playing). The cost is \$1 per person. Hope to see you there!

Questions? contact: Julie Daniel  
(622-3423 or [jdaniel4@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jdaniel4@twcny.rr.com))



## Bookenders Meeting

On **Thursday, Jan. 22 at 1:30** the Bookenders reading group will discuss of *The End of America: Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot* by Naomi Wolf. This meeting is in the teen room. Newcomers are welcome!



*View from the Study Window, continued...*

(nearly \$500) have been added to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. This small reserved account is funded entirely by special contributions and some honoraria I receive. The MDF makes possible some unbudgeted expenditures, such as occasional direct aid to May Memorial households.

In 2002-03, at the start of U.S. warfare in Afghanistan and Iraq, I and other church leaders (where I then served) were urged by some to take a strong, public stance against the war. In conversation with one another, we discovered something valuable about ourselves as a congregation: before we could take purposeful, constructive action, we needed to know one another's hearts and minds. We needed to know who had loved ones serving in the military or otherwise at risk. We needed to hear how these people felt, how they heard pacifist expressions, and how we could care for and minister to one another. In small groups and other opportunities for sharing, we created space for all voices to be heard – and we were the stronger for it.

In 2009, we at May Memorial are feeling the need to know one another in a similar way. Just as it was not easy then, in that strongly pacifist congregation, to voice ambivalences and divided loyalties, so it is not easy for many of us at May Memorial to speak about our personal financial situations. But the result of avoiding awkward conversations is not ease, but greater anxiety all 'round.

Here are some suggestions about how you can help us, as a religious society, counter the mounting economic anxiety...

- Don't isolate – keep up your attendance, your fellowship, and your faith.
- Sign up for a spiritual enrichment group, to reach beyond your current circle of connections here.
- Schedule a chance to speak to me about what is on your heart and mind.
- Find someone here, or a small group, with whom to share and to listen.
- Contact treasurer Joan Weiser if you find yourself needing to adjust your pledge downward – or able to adjust it up.
- Remember that the Minister's Discretionary Fund is available as a safety net.

Together, we are stronger; in sharing, we prosper.

~Blessings, Jean

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## Women's Stone Soup Supper

**W**omen of May Memorial have long observed the tradition of a winter communal meal of Stone Soup. At this meal we share the ancient story of the coming together of a community to create a delicious meal that no one individual could have accomplished. We enjoy each other's company and share our hopes for the New Year.

SisterCircle is again inviting all women of the congregation to join us on **Wednesday, January 14**, for our Stone Soup ritual. We will begin gathering at 6 p.m. in the social hall and kitchen, and the soup pot will be on for each of us to add ingredients. We will plan to eat about **7 p.m.** Bread, dessert, and beverages will be provided.

All women attending are asked to bring an ingredient for the vegetarian soup. Possibilities include foods such as carrots, celery, onion, squash, potatoes, cooked beans, canned diced tomatoes, and pasta. Fresh foods should already be cut into a size that cooks quickly, or they can be pre-cooked. We will make two pots of soup, one that is gluten free. While the soup is cooking, we'll be setting the tables and getting to know each other.

Please RSVP to Janet Hiemstra at [janethiemstra@gmail.com](mailto:janethiemstra@gmail.com) or 637-3527 by Sunday, January 11, if you plan to attend.

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## MMUS Valentine Cabaret

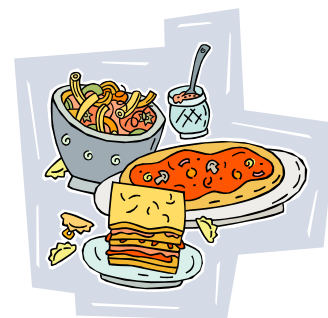
**M**ay Memorialites of all ages will showcase their talents in an evening of music and more on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009 in the church social hall. Plan to join us by participating in our cabaret-style show or plan to be part of the audience for a fun-filled evening. Come and indulge in the delicious food that the Hospitality Committee will be serving, and have a great night out! To offer a food item for the evening please contact Linda Wobus [Linda.wobus@gmail.com](mailto:Linda.wobus@gmail.com)

The show is designed to feature younger performers before an intermission featuring delicious food and continued entertainment by more mature performers after intermission. The topic of "LOVE" will, no doubt, feature prominently in the program, but acts of all types are welcome. If you would like to share your talents in music, dance, drama, or more, please contact Nancy Pease at [npease@twcny.rr.com](mailto:npease@twcny.rr.com) or at 656-7324. Performers of all ages are welcome!

The evening also features an art sale with the work of our many talented May Memorial artists available. If you have a work you would like to donate for the evening, or if you would be willing to donate a portion of the price of your offering, please contact Joan Applebaum [jawhs89@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jawhs89@twcny.rr.com) or Jane Rice [jerice@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jerice@twcny.rr.com)

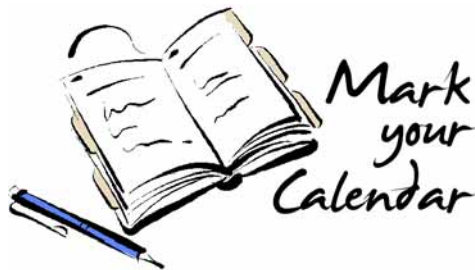
On **January 18th** after RE there will be a family friendly pizza, and salad lunch. We will gather in the gym. This is an informal, but fun, event that we do every so often to give families a way to get to know one another. Parents can chat and catch up. Kids can play and have fun. If you are new and want to meet folks or have been here for awhile and want to catch up it is just the thing. And by the time you get home you've already had lunch! Hope to see you there.

~Jennifer Hamlin-Navias



## Start Planning for Garnet Hill 2009

This year's Garnet Hill ski trip is on 2/27-3/1/09. This weekend is a wonderful way to enjoy your fellow May Memorial community (and guests) at a nationally recognized cross country ski resort in the heart of the Adirondacks at North Creek, NY. This will be the 24<sup>th</sup> year that a group from May Memorial will be venturing north to this wonderland. Please consider joining us for great skiing (cross country and downhill-Gore Mountain), delicious food, and invigorating fellowship. The rates range from \$255-275 per adult and \$75-\$175 per child (depending on age) for two nights, including breakfasts, one dinner, and ski passes. For more information contact Carroll Grant 445-2532 [cgrant6@twcnny.rr.ocm](mailto:cgrant6@twcnny.rr.ocm).



## Second Annual Unirondack weekend date set

**September 18-20, 2009** is May Memorial's Fall weekend rental at Unirondack. The price has gone up to \$15 per night per person, plus \$10 per person for food (+ drink and snack contributions) which basically means each person pays \$40+ for a fun weekend in the Adirondacks! Children three and under are free. By the way, Religious Education programming will begin at MM the following week.

More details to follow, *If you are thinking you will come, please send Stephanie Cross your names NOW, with a \$15 deposit per person, so that Stephanie can send a deposit to secure our weekend space.* She can be found at MM almost every Sunday or you can mail it to her at: 3844 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY 13104. Please make the check out to "Stephanie Cross". It would be helpful to email the names of who is planning to come so she can start a list: [msscros@alltel.net](mailto:msscros@alltel.net)

For more information on Unirondack, go to <http://unirondack.org>

## 2009 Book and CD Sale—Only 4 Months Away

**A**s you make room in your shelves for new books and media items you received during the Holidays, remember to save such items you are cleaning out for our **2009 Book and CD Sale**, a major fundraiser for MMUUS. The sale is scheduled for **April 30 - May 3**.

When you're cleaning out, please save the following:

- Books (hard cover and paperback for adults and children)
- CDs (music for adults and children and for children's educational programs)
- DVDs, Videos, and Books-on-Tape (adult and children)
- Computer games (adult and children)

When packing items, please put them in smaller boxes or sacks so we can easily handle them. We cannot accept your donations until mid-April 2009, so you hopefully have a corner to store them.

Because they don't sell, we DO NOT want textbooks, encyclopedias, computer books and/or software, or audiocassettes.

~Janet Hiemstra, Chair  
Book and CD Sale Committee

## Calendar cont...

### Thursday, January 15

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, January 16

8:00 pm	Folkus	Social Hall
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### Saturday, January 17

6 pm	Clam Chowder Fundraiser <b>CANCELED</b>	Social Hall
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### Sunday, January 18

10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15	Spanophiles	Teen Room
12-2 pm	Green Sanctuary	Sanctuary
12-2 pm	RE-Family Lunch	Gym

### Monday, January 19

7 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Teen Room
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### Tuesday, January 20

3 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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### Wednesday, January 21

6 pm	Men's Fellowship	Social Hall
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### Thursday, January 22

3 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Saturday, January 24

8:30 am	EG-Worship 101	Memorial
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### Sunday January 25

10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Teenz	Teen Room

### Monday, January 26

7 pm	Chautauqua Circle	Teen Room
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### Tuesday, January 27

3 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
6 pm	Drop in Discussion	Memorial
6 pm	Writer's Group	Teen Room

### Thursday, January 29

3 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

**\*Please remember to schedule meetings for the new year or notify the office of any committee or small group changes that may have occurred after the holidays. Thank you.**

## MMUSletter Mid-Month Update

Beginning in February, *MMUUSletter* will have a mid-month update. The update will contain announcements of upcoming events – including changes or additions submitted after the monthly newsletter was compiled. It will also include descriptions of the month's remaining Sunday worship topics and speakers. The mid-month update will *not* include the longer monthly columns. *View from the Study Window, Notes from R.E., President's Letter, Marvelous History Corner, GoingGreen, and the Quest for Social Justice* will continue to appear monthly, in the full, regular newsletter.

The **deadline for the regular monthly newsletter** will continue to be the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month** preceding.

The **deadline for the mid-month update** will be the **5<sup>th</sup> of the month**.

You can help the MMUUS Office and your committee by honoring these deadlines and re-submitting items which need to go in a subsequent edition. Thank you.

~Karen Love and Rev. Jean

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**The deadline for the next newsletter is 5 pm, the 15th.** To submit an article, please leave it in the newsletter box on the office door or email to [newsletter@mmuus.org](mailto:newsletter@mmuus.org).

**Note:** Articles may be edited for length and/or content. If the deadline is missed, please submit your article for reconsideration at the next deadline.

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## TIME VALUE

## Calendar

### Thursday, January 1

Office Closed for the Holiday

### Friday, January 2

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert	Sanctuary
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### Sunday, January 4

10:30 am Service		Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Noon	First Sunday Luncheon	Social Hall
12:15	Spanophiles	Teen Room
12:30 pm	Religious Education	Memorial

### Tuesday, January 6

10:00 am	Writer's Group	Teen room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside

### Wednesday, January 7

5:30 pm-9:30 pm	RE– Mentor Training	SH & Kitchen
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### Thursday, January 8

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, January 9

5 pm-7:30pm	Art Reception	Social Hall
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### Saturday, January 10

6-8 pm	Family Bingo	Social Hall
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### Sunday, January 11

8 am	Membership	Memorial
10:30 am Service		Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
1 pm	RE Parent's Meeting	Sanctuary

### Monday, January 12

7:30 pm	Chautauqua Circle	Teen Room
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### Tuesday, January 13

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
6:00 pm	New School	Social Hall

### Wednesday, January 14

7:00 pm	Stone Soup dinner	Social Hall
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