

MMUUS letter

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May
Memorial
Unitarian Universalist Society

Celebration of Life Services



March 15 "What We Do To The Web"

Rev. Kate Braestrup

We welcome back to our pulpit Rev. Kate Braestrup, one of the first chaplains ever appointed to the Maine Warden Service. Her bestselling memoir *Here If You Need Me* won the 2007 Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers award in nonfiction. Kate's sermon, "What We Do to the Web (we do to ourselves)", will be about appreciating the beauty and strength of nature.

March 22 Nada Te Turbe

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

However we are impacted by the economy's cascading problems, virtually all of us are responding to the climate of social stress. Over this, however, we have some real control.

4 pm—Glenn's 50th Birthday Recital

March 29 Forgiveness

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

Forgiveness is a form of grace, a blessing – given and received. It is a flower of healing and growth, which cannot be forced to open. It can come as the fruit of spiritual discipline, or completely unbidden; or be forever beyond our reach.

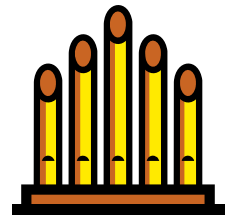
Organ Recital

to celebrate Glenn Kime's 50th Birthday
March 22 at 4:00 pm

You are invited to an organ recital to celebrate Glenn Kime's 50th birthday on Sunday, March 22nd at 4:00 pm in the May Memorial sanctuary.

Glenn will play works by Vivaldi, Sweelinck, Bach, Bolcom, and Vierne on our May Memorial Holtkamp organ.

A reception will follow in the Social Hall. Please join us to help Glenn celebrate!



Religious Education Notes

On **March 22** our Peace Pal class (1st and 2nd grade) will be having the first of their two fundraisers **during coffee hour**. They are raising money to erect a Peace Pole on MMUUS grounds. So far they have researched Peace Poles, talked with the chair of Buildings and Grounds and gotten approval and some nifty ideas from B&G, and gotten approval from the Board of Trustees.

Also on **March 22** the parents of the Coming of Age (COA) Group will be meeting in the Teen Room at 12:15. The topic of discussion is preparation for the group's trip to Boston the first week in May. At this point the group has raised \$354.00 toward their trip.

~Jennifer Hamlin-Navias

Family Game Night!

Come join us for Family Game Night on **Saturday, March 21st from 6pm-9pm** in the Social Hall.

Game night is informal — come as a family or on your own. Bring your favorite board game, if you wish, and a snack to share (it's not dinner - just some munchies).

I hope we see you there.

~Andrea Wandersee
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Teen Conference March 27-29 Volunteers Still Needed

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered to help the weekend of the Teen Conference. We are still accepting volunteers in all capacities and would love to hear from you. If interested please email Taylor Longo at Taylong@aol.com with your availability. Thanks again!

~The Teenz

What In the World

"What in the World" open discussion group will meet at **10 am Tuesday, March 17** 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.



2009 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Picture the Possibilities

As of March 8, about one quarter of you have returned your pledges. Please help by filling yours out today.

Stewardship Family Breakfast on April 5

All members and friends are invited to join in a special breakfast before the worship service April 5th at 9:00 am. The Stewardship Team is hosting the breakfast, free of charge, in honor of *your* time, energy and commitment.

This event highlights the end of the official stewardship campaign. There will be tables set up if you have not submitted your pledge for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. We look forward to seeing you there.



~ stewardship@mmuus.org

Child Dedication Ceremony Planned for April 12

Again this year on **Easter Sunday, April 12**, we will include in our morning worship a ceremony of Child Naming and Dedication. In this special event, we welcome children by name, and recognize their place in our congregation. Parents pledge to raise their children in accordance with the highest values they know, and the congregation accepts its role of guidance and support in this sacred endeavor.

In these ways, our child dedication is similar to a christening or baptism. But our UU ceremony is not – has never been – about cleansing or removing sin. Instead, we celebrate the miracle of new life, the gift of this life, the wonder of all life.

May Memorial families with any age children may participate – it is not for infants only. If you would like your family to be included in this ceremony, and for more information, please contact Rev. Jean or DRE Jennifer.

~minister@mmuus.org or
dre@mmuus.org

Book & CD Sale



April 30 – May 3

The Book and CD Sale is now only two months away. This MMUUS biennial fundraiser raised almost \$3,000 in 2007. In the April newsletter you'll get the details on how you can help with this fundraiser in three ways other than donating books and media items by volunteering, helping to publicize the sale, and shopping. This month, you can finish collecting items to donate to the sale. Please save the following:

- Fiction and nonfiction 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 (for adults and children)
- Computer games (for adults and children)

When packing items, please put them in smaller boxes or double-bagged paper grocery sacks so we can easily handle them (these are easier to handle than books in plastic sacks). You can **deliver your donated items April 19-29** to the church coatroom or alcove across from the restrooms.

We do *not* want textbooks, computer software, audiocassettes, encyclopedias, condensed books, and record albums because they don't sell.

~Janet Hiemstra

Calendar Cont...

Wednesday, March 25

7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds	Social Hall
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Thursday, March 26

1:30 pm	Bookender's	Teen Rm.
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:00 pm	Program Council	Memorial
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, March 27

5:00 pm	Overnight Teen Conference	All church
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Saturday, March 28

All Day & Overnight	Teen Conference	All Church
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Sunday, March 29

8:00 am	Teen Conference Closing	Social Hall
10:30 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Rm.

Monday, March 30

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Facilitators	Memorial
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Tuesday, March 31

3:30 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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Bookenders Reading Group

It's not too late to attend the Bookenders Reading Group which meets one Thursday a month from 1:30-3:00 in the Teen Room.

Here's our schedule:

March 26 *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

April 23 *Tree of Smoke* by Denis Johnson

May 28 *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

~Vicky Schipper



Women's Salad Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Women's Salad Luncheon which is scheduled for **11:30 on Saturday, May 23**. Speaker will be Roshi Sherry Chayat from the Zen Center of Syracuse.



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

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The deadline for the April 1st newsletter is March 15th at 5 pm. To submit an article, please leave it in the newsletter box on the office door or email to newsletter@mmuus.org.

Note: Articles may be edited for length and/or content.

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Sunday, March 15

Deadline for April 1st Newsletter

10:30 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
	Guest Speaker-Kate Braestrup	
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Noon	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Monday, March 16

7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds Committee	Memorial
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Tuesday, March 17

10:00 am	What in the World Discussion	Memorial
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Social Hall

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Pot Luck	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Meeting	Social Hall

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

7:00 pm	Bach Bash	Sanctuary
8:00 pm	*Folkus—at the Palace Theatre	James Street

Saturday, March 21

6:00 pm	Family Fun Night	Social Hall
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Sunday, March 22

10:30 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Coffee Hour	Peace Pole Fundraiser Bake Sale	Social Hall
12:15	COA Parent's Meeting	COA Room
4:00 pm	Glenn Kime Organ Recital	Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 pm	Writer's Group	Teen Room
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