

## View from the Study Window...

Cold stone rock. Bare trees the color of gray squirrels. Last fall's leaves and the grit of melted snow banks. Can't yet put away the scarf and gloves and hot breakfast cereal.

Bright color – a discarded candy wrapper? Not this time. Fingertips of green. Purple, gold crocus. There, by the sign, a whole bunch of them.

In the woods, along a stream, broad arrowheads of skunk cabbage. Birdsong. Sunday morning faces we haven't seen since Christmas. From the study window, Creek side – mallards on Meadowbrook.

Welcome back; welcome spring.

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April will be a month of many, varied Worship experiences at May Memorial. We begin with Sam May Sunday, honoring the human rights and justice legacy of Rev. Samuel J. May. The Worship and Social Justice committees and I cooperate in planning this annual event.

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



### April 5 Sam May Sunday

**"I am only well if you are well."**

*Dr. M'cere G'ithae M'ugo*

Dr. Mugo will share a religious and general philosophy of life from many ancient African societies that should inform social justice work. In a sense the work we do in social justice is not only an affirmation of our very being but a recognition of the humanity of our fellow human beings.

*Come early for the 9 am Stewardship Family Breakfast.*

### Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Holy Week Service of Communion

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom, Jennifer Hamlin-Navias, and Brother Shawn Benedict*

This will be an ecumenical, liberal Christian worship with the Ray of Hope congregation. It will include communion for all who wish to participate. The service we have planned will be alive with music and the spirit of inclusivity.

### April 12 – Easter Sunday The Circle of Life

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

Life is a Circle, but also a Spiral and a Trajectory. We will celebrate the ways in which life follows life. This intergenerational service will include a Child Dedication ceremony.

### April 19 – Earth Sunday Ethical Eating

Green Sanctuary Committee members Sue Savion and Janet Allen, "Menu for the Future" participant Peggy Droz, and GSC co-chair John Allen will share stories on the theme of "Eating for Our Own Health and the Health of the Earth".

### April 26

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom and Jennifer Hamlin-Navias*

Think back to your childhood and think of the people who had a great impact on you. Teachers are often that person. Come hear how Religious Education is part of our larger ministry, and ponder how you might fit into that ministry.



## Wheel of Life

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you to you all for your attentions at the time of my fall and my subsequent (and seemingly endless) time of recovery. I cannot say it often enough:

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you."

~Nan Gartner

Our sympathies go out to **Alexa Carter** and her family on the loss of Alexa's mother.

**Pamela Droz** also lost her father recently, we continue to keep her in our thoughts.

Please keep **Patricia Rowley** in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her struggle with brain cancer.

Wishes for quick healing go out to **Joan Weiser** as she rests from a back injury.

Many thanks to the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** and their volunteers on the April 14 work day. We hope many more folks will take the opportunity to help with tasks small or large in the future. Contact [bg@mmuus.org](mailto:bg@mmuus.org) if you want to know more about ways you can help!



## Thoughts on Stewardship

**S**tewardship is about taking care of something we value and enabling it to grow. Making a pledge to May Memorial signals our shared commitment to the work of our congregation. It is given and received in grateful appreciation of our shared hopes and values.

This church is ours. As members we make all of the important decisions including approving the budget. It isn't possible to develop a budget unless we have an estimate of anticipated revenue. Our pledges determine the revenue and therefore are essential to budgeting. In addition, our pledge is a way of expressing our commitment to the mission of our society.

Thanks to all who have pledged, and to those who increased their pledges from last year. Thank you for recognizing that this church is more than just a minister, more than just a building, more than just a congregation. It is a nurturing community, a place where we can share our search for meaning, spirituality, social justice, and fellowship.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, please don't think it isn't necessary. Your pledge, no matter how large or small, helps to build and support a society that touches and changes peoples' lives. The shape and scope of our programs, staff, and shared ministry for next year will be determined by the success of this year's stewardship campaign, and our commitment to share with each other.

Thank you for transforming lives, transforming our community with your giving! During these days of uncertainty let us express our gratitude to May Memorial by continuing to give of our time, talents, and treasure.

~In Faith,  
Joyce Leonard, President

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## 2009 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

# Picture the Possibilities

All members and friends are invited to join in a special **Stewardship Family Breakfast before the worship service April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 to assist you, if you have not submitted your pledge for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. We look forward to seeing you *all* here.

~stewardship@mmuus.org



## Marvelous History Corner

### Oral History Project

One of the projects of the MMUUS History Committee, under the leadership of church archivist Roger Hiemstra, involves interviewing and recording long-time members and friends of May Memorial. This project was undertaken with the following purposes in mind: "to preserve oral histories and personal memories of the church; to obtain personal insights and perspectives on what has taken place in the life of the church; and to help in obtaining an overall picture of various church-related events, experiences and activities."

As a first step, Roger purchased a small digital audio recorder with history committee funds, and we generated an extensive list of people to be interviewed, starting with more senior members of the congregation. The history committee also developed a set of questions covering several areas, such as early experiences with church/religious education, involvement with the Unitarian Universalist religion in general, and with May Memorial in particular, memorable events in the life of the church, and hopes for the future of MMUUS. Each interview is structured around these areas and questions. This will make it easier to excerpt information on certain topics from the interviews and, if desired, to put short audio clips on our website. (The use of digital technology makes this process more manageable and also allows us to save each interview on more than one computer hard drive and compact disk.)

One of the interview questions concerns what brought the individual to the Unitarian/Universalist church, and specifically to May Memorial. It is interesting to note that some of the reasons given by people who came to MMUUS 40 years ago are remarkably similar to those we hear today. For example, interviewees have talked about the desire to find a religious home where they could explore their own spirituality and discover their own religious path, as well as the desire to find a strong religious education program for their children.

Thus far we have recorded about a dozen interviews. This is a good start, but given the number of members and friends to be recorded, it is important to get more people involved. We hope that this column will raise awareness of the oral history project and interest some of you in participating. No special skills are required; all that is needed is an interest in listening to the stories and memories of some of our long-time members, a willingness to try something new, and a little free time. If you would like to learn more, please send an email to [mledward@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mledward@twcny.rr.com). The history committee would welcome your participation in this interesting and gratifying oral history project.

~Mary Louise Edwards, Guest Contributor  
History Committee Member

### Membership News



**UU 101**

Do You Have Questions about Unitarian Universalism?

**UU 101** is a one-hour class offered throughout the year by the Membership Committee. It is designed to give newcomers and prospective new members a brief overview of Unitarian Universalism, to provide information about May Memorial, and to answer questions. Pre-registration is not required and childcare is available. **The next class will be on Sunday, April 5, from noon to 1 p.m.** in the Memorial Room. Stop by the Welcoming Table for further information or e-mail: [membership@mmuus.org](mailto:membership@mmuus.org).



### Are You Interested in Joining May Memorial?

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of May Memorial, there will be a **joining ceremony** during the regular service on **May 17**.

Prior to the ceremony, Rev. Jean and the Membership Committee will offer a **two-part class (UU 102) from noon to 1 p.m.** in the Memorial Room on **Sunday April 26 and May 3**. Childcare will be available. If you would like more information you can contact Lee Ann McKinney at 652-6128 or [glank41@aol.com](mailto:glank41@aol.com)

## Adult Education News

The open discussion group **Chautauqua Circle** will meet **Monday, April 20**, 7:15-8:45 pm in the Teen Room.

This excerpt from *The Chautauquan* on "Cuba: Enigma and Neighbor" helps to introduce Chautauqua Institution's August 2009 Week Eight theme:  
"Our hope is to bring Chautauquans a glimpse of Cuban life that has been invisible—and unavailable—to us during the time of the embargo", said Director of Religion Joan Brown Campbell.

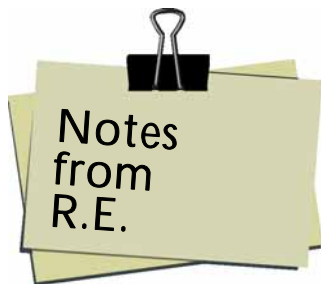
May Memorial's Doug Igelsrud will lead our local discussion, hopefully followed by samplings of recipes from New York playwright and professor Eduardo Machado's *Tastes Like Cuba: An Exile's Hunger for Home*.

More information is available at [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), respectively.

### Twisted Sisters

We will meet on **Saturday April 18** in the Social Hall from 7-9 pm. All women of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend. If you need childcare, please contact Andrea Wandersee by April 15 at [awandersee@earthlink.net](mailto:awandersee@earthlink.net).

~Jody Brown



**B**y the time you read this newsletter article our Teenz group will have hosted their biennial con. They worked hard in planning and carrying out this event. What an amazing group of teens we have!

On **April 26<sup>th</sup>** the RE committee and I will start our guide recruitment for next year. I will be preaching on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The RE committee will be hosting a signup table in the Social Hall. Ours is cooperative program, meaning that we ask all parents (this includes parents of Senior High Students) to give time to guiding or teaching in our program. And it is not limited to parents, either.

Please think about where you would like to guide. My goal for this year is to have all the slots filled for next year by the beginning of June. This is a lofty goal. I have had it each year and each year I do not make this goal. But that does not make it a bad goal by any means. If we could get the slots filled by the beginning of June, then I can spend more time planning and implementing the actual curriculum, and other activities of RE. I could focus more on supporting parents, improving chapel, making personal connections with the children.

Many people give a lot of their time to RE. For that I am so grateful, our children are so grateful. We have an exuberant group of committed volunteers and children and this makes for a growing healthy RE community.

Also this is the time of year that the RE committee and I are beginning to make plans for next year. If you have feedback about this program year, both positive and negative, I would welcome it!

~Jennifer Hamlin-Navias, DRE

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~stewardship@mmuus.org





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## At Long Last, Spring

I thought winter started really early last November and didn't provide those nice "January thaws" that we have gotten used to in recent years – when it is 50 degrees (or more) in late January. But now the ice on our pond is melting and we even saw one frigid frog sliding across the remaining ice. So here are two thoughts about greeting this year's spring.

(1) One of our Green Sanctuary actions is to reconnect with the natural world. Here is one way to be part of that:

Seniors are invited to enjoy spring wildflowers from a seat on Beaver Lake Nature Center's electric NOW\*-mobile. Chief naturalist Heidi Kortright will be the driver/tour guide to help us understand what we're seeing. We'll pick a beautiful weekday in late April or early May, and begin at 1:30. Carpooling TBD. Cost is \$2.50 for tour, plus 50 cents toward exit fee of \$2.00, if carpooling. Reserve your seat now. Contact Alice Aylesworth, 479-7103, or [alicea@bluefrog.com](mailto:alicea@bluefrog.com). (\*Nature On Wheels)

(2) *The New York Times* reports: "In her first weeks in the White House, [Michelle] Obama has emerged as a champion of healthy food and healthy living. She has praised community vegetable gardens ... ." On another occasion she "was praising the menu ... at ... a nonprofit drop-in center serving this city's homeless. And she seized the moment to urge Americans to provide fresh, unprocessed and locally grown foods to their families and to the neediest in their communities."

This encourages us in another part of our action plan in which we help the ladies who operate the W Newell Community Garden make that garden more productive and provide more good, fresh produce for the neighbors of the garden. I would like May Memorial to provide about 50 hours of total volunteer hours during this growing season (late April though August). Contact [john.allen1@verizon.net](mailto:john.allen1@verizon.net) (or find me after one of our services).

~John Allen  
Chair, Green Sanctuary Committee

## Coffee Hour Notes



Thank you to the Men's Fellowship for volunteering during the month of March at Coffee Hour. Each month was covered by at least two coordinators and lots of other gentlemanly volunteers. Thank you!

## More Notes from the Kitchen

Thank you to Linda Wobus, Adele Toney, Deborah Wilson-Allam, Sarah Allam, Diane Chappell-Daly, Kevin Daly, Mary and Bob Burdick and Don MacKay for yeoman's work in the kitchen and pantry on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We cleaned, counted, reorganized pitched out and labeled.

The china plates and bowls have been reorganized. Please use them instead of paper or plastic whenever possible. We would appreciate your efforts in returning the clean and dry dishware to the rolling dish carts or the cabinet under the microwave as labeled. Mugs are stored on the mug rack in the alcove and in the labeled cabinet above and to the left of the kitchen sink.





## Strike for Peace

Congratulations to the May Memorial "Strike for Peace" bowling teams for a great time bowling at the Syracuse Peace Council's annual fund raising event March first. About 160 people participated in 36 teams. Our two teams knocked over almost 1700 pins in two games even when the automatic pinsetters didn't always cooperate.

The Syracuse Peace Council raised about \$2500.

The "May Memorial Movers" team consisted of: Amanda Acquard, Bob Coye, Mike Dillon and Erwin Reiner, and had a combined total score of 857. The "May Memorial Shakers" team consisted of: Doug Igelsrud, Donna Muhs-McCarten, Phil McCarten and Steve Ransford, and had a combined total score of 843.

We had a great time and hope some of you will join us for next year's "Strike for Peace."

~Doug Igelsrud

## Interreligious Food Consortium Empty Bowls Fundraiser



The Empty Bowls Show and Sale will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 at May Memorial UU Society, 3800 East Genesee Street in DeWitt. The event runs from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. One thousand bowls of original design will be on display and available to the public.

A reception and special preview will be held the evening before, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Folk Art Center at 805 East Genesee Street. The public will be able to view the bowls and bid on silent auction items prior to the Empty Bowls event the following day.

Participants can acquire a ceramic bowl for a \$10 donation and fill it with a delicious helping of soup and bread provided by Syracuse restaurants.



## UU Travel Opportunities

### UU Niagara Experience

Join UUs from around the country in Niagara Falls, July 19-22, 2009. Come experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while being taken care of like royalty. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural beauty around the Falls. For information visit our web site : <http://www.uunex.net/>

### Star Island

Spend a week or a weekend with a blend of Recreation .. Creativity... Education .. Contemplation on a special historic island retreat "ten miles out" off the beautiful coast of New Hampshire. visit [starisland.org](http://starisland.org)



### WhaleCoast Alaska 2009

The WhaleCoast Alaska registration deadline has been extended to April 15. Five Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer in our 13<sup>th</sup> year! Our program features UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Seward, Juneau, and Sitka. We experience Native Alaskan culture and see lots of wildlife, including bears and whales. Dave Frey, a 28-year Alaska resident, leads the programs. For more information, visit [www.whalecoastak.org](http://www.whalecoastak.org), email [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org), or call 907-322-4966. Alaska UUs would love to share our awe-inspiring state with you!

Many Summer camping brochures and family summer invites are coming into the office. Look to the bulletin boards on your way to coffee hour for exciting opportunities.



The  
**Quest for  
Social Justice**

**I** am leaving this legacy to all of you ... to bring peace, justice, equality, love and a fulfillment of what our lives should be. Without vision, the people will perish, and without courage and inspiration, dreams will die-- the dreams of freedom and peace.

~Rosa Parks

### **Reverend Max Coots (1927 – 2009)**

It is with a deep sense of loss that I inform you of the death of Reverend Max Coots who passed away at his home in Canton, NY on March 3, 2009. During his long career in ministry Reverend Coots served as the Parish Minister at the First Universalist Church of Cortland, NY (1953-1958). Rev. Coots became minister of the Canton Universalist Church, Canton, NY where he served for thirty-four years until his retirement in 1961. Rev. Coots was awarded the Human Services Award by the State University of Potsdam for his tireless work in social justice. Max was an inveterate punster, a poetic preacher, wise counselor and always a strong advocate for those less fortunate among us. Max's legacy will live on through his published works: *Seasons of the Self* 1961, *View from a Tree* 1989 and *Leaning Against the Wind: A selection of sermons* 1992.

### **A.C.T.S.**

Rev. Kevin Agee, president of A.C.T.S. (Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse) and Pastor of Hopps Memorial CME Church was our guest at the last meeting of the Social Justice Committee on Tuesday March 3rd. A.C.T.S. is a congregation-centered social justice organization with national ties to the Gamaliel Foundation. Members of the social justice committee together with Rev. Jean and several members from the congregation were present to hear Rev. Agee explain the mission and organization of A.C.T.S. Following Rev. Agee's remarks the group engaged in a very informative question and answer session. The committee has agreed that a task group should be asked to investigate our involvement. At next month's meeting, time will be allocated for further discussion of A.C.T.S..

### **District Assembly: April 24-25, 2009 Albany, NY**

The St. Lawrence District Assembly's annual meeting will be hosted this year by the First UU Society of Albany. The Rev. Tom Owen-Towle, this year's key note speaker, is the author of several books, most recently of *Wrestling with God: A Unitarian Universalist Guide for Skeptics and Believers*. Reverend Owen-Towle is co-minister emeritus of the First Unitarian Universalist Church in San Diego.

Over a dozen workshops are being offered including one by Reverend Aaron Payson, the UUA's lead trauma response coordinator. Reverend Payson was the first responder from the UUA in Knoxville last July. Reverend Payson's workshop is titled *When Emergencies Happen: A Guide to Congregational Preparedness*. A few brochures are available in the church's foyer or sign up on line at the SLUUD web site. If you have never attended a District Assembly this is a perfect opportunity.

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The MMUUS Board of Trustees is seeking member delegates to represent our Society at the District's annual meeting.

**Social Justice Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm** in the teen room. A reminder that our meetings are always open to any members or friends who have an interest in social justice.

### **Sam May Day**

On April 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Sunday service the featured speaker will be **Micere Githae Mũgo**. Dr. Mũgo is a poet, playwright, literary critic and full professor in the Department of African American Studies at Syracuse University and a Kenyan by birth.

Dr. Mũgo has been in the teaching profession since 1967 and has served in such distinguished positions as: high school headmistress, university department/unit head, first woman faculty dean at the University of Nairobi in 1980, East African Examinations Council's first Chief Examiner of English and Literature, etc. Prof. Mũgo joined the Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University, in 1993 and has served as Director of Graduate Studies, Chair of the SU wide Africa Initiative and until recently, as Chair of the Department. In the late 1990s she served as the Director of SU DIPA's Summer Traveling Seminar to Southern Africa while across SU she has served on: the University Senate, its sub-committees, the Chancellor's Citation Awards Committee, the Faculty Council, the Honors Program's Board, the DIPA Program Committee, the Humanities Council and a host of others.

~Harsey Leonard, Chairman  
MMUUS Social Justice Committee



## Folkus Update

**Dana & Susan Robinson**

**Friday, April 3**

**May Memorial**

*Dust-on-the-boots vignettes of rural America.*

**Off the Wall**, with Leah Houghtaling and Amelia Sauter

(formerly of Black Eyed Suzies)

**Saturday, April 11**

**Westcott Community Center**

*Blending folk, bluegrass, and traditional country; with Nine Strings Sweet*

**Mustard's Retreat**

**Friday, April 17**

**May Memorial**

*Music that speaks to hearts and lives*

**Maura Kennedy** and more

**Thursday, April 23**

**Jazz Central**

Words and Music Showcase

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## Christian Brother's Academy's Student Art Exhibit

Opening Reception

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

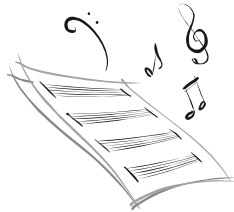
In the Social Hall, at May Memorial.

April's exhibit will feature more than 20 student works from CBA grades 7 through 12

Mixed media, paintings and sculptures

Presented by CBA Art teachers

Bobbi Petrocci and Caryl McGinty



## Music Notes

**S**unday Serenades are coming our way. These informal 45-minute concerts are free and open to the public.

Our own Linda Wollowitz, assisted by Nancy Pease, will present a Serenade on **Sunday, April 26** at 12:15 in our church Sanctuary. Linda will sing a cycle of songs, *Les Nuits d'Ete*, by Hector Berlioz.

On **Sunday, May 10**, the Syracuse Flute Choir will play a Sunday Serenade at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. This fine ensemble is made up of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass flutes and plays a wide variety of music.

The Music and Arts Committee hopes that you will plan to join us for both of these concerts.

~Amanda Eubanks Winkler and Nancy Pease  
Co-Chair, Music and Arts Committee

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## 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



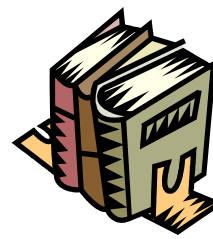
## Let's Welcome the Awad Twins!

Please join us in celebrating the arrival of the Awad family's twin boys, due in April. Our congregation has agreed to extend our support of this family. We will have a "shower" in the Social Hall **after the service on April 5.** Please bring gently used or new items and share some cake. If you cannot attend, but would like to bring a gift, you can leave it clearly marked in the office and Vicky Schipper will collect items from there. You may wish to consider a larger item from your group or committee. The list of needed items is below and will be available at May Memorial. Please be sure to contact Lee Ann McKinney to register your gift preference so we do not have duplicates (652-6128 or glank41@aol.com). Curtain Climbers at 1201 W. Genesee St. was suggested as a place that has good used items.

Breast pump (can be rented)	Crib (can start with one, get another later)
Bottles and nipples	Crib sheets
Burp cloths (or clean cotton diapers)	Crib mattress cover
	Crib bumper
Long sleeved onesies	Baby bathtub
Sleepers (with feet) and/or gowns	Towels
Receiving blankets	Washcloths
Regular baby blankets	Baby soap
Baby hats	
Socks	
Preemie diapers	Infant carrier(s) i.e. Baby Bjorn or a sling
Wipes	Infant monitor
Diaper cream	Changing table(s)
Nasal aspirator	Changing table pad(s) and covers
Rectal thermometer	
Infant Tylenol	CD player
	Lullaby CDs

Other stuff that is really nice to have around:  
Extra regular pillows  
Glider/rocker  
Nightlights

~The Social Justice Refugee Resettlement Team



## Bookenders Reading Group

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

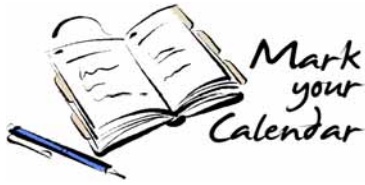
**April 23** *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

~Vicky Schipper

## What in the World Discussion Group

"Natural Faith, How Darwinian evolution has transformed liberal religion" will be the article for discussion at the What in the (UU) World meeting at **10 am on April 21** in the Memorial Room. The "World" group has been interested in and talking about evolution for some time, and the discussion should be a spirited one. Everyone is welcome. Copies of the article are available in the foyer rack across from the pastor's office.





## Save the Date For Mayfest

**Saturday, May 16** come one and all to May Memorial for fun and entertainment at Mayfest. There will also be a bake sale, auction and rummage sale, all as part of the fundraising efforts we are focusing on this year. With games and food added it will be a great family event and a wonderful way to support the Society. Please consider inviting a friend or two!

~The Fundraising Committee

## 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

## The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Men

**June 5,6,7 2009  
Camp Unirondack, Lowville, NY**

Each year there are men who have been returning for this weekend for years. Each year there are men who come for the first time...in the beautiful Adirondacks.

Canoe, hike, or just snooze by the boathouse. Bring your harmonica, guitar, whatever. Optional workshops, discussions, socialize or not.

See Remo Bianco in the Social Hall after service or contact him at 635-2508, [remobianco@netzero.net](mailto:remobianco@netzero.net).  
Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gatheringofmen>.

## Book & CD Sale



**April 30 – May 3**

**T**he 2009 Book and CD Sale is almost here. You can support this major fundraiser for MMUUS by doing as many of the following as possible:

1. **DONATE** books (fiction and nonfiction; hardcover and paperback), CDs, DVDs, books-on-tape, and computer games. They can be delivered to May from **Sunday, April 19 to Wednesday, April 29**. Please bring them in smaller boxes or doubled-bagged paper grocery sacks so we can easily handle them (these are easier to handle than books in plastic sacks). Put them in the coatroom or in the alcove across from the restrooms. Donation slips for tax purposes will be on the shelf outside the office.
2. **VOLUNTEER**. Stop by the table in the Social Hall on **Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26** to sign up or contact Janet Hiemstra at 637-3527 or [janethiemstra@gmail.com](mailto:janethiemstra@gmail.com)

We need as many people as possible to help **Wednesday evening, April 29, 6:30-9 p.m.**, to carry all the items into the Social Hall and sort them by category and begin the "fine sorting." Please come and work for just an hour or longer, whatever time you can donate. **Thursday morning, April 30, 9 a.m.-noon**, we need people to finish "fine sorting" the books and get them neatly organized on the tables. If you volunteer on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, you pay only \$1 preview price (instead of \$5) and can buy *choice* items you find while sorting *before the sale opens to the public!* Of course, we also need volunteers throughout the actual sale **Thursday night through Sunday** and for clean up after the sale ends on **Sunday afternoon**.

3. **PUBLICIZE** the sale among your friends. In addition, pick up **posters** from the foyer shelf and post them at your place of work or in your neighborhood libraries and stores.
4. **SHOP** at the sale for your summer reading and listening pleasure. Hours are as follows:

Thursday, April 30	6 – 8 p.m.	Preview Sale (\$5 admission)
Friday, May 1	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	
Saturday, May 2	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	
Sunday, May 3	Noon – 3 p.m.	Bag Sale (\$5/paper grocery bag)

~Janet Hiemstra

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### Thursday, April 16

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

### Friday, April 17

8:00 pm	Folkus	Social Hall
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### Saturday, April 18

1:00 pm	Empty Bowls	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Interreligious Food Consortium Twisted Sisters	Social Hall

### Sunday, April 19

10:30 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Coffee Hour	Peace Pole Bake Sale Fundraiser	Social Hall
Noon	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
12:15	Spanophiles	Teen Room

### Monday, April 20

7:00 pm	Chautauqua Circle	Teen Room
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### Tuesday, April 21

10:00 am	What in the World Discussion	Memorial
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Teen Room

### Thursday, April 23

1:30 pm	Bookenders	Teen Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:00 pm	New Orleans Trip Meeting	Teen Room
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Sunday, April 26

10:30 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Noon	UU 102	Memorial Room
12:15	Sunday Serenade	Sanctuary

### Tuesday, April 28

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
6:30 pm	Writer's Group	Teen Room

### Wednesday, April 29

6:30-9:00 pm	Book Sale Set-up	Social Hall
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### Thursday, April 30

9:00 am-noon	Book Sale Set-up	Social Hall
6:00-8:00 pm	Book and CD Sale	Social Hall

### Friday, May 1

10:00 am-5:00 pm	Book and CD Sale	Social Hall
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### Saturday, May 2

10:00 am-4:00 pm	Book and CD Sale	Social Hall
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Midweek, on the Tuesday before Easter Sunday, you are invited to a Holy Week Communion service in our sanctuary. This will be an ecumenical, liberal Christian worship for us, the Ray of Hope congregation, and others you may wish to invite.

Ray of Hope is a small congregation which meets at May Memorial on Sunday evenings—an arrangement dating back many years now. The service we have planned will be alive with music and the spirit of inclusivity. We are happy to be joining with Brother Shawn Benedict for this celebration of our Christian spiritual source.

Two Sundays in April will celebrate the ways in which we reach across generations as one Community of Faith. On April 12, we will include a Child Dedication ceremony in our Easter morning Celebration of Life. (There is more information about our Child Naming and Dedication inside this newsletter.) Jennifer Hamlin-Navias and I will team up to lead both this and the April 26 service – which will introduce the Religious Education program for the coming year.

The Green Sanctuary Committee has an Earth Day celebration planned for Sunday, April 19. The passionate, hard-working GSC has already achieved much on behalf of May Memorial, and is eager to share the journey with the larger congregation.

Meanwhile, throughout April, Glenn Kime and the MMUUS Choir will be rehearsing for the Spring Music Sunday in early May. The radiance of spring is, indeed, just around the corner!

~ Blessings, Jean

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### Thursday, April 2

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

### Friday, April 3

8:00 pm	Folkus	Social Hall
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### Saturday, April 4

4:00 pm	Art Reception-CBA Students	Social Hall
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### Sunday, April 5

9:00 am	Stewardship Breakfast	Social Hall
10:30 am	Sam May Sunday	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
Noon	UU 101	Memorial Room
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room
12:30 pm	RE Committee	COA Room

### Tuesday, April 7

10:00 am	Writer's Group	Teen Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
5:30 pm	Membership	Teen Room
7:00 pm	Communion Service	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Social Justice Committee	Teen Room

### Thursday, April 9

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

### Sunday, April 12

10:30 am	Easter Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15 pm	Worship Committee	Teen Room

### Monday, April 13

7:00 pm	Buildings & Grounds Committee	Memorial
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### Tuesday, April 14

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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### Wednesday, April 15

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