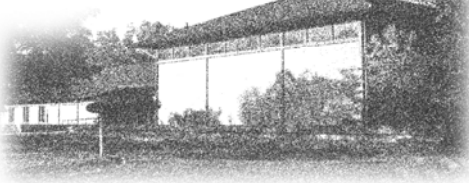


MMUUS letter

May 15, 2009

May
Memorial
Unitarian Universalist Society

Celebration of Life Services



May 17

Living Our Principles

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

This year's General Assembly will vote on a proposed revision of our UU "Principles and Purposes." Hopefully, the new text will better reflect the heart of Unitarian Universalism today, while keeping the standard we have come to call "living our principles."

This service will include the recognition of new members to our Society.

May 24

Visiting You Still

Rev. Jean Wahlstrom

What makes a memorial or gravesite "hallowed ground"? What reconnects us with our most vital memories.

May 31

MMUUS Coming of Age Program

This morning we will recognize the graduates of our Coming of Age program.

Open Budget Meeting

There will be an open budget meeting at **12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17th in the Sanctuary.** The Coming of Age group will be selling tacos in the Social Hall after the morning worship service. Please plan on having lunch and attending this **IMPORTANT** meeting.

~ Joyce Leonard
Society President

Annual Meeting of the

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society

Sunday, June 7, 2008, 7:00 pm

- Adoption of Operating and Capital Fund Budgets for 2009-10
- Election of Officers, Trustees, and Nominating Committee
- Acceptance of Annual Reports
- Presentation of Awards

Plus other business which may appropriately come before the membership.
Come at 6:30 for a potluck dessert social.



Wheel of Life

"I am very grateful to our wonderful CareRing, specifically to Carol Bickart, Jill Evans and Sunny Buck for driving Saul to physical therapy when I was sick with the flu. Many, many thanks!"

~ Gerry Berkman

Dick and Ann Pearson proudly announce the arrival of twin granddaughters Annali and Meibel on March 11, 2009. The proud parents, Lynn Pearson and Philip Xie both work for Bowling Green University in Ohio. Ann has just returned from a wonderful visit that included lots of quality rocking!

Continued thoughts of healing go out to **Mary Zimmer** as she gets stronger after chemotherapy.

Our thoughts are with the **Snyder family** as they cope with aftermath of the recent accident in which Bill, Avery and Owen were involved. We are thankful they came through the crash safely.

Healing thoughts to **Debbie Pillsbury** following recent knee surgery, and to **Mary Louise Edwards**, facing upcoming hip surgery.

Congratulations to **Joe Cleveland**, who has been accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Andover Newton Theological School.

A Mission for May Memorial

The Mission Vision team has completed a long year of hard work. The group began its task at the August meeting of the Board of Trustees and put the finishing touches on our, motto, mission statement, and vision statement in April. During the year members of the team collected thoughts from standing committees and small groups. A special service on January 11 brought more input and ideas from the congregation. In March Tom Chulak met with members to continue refining our message. We believe we have captured the essence of our community.

Please review our final product. We will be voting on these statements at the annual meeting, so if there is something you feel is not true to May Memorial or something that is missing, please contact a member of the team and share your concerns.

May Memorial Motto

A phrase chosen to show the goals of an organization

Let No One Be A Stranger

Vision

Our plan for the future

MMUUS strives to build an inclusive religious community that seeks social justice, protection of the environment, celebration of the arts, and personal growth.

Mission

How we want to be known in the community

We are committed to being an inclusive, respectful, caring community of faith that reaches out in welcome while coming together for mutual inspiration, empowerment and life long learning. We willingly join our fate to that of our world.

Committee:

Kevin Daniel-King
Julie Darmody Latham
Ana Knoblock
Carrollyn Case
Randy Case
Jennifer Newman
Alexa Carter

UU Upcoming Opportunities

June 5-7, 2009

18th Annual Gathering of Men
Camp Unirondack - Lowville, NY

June 20-21

Pilgrimage Weekend
Unitarian Church of Barneveld
Barneveld, NY

June 24-28

General Assembly
Salt Palace Convention Center
Salt Lake City, Utah

July 26 - August

UU Leadership Team Institute (UULTI)
Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA

Additional information, contacts and registration forms may be found on the table and bulletin board outside the Social Hall.

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 2010

The members of the committee would like to thank all of you who told us directly of your willingness to serve, or who gave us your ears, your time, and many suggestions of possible candidates for this year's slate. There are many ways to serve this congregation: These included serving on an elected body like the Board, and Nominating committees and/or serving on one of the many large and small, standing and ad hoc committees that keep us functioning.

As per our constitutional requirement to announce a slate one month before the annual meeting (June 6th this year), the Nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate of officers. Of course, nominations from the floor are welcome at that time. Please be certain that anyone who is nominated at that time has agreed to serve. Thank you.

The slate is:

Officers and Board of Trustees

President: Alexa Carter
Vice President: Rob Neimeier
Secretary: Annegret Schubert

Trustees

3-year term: Erwin Reiner
1-year term: Randy Case
(to complete Rob Neimier's 3-year term)

Continuing their terms on the Board will be Nancy Pease and Steve Ransford.

Nominating Committee:

Alice Chico
Kenel Antoine
Jennifer Newman
Fred Fiske
Mary Fulton

~ Alice Chico
Chair, Nominating Committee



What in the World Discussion Group

"Imagineers of Soul," from the

Spring issue of UU World (pp. 33 – 37) will be the article for discussion at the May meeting on Tuesday, **May 19 at 10:00 am** in the Memorial Room. A version of this essay was delivered by Christine Robinson to the UU Ministers Association in Fort Lauderdale in June 2008. It suggests that we UU's play "Don't ask, don't tell" about matters of the spirit.

Copies of the article are available in the foyer rack across from the pastor's office.



Bookender's

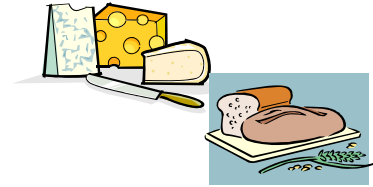
On **Thursday, May 28** we will be discussing *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, **1:30** in the Teen Room.

~Vickey Schipper
victoria@twcny.rr.com



First Sunday Luncheon

The final First Sunday Fundraising Lunch will be on **Sunday, June 7th**, after church. This lunch will be hosted by the Hospitality Committee, and the theme is "A Healthy Lunch for a Healthy May Memorial". It will be many different salads, bread, cheese, and peanut butter and jelly. Please plan to stay and enjoy!



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will gather again on **Wednesday, May 20**, and will feature **pizza and salad at 6:30**, donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal. Details for the program topic will be announced soon. All men of May are invited for the potluck or for the discussion only, which will begin at about 7:15.

~ Don MacKay

Women's Salad Luncheon

Calling all women of May Memorial to gather, eat, hear a wonderful speaker and celebrate spring. This year's luncheon will be held on **Saturday, May 23 at 11:30 am**. The director of the Syracuse Zen Center, Roshi Sherry Chayat, will be the featured speaker. Please bring a salad to share. R.S.V.P. to Lyn Coyle at 492-6780 or lyncoyle@juno.com



The 18th 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.

Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gatheringofmen>



Mayfest is coming!!

Plan to spend a Spring afternoon with fellow members of May Memorial, as well as others from the Syracuse community, on **Saturday, June 13, from 11 am-3 pm**. This will be the last fundraising event, and we hope it will be a "budget buster."

Mayfest will include a tasty lunch, child friendly activities, music, a bake sale, rummage sale, and silent auction featuring handcrafted items from some of our most creative members, as well as several raffle opportunities. There will be sign-up sheets in the Social Hall on coming Sundays.

Plan to volunteer to work, The day before Mayfest we will need people on hand to accept items starting at 10 am in the Social Hall Many hands make light work. Items for the rummage sale must be must be clean, in good condition, on hangers, and clearly priced. If anyone has rolling racks, we could use several. Fundraising Committee is also issuing an open call for people to join the committee for next year.



A Successful Book and CD Sale!

We made \$3,939.80 on the 2009 Book and CD Sale. That is over \$1,000 more than we made in 2007! I believe this is an excellent fundraiser for several reasons: The big financial contribution toward the May Memorial budget, the fun and fellowship as we work together to make it happen, the recycling of books, and the values a book sale demonstrates to the larger community.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible. This included the crew who helped bring tables from the basement on Tuesday evening; those who helped set up the tables and category signs on Wednesday morning; the approximately 40 people who helped carry into the Social Hall and divide up all the donated books and media items by the appropriate categories on Wednesday evening; those who helped with "fine sorting" on Thursday morning; the volunteers who filled 40 slots during the actual sale; and, finally, the crew of about 20 people who made extremely quick work of clean up when the sale closed Sunday afternoon. A special thank you to those who volunteered multiple times. Overall, it was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser possible.

~ Janet Hiemstra

Picnic Time

The end of the year picnic will take place on the May Memorial grounds on Sunday, June 14 right after the service. Please come and bring a dish to share, food to grill if you like, games, a place setting, utensils and cup and a spirit of fun and fellowship. See you there.



Gay Pride Parade

Saturday, June 20th is the date of the downtown Gay Pride Parade. We'll meet in front of City Hall at 10:45. Rainbow Flag will be Raised at 11 and the parade begins at 11:30. Interested in helping with a UU information table after the march? Contact Kate Kearney and Rachael Whitney at RWKK1011@yahoo.com

Seeking Historians

The St. Lawrence District is planning a big birthday blowout at the Hotel Syracuse this fall, **October 31** to be exact. I hope many members of May Memorial will be attending the event. I would like to put together a photo exhibit of Syracuse as it was fifty years ago when the two U's of UU first came together. The Onondaga Historical Society has a large collection of photos and the public is able to make copies. I am seeking an interested partner to visit the society with me and help me put such an exhibit together. Please contact me if you have some time and interest in such a project.

~ Alexa Carter
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The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of the preceding month. The deadline for the mid-month is the 5th of the month. 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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Calendar

Friday, May 15

8:00 pm Folkus Concert Social Hall

Saturday, May 16

7:00 pm Twisted Sister Pavilion

Sunday, May 17

10:30 am Service Sanctuary

10:30 am Teenz Teen Room

Noon COA Fundraiser Lunch Social Hall

12:30 Open Budget Meeting Sanctuary

12:00-2:00 pm Green Sanctuary Committee Memorial Room

12:15 pm Spanophiles Teen Room

12:15 pm Religious Ed. Committee COA Room

Monday, May 18

7:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Teen Room

6:30 pm SEG (Antoine) Memorial Room

Tuesday, May 19

10:00 am What in the World Discussion Memorial Room

3:00 pm Tai Chi Creekside

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting Social Hall

Wednesday, May 20

6:30 pm Men's Fellowship-Potluck & Meeting Social Hall

Thursday, May 21

3:00 pm Tai Chi Creekside

7:00 pm Program Council Teen Room

7:30 pm Choir Sanctuary

Saturday, May 23

11:30 am Women's Salad Luncheon Social Hall

Sunday, May 24

10:30 am Service Sanctuary

10:30 am Teenz Teen Room

Memorial Day- Office Closed

Monday, May 25

3:00 pm Tai Chi Creekside

7:30 pm Tai Chi Creekside

7:30 pm Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, May 28

3:00 pm Tai Chi Creekside

7:30 pm Choir Sanctuary

Sunday, May 31

8:30 am New Member's Breakfast Memorial Room

10:30 am Service Sanctuary

10:30 am Teenz Teen Room