

## View from the Study Window...

On the top of my mind right now is this crucial moment for health care reform. The U.S. House and Senate reconvene this month to debate, compromise, and act. I urge you please, if you have not already done so this summer, to communicate your opinion to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Congressman Maffei.

The quotation which opens Harsey Leonard's Social Justice column on page 9 is especially relevant to the Health Care debate. As in the Clinton years, powerful interests are, and will be, influencing the negotiations. Cash-rich insurance companies and social conservatives find common ground in opposing a "public option." If they get their way on this, America and Americans will be the losers.

Our elected representatives will need our support and encouragement to stand firm in support of good health coverage for all Americans.

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



### September 6 Bless the Beasts

*Randy Archambault*

The Animal Blessing Service will be the last one of the summer, and take place in the Social Hall. Randy, and several guests will share personal animal stories with the congregation. You are invited to bring your animals with you, on leash or in carriers, cages. There will be snacks available for both animals and humans.

### September 13 Ingathering Celebration and Water Ritual

*Jean L. Wahlstrom and Jennifer Hamlin-Navias*

We gather in the sanctuary once again at the start of our regular worship year. If you have water from one of the places you've been this summer, bring it to contribute to the Water Ritual, which celebrates our joining in intergenerational community for the Celebration of Life.

*Join us after the service for an Opening Sunday Picnic – see page 6.*

### September 20 What Does God Require?

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

As Ramadan ends and the High Holy Days begin, we are aware of the fasting, celebration, and rituals which are woven into the fabric of our neighboring faiths. Yet Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all revere the prophet Micah, who asked, rhetorically, What does the Lord require of you? What good is there, if any, in perpetuating these ages-old ritual observances?

### September 27 Connection and Community

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

Our faith and ministry lead us far, far beyond these walls. We are, indeed, all connected. Here within our faith community, however, our shared religious principles place unique demands upon us. At May Memorial, week by week and meeting by meeting, we are called to live into being the relational future we profess.



## Wheel of Life

Sympathy to **Diane Hainsworth**, whose mother, Vivian S. Smith, died recently in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Smith was eighty-nine. Her memorial service was held at Oklahoma City First Unitarian Church and she was buried in its memorial garden near her late husband.

**Peter Black** will be recipient of the Ray K. Linsley (renowned hydrologist) Award "to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions in surface water hydrology." The award will be presented officially at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Hydrology in Scottsdale, Arizona, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations!

As many of you know, **Hildegarde VanderSluis** has been very ill. I spoke to her recently and she is now under Hospice care. She wants to thank everyone for their well wishes and your future well wishes for her. At this time she has not requested anything for us to do. Her daughter-in law Nora is there with her most for the time. I will keep up with these postings as much as I can and if you see other people from MMUUS who do not have access to the newsletter, please let them know.

~Peggy  
MMUUS CareRing

## MMUS Had a Fine 2008-09 Finale

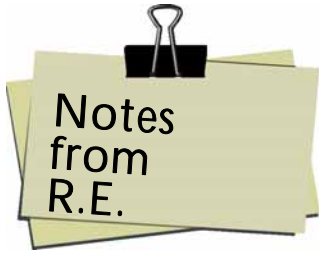
**O**ur 2008-09 fiscal year ended up much better than budgeted. The shortfall in revenue was not as high as predicted. There were big savings in expenses: Physical Facilities (\$9141), Personnel (\$3000), Programming (\$2,592) and Other Expenses (\$1746). As a result, the net income was \$10,524 higher than budgeted.

<b>MAY MEMORIAL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY</b>		
<b>2008-09 FINAL</b>		
	<b>2008-09 Budget</b>	<b>2008-09 ACTUAL</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Pledges	\$252,000	\$247,089
Rental	52,923	49,681
Fundraisers	17,502	16,140
Other	15,100	18,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$337,525</b>	<b>\$331,660</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Personnel	\$224,791	\$221,742
General Operating	9,500	9,639
Physical Facilities	72,750	63,609
Other Expenses	4,200	2,454
Fair Share Assessment	21,320	21,320
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$332,561</b>	<b>\$318,764</b>
<b>Net Income Before Prog.</b>	<b>\$4,964</b>	<b>\$12,896</b>
<b>Programming</b>	\$20,207	\$17,615
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$15,243)</b>	<b>(\$4,719)</b>

Even though the fiscal year came in better than expected, we have to remember that in order to continue to grow and remain a vital congregation we need to have enough resources to support our church home. If this society and this faith are to live into the future, we must care for this institution and keep it strong.

Our year end performance has proven that we can cut costs and survive a severe downturn in the economy. Our congregation now needs to take the next step – to commit to a balanced budget in 2010-11 at a level that will provide appropriate raises for our staff, quality programs, a well maintained physical facility, and to meet our fair share obligation.

~In faith,  
Joyce Leonard,  
Treasurer



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**UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN RE:**

**September 13** - We will be having our intergenerational water celebration. Come bring some water, or even some water from your tap to represent the water from your travels this summer.

**September 20** - is the Unirondack weekend. If you are interested in going but have not yet signed up please contact Stephanie Cross [mscopy@windstream.net](mailto:mscopy@windstream.net).

Because many of the RE families will be likely to be gathering at Unirondack that weekend we will have a Special Programming Sunday focused on Welcoming and Returning.

**September 27** - will be our first full Sunday of RE classes. I will be getting more information to you in the September 15 newsletter about our program for this fall.

~Jennifer Hamlin-Navias  
Director of RE Ministries



Eternity Williams



Taylor Longo and Dylan Ackerman

**A**hh the September 1 newsletter - The summer is about to come to an end, the school year will start. I am looking forward to seeing all the RE folk at May and all the other folk at May.

This summer was a bit different for me. I was lucky enough to accompany some of our high school Teens to New Orleans for five days of really hard work in the ongoing rebuild effort there. It was a phenomenal experience. Please take the time this fall to talk with Eternity Williams, Sherwin Williams, or Dylan Ackerman about their experiences. Taylor Longo also went but alas you will not see her this fall since she has gone off to college! I wrote the following piece after we returned:

Upstate NY has no idea what hot really is,  
When you all sweat together it doesn't smell,  
Sheetrock mud fixes everything,  
There is still nothing better than freeze pops on a hot afternoon,  
Outdoor showers rock!  
The solution to insomnia is hard work,  
Blisters are badges of honor,  
Laughter heals more than you can imagine,  
Love gives us courage,  
Fear makes us small,  
Volunteer is a sacred name,  
There's no mistake so big you can't fix it.

At one point I realized that the information we were getting about New Orleans was devastating – racism and injustice abounded before and after Katrina, and still abounds. To know that I was part of a larger group, “the volunteers”, allowed me to see where the hope is in New Orleans. The hope lies in the power of the New Orleans community to rebuild itself and in its power in asking other communities to join in that effort.

I am honored that for a small bit of time I was part of that effort. I hope that sometime in the future I will be able to be part of that effort again.

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## Greet Your New Officers and Trustees

As many of you know, at the MMUUS annual meeting, the new Trustees, Officers, and Nominating committee members were elected and installed. Please make sure as you return to fall services you take the chance to both greet and congratulate them. The new Board and Officers are:

*Alexa Carter, President*

*Rob Neimeier, Vice President*

*Annegret Schubert, Secretary*

*Erwin Reiner, Trustee,  
term ends 2012*

*Steve Ransford, Trustee,  
term ends 2012*

*Randy Case, Trustee,  
term ends 2010*

*Nancy Pease, Trustee,  
term ends 2010*

*Joyce Leonard, Treasurer  
(appointed by the Board on June 23)*

The new Nominating Committee is:  
*Alice Chico, Kenel Antoine. Jennifer Newman, Fred Fiske, and Mary Fulton.*

## Important Proposed Changes-Please Read

### Nominating Committee

**P**roposed constitutional amendment:

Article VII, ministerial staff. Currently :

The Society may engage the services of a minister or ministers as the members from time to time deem advisable for the conduct of services, religious instruction, personal guidance and counseling, and the performance of such duties as usually pertain to the office. The minister(s) shall be non - voting ex-officio members of all Society organizations and committees *except the Nominating Committee.*

We propose the following change, making the minister an ex-officio non-voting member of the Nominating Committee.

The revision would read:

The Society may engage the services of a minister or ministers as the members from time to time deem advisable for the conduct of services, religious instruction, personal guidance and counseling, and the performance of such duties as usually pertain to the office. The minister(s) shall be non - voting ex-officio members of all Society organizations and committees.

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### Proposed Mission Statement

**A**t June's annual meeting the proposed Mission Statement was defeated. The Mission-Vision Team and other members of the congregation have been in contact and would like to offer the following statement to be voted upon in the fall.

**We are committed to being an inclusive, respectful, caring community of faith that reaches out in welcome as we come together for mutual inspiration, empowerment and life- long learning.**

The Liverpool Spiritual Enrichment Group created the following short hand version of the proposed mission statement feeling that it might be easier to remember. Please let me know what you think.

W Web of Life  
E Empowerment  
L Life- long learning  
C Caring Community  
O Open armed  
M Mutual Inspiration  
E Everyone accepted

Please contact Alexa Carter [garlex@aol.com](mailto:garlex@aol.com) to comment on the mission statement.



## Marvelous History Corner

### Bravery Can Be Misunderstood

I begin by encouraging you to read John Allen's "Going Green" article in this newsletter. I am so pleased to play a role in Rick Weinstein speaking at May Memorial on September 20. I really encourage you to attend as his updated information about climate change is such an eye opener and very sobering. Second, I am pleased to announce that there are two new additions to the MMUUS History Page. One is a beautiful story Doris Sage wrote for her grandchildren before she went to prison. The second includes the testimonies from Doris and 24 other people during their trials. Six of the 25 people were from the Syracuse area: Nick Cardell, Ed Kinane, Megan Rice, Dan Sage, Doris Sage, and Ann Tiffany. Their bravery and convictions, although misunderstood by the U.S. legal system, is to be forever honored. Go to <http://history.mmuus.org/> and find those two links at the bottom of the page.

Their bravery was similar to those of our church ancestors relative to stances they took against slavery. This has been mentioned in various ways before, the most famous being Sam May's work in abolition and with the Jerry Rescue. Unfortunately, and obviously my biases and naiveté in understanding the law are showing in this article, those efforts also were misunderstood within the legal system. Daniel Webster, a well known figure in U.S. history, was a part of this misunderstanding or, perhaps, it was a misappropriation of the legal system for political reasons. I have spoken before about Sam's disgust with what had happened to his onetime hero Webster, who became increasingly more conservative as he grew older.

In the spring of 1851 former Senator Daniel Webster was barnstorming the country in defense of the despicable Fugitive Slave Law. On May 26 he arrived in Syracuse upon the invitation of the local Whig party (somewhat equivalent to today's conservative wing of the Republican party) to speak in the old Frazee Hall (located at Washington and Montgomery Streets). He began talking to a large crowd about the Constitution and the sanctity of law and turned to the Fugitive Slave Law. Here are some of his remarks as noted by W. Freeman Galpin (The Jerry Rescue, *New York History*, XXVI, January, 1945, pp. 19-34):

I am a lawyer . . . and I tell you if men get together and declare a law of Congress shall not be executed in any case and assemble in numbers to prevent the execution of such a law, they are traitors and are guilty of treason and bring upon themselves the penalty of the law . . . It is treason! treason! TREASON! and nothing else . . . Depend upon it the law will be executed in all great cities, here in Syracuse . . . if the occasion shall arise.

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That Law was soon to be tested in Syracuse by the imprisonment of Jerry and his subsequent rescue and transportation to Canada – most of you know that history. If you read the testimonies of Doris, Dan, Nick, and all the others, there are chilling similarities between 1851 and 1997 at least in how some lawyers and judges interpreted the letter of the law versus what was right and just. Given the sometimes ugly tones presented today in many cities in what should be civil discussion of issues, it suggests that from 1851 to 2009 some things have not changed, and perhaps they never will. Sad to contemplate isn't it?

~Rog Hiemstra, Chair  
History Committee



The "What in the World" discussion group will meet at **10 am on September 15** in the Memorial Room. The topic will be "Our Tribe, Our People" regarding Unitarian Universalism in Africa, on pgs. 24-30 in the summer issue of UU World magazine. Copies will be available in the foyer rack across from the minister's office. It's sure to be an interesting morning - come join us!

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## Join Us at the Opening Day Picnic

Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting, blankets or chairs, something for the grill if you like. Plan to reconnect and share summer stories while enjoying delicious picnic food. **Sunday, September 13** is opening day for our 2009-2010 church year. See you there.

~Alexa Carter  
Society President



## September potluck with Tom Chulak

Tom Chulak, our St. Lawrence District Executive, will be visiting May Memorial on the evening of **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** for a potluck and travel talk. Tom has recently returned from a personal pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Cairo and the Nile, Tanzania and South Africa and Morocco. Members from other churches in central New York will be joining us to share a delicious meal and hear of Tom's adventures. This gathering will provide a great opportunity for us to meet and get to know others from our district. Mark your calendars for this fall event. Alexa Carter [garlex@aol.com](mailto:garlex@aol.com)

## Committee Members Needed

**S**everal of our most important committees are seeking new members for the coming church year. Membership on a committee is a wonderful way to get to know a few members of May Memorial very well while enhancing the health of our community. Please contact Nancy Pease [npease@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:npease@twcnv.rr.com) for more information.

Fundraising – This group plans and engineers events throughout the year to earn money for the general fund.

Hospitality - With a group where food and drink is as important as it is at May Memorial, the hospitality committee must be well staffed and run.

Public Relations – Getting important messages out to the greater community as well as to our own membership is the main job of this committee. Comfort with the computer is a big help here.

Stewardship - It is time for this committee to be a year round entity. Starting early in the year to develop and execute a plan will insure a smooth and successful canvass.

Worship Team – Work with a group to plan the weekly worship service. Learn more about UU traditions

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## Fundraising Committee Update

**W**elcome back, everyone! The newly re-energized Fundraising Committee has been busy planning several new fundraising events, as well as fine-tuning and expanding on many of last years fundraising events. In addition, we have an invitation for those of you with active email lives to help advertise these events to your non MMUUS friends and contacts, in a manner which we hope will be effective, almost effortless, and absolutely free....

If you are willing to receive a single page email/electronic "flyer" with details of an upcoming event (approximately one per month) and forward it on to those non-May-member email contacts you have who might be interested in the event, please send a quick email off to [mamaslash@twcnv.rr.com](mailto:mamaslash@twcnv.rr.com) and/or [antoninno@yahoo.com](mailto:antoninno@yahoo.com) letting us know that we can put you on this distribution list. If you have any questions about this, please contact either Jennifer Newman (mamaslash) or Anton Ninno.

The highly successful First Sunday Lunches will continue this year, starting in October, and we invite all those committees and groups who participated last year to sign up again – plus, there are still several spots for new groups to jump on board this year, as well. See any of the committee members to arrange this.

As always, if you have any desire to work on the Fundraising Committee, or, to help organize a specific fundraiser which is of particular interest to you, please let any one of us know at your earliest convenience!

Sincerely, and with great enthusiasm,

~ Randy Archambault, Jennifer Newman, and Anton Ninno



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## Update on Global Warming September 20<sup>th</sup> Presentation

The House of Representatives has narrowly passed the Waxman-Markey clean energy/global warming bill but the Senate is not moving forward and the issue has taken a back seat to health care legislation. We at May viewed the Al Gore documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" several years ago and now an update would be appropriate lest we also put the issue on a back burner. So it was a pleasant surprise to learn the following from Roger Hiemstra.

Roger attended a lecture on environmental issues presented by Rick Weinstein while he was at the Knoxville UU Church recently. He invited Rick to come to Syracuse and speak to us. Thus, on **September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M.** in the sanctuary we will have the opportunity to be updated on global warming issues.

Rick Weinstein comes to us from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he teaches both general and cell biology. He has deep Syracuse connections however: he received a BS in Forest Biology from SUNY ESF in 1978 and, with family now in the area, visits often.

He completed his Ph.D. at Cambridge University in a collaborative project with the British Antarctic Survey investigating low-temperature adaptation in fungi. He has been on three research expeditions to Antarctica, two of which were "deep field" projects involving several months of camping in remote areas. This included a three week long expedition to conduct microbiological studies in the La Gorce mountains, the farthest south area of exposed land on Earth at 86-87 degrees South.

Rick states that he assembled and delivered his first lecture on climate change in March 2001, the day after George Bush reneged on his campaign promise to help mitigate CO2 emissions, and has dedicated a lecture to climate change in each of his courses ever since. In 2007, Rick was one of a select group chosen by former Vice President Al Gore to spread the message about the threat of and solutions to global warming. This initiative (known as "The Climate Project") involves giving local talks using (and updating) the Gore slide show which became the basis of his documentary film, "An Inconvenient Truth."

On September 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Weinstein will include time for dialogue with the audience. We hope you can attend this important presentation and invite a friend, too.

~John Allen, Chair  
Green Sanctuary Committee

## Sister Circle Open to New Members

Sister Circle, a long standing women's group at May Memorial, is welcoming new members this September. The group meets every **Wednesday night from 7-9 P.M.** and explores matters of personal growth and community building. Please contact Beverly Clark [Clarkmmbb@aol.com](mailto:Clarkmmbb@aol.com) 637-3996 for more information.

## Bookenders Dates and Readings

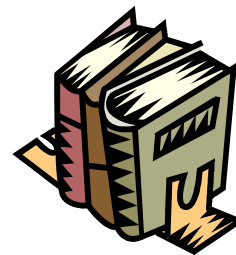
Bookenders is a daytime book group which meets once a month at 1:30 the fourth Thursday of the month in the Teen Room. Join us for one fascinating read or for all of them.

**Sept. 24** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*  
Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

**Oct. 29** *Three Cups of Tea*  
Greg Mortenson

**Dec. 3** *Forever or North River*  
Pete Hamill

~Vicky Schipper



## Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will gather again on **Wednesday, September 19**, for a potluck **6:30**. All men of May are invited for the potluck or for the discussion only, which will begin at about 7:15. We hope you had a great summer and look forward to seeing you there.



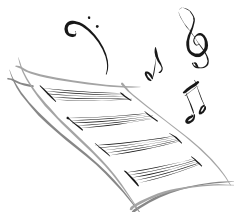
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## Coffee Hour Notes



Please consider volunteering to host a coffee hour in **September**. *Volunteers are needed immediately to fill these important spots.* It's fun and there are printed instructions. It's a nice way to contribute to the work of the church on a one-time basis (though you are allowed to sign up more than once when you see how much fun it is!).

Contact Don MacKay at <mackay214@gmail.com> or 479-8460.



## Music Notes

**C**alling all Choir members for our first rehearsal of the new church year. As I write this on Monday morning, August 17, the Sanctuary is a muggy 85 degrees, but we'll have a great evening **September 10** for our first time back together.

*New members are welcome!* Give me a call at 729-3734 if you have interest in singing with us. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 pm, and are finished by 9:00 pm.

On a personal note, I was named Director for the Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus beginning this past July. I was on an interim basis this last spring, and apparently they liked me! I also continue my duties at Colgate University, teaching organ and accompanying for the Music Department.

~Glenn Kime

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## Folkus Update

**A**s many of you know Joe Cleveland has been a very important member of the Folkus Project for years, and has always had a very important role in being the liaison between Folkus and May Memorial to keep things running smoothly here on Friday nights. As Joe will be returning to school in the fall there is a great need for volunteers.

Folkus depends heavily on volunteers and they are looking for individuals to serve in many roles. People to operate sound equipment, coordinate and host individual shows, and to book upcoming artists. If you might be interested in ANY kind of role with The organization, please [e-mail Dana Cooke](#).

"Folkus Fridays" will continue the first and third Fridays of the month at May Memorial. Reserve tickets by calling 440-7444 or e-mail tickets@folkus.org. Concert information will be posted at May Memorial as soon as it is available. The first concert at May, will be on September 18.





... the 20th century has been characterized by three developments of great political importance: The growth of democracy, the growth of corporate power, and the growth of corporate propaganda as a means of protecting corporate power against democracy. ~Alex Cary

**F**or Unitarian Universalist, August seems to be the month for retreats and this year is no exception. Retreats offer an opportunity for those involved to review the groups past year's activities and look ahead with some perspective to the coming year. During the month of August I attended no less than three retreats, all informative, all interesting and all hopeful for a brighter future.

At the Interfaith Impact Board of Trustees retreat we discussed the outrageous antics of our dysfunctional legislature in Albany. We also celebrated the good news that the Rockefeller Drug Laws have finally been repealed, returning sentencing jurisdiction to judges.

At the St Lawrence District's Social Justice Council retreat I heard about a Metro New York's Conclave on the intersection of environmental justice and anti-oppression work.

And finally at the St Lawrence District's Board retreat I heard the details of UUs rejecting a proposal that would have changed our seven principles and spent an interesting afternoon debating a draft report from the District's Futures Team.

Given this extensive review of what was or was not accomplished last year and where we hope to be in one, or five years I decided to look back one year to the September 08 MMUUS News Letter for some guidance in moving forward as we begin a new church year. Following are three of the headlines from the Social Justice column of one year ago:

**Iraqi Family Scheduled to Arrive:  
Unitarian Universalists Endorse Single-Payer Health Care  
Health Care Now Roadshow**

One year later we have a new President who has given some of us hope for a better world and others, fear of government intervention in citizen's rights. Civil discourse and reasoned debate are being challenged at town meetings across the country and the alleged focus of the anger being voiced centers around health care. I find that I have to examine events carefully to be true to our first and fourth principles, especially the fourth, the keystone principle that completes the arch and holds all of the others in place; the fourth states that we will engage in "A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning."

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We Unitarian Universalists also have a new leader, the Rev. Peter Morales who addressed his first UUA Board Meeting with a caution that they should fasten their seat belts. Like President Obama his platform was based on change. The coming year promises to be an adventure in change; how positive that change will be remains to be seen. I for one am happy to be witness to this troubling yet promising time.

~Harsey Leonard, Chairman,  
MMUUS Social Justice Committee

The downtown Crop Walk is happening on **Sunday, October 18** after church. This important fund raiser, organized by Church World Service, is focused on helping to alleviate world hunger. It is a wonderful family event. Fund raising envelopes will be available in the social hall in September. We had a good turn out last year; let's have a GREAT turn out this year.

~Social Justice Committee



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## Thank-you Summer Service Leaders!

Thanks so much to the following leaders of the summer services that were held at May Memorial from June through September.

Jody Brown and CNY-CUUPPS, Bob Coye and the Spiritual Jazz Band, Doug Igelsrud and Harsey Leonard, David Ashley, Fred Fiske, Janet Allen, Green Sanctuary Committee, Terry McMasters Joe Cleveland, Alexa Carter and the Spiritual Enrichment Group, Doris and Dan Sage, Jody Brown and Andrea Wandersee and Randy Archambault

Along with these leaders we can not forget to mention the additional folks who, provided special music, participated, ushered, counted money and volunteered coffee hour.

There were services that offered various views on spirituality, personally written music, political and social justice views, prose, animal blessings and of course a great favorite the annual hymn sing.

Thanks to everyone for providing unique and timely Orders of Services and welcoming visitors and special guests.

We would not have been able to have a wonderful and organized summer without the special gifts of **Doris Sage**. Special thanks to her (and of course Dan's support) for coordinating all the leaders, finding coordinators and making sure that everything ran smoothly.

*Karen*  
*Stem*      *Sean*  
*Jennifer*      *Leslie*



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## 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**S**aturday, **October 31, 2009** marks exactly 50 years since the Unitarians and the Universalists agreed to join. We will mark the event with a party at the Hotel Syracuse, the exact site where the decision was made. Scholars from both traditions will be on hand to share their thoughts about our first fifty years. Our own Liz Strong will be joined by David Bumbaugh, Dick Gilbert, David Parke, and Tom Chulak. Brochures are in the pamphlet rack and on line at the district website. If you register before August 31, you can take advantage of a special low rate made possible by a grant from NYSCU, The New York State Convention of Universalists. We are fortunate to be residents of the area, but visitors will be needing housing. If you would like to offer a room in your home for home hospitality, please contact Donna Rohde [donnarohde@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarohde@yahoo.com) 315-247-8890

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The New York State Convention of Universalists ( NYSCU) will be holding its annual meeting at the First Universalist Church of Rochester, New York on **October 17, 2009**. May Memorial has received two grants from this organization to use for work with our history committee. Dick Gilbert will be the keynote speaker. Information postcards can be found in the pamphlet rack.

~Alexa Carter

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## District Assembly to be held in Syracuse this spring

May Memorial will serve as host church on April 23-24 for the St. Lawrence District Assembly. We will need many hands to prepare for this event. Working at the District Assembly is a great way to meet fellow UUs and learn about the doings of the district. If you would like to get involved in some large or small way in this event, please contact Alexa Carter [garlex@aol.com](mailto:garlex@aol.com).

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### Thursday, September 17

No Tai Chi		
3-5:00pm	Bev Adams-Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, September 18

8:00pm	Folkus	Social Hall
Unirondack Camping Trip– off site		

### Saturday, September 19

10:00am	Reilly Memorial Service (Crumland)	Sanctuary
	Reception to follow	Social Hall
7:00pm	Twisted Sisters	Social Hall

### Sunday, September 20

10:30	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
10:30	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15	Spanophiles	Teen Room
12:15	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
3-5:00pm	"The Climate Project"	Sanctuary

### Monday, September 21

7-9pm	Buildings and Grounds Committee	Teen Room
7-9:00pm	SEG	Memorial

### Tuesday, September 22

3:00pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7-9:00pm	Chautauqua Circle	Memorial

### Wednesday, September 23

7:00pm	RE Parent Meeting	Social Hall
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### Thursday, September 24

3:00pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
3-5:00pm	Bev Adams-Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, September 25

6:00pm	St. Lawrence Cluster Potluck	Social Hall
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### Saturday, September 26

7:00pm	Adult Education Movie "The Barbarian Invasion"	Memorial
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### Sunday, September 27

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

### Monday, September 28

7-9:00pm	SEG	Memorial
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### Tuesday, September 29

3:00pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
5:30pm	Membership Committee	Memorial

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## View from the study...

June was a difficult month in the life of our faith community. I am aware that a number of our members carry concerns, questions, and unhealed wounds into this new church year. If you do, I urge you to talk with me, with our DRE Jennifer, or with a member of the Committee on Ministry (Harsey Leonard, Alice Chico, Jackie Clarke, Nuriyah Owens, and Eric Olson).

I personally want to take this opportunity to thank...

- those of you who, whether in an open meeting, small group, or one-on-one, shared from the deep places of your heart;
- those who reached out in welcome, in the spirit of our old/new May Memorial motto;
- and all those who, through this challenging time, moved a step closer to wholeness and health – for yourselves and for our faith community.

May we enter this new year together with minds open to new understandings, and hearts open to greater depths of compassion.

- Blessings, Jean



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## TIME VALUE

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## Calendar

### Tuesday, September 1

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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### Wednesday, September 2

2:00pm	SEG	Memorial Room
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### Thursday, September 3

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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### Sunday, September 6

10:30 am Service	Bless the Beasts	Social Hall
12Noon	Spanophiles	Teen Room

### Monday, September 7

7-9:00pm	SEG	Memorial Room
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### Tuesday, September 8

10:00am	Writer's Group	Teen Room
3:00pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:00pm	Social Justice	Teen Room

### Wednesday, September 9

2:00pm	SEG	Memorial Room
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### Thursday, September 10

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

### Saturday, September 12

RE Clean up		Downstairs
9-12Noon	OWL Guide Training	Memorial

### Sunday, September 13

10:30am	Sunday Service-Water Ceremony	Sanctuary
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### Tuesday, September 15

No Tai Chi		
7:00pm	Board of Trustees	Social Hall

### Wednesday, September 16

2:00pm	SEG	Memorial Room
6:30pm	Men's Fellowship	Social Hall
7:00pm	Guide Training	Sanctuary

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