

Holiday Party!



December 19th
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Hosted by the Teenz

- Candle Making
- Caroling
- Dancing
- Egg Nog
- Tree Decorating
- Cookie Decorating
- Sending Letters to Santa
- Dreidel
- Lots and Lots of Fun!



Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.



December 20

Prince of Peace

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

How did Jesus of Nazareth come to be known as Prince of Peace – and how has that association fared through the history of Christianity, into the twenty-first century?

Monday, December 21 at 7:00 pm

Winter Solstice Celebration

CUUPS and Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

Come share a circle of winter magic as we witness the turning of the wheel of the year.

Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service

MMUUS Staff

Join, young and old, in a celebration and simple recreation of the Christmas story. We will have music and plenty of “joyful noise” and – of course – a closing circle of candlelight.

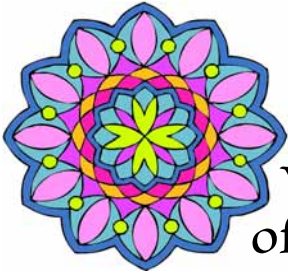
December 27

Burning Your Boo-Boos

Worship Committee

January 3

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom



Wheel of Life

Congratulations to **Mary Louise Edwards** on being named a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the recent convention held in New Orleans! The Communication Sciences and Disorders Department at Syracuse University also recently honored Mary Louise for her 30 years of service as a member of the faculty.

We continue to hold **Len Finn** and **Barbara Mihalas** in our thoughts and prayers.

Art Gallery Update

The two artists showing their work in our gallery this month are Roscha Folger and Karen Kozicki. Roscha works in many different mediums and has mainly done representational work in the past but now is branching out into abstracts as well. Karen, a Syracuse native, and graduate of Syracuse University will exhibit her black and white infrared fine art photos.

~ Bev Adams

Bookenders Schedule

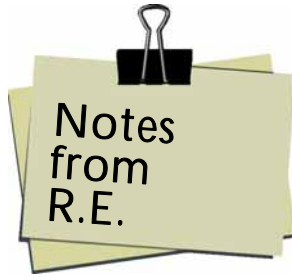
Jan 28 **Better** Atul Gawande

Feb. 25 **Home** Marilynne Robinson

Group meets at 1:30 in the Teen Room

New MMUS Directory

A new directory of MMUUS members and friends is now available. Pick up your copy from the foyer shelf under the nametag cupboard or contact the MMUUS office administrator



Upcoming Events in December

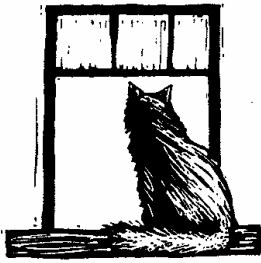
- **December 19** - 5:00 - 7:00 pm Holiday Caroling all ages welcome. We will gather at 5 at May and then head off to carol. At our return there will be a simple dinner of soup and bread and those that wish may stay for the Holiday Party.
- **December 19** - 7:00 - 9:00 pm Teen sponsored Holiday Party, come for crafts, fellowship, fun. Help decorate the tree in the foyer.
- **December 24** - 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Come join, young and old in a celebration and simple recreation of the Christmas story. We will have music and plenty of "joyful noise" and – of course – a closing circle of candlelight. Our young folk will be helping to lead our Christmas "pageant" in a no-rehearsal pageant. If you and your family are planning on attending please try to arrive 10 – 15 minutes early so that your child can get their costume and simple instructions.
- **December 27** - Special Programming during RE time. We will have multi age activities focused around making cards and/or baskets to help support the work of our Caring committee.

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias



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. Preregistration is not required and child-care is available. The next class will be on **Sunday, Jan. 10**, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Stop by the Welcoming Table for further information or e-mail membership@mmuus.org. The next scheduled class is Feb. 28.



View from the Study Window...

Many of you have shared with me how spiritually nourishing recent Sundays have been. On December 3, I included a time of silence between the many (many!) words of our worship hour. Several of you expressed appreciation and thanks for the opportunity for silent meditation; some spoke of needing to return to a personal meditation practice. Doug Igelsrud prompted me to add *Sunday Morning Meditation* to the weekly calendar. Yes, the Creekside Chapel on the lower level is set aside from 9:40 to 10:10 on Sunday morning for silent meditation. You are welcome to participate.

Melody and song filled our sanctuary to overflowing on December 13, as Glenn led us through a rich pallet of holiday music. During our time of sharing Joys and Sorrows, I thanked **Harsey Leonard** for getting us through a lengthy transition in office staffing. He and Joyce (our treasurer) have given of themselves far beyond what any organization ought to ask of its members. We are indebted to them.

Brian Betz, our new office administrator, started with us the beginning of December. There is a lot to learn – from what does and doesn't go on the weekly Happenings calendar, to managing the outside-May rentals of our space, to the stories of individual members' involvement in our society. Brian will be in the MMUUS office Monday through Friday, 9 am-3 pm. As you meet, welcome, and interact with Brian, I urge you to explore how you, too, can be of service to our faith community.

In a recent Sunday insert, the results of the 2009 Holiday Fine Craft Sale were reported: "The Fine Craft Show results are that we made \$4,665. This is only \$350 less than last year. We are quite pleased with this income in view of the economy. Thank you to all who volunteered during the show, helped with clean up, and/or donated food for the artists and volunteers. It takes many people to have a successful fundraiser such as this."

I include this to remind you of the many and differing ways we contribute to the health of May Memorial. Our primary leadership goal for 2009-10 is *achieving financial stability*. But if our board, staff, and committees all do all we can, it will still not be enough. The economic situation of many of our members is worse than it was a year ago. If this is not the situation for you, please remember that May Memorial needs *everyone who is able* to step forward and get us back on a sustainable financial footing.

~ Blessings of the Season, Jean

Annual Martin Luther King Dinner at Syracuse University's Dome

Annual Martin Luther King Dinner at SU will feature Gwen Ifill, moderator of PBS Washington Week and correspondent for the *NPR Newshour*, as the keynote speaker.

Tickets for the **Jan. 24** dinner at 5 o'clock are \$25.

The program is free and open to the public.

Guest at Your Table

Those thinking about renewing (or initiating) membership in UUSC may pick up information and a contribution envelope from the Guest at Your Table display in the Social Hall. Thirty five individuals or families of MMUUS did last year. You can join them. Envelopes collected through January 3.

Winter Solstice

*This is the quiet time of the year,
The cosmic breath out.
The shortest days and longest nights,
The cold,
The new moon.
Miracles can happen...*

*This is the time of the Solstice.
The earth lies still,
Enveloped in a dreamy darkness.
We are still,
Waiting, listening,
Open to the spirit of love,
Ready to breathe in new life.*

*This is the quiet time of the year,
The cosmic breath out.
The shortest days and longest nights,
The cold, The new moon.
Miracles can happen...*

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The deadline for the first of the month newsletters is the 15th of the preceding month. The deadline for mid-month newsletters is the 5th of the month. Articles received after the deadline will be included in the next newsletter. To submit an article, please leave it in the newsletter box on the office door or email to newsletter@mmuus.org.

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Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 19

7:00 pm	Holiday Party	Social Hall
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Sunday, Dec. 20

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Monday, Dec. 21

7:00 pm	Solstice Celebration	Sanctuary
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Thursday, Dec. 24

6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
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Friday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 27

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room

Sunday, Jan. 3

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	First Sunday Luncheon	Social Hall
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Tuesday, Jan. 5

3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
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Thursday, Jan. 7

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

Sunday, Jan. 10

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
2:00 pm	Jorgensen Memorial Service	