

View from the Study Window...

In accepting the Nobel Peace Prize last month, President Barack Obama recalled the words of another American recipient, Dr. Martin Luther King, forty-five years earlier. King was more Baptist minister than politician, however. His acceptance speech rang with the cadence of the inspirational preacher he was. He said, *"I accept this award today with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind. I refuse to accept despair as the final response to the ambiguities of history. I refuse to accept the idea that man is mere flotsam and jetsam in the river of life, unable to influence the unfolding events which surround him. I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality. ...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality."*

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Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.



January 3

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom
What's the world coming To?

Our forebears imagined a future which is – and is not – today. At this passage from one decade to the next, we try to grasp the import of recent history, and imagine what comes next.

January 10

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom
Here's a Hand Pulling You On

Our MMUUS mission gives us a standard by which to examine our shared ministry. A Sufi chant says, "Loving you weak; loving you strong – Here's a hand pulling you on." How have we been empowered, inspired, and loved-into-being by our beloved community? What might enable us to become an even more inclusive, respectful, and caring community?

January 17

Jacqui Williams
Ever wonder what else should have been taught in history class?

As we look forward this week to the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, Jacqui will explore the systems that limit our knowledge of even ordinary women and men of color whose lives fall outside of the "standard" message.

January 24

Worship Committee & Social Justice
Unitarian Universalists views on Peacemaking

Peace As An Ideal: A thought provoking look at the concept of peace as a journey that begins first within ourselves and then stretches out to our families, our neighbors, our communities. An inspirational look at **respect**, as the primary building block to world peace.

January 31

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom
Something Seasonal

The old New England Yankees said you should have used "half your wood and half your hay" by Groundhog Day. What a wonderfully concrete marker of the winter's passage!

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

THANK UUS

Please take the time to thank **Harsey Leonard** the next time you see him. His office management skills during our time of transition between office administrators saved the day for May Memorial. Harsey stepped in to take over all manner of tasks and did it all with his usual calm and good cheer.

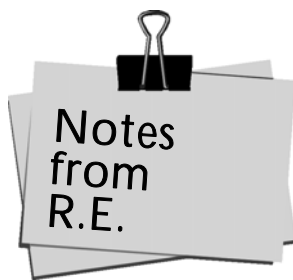
Thank you, also, to those who came in to person the phones and be a human presence in our office, **Mary Burdick, Carol Bickart, and Jody Brown.**

Thank you to the **Leonard family, Harsey, Joyce, Beth and Leigh.** for sharing a special time in the life of their family with all of us at May Memorial. We all enjoyed beautiful music, a dynamic slide presentation, delicious cake and an extremely generous donation to the congregation, all in celebration of the Leonard's 50th wedding anniversary.

On behalf of Vera House, I would like to thank you for the incredibly generous donation of toys, coats, diapers, children's clothing and gifts from our Holiday Wish List. Your commitment to helping those we serve is appreciated tremendously and we are grateful for your continued support of our organization.

~ Randi K. Bregman,
Executive Director, Vera House Inc.

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.



Happy New Year. Not all cultures and places in this world count our January as the New Year. But most cultures, if not all, do have some kind of way of tracking time and do recognize the end of one year and the beginning of the next. Beliefs practices and superstitions abound around the coming of the new year. From what reading I have done about this time of year it seems that most of the practices and beliefs have to do with bringing good fortune for the next year.

And so Happy New Year, and I wish you good fortune, in whatever way that you define that, in this New Year.

I am fortunate to be able to be your Director of Religious Education Ministries. And I thank you for this continuing opportunity to work with you and your children as we explore our world, our UU faith, learning and living within our community.

The New Year is often a time when folk look to the future and dream about what might be. What is your dream for RE here at May? What would you like to see? I would love to get some feedback about what our RE program here is for you and your family or what it could be for you and your family. Feel free to email me or talk to me about our RE program here.

During this month of January we will be continuing with our seven weeks of Unity. We will have workshop sessions on 1/3 and 1/10. 1/17 we will have Special Programming in honor of Martin Luther King.

And on 1/24 we will start our Winter term of Religious Education.

Blessings be,

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Director of Religious Education Ministries



Marvelous History Corner

Oh, Tiffany of Ours

You may have read in the *Post Standard* recently that a Baptist church in Vermont is selling its Tiffany stained glass window that has hung there for almost 100 years to raise much needed cash. The highest bid so far is \$75,000. In our former James Street church we had a beautiful Tiffany stained glass window honoring our first church president of record, Edward Judson, who died in 1902. What it is worth today is priceless in terms of our church history. Named the *Tiffany Palms* and designed by the famous Louis Comfort Tiffany, it was known as the "New Jerusalem." To see a photo of this window as it stood in our old church go to this link:

<http://history.mmuus.org/windows.html>.

When the James Street church was being razed, it is the only one of the 10 stained glass windows saved and it has hung in the Everson Art Museum for many years. Many May Memorial parishioners and thousands of others have enjoyed its beauty over the years when visiting the Museum. Nancy Pease recently visited the museum and was surprised when looking for it to note its absence and asked officials there where it was. She mentioned this to me and here is the wonderful and honorific story of its current journey.

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts has organized in collaboration with the Musée du Luxembourg in Paris and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond a touring exhibit of Tiffany Glass. This exhibition is one of the most significant ever mounted of Tiffany's works and celebrates this renowned designer who achieved original and spectacular effects in hand-blown glass vessels, leaded glass windows and lamps, and other decorative objects. The exhibition's curators are from the Montreal museum, the NYC Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Rutgers University. In addition to choosing pieces from the collaborating museums, the curators visited several venues where Tiffany pieces are housed, including the Everson. From all the Everson Tiffany pieces they chose our window. Everson Registrar, Karen Convertino, even traveled to Paris for its installation there.

The exhibition's approximately 170 objects include blown-glass vessels, lamps, leaded-glass windows, and other decorative objects. Currently, in its first 12-week exhibition at the Paris museum until the end of December, it is known as "Tiffany Glass: A Passion for Colour" (Couleurs et Lumière). Starting mid February for another 12 weeks it will be at the Montreal museum where it will be known as the "Fusion of Colour: The Glass of Louis C. Tiffany." Its final 12 week exhibit will begin at the end of May in the Richmond museum where it will be known as "Tiffany: Color and Light." Anyone for a trip to Paris, Montreal, or Richmond for a wonderful experience and seeing in person how our window has complemented this exhibition? If you do visit, take photos.

~ Rog Hiemstra,
Chair, History Committee

Good ideas awaiting a leader

Have you been wondering how you might get involved to help insure the health of your religious community?

There are many programs and projects that could be implemented at May Memorial, but have no point person at the present time. Have a look at the list below to see if anything grabs your interest. Drop an email to Alexa Carter for some details and consider teaming up with a friend to take on a worthy and interesting task for this year. Don't hesitate to add your own ideas as well.

- Publish a "Wish List" of things the church needs. People might wish to purchase these items for May Memorial.
- Organize a committee of close neighbors to run a nightly check on the church to be sure lights and heat are turned off and the building is secure.
- Frozen meal bank for distribution to families in need at a moment's notice.
- Act as point person for a Margaret Fuller drama presentation. We have been asked to host this original drama sometime this year.
- Act as a PR person for May by getting our name out to the community in inexpensive ways such as business cards, a presence at local fairs and advertising our events in the newspaper.
- Administrate a local grocery store card sale. Many churches use this device to generate a small, but steady, stream of income.

~ Alexa Carter
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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 child-care is available.

The next class will be on Sunday, **January 10, from noon to 1 p.m.** in the Memorial Room. Stop by the Welcoming Table for further information or e-mail Lee Ann McKinney: membership@mmuus.org.

Art Gallery Update

During the month of January 2010, our May Memorial Art Gallery will exhibit the recent paintings of **Joan Applebaum**, called "Journey Home". The title represents her return to painting after being away from it for many years. It also refers to the place she always calls home - Central New York, the Syracuse city, as well as the North Country's lakes and rugged terrain. The show will be up until January 29th.

What in the World Discussion Group

"The Religious Left, An Old Tradition for a New Day" identifies four groups and asks: "What prevents these groups from working together? What could make them into a more powerful and cohesive force?" This feature article in the Winter issue of UU World is the topic for our meeting on **Tuesday, January 19, at 10:00 am** in the Memorial Room. Copies of the article are in the foyer rack. Join us!

CNY Circles is Under Way

Almost two years ago Angela Douglas appeared in our pulpit on a Sunday morning and presented a dream and a plan to end poverty in Central New York one person at a time. The CNY Circles Project that she so passionately gave voice to that morning has been delayed by funding problems, but is now up and running again under the organizational name Visions for Change. Many at May Memorial expressed interest in being involved in helping families and individuals develop and activate their own plan for getting out of poverty.

The opportunity is now here to act on that interest. The first Circles, headed by leaders who are striving to get out of poverty, are about to form. Many more allies are needed to be matched with those circle leaders. Each circle leader has gone through a 15 week training program called Getting Ahead. She or he has developed, or is in the process of developing, a plan to move forward to improve their education, their understanding of personal finance, their knowledge of the "hidden rules" of the middle and wealthy classes, all with the overall goal of gaining education, employment and eventually economic stability. These people, 24 at the moment, are eager to get going. They need allies from the middle and wealthy classes to travel with them on this journey.

Each circle will include a leader and 2 allies and will be paired with another Circle of the same size. The goal of the allies is threefold:

1. To develop friendships with a family (or individual) in poverty and join the family in their quest for financial stability, meaning, and friendships across class lines.
2. To increase awareness of one's own stereotypes and class-related rules and be willing to face them.
3. To help, in conjunction with those in poverty, to advocate within the community for changes in the system that tend to keep poverty in place.

The time commitment for allies is approximately 10 to 12 hours per month after an initial comprehensive set of training sessions. These sessions familiarize participants with the situation of those in poverty, the different mental models of the economic classes and the role of the ally within the circle. Support and coaching will be available for circle leaders and allies throughout their time together. Allies are asked to stick with the process for at least 18 months in order to provide stability and continuity for their circle. Other supportive volunteer opportunities are available which can be done on an ad hoc, or less time-consuming, basis.

For more details please feel free to contact me at 479-8460 or mackay214@gmail.com or Donna Rohde at 445-2128 or drohde16@gmail.com.

~ Don MacKay

From the Committee on Ministry

My Memorial recognizes that the work of ministry is shared between the minister, professional staff and congregation, although we approach ministry with differing resources and responsibilities.

The purpose of the Committee on Ministry at MMUUS is to promote and support the Society's shared ministry, gauge the effectiveness of our ministries and make recommendations to enhance the quality of ministry. MMUUS's Mission and Vision statement guide us, as do the annual goals identified by the Society's leadership.

The Committee on Ministry (COM) acts primarily as a counsel to the Parish Minister and Director of Religious Education, as well as being a resource for the Board of Trustees, other committees and the entire congregation regarding all aspects of our shared ministry.

Over the next few months, members of this committee will be meeting with many MMUUSers at on going committee and group meetings, as well as cottage meetings scheduled specifically for this purpose. Please watch for newsletter and pulpit announcements about this process.

The broad question around which we plan to focus our discussion is: How is MMUUS helping you realize our shared mission and vision? How could we do it better?

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

Our Mission: *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 lifelong learning.*

We look forward to hearing from you.

~ The Committee on Ministry (**ministry@mmuus.org**) – Harsey Leonard,
Alice Chico, Jackie Clarke, Eric Olson, Nuriyah Boné-Owens

~ Rev. Jean (**minister@mmuus.org**)

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias (**dre@mmuus.org**)

First Sunday lunch schedule

Here is the Sunday Lunch Schedule for 2010:

- *Sunday, January 3, 2010*
- *Sunday, February 7, 2010*
- *Sunday, March 7, 2010*
- *Sunday, April 4, 2010*
- *Sunday, May 2, 2010*
- *Sunday, June 6, 2010*

All lunches begin at 12:00 pm

Cabin Fever Night

Now that the Winter Holidays have come and gone, you may be feeling some winter blues. Fight back with Cabin Fever Night at MMUUS! It is an evening of food, fun and frivolity! The party starts on **January 16th at 6:00 pm** with a pot luck dinner - so please bring a dish to pass (a place setting is a good idea, too), and bring a favorite games to play. Later in the evening, we'll show "The Golden Compass" to those who are interested. This event is co-sponsored by Adult Education and Twisted Sisters - We hope you can join us. Questions? Contact Andrea Wandersee (**andreawandersee@gmail.com**)

UU're Home

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 31 years, we've provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory: see www.UUreHome.com for an application. If you have questions, contact us at info@uurehome.com or call 828-281-3253.



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Music Notes..

Thank you to the many people who shared their music talents over the holiday season.

Thank you to Fred Fiske for all the music on Sunday, November 29th. To Nancy Pease for playing Schubert on December 6th. To the Choir for all their work throughout the season, culminating in the Winter Music Service on December 13th. Special thanks to Ken Pease for his solo; to Liz Hassett and Nancy Pease for supporting the Choir with their playing, and to Chris Dranchek for his beautiful flute music.

Ellen Bacon deserves a round of applause for organizing the memorial concert for Hildegard VanderSluis. Ellen brought many members of the Syracuse community to May Memorial to honor their friendships with Hildegard.



Folkus Winter Schedule

Loren Barrigar • Sa 1/9 • Westcott Community Center

Lucy Kaplansky • Fr 1/15 • May Memorial

Words & Music: Lisa Gentile • Sa 1/23 • Jazz Central

Emma's Revolution • Fr 2/5 • May Memorial

Tony Trischka • Sa 2/13 • Westcott Community Center

Tracy Grammer • Fr 2/19 • May Memorial

Words & Music: Joe Driscoll • Sa 2/20 • Jazz Central

Girlyman • Fr 3/5 • May Memorial

Reserve Tickets: Call 440-7444 or e-mail tickets@folkus.org



The Quest for Social Justice

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." – Malcolm X (1925-1965)

Early in December violence and death struck at the core of two UU congregations in the St Lawrence District. On Tuesday December 1st, long-time church and choir member of First Unitarian in Rochester, Christine Seville, was murdered. Tim Wells, Christina's husband, who is also a member of First Unitarian, has been indicted for her murder. Christina and Tim were a couple known in a lot of circles. He's a professor, she an artist and together a portrait of activism in environmental issues, politics and music. Christina has been renowned for her work in environmental activism in preserving and protecting local parks and wetlands. A renowned photographer, poet, accomplished musician and author of several books she will be sorely missed by a community of friends who loved her. On Friday of the same week the UU Congregation of Binghamton were stunned to learn that Dr. Richard Antoun, active church member and professor emeritus in Anthropology at SUNY Binghamton, had been stabbed to death. A graduate student has been charged and the investigation is ongoing at the time I am writing this. Dr. Antoun was a well-regarded scholar and author of six books and numerous articles about Middle Eastern life and culture. Two of his specialties were comparative religion and symbolic systems and the social organization of tradition in Islamic law and ethics. Services for Dr. Antoun were conducted by his brother in law Rev. David Miller, the emeritus Minister of the UU Church of Worcester, Massachusetts. Sudden violent death is always tragic and especially so when the victims have dedicated their lives to understanding and improving the human condition. We grieve with our friends for their loss.

Thoughts on peacemaking

During the period these acts of violence touched the lives of friends and associates close to us; in a strange confluence of local, national and international events, President Barack Obama accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, following his decision to decisively escalate the war in Afghanistan. I listened to his acceptance speech live then downloaded the complete text and have read it several times. For those of you who have not heard or read his words I strongly recommend your doing so, for he speaks eloquently to many of the paradoxes we are struggling with in the Commission on Social Witness draft document on "Peacemaking."

When is war just and under which country's laws should the justness of a war be measured? Should institutional certification of matters of conscience as they relate to military service be based on prior demonstration of a pacifist life style as they were during WW II? So many questions--

I am still measuring my own reaction to President Obama's speech, but of this I am certain; if we are unable to demonstrate tolerance and understanding in our day to day interpersonal relationships, the chances of realizing anyone's dream of a world where nation-states coexist without resorting to violence to settle disputes is just that, a distant dream. Peace like charity begins at home.

~ Harsey Leonard, Chairman,
MMUUS Social Justice Committee

Congregational meeting results

Two items were passed during the congregational meeting on December 6, 2009.

The wording for Article VII of the constitution was amended to 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."

Our new Mission Statement reads:

"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 lifelong learning."

Many thanks to all those who took time from busy holiday schedules to take part in the meeting.

Red Alert!

February is "May Loves the Arts" month. Therefore we need some art by our May artists to adorn the walls at that time. Paintings, photographs, drawings, fiber art all are welcome but must be properly prepared for our hanging system (See Bev Adams if you have any questions). Please let me know if you have art work to display and just how many pieces you might offer.

Also, we will be seeking written work, such as poetry, to display along with the art work, preferably about 8 by 10 inches. You can send this material to Nan Gartner (by email if you wish - naneg@twcny.rr.com)

Thank you in advance!

~ Bev Adams

May Memorial Loves the Arts Talent Show

Love to sing, dance, act, write poetry? Have a hidden talent you'd like to share? Then this is your chance! The Music and Art Committee at May Memorial is sponsoring a talent show on **February 14th at 12:15 pm** in the Sanctuary. If you or your child would like to participate, please contact Amanda Eubanks Winkler (awinkler@syr.edu) by January 31.

Plan ahead for this year's Garnet Hill Ski Trip

This year's Garnet Hill Ski Trip is **February 26 - 28, 2010**. The trip is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy your fellow May Memorial community (and guests) at a nationally recognized cross country ski resort in the heart of the Adirondacks at North Creek, NY. This will be the 25th year that a group from May Memorial will be venturing north to this wonderland. Please consider joining us for great skiing (cross country on premise and down hill at Gore Mountain), delicious food, and invigorating fellowship. For more information contact: Carroll Grant 445-2532 cgrant6@twcny.rr.com.

Going Green

Looking for a way to wind down on Friday evenings? Join a discussion group sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee this winter. There are three choices, and the topic(s) that interest enough people will be the one(s) we do. I've been in three different discussion groups and all have been interesting and lively. The choices are:

Choices for Sustainable Living - This 7-session course explores the meaning of sustainable living and the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth.

Course Goals:

- To explore the meaning of sustainability.
- To consider the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth.
- To learn about steps that can be taken to move toward ecologically sustainable organizations, lifestyles, and communities.

Menu for the Future - This 6-session course explores the connection between food and sustainability (We offered this course last year and it was well received).

Course Goals:

- To explore food systems and their impacts on culture, society and ecological systems.
- To gain insight into agricultural and individual practices that promote personal and ecological well-being.
- To consider your role in creating or supporting sustainable food systems.

Voluntary Simplicity - This 5-session course addresses the distractions of modern society that keep us from caring for ourselves, our relationships, and our environment.

Course Goals:

- To understand the meaning of voluntary simplicity.
- To explore the material and psychological distractions that prevent us from caring for the earth.
- To acknowledge the connection between our lifestyle choices and the condition of the earth.

More information on these courses is at www.nwei.org.

These are all courses created by the Northwest Earth Institute. The group(s) will consist of 8-12 people. There is a \$21 fee to cover the cost of the text. (Members of the same household could share one book.)

If you are interested, let Janet Allen (janet.allen1@verizon.net) know as soon as possible which of these courses you'd participate in so we can make our final choice(s). You can vote for more than one so we find the most popular choice.

DATES: We'll be meeting in the Memorial Room (and Teen Room if we have two groups) on the following dates from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (They are generally Friday evenings except for the last two which are Saturdays and apply only to the 6- and 7-session courses.)

January 22, 29: February 12, 26: March 12, 20, 27 (Although the group might choose to hold these March meetings on different dates if desired...)

~ John Allen, Green Sanctuary Committee

UUSC and The Guest at Your Table

It has become the custom the past half century for most congregations associated with the UUA to utilize the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) as the channel for acting on their global support of human rights and all related issues. Founded in 1939, the UUSC stated vision is "a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights." Its mission statement reads "UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies."

UUSC is an affiliate of UUA, but as a separate organization it receives no financial support, but must depend on contributions from local congregations and from some 47,000 individual members. On the current UUSC menu of issues, there are four receiving particular emphasis this season, as illustrated by the following excerpts from UUSC publications.

Humanitarian Crises: These include natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, but also include the effects of war, genocide, ethnic cleansing and other forms of extreme violence such as the situation in Darfur.

Rights of Workers: All people have the right to work, to safe and healthy working conditions, to equal pay for equal work, and the right to organize, ensuring for themselves and their families an existence worthy of human dignity.

Human Right to Water: The human right to water entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible, and affordable water for personal and domestic use. The effect of water privatization on indigenous people is a global issue.

Defending Civil Liberties: Knowing what our rights are, keeping constant pressure on elected officials to respect them, and supporting organizations to protect civil rights and democratic processes, to prevent erosion of rights under the guise of government protection.

It has also become routine to focus on the period from Thanksgiving to early January for generating financial contributions through the Guest at Your Table program for families with children in religious education programs. Our children were given cash collection boxes a few weeks ago for families wishing to emphasize the "guest" image with children as a means of modeling contributing behavior. But it is not just for children. For adults there are envelopes for contributing checks, thereby registering their membership in UUSC. The various membership levels are printed on both the cash boxes and envelopes.

Contribution envelopes with checks may be mailed in directly to the UUSC office, but if so you should be sure to fill out the form on the envelope flap so your contribution will be credited to MMUUS. Locally, we will be collecting the children's cash boxes and individual envelopes on **January 3 and 10** for recording and mailing as a congregational group total. Please help us with this clerical task by respecting our deadlines.

~ Dan Sage,
UUSC Representative

View from the Study Window...

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Faith in humanity's great future is audacious. But it was King's faith, it is an American faith, and it ours, as well. Our Unitarian Universalist belief in the inherent dignity and worthiness of each person is our guiding light. It will lead us without fail to humanity's great future.

Is that too large a vision? Let's bring it closer to home. I have absolute confidence in May Memorial's great future as a religious Society – welcoming, inclusive, and alive with opportunities. Our belief in interactions guided by respect, care, and lifelong learning will lead us there...to greater diversity and influence; to more inviting, accessible facilities; to more financially and environmentally sustainable operations. It's all interconnected.

The encouragement, insights, and love we receive and give to one another are immeasurable. I rejoice and give thanks each day for being here among you.

~ Blessings, Jean

Imbolc Ritual

Please join the CNY Chapter of CUUPS for an Imbolc Ritual to once again celebrate another turning of the Wheel of the Year. The Ritual will be held at First Unitarian Universalist Society, 105 Waring Road, Syracuse, on **Sunday, January 31st at 6:00 pm**. For more information, please contact Jody Brown at 476-0447.

Bookenders Schedule

Jan 28 **Better** Atul Gawande
Feb. 25 **Home** Marilynne Robinson
Group meets at 1:30 in the Teen Room

May Memorial

Unitarian Universalist Society

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The deadline for the next 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. If the deadline is missed, please submit your article for reconsideration at the next deadline.

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TIME VALUE

(January Tai Chi Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 pm in Creekside Chapel)

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
12:00 pm	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Wednesday, Jan. 6

7:00 pm	Music & Art Committee Meeting	COA
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Thursday, Jan. 7

7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
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Sunday, Jan. 10

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	UU 101	Memorial Room
2:00 pm	Jorgensen Memorial Service	

Tuesday, Jan. 12

5:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting	Teen Room
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Saturday, Jan. 16

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Cabin Fever Night Pot Luck Dinner, Games & Movie	
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Sunday, Jan. 17

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Tuesday, Jan. 19

10:00 am	What in the World Meeting	Memorial Room
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Social Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

Thursday, Jan. 21

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Memorial Committee	Memorial Room
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