

Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

February 21

Good, Better, Perfect

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

While we may accept in principle that we do not need to be perfect, it can be hard to content ourselves with "good enough". For parents, social activists, leaders, laborers and persons of leisure, the path to maturity leads through believing that who we are and what we do is perfectly good enough.

February 28

The Oneness of Everything.?!,

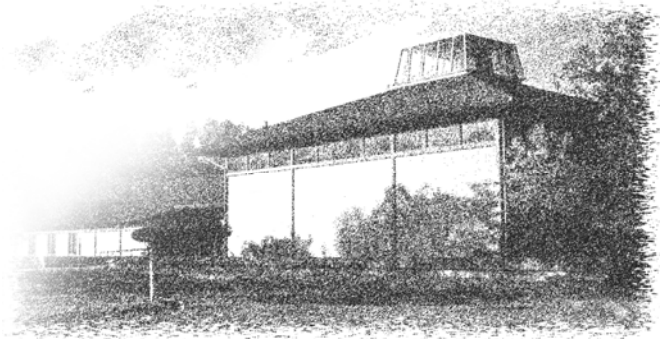
Lynn Gardner and Wendy Bartel

What is included in oneness? Everything. Everything, really? Everything! What might it mean to live our lives this way? Our guests Lynn Gardner and Wendy Bartel are Unitarian Universalist co-ministers currently living and working in the Bay Area in California.

March 7

It All Adds Up

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom



View from the Study Window...

Do you receive the *UU World*? Voting members of MMUUS receive a subscription to this magazine, which shares Unitarian Universalist news, insight, and reflection. In the fall *UU World*, new UUA president Rev. Peter Morales set out his/our agenda for molding Unitarian Universalism into "the religion for our times". This transformation will vary, region by region, and will take both imagination and planning.

A connection to the wider UU world is one of the things our "dues" to the UUA provides. Another is the advancement of Unitarian Universalism in ways no one congregation or region can achieve. Want to learn more? The "wider world" of Unitarian Universalism is just one of the topics covered in UU 101 (Feb. 28, March 28) and UU 102 (coming up in the spring). Can't wait? Explore online, or get in touch with me to set up a time to talk.

One of my short term goals for MMUUS is more cooperation and joint projects between our congregation and First UU. In the coming years, our district and the UUA will explore different, regionalized ways to manage and deliver services to congregations. We Syracuse UUs must work cooperatively to insure that we have the specific, accessible resources we need to strengthen Unitarian Universalism here in central New York. Let Alexa Carter and me know your ideas; let's make it happen!

~ In faith, Jean



Wheel of Life

Joyce Ball was a patient at Upstate Medical Center for several weeks recently, recovering after surgery for "water on the brain". She also underwent physical therapy to relearn how to walk a straight line! Unfortunately, after being released, Joyce was back in Upstate just a few days later for an unrelated ailment. Thankfully, she has recovered from both, although she has trouble swallowing and is very weak. She will soon be released to a rehab facility. Stay tuned.

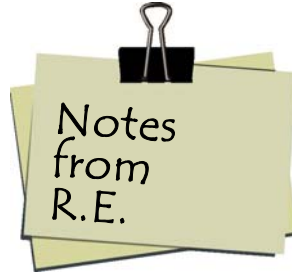
Howland Auchincloss was discharged after a few days to the nursing facility at Menorah Park, Room 119. He had experienced another episode of weakness due to Guillain-Barre Syndrome. We hope to see him in church soon. We also send our condolences to Howland as his brother, **Louis Auchincloss**, passed away on January 26 at the age of 92. Louis was an esteemed author who penned such works as *The House of Five Talents* and *Her Infinite Variety*.

The youthful **Richard Gardner** was looking good at church recently, ten days after open-heart surgery. Way to go, Richard!

Peggy Ryfun is looking forward to the pleasures of retirement, which began for her on Friday evening. Congratulations, Peggy!

Jennifer Hamlin-Navias' father-in-law, Bob Navias, passed away in late January. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jennifer and her family.

On Sunday please be considerate of those less able and leave the parking spaces along the front driveway for them. Thank you.



Teen Service Trip Informational Meeting

Plymouth and May are once again planning a teen service trip this summer. We will have an initial informational meeting on **February 28 at 2:00 p.m.** Members of the Plymouth youth group will be coming to this meeting. If you are a teen and are interested in a service opportunity this summer please make plans to come to this meeting. Parents are also welcome to come to this meeting. Please call Jennifer Hamlin-Navias for more information.

Committee on Ministry seeks your input

The Committee on Ministry has launched its "Listening Tour". We have met with the program council, contacted as many committee chairs and groups as we could think of (If we left you out and you would like to invite us to your group or committee, please contact us). The broad questions that we would like to address with your committee/group are:

- How is MMUUS helping you realize our shared mission and vision?
- How could we do it better?

In addition to meeting with formal (and not so formal groups), we plan four open meetings.

Sunday, February 28th, (After RE) Pizza party for families. Child care provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hamlin-Navias so we can plan for enough food.

Monday, March 1st, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Memorial Room

Thursday, March 11th, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Brown bag lunch in the social hall. We'll provide the coffee and dessert.

Sunday, March 14th, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Sanctuary

We plan to process the information we gather at our April meeting and present it to the Board of Trustees, as suggested in the current operating manual, which notes that such an assessment is "*an evaluation of the quality of our life together, of congregational relationships and affiliations.*" (pg. 22)

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

~ Alice Chico, Harsey Leonard, Jackie Clarke,
Eric Olson, Nuriyah Bone-Owens (ministry@mmuus.org)

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

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

Goods and Services Auction

We are having a Goods and Services Auction (silent) as a fund-raiser for MMUUS on **Saturday, May 1 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. We will also have some special items for LIVE AUCTION. We need you ABOARD NOW! Below are some suggestions that may trigger your ideas about what YOU may HAVE that WE could AUCTION! You can pick up donations forms in the church foyer or in the Social Hall on Sunday at the Auction Table. All donations must be identified by April 11 in order to be included in the auction catalog, which will be available on April 18, both online and in hardcopy. No donations will be accepted after that date.

Questions? Call Diane Hainsworth (446-2044, DianCNS@aol.com) or Barbara Weingart (474-0402, Weingartbarbara@hotmail.com) Co-Chairs for Auction.

Definitions of Goods, some examples. . .

Art/Crafts: *Paintings, stained glass, hand thrown/built ceramics, other framed work, like collage, photographs. Hand made jewelry, wall hangings, art prints, sculpture, etc. Subgroup: Handworks: textiles, beaded work, quilts, crocheted work, cross-stitching, tatting, hand-made lace. . .*

Coordinators: Alexa Carter (593-7974, Garlex@aol.com) and Bob Coye (656-3310, rcoye2@twcnny.rr.com)

Antiques: *Antiques are older than 50 years, i.e. Crystal, dishware, books, small or large furniture, dolls, pottery, woven fabrics, picture frames, jewelry (precious and costume), figurines, toys, tools, clocks, watches, etc.*

Coordinators: Beverly and George Adams (682-9644, badams4452@aol.com, gpa4452@aol.com)

Collectibles: *Collectibles are similar to antiques, but newer. Also name things, like "Precious Moments", Beleek, Waterford, Hummels. Children's collectibles: Barbies, Madame Alexander dolls, trains, etc.*

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Entertainment: *Tickets to theater, symphony, athletic activities, movie passes. "Rent an Act" (e.g., adult parties, children's parties). Passes to theme parks (e.g. Darien Lake), ski passes, day cruises, etc.*

Coordinator: Andrea Wandersee (350-3937, andreawandersee@gmail.com)

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MMUUS Goods & Services Auction 2010 Donation Form

Item: _____

Description:

Donor: _____

Value: _____

Suggested Minimum Bid: _____

Solicitor: _____

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Exercise/Sports/Tools: *Athletic gear in excellent working condition like: tennis racquet, skis, snowshoes, exercise equipment, skates, hockey equipment, helmets, pads, gloves, toboggans, sleds, bikes, snow-blowers, etc.*

Coordinators: Steve Ransford (382-4591, steve@ransford.org) and Pete Shambo (350-3037, peteshambo@gmail.com)

Take Home/Baked Goods: Cakes, pies, cookies, breads, etc.

Coordinators: Linda Wobus (627-0003, Linda.Wobus@gmail.com) and Janet Hiemstra (637-3527, janethiemstra@gmail.com)

Custom Cooking/Fine Dining: *Dinner at your home or mine, desserts, wedding cakes, special occasions, foreign cuisine dinners, gift certificates to fine restaurants, e.g., Brewster Inn, Lincklaen, Craftsman Inn, etc.*

Coordinator: Michael Dillon (471-1237, zubenal@hotmail.com)

Travel/Getaways: *Overnights or more. Examples: someone's camp, time-share, sailing, hotel (e.g., Brewster Inn, Lincklaen, Craftsman Inn, Adirondacks, 1000 Islands, etc.*

Coordinator: Harsey Leonard (446-6775, harsey.leonard@verizon.net)

Professional Services: *Framing, appraisals, 1 hour legal advice, __ hours accounting service, service, advice on computer/training, real-estate market analysis, typing/word processing, lessons on crafts, home staging, etc.*

Coordinator: Joan Weiser (877-0226, weiserjc@gmail.com)

Household Services: *House-sitting, pet-sitting, baby-sitting, shopping, landscaping, snow-blowing, back-hoeing, plumbing, electrical work, gardening, cleaning, etc.*

Coordinator: Alice Chico (478-2393, chico421@twcny.rr.com)

Furniture: *New or used—in good condition that does not need repair. If large, picture only. Arrangements can be made to preview items ahead of time.*

Coordinators: Diane Hainsworth (446-2044, dianCNS@aol.com) and Barbara Weingart (474-0402, weingartbarbara@hotmail.com)

Gift Baskets/Gift Cards: *Provided by MMUUS groups or individuals.*

Coordinator: Carroll Grant (445-2532, cgrant6@twcny.rr.com)

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Notes From the Kitchen



- Please use china dishes and metal flatware whenever possible. Instructions for use of the dishwasher are posted in the dish room. Questions: ask me.
- When washing dishes, remember to dry and put them away. The kitchen sink and dish drainer and the dishwasher area are used during the week by the Growing Place. Please be considerate of those who share our space.
- If you take anything out of the kitchen area, return it as soon as possible. Recently, pitchers, wooden and plastic baskets, a blue bin, silverware, and a mesh laundry bag have all disappeared.

Refrigerators:

- The one in the kitchen is for the use of the Growing Place Day Care Center only. Do not take anything from it. Use the one in the pantry.
- Do not leave leftovers in the pantry refrigerator unless you label them for future use as follows: event and date it will be used, along with your name and phone number.
- There are storage containers and bags in the pantry as well as grocery bags. Feel free to use them to take home leftovers from events.
- If you use coffee for an event or a meeting, please leave a dollar in the manila envelope in one of the coffee hour bins in the pantry. The current price per bag is about \$1.30 per bag, but a \$1.00 donation would be fine.
- When using items from the kitchen or pantry try to put them back where they came from. They'll be easier to find next time someone needs them. Storage areas are labeled.
- Avoid unnecessary laundering of dish towels. If they are dirty, put them in the mesh laundry bag in the dish room. If only wet, drape over a counter to dry.
- If you left a dish behind at an event, look for it in the pantry on the shelf labeled "unclaimed dishes".

Questions? Email Don MacKay at mackay214@gmail.com or call 479-8460.

~ Don MacKay

Dinner, anyone?



The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that this year's canvass efforts will include "Mini Canvass Dinners" to be held in various congregants' homes. While less time-consuming than one-on-one canvass visits, it will still allow for meaningful face-to-face interaction, shared personal experiences, and, of course, a good time! We hope for the dinners to take place during the month of March. If you are interested in attending one of these dinners, please call Jennifer Newman at 484-0130, or email her at mamaslash@twcny.rr.com, by **March 1**. If you have a potential interest in **hosting** one of these dinners, we would be delighted to hear from you about that, as well.

Changes in coffee procedures

We are no longer leaving the two Bunn coffee making machines plugged in. They are power hogs. To make coffee you now need to plug in one or both of the coffeemakers 10 minutes before starting the coffee making process. Please unplug the machine(s) as you clean up.

As of Sunday, February 7th, we now offer whole milk instead of half and half and 1% instead of 2% milk. *This is an experiment.* We'll try it for a month. Let the coffee hour hosts, me or Diane Chappell-Daly know what you think. This is being done to reduce the cost of coffee hour (and cut down on fat calories, too).

~ Don MacKay

Garnet Hill Ski Trip

The Garnet Hill Ski Trip is **February 26 - 28**. 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.

"Elongating the Thread"

Barb Weingart is one of nine fiber and textile artists exhibiting works in the show "Elongating the Thread" February 3 - 28. Gallery is **XL Projects** 307-313 South Clinton Street. Panel discussion on Thursday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. Reception 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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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

Tuesday, Feb. 16		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
Wednesday, Feb. 17		
6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Room 8
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Bach Bash Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 18		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb. 21		
9:00 am	Fine Craft Show Committee	Memorial Room
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, Feb. 23		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
5:30 pm	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Feb. 24		
7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	Room 8
Thursday, Feb. 25		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb. 28		
9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	UU101	Memorial Room
12:00 pm	RE Pizza Lunch (see page 2)	Downstairs