

View from the Study Window...

This is tough time of year, March, for me. It's the month when our canvass gets underway and the budgeting process begins. Finance matters take up more of my time and attention. Many of us in leadership here at May Memorial are feeling the weight of uncertainty, anxious about how well our beloved Society will weather such a stormy time.

I wish spring would come – yet here we are in the midst of what is, really, our first major snowstorm of the year! It is beautiful: a world of white; a world more patient and permissive. When it snows, we tend to mingle less; we keep to sheltering places.

So, for these last few weeks of winter, I offer you two short reflective passages (taken from an old Unitarian Universalist "Lenten Manual"). The first is drawn from Rev. Vivian T. Pomeroy's "Invitation to Serenity." The second, which might be called "The Retreat Within," comes from Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius.

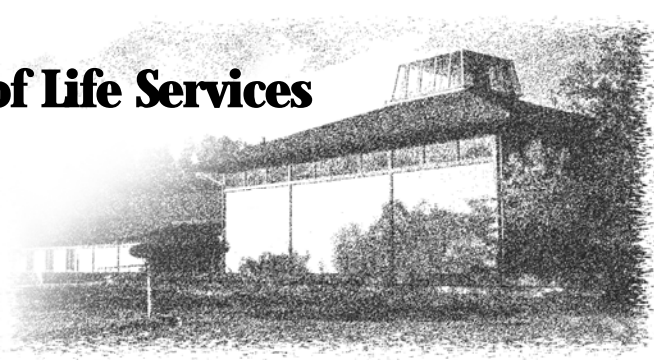
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Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.



March 7

It All Adds Up

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

The morning begins with Coffee and Bagels at 9:00 am, then Worship, and First Sunday Lunch. We'll add fun and a few surprises. Come see how it all adds up.

March 14

Guided by Reason; Open to Grace

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

On the journey of faith, reason is not a destination, but our guide. Grace is not a state of being, but a portal.

Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend – "Spring Ahead!"

March 21

Vernal Equinox Celebration

CNY - CUUPS

On the Pagan Wheel of the Year, Ostara falls on the Spring Equinox. Join us as we focus on planting for the future in the literal and metaphorical senses.

March 28

The Barren Fig Tree

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

In the most unlikely of stories – one described as the least attractive of the New Testament narratives – Jesus teaches a critical lesson about time and change.



Wheel of Life

THANK UUS

CNY CUUPS, Church of the Greenwood & SPIRAL (*the SU Pagan Group*) extend their thanks to May Memorial for the use of their Social Hall on February 14th. Our "Dessert & Divination" Fundraiser brought in over \$600 for the Haiti Relief Fund through the Red Cross. Additionally, the leftover desserts brought in another \$135 from a bake sale held the next morning after the service. Your support and generosity are truly heartwarming.

Thank you to the following groups who have hosted coffee hour so far this year. Your efforts, and your hospitality, are much appreciated!

The Board

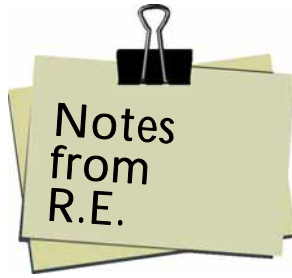
The Teenz

The Monday Men's Group

Evenings Beyond Eve

The Choir

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



The days have been lengthening for a while. However I must admit it isn't until the end of February or the beginning of March that I really begin to notice it. Spring is not so much a reality as a hope at this point. But somehow the hope seems more solid than it did a month ago. Don't forget that Daylight Savings time begins on March 14th. Remember to set your clocks ahead!

This past month 3 of our Teenz, **Dylan Ackerman, Mason Otero and Alex Sherman-Cross** attended a leadership training youth con in Binghamton. They brought back some wonderful ideas and learnings for our youth group. Our Teen group continues to be a strong group with positive energy. They are a wonderful group of people who are committed to our community and to each other. Well done!

This month I will begin planning in earnest the guide recruitment, which will begin in May. Ours is a cooperative program and this means that each family, who have offspring involved in RE (nursery – through high school) is expected to give eight Sundays a year in the RE Sunday school program. Although it can be hard to plan a year ahead we ask for folks to make a commitment in the spring for the next year so that we can plan our program year early enough in order to have a RE experience that is effective for our children. If you are interested in being a RE guide please contact me. Perhaps your grandchildren live far away and it would be nice to connect with some young folk. We would welcome your support.

On March 28, we begin our spring term, the final term of the year. If you are interested in guiding let me know, there is still one spot open.

Also we need some other help. Each Sunday we try to use re-usable plates, to cut down our impact on the environment. These plates need to be washed. It would be great if there were some folks who were willing to wash them. It is one of those details that is hard for me to take care of among all the details on a Sunday morning. Please let me know if you can help.

May Memorial is hosting District Assembly, the St. Lawrence District's annual meeting on April 23. One of the things that the host church provides is programming for children so that people with children can come to the meeting. We will need some volunteers to help provide some of that programming. In return you would get free registration to District Assembly. If you are interested please contact me.

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Director of Religious Educational Ministries



Marvelous History Corner

Lucretia Flagge Coffin May

Much of the past History Corner information has centered on Sam May, but not much has been said about his wife, Lucretia. As she played such an important part in his life, I want to devote at least one article to her. She was born in 1802, the daughter of Peter Coffin, a Portsmouth, New York, merchant who later moved to Boston thereby setting history's wheels in motion so she and Sam could meet. Sam was already a minister at the Brooklyn, Connecticut, church when on a trip back to Boston in 1824 to visit friends and family he met Lucretia. It appears to have been love at first sight and increasingly more frequent visits from Brooklyn to Boston resulted in their June 1, 1825 marriage.

She appears to have taken to being a minister's wife easily, even accepting the difficulties of raising a growing family in the small Brooklyn community on his meager salary. She seemed to have never found fault when Sam took money from that salary to help the unfortunate or support some cause related to his growing involvement with the abolitionist movement. She did have her own views and convictions and spoke of them frequently to Sam, but he relished the intellectual exchanges they had.

Beside her involvement with the church as a minister's wife, her daily routine involved, of course, caring for the children and their house, but she also enjoyed such activities as pickling and canning fruits and vegetables from their garden. She was a frequent letter writer, too, and read extensively. It appears that she read the several daily and weekly papers to which Sam subscribed, enabling her knowledge of current events and the many activities in which Sam was involved to grow. She also read widely in the fields of history, literature, and religion. She read French throughout her life and eventually acquired a mastery of Italian. Sam respected her mind and frequently asked for her opinion on various subjects.

When Sam accepted the pastorate in Syracuse in 1845, even though she would leave behind many friends and family, she seemed delighted with the prospects of living in a city much bigger than Brooklyn, Connecticut. By all reports, she was a beloved and respected woman during the Syracuse ministry until her death in 1865. Sam made a wise choice in a marriage partner. On some warm day, venture to Oakwood cemetery and stand by her headstone to marvel at a wonderful woman who helped to complete Sam's life. For more information on Lucretia, read W. Freeman Galpin's biography of Sam at <http://history.mmuus.org/galpin-may.html>. To see a photo of Lucretia's headstone, go to <http://www.mmuus.org/who-we-are/history/may-headstone.html>.

~ Rog Hiemstra,
Archivist

Don't wait to be asked

Are you ready to get involved in the live of May Memorial to a greater extent? Do you have some time to give or a special skill or talent to offer? There are always many projects, chores and programs needing dedicated people. Don't wait to be asked to take on a job. Call Rev. Jean Wahlstrom, Alexa Carter or a board member/committee chair. We will help you find a good match. Become a part of the May Memorial family!

Note from the Office

If you are using the Social Hall or Sanctuary on a Saturday and there is a decent chance that your group may run over your scheduled time, please let Brian Betz know beforehand so he can adjust the schedule accordingly. The cleaning staff goes by the times listed on the office calendar to schedule their Saturday cleaning times to ensure May Memorial is in top shape for Sunday Service. Thank you.

~ Brian Betz,
Office Administrator

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship meets **on the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm** with a pot-luck. All men of May Memorial are invited. If you can't provide a dish to pass, come anyway and share conversation. It's an informal way to get to know each other. Upcoming dates are **March 17 and April 21**.

What in the World Discussion

"Breath is Life" (UU World, Winter 2009 issue, page 33)

This article gives an historical perspective on the Judao-Christian attitudes toward abortion. Let's consider the author's points of view and also discuss our broader, modern understandings.

Meet in the Memorial Room at **10:00 am on March 23**. All are welcome.

(Copies of the article will be available in the wall rack in the hall near the Minister's Study.)

May Memorial's March Art Exhibition – The Work of George Earle

George Earle, whom many of May Memorial's long-time members will remember, is the featured artist for the month of March at May Memorial. Mr. Earle's work, which is both stylized and realistic, will be on display in the Social Hall throughout March, with a reception on **Sunday, March 14th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Mr. Earle is an award-winning painter of over seventy years who draws upon his life experiences, from traveling the world to serving in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops in the Italian Alps during World War II. Mr. Earle's exhibit follows his life-long progression of seeing and re-seeing local landscapes as he experienced other places and peoples.

~ Bev Adams



Music Notes...

Thanks to all the performers (and audience) for our Sunday Serenade Talent Show. Kudos to **Amanda Winkler** for coordinating the event.

The choir hosted the First Sunday Lunch in February, with everyone pitching in. Special thanks to **Diane Chappell-Daly** and **Linda Wobus** for cooking industrial amounts of soup Saturday morning.

The choir could use your help! *New members are always welcome*, and your help would be greatly appreciated. Come join us Thursday nights at 7:30 pm for rehearsal and enjoy a rewarding experience.

~ Glenn Kime,
Director of Music



Folkus Winter/Spring Schedule

Girlyman • Fr 3/5 • May Memorial

John Cadley and the Lost Boys • Sa 3/13 • Westcott Community Center

Joe Crookston • Fr 4/2 • May Memorial

Chuck Brodsky • Sa 4/10 • Westcott Community Center

Cheryl Wheeler • Fr 4/16 • May Memorial

Long Time Courting • Fr 5/7 • May Memorial

Amy Gallatin • Sa 5/8 • Westcott Community Center

Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand • Fr 5/21 • May Memorial



Girlyman

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 315-440-7444 or email tickets@folkus.org.



The
Quest for
Social Justice



Haiti Earthquake Relief Update

MMMUUS members and friends have been generous in their response to the tragedy in Haiti, giving generously to the UUSC's relief fund. To date over six hundred dollars has been received and forwarded on to UUSC. Have you ever wondered exactly how those funds are dispersed to gain the maximum advantage to the local populations? Following is an update from Charlie Clements, UUSC President and CEO, explaining exactly where the funds are distributed:

"Thanks to the generosity of your and other UU congregations, UUSC has been able to get badly needed funds quickly to four Haitian grassroots organizations that have set up relief programs amidst the devastation. UUSC chose this approach because Haitian grassroots organizations know best the situation on the ground and have community networks in place to distribute aid efficiently and quickly. They have also shown extraordinary courage and determination in setting up this work despite losing offices, personnel, and equipment.

With your support, UUSC was able to send \$50,000 to a joint fund for two organizations – Regional Coordination of Southeast Organizations in Jacmel and Platform of Community Organizations of the Port-au-Prince Metropolitan Zone – to buy and distribute food, medicines and emergency supplies like diapers for babies.

Hundreds of thousands of earthquake survivors have left Port-au-Prince seeking help elsewhere and many villages, already hard pressed, have doubled in size. UUSC has been able to get \$35,000 to the Papaye Peasant Movement and \$30,000 to the Lambi Fund (a local group UUSC has worked with before) for immediate emergency relief in rural communities hosting earthquake survivors.

In the midst of the terrible devastation, it was the Haitians who rescued each other and set up camps for the displaced when international aid was bottlenecked. Consistent with the Unitarian Universalist recognition of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, we believe that we must extend our hands to Haitians in solidarity and not charity."

Charity Begins at Home

Our generosity toward the people of Haiti is commendable but we must not forget that we have obligations in ongoing programs right here at home. The "Homeless and Hungry" program so ably administered by Linda Wobus and Julie Daniel is nearly \$400 in the red. The social justice committee will have a table in the social hall for the next few Sundays to remind everyone of this important activity. If you have never volunteered to help with food preparation at the Samaritan Center I strongly recommend the experience. If you are not able to offer your time, then consider a generous donation of cash for the ongoing support of this important work. Checks made out to MMUUS with

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"Homeless and Hungry" in the memo line may be deposited in the collection plate or placed in the box on the table in the social hall and will be credited directly to this account. Linda and Julie have given of their time and talents in support of this activity for longer than many of us have been members. Let's let them know we appreciate their efforts by volunteering or writing a check.

~ Harsey Leonard,
Chairman, MMUUS Social Justice
Committee



UUSC is pleased to recognize May Memorial UU Society with the Creating Justice Banner Society award and the James Luther Adams award. Creating Justice Banner Societies are congregations with 25 to 49 percent UUSC membership. The James Luther Adams Society award celebrates congregations that contribute at least \$1 for each of its congregation through their own operating budget.



Contact Community Services needs your help

Contact Community Services needs adult volunteers to staff its telephone counseling line. Free training will provide the skills needed to respond to callers facing a wide range of problems. Many volunteers share that they feel as if they are doing "God's Work" when listening compassionately to struggling callers.

Training begins March 23. For more information, call Mary Mol at 251-1400 ext. 104 or send an e-mail to mmol@contactsyracuse.org. Visit their website at www.contactsyracuse.org.

CNY CUUPS Vernal Equinox Celebration

Join **CNY CUUPS** in celebrating the Vernal Equinox, also known as Ostara, at May Memorial UU Society, 3800 E. Genesee St in Syracuse, on **March 21 at 10:30 am**. For more information, see our Facebook page or contact Jody Brown at jfb523@gmail.com.



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The issue of hydrofracking (hydraulic fracturing of deep shale to release natural gas) has recently galvanized our Green Sanctuary Action Plan advocacy efforts.

Many have raised strong concerns about the possibility of this drilling method contaminating our drinking water sources. That has happened in other states where hydrofracking has taken place and that's why one major drilling company has pledged not to drill in the New York City watershed. Those of us in Upstate New York wonder why our watersheds are considered less important because they certainly aren't less important to us.

Other issues that receive less attention are the effects on the health of people living in the vicinity of drilling and the effects on our beautiful natural areas. The following observations by a bicyclist near the New York - Pennsylvania border address those two issues. He was writing to someone in the Southern Tier:

"I live in Susquehanna County just eight miles north of Dimock [Pennsylvania]. Trust me on this; there is nothing in the next twenty years that will rock your world like the coming invasion of the Texas gas drillers, and coming they are. I have been to visit the people in Dimock and been invited into their homes and listened to their stories. Dimock is a death zone. There are now 63 active wells in a 3 by 3 mile area. There will be twice again that number this year. You can never escape the high pressure fracking scream that continues twenty four-seven - 365. It is never dark in Dimock from the intense sodium vapor lamps that light up the whole township like a baseball stadium. You will never want to bicycle through Dimock and inhale the toxic vapors as you fight with the hundreds of heavy trucks - I have done it. It is dangerous."

Then there is the question of using our time, energy, and financial resources to obtain a finite amount of fossil fuel, the burning of which will add to global warming. We could instead use these same resources to jump start renewable energy from wind and solar power.

At the same time, we recognize that many of us use natural gas in our homes, and we acknowledge that we must continue to work to conserve this resource in our personal lives and continue to move toward using renewable energy.

These are some of the reasons a significant number of May Memorial congregants are taking an active role in the study of hydrofracking and the effect it may have on our part of the state.

~ John Allen,
Chair, Green Sanctuary Committee

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@twcny.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.*

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

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, andrewandersee@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)

MMUUS Goods & Services Auction 2010 Donation Form

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Suggested Minimum Bid: _____

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Board News

Your Board of Trustees recently conducted its mid-year review on a Saturday morning in the Social Hall. Though it was a beautiful morning and actually sunny outside, the entire board was present and ready to work all morning on your behalf. They are a dedicated bunch. We are lucky to have them representing us.

In keeping with our stated goal of achieving financial stability for May Memorial, we spent the entire time working on financial matters. There are several ways that our economic health might be strengthened and we are working on many fronts at once.

There is now an enhanced Endowment and Capital Fund document which will make it more appealing for members to give to this long term growth vehicle. Members will be hearing more in the future about how to include May Memorial in estate and tax planning. We need a solid base to serve as a safety net as we move forward.

You can now find May Memorial listed on the "Eventective" website, as an attractive and convenient place to hold a wedding or special event. Increasing revenue from rentals is one of our goals.

Discussions have been begun concerning a future Capital Campaign. The board has begun hearing suggestions from people in the congregation about which items need to be addressed first in repair of the building. We have started conversations with professional fund raisers as well as other UU churches that have had successful campaigns.

We hope to enhance the scope and usage of our website and we are investigating sending a team from May Memorial to a mid-sized church growth conference. Both of these steps would move us toward greater visibility and size.

"Giving as a Spiritual Practice," is a concept we are learning more about. Nancy Pease has done quite a bit of research on this concept. Ask her about it next time you see her.

Our Stewardship campaign is being conducted under the able leadership of **Gary Droege** and **Jennifer Newman**. Money matters are important to all of us. We cannot hope to serve our community well if we continue to undermine our stability by dipping into our reserves year after year. Please welcome those representing the stewardship campaign. Be generous and encouraging. Ask, "How can I help?" when you are approached. Together we can achieve financial stability for May Memorial.

In peace,
Alexa Carter



Becoming a Member of May Memorial – May 16

Are you considering becoming a member of May Memorial? The next joining date is **Sunday, May 16**. This involves a brief ceremony during the worship service in which new members sign "The Book" and are welcomed by the congregation.

Before this service, we offer **UU 102**, a three-session class about Unitarian Universalism and May Memorial led by Rev. Jean Wahlstrom. The classes are **April 25, May 2 and 9** from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Memorial Room. Childcare is available. Pre-registration is not required and UU 101 is not a prerequisite. The classes are not mandatory for joining MMUUS, but are recommended.

Contact the membership committee at the Welcome Table or at membership@mmuus.org if you have questions.

District Assembly coming to Syracuse

The 2010 St. Lawrence District Annual Assembly will take place on the weekend of **April 23 - 24**. The Saturday programming will take place in the Renaissance Hotel while the Friday night dinner and Gould Lecture will take place here at May Memorial. We will have over 100 people enjoying dinner in our Social Hall and Linda Hoddy, minister of Saratoga Springs Congregation, will deliver the Gould Lecture. Robert Latham will be the keynote speaker on Saturday delivering a talk on "Envisioning Our Future." Look for registration brochures soon and consider volunteering to help with the Friday dinner. Meetings of this kind are a great way to meet people in the district. Please contact Alexa Carter at Garlex@aol.com.

Universalist Convocation 2010

The 2010 Universalist Convocation will be held **May 14 - 16** at First Universalist Society of Rochester, New York.

The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, "Dragged Kicking and Screaming to Heaven."

For more information please go to nmuc.org/convo.



WhaleCoast Alaska 2010

Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this summer in our 14th year! See *REAL* Alaska, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka. UU's host events and lead tours. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Observe wildlife, including bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters and bald eagles. Visit Denali National Park. Dave Frey, a 29-year Alaska resident, leads the programs. Visit www.whalecoastak.org. Don't delay, the program usually fills by March 10th. Email dfrey@whalecoastak.org for information, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

Finance Notes



Capital Fund Transactions from 6/30/09 to 12/30/09

Capital Fund Balance at 6/30/09 **\$86,802**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Deductions</u> | |
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| | <i>transfers to operating fund:</i> | |
| 8/18/09 | Transfer to pay current obligations | \$5,000 |
| 9/4/09 | Transfer for a lump sum payment of a yearly contract (saving 10%) | 9,638 |
| 9/4/09 | Transfer to operating fund to pay current obligations | 7,362 |
| | <i>transfers for capital expenditures:</i> | |
| 8/07/09 | Transfer to Alliance Bank for capital projects | 5,000 |
| | Misc. capital expenditures | <u>1,742</u> |
| | <i>Total deductions</i> | - \$28,742 |
| | <u>Additions</u> | |
| 12/31/09 | Capital gains | \$3,827 |
| 12/31/09 | Capital fund checking account | <u>5,092</u> |
| | <i>Total additions</i> | + \$8,919 |
| | Capital fund balance at 12/30/09 | \$66,979 |

Summary of Cash Transfers from the Capital Fund to cover Cash Deficits in the Operating Fund, from 2006 to 2010:

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| 2009-10 Fiscal Year (Projected) | \$22,000 |
| 2008-09 Fiscal Year | 7,746 |
| 2007-08 Fiscal Year | 12,000 |
| 2006-07 Fiscal Year | <u>4,000</u> |
| Total transfers to Operating Fund | \$45,746 |

The Bottom Line: Unless we can balance next year's budget with the income we generate, we will again have to cover the shortfall with transfer(s) from the capital fund. If this trend continues, *the capital fund could be totally depleted in a few years*, leaving May Memorial with no resources to cover a cash shortfall or to make improvements.

~ Joyce Leonard, Treasurer

Calendar

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Wednesday, March 17

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| 6:30 pm | Men's Fellowship Potluck Dinner | Social Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Men's Fellowship Meeting | Social Hall |

Thursday, March 18

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

Friday, March 19

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| 7:00 pm | Bach Bash | Sanctuary |
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Sunday, March 21

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| 9:40 am - 10:10 am | Silent Meditation | Creekside |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 am | Teenz | Teen Room |
| 12:00 pm | Sunday Serenade | Sanctuary |
| 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Green Sanctuary Committee | Memorial Room |
| 12:15 pm | Spanophiles | Teen Room |

Tuesday, March 23

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| 10:00 am | What in the World Meeting | Memorial Room |
| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |

Thursday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 28

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| 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 |

Tuesday, March 30

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| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
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View from the Study Window...

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When there is sound and fury all around, signifying little or nothing;

When the past derides us with remembered failures and we think we are never to be quit of them;

When the future seems more a menace than a hope;

When we feel that at our worst it will not matter much, and at our best it will not really count;

When we are a prey to fears because we cannot guard against a chance, and a slight thing happening would lay us low;

Then may we [each receive] the comforting assurance: "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

II.

People seek out retreats for themselves, cottages in the country, lonely seashores and mountains. You too are disposed to hanker greatly after such things. And yet all this is the very commonest stupidity; for it is in your power, whenever you will it, to retire into yourself. And nowhere is there any place one may retire quieter and more free from politics than one's own soul. Especially if you have within you thoughts such as you need only regard attentively to be at perfect ease... Constantly then use this retreat, and renew yourself.

I am inspired and heartened by the dedication and gifts of all you wonderful people. I learn from you every day, and I give thanks for being among you.

~ Blessings, Jean

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TIME VALUE

Calendar

Monday, March 1

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| 6:30 pm | SEG | Memorial Room |
| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Committee on Ministry | Teen Room |

Tuesday, March 2

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| 11:00 am | Worship Committee | Memorial Room |
| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
| 7:00 pm | Social Justice Committee | Teen Room |

Thursday, March 4

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| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
| | * No Choir Rehearsal * | |

Saturday, March 6

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| 9:30 am - 11:00 am | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 11:00 am - 12:30 pm | Stewardship Committee | Sanctuary |

Sunday, March 7

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| 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, March 9

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| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
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Thursday, March 11

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| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
| 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Comm. on Ministry Brown Bag Lunch | Social Hall |
| 7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Sunday, March 14

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| 9:40 am - 10:10 am | Silent Meditation | Creekside |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 10:30 am | Teenz | Teen Room |
| 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Committee on Ministry | Sanctuary |
| 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Reception for George Earle <i>(See article on page 4)</i> | Social Hall |

Monday, March 15

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| 6:30 pm | SEG | Memorial Room |
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Tuesday, March 16

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| 10:00 am | What in the World Meeting | Memorial Room |
| 3:00 pm | Tai Chi | Creekside |
| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting | Social Hall |

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