

Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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

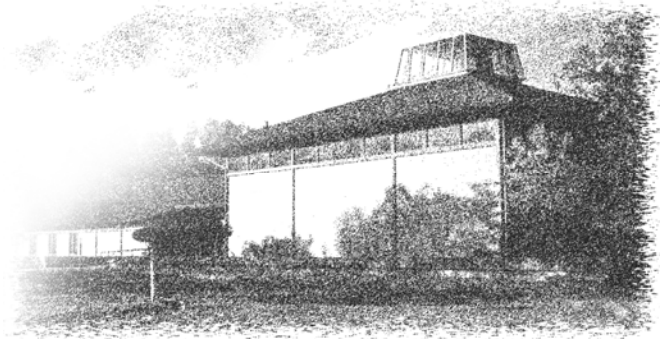
Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

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.

April 4

Easter Sunday

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom and
Glenn Kime



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. The classes are **April 25, May 2 and May 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.

~ Lee Ann McKinney

News from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is beginning its selection process to create a slate of officers to serve May Memorial for 2010-2011. We have begun interviewing folks for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary (1 year terms), Board of Trustees (1-3 year terms) and Nominating Committee (1 year terms). Please feel free to contact us if you have suggestions for nominees. A slate will be presented in late May for voting on at the annual meeting in June.

Thank you,

Alice Chico for the Nominating Committee
Ken Pease, Jennifer Newman, Fred Fiske, Mary Fulton, Jean Wahlstrom, ex officio



Wheel of Life

Our best wishes for **Gary Carter**, who is recovering from successful heart valve surgery performed last Tuesday. Cards may be sent to him at home.

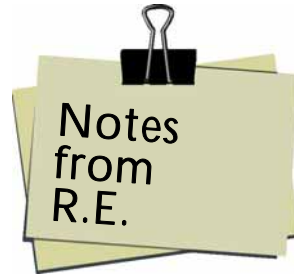
Peggy and Paul Ryfun have been assisting Paul's parents, both in their eighties and congenitally deaf, as they deal with the afflictions, large and small, of old age. We hope that some of these problems are resolved soon and that we will see the Ryfuns back in church.

Roger and Janet Hiemstra recently visited Roger's ailing mother, 92, in Michigan. A pacemaker has been installed and she will spend some time in rehab with the hope of returning to her *independent* life at home. A sturdy lady!

Joyce Ball is still in our thoughts as she begins to take nourishment and is moved from hospital to nursing home to gather strength.

Kent Lindstrom's mother is recovering from a leg amputation and dealing with other medical issues. We hold Kent, his mother, Mary Louise, and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian Betz would like to thank those who purchased his artwork during February's "May Loves the Arts" exhibition. The sales of Brian's artwork totaled \$65, which will go to the Central New York SPCA. Thanks to your generosity, some very deserving cats and dogs will have much needed food and shelter.



Spring is in the air and that means that we will be handing out seeds to our RE children for our Butterfly Garden. We will hand them out March 14th to those children who would like them. What we are asking children and families to do is take the seeds home and plant them in small pots or containers. Then water them, tend them and watch them with your children. Later in the year we will ask you to bring the plants in and we will have a planting time in the Butterfly Garden near our pavilion. If you are not in church on the 14th you should be able to pick up a packet of seeds on the 21st.

Wish List for RE

36 inch roll of brown or white Butcher paper.

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Director of Religious Education

District Assembly in Syracuse April 23-24

Please pick up a brochure and registration form for the District Assembly. They can be found in the pamphlet rack in the foyer, or you may elect to read about the conference and register on line if you wish. May Memorial will play a major role in the annual event by hosting the Gould lecture and serving Friday night dinner to conference goers. Our own **Fred Fiske** will provide entertainment as part of this special evening. Think about getting involved in all or part of the weekend's special offerings. Contact Alexa Carter for more details (garlex@aol.com).

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, 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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Add a Dollar a Day for May

When thinking about the pledge goal for next fiscal year, we realized if everyone were to add just one dollar per day for the year to the amount they pledged last year, we could balance our budget and avoid further draw down of our capital fund.

The capital fund is there to provide us the wherewithal to attend to the needs of our building and grounds. If we were to continue to draw down what is needed to balance our budget at a rate as we have in the recent past, we would be out of business in a matter of very few years. If that were to happen, we would be faced with some extraordinary decisions:

- Selling the building and looking for a more modest facility
- Exploring a merger with First UUS
- Cease to exist - that would be truly a sad day

These are alternatives that I hate to bring up, but if we do not change our ways, I am afraid those options will have to be considered in the not too distant future.

What does a dollar a day more for a year mean to May?

If the 150 units that pledged last year were to do this, we would add \$54,000 to the total pledged last year, bringing the total pledged for next year to \$274,000. That would exceed our \$256,000 goal by \$18,000 allowing us to repay the capital fund some of the \$46,000 that has been "borrowed" from it over the past 4 years.

What does a dollar a day more mean to you?

- Less than a cup of coffee per day
- Less than a ticket to a movie per week
- Less than one meal out per month at a moderately priced restaurant
- Pledge another dollar a day and \$360 dollars will be added to what you pledged last year

Check in the office or ask any member of the Stewardship Committee for a form on which you can indicate you would like to add a dollar a day to the amount you pledged last year. You may elect to add 2 dollars per day which would essentially cover the operating expense of May for a day. Or fill in any amount you would prefer. We will confirm back to you your pledge total for next year.

We enthusiastically encourage you to fill out your "Add a Dollar a Day for May" form, mail it in or drop it in the pledge box at church so Stewardship Co-Chair Jennifer Newman can weave another ribbon into our Canvass Tapestry, this year's symbol reflecting progress toward our "It All Adds Up" Stewardship goal of \$256,000.

With your help, we can continue to enjoy the programming that May provides in a building we value. Thanks for whatever you can do.

~ Gary Droege, Stewardship Co-Chair

(On the reverse side of this insert is a pledge form that you may use if you wish to make a pledge. You may drop it in the pledge box in the foyer, mail it to the office or you can pledge on line by going to www.mmuus.org and follow the prompts, it's really easy.)

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
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Syracuse, New York 13214

ADD A DOLLAR A DAY FOR MAY

PLEDGE FOR FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30, 2011

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Telephone () _____

E-mail # 1: _____

E-mail # 2: _____

___ I/We pledge \$1.00 a day more than pledged last year
This will result in a monthly increase of \$30.00
Or an increase for the year of\$360.00

___ I/We pledge \$2.00 a day more than pledged last year.
This will result in a monthly increase of.....\$60.00
Or an increase for the year of\$720.00
This essentially covers one full day of operation of the Society.

___ I/We wish to pledge a different amount, please estimate the
annualized increase amount\$ _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

The amount pledged above will be added to the amount you pledged last year and the new total will be confirmed to you in writing. On behalf of our beloved May Memorial, Thank you ever so much!



Folkus Winter/Spring Schedule

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



Joe Crookston

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

Bookenders Schedule



Come join us for lively discussion!

March 25 - **"Rising from the Rails: Pullman Porters and the Making of the Black Middle Class"** by Larry Tye

April 22 - **"A River Runs Through It"** by Norman MacLean

May 27 - **"March"** by Geraldine Brooks

Group meets at 1:30 pm in the Memorial Room.

~ Vicky Schipper,
email: victoria@twcny.rr.com

Mark Your Calendars!



Women's Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall

Speaker: Francis Parks



Pride Parade

When: **Saturday, June 19**

Want to plan? Contact **Kate Kearney** and **Rachel Whitney** by phone (315-433-2357) or by email at kkearney1982@yahoo.com or rwl647@yahoo.com.

Kitchen donations now being accepted



Our very successful First Sunday Lunches are revealing some shortages in our kitchen ware. Donations of towels and silverware would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Don MacKay** if you have some items to contribute.

New community writers group



Writers Group East will be meeting at the Fayetteville Free Library from **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, beginning Monday, April 5th**. All genres welcome.

For more information, contact: victoria@pocketrockets.com or call 315-446-3869 and leave a message.

First Sunday Lunch

Many thanks to the Social Justice Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee for the terrific lunch on March 7. Not only did we have a great start to our Stewardship Campaign that day, but we enjoyed a hearty lunch as well. We all look forward to many years of sharing meals together in our beautiful building.

May Memorial

Unitarian Universalist Society

May Memorial is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

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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

Monday, March 15		
6:30 pm	SEG	Memorial Room
Tuesday, March 16		
10:00 am	What in the World Meeting	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Social Hall
Wednesday, March 17		
6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck Dinner	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Meeting	Social Hall
Thursday, March 18		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 19		
7:00 pm	Bach Bash	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 21		
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		
10:00 am	What in the World Meeting	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
Thursday, March 25		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, March 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
Tuesday, March 30		
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside