

MMUUS letter

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May
Memorial
Unitarian Universalist Society

Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

May 16

Guide Recruitment Sunday

Jennifer Hamlin-Navias

What is the state of our current Religious Education program? Where might we go from here and what is the community's part in it? What might it look like if we were a multi-generational community.

May 23

Youth Service

Teenz

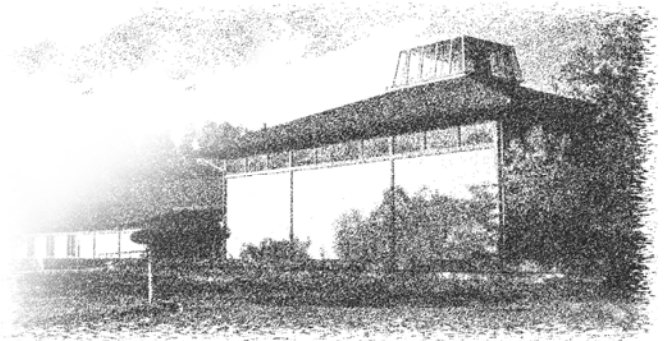
This service will be designed by and led by our Teenz. It promises to be a lively expression of the Teenz UU beliefs and practices. Come share with our Teenz as they lead us in an expression of their shared community.

May 30

Be Fuller! Like Margaret!

Worship Committee

We are celebrating the 200th birthday of Unitarian and women's rights activist S. Margaret Fuller. Never heard of her? Come learn about this remarkable woman, her contributions, and her lasting influence.



MMUS' Annual Meeting

MMUUS' Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 6th** in the Social Hall at 7:00 pm. A dessert bar will be featured from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm.



Open budget meeting

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend an open budget meeting on **May 23rd at 12:15 pm** in the Social Hall. Questions and discussion are encouraged. This is a great opportunity to discuss what you and your fellow members of May Memorial feel our financial priorities should be before the annual meeting. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for everyone.



Both the Annual Meeting and the Open Budget Meeting will have childcare available.



CareRing News & Notes

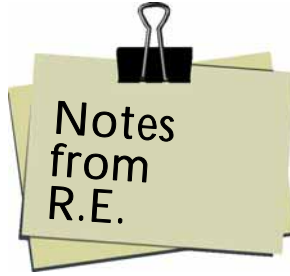
Congratulations to **Linda Wobus**, her daughter Megan, and son-in-law on the birth of her new grandson, Akita Joseph Beller, who was born on May 3rd in Baltimore.

Debbie Pillsbury is recovering satisfactorily at home from knee replacement surgery.

THANK UUS

Many thanks to **Scott Severance, Judy Antoine, Barb Weingart, Jill Evans** and **Charlie Hannah** for transporting five of the Awad children in our Iraqi family to KICKS Camp at Huntington School during April break.

If any of your personal information changes (email, phone, address, name, etc.), please tell Brian Betz (office administrator) so he can make the changes in the Membership database. Then your information will be correct when a new directory is printed. Brian can be reached at 446-8920 or office@mmuus.org.



In our RE program in this last half of May, we are doing many things to get ready for the end of the year. But we are not at the end of the year yet.

There are two upcoming events that I want to let you know about. First, we will be having our guide recruitment on **Sunday, May 16th**. I will be preaching that day and the service will focus on how our RE program is going, dreams and visions for next year and how individual adults at May can support our RE program. After the service, people will have the opportunity to sign up as volunteers for our RE program.

On **Saturday May 22nd, from 10:00 am until about 2:00 pm**, the Teenz group along with the youth from Plymouth Congregational UCC will be hosting a fundraising car wash at Glisson's Mobil station at Nottingham Plaza. The Teenz are raising money for their service trip this summer. Both groups will be traveling to Boston in August for this trip. Please come and support them on the 22nd and get your car clean at the same time.

~ Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Director of Religious Education Ministries

An Introduction to Visions for Change and CNY Circles and Bridges

If you have an interest in hearing how this innovative organization is working to end poverty "one circle at a time" please attend this introduction to the Circles Project. The presentation will be held at the Palace Theatre in Eastwood on **Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 am to Noon**. The project and volunteer opportunities will be presented by Angela Douglas, Director of Visions for Change, and by others involved. Refreshments will be served.



~ Don MacKay and Donna Rohde

Proposed Officers & Nominating Committee Members



The Nominating Committee is pleased to propose the following slate of Officers and members of the Nominating Committee to be voted on the Annual Meeting on June 6th, 2010. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted. Please make sure that anyone who is nominated from the floor is willing to serve.

President	Alexa Carter	1 year term
Vice President	Rob Neimeier	1 year term
Secretary	Annegret Schubert	1 year term
Board of Trustees	Harsey Leonard	3 year term
Board of Trustees	Felicia Otero	3 year term
<u>Nominating Committee</u>		1 year terms
Fred Fiske		
Mary Fulton		
Lee Ann McKinney		
Ken Pease		
Andrea Wandersee		

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Chico,
Chair, Nominating Committee

Women's Salad Luncheon

Saturday, May 22 at 11:30 am in the Social Hall

Please join the women of May Memorial and First and Friends for an afternoon of companionship, learning and delicious food for the annual salad luncheon. The event begins at 11:30 am in the social hall with conversation, moves to a luncheon of salads and desserts brought by participants and rounds out with a talk by Francis Parks, renowned storyteller. RSVP if you can, but don't hesitate to join us if your schedule opens unexpectedly. We'll try to match people with rides if needed. Contact **Alexa Carter** (garlex@aol.com) or **Vicky Schipper** (victoria@twcny.rr.com) for more information.



Evenings Beyond Eve presents a Service for Paula Murray

On **Wednesday, May 19th**, Evenings Beyond Eve will have an informal memorial service for **Paula Murray** in the sanctuary. All are invited.

If you wish to participate or have information about Paula you would like us to share, contact **Vicky Schipper** at 479-5751 or victoria@twcny.rr.com.



CNY Pride Parade planning meeting/poster-making party

There will be a joint Pride Parade planning meeting and poster-making party on **June 2nd at 6:30 pm at First UU**. The CNY Pride Parade and Festival is on June 19th. Anyone interested in helping plan, making posters and/or marching can contact us at rw1647@yahoo.com or k Kearney1982@yahoo.com.



The 19th Annual Gathering of Men

June 11th - 13th, 2010, Camp Unirondack, Lowville, NY

Many of us have been returning for this weekend for years. And each year, there are men who come for the first time...in the beautiful Adirondacks. Canoe, hike, or just snooze by the boathouse. Bring your harmonica, guitar, whatever. Optional workshops, discussions, socialize or not. See **Remo Bianco** in the Social Hall after service or contact him at 635-2508 or remobianco@netzero.net. Website: www.unirondack.org

What in the World Discussion

Our theme is "multiculturalism". Following on our April discussion of "Can Unitarian Universalism Change?" and "We Must Change" from the spring issue of "UUWorld", and on Sam May Day speaker Gustav Niebuhr's "Tolerance is Not Enough", we will discuss "Sitting, with a Good Buddhist Novel", found on pages 56 - 58 in the same issue. We meet at **10:00 am on Tuesday, May 18**, in the Memorial Room. What role does literature play? Join us! (Copies of the articles will be available in the wall rack in the hall near the Minister's Study)

St. Lawrence District Annual Meeting Dinner — the Pièce de résistance!



Kudos and Bravo! to the following people for the wonderful dinner that they helped to provide for the St. Lawrence District Annual Meeting attendees. Many more folks provided desserts for the reception that followed the Gould Lecture.

Beverly and George Adams, Randy Archambault, Carol Bickart, Jody Brown, Diane Chappell-Daly, Alice Chico, Leslie Dendy, Peggy Droz, Janet Hiemstra, Kate Kearny and Rachael Whitney, Jennifer Newman, Anton Ninno, Peggy Ryfun, Doris and Dan Sage, Vicky Schipper, Scott Severance, Pete Shambo, Andrea Wandersee, and many dessert makers.

The dinner and the lovely setting were much appreciated by fellow UUs from around the district.

MMUS Weekend at Unirondack September 17-19, 2010



We have reserved the Unirondack UU Camp near Lowville, New York for Friday night, September 17th through Sunday, September 19th, 2010 for our 3rd annual MM weekend in the Adirondacks! The accommodations are mostly rustic cabin spaces, (with running water) and there are wonderful community gathering spaces with fireplaces and lots of warmth from the crowd. We have had a rainy but warm weekend in 2008, then in 2009, a cool and sunny weekend. Perhaps this year will be a glorious sunny and warm September weekend! No matter what the weather, we have had a great time relaxing and talking together as well as: hiking, sailing, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, music and game playing, eating, reading, crafting, sleeping, bicycling, jogging and just sitting by the lake or in the woods! It is a 2-2.5 hour drive from Syracuse and families have carpooled or come up on Saturday morning if your schedule doesn't allow you to come Friday afternoon/evening.

The cost continues to be \$50 per person for the weekend, which includes food for meals. You are asked to bring snack foods and drinks to share. (There is no reduced price if you come on Saturday.) Some scholarship money is available if finances keep you from considering joining us for the weekend. Please contact Stephanie (315-682-0586 or email mscross@windstream.net) if you want to reserve a spot. Give numbers and names/ages of children. Children under 3 are free. For information about Unirondack, go to their website: <http://www.unirondack.org>.

~ Stephanie Cross,
Coordinator



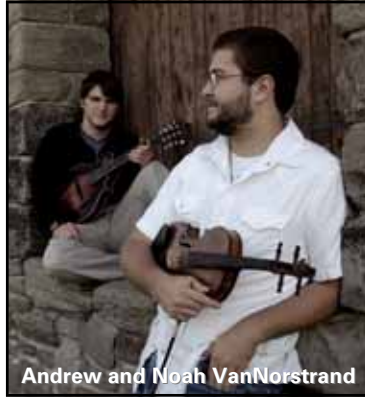
Folkus Spring Schedule

Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand •

Fr 5/21 • May Memorial

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

Be sure to check out www.folkus.org for upcoming events.



Andrew and Noah VanNorstrand

Bookenders Schedule



Come join us for lively discussion!

May 27 at 1:30 pm in the Memorial Room - **"March"** by Geraldine Brooks



SisterCircle open to new members

SisterCircle, a long standing women's group at May Memorial, is welcoming new members in September. **The group meets every Wednesday night from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm** and explores matters of personal growth and community building. For more information, please contact **Alice Chico** at Chico421@twcny.rr.com / 478-2393 or **Ann Pearson** at awpearson1@yahoo.com / 637-9644.

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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

Sunday, May 16

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	Ask the Experts	Foyer
12:00 pm	Green Sanctuary Committee	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	UU101	Memorial Room
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room
2:00 pm	Joyce Ball's Memorial Service	Sanctuary

Monday, May 17

6:30 pm	SEG	Memorial Room
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Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck Dinner	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Meeting	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Paula Murray's Memorial Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 20

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm	Social Justice	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 22

11:30 am	Women's Salad Luncheon	Social Hall
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Sunday, May 23

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15 pm	Open Budget Meeting	Social Hall

Tuesday, May 25

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
5:30 pm	Membership Committee	Memorial Room

Thursday, May 27

1:30 pm	Bookenders	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:30 pm	Choir	Sanctuary

Sunday, May 30

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