

MMUUS letter

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May
Memorial
Unitarian Universalist Society

Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

June 20

**CUUPS: Summer Solstice
Celebration**

Jody Brown

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June 27

Worship Committee: Hymn Sing

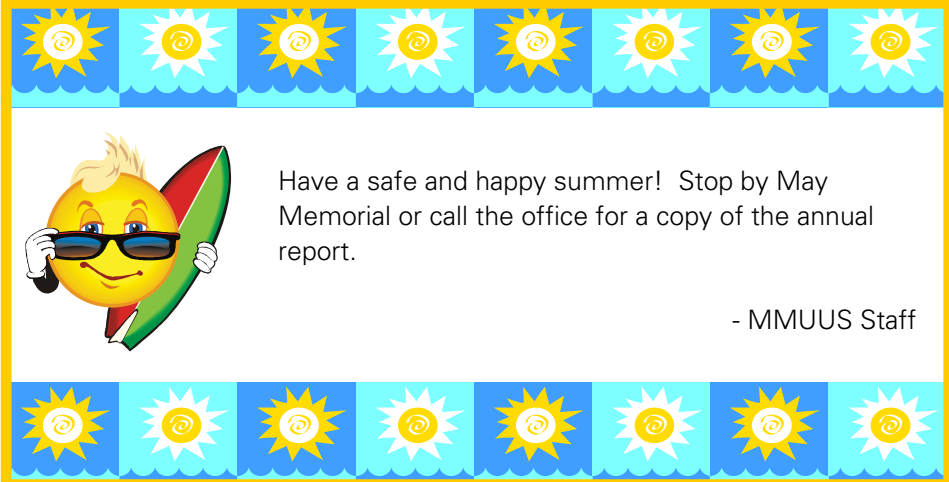
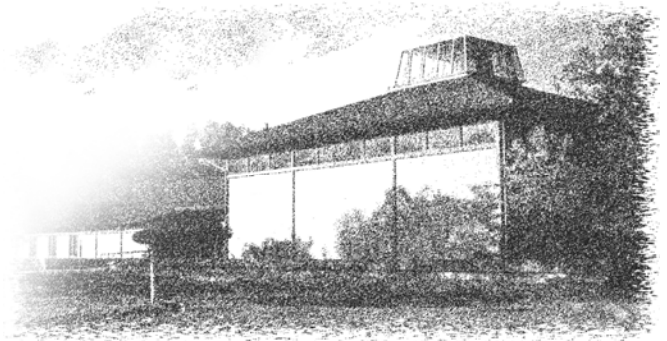
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(see page 2 for a complete listing of summer services)



Have a safe and happy summer! Stop by May Memorial or call the office for a copy of the annual report.

- MMUUS Staff



CareRing News & Notes

Our hearts are with **Mary Fulton**, her daughter and their family as her daughter battles cancer.

Don MacKay has complications from cataract surgery and we're hopeful for the best outcome.

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.

2010 Summer Services Schedule

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July 4 – Joe Cleveland: Eros in the Bible?!? Reading the Song of Songs

The presence of the Song of Songs in scripture has been a puzzle to Christian and Jewish readers, occasion for transport for mystics, and some comfort to feminist readers.

July 11 – Jody Brown & Andrea Wandersee (Randy Archambault)

July 18 – *To be determined*

July 25 – Dr. Luzma Umpierre: I Am Still Standing (Doris Sage)

Dr. Umpierre will present a bio/poetical presentation about how she survived the most horrific of ordeals.

August 1 – Doris Sage: This I Believe (Judy Antoine)

Come and share a 5-minute essay (that's 350-500 words) about your personal philosophy of life. Share insights about the values that have shaped your daily actions. If you would like guidelines to help you, contact Doris Sage, (315) 637-8181 or e-mail: djsage2@verizon.net.

August 8 – Green Sanctuary: How Our Choices Affect Our Future (Judy Antoine)

We will look at how the choices we make will affect the world that our children and grandchildren inherit.

August 15 – Peggy Droz: (Felicia Otero)

August 22 – Anne Shelley: Dear Hearts and Gentle People (Jody Brown)

Anne will lead a celebration in song and text about the gentle people in our lives.

August 29 – Social Justice Committee (Felicia Otero)

September 5 – Kelly Kilmer Hall (Judy Antoine)

Tribute to Diane Hainsworth

Diane Hainsworth was honored at the May 16 church service for her many years of service at May Memorial. The text of the tribute follows:

"Today we would like to honor a long time member of May Memorial—Diane Hainsworth. Diane, would you please come forward?"



As many of you know, Diane is moving to Denver at the end of this month.

She has been a member of May Memorial almost forty years. Whether as a teacher in Religious Education, Board of Trustees officer or member, committee chair or member, or invisibly in the background through email messages and conversations, Diane has made immeasurable contributions to building and maintaining a strong sense of community within May Memorial and to mobilizing this community to raise funds it needs to support itself. In recent years...

- She has chaired and supported the annual Stewardship Campaign numerous times.*
- She has been the lifeblood of the annual Fine Craft Show, bringing her organizational skills and her strong connections to the Fine Craft community both to help build an outstanding set of offerings and to bring the May Memorial community together to make the show a financial success.*
- She has been a key part of the Goods & Services Auction fundraisers the past several times—the last one just a couple weeks ago.*
- And she has been a thoughtful source of institutional memory, of wisdom and compassion, and of creative problem solving for May Memorial as a community and for many of us individually.*

Diane, I think all of us have been in denial about your move. When you gave me your keys last week to turn into the office, I thought "Wow, Diane is really leaving us."

We know that you have already chosen the UU church you will attend in Denver. We expect that you will be in a leadership role very soon, probably chairing a fund raising activity.

Here is a gift that we hope will help you get to know the Denver community better.

We wish you and Reed the best in your retirements and in your move to Denver."

Presented by Janet Hiemstra

Results of the St. Lawrence District Annual Meeting

The final accounting of the St. Lawrence District Annual Meeting Friday night dinner is in! With the help of many of you, including your donations of delicious toppings for the pasta and rice, we made over \$800 for the coffers of May Memorial. Thank you all and special, belated thanks to **Gary and Alexa Carter** and **Don MacKay and Adele Toney**, who spent many hours organizing, buying, hauling, and cooking for the event.

Summer Coffee Hour hosts needed



Please take a look at your summer calendar and sign up to host a coffee hour or two during the summer. You may recruit your own co-host or let me do it. Contact Don MacKay by phone at 479-8460 or e-mail mackay214@gmail.com.



Be a part of the CNY Pride Parade!

On **June 19th**, join May Memorial and First UU as together we celebrate this year's pride theme "Unity in Community." **Meet at the corner of State and Washington Streets at 10:30am** - our Marshal Vicky Schipper will direct us from there! The parade runs from 11:30 am - noon, and the churches will have a table at the festival from noon - 6:00 pm. For more information, email Kate & Rachael at rwkk1011@yahoo.com.

What in the World Discussion

The June meeting of What in the World Discussion group will be shifted to the **fourth Tuesday, June 22nd, at 10:00 am** in the Memorial Room. Topic for discussion will be the article in the forthcoming Summer issue of the UUWorld focused on the short life, but major influence of Margaret Fuller as promoter of the Transcendentalist movement and the first American theorist of women's equality. The article marks May 23 as the bicentennial of her birth. Advance reprint copies of the seven page article by Kimberly French, under the title "Radiant genius and fiery heart," will be available in the wall rack in the hall near the Minister's Study.

From the annual meeting...

The following speech was made by Carey Ann Pitzrick, the presenter of the Annual award, to Jennifer Newman at the 2010 Annual Meeting:

"My friend Jennifer Newman. Member of the Social Justice Committee, Iraqi Family Resettlement Committee, Finance Committee, Adult Education Committee, Nominating Committee, and co-chair of the Stewardship and Fund Raising Committees.

I told her if she keeps this up, people will forget all about Sam May. I'll find myself attending the Newman Memorial UU Society.

Everyone deserves at least a moment of appreciation. This is hers.

Jennifer possesses keen awareness of the heart. In regards to any issue she's stumbled upon, she has a gift of getting right to the heart of it. Crises become problems, problems become nuisances, and nuisances can be made fun of until all hours of the evening. And I've been paying close attention, yet am still bewildered: How does she maintain that ability to communicate effectively with all types of people, opening minds, sneaking past defenses, abruptly stopping pretenses, and coordinating opinions into actions that benefit the greater community, consistently?

She's an evaluator, and a worldly, intuitive woman who is organized. She provides ingenuity and insight in every circumstance she encounters. She has this uncanny ability to see the whole picture and pinpoint deficiencies, diplomatically bringing good sense and a refreshing perspective with her.

Anyone who knows her, knows she does not act merely out of obligation. She has to maintain balance and have a fair amount of give & take. I am hoping she will receive benefits for many years to come for the amount of heart she has given to this church in the past few years. She has brought humanity and authenticity to this space, reminding us all that May Memorial goes far beyond any singular failure or success. Being a member here is a journey, and no one walks alone. Jennifer sees this, and has provided a quiet, kind and humble reminder that leading by example is the most brilliant and respectable way to lead.

In honor of her many gifts, I'd like to present this award. Thank you, Jennifer."

~ Carey Ann Pitzrick

The Unsung Heroes of May

The following poem was written by Vicky Schipper to honor some of the Unsung heroes here at May Memorial:

Heroes

They walk among us these true saints of May
Doing multiple chores both night and day.
Like climbers at Everest they ascend to great heights
And keep us on task with celestial lights

Like many docs they are always on call
Their patient is old and ready to fall
The interventions are both cheap and quick
Although their client is truly quite sick.

Our beloved building is really quite rare
Built in the sixties and designed with great care.
From MIT came Belluschi to help with designs
And congregants praised the aesthetic lines.

Time and weather have aged the frame
And created problems too many to name.
The icicles that cascade from on high
Make those in the know, heave a great sigh.

But wait!! We're here for a celebration and fun
We're here to honor all that's been done
Some work has been paid but most of it not
That's why we want to say thanks a lot

It's people like this that keep this place going
Even when hard winds come a blowing
So lets honor our amazing Three Musketeers
Their work deserves many loud cheers!

The Unsung Hero Award, as its name suggests, is awarded to someone who has recently performed multiple tasks for the congregation, chiefly behind the scenes - someone who gets things done without fanfare. The award is named for Evelyn White, the first wife of longtime member (and unsung hero) Charlie White.

Janet Hiemstra compiled the following list of things our honorees have accomplished:

Who gets the calls for emergencies at all hours of the day or night? Peter, Erwin

Who climbed up on the sanctuary roof to remove gutters? Bruce

(continued above right)

("Unsung Heroes" continued)

Who climbs on the roof repeatedly to find the source of leaks? All three

Who designed and installed very attractive lights over the sofas in the Memorial Room? Bruce

Who worked to install the front door handicap entrance? Peter or all three

Who donates many hours of labor to use supplies for which he's paid? Bruce

Who was here from beginning to end for the painting of the kitchen? Peter, Erwin

Who has installed new light fixtures in the three kitchen rooms and the Teen room? Bruce

Who contacts professionals for estimates on different projects? Peter

Who made arrangements with the doctor's office next door to share parking lots and create a drive way between our lots? Peter

Who fixed the exterior water faucet? Erwin

Who installed a new light timer for foyer lights? Bruce

Who installed new hinges on the sanctuary door? Peter and Bruce

Who helped research how to properly dispose of old fluorescent tubes? Bruce

Who did a temporary fix on a basement window that fell apart? Erwin

This year we honor **Peter Colman, Bruce Macbeth, and Erwin Reiner** for all the tasks they have performed to make our building a better place for us to gather in community.



Twisted Sisters summer schedule

The Twisted Sisters, an open women's group, invites you to join them at May Memorial on the following dates:

**Friday, June 18th
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, July 10th
from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Friday, August 27th
from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

We have the pavilion, with the Memorial Room as back up. Bring a lawn chair, a friend, a snack to share, etc. If you need childcare, contact andreawandersee@gmail.com the week beforehand. Hope you can join us.

Opening celebration for the David Clark Learning Center

An opening celebration for the David Clark Learning Center's "Watercolor Impressions" gallery exhibition will be held on **Thursday June 17, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at May Memorial.

The David Clark Learning Center provides individualized services and support to people with traumatic brain injuries and their families. Their art program gives the members an opportunity to explore a wide variety of mediums, techniques and subject matter.

During the "Watercolor Impressions" opening celebration, the group "Trio" will perform songs by the Beatles from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, there will be presentations related to other aspects of the David Clark Learning Center including a dedication of the DCLC conference room in memory of their long time beloved volunteer Dolores Cowan.

"Watercolor Impressions" will be shown at the May Memorial Unitarian Universalist art gallery from **June 5 through July 1**.



Attention Chalice Lighters...

Chalice Lighters are advised to send in their pledge payments before the summer scatters us to the four winds. The three congregations are counting on us all to get the funds in so they can plan their projects for the fall.

Chalice Lighter Ambassadors need to remember to send to Sue Tabone the new members for the Chalice Lighter Program that you got on Chalice Lighter Sunday.

As of June 15, 2010 the St. Lawrence District will have a new mailing address, so as of that date please send all mailings to:

**St. Lawrence District
P.O. Box 1045
Buffalo, New York 14240-1045**



17th Annual Fall UU Weekend

You are invited to participate in a special UU opportunity with other UU congregation members from across the state at the annual Fall UU Weekend at beautiful Silver Bay in Lake George, New York to be held **October 15 – 17, 2010**.

This is a rare opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of getting to know other UU's, foster new friendships, and discover how much we have in common. Each year the weekend offers a mixture of activities including a wide variety of interesting, creative, spiritual, and thought-provoking workshops – there's always something for everyone, young and old. As an added feature this year, we have the entire Silver Bay Inn, a beautiful, comfortable facility, which will afford greater intimacy for activities throughout the weekend. Be a part of this intergenerational, intercongregational community building event!



For more information, go to www.fuusalbany.org and under "links", select "UU Weekend at Silver Bay Information & Registration".

Join St. Joseph's Hospital's Sleep Disorder Support Group

You are invited to join St. Joseph's for its AWAKE program, a support program for sleep disorder patients and others who are interested in improving their health through a sleep support group. Meetings are quarterly, with the next planned for **Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

The free program takes place in the 5th floor conference room at NorthEast Medical Center in Fayetteville (4404 Medical Center Drive, off North Burdick Street).

The July 21 AWAKE program features the presentation "CPAP—New Product Updates and Questions" by Jennifer Reale, BS, RRT, Sleep Consultant for Philips Respironics Home Health Care Solutions. CPAP, short for Continuous Positive Airway Pressure, is a common treatment option for those suffering from sleep disordered breathing. Refreshments will be served and free parking is available in the medical center parking lot. All are welcome for this free, educational event. Please call or email Bill Tillman with questions at 234-0828 or awake@sjhsyr.org.

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Calendar

Tuesday, June 15

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Social Hall

Wednesday, June 16

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

Thursday, June 17

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	David Clark Learning Ctr. Reception (MMUUS June Art Exhibition)	Social Hall
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside

Friday, June 18

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Twisted Sisters	May Memorial Pavilion
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Saturday, June 19

11:30 am	CNY Pride Parade	Downtown Syracuse
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Sunday, June 20 *(Beginning of Summer Services)*

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

Monday, June 21

6:30 pm	SEG	Memorial Room
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Tuesday, June 22

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

Thursday, June 24

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
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Sunday, June 27

9:40 am - 10:10 am	Silent Meditation	Creekside
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Tuesday, June 29

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
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