

View from the Study Window...

Usually my July column is written at, or even *en route* to, General Assembly. This year, other activities and expenses took priority, and I am not able to get to GA. So I decided to try watching the opening celebration as it was streamed over the Internet. It worked – after a fashion. The event speakers came across just fine, as did the song-leaders and musicians. But the banner parade...

There is nothing like being in the midst of thousands of singing, clapping, cheering UUs, watching hundreds of bright congregational banners paraded through the convention center. Invariably, I will spot someone I haven't seen in years carrying their congregation's banner. Not infrequently, I am overwhelmed with emotion – when I am actually there, that is.

Joe Cleveland, who has just completed his first year of study at Andover Newton Theological School is in Minnesota. I thought of Joe as the

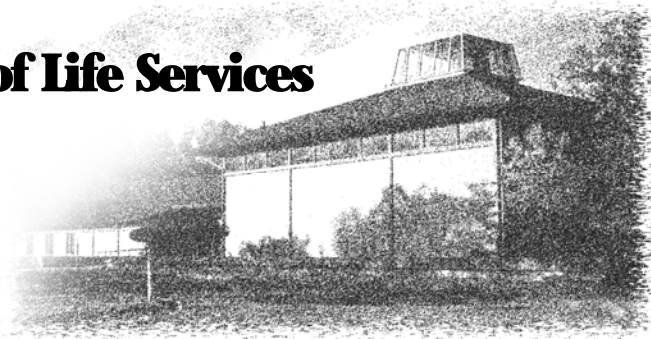
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Celebration of Life Services

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.



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(see page 2 for a full list of summer services)



Care Ring News & Notes

Healing thoughts go to **Ed Blakeslee**, who, as we go to press, is expecting heart bypass surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital to occur on June 29. Their children are here from out of town to wait with **Irene**.

Helen Obrist is at the VA hospital following a fall for the second time in recent weeks. No information about her condition is currently available to us. She is in room #53 on 6 South.

Good news from **Mary Fulton**, whose 36-year-old daughter Maureen has been ill. The doctor tells them that Maureen will have many more years to enjoy life with her young family. We are relieved for you, Mary!

Howland Auchincloss celebrated his 89th birthday on June 28. Congratulations, Howland!

2010 Summer Services Schedule

(Updated 6/28/2010)

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August 1 – **Doris Sage: This I Believe**

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**

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

August 15 – **Peggy Droz: Discovering the Child Within**

Join Peggy as she guides us in exploring aspects of "play" and "using your imagination" as tools to discovering our "Inner Child."

August 22 – **Anne Shelley: Dear Hearts and Gentle People**

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

August 29 – **Social Justice Committee: Spinning the Interdependent Web by Embracing our Immigrant Community**

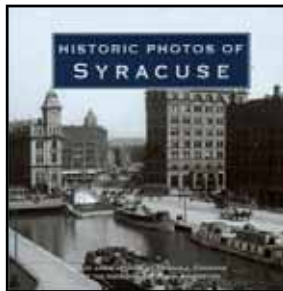
"The more I traveled, the more I realized that fear makes strangers of people who should be friends." ~ Shirley MacLaine

September 5 – **Kelly Kilmer Hall: Buying a New Religion (God Not Included)**

Come and meet Kelly Kilmer Hall, the upcoming intern at MMUUS! Kelly will be preaching on her theology of religious humanism and her take on living a faith of radical hospitality.



Marvelous History Corner



(“Marvelous History Corner” continued)

Howland’s wife—whom many current members will remember well). The photo is of Dora and a large group of hospital volunteers that she organized to travel to London in 1918 to work with wounded World War I soldiers.

May Memorial’s place in Syracuse History

Doug Igelsrud loaned me a library book he had entitled, *Historic Photos of Syracuse* (Dennis J. Connors, 2008, Nashville, TN: Turner Publishing). It contains over 200 photos and with minimal but adequate narrative such that together they tell a wonderful and fascinating history of Syracuse from 1850 to 1980. I highly recommend it. Most fascinating to me was the discovery of how our May Memorial ancestors played a role in that history through several photos. Thus another newsletter article wrote itself. I highly recommend you look at the web page I created with the five photos described below: <http://history.mmuus.org/SyracuseHistory.pdf>.

The first photo and the one that caught Doug’s eye was of a 52-year-old Sam May marrying church members George Barnes and Rebecca Heermans (p. 26). George had immigrated to America in 1844 at the age of 17 and became a wealthy man in Syracuse through his involvement with railroads, manufacturing, and banking. His home eventually became the Corinthian Club on James Street. In addition to generous support of May Memorial for many years, he helped put up much of the bail when Sam May was arrested after the Jerry Rescue.

The next one of interest was of Rev. Elizabeth Padgham as a young girl (p. 36). Elizabeth grew up in our church and was an accomplished musician. At age 5 she was known throughout Syracuse as Baby Padgham, with a strong voice and as a thoroughly self-possessed little performer. Rev. Samuel Calthrop served as her role model and was the impetus for her becoming a Unitarian minister. After her retirement she moved back to the family home in Syracuse and served our church in various leadership roles for many years. See the church supplemental history web page for more information on Elizabeth: <http://history.mmuus.org>.

The third photo was one I could not resist including as a treat for long time church member, Hank Manwell. The famous Franklin cars were made in Syracuse for many years and if you are lucky you occasionally will see Hank drive up to church in his antique Franklin. This photo (p. 60) is of a special model that executive H. H. Franklin had built for himself in 1909. His nickname for it was the “Torpedo.” It had no radiator, but used air vents on top of the hood for cooling.

Photo number four (p. 97) is of May Memorial’s leader in the women’s suffrage movement as well as other social and educational reform efforts, Dora Hazard (grandmother of long time member Sarah Auchincloss—

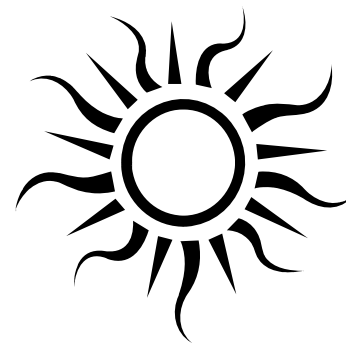
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The last photo (p. 98) depicts U.S. Army soldiers training at a base established on the State Fairgrounds during World War I. May Memorial served as a sort of USO for these soldiers six days a week. Showers for them were installed in the James Street church basement, a movie projector was placed in the church auditorium for featured films, various areas were set aside as game rooms and gathering places, and church women provided free cafeteria service. Church member Irving Merrill taught them literacy and arithmetic classes. Reading through this book was a real delight but finding May Memorial’s role made it extra special.

~ Rog Hiemstra
Chair, History Committee

Five ways to keep May Memorial and UUism in your life this summer

- **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am every Sunday – even on July 4th and Labor Day weekend. A smaller attendance means a better chance to interact with those who are here (*see page 2*)
- **Roll up your sleeves:** Help our Unsung Heroes insulate classroom walls on the lower level. Who knows – maybe you'll be an Unsung Hero someday! (*see page 9*)
- **More Sunday Worship:** Visit another UU society – near (First UU) or far. (See www.uua.org/aboutus/findcongregation)
- **Buy in:** Remember to keep up your pledge payments, whether or not you are here on a Sunday. It's a low cash-flow time of year, and we need you. You may wish to note whether you are finishing up last year's pledge, or beginning anew for 2010-11. But never fear; our bookkeeper Leslie Dendy (ldendy@mmuus.org) is great at keeping everything in its proper bucket.
- **UU Summer Camp:** Our closest Unitarian Universalist camp is Unirondack, then comes Rowe in western Mass. But there are many others around the country, and most have week-long programs for adults and families as well as for youth. Oh, and UULTI counts, too. (*see page 8*) Remember, "Tomorrow's leaders are at camp today."



As of the first week of July, I will have been at May Memorial for eight months. It has been a pleasure getting to know many of you.

The first week of July is also the start of the summer schedule for the office. **As of Monday, July 5th, the office will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.** This schedule will remain in place until at least mid-August and possibly a little longer. The office voicemail will be checked several times during the week, so if you need to get a hold of me and it isn't an emergency, leave a message at 446-8920 or email me at office@mmuus.org.

If you have a submission for the August 1st or September 1st **newsletter**, please have it to me by the 15th of the previous month. There will not be a mid-month newsletter for July or August.

If you are the service coordinator for the Sunday Service and you would like me to create your **order of service**, please have all information (i.e., hymns, music, volunteers, etc.) to me by the Wednesday before your service. If you are going to be creating your own order of service, please let me know the Monday before your service.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you during my regular schedule this fall.

~ Brian Betz
Office Administrator



The
Quest for
Social Justice

May Memorial honors a tireless worker for justice



Vicky Schipper

The Samuel Joseph May Citation for Community Action is awarded to an individual, group, or organization that exemplifies the qualities embodied in the actions of the congregation's namesake and second minister.

This award is not given every year; but is awarded periodically for actions taken to promote the betterment of the larger community.

The award is not reserved exclusively for Society members and new recipients join a prestigious list that includes, among others, individuals such as Daniel Ellsberg, honored for publishing the Pentagon Papers, the Reverend Nick Cardell together with Dan and Doris Sage and others who were arrested for peacefully protesting the School of the Americas, an act that resulted in their serving federal prison sentences as prisoners of conscience.

Institutions such as Planned Parenthood of Central New York and the Samaritan Center of Syracuse are also among past honorees.

May Memorial has, over the years, enjoyed a reputation as a society that promotes social action and works to raise awareness of justice issues within the Society as well as outside in the Syracuse Community.

This year's recipient personifies that description through her deeds and actions. She has long been the shepherdess of the Gay Pride Parade.

She is the Pied Piper of the annual Church World Service's Crop Walk. Year after year she has been a tireless organizer, promoter and worker, leading MMUUS families on the long walk to raise awareness and money to alleviate world hunger.

Working through the Social Justice Committee she was the motivating force in organizing Peace Vigils in front of our building. She organized a workshop to construct signs for those who would join her for the weekly vigil. I can visualize her now at 7:30 on a February morning with temperatures below zero, week after week in all kinds of weather becoming the public face of May Memorial.

This is a person who lives her values through her actions and imparts those values to others. We are all beneficiaries of her many selfless acts including the children she interacts with in RE and the Awad family and their children, children who probably wouldn't have visited the zoo or experienced a spring camp without her ongoing support, organizational abilities and tenacity.

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I am honored to present this year's winner of the Samuel Joseph May Citation for Community Action, a person who truly *Stands on the Side of Love*, **Vicky Schipper**.

The award was presented to Victoria Schipper by Harsey Leonard at the MMUUS Annual meeting on Sunday June 6, 2010.

~ Harsey Leonard
Chair, Social Justice Committee

Welcome Kelly Kilmer Hall

Our congregation is extremely fortunate to welcome Kelly Kilmer Hall as an intern for the coming two years. Kelly lives in Lyons, New York and is the mother of four. Her husband is a contractor. As part of her ministerial program, Kelly is required to spend time working in an established religious community. We are delighted to provide a spiritual home for her where she can gain experience and we can have an additional religious professional as part of our community. You will be learning much more about Kelly as we approach the September opening of the church year. She is scheduled to lead a summer service on September 5.

First Sunday Luncheons

As chair of the Fundraising Committee, I would like to have groups in place for the Fall First Sunday lunches. October 3rd will be CUUPS. November 7th will be Green Sanctuary. I still need December filled. Please let me know of your group's interest. I am also filling in 2011 as well, so if you sign up at this time, you most likely will have your choice. In addition, I would like a couple of people to join my committee, since I am the sole member. The work is easy.

~ Randy Archambault
(rarchamb@twcny.rr.com / 637-9710)

What in the World Discussion

The July meeting of the What in the World Discussion group will be held on **Tuesday, July 20th, at 10:00 am** in the Memorial Room. The topic for discussion will be the article on pages 30-35 of the Summer 2010 edition of UU World titled "What is UU Culture?" as well as the letters featured on pages 8-13 of the aforementioned publication. The theme of "What is UU Culture?" ties in with our April discussion of the articles from the Spring 2010 UU World titled "Can Unitarian Universalism Change?" and "We Must Change".

Copies for the July discussion will be available in the wall rack in the hall near the Minister's Study.



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We are the solution

You may have seen Thomas L. Friedman's op-ed on the gulf oil spill. He quotes a friend of his who wrote: " ... *the ongoing environmental disaster in the Gulf of Mexico ... It's my fault. I'm the one to blame and I'm sorry. It's my fault because I haven't digested the world's in-your-face hints that maybe I ought to think about the future and change the unsustainable way I live my life. ... Here's the bottom line: If we want to end our oil addiction, we, as citizens, need to pony up: bike to work, plant a garden, do something.* "

Friedman continues: "*We cannot fix what ails America unless we look honestly at our own roles in creating our own problems. We — both parties — created an awful set of incentives that encouraged our best students to go to Wall Street to create crazy financial instruments instead of to Silicon Valley to create new products that improve people's lives. ... And we — both parties — sent BP out in the gulf to get us as much oil as possible at the cheapest price.*"

"As Pogo would say, we have met the enemy and he is us."

"But that means we're also the solution — if we're serious."

"We have to use this window of opportunity to insulate ourselves as much as possible against all the bad things we cannot control and get serious about fixing the problems that we can control. We need to make our whole country more sustainable. So let's pass an energy-climate bill that really reduces our dependence on Middle East oil."

"We don't want to look back on this moment and say: How could we have gone back to business as usual and petty political gridlocks with all those black swans circling around us? Then we will really kick ourselves."

I suspect future generations would want to do more than just kick us.

Note that there are two different approaches here. Friedman's is the legislative approach: "pass an energy-climate bill that really reduces our dependence on Middle East oil". His friend goes to the core of the problem: "... maybe I ought to think about the future and change the unsustainable way I live my life." That is the call our Seventh Principle would make.

Both approaches are necessary. We do need an energy climate bill that truly and massively supports renewable energy but we individually have to change the unsustainable way that we live our lives. Transformation of our wasteful way of life is likely to be more important than technology that seeks to continue that way of life. Our choices have created the environmental problems we have. Our choices can work to mitigate them.

Our August 8th worship service will be about how the choices we make will determine the future our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have. Please join us.

~ John Allen
Chair, Green Sanctuary

Stewardship Campaign Wrap Up Report effective June 15, 2010

Total pledges recorded: \$230,845 equal to 90.2% of our balanced budget goal of: \$256,000 making it necessary to cut budgeted expenditures by essentially 10%.

Following is an analysis of the results of the stewardship campaign.
(FYE : Fiscal Year End - June 30th)

PLEDGES	counts	'FYE '11 \$ Amounts	\$ change	'FYE '10 \$ Amounts
INCREASED	89	\$166,160	\$29,450	\$136,710
	Averages	\$1,921	\$385	\$1,536
	Per Cent	17.72%		
NEW	10	\$4,805	\$4,805	
	Avg	\$481	\$481	
SAME	31	\$39,805		\$39,805
	Avg	\$1,284		
REDUCED	24	\$20,075	(\$13,635)	\$33,710
	Avg	\$836	(\$568)	\$1,405
FYE '11 TOTAL	154	230845		
	Avg	\$1,499		
REMOVED	17		(\$11,930)	\$11,930
	Avg		(\$702)	\$702
TOTAL	171	\$230,845	\$8,690	\$222,155
	Per Cent	3.76%		

Highlights from the Stewardship Campaign

- The 89 **increased** pledge units demonstrated an extraordinary commitment by collectively increasing their pledges 17.72% over their pledge for last year.
- It is great that we had 10 new pledge units but it is discouraging that we lost 17.
- Another discouraging fact was that 24 units reduced their pledges compared to their pledges last year.
- A comment regarding the budget: pledged revenue is budgeted at \$217,000 which reflects a shrinkage factor of 4.5%. Applying the .045 factor to \$230,845 we should realize about \$3500 more revenue.
- Additionally, if everyone were to honor their pledge in total, revenue would be available to reverse 50% of the cuts in staff wages and our full fair share contributions to the UUA and St. Lawrence UU District.

~ Gary Droege
Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

**This Month at FUS -
"Evolutionize Your Life" with
Rev. Michael Dowd**

Rev. Michael Dowd, Author of
"Thank God for Evolution" presents:

"Evolutionize Your Life"

**Monday, July 19th, 7:30 pm - 9:00
pm at First Unitarian-Universalist,
109 Waring Road, Syracuse, NY**

This will be a new presentation,
since his last appearance in
Syracuse, based on his best-selling
book and research.

With evidence from contemporary
astrophysics, geology, biology,
anthropology and evolutionary
psychology, Rev. Dowd finds a unity,
not a collision, with religion.

The book celebrates a cosmology
that is comprehensive and non-
exclusionary. Science and religion
are, in Dowd's view, two sides of
the same coin.

All are welcome! Bring your friends
and colleagues.

For more information, go to:
<http://thankgodforevolution.com>.

Spring meeting with First UU and MMUUS

On May 1, 2010, a group of thirty UUs met at First Unitarian Universalist to talk about history and the future. This group consisted of boards members, committee chairs, and interested people from May Memorial and First Unitarian Universalist. The purpose of the gathering was to consider ways in which our sister congregations might work together to the mutual benefit of both.

Tom Chulak, our outgoing district executive, led the group through a series of exercises where we identified our strengths and weaknesses and brainstormed possible ways we might learn from each other and work together in the future. All areas of church life were considered including RE, music, finance, and community outreach. All who attended found the meeting to be very productive and hopeful.

A core group consisting of the ministers of both churches, the presidents and the DREs is continuing to meet on a monthly basis to continue the discussion. It is our hope that we may find several opportunities to work with members of both churches in the coming year. Please keep a look out for future joint events and remember to advertise our church events at First. Working together can only make us stronger.

~ Alexa Carter
President, MMUUS

UUI Leadership Training

Once again this summer, May Memorial will be sending two congregation members to leadership training during the month of July. **Felicia Otero** and **Jennifer Newman** will be meeting with other UUs from the area at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua to hone their skills in several areas of church life. We wish them a growth promoting and fun experience. Ask them about the experience when you see them later in the summer.



Summer Events

CNY Pagan Teens

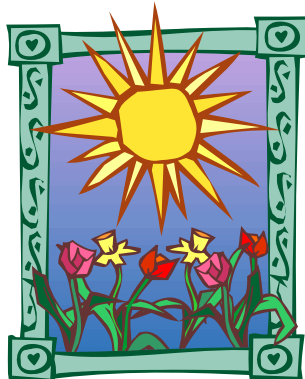
Are you in grade 9-12 and interested in learning more about being pagan or meeting other pagan teens from the area? If so, please join us for the next meetings of CNY Pagan Teens at **7:00 pm in Creekside Chapel on July 14th and July 28th**. For more information, please contact Kate Kearney (kkearney1982@yahoo.com) or Chrissy LaVine (chrissylavine@gmail.com).

CUUPS' Healing Share Fundraiser

The Central New York chapter of CUUPS is sponsoring a Healing Share on **Sunday, July 25th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Social Hall**. The CUUPS chapter has three members who are Reiki Masters and would like to invite members of the congregation and others to partake in the sharing of our education and healing talents. If anyone else has healing talents and would like to participate in our Healing Share, contact Jody Brown (476-0447 or jfb523@gmail.com). There will be free will donations taken to benefit CNY CUUPS and May Memorial.

Lammas harvest festival celebration at First UU

Please join CNY CUUPS in celebrating the harvest festival of Lammas **at First UU of Syracuse at 10:00 am on August 1st**. For more information, please contact Rachael at rw1647@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook.



Work day opportunities

The Building and Grounds Committee is planning several work days this summer to insulate some of our downstairs classrooms. The work will not be especially physically demanding, but the project would benefit from several pairs of hands. If you have some basic handyman/woman skills and would like to spend some time completing a satisfying project, please contact **Peter Colman** at sailfast@windstream.net or **Erwin Reiner** at ereiner43@gmail.com for dates and times.



Seeking a Treasurer

May Memorial is in need of a treasurer for the 2010-11 church year. Here is a terrific opportunity to provide a much needed service for your religious community and home. If you have some background or experience with financial matters, please consider contributing your skills in this very concrete way. Please contact **Alexa Carter** at garlex@aol.com for more information.





NYSUCU Annual Meeting

On **October 22-23, 2010**, The New York State Convention of Universalists will hold its annual meeting at First Unitarian Universalist. This annual meeting and conference is filled with workshops and speakers that are of direct interest to all UUs. Gini Courter, the GA moderator will be the keynote speaker. Anyone who has ever seen her in action at a GA will know what a terrific speaker she is. Ruthie Rosauer will speak on her book and method of Singing Meditation and there will be a special mini conference on the topic of hydrofracking. Brochures will be available soon for registration and the fee to attend is extremely reasonable. Mark your calendar for this special event. For more information contact **Alexa Carter** at garlex@aol.com.

Welcome new members

On Sunday, June 6, we welcomed three new members to our Society. They are:

Alicia Millington

Alicia was born and raised in Brooklyn. Her parents moved to NYC from the West Indies. She move to Syracuse last fall with **Maurice Ward**, and they have been attending May Memorial together. Alicia works at SU's South Side Innovation Center.

While she was at Binghamton University, Alicia attended CUUPS (UU Pagans) meetings at the UU Binghamton church. At MMUUS, besides CUUPS, she has joined the Adult Education committee, and is interested in helping us reach out to SU students. Alicia says, "Unitarian Universalism means inclusiveness. ... I have found, oft-times to my surprise, that there is acceptance of all the identities and philosophies I claim within Unitarian Universalism. ... I feel I have found a spiritual center where I can nurture and be all of myself, ..."

Emily Aronson

Emily started attending May Memorial last spring, not long after her beloved husband Arthur died. Although she lives nearby now, she has lived at times as far away as Spain and Greece.

Emily was attracted by our philosophy, that we are a religious "Society", not a "Church". She quickly got to know a number of people here, and enjoys lunch with friends. She is always available to help put on a pot of coffee.

Amy Wilson

Amy's parents were members here in the 1970s, back when the Friday night Pubs were an important part of May Memorial social life. Amy has attended May Memorial in the past, and her sister, Deborah Wilson-Allam, was a member here until she moved out of the area last year.

Amy teaches English to college age refugee and immigrant youth in Utica. She is looking forward to rejoining the Spanophiles. She also enjoys "gardening, eating real food, and enjoying life!"

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Tuesday, July 20th

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

Thursday, July 22nd

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm	Summer Choir	Sanctuary

Sunday, July 25th

10:30 am	Worship Service	
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	CUUPS' Healing Share Fundraiser	Social Hall

Tuesday, July 27th

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
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Wednesday, July 28th

7:00 pm	CNY Pagan Teens	Creekside
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Thursday, July 29th

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm	Summer Choir	Sanctuary

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

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evening's featured musician performed. Peter Mayer, a UU and folk singer/songwriter. The first song he sang, (Everything is) "Holy Now", captivated me. The last song he led, another of his own, was "Blue Boat Home" – one of our favorites from the turquoise hymnal.

I will be watching more GA events – plenaries and worship and the Saturday Ware lecture. Delegates will vote on the final "Creating Peace" statement of conscience, on whether to boycott Arizona for the 2012 GA, and many more-mundane matters. There will be a lot of "belt tightening" and restructuring at the UUA. We are not by any means the only congregation to pledge less than our apportioned Fair Share this year.

Mundane or not, this is our reality. But so, too, is our spirit, and our joy in community.

~ Summer Blessings, Jean

I will be in New England most of the summer – central Connecticut; New Hampshire's lakes and White Mountains; maybe a week at Star Island, maybe Waterville, Maine. The MMUUS CareRing should know how to reach me in case of emergency, as will Brian, in the office...

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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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TIME VALUE

Calendar

Thursday, July 1st

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
7:00 pm	Summer Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, July 2nd

*** Office Closed ***

Sunday, July 4th

10:30 am	Worship Service	
12:00 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

Tuesday, July 6th

11:00 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside

Thursday, July 8th

3:00 pm	Tai Chi Chih	Creekside
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Pastors for Peace (Social Justice)	Sanctuary

*** No Summer Choir tonight ***

Friday, July 9th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	CUUPS	Memorial Room
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Saturday, July 10th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Twisted Sisters	May Memorial Pavilion
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Sunday, July 11th

10:30 am	Worship Service	
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Tuesday, July 13th

*** No Tai Chi Chih today ***

Wednesday, July 14th

7:00 pm	CNY Pagan Teens	Creekside
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Thursday, July 15th

7:00 pm	Summer Choir	Sanctuary
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*** No Tai Chi Chih today ***

Sunday, July 18th

10:30 am	Worship Service	
12:00 pm	Spanophiles	Teen Room

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