



May Memorial's Goods & Services Auction – May 3

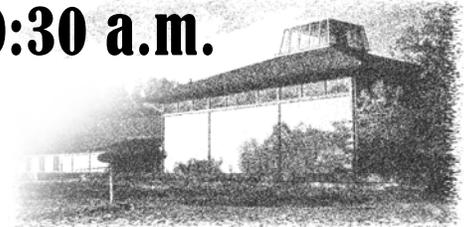
The best parts of a goods and services auction are the time we spend in preparation, a fun evening with friends on the day of the event, and then getting to know congregation members better as we collect on our purchases. Please plan to enjoy all three stages this year by making or offering something that you love, joining us on **Saturday, May 3rd**, and bidding on one of the great experiences offered in the auction catalog.

Currently, we are in the process of compiling our auction catalog. Please contact **Alexa Carter** at alexacarteralexa@iCloud.com with your offerings and mark May 3rd on your calendar as an evening to spend with friends at MMUUS.

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Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. and Religious Education



March 16

Ostara and Persephone - Archetypes of the Wheel of the Year

Kelly Spahr (Hall)

Our bodies and minds react to the longer days and the (theoretically) increasing temperatures. What archetypes resonate with us as sources of the divine as we continue our journey out of winter and into the beginning of spring?

March 23

Guide Recruitment Sunday

Rev. Jennifer Hamlin-Navias

Intergenerational service on the theme, *Transformation - What does it mean for May Memorial? What does it mean for you?*

March 30

Sam May Sunday

Guest Speaker: Rev. Richard Gilbert

What do Samuel J. May, Theodore Parker, Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Pete Seeger have in common? That is the question Rev. Gilbert will pose on Samuel J. May Sunday, as Unitarian Universalists ponder their role in repairing the world. We'll explore the meaning of the "moral arc of the universe," and demythologize it. You are invited to bring your teaspoons and be prepared to use them (he's not kidding!)

Rev. Richard Gilbert is the retired Parish Minister at First Unitarian Church of Rochester, New York and currently Visiting Minister at Starr King School for the Ministry.

**12:15 pm—Sunday Serenade with Nancy Pease*

April 6

Kelly Spahr (Hall)

**12:00 pm—First Sunday Luncheon*



CareRing News & Notes

Sad news from out of town—**Carol “Kate” Lanier**, our office administrator in past years and widow of Gerry Lanier, died on February 6th, in Rutland, Vermont. She was 63. She is survived by her mother of the same city.

H. Brainard Fancher, of Ithaca, New York, died at home on March 2nd, at the age of 99. He and his wife Natalie, who died in 2009, had attended MMUUS and later, FUUS. Their daughter **Judy**, who survives them, was a member here as a child and as an adult and was particularly close to the **Obrist** family. A memorial tea was held at Kendal, his residence, in Mr. Fancher's honor.

MMUUS member **Perrin Kaftan** recently passed her boards and will be starting work as a nurse at the Golisano Children's Hospital this month. We wish Perrin the best in this new chapter of her career!

February Service Trip Report

Rain! Snow! Potholes! Traffic! Despite these obstacles and a grueling eight hour drive, twelve intrepid MMUUS/FUUS teens and four frazzled adult drivers arrived at the Little Portion Friary in Mount Sinai, New York on Tuesday afternoon, February 18th.

The Episcopalian brothers of St. Francis served us an amazing lunch and we spent the afternoon settling into the Wayside Cottage, our home for the next three days. We participated in prayers and the Holy Eucharist with the brothers, followed by another excellent meal prepared by the resident chef, Chris—an eggplant parmesan to tell our grandchildren about!

Wednesday and Thursday saw us in Mastic, New York moving furniture and building materials in a storm-damaged house. We also moved and sorted relief supplies and worked on the Poospatuck Indian Reservation, where we removed and laid carpet, assembled storage shelves, and finished drywall.

All in all, a great trip in which we did a lot of good work and had some interesting cultural experiences.

Many thanks to Rev. Susan Karlson, CERG Disaster Relief Coordinator, and Victoria and Gabe at the Jubilee Center in Mastic, for all of their support and guidance, and to Wendy, for her help and direction at the Jubilee center and the Poospatuck Reservation.

Special thanks also to Brother Eric, Brother Mark, Brother Dunston, and Chris, (*the Friary's truly AWESOME cook/baker*) for taking such good care of us.

Most of all, thanks to all of you at MMUUS and FUUS who helped us so generously with our fundraisers. Without you, the amazing experience our teens had in February would not have been possible!

We're already talking about what we can do with the skills we acquired. The level of energy our teens bring to a project is almost SCARY!

Don't stand still – you might get spackled!

~ Alexa Carter



Rev. Susan Karlson

2014 Stewardship Campaign Begins

Please pledge so we can continue changing lives

The kick-off for this year's Stewardship Campaign, "Another 50 Years of Changing Lives" was held during the Sunday service on March 9th.

If you were there, you had the opportunity to read the beautiful words by Maya Angelou that were printed on the cover of the Order of Service. They are: "I have found that, among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Ms. Angelou has captured in one sentence what Stewardship to this church is all about.

All of us at May Memorial know that this church is our home, our heart, our sacred space and our blessing. And we all know that it has changed our lives, our children's lives, and those in our community.

We need to realize that our beautiful church cannot arise in a magical puff of smoke. It is not government sponsored and does not make a profit by selling things like furniture, food, or cars.

Only a small portion of our budget comes from rentals. Everything else is our responsibility to provide through our pledges. That means any increases to our staff's salaries, their health insurance, our fair share to UUA, upkeep to our building and other operating expenses.

Please remember that we need your help, your commitment, your philanthropy. 100% of our Board of Trustees has already pledged.

You will receive a mailing this week asking for your own pledge. You will also receive a call from one of our campaign volunteers so you can ask questions or simply have a friendly conversation.

Whether you send in your pledge immediately or take some time to think over the amount you want to give, please give as generously as possible so you will be one of those who empowers our congregation and ensures that it will flourish during this coming year.

~ Lynne Perry
Co-Chair, 2014 Stewardship Campaign

You can now pay your pledge online!



It is now even easier for you to pay your pledge—just go to www.mmuus.org and click on the "New! Donate with PayPal" link. Paying online with PayPal is a safe and easy way to make your donation without having to remember to write a check.

ANOTHER
50 years

OF CHANGING LIVES



Sunday Serenade with Nancy Pease - March 30

Nancy Pease will perform a piano concert **at 12:15 pm on Sunday, March 30th, in our Sanctuary.**

Nancy has been a member of May Memorial since 1985 and can often be seen standing in the front row of the MMUUS Choir. However, piano is her passion. She began playing at age three, eventually earned two degrees in music and piano performance, and has continued to play to this day. She will play some of her favorite music in her March 30th program. The Music & Arts Committee hopes you plan to stay after service and enjoy the music.

Our Care Baskets

Let's be sure our foyer "pots" are filled with "gold" in the form of food and personal care items. Your generous donations are truly treasure for those in need.



~ Lee Ann McKinney

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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 email it to newsletter@mmuus.org.

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Calendar

Saturday, March 15th

9:30 am—11:00 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room

Sunday, March 16th

9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA

Monday, March 17th

6:30 pm	*Happy St. Patrick's Day!* Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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Tuesday, March 18th

3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Social Hall

Wednesday, March 19th

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Discussion/Potluck	Social Hall
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Thursday, March 20th

3:00 pm	*First day of spring* T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 21st

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Rebecca Colleen and the Chore Lads	MMUUS
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Sunday, March 23rd

9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room

Tuesday, March 25th

3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
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Thursday, March 27th

1:30 pm	Bookenders	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
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