



Summer 2014 Sunday Services

June 15 th	Hymn Sing (and Strawberries w/ Ice Cream!)
June 22nd	CUUPS
June 29 th	A Garden of Music w/ Concinnity
July 6th	Susan Daiss
July 13 th	Pilar Lyons
July 20th	Libby Moore
July 27 th	Green Sanctuary
August 3rd	Alice Chico
August 10 th	Kim Dehon
August 17th	Habitat for Humanity
August 24 th	Writers Group
August 31st	Robert Strickland

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



June 15

Hymn Sing
Fred Fiske

The annual service dedicated to the singing of old hymns led by Fred Fiske. Immediately following the service, strawberries and ice cream will be served in the Social Hall.

June 22

Summer Solstice Celebration
CNY Chapter of UU Pagans

Come celebrate the Summer Solstice in Song and Chant with CNY CUUPS.

June 29

A Garden of Music
Concinnity

Kun-sin'-i-tee \ n. The skillful blending of elements to form a harmonious and elegant whole.

Please join us this Sunday morning for the beautiful music of *Concinnity*, a female vocal group that sings for the love of singing and have a strong love for each other as well .

July 6

Susan Daiss

Susan Daiss works with the Memorial Art Gallery and the University of Rochester's School of Medicine, integrating arts into community healthcare and wellness initiatives.



CareRing News & Notes

Hanna Neimeier, daughter of **Rob Neimeier and Robin Valentino**, will graduate from West Genesee High School this month and attend Onondaga Community College starting in the fall. She will major in Human Services. High school activities included cheerleading and dancing. May Memorial regulars may know her in her role as provider of child care downstairs on Sunday mornings. Congratulations and good luck to Hanna!

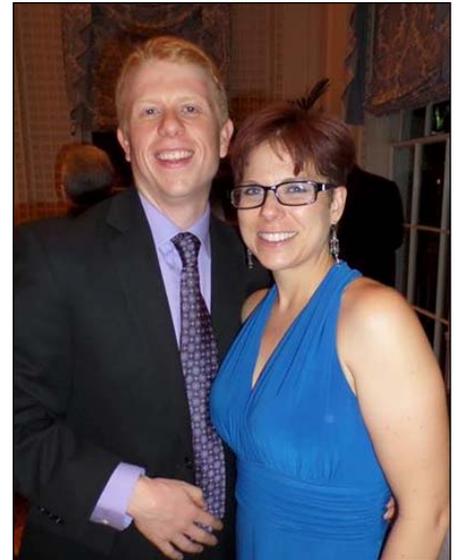
This year's Mary Lib Whitney Award Winner

Mary Lib Whitney was a member of May Memorial many years ago and she was a strong, strong supporter of RE. When she moved from Syracuse, an award was established in her name. This award is given each year to one or two people who have quietly and consistently been strong supporters of RE.

This year's recipients of the Mary Lib Whitney award are **Stacy and Nate Sceiford**.

In a year when there have been many changes, the two of you have been steady and wonderful supporters of RE. Always willing to help out when asked. Stacy has helped to lead our 7th–8th grade OWL group and to give extra Sundays when we did not have enough guides. She has agreed to serve on the DRE search committee. Nate has been an RE assistant this year and was always around to answer questions or get extra supplies for folks.

Stacy and Nate are like electricity running through the circuits in a building—you don't see the electricity but you depend on it. Stacy and Nate are there when we need them.



Nate and Stacy Sceiford

~ Rev. Jennifer Hamlin-Navias,
Associate Minister for Religious Education

MMUUS Awards and this year's recipients

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. This year's award was given to **Joyce Leonard**. Joyce has expertly handled the financial affairs of May Memorial for many years, and at the end of the 2013-14 fiscal year, she will be stepping down as treasurer. We all owe Joyce a



Joyce Leonard, 2014
Winner of the *Unsung
Hero Award*

great deal for looking after the current and future financial security of May Memorial. Thank you, Joyce!



Stephanie Cross, 2014
Winner of the *MMUUS
Annual Award*

The Annual Award is given to someone who has served admirably in one or more positions of leadership at MMUUS with a dual emphasis on recent leadership and an accumulated body of work as a leader. This year's award went to **Stephanie Cross**. Whether chairing the RE Committee, assisting in the 2014 DRE search, planning the Unirondack Family outings, working on one of her other MMUUS-related endeavors, Stephanie gives so much of herself and we are the benefactors of her planning and hard work. You deserve it, Stephanie!

T'ai Chi classes on hiatus in July



Ann Pia's Tai Chi Chih class that meets in the Social Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, **will be on hiatus from June 30th until August 1st.**

Summer coffee hour hosts needed



The summer worship services begin on June 15th, and continue until August 31st. Please consider hosting coffee hour for one or two of those Sundays. Sign up with a friend or we will find you a new friend/co-host. It's easy, friendly, and we'll send you instructions on how to do it. Please look at your calendar and look for **Don MacKay** and his clipboard in the Social Hall on Sundays—or send him an email at mackay214@gmail.com.



September 2014 Unirondack weekend coming soon!

New and returning families, individuals and people of all ages are encouraged to sign up for the MMUUS/ FUUS Fall Unirondack family weekend, which is **Friday, September 12th - Sunday, September 14th, 2014**. Unirondack is a UU camp/ conference center that is in the western Adirondacks, near Lowville, NY; it is about a 2 to 2½ hour drive from Syracuse. If you have questions or would like more information, visit <http://www.unirondack.org> (please register with MMUUS member **Stephanie Cross**).

The price is \$57/person for the weekend (kids 3 and under are free). This includes five meals and lodging. Indoor and outdoor pleasures and socializing opportunities are abundant on this wonderful weekend of community building for the UU congregations of Syracuse.

To register, contact **Stephanie Cross** via email at mscross@windstream.net or phone at 430-0372. A deposit will need to be paid in advance to reserve your spot. **Full payment needs to be made before the weekend.**

Carpooling can typically be arranged beforehand.



Notes from the Office Administrator

The first week of July is the start of the summer schedule for the office. **As of Thursday, July 3rd, the office will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. This schedule will remain in place until early August.**

If you have a submission for the August 1st or September 1st newsletters, please have it to Brian Betz 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 Brian to create your order of service, please have all information (i.e. hymns, music, volunteers, etc.) to him by the Wednesday before your service. If you are going to be creating your own order of service, please let Brian know the Monday before your service.

Attention able-bodied individuals and families

We are asking for volunteers to help bring the Butterfly Garden back to health (the small garden on the west side of the building, opposite the playground). This garden was originally created for the Religious Education community to maintain, but our entire community can enjoy its beauty. Many of the plants in this little garden are intended to attract butterflies, so helping to care for this garden can be a wonderful learning experience for a family, especially those with young children. If your family or friends are interested in "adopting" the garden for a month by spending a morning or afternoon weeding and trimming the plants, please contact **Larissa Brenner** at larissa_brenner@yahoo.com or 558-8202. Instruction and tools will be provided.



A note from Rev. Kelly Spahr

The following letter is from Rev. Kelly Spahr (Hall) to everyone at May Memorial:

Dear MMUUS:

I keep comparing my ordination on May 18th to a wedding. The feeling of having every thing focused on a ritual and milestone in my life; the inability to hug and connect with everyone at the reception; the outpouring of love, well wishes, and gifts; the feeling of incredible joy, commitment, and love; and the gift of sharing this amazing experience with all of those who have walked this path with me for years!

I really don't know how to articulate the gratitude and love I feel toward May Memorial's congregants, staff, and ministry team. I have been so blessed to serve you, work with you, grow with you, and become a minister through that service and as a result of your wisdom, love, support, encouragement, and gentle criticisms. I feel like I am the luckiest new minister in the world right now.

All I can say is Thank You - thank you for everything you have given me, that you have allowed me to give to you, and for the ongoing connections we share in a world that is often disconnected and lonely.

You are an amazing group of folks, and I look forward to watching you grow and connect and love each other into being.

Blessings,

Rev. Kelly Spahr



Ladies, spend a beautiful Thursday evening with the

Twisted Sisters

Twisted Sisters will meet on **Thursday, June 19th, at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Room (or the gazebo, if the weather permits)**. All women of May Memorial, First UU, friends, and beyond are welcome. Bring a camp chair and come join in a an evening of socializing and enjoying the fine weather. Beverages and snacks are welcome but not required. Contact **Laura Knight** at lauraknight.md@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.



Our Care Baskets

Taking a summer vacation? If so, enjoy! Remember, our foyer baskets will not be taking a vacation, especially since the need for food and personal care items often increases for many families over the summer. If you come less frequently in the summer, think about making your weekly purchases and stockpiling them until you come to church or are in the area. Your donations are appreciated right in our immediate community. Many thanks for your continued support. ~ Lee Ann McKinney



Kind hearts and warm smiles are desperately needed this summer

Meals on Wheels of Syracuse desperately needs volunteers to help deliver healthy meals to those who need assistance. For just one hour, you can make a difference in the lives of your elderly and disabled neighbors. Work in teams of two—one person to drive and one to deliver the meal to the recipient's door.

Delivery days are Monday through Friday.

For more information call (315) 478-5948 x 213 or visit www.meals.org.

Community News

International peace activist and author to speak at May Memorial

Peace Action CNY presents “*Updates on Nuclear Issues from Iran to Ukraine*” by UK anti-war campaigner and author Milan Rai, on **Friday, June 20th, at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Room**. Admission is free; donations accepted.

Rai's activism began in the 1980s against the Pershing II and Ground Launched Cruise Missiles when these nuclear weapons were scheduled to be deployed in Western Europe. He has been involved with numerous organizations including the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and Voices in the Wilderness UK. Last year he participated in a 10-day delegation to Iran sponsored by Fellowship of Reconciliation USA. In a recent posting, he analyzes the Ukrainian crisis and its relationship to nuclear policies of the US and UK.

As well as coordinating the UK anti-war group *Justice Not Vengeance*, Rai is co-editor with anti-war artist Emily Johns, of the London-based monthly magazine *Peace News*.

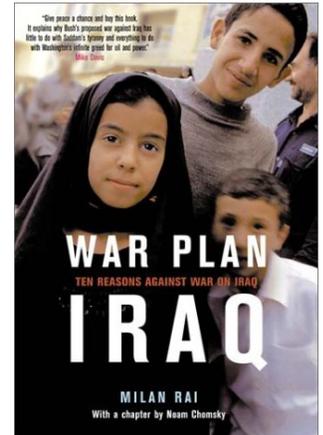
Rai is coming to Syracuse as part of a tour with Kathy Kelly of the Chicago-based organization *Voices of Creative Non-Violence*.

Among Rai's books are:

- *Chomsky's Politics*, Verso, 1995
- *War Plan Iraq: 10 Reasons Against War with Iraq* (includes chapter by Noam Chomsky), Verso, 2002
- *Regime Unchanged: Why the War on Iraq Changed Nothing*, Pluto, 2003
- *The London Bombings, Islam and the Iraq War*, Pluto, 2006

He has contributed to books including:

- *Iraq: The Human Cost of History*, edited by Tareq Y. Ismael & William W. Haddad, Pluto 2003
- *Drawing Paradise on the Axis of Evil*, Emily Johns, JNV Publications 2007



Watch this year's General Assembly online

This year's General Assembly will be held in Providence, Rhode Island from June 25th—29th. If you are unable to make it, you will be able to watch many of the events online. Events in the Plenary Hall are streamed live, and posted for viewing afterwards.

What You Can Watch and When

- Generally, streamed events include:
 - Opening Celebration
 - All Plenary Sessions
 - Morning Worship in the Plenary Hall, including the Sunday Morning Worship
 - Candidates Forum (in years with contested elections)
 - Service of the Living Tradition
 - Synergy Bridging Service
 - Ware Lecture
 - Closing Ceremony

Video will be posted at least 15 minutes, and sometimes as much as several hours, after each live-streamed event (as quickly as we can process them). You can watch these any time.

Closed captions and transcripts will be available in mid-July.

Watching GA Video

Live-streaming video on a computer is best viewed with high-speed Internet. We recommend 1.5Mbps or greater download speed.

Speakers or headphones are required for audio. Live-streaming video is not captioned. Captions and transcripts are added about two weeks after GA is over.

Clicking on the screen of a live-streaming event can cause the video player to pause and not re-start. Reload the page to re-start the live stream.

Streaming video will be available at <http://uua.org/ga/virtual/2014/index.shtml>.

Mobile App for General Assembly

With the GA Mobile App you will be able to view all program listings, speaker profiles, exhibitor profiles and maps. You can also create your personal General Assembly (GA) schedule and get connected via social media.

There is a new vendor for the 2014 GA Mobile App, so please uninstall your old Mobile App prior to General Assembly.

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The new GA App is available for iPhones and iPads, as well as Android devices. You can find it by searching for “UUA General Assembly” in your app store.

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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

Sunday, June 15th 9:40 am—10:10 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Hymn Sing Sunday Individual Spiritual Practice Worship Service Spanophiles	Creekside Sanctuary COA
Monday, June 16th 6:30 pm	S.E.G.	Memorial Room
Tuesday, June 17th 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Board of Trustees	Social Hall Memorial Room
Wednesday, June 18th 6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Discussion/Potluck	Social Hall
Thursday, June 19th 3:00 pm 5:30 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Twisted Sisters	Social Hall Memorial Room or Pavilion
Sunday, June 22nd 9:40 am—10:10 am 10:30 am	Individual Spiritual Practice Worship Service	Creekside Sanctuary
Tuesday, June 24th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, June 26th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, June 29th 9:40 am—10:10 am 10:30 am	Individual Spiritual Practice Worship Service	Creekside Sanctuary