



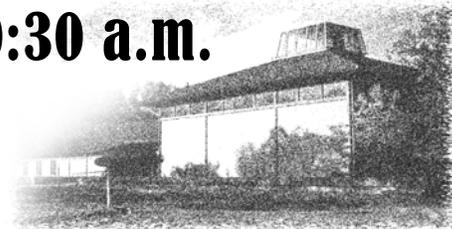
Our Summer Services

Summer services at May Memorial are informal gatherings that explore a variety of topics. They are often created and led by members of the congregation. Many people find the relaxed atmosphere of summer services to be a good way to get to know members of the congregation. There is no formal childcare provided during the summer, but there are always stuffed animals, pipe cleaners and some crayons to provide entertainment for our young ones. Services begin Sunday mornings at 10:30 am.

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



August 3

Curiosity

Alice Chico

Please join us this Sunday for a special service, as we all need a little curiosity in our lives!

August 10

Kim Dehon

Rev. Kim Dehon is an ordained Interfaith minister and practicing Buddhist. She has formed an organization, *Shobha Way*, to provide a spiritual complement to medication and therapy for those whose lives are affected by Bipolar Disorder.

August 17

Habitat for Humanity

In the past 30 years, Syracuse Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated almost 70 non-profit houses that have been sold to selected families through interest-free mortgages.

August 24

Writers Group

The MMUUS Writers Groups have been meeting for 11 years, sharing one another's works. Please join them this Sunday for a literary extravaganza!

August 31

Zen Center

Robert Strickland

The mission of the Zen Center of Syracuse is to offer the profound yet simple practice of meditation to people from all walks of life, thereby making the community a more compassionate and caring place.



CareRing News & Notes

Skylar Brenner, three-year-old daughter of **Larissa and Jay**, fell out of bed one night in mid-July and broke her collarbone. This injury gave her a lot of pain and the sling she will have to wear most of the rest of the summer will cramp her style – no swimming or other fun things. The Brennens ask us to keep Skylar in our thoughts.

In mid-April, **Mal Clark** joined the contingent of our members living at The Nottingham. He notes that he might enjoy its advantages more if he didn't have to spend a lot of his time clearing out the house he has lived in for the past forty-three years! How many of us are daunted by the specter of that task? We wish Mal good luck!

On vacation in the Carolinas, **Joan Colman** broke her leg by more-or-less tripping over her dog! They do get underfoot! Hope she feels better soon!

Diane Chappell-Daly was recognized nationally by her peers for giving back to immigrants who need legal services.

Diane was honored with the 2014 Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award by the American Immigration Lawyers Association. The award is named for a renowned Washington D.C. lawyer who died in 2008.

Help out the RE program during “Back to School” sale time!



For all MMUUS members interested in helping out the Religious Education program, “Back to School Supply Sales” are in full force, so now is the time to help purchase supplies for the RE Program. Due to budget reductions, we are depending on generous folks to donate:

- Markers (wide and narrow, water based or washable)
- Notebooks for journaling,
- Pads of large newsprint for group work
- Pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons
- Tape (clear, masking)
- Glue sticks and bottles of glue

Please save them for September when there will be collection boxes in the foyer.

If you have questions, please contact **Stephanie Cross**, RE committee chair, at mscross@windstream.net.



Marvelous History Corner

Reflecting on Sam May

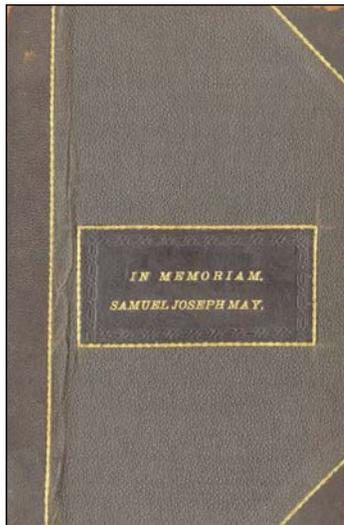
On September 12th, we can celebrate the 217th anniversary of Sam May's birth. Not necessarily a special occasion, but nearing his birth date prompted me to read through an inspirational little book, *In Memoriam. Samuel Joseph May*. This book was published in 1871 a few months after Rev. May's death, July 1, 1871. A committee consisting of our third minister, Rev. Samuel Caltrop, and several church members and friends (Mr. C. D. B. Mills, Mr. D. P. Phelps, Mr. H. N. White, Mrs. Mary E. Bagg, and Mrs. Rebecca J. Burt) prepared and published this testimony to the life of Sam May. It is available on the church web page (<http://history.mmuus.org/inmemorialsjm.html>) and makes for very interesting and inspirational reading.

Just reading about the July 6th funeral service brings both tears to the eyes as well as renewed awe regarding the many lives that Sam touched. Many people participated in the service, some traveling long distances to do so. This from the address of Mr. William Lloyd Garrison, publisher of the very respected anti-slavery newspaper, the *Liberator*, sums up well the sentiment expressed in many ways that day: *"I have lost a most affectionate and unswerving friend, an early and untiring co-worker in the broad field of freedom and humanity, a brother beloved incomparably beyond all blood relationship. Syracuse has lost one of its most useful and esteemed citizens; the nation one of the worthiest of its sons; the world one of the purest, most philanthropic, most divinely actuated of all its multitudinous population."*

One of Rev. May's least touted contributions, but, perhaps, one of his most important was his untiring championing of better education for the youth of our community and our country. Historian Catherine Covert wrote a well researched and delightful Master's thesis on her way to a PhD in History and distinguished teaching career at SU: *Saint Before His Time: Samuel J. May and American Educational Reform* (an abstract of this research is available at <http://www.mmuus.org/who-we-are/history/covert-may-thesis.html>). Two other of Dr. Covert's pieces related to Sam May are also available on the church's supplemental history page. They are highly recommended reading for anyone interested in education.

Happy upcoming birthday, Sam, and thanks for gracing our church and our community with your devoted service. If any of you have the opportunity, reflect for a few moments standing by his bust in the Memorial Room or the large stone plaque dedicated to Sam that hangs on our outside southwest

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("Marvelous History Corner" continued)

wall facing the Memorial Garden.

(Note: A version of this article appeared in the August, 2006, newsletter)

~ Rog Hiemstra,
Chair, History Committee

Save some water from your summer travels!

Wherever you are this summer – whether at home, or around the state, or across the globe – remember to collect a little water for our **ingathering water ceremony on Sunday, September 7th**. We will pour our waters into a common vessel as we unite in an intergenerational community of fellowship and faith.



Join the

Twisted Sisters

for a lovely evening in the pavilion!

Twisted Sisters meets **Thursday, August 21st, at 5:30 pm** in the pavilion outside at May Memorial (we'll use the Memorial Room in case of rain). All women of May Memorial, First UU, friends, and beyond are welcome. Bring a camp chair and come join in an evening of socializing and enjoying the fine weather. Beverages/snacks are welcome. Contact **Laura Knight** at lauraknight.md@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.



Report from the Committee on Ministries

The Committee on Ministries acts primarily as a counsel to the Parish Minister, and the Associate Minister for Religious Education (when we have one), as well as being a resource for the Board of Trustees, other committees and the entire congregation regarding all aspects of our shared ministry. More information about our charge can be found in the Operating Manual. We receive our charge annually from the Board of Directors.

At the end of last year (June 2013), this committee, joined by representatives of the Worship Committee and Board worked to support Reverend Jean's sabbatical plans.

In August of 2013, we met again to restructure those plans when Rev. Jennifer requested a leave of absence because of her father's severe illness.

In April of 2014, the Board again charged the Committee on Ministry with doing a Congregational Health Assessment, which is an assessment of the strength of congregation, which is different from assessing the skills/strength of the professional staff including the minister. We agreed to use the same tool that we used in 2010. We again asked the questions noted below. The summary of answers represent the comments of the 18 people who answered the survey and several comments which were passed along to us from the Canvass Committee.

1) ***What is MMUUS doing well, and how is this helping you realize our shared mission and vision?***

RE, Children's story time and Teenz program, Spiritual Enrichment groups, a successful capital campaign, Glenn's amazing music, a well run office, good work by Worship Committee during Jean's sabbatical, and fundraising activities.

2) ***How might we do this better?***

The most voiced concern was about the strength of Sunday morning worship. Others commented that we can improve in the areas of adult programming, social activities, and involvement in Social Justice. A number of respondents wrote comments that were evaluative of the minister.

All of the responses have been shared with Reverend Jean and the Board.

The Committee, at the Board's direction, plans to begin a Ministerial evaluation process in the Fall, using guidelines from the Unitarian-Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA), as we did in 2011-2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Chico and Nancy Pease,
Committee on Ministries

Feeding the Homeless & Hungry on August 2

May Memorial will be preparing a meal for the Homeless & Hungry at the Samaritan Center, located at 310 Montgomery Street in Syracuse, on Saturday, August 2nd. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Julie Daniel at jdanielyoga@gmail.com or call 622-3423. **If you cannot volunteer that day, please consider making a financial donation to support this important program in our community.** Please make your check out to "MMUUS" and write "Homeless & Hungry" on the memo line.



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



September Unirondack Weekend coming soon! Register Today!

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. For more information about Unirondack, please visit their website at <http://www.unirondack.org> (please register with May Memorial member **Stephanie Cross**).

Our price is \$57/person for the weekend (3 years old & under are free). This includes five meals and lodging. Indoor and outdoor pleasures and socializing opportunities are abundant and this has become a wonderful weekend of community building to start the fall for the UU congregations of Syracuse.

To register or if you have any questions, 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.

Singing Retreat at First UU

First UU will be holding a singing retreat for area UUs on **August 16th, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**, designed to ready choir and congregational voices for the new church year's hymns. After a short welcoming worship ceremony, we will warm-up our bodies with simple yoga to improve our posture and breathing. The rest of the day will include everything from note reading to vocal techniques. We will also learn a few of our well-loved UU hymns in 4-part harmony, and review some of the hymns from *Singing the Journey*. Those who wish to stay for the whole day will get a preview of one or two of this year's choir selections at First UU.

Participants should bring their own lunch, or money to order pizza.

Please register by sending your name, address, phone and congregation to firstuu@twcny.rr.com or to sarajobrandt@hotmail.com. Freewill donations for the vocal coach and for the growth of First UU's music ministry will be accepted. Donations can be made at the event, or through PayPal at First UU's website <http://firstuusyr.org/>. Just click on the "Donate" button and type "Singing Retreat" in the memo.



“Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream” Symposium

When: **Saturday, October 4th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Where: **May Memorial's Social Hall**

Through dynamic group interactions and inspiring multimedia, explore the current state of our planet from a new perspective and connect with a powerful global movement to reclaim our future.

Sue Staropoli and Nancy Kasper of the Pachamama Alliance Rochester team will lead this interactive program, which is being hosted by May Memorial and First UU Societies of Syracuse.

Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

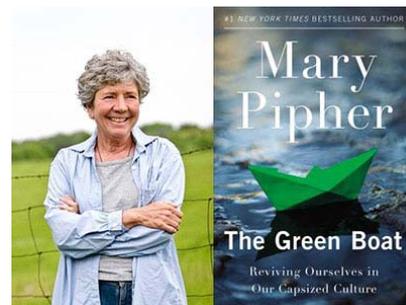
This event is free. To register, please call (315) 446-6939 or email suesavion6@gmail.com.

For more information, visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org.



Don't miss “The Boat”!

Copies of “*The Green Boat*” by Mary Pipher are circulating throughout members of the congregation. When you finish reading the book, please return it to the Green Sanctuary mailbox in the office or to one of the Green Sanctuary committee members. Better yet, pass it on to your spouse or other members so as many as possible have a chance to read it. Book group discussions of the book will be starting soon.





Annual Conference & Retreat - “Faith for a Fair New York”

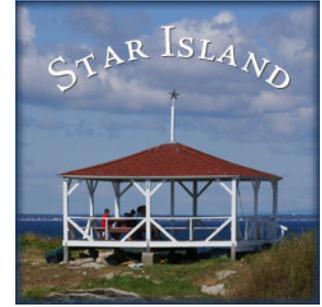
When: September 16th (11:00 am) – September 17th (2:00 pm)

Where: Dominican Retreat Center, 1945 Union St., Niskayuna, NY 12309

Join with clergy, faith leaders, and congregants of many faiths and denominations to tackle issues of social and economic justice in New York State. Workshop topics will include: Moral Budgeting, Low-Wage Worker Campaigns, Immigration Reform and NYS Dream Act, Single-Payer Healthcare, Prison Reform, and more.

\$125 for overnighters, \$75 for commuters. Free and reduced rates are available for those that have need. Price includes registration, meals, and accommodations.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.labor-religion.org/>.



Job opportunities with Star Island

Star Island is now hiring “Pelicans” an affectionate term for the nearly 100 people who work on Star Island, often returning year after year to what Yankee Magazine called “one of the top ten summer jobs in New England.” Every job on the island—including docking boats and handling freight; cooking and serving food; maintaining the grounds, buildings, power plant, and wastewater treatment facility; and providing all hospitality services—is staffed by a Pelican.

The job openings are for the end of season, which runs from late August to September.

So, what makes a successful Pelican? In addition to normal qualifications, like being reliable, responsible, hard-working and presentable, we seek candidates (18 years or older) who will be especially safe, cooperative, and respectful, who can thrive in the close working and living quarters of Star Island’s remote setting.

Beyond these essential attributes, we will be strongly focused on candidates who would contribute to our mission of hospitality and participate in forming a healthy island-wide community.

Please help spread the word! The end of season application is on our website: <http://starisland.org/working/seasonal/>.

May Memorial is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

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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, August 3rd		
9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Service	COA
12:00 pm	Spanophiles	
Tuesday, August 5th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, August 7th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, August 10th		
9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Service	
Tuesday, August 12th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, August 14th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, August 17th		
9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Service	COA
12:00 pm	Spanophiles	
Tuesday, August 19th		
3:00 pm	Care Ring Meeting	Minister's Study
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Wednesday, August 20th		
6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Discussion/Potluck	Social Hall
Thursday, August 21st		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters	Pavilion/Memorial Room
Sunday, August 24th		
9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Service	
Tuesday, August 26th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, August 28th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, August 31st		
9:40 am—10:10 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am	Worship Service	