



View from the Study Window...

Open yourself to a whole new season at MMUUS

One spring/summer many years ago, I got a call from the Director of Religious Education asking me to consider co-leading the Junior High RE class. I figured she must have been pretty far down her list of prospects to call me, a young adult with no children of my own. The curriculum was "World Religions", designed so the group could choose which religious traditions to explore. Our threesome of leaders (we would say "Guides") gamely dug into the curricula, and the year got underway.

Yes, it was a challenge. Still, we had times of success, of getting past the group's collective "tough class" facade and connecting. We all learned that we could do something real and valuable together; growing to know, value and respect one another.

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



September 7

Ingathering and Water Ceremony

May Memorial Staff

Like rain-melt from the mountains, like rivers to the sea, come home to our beloved community. We gather to celebrate this unique, multigenerational congregation that is May Memorial – the same as, yet different from, every other year. In the Water Ceremony, we will pour together waters which signify our selves, our families, our "soul springs". The pooled water links year to year, generation to generation, heart to heart.

September 14

Salvation, Grace, and Tectonic Plates

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

The bumper sticker "Stop Tectonic Plates" hints at Universalism's needed wisdom on change—from saving the world to turning your life around.

* *Unirondack Weekend (Friday-Sunday, see page 8) – At May Memorial, there will be nursery for young children this morning.*

September 21

"This is My Religion!"

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

In multicultural, ever-changing America, Sunday morning isn't what it used to be—or (we can safely assume) what it *will* be.

* *9:00 am—Breakfast from the Newly Renovated Kitchen!*

** *Registration for Religious Education classes*

September 28

A Time for Turning: Observing the High Holy Days

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom



CareRing News & Notes

At the time of printing, we learned that **Pete Shambo's** father passed away on August 26th at the age of 96. Our thoughts go out to Pete and family during this sad time.

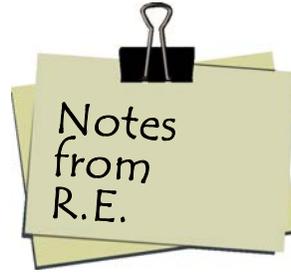
On August 2nd, our minister officiated at the outdoor wedding of **Pilar Lyons** and **Doug Mayer** on Rooney Mountain in Deposit, NY. Our best wishes to the couple for a long and happy future together!

Joan Colman is still seriously immobilized from an accident that was much more serious than we previously reported. She fell four feet onto a hard surface, which caused multiple fractures of the tibia and damage to the tibial plateau. She can put weight on it now and is working to regain the ability to walk.

Muriel Kirkpatrick is recovering from a broken pelvis which she suffered in a fall in mid-July. She is at James Square Health Center. Greenpoint in Liverpool is holding her place for a limited period, so she may go back there to live if she recovers quickly. Cards may be sent to her husband **George's** address.

Jim Napierski is very ill from persistent pneumonia and an infection, with particular concern for his kidney function. He is out of the ICU at St. Joseph's Hospital, but would be unresponsive to visitors other than his wife Lucia Beeks. She is not optimistic for his recovery. Cards may be sent to Jim at his home address.

This year, we've had three men (that we know of) celebrate their 90th birthdays: **Doug Aird, Bob Burdick, and Mal Clark**. They join a bunch of other MMUUS nonagenarians. Congratulations to all of them!



hello!

I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Director of Religious Education at May Memorial. I am excited to be selected for the position and am very much looking forward to serving the congregation in this new capacity. I have talked with many of you and have received nothing but the warmest welcome and sincerest congratulations. It brings me great joy to know that the community is as pleased with my new role as I am!

I appreciate everyone's support and enthusiasm, but I also know that this is a time of transition for our congregation, and each of us will experience different thoughts and feelings about our changing program. As an RE parent, I share your desire for a strong RE program where our young people can grow and thrive in their spiritual journeys. It was my concern for the future of our RE program that led me to first join the DRE Search Committee, and then subsequently step down from the committee when it became clear to me that I was called to serve the congregation in a greater capacity. I feel tremendously honored that you have put your faith in me, it is my deepest wish that our RE program will continue to flourish and grow. With all of our contributions, RE will remain the strong pillar that it has been for May Memorial.

I do want to let you all know more about myself, and what my roles at May Memorial will be. I am a teacher by trade, a wife, and the mother of three curious and energetic children, 8 year-old twins Henry and Clara, and nearly 6 year-old Jasper. Here at May I will be organizing and supporting the RE volunteers, supervising the childcare provided during the service, coordinating the combined Coming of Age and Teenz programs with our sister congregation First UU, as well as presenting the story for all ages and material for children's chapel. I have many creative ideas bouncing around in my head and I am eager to get to know each of the children and young adults in RE and to see what special gifts and talents each has to bring. We are going to have so much fun together!

I am not, however, trained in ministry and will not be an Associate Minister as Jennifer was. If you have ministerial needs, Rev. Jean will best be able to help you. That is not to say that I don't want to hear your concerns and know about your lives, I just do not have the capacity to counsel you as a minister would. I encourage you to speak with Jean if your needs are beyond my realm of expertise. I am not a reverend and you and your children can continue referring to me as Stacy, no title needed. And in case there is still question about it, and Henry isn't around to unabashedly correct it, our last name is pronounced with a long I sound as in sigh-ford, I know that there has been some question about that.

Please offer me some patience as I get acquainted with the running of things. And feel free to offer suggestions, I may not always follow them, but your thoughts are always appreciated and will be given thoughtful

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Marvelous History Corner

Religious Education, Freedom, and the Joslyn Matilda Gage House

A big welcome to **Stacy Sceiford**, who is our newest Director of Religious Education. Stacy is a member of May Memorial as is her husband Nate. They recently were awarded the 2014 Mary Lib Whitney award in recognition of their support for our religious education programs. Stacy is an educator and she and Nate are proud parents of Henry, Clara, and Jasper. Stacy follows in the footsteps of nearly 30 people we have been able to identify who have served in a similar role for our church since the late 1800s (check out the list of religious education leaders on a plaque in the Memorial Room). She was an enthusiastic choice of the Search committee and Board of Trustees and we can all look forward to her excellent leadership.

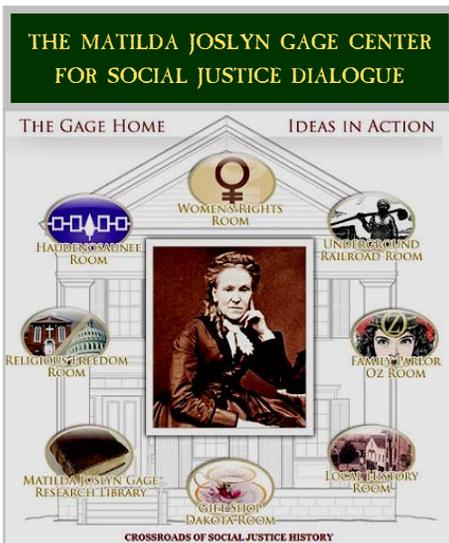


Stacy Sceiford, May Memorial's new Director of Religious Education

(*"Marvelous History Corner" continued*)

Clan of the Mohawk Nation and given a name that translates as Sky Carrier. There is a Religious Freedom Room, an Underground Railroad Room (the Gage House was a stop on the Underground Railroad as so was Sam May's house rumored to be), a Local History Room, and the Oz Room (Matilda Joslyn Gage was mother-in-law of L. Frank Baum who authored *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* – he lived there for part of 1877 and was encouraged by Matilda to write down the stories he enjoyed telling to family members). What I especially appreciated about the Gage House is its encouragement of interactive participation, writing on the walls, and free and open dialogue. It has developed a very successful Girl Ambassador for Human Rights program where young women participate in learning to be leaders.

What initially intrigued me as we started on the tour was a statement on a door that asked "Who said this?" This was followed by a statement part of which is the following: *But some would eagerly ask, should women be allowed to take part in the constructing and administering of our civil institution. Allowed, do you say? The very form of the question is an assumption of the right to do them wrong that has been done them.* Interested in this, the remainder of the statement, and a promise that the answer was on the other side of the door, I walked into what was actually a restroom and discovered who that person was. I should have known the answer as a sign proclaimed it was Rev. Samuel May from an 1846 sermon he gave in the Church of the Messiah, what our former church was called at that time. Matilda



Readers of this column have heard me mention before my friend Dave Kellogg who introduced me to the historic blazed tree, now called the Indian Paint Tree, that is in a wooded area near the Liverpool High School (this is article 109 in the newsletter archives: <http://history.mmuus.org/newsletterarchives.pdf>). Dave is also on the Board of Directors for the Matilda Joslyn Gage Home (<http://www.matildajoslyngage.org/>) in Fayetteville. A sign at the main side entrance proudly announces it as The Matilda Joslyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue. Dave also serves other

roles with the Gage Home, including that of Docent. He recently took me on a tour of the home and provided much information about it and the important role it played in the history of Syracuse, women's rights, and social justice.

Parent Alert: *This would make a great educational tour for you and your children and I highly recommend it.*

The Gage House is organized in an interesting and informative way. It is now known as a dynamic place of civil engagement. There is a Haudenosaunee Room where visitors can learn much about the Iroquois and their influence on democracy and women's rights. Gage was actually adopted into the Wolf

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consideration. I am so proud of the participation and support that the parents, members, and friends of May have given to RE in the past. The young people in our program are very fortunate to have all of you! I look forward to your continued support, and let's make this a terrific year together!

In Peace,
Stacy Sceiford,
Director of Religious Education

Welcome Back Breakfast to be held on September 21

Due to unexpected delays on the kitchen remodeling and Unirondack Weekend being held on September 14th, our Welcome Back Breakfast **will take place on the morning of September 21st, starting at 9:00 am.** Plan to arrive at church early for pancakes, bagels, egg casseroles, fruit, coffee and juices. By the 21st, we will be back in full force and have stories to share about summer adventures, school start ups and Unirondack Weekend. See you then for good eats and lots of sharing!

~ The Hospitality Committee
(Don McKay, Adele Toney, Linda Wobus, and Alexa Carter)



Two October Sunday Speakers announced

The Worship Committee would like to announce two upcoming worship services that we are very excited about!

Back by popular demand is UU Drummer **Matt Meyer!** **Matt will be leading the worship service at MMUUS on Sunday, October 5, 2014.**

Matt graduated from Berklee College of Music in 2004, where he studied hand-drumming and world music. During that time, he also studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana, and Central America. Since then, Matt has lead music and worship for hundreds of services in congregations all over the country.



October 5th speaker, Matt Meyer

Following the service on October 5th, Matt will be leading a **Drumming and Spirituality workshop.** Matt's "*Drumming and Spirituality*" workshop is a chance for people of all skill levels to participate in hands on rhythm-making. The workshop includes instruction on basic technique, as well as information on the origins of percussion instruments from around the world. Participants will also experience the spirituality of community music-making through stories, games and discussions as well as look at how rhythm and music intersect with Unitarian Universalist values.

The workshop will run from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Cost to join the workshop is \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the workshop. Bring your own drum if you have one, for those who don't, enough will provided.

Contact Mariah Dillon at emducey@syr.edu to sign up for the workshop.



October 12th speaker,
Reverend Kate Braestrup

Reverend Kate Braestrup, author of several books, including national bestseller *Here if you Need Me*; *Beginner's Grace: Bringing Prayer to Life*; and *Marriage and Other Acts*, **will speak at MMUUS on Sunday, October 12, 2014.**

As a chaplain to the Maine Warden Service, Braestrup accompanies game wardens to accidents and drowning, and on search-and-rescue operations in the Maine woods. "*A chaplain doesn't have a leisurely hour in which to explain God,*" writes Braestrup.

"The suffering is right there, and its urgency demands an immediate response. We don't give a lot of sermons out in the field, or in the woods or streets. Instead, we are called upon to offer the spiritual equivalent of triage. We're asked to pray."

The Worship Committee is thrilled to have these excellent speakers in our pulpit once again!

MMUUS Fundraisers

Your Art Canvas Painting Party...UU've got the party, here comes the paint!

Alexa Carter has graciously agreed to host a fundraising party for the May Memorial Teenz's 2016 Trip to Haiti. Please join her on **Saturday, September 20th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm** for the debut of *TheBubblyBrush*! This trailblazing event will be delightfully BYOB (an over 21 event) and please bring a scrumptious snack to share.

Haven't you always wanted an exciting work of art that you created brushstroke by brushstroke—one that you can show off with great pride? *TheBubblyBrush* offers you and your co-congregants just that. Not only will your final product be gorgeous (and all your own), you will also take home a memorable shared experience.

With Lisa Harter, Creative Director of *TheBubblyBrush*, you will be making a similar painting to the one shown. The subject matter will be "A Chalice under a Starry Night" - you can paint this chalice or bring along your personal favorite to capture in paint on your canvas.

Never painted before? Not to worry, Lisa has over twenty five years of professional art experience, you and your fellow UU's will be guided step-by-step as you transform a 16" x 20" blank art canvas into your personal masterpiece. All the necessary art supplies, demonstrations, and expertise will be provided. You don't even need to worry about getting messy - she brings smocks.

Guided artistic experience has one of the highest customer appreciation ratings of any blossoming industry in the country. The cost is just \$38.00 per artist to reserve your easel. \$5.00 per artist will go to the Haiti fund.

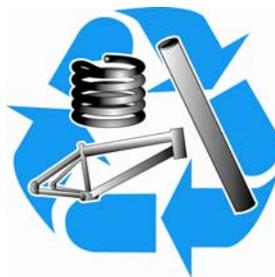
To find out more go to www.thebubblybrush.com or call Lisa Harter at (315) 751-8876.



Lisa Harter, Creative Director of *TheBubblyBrush*

Scrap Metal Drive Continues

Gary Carter will continue to have his scrap metal collection trailer at MMUUS every first Sunday of the month until the snow flies. So far our congregation has donated enough metal to earn over \$1,000 for our general fund. Keep up the good work! See Gary to make arrangements for any special pick up situations.



"Marvelous History Corner"

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Joslyn Gage and Sam May knew and respected each other because of their mutual interests. In 1869, the year after Sam retired as our minister, there was a convention in Saratoga Springs to form a state association of the National Women Suffrage Association. Matilda was elected Secretary and Sam was placed on the Executive Committee. I don't know if Matilda ever spoke in our church, but I will keep searching for such information. At any rate, I hope you will consider visiting the Gage House (637-9511; 210 E. Genesee Street, Fayetteville – visits arranged by appointment only). It will be well worth your time.

~ Rog Hiemstra,
Chair, History Committee



Pledge Questions

Wondering what's the balance on your 2014-15 pledge, or your outstanding commitment for 2013-14? Email our bookkeeper **Leslie** at ldendy@mmuus.org (or leave a message at May Memorial). She has the numbers, and will help you get up to date.



Our Care Baskets

As we join back together, let us be mindful of those in need in our community. Please be generous in your donations of food and personal care items (baskets located in the foyer). It is my hope that each member or family group is able to make a weekly contribution. As we know from many fables, just a small contribution made by many results in great bounty! I hope you have found both moments of joy and rest over the summer. I will be looking for someone to provide congregational reminders from a new perspective. Please let me know if you are willing.

~ Lee Ann McKinney

Food/Personal Care Item delivery volunteers needed for September and October

During this month and October, help is needed delivering the donations of food and personal care items from MMUUS to their respective pantries.

Personal care items are delivered on Thursday mornings to Plymouth Church, at 232 E. Onondaga St.

Food is delivered to the Inter-religious Food Consortium, at 222 Teall Ave., on any day of the week.

During most weeks, picking up items from May Memorial and dropping off at the pantries is not necessary. It is dependent on the quantity of the donations. Perhaps one person or family could take September and another October. If interested, please call 479-5751 or email **Vicky Schipper** at victoria@twcnyc.org.



“Awakening the Dreamer: Changing the Dream” Symposium

When: **Saturday, October 4th** Where: **May Memorial’s Social Hall**
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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 (and free) 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.

To register, please call (315) 446-6939 or email suesavion6@gmail.com. For more information, visit www.awakeningthedreamer.org.

A Meditation from Rev. Jean

You can’t have a patch of ground in this area without thinking about *weeds*.
So I have been.

I’ve been experiencing how each weed necessitates its own touch, its own way of being pulled. Some grow simply and pull out neatly. Some want to be wiggled out, maybe with a lateral tug against the way the root is spreading. Some need to be grasped tightly, close to the ground, and pulled up straight. Even so, some won’t come. Some, it’s nearly impossible to get much of the root; it breaks off to shoot back up again.

Some weeds exact a price – pricklers in fingers, or poison ivy welts. Some need to be unwound, as well – the life-strangling vines, grapes, bittersweet, those ivies.

Some weeds are (or were) lettuces, pot herbs, edible tubers: dandelion, purslane, sheep sorrel. There are all kinds of herbs (chives and the annoyingly self-seeding dill), mints (catmint, lemon balm), aromatics (the ground ivy that clears my sinuses).

There are berries, of course: the brambles running, tumbling, rooting Slinky-style out onto the lawn. The delicious little wild strawberries which the chipmunks always snatch just before I get to them.

And the flowers. Oh, the wildflowers! field daisies, black-eyed Susans, Queen Anne’s lace... “Your yard,” said my neighbor, “has the prettiest weeds!” What to do about the teasel? pull it out? It makes such an interesting dried “flower”, as do the milkweed pods. If you want Monarch butterflies, then you want milkweed – it’s as simple as that.

You can’t have a patch of ground in this area without thinking about *weeds*.
So I have been.

~Blessings, Jean

First UU News

The following adult offerings will take place at First UU this fall as part of their Lifespan Faith Development program.

- **Religion and Ethics-Hybrid Discussion Group**

When: Sundays (Discussion in the First UU Fellowship Hall during coffee hour and on the First UU Facebook page)

Join other First UUsers in discussing the PBS weekly television program, *Religion and Ethics* (<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/>). The program airs Sunday mornings on PBS at 9:00 am. Recent topics have included: Atrocities in Myanmar, Jordan's Syrian Refugees, Latino Converts to Islam, and the Expulsion of Iraqi Christians. After services, a table will be designated in Fellowship Hall for a discussion group. The discussion will continue on First UU's Facebook page for those not in attendance. First UU's Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2456932512/>. Expect lively discussion both face to face and on Facebook!

- **Mindfulness Meditation Fellowship** Facilitator: Claudia Klaver

When: Sundays, from 5:00 pm—6:00 pm in First UU's Parlor

Sitting mediation (25 min.) followed by a brief reading from a contemporary mindfulness or Buddhist teacher, concluding with a discussion of the reading and our practice. No prior meditation experience necessary; all meditation traditions welcome.

- **Buddhism and Mindfulness Study Group** Facilitator: Claudia Klaver

When: 3rd Monday of every month, from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

The group will use a mix of media—videos, recorded talks, and pre-circulated readings—as the basis for exploration and discussion of important aspects and issues of Buddhism and mindfulness. The topics this fall will be of an introductory nature, since these will be the group's first meetings. The purpose of this group will be self-education about mindfulness, meditation, and Buddhist philosophy, rather than to engage in the practice of meditation itself. Participants are welcome to attend on a drop-in basis based on interest and availability. The following are topics by date:

Sept. 22 nd	<i>Meditation and Mindfulness</i>
Oct. 20 th	<i>Meditation for Beginners</i>
Nov. 17 th	<i>Mindfulness in Everyday Life</i>
Dec. 15 th	<i>Compassion and Loving-Kindness</i>

For more information, contact Claudia Klaver at (315) 396-7070 or ccklaver@syr.edu.

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- **Wisdom Path-Money, Spirit and Life** Facilitators: Melissa Lesley-Fox and Pamela Spearman **When: Saturdays, from 10:00 am—11:30 am in the Parlor**

First UU will continue as a field test site for the Tapestry of Faith Program developed by the UUA. As described on the UUA web site... "In this program, participants join together to give this important aspect of our lives due attention in a religious community. The heart of this program is an exploration of the relationship between money and spiritual values, specifically our Unitarian Universalist values." To learn more about the workshop visit the UUA website: <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/wisdompath/>

As with all Tapestry of Faith Programs, participants are welcome to participate in all of the workshops, but this is not required. Email Melissa at treasurer@firstuu.org or Pamela at paspearman@gmail.com if you have questions. Please let the coordinators know in advance if you need childcare).

- **September 6th—Imaging a Transformed World** - This workshop explores innovative models for economic relationships. This workshop invites participants to think of persistent inequality and deprivation not as a failure of human goodness or commitment, but rather as a call for greater imagination and willingness to enact new ways to connect people in meaningful and just economic relationships across social and geographic boundaries. Hopeful stories highlight economic systems and models serving people and communities better than have our inherited systems and models.

soul to soul

Share deeply with the Young Adults!

**When: Wednesday,
September 10th, 6:30 pm**

Where: First UU

We will be sharing on the topic "After Death" in September. When we gather, each person is invited to share, uninterrupted about a prompt related to readings and activities we have done in preparation for the session.

After each person that wishes has shared, another prompt is given, and everyone has a chance to respond - uninterrupted! - to the second prompt, and then a third. There is no cross talk. there is no advice given. Each person is heard. Each person listens. This is a skill that is not easy to learn!

Free photocopies or PDFs of the readings are available from **Pilar Lyons**.

The Soul to Soul sessions will be rescheduled based on conversation after this session. If you can't attend, send Pilar your opinions / preferred day/time information!

The Syracuse Unitarian Universalist Young Adults are people age 18 and over (We have no upper age limit) who are interested in Unitarian Universalism or simply enriching their spiritual and social lives.

Visit the Syracuse UU Young Adults' blog at <http://syr-uuya.blogspot.com/> or join their Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Syr.UUYA/>.

UNIRONDACK
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER IN NEW YORK'S FOREVER WILD ADIRONDACKS



Last chance to register for the September Unirondack Weekend!

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.

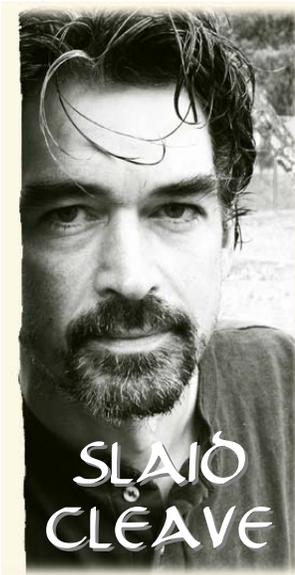
2014 Folkus Concert Schedule



September 12th—Slaid Cleave—Slaid Cleave's is one of America's most accomplished and cherished singer/songwriters — a songwriter that Stephen King (yes, *that* Stephen King)—describes like this: *"I'm glad I found Slaid Cleaves, because my life would have been poorer without him... Go to one of Slaid's shows, take a friend, and pass on the news: Not all the good guys wear hats."*

Cleaves is also one of the most important songwriters never to have played in Syracuse as part of the Folkus Project — until now.

Cleaves' music is rooted in country and traditional folk songs, but is unique enough to have held interest in a vast sea of singer/songwriters since the 1990's. Cleaves spins stories with a novelist's eye and a poet's heart, primarily about working-class people and romantics both hopeful and hopeless.



Tickets are \$20 (Folkus Member price: \$17).

September 26th—The Acoustic Guitar Project Concert—"One guitar. One week. One song." That's the tagline of the Acoustic Guitar Project, an international songwriting project that originated in New York City and has spread around the world. In each city, a guitar circulates from songwriter to songwriter, and each person has one week to write a song on that guitar and capture it on a handheld recorder.

Projects launched this year in 35 cities, from Buenos Aires to Boston, Minneapolis to Moscow — and, this summer, Syracuse. Syracuse-area songwriters who are taking part include Jeffrey Pepper Rodgers, Colin Aberdeen, Tim Burns, John Cadley, Dana "Short Order" Cooke, Ashley Cox, Gary Frenay, Colleen Kattau, Arty Lenin, and Wendy Ramsay. On September 26th, all ten will gather for a special Folkus Project concert in which they will play their Acoustic Guitar Project songs on the project guitar, handmade in Maryland by Minor Bird Instruments and signed by all the artists.

Tickets are \$10 (Folkus Member price: \$8).

All shows start at 8:00 pm. To reserve tickets, or for details and additional ticket info, visit <http://www.folkus.org>.



Ladies, spend a Thursday evening with the

Twisted Sisters

Ladies, you are invited to a get-together with Twisted Sisters on **Thursday, September 18th, at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Room**. This is an open, drop-in social group for all UU women and their friends—please bring a friend! Attendees are of a wide span of ages, and we have mothers, students, career women, retirees, and more who join in our laughter-filled gatherings. Feel free to bring a light snack and/or beverage to share, (not required). Email lauraknight.md@gmail.com with questions or suggestions. See you then!

Catholic Charities offers home repair help to seniors

Project Fix is an in-home repair service for senior citizens (age 60+) living in Onondaga County.

Project Fix helps by assessing the problem and doing the work for you, or if the job is too big, by helping you find a reputable contractor. Some of these minor repairs include: plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and small masonry repairs.

Clients are asked to pay for materials for each job. Project Fix will determine what is needed and pick the materials up for you.

Whenever possible, clients are asked to make a labor donation which is used within the general budget for this program. Call (315) 424-1810 for suggested donation rates.

Community News

Blanket and Linen Drive for the Interfaith Works Center for New Americans

From September 1st through October 31st, the InterFaith Works Center for New Americans will hold a Blanket and Linen Drive.

For pickups, call Daryl (474-1261 Ext. 208) and the center can arrange a pick up at your home or office.

Drop-offs can be made Monday through Friday at 808 North McBride Street (*Southeast Corner of Butternut and McBride above plaza; driveway is on the right side of the building*).

MMUUS member **Judy Antoine** will be setting up a drop-off box in the foyer at May Memorial as well.

InterFaith Works Center for New Americans resettles over 500 New American/refugees each year. With your generosity and support, we are able to continue to "Affirm the Dignity" of each and every family member. And together we will ensure that our New Americans have a clean, warm bed and towels that are soft and gentle.



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Saturday, September 20th

6:00 pm—9:00 pm Bubbling Brush Fundraiser Social Hall
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Sunday, September 21st *Opening Sunday/RE begins*

9:00 am Welcome Back Breakfast Social Hall
9:40 am Individual Spiritual Practice Creekside
10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary
10:30 am Teenz Teen Room
12:15 pm Spanophiles COA Room

Tuesday, September 23rd

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall

Thursday, September 25th

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

Friday, September 26th

8:00 pm Folkus Concert: Acoustic Guitar Project MMUUS

Sunday, September 28th

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

Tuesday, September 30th

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall

Help out the RE program during "Back to School" sales!

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 & bottles of glue

Collection boxes are in the foyer.

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



View from the Study Window

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Our RE groups at May Memorial transform lives. They build enduring friendships, and—you know this—renew our Hope for the Community of Earth. There is hardly a greater gift you could give... to Stacy as our new DRE, to your own personal and spiritual growth, and to our children, the future of Unitarian Universalism...than to be an RE volunteer. How? You might have a conversation with Stacy about being a Guide, or offer to help in one of the many "behind the scenes" ways. Please ease her start-up here by taking the initiative. Reach her by email at dre@mmuus.org or by phone at 729-9807.

As they say, "Thanking you in advance,"

~Blessings, Jean

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Calendar

Monday, September 1st	*OFFICE CLOSED* – Happy Labor Day!	
Tuesday, September 2nd		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Wednesday, September 3rd		
5:00 pm	Green Sanctuary Committee	Teen Room
6:00 pm	Board of Trustees Planning Mtg.	Memorial Room
Thursday, September 4th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, September 7th		
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Spanophiles	COA Room
Tuesday, September 9th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Guide Training	Social Hall
Thursday, September 11th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 12th		
8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Slaid Cleave	MMUUS
Sunday, September 14th		
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, September 15th		
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group (SEG)	Memorial Room
Tuesday, September 16th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Memorial Room
Wednesday, September 17th		
6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
7:00 pm	COA Meeting	COA Room
Thursday, September 18th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Creekside
5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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