



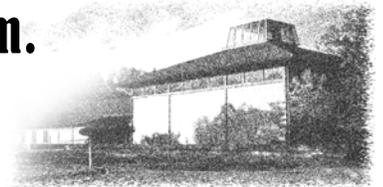
## Socketober Pumpkin Carving FUUN Event!

There is a bin in the foyer for collecting new socks to be donated to people in need after the FUUN event **on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Please place new socks to donate in the bin the week before, or bring them with you to our FUUN event.** We will be carving pumpkins in the Social Hall. **Please bring a sack dinner for yourself and your family, you can also bring a snack or beverage to share. Bring a pumpkin to carve, any carving tools you may have, and an eagerness to have FUUN!** FUUN events are family friendly service opportunities and are open to members and friends of First UU and MMUUS, so invite your friends!

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



### October 18

#### Whose Kids? Our Kids?

*Rev. Dr. Stanley Sears*

A week or so after Rev. Dr. Sears finished reading Robert Putnam's book, "Our Kids", the body of three-year-old Aylan Kurdi washed up on a Turkish beach. You may remember him as the little boy with the red shoes, whose family fled Syria. Only the father survived. "Our Kids" is about opportunity inequality in America. Today's sermon will begin with Putnam's book, and then venture to neighborhoods unknown.

Rev. Dr. Sears holds degrees from The University of South Carolina (A.B. in Journalism); the University of Chicago (A.M. from The Divinity School); and Meadville/ Lombard Theological School (D.Min.). Ordained in 1981, he has served several congregations across the U.S. and Canada.

### October 25

#### The Stories We Tell

*Rev. Libby Moore*

We human beings tell stories. It's who we are. The Quaker author Parker Palmer writes that "storytelling serves some of our most basic needs. The more we know about another's story, the harder it is to hate or harm that person." And the more we understand our own stories, the more compassion we feel for ourselves and others. While we can't change the past, we can choose to tell our stories — and to hear others' stories — in ways that lead to forgiveness and connection instead of leaving us isolated and lost. What's your story?

### November 1

#### Memory Tree Service

*Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey*

This Sunday, we will present an intergenerational service, during which we "leaf" our Memory Tree with the names of those we have loved and lost.

**\* Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 am** (set clocks back one hour before bed)



## CareRing News & Notes

*The CareRing Committee is an active lay extension of the professional ministry of May Memorial. The CareRing responds to members and friends of the church community in times of need. In the absence of a minister, the CareRing will respond to pastoral needs, and seek professional ministerial assistance as needed. This week, coincidentally, two members of the CareRing are not available because...*

**Peggy Ryfun's** daughter, Stacey D'Angelo, was very recently diagnosed with cancer, and underwent surgery on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.



Stacey is now recuperating at home (with husband, Dan, and 4 year old daughter, Sydney, by her side) in Denver, Colorado.

We hold Stacey and family in our thoughts and prayers, as we wish with all our hearts for a full recovery.

We are very pleased to announce that **Remo Bianco's** open heart surgery that was performed on October 6<sup>th</sup>, was successful.

At the time of the newsletter printing, Remo had recently been released from St. Joseph's Hospital and was recuperating at home.

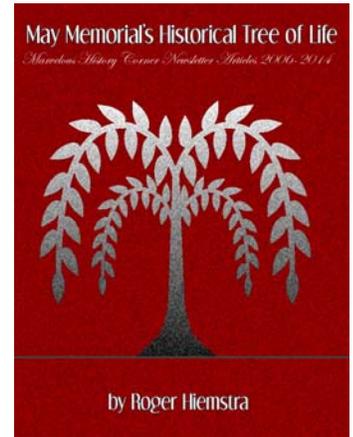
Visitors are asked to hold off for the time being, but cards are welcome and may be sent to Remo's home address.

*Other members of the CareRing are Alice Chico, Gerry Berkman, Cynthia Carter, and Carol Bickart. Find their phone numbers in the MMUUS directory.*

## Roger Hiemstra's MMUUS Historical Book is now available for sale

**F**ormer MMUUS Archivist, **Roger Hiemstra**, has compiled his *Marvelous History Corner* columns, which appeared in the *MMUUSletter* from 2006—2014, into his book "*May Memorial's Historical Tree of Life*".

If you didn't buy a copy after Roger's service presentation last Sunday, **look for Don Milmore in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**, when they will be available for purchase again for \$10 each (*be sure to get one now while we can still offer them at this low price*). Cash and checks (*made out to "MMUUS"*) will be accepted.



## October 11 Service Presentation available online in video and text formats

**R**oger Hiemstra's October 11<sup>th</sup>, service presentation, titled "*Rev. Samuel May—Social Revolutionary in Syracuse*" is now available online, in both video and text formats.

For a text version of Roger's presentation (*including the references*), please visit: <http://roghiemstra.com/October11presentationwithquoted%20areas.html>

For a video of the presentation, please visit: <https://youtu.be/vTDokLwrOgg>.



## Chat With a Board Member (or three)!



Over the summer and fall, your Board of Trustees has had several discussions with May Memorialites about communication between the Board and the membership. We had our first scheduled Board Chat on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, **and we plan to hold another Board Chat on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Hall during coffee hour**, and hope to see some of you at our table. Other chats are planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Come talk to us!

I love this time of year, when the geese announce their departure and pumpkins spring up ubiquitously in gardens and on front porches! I'm so grateful for these last warm days before the chill of winter sets in. There is much to do to prepare for the cold times.

May Memorial church leaders attended a *Congogram*, congregational counseling session with Rev. Dr. Lynne Acquafondata, a couple weeks ago. The following passage is from Rev. Dr. Acquafondata's website, in which she explains what a *Congogram* is:

*"A Congogram is a visual tool that maps the past in order to understand the present and create a vital future. A congregational counselor uses this tool to guide a congregational community in gaining fresh perspectives and getting unstuck from difficult problems or challenging situations.*

*The Congogram uses a series of uniquely structured diagrams to map the ways in which people involved in a particular church or congregation interact and respond to each other and to events around them from an emotional perspective (emotional systems)."*

You can learn more *about* it at [www.congogram.com](http://www.congogram.com).

I found it very informative. It was a small segment of a larger program that the Board will talk about the entire congregation undertaking.

In one of the many books I have read on the subject, *"Creating a Healthier Church"* by Ronald Richardson, Richardson describes the "vibe" you get from groups (*think of the vibe in the Social Hall during coffee hour*), as the emotional system of the congregation. He goes on to say:

*"In any group, the level of stability—cohesiveness and cooperation between members is dependent on the average level of emotional maturity of the group."*

Emotional maturity is the ability to differentiate between our feelings and our thoughts, and to maintain good boundaries! It's knowing what we are personally responsible for, and separating what we think and feel - from what other people think and feel. Emotional maturity allows us to be *"Response - Able"* - governing our reactions, and giving ourselves options for how we respond to (and tolerate) others, who may be very different than us.

In this way, we can come to believe that:

*We are committed to being an inclusive, respectful, caring community of faith that reaches out in welcome while coming together for mutual inspiration, empowerment and lifelong learning.*

We got this! See you on Sunday!

~ Mariah Ducey,  
President, Board of Trustees

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## Environmental and Social Concerns Committee Welcomes You!

The Environmental  
and Social Concerns  
Committee will meet  
on **Saturday, October**



**24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Memorial  
Room.** We welcome all current and  
new members. Anyone who is inter-  
ested in social justice issues and  
environmental concerns, please join  
us. We have some meaningful pro-  
jects and goals for our committee,  
so come and “Draw the Circle  
Wide”.

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## Mothers Against Gun Violence

**O**n June 28<sup>th</sup>, the UU General Assembly passed an Action of Immediate  
Witness pledging support for the *Black Lives Matter* movement. Some of  
us at May Memorial have decided that one small thing we can do is to attend  
the vigils organized by the *Mothers Against Gun Violence*, which are called  
after a shooting death. The group sends out an email before each event giving  
the time and place of the vigil. If you would like to be included, please send  
your email address to [victoria@twcny.rr.com](mailto:victoria@twcny.rr.com).

Of course, it is not necessary to attend each vigil. We invite members of First  
UU to participate as well.



## MUSIC AND THE ARTS



### Dinner and Theater on Saturday, October 17

Plan to join friends from First UU to enjoy a meal together and share the inspiring words of *“Be The Change: An Activist Dinner Party”* by Rev. Steve Shick. **Bring a dish to pass at 6:00 pm, and plan to stay for the play reading at 7:00 pm.** Come to be reminded of the wisdom of some of our favorite heroes and to see how some of your fellow UUs portray such luminaries as Rumi, Jesus and Martin Luther King, Jr. The evening will also be the directing debut of our own **John Seavers**. Perhaps the evening will be the first of many such events. Let us break bread together.

**Participants of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bach Recital** (from left to right): Dr. Frank Macomber, Chris Dranchek, Glenn Kime, Dr. Allison Evans Henry, Robert Kerner. *(Photograph courtesy of Bob Burdick)*

## Recapping the 50th Anniversary Bach Recital

**W**e would like to thank everyone who attended our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bach Recital on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. It was such a special evening, not only for its historical significance, but also because it gave us the rare treat of listening to some of the world’s finest organ pieces, played by all the MMUUS Directors of Music who have played our Holtkamp Organ at 3800 East Genee Street.

# An Evening with Kizey

November 6th, 2015

AT JUSTIN'S TUSCAN GRILL



## CNY SPCA presents "An Evening with Kizey"

The Central New York SPCA cordially invites you to attend its annual event "An Evening with Kizey" at Justin's Tuscan Grill, on **Friday November 6th, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**. The CNY SPCA will award the 2015 "Kizey Award" recipient that evening.

This year, the CNY SPCA will honor Nate Farrington, Jamesville and Pompey Hill Fire Departments for rescuing the Doberman that was stuck deep in narrow rock crevice at Clark's Reservation State Park, this past March.

You are invited to a wonderful evening of wine, buffet dinner, silent auction, and live entertainment by Loren Barrigar and Mark Mazengarb.

Tickets are \$75.00 each. **Only 200 tickets available, get yours today!**

To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Terri Para at 454-8787 or email [development@cnyspca.org](mailto:development@cnyspca.org).

## Community News



## A Journey Toward Justice

*An evening of storytelling and music exploring the African American experience on the Freedom Trail from reconstruction to today*

**Friday, October 23rd, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Plymouth Congregation Church,  
232 East Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York**

*A Journey Toward Justice* is a celebration, in story and music, of the recent release of over 1.5 million records documenting the lives of 4-million African American slaves freed at the end of the Civil War.

The public is invited to join the journey for an evening of performances by the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Co. and the Syracuse Community Choir.

In addition to the performances you will find out how you can participating in indexing the records to help build a searchable digital archive and how you can easily access ancestral records hidden for decades. The event is free... the opportunity to join the journey to justice is priceless!

This event is sponsored by: Plymouth Church, InterFaith Works of CNY, Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and The Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company.





## Seeking Common Ground: A Faith and Beliefs Dialogue Circle

**I**nterFaith Works' El-Hindi Center for Dialogue is launching a new dialogue program, *Seeking Common Ground*, to help foster relationships and understanding across faith, spiritual, and philosophical perspectives (*Sounds perfect for UUs!*).

*Dialogue Circles* are small groups of 8-12 people that are guided by 2 facilitators for six 2-hour sessions. Circle members get to know each other and discuss issues from many points of view. The facilitators create ground rules and keep the discussion going.

This **free**, six, 2-hour session will begin in late October 2015.

If you are interested in participating in this new program or if you would like more information, call Pete Willner at 449-3552, x102.

## Apartment Furnishings, Coats, and School Supplies Needed

**I**nterFaith Works' Center for New Americans had an amazing month of September with 96 new arrivals—an all-time high. **They are looking for donations of furnishings for apartments. Also, the 400+ who have arrived in the past 6 months need coats, and 150+ new students need school supplies.** Looking to donate or have questions? Please call 449-3552.



## Women Transcending Boundaries to Show Award-Winning Documentary "Nefarious"

Women Transcending Boundaries will be showing the award-winning documentary film about sex trafficking, *"Nefarious: Merchant of Souls"*, **on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 pm—5:00 pm, at InterFaith Works, located at 1010 James Street.**

The film viewing will be followed by speakers and discussion. Sex trafficking of women and children is not just a global problem; it is happening right here in Syracuse—in our shopping malls, on our streets. The targeted age group for children is between 12-14. Millions of children are exploited each year world-wide; 3,000 of these children come from New York State—between 400 and 500 come from Syracuse—each year. What can we do to help end this practice? Come and be a part of the dialogue. All women are welcome.

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

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**Calendar**

*\* Tai Chi Chih classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Social Hall at 3:00 pm \**

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Arts on Genesee Committee	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
6:00 pm ( <i>dinner starts</i> )	"Be the Change" Potluck/Readers Theater	MMUUS
7:00 pm ( <i>play starts</i> )		

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Memorial Room

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Memorial Room
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**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
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**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1:30 pm	Bookenders	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: J.Ungar & M.Mason	MMUUS
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**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Enviro-Social Concerns Cmtee.	Memorial Room
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**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room

2:00 pm

**\*No Spanophiles Today\***  
Memorial Service and Reception MMUUS  
for Joan Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu's Sister

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters (Women's Group)	Memorial Room
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**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm	FUUN Event: Pumpkin Carving <i>(see page 1 for details)</i>	Social Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary