



View from the Study Window...

If there is one Unitarian Universalist “sin of omission” – something virtually all of us can agree is inexcusably wrong – it is to Not Vote. It is contrary to our shared principles to forget about or choose not to participate in the democratic process. Our nation’s founders trusted us to think and act in our own best interest.

When political attack ads run over and over, and back to back, it doesn’t take long for us to realize how useless they are as a source of information. Some voters also conclude that the whole political system is beyond comprehension and beyond help. Resist that conclusion. Learn, discuss – care. Care enough to make your mark for democracy.

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



November 2

Story Tellers, Meaning Makers

Memory Tree Sunday

To be human is to make meaning of our experiences. We shape the events of our lives into stories, which become the fabric of community. This is an intergenerational service during which we “leaf” our Memory Tree with the names of those we have loved and lost.

* 12:00 pm Eastern Standard Time—First Sunday Luncheon in Social Hall

November 9

Don’t Forget Our Veterans

Randy Archambault

Veterans Day is one of those holidays that often slips by without much notice. But, actually, it is so important to connect with, honor and remember those who have proudly worn the uniforms of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines, or the National Guard. We all have grandfathers, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins or friends from high school, college or the neighborhood who have served our country—and all of them have stories to tell. This morning, you will have the opportunity to hear from members of our own congregation who have served or have had relatives who served in one of our many wars or conflicts. Let’s not allow them or others to go unnoticed. As Randy Archambault says, “It’s our unsung heroes who keep our country safe”.

November 16

The Blessing and Curse of Memory

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

Rev. Jean’s focus for November will be *Memory*. This Sunday we will explore how memory serves us – and why it sometimes doesn’t.

November 23

Generation to Generation

Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom

From birth to death, we shape and are shaped by family, community, and culture. Memory is the “glue” that connects us to past and future generations.



CareRing News & Notes

Verah Johnson sends her “love to one and all” from her new home in Barrington, Rhode Island. Verah went from a Cape Cod vacation to an assisted living community by way of a hospital this summer. She is 88 and had some breathing problems. Her daughter Sally lives nearby. Although she misses her house and Syracuse friends, Verah says she feels well-cared-for and has met some interesting people there. She can be reached by telephone at her Syracuse number and we have her new address in the office.



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 2nd, at 2:00 am, so remember to set your clocks back one hour (“fall behind”)** before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st.

Bring a Friend Sunday and Luncheon – November 2

Our third annual “*Bring a Friend Sunday*” **will be held on November 2nd**. First time visitors who check in at the Welcome Table will be our guests at the First Sunday Luncheon following the service.



I don’t know about you, but I do a lot of grocery shopping. I often joke that Wegmans is my second home (*it’s not really a funny joke*). Having three growing kids, and doing my best to prepare homemade meals, means that we almost always need *something* from the store. Those lunchboxes aren’t going to fill themselves! Usually I don’t think very much of this, other than to gripe a bit about the amount of time, and energy, and money that goes into all that grocery shopping. But I recently started thinking of my grocery habits a little differently. I have become a little more aware of just how fortunate I am to be able to pop into the store whenever I need to.



Oddly enough, it was a moment of joy and celebration over the opening of another grocery store. No, not *Trader Joes*. I live in a little subdivision in Cicero that is a short, but traffic heavy drive away from multiple supermarkets. But these supermarkets are pretty much unreachable on foot. So if I want to just make a quick trip to the store to pick up that one last ingredient, it’s a minivan ride away. This past week, a *Green Planet Grocery* opened within walking distance from my house, yippee! Fresh fruits and veggies are now a brisk ten minute walk away and, being a coffee lover, the fact that there is a *Cafe Kubal* within the store had me doing a literal happy dance.

Having fresh food become more accessible to me, made me stop and think about the many people to whom groceries are not so easily accessible. Instead of griping about how often they are making their way through well-stocked aisles, many families in this country have far more serious concerns about where their next meal may come from. The 4th and 5th grade RE class recently talked about the concept of a food desert, when fresh food is inaccessible because of lack of transportation in urban or rural areas. Before *Green Planet* opened, I could have walked to any one of three pharmacies that are about the same distance away from my house, but those convenience-type stores are very limited in their fresh food selection and the food is almost always more expensive. If I didn’t have the luxury of my minivan, grocery shopping would be a much greater challenge.

In the eyes of my children, they see so much wealth in our country that they simply don’t understand how there can be hungry people. And I am immensely grateful that they have never had the experience of being food insecure. That is the reason I am so pleased to be able to be involved in social justice work through May Memorial. My family has the means to help people in need, and I have been humbled by the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends. When there is a call for donations, we answer the

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Marvelous History Corner

Sam May—Master Educator, Too!

I have written a couple of newsletter articles in the past about Sam May's legacy as an educator and how important he was to Syracuse because of his passion for education. I recently reread Dr. Catherine Covert's outstanding 1964 Master's thesis about Sam: *Saint Before His Time: Samuel J. May and American Educational Reform*. Go here to read this thesis: <http://roghiemstra.com/covert-may-thesis.html> (go here to read a bio on Dr. Covert: <http://roghiemstra.com/covert-bio.html>). It is one of the very best Master's theses I have ever read, with very informative footnotes, and she described how it took her seven years to complete the research. She gave a sermon on this thesis at MMUUS in the late 1960s.

Catherine describes with almost painful detail the very strict and, in many ways, demeaning educational methods Sam had to endure. Today most educators would simply have realized that young Sam was a dreamer and found various ways to channel his inattention and mind wandering approaches toward schooling into meaningful learning experiences. Thus, even though the Harvard of 1813 when 16 year-old Sam began his college studies was unlike what we think about today when that university is mentioned, still it was prestigious enough that his parents sacrificed all they could to make sure he attended. Fortunately for Sam, there were a few outstanding professors that saw in him the potential for greatness and found ways to stimulate his still forming brilliant mind, loving personality, and compassion to help others.

He still had to endure some long recitations from less than inspiring lecturers, but, oh, when he luckily interfaced with the great ones, that potential began to explode. Through hard work and determination he won one of the very prestigious Bowdoin Prizes as a freshman, an almost unheard-of feat at that time. Slowly he began gravitating toward those professors whose instructional styles and approaches fit his learning approach to a tee. By the time he graduated and knew he was destined to be a Unitarian minister, he began finding ways of incorporating education and teaching into his ministerial work.

His career path then began mirroring these combined skills. His first pastorate was at the Unitarian Church in Brooklyn, Connecticut, in 1822. As the first Unitarian church in that state, Sam often had to employ his educational skills in helping not only his own parishioners but many of the community's leading political and religious leaders who possessed very negative views toward and incomplete understandings of Unitarianism. His patience, persistence, and loving approach to dealing with others won over many converts. He also

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Dr. Catherine Covert

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undertook supporting in various ways Prudence Crandall, the teacher of a nearby girl's school. She dared to enroll a young black girl in her school and that town's leaders and citizenry gave her much trouble, even arresting her for refusing to back down. Sam did all he could to help her. Eventually she was forced to leave the town (later townspeople apologized to her and regretted their decisions), but Sam learned more valuable lessons regarding the importance of education for all people.

Following another ministry, this time in South Scituate, Massachusetts, and undertaking a two-year role as Principal (today that role would be called President) of a Female Normal School in Lexington, Massachusetts, we were the lucky ones as he became our minister in 1845 and remained in Syracuse until his death in 1871. Here he was constantly undertaking both ministerial and educational roles, including serving a stint as the Syracuse City School Board President, working to develop a school for the benefit of youth on the Onondaga Nation, and helping to provide better education for mentally disabled youth in the area. Dr. Covert provides much more detail in her thesis. I also would be happy to send it to you as a PDF file. (rogerhiemstra@gmail.com)

~ Rog Hiemstra,
Chair, History Committee

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call in abundance.

This month, I am once again partnering with Tina Lesley-Fox at First UU in a FUUN event. These events are family friendly, social justice events where we can live our values and make a difference in the world. November we are hosting a potluck Guest at Your Table meal to benefit the UUSC in their social justice efforts. When I am preparing my contribution to the meal, I will be thinking about where all those ingredients came from and how fortunate I am to have access to them, I hope you will join me.

In Peace,

Stacy Sceiford,
Director of Religious Education

Holiday Fine Craft Show

May Memorial will again host its annual Holiday Fine Craft Show **November 21st -23rd**. This is a major fundraiser for MMUUS. Notecards, fiber arts, fused glass, jewelry, photography, pottery, and soap by regional artists are featured. Artists/businesses include **Barbara J. Weingart** (*hand-painted silk clothing*); **Cranky Cat Collection** (*whimsical cat paper and cloth items*); **Ginny Spina** (*kimono silk scarves*); **Hannah Graeper Pottery** (*"glaze trailing" technique*); **Hilltop Pottery** (*functional pottery*); **Hooked on Glass** (*fused glass*); **Jennifer Newman** (*note cards*); **Karen McGrath** (*felted & knitted hats*); **KZ Photography** (*floral photography*); **Lorraine G. Markley Jewelry** (*semi-precious gemstones*); **Lynda Lloyd Fuchs** (*jewelry of multicultural beaded and mixed metals*); **PMC Art Jewelry** (*precious metal clay*); **SaraKate** (*bags and accessories*); **Split-Fire Pottery** (*wood-fired stoneware*); and **Syracuse Soapworks** (*natural soaps and bath products*).



Our Fine Craft Show is a wonderful opportunity to purchase beautiful gifts for holiday giving (and for yourself) while raising funds for our beloved community.

Help is obviously needed to make this show a success. **Please volunteer to bring food for the artists and volunteers, sell admission and raffle tickets, give artists a break from their booths, and clean up by signing up at the Volunteer Table in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 2nd and 9th.** If you volunteer you don't pay the \$3 admission fee for the event.

Even if you aren't signing up to volunteer, please help publicize the Craft Show by picking up postcards at the Volunteer Table and giving them to friends and organizations in your area (such as your library, craft stores, and coffee shops).

Fine Craft Show Hours

Friday, November 21st, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm

Saturday, November 22nd, 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday, November 23rd, 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Janet Hiemstra,
Chair, Fine Craft Show

MMUUS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

If you would like to join other May Memorial folks for a potluck Thanksgiving Day dinner, **please sign up in the foyer on the easel across from the DRE's office. The deadline is November 23rd.** You will be asked to provide a main dish or a dessert and to donate a small amount to cover the cost of the turkey. **We will arrive at May Memorial by 3:30 pm, with dinner planned for 4:00 pm.**





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results. However your privacy is guaranteed. All written surveys are to be mailed to my home. All on-line surveys will come to me. I will detach individual names from each survey, and will be the only person with knowledge of who says what. Unless you check a box at the end of the survey authorizing sharing of your name attached to your survey response, Rev. Jean will not know what you have said in your survey reply. Another box will allow you to choose whether to share with the Board your name along with your survey reply. You have my word on this privacy protection, as your president, and as an Eagle Scout.

We have set Sunday December 7th as the final deadline for survey submissions, but please don't wait.

It will take us time to put together the information all of you will send us into a report back to the congregation. That report should be available in January, 2015.

~ Peter Colman,
President, Board of Trustees

As President, I am a lightning rod. I am frequently approached by congregation members who want to give me their sincere and heartfelt positive or negative opinions concerning Rev. Jean and her job performance. The problem with this is, I cannot tell whether these opinions represent everyone else who hasn't spoken with me.

The society bylaws provide that the board is to perform an evaluation of our minister's performance. This year we are asking every one of you to help.

The Board appointed me, along with fellow Board members **Larissa Brenner** and **Peter Cannavo** plus Ministerial Concerns Committee member **Nancy Pease** to design and run a congregation-wide survey for this evaluation.

The survey can be completed online via the magic of Survey Monkey, a very user-friendly program. **To access the survey, please use the link provided in an email from Brian Betz which you will have received between Friday, October 31st and Monday, November 3rd.** The link will also be available on our new website. The link will take you to the survey, so you can answer it on-line.

If you don't want to take the survey on-line, paper copies will be available at May Memorial beginning November 2nd.

The survey is rather detailed, and the accumulated results will impact the future of our society for years to come. When you look at the questions, you will see why I say this. The survey will get you thinking, and you will probably enjoy filling it out.

Doing the survey will take you about the amount of time many of us spend in one drive from our homes to May Memorial. We hope you will look at this as something you are doing for yourself. And if you don't respond, don't use me as your lightning rod for a while.

If there are two or more MMUUS adults in your household, we want each of you to complete a separate survey.

Either way, everyone who replies will be entered into a drawing for a Wegmans gift card. If we get 75 replies, the card will be for \$75. If we get 200 replies, the card will be for \$200. In short, you should be checking with your friends to be sure they turn in surveys because each response adds \$1 to the gift card which you just might win. This is our way of showing you how much we care about broad participation, and about everyone's opinions. I plan to do the drawing out of a big pot (containing only names, not surveys) in the Social Hall on December 14th.

We won't accept any unsigned or anonymous survey replies. This will prevent one individual from submitting multiple survey copies, packing the survey

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soul to soul

Go Soul to Soul with the Young Adults

The *Soul to Soul* book charts out a series of discussions based on the included readings and activities that let us learn more about ourselves and each other. We have found that sharing our ideas with one another helps our thinking evolve and deepens our own connection to our inner thoughts.

If you're interested in trying it out, we're meeting in the Parlor at First UU on Waring Road in Syracuse at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month in November (11/19), and January (1/21). We're skipping December. In the spring of 2015 (February through May), we'll meet in the Memorial room at May Memorial (dates TBA). Contact Pilar (533-2684) or visit the Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Syr.UUYA/>) for more information.



“The Cool Beings” want your batteries!

For the next two weeks, the Cool Beings group in R.E. are recycling dead batteries and have placed several collection boxes around May Memorial. If you have any dead batteries, please bring them to church **during the next two weeks** so they can be safely recycled. Thank you for helping to protect the environment!

November **FOUN!** Event!

Come join us for fellowship, fun, and food! **Stacy Sceiford** and **Tina Lesley-Fox**, in cooperation with the Syracuse UU Young Adults, are hosting a “Guest at Your Table” meal **in the fellowship hall at First UU. The meal will take place on Saturday, November 22nd from 3:30 pm—7:30 pm.** In this the season of thanksgiving, we would like to take the opportunity to give thanks for all that we have, and to bring awareness about Unitarian Universalist Service Committee work focused on human rights and food sustainability. The meal is a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to pass. We will take up a voluntary collection to donate to the UUSC. Friends and members from both May Memorial and First UU are welcome to this family friendly event. I hope you will join us!



Casting call for “Be the Change”

This past June at the Providence General Assembly, a one act play entitled “*Be the Change: Activist Dinner Party*” was introduced and performed. The play was written by UU minister Steven M. Wilson and based upon the book of the same title written by

Stephen Shick. The play is a delightful gentle spoof of the teachings of some of our favorite role models. The cast includes Maya Angelou, Marge Piercy, Jesus, Howard Thurman, Buckminster Fuller, Martin Luther King Jr., Thich Nhat Hanh, and Rumi all at their very best and all in one room together. That’s a great deal of enlightenment for one play, but the delivery is easy and fun. Who knew that Jesus liked to dress like Elvis and Rumi had such a sense of humor?

Members of MMUUS and First UU are reading the play now and we have more copies available for anyone who might be interested in getting involved with this production. There will be a need for actors, costume people, directors, set people and cooks. There is a very good possibility this play will be presented as dinner theater.

We are tentatively planning a spring production, but nothing is firmly determined just yet. We need to recruit a few more interested people and have a couple reading and brainstorming sessions in the coming weeks. Please consider joining the fun. To secure a copy of the script, contact **Alexa Carter** at MMUUS (alexacarteralexa@iCloud.com) or **Keith Bertrand** at First UU (keith.bertrand@gmail.com).



Spiritual Enrichment Group seeking members

The northern most Spiritual Enrichment Group is looking for new members. **We meet in the Baldwinsville Library the first and third Thursdays of the month.** We discuss the big questions and share our life events. We welcome anyone who would like to have some regular time away from the stresses of daily life to be with thoughtful friends. Please contact **Alexa Carter** (alexacarteralexa@iCloud.com) or any of the group members if you are interested in joining us. We are **Mindi Hajzus, Hank Manwell, Lisa Harter, Sherrie and Richard Coombs.**



Thank you, Lee Ann!

Many thanks to **Lee Ann McKinney** for her extraordinary newsletter announcements. For several years Lee Ann has been writing creative notices reminding us to bring personal care and food items for our donation baskets.

Passing this task on to another volunteer, Lee Ann deserves recognition for her clever little paragraphs which kept reminding us to bring items for the Plymouth food pantry (personal hygiene items) and for the Interreligious Food Consortium (food items). We are grateful that she has kept us focused on the needs of others in the community. Certainly her work resulted in an increase in our donations. It has been an important task and we have all benefited from her faithful, attention.

Our Care Baskets

We are grateful for our many blessings. Let us remember as we celebrate our bounty that many in our community go without enough to eat and basic personal care necessities. Our donations can help offset these challenges for others. Let us be ever generous in our sharing and giving.





OCRRA Textile Recycling Drive—November 15

OCRRA is recycling old textiles at **Destiny USA on November 15th, in the parking lot off Solar Street.**

All proceeds will be donated to Rescue Mission. **Hours are from 8:00 am—12:00 pm.** As long as textiles are dry they will take them. Anything from ripped old clothing to clean rags, including footwear. Help to keep them out of the landfill. You can go to www.ocrra.org for more information.



Tibetan Buddhist Red Tara Practice Group

May Memorial welcomes the *Tibetan Buddhist Red Tara Practice Group*, which will meet in Creekside Chapel on **November 5th, and December 3rd, from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.**

Experienced practitioners and novices alike are welcome at these free sessions.

For more information, email syracusesanghart@gmail.com.

Community News



Summer fun that kids will never forget

Camp Quinebarge is a traditional co-ed summer camp allowing 100 great kids ages 7-15 to be actively learning, creating and having fun all summer long. Founded in 1936, Quinebarge sits on over 65 acres of idyllic woodland and 1,250 feet of pristine Lake Kanawatka in the heart of New Hampshire's mountains and Lakes Region.

Quinebarge encourages campers to challenge themselves and to try new activities in a safe and supportive setting with staff helping each child grow, learn, and achieve their goals. We foster a spirit of community, cooperation and respect for nature embedded into our rich tradition of camp life that includes outdoor activities, campfires, songs and skits, and cabin living. Campers develop memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Campers are active all day at Camp Quinebarge with over 20 regular daily activities. Our waterfront program, conducted according to the American Red Cross, offers daily swim instruction along with sailing, canoeing, kayaking, surf-biking and paddle boarding. A full range of sports is offered, from traditional field and court sports to archery and climbing on our wall and high ropes course. In our Nature and Environment program, campers learn to respect the Earth through hands-on activities as well as walks through our extensive trails.

Camp Quinebarge's popular horseback riding program includes lessons from qualified instructors in both ring and trail riding and horse care. Quinebarge has both horses and ponies for campers to ride.

Quinebarge's crafts program features woodworking, pottery, and painting as well as traditional and eco-oriented arts and crafts activities.

Camp Quinebarge also offers a robust trips program of hiking, canoeing, overnights, cabin excursions and weekly all-camp trips. Evening activities involve all-camp activities such as capture the flag, camp fires, skit nights and socials.

Quinebarge offers a fun and busy schedule that keeps campers active and engaged all summer long.

Rates and camp schedule are available at www.campquinebarge.com. For additional information, email fun@CampQuinebarge.com or call (603) 253-6029.

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:

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.

- **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

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website...

"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).

November 1st – Faithful Spending -

In this workshop, participants examine how spending habits and practices do and do not reflect their spiritual and ethical values and consider the impact of consumerism on all of our lives. Through activities, participants reflect on what they really treasure and the different ways they define what constitutes wealth.

December 6th – Faithful Investing -

This workshop looks at implications of entrusting our surplus financial resources—our investable capital—to others in exchange for the promise of future financial benefit. Through investing we can create opportunities for others to produce things of value and yield an economic return, in a manner—we hope—that aligns with both our moral values and worldly objectives.

View from the Study Window

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I'm old enough to remember, during the Nixon Watergate scandal, bumper stickers that read "Don't Blame Me - I'm from Massachusetts" - the only state that voted for McGovern in 1972. (Washington, D.C. did, too.) Your vote won't insure that you come down on the right side of history. But you'll sleep at night knowing you've done your part, as a citizen and as a Unitarian Universalist.

~Blessings, Jean



Remember to vote on November 4

For the second year in a row, May Memorial will not be a polling station.

If you are unsure where your new polling station is located, call (315) 435-8683 or visit <http://vic.ntsdata.com/onondagaboe/pollingplacelookup.aspx>.

2014-15 Folkus Concert Series



November 7th—The Boxcar Lilies—The Boxcar Lilies have quickly made a name for themselves with their signature mix of folk, country, and bluegrass-tinged Americana music featuring spine-tingling, innovative harmonies and top-notch songwriting. Accompanying themselves on guitar, clawhammer



banjo, ukulele, electric bass, and washboard, they have brought their uniquely warm sound and energetic stage presence to venues up and down the Eastern seaboard, including The Birchmere Music Hall, Club Passim, and Philadelphia's Tin Angel, and opening for legendary performers like Bill Staines and The Seldom Scene. In 2012, they were selected to perform an official showcase at the International Folk Alliance Conference and in 2013 won the audience voting in the Emerging Artist Showcase.

Based in Western Massachusetts, The Boxcar Lilies are Jenny Goodspeed, Stephanie Marshall, and Katie Clarke — three singer-songwriters that met through a local musicians' cooperative and discovered a shared passion for three-part harmony. They joined forces and in 2011 released their debut CD Heartwood, recorded with producer Dave Chalfant (Erin McKeown, The Nields). In 2013 they released their second studio album Sugar Shack which they recorded with producer Lorne Entress (Lori McKenna, Catie Curtis).

Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member price: \$12).

November 21st—Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman—Musical partners for more than 20 years, Karen and Pete got their start here in Central New York, performing at many a local joint as Mind's Eye. Then, thanks to a breakout appearance at Falcon Ridge, they became stars of the folk world, and now travel hither and yon (from their home base in Munnsville), performing for appreciative audiences. Every couple years they come home to Folkus.

Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member price: \$12).

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



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Tuesday, October 18th

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall

Wednesday, November 19th

8:00 pm Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion Social Hall

Thursday, November 20th

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

Friday, November 21st

3:00 pm—7:00 pm **2014 MMUUS Fine Craft Show** **Social Hall**
 8:00 pm Folkus Concert: Savoca & Heitzman MMUUS

Saturday, November 22nd

10:00 am—5:00 pm **2014 MMUUS Fine Craft Show** **Social Hall**

Sunday, November 23rd

9:40 am Individual Spiritual Practice Creekside
 10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 10:30 am Teenz First UU
11:00 am—3:00 pm **2014 MMUUS Fine Craft Show** **Social Hall**

Tuesday, November 25th

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall

Thursday, November 27th *Happy Thanksgiving!*

4:00 pm MMUUS Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner MMUUS

Friday, November 28th *OFFICE CLOSED*

Sunday, November 30th

9:40 am Individual Spiritual Practice Creekside
 10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 10:30 am Teenz First UU
 12:15 pm Music & Arts Committee Memorial Room



View from the Study Window...

This fall, I step from October to November with a sigh. A big breath to center myself and switch gears. October is always busy. That's part of the sigh: just feeling the press of all there is to get done. The sigh also carries my emotion at celebrating with you the lives, and mourning the loss, of three beloved congregation members. Yes, I step from October into November with a fond look back.

Jim Napierski, during my years here, was very active at May Memorial. I don't think I ever saw Jim without a smile on his face. He enjoyed being on the Worship Committee, adding his talent for art and theater to our Sunday mornings.

Mary Barduhn and *Sam Feld* were both in their mid-nineties. This is the generation that built our meeting-house here on Genesee Street. Syracuse was thriving, attracting engineers both to local industry and to the University. Children of the Baby Boom were in grade school – and the schools were growing. It gives me pause to see people the age my parents would have been, to meet their adult children – my age, and to reflect on those optimistic, prosperous times.

How will our generations be remembered by May Memorial? How will our lives contribute to the living tradition of this community of memory and hope? I step from October to November with commitment to honor, through word and deed, those who have come before.

~Blessings, Jean



Lost and Found—November 9 and 16

Please stop by the Lost and Found table **during coffee hour on Sunday, November 9th, and Sunday, November 16th.** See if you recognize hats, coats, kitchen items, etc. that you may have left behind. **Any items not claimed by the end of the day on November 16th will be donated to charity.**

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Calendar

Sunday, November 2nd	*Daylight Savings Time ends*	
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	First UU
12:00 pm	First Sunday Luncheon	Social Hall
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA
Monday, November 3rd		
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
Tuesday, November 4th	*Election Day (Remember to Vote!)	
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, November 6th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, November 7th		
8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: The Boxcar Lilies	MMUUS
Sunday, November 9th		
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	First UU
12:00 pm	RE Committee Meeting	Memorial Room
12:00 pm	Lost & Found	Social Hall
Tuesday, November 11th	*Veterans Day—OFFICE CLOSED*	
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, November 13th		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday, November 15th		
10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
4:00 pm—10:00 am (10/16)	COA Overnight	MMUUS
Sunday, November 16th		
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	First UU
12:00 pm	Lost & Found	Social Hall
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA
Monday, November 17th		
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room

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