



## Harvest Dinner

To welcome our newcomers, and welcome back old friends, all are invited to a potluck harvest dinner at May Memorial on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 6:30 pm.**

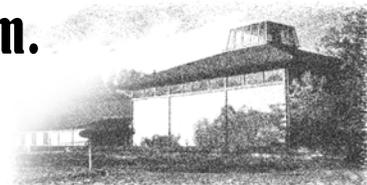
Please bring a dish to share and, by all means, bring friends! Kids are welcome, too!

So please help spread the word, and join us for a wonderful evening of delicious food and drink! Cheers!

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## Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.



### 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.

*\*12:00 pm—First Sunday Luncheon in the Social Hall*

### November 8 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 served our country. 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.

### November 15 This I Believe

*Judy Antoine*

Come and hear some of your fellow congregants Lia Parks, Rob Neimeier, and Jonathan Needleman, as they share their insights about the values that have shaped their daily actions. Each will read their short essay on "This I Believe".

### November 22 The Kirk's Alarm

*Rev. Dr. Stan Sears*

From Rev. Dr. Sears: *"I enjoy prowling through library stacks, looking at books. One night, in my seminary library, I encountered a book on Scottish Unitarianism. In it was a chapter on 'Robert Burns and the Ayrshire Heretics'. I soon learned that religion was a major theme in Burns' poetry. As a bagpiper, this was wonderful news. This morning, I invite the children to join me in the foyer. I will then pipe them around the church to open our service. The story for all ages will be a lesson in how a bagpipe works."*

*("Sunday Worship Schedule" continued on page 2)*



## Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 am, so remember to set your clocks back one hour ("fall behind")** before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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### "Sunday Worship Schedule" *(continued from page 1)*

#### November 29 Joe Heath, Esq.

The third service in our "Change the World" Speaker Series honors Chief Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper, Turtle Clan, Onondaga Council of the Haudenosaunee.

At the millennial summit of world religious and spiritual leaders, the internationally-renowned Chief Lyons said, "I bring you greetings from the indigenous peoples of the world. We are the keepers of traditions, ceremonies, history, and future of our nations. We are the ones who escaped your proselytizing. We are the ones who survived with the wisdom of the Wise Ones. Chief Lyons' clan is the Turtle, the symbol of the Americas, and which is said to carry the world on its back. The creation story says that the turtle carries Sky Woman, the Iroquois Mother Goddess."

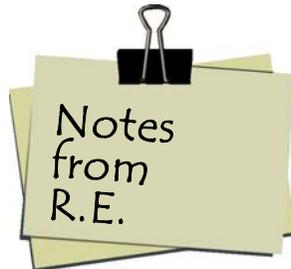


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**A**s many of you know, my grandfather recently died. You may not have known that he was a United Methodist minister. He was an inspirational figure for me, and quite likely one of the reasons that I am currently doing the work that I am doing. My family gathered last Monday to have a memorial service for Grandpap, it was a beautiful service on a beautiful autumn day. The service was held in a tiny little United Methodist church. We had to drive up a long winding road, well away from the busy road and town below, up to a place of quiet and stillness. Inside the church, there were about seven pews on the left and seven pews on the right, all lined up straight, facing the pulpit. I knew that this was one of the churches where my grandfather preached, but being involved in the work that I am doing now, I was looking at it and his career with new eyes. At one point in his ministry, Grandpap was responsible for **seven** churches! He loved what he did and he was loved for it.

Toward the end of the memorial service, the pastor asked if anyone wanted to share a story about Grandpap. Several people spoke, and I was moved by the range of stories from what was a long and very full life. One of Grandpap's cousins was there and he spoke about his family, generations of my ancestors that I never met or only knew briefly. There was a minister who had known Grandpap as a mentor, and others who had been somehow touched by his life and caring. But the one story that really stuck with me was from a woman who attended the very church we were seated in, and remembered my grandfather when he was the minister there.

She said that when Grandpap (Rev. Snair) was preaching there, her son was very young, and she had a memory from when he was only 18 months old. This was a tiny church without RE or a nursery, so her son sat in the service with her. He was a very energetic little guy and he simply couldn't sit still all during the service. One day, he actually managed to wriggle away from her and crawl under all of the pews, all seven of them, up to the front of the church—and up the stairs to the lectern where Grandpap was preaching. This woman was terribly embarrassed, and she was trying to make her way out of the pew to go retrieve the little guy, but Grandpap stopped her. He swiftly reached down, picked the toddler up and kept right on preaching. He finished his sermon with the little one seated on the crook of his arm. Knowing Grandpap's preaching style, that little guy may have been up there for quite some time too!

After the service, the woman said that she apologized to my Grandpap for the interruption, still feeling embarrassed about not keeping her child quiet and still during church. But my grandfather responded that she shouldn't worry about it at all, that he understood and that he was happy to have her and her little one there in the service. He would much rather have children at church

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(“President’s Letter” continued)

**Greeting and Salutations Beloved Community!**

**R**ev. Libby Moore spoke this past Sunday about the stories we tell—the narratives that give our lives meaning, and how they can change over time. Everyone experiences an event differently, and we all have the ability to positively reframe our stories. You can tell your story one way: “*I was a victim of a crime.*” for example; and over time you can come to understand your experience through a lens of “*I’m a survivor*”, providing a healthier and happier outlook on the experience. It’s been a while since a worship service had as much emotional impact as that one!

May Memorial is running along smoothly without a settled minister. I have seen many people on Sunday mornings that I have not seen at MMUUS in years! *Welcome Back!* We welcomed three new members just this fall, and are planning a big old-fashioned potluck dinner to welcome all new (*in the past year*) or newly returned members. All are invited to:

**Harvest Potluck Dinner (Welcoming New Members!)  
Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm**

The worship services I have attended have all been very good—and very diverse! I have not heard any complaints or concerns about any of our Sunday worship service guest speakers. I’m not sure that’s all good, since I believe that a UU minister should comfort the afflicted, as well as afflict the comfortable—but we have lots of time left!

In general, things have been going so well—that the question was asked at the last Board of Trustees meeting: **Do we really need a minister?** After some nervous laughter and a short, but lively discussion, it became very clear to all, that **YES**, we absolutely need a full time minister! Myself, the RE Director, Worship Committee, and Care Ring are all doing above and beyond what is normally expected—and this degree of effort is not sustainable. I was happy for the question though, because the discussion was excellent, and of course, no question should be out of line for UUs to at least consider!

Unfortunately, we will not be able to afford a full time minister until our next fiscal year (starting in July 2016). So the board is currently putting together documents to apply for the best interim minister available, to start in August 2016! We may be able to get by with a one year interim, however, it’s likely that we will have a two-year interim period, because there is much work to do during the interim process, and the process to call a settled minister is very time consuming and intense, and hey, we may really like our interim minister!

An interim minister will help us with the following:

- Honoring our past and healing our griefs and conflicts
- Recognizing our unique identity and strengths, as well as challenges, as

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- a congregation
- Clarifying the multiple dimensions of leadership
- Enabling us to renew our vision, strengthen our stewardship and prepare for new growth, new leadership, and be ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest

The board considered going through with the *Congogram Congregational Counseling* process that would have started us on the interim process, but with the majority of us being already overtaxed, and our limited finances (*adding to the furnace issues, kitchen stove issues, fire alarm issues and office copier issues*) we believe it’s best to have an interim minister, who is trained in the interim process, to oversee any congressional issues!

See you on Sunday!

~ Mariah Ducey, President,  
MMUUS Board of Trustees

**November  
First Sunday  
Luncheon is  
this Sunday**



The November First Sunday Luncheon will take place **this Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, after service. The luncheon will be hosted by Men’s Groups.

Please join your friends for some great food and camaraderie.

**A Poem by Barbara  
Kamerance**



**"Climate Justice"**

*Climate Justice is justice for all.  
Ignoring, denying will make for a fall  
It's justice to balance our  
planet Earth's air  
Knowing the damage, we  
all need to care  
Weather and climate are  
two different things  
Damage to climate is what burning  
fuel brings.  
America needs to lead and profess  
An energy model for all to address  
The alternatives to gas and  
to oil and coal  
To save and preserve our dear  
planet's soul  
The bomb trains blow and  
the pipelines leak  
The oil companies lie and  
faux news misspeaks  
The wildlife suffers a terrible fate  
We must develop new energy  
before it's too late  
Clean energy offers new  
jobs and clean air  
Climate justice offers a chance  
to be fair  
For Climate Justice we  
shout out a call  
For Climate Justice is justice for all.*

~ Barbara Kamerance

*Climate Justice logo design by Jesse Purcell*



## Environmental & Social Concerns News

### Ocean Fish in Peril

**A** number of folks from May Memorial attended the documentary "A Sea Change" at the Palace Theater on October 16<sup>th</sup>. This showing was sponsored by *GreeningUSA* and *Climate Change Awareness*. Although the movie was presented in a grade school level with no charts graphs or formulas, it conveyed a powerful message of how the oceans are becoming acidified by the excess carbon dioxide absorption, which we are produced by our vehicles, buildings and industry. Shellfish and coral are already in peril from the acidification and the frightening message is that if we continue pumping out vast quantities of CO<sub>2</sub>, the remaining fish may be imperiled as well.

Fishless oceans and lakes? Hey, we vegetarians may not care, but maybe you do? The movie didn't address it, but we know that many of the hundreds of lakes in the Adirondacks no longer have any fish because of the acid rain, which comes down from the clouds that carry the heavy amount of carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide pollutants from the coal-fired power plants in Ohio and other states. But that is from the electricity generation that we all use—and our country's carbon use is five times that of the world average and three times that of the European average. That means it is you and I who are creating the excess carbon oxide and other pollutants.

So if you want to do something about it, go to the Cool Climate website (<http://coolclimate.berkeley.edu>) and do your responsible part in reduction.

~ David Ashley,  
Environmental & Social Concerns Committee





## Environmental & Social Concerns News



### NYSERDA and the Residential Energy Credit: Incentives to Go Green

**B**oth the state of New York and the federal government offer monetary advantages of going green. Not all states in our country have the benefits of environmental consciousness which New York has. The differences when moving to New York State are very noticeable. *NYSERDA* (New York State Research and Development Authority) offers discounts on energy improvements for both residential and commercial properties. The focus in this column will be on the residential incentives for New Yorkers. Likewise, the Residential Energy Credit is an incentive by the federal government to promote energy efficiency and improvements by offering direct tax credits.

*NYSERDA* offers three Home Energy Efficiency Programs that can benefit the homeowner or renter (with the landlord's permission). All three of these programs start with the owner (or renter) getting a free home energy audit or assessment. Many energy contractors in our area offer these assessments with no obligation to buy or contract with them. Your windows, doors, insulation factor, draft factor, furnace efficiency, and even your appliance efficiency will be evaluated. To get the most from an assessment, you may want to have two, just to compare and contrast the report.

The first program, the *Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*, offers a 10% discount on all energy improvements made that come as a result of the assessment findings. Furthermore, if your improvements require financing, *NYSERDA* offers low interest rates between 3.49%-3.99% on loans. There are no income restrictions for this program.

The second program, the *Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR*, does have income guidelines, but with energy improvement discounts of up to 50%. The financing rate is the same as for the Home Performance program.

The third program, *EmPower New York*, also has income guidelines, and the discount is 100%! That means the improvements are done at no cost. These last two programs could be of great benefit to seniors, retirees, or those on fixed incomes, who could face high energy-related replacement costs, such as a new roof or furnace. If your home qualifies for *HEAP* (Home Energy Assistance Program), you probably qualify for this program of *NYSERDA* discounts.

For large-scale improvements like solar panels or geothermal systems, the New York discounts can be 20% and 30% respectively through *NYSERDA* grants. These incentives come in the form of rebates that are taken directly off the cost of such improvements by the contractor, who applies for them when such projects are undertaken. All of this information and more can be found on the *NYSERDA* website, <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/>.

The Residential Energy Credit, using IRS form 5695, provides for money taken directly off your yearly federal income tax bill. For improvements such as

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insulation, storm doors, storm windows, and roofs, the amount is 10% of your total qualifying cost. For example, if you spend \$8,000 on a new, qualifying energy efficient roof, either metal or asphalt, you could get \$800 directly off your tax bill. For large-scale projects such as solar panels, solar hot water, geothermal coils and heat pumps, the tax credit is 30% of the cost. Another example; if you put solar panels on your roof at a cost of \$8,000, your tax credit would be \$2,400. If your residential energy credit is more than your tax bill for that year, you can carry it over to the next tax year.

But be warned—the federal Residential Energy Tax Credit will expire after tax year 2016 unless the Congress changes from a Republican to a Democrat majority. If you are considering any large-scale projects such as solar panels or geothermal heating/cooling/water heating, this is the time to do it. To meet the 12/16 deadline, the project would have to be planned and contracted for. It would not have to be completed by 12/16. The costs of these two renewable energy sources are going down yearly, so this is an important consideration for such projects relative to the federal Residential Energy Credit.

By taking advantage of federal and state incentives, a household can expect discounts for energy efficiency improvements between 20%-40% of the cost for non-income restrictions, and between 50%-100% for households with qualifying income restrictions, plus the federal tax credit for the latter category.

There are ethical and monetary benefits to going green, which is a win-win, for us and our environment.

~ Barbara Kamerance,  
Co-Chair, Environmental & Social  
Concerns Committee

## **"Notes from R.E."**

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making a little noise and wiggling about, than the alternative of not having children in church.

After she told her story, she sat back down, and I took a deep breath. All those times that I had anxiously thought about my kids making too much of a ruckus during church came back to me, and I smiled to myself. Children participating in a faith community is much more important than children being quiet. Parents are doing their best to keep kids quiet and calm so that everyone can enjoy the service, but kids will wiggle and kids will make noise. But how wonderful is it that we have children and young families to share our faith with!

This Sunday is the Memory Tree Service, an intergenerational service. Children will be present and they most likely will wiggle, they will almost certainly whisper questions to their parents, they might even throw a toy, or climb around on their seats, they may spill their crayons or step on your toe... And I hope that in that moment you can think of my Grandpap and remember that he picked up the little guy and kept right on preaching—because it is better to have the children and their families in the Sanctuary with us, than for them to stay at home. **Church is for everyone.**

~ Stacy Sceiford,  
Director of Religious Education,  
MMUUS



## **Disaster Preparedness Training with the American Red Cross**

**T**he American Red Cross of Central New York will present a program dealing with disaster preparedness on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 am, in May Memorial's Sanctuary.**

This program, titled "Citizens' Preparedness Corps Training", will instruct participants on how to prepare for natural, manmade and technological disasters. Red Cross staff will be on hand to provide information about the many volunteer opportunities available, such as disaster preparedness, response to disaster, service to the Armed Forces, education, health and safety training, international humanitarian services, blood services, and fundraising.

Those attending will learn the answers to questions such as:

- How long will it take for emergency services to reach you and your family in a disaster?
- How many days might your family have to rely on yourselves?
- How much water should you have on hand?
- What supplies should you have?

The presentation will include a question and answer period and is expected to last 1½ to 2 hours. It is sponsored by May Memorial's Environmental & Social Concerns Committee.

~ Lynne Perry, Co-Chair,  
Environmental & Social Concerns Committee



## Rev. Wendelin Waldemar Weiland Argow

*"Thus, briefly stated, being a Unitarian is to cherish a progressive attitude of the mind and a reverent disposition of the heart. For such who have this characteristic, the Unitarian Church is a rallying ground for aspiring, seeking, reverent persons, no matter what their individual beliefs may be."*

~ from "When Is a Person a Unitarian?", sermon by Rev. Argow

**W**endelin Waldemar Weiland Argow was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1891. He was educated at the University of Louisville and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received a Doctor of Theology from that seminary in 1921. A fifth generation minister, the three "W"s in his name stood for *Wendelin*, father of transcendental philosophy, *Waldemar*, bishop of West Goths, and *Weiland*, father of spiritualistic or idealistic poetry.

He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1913. He served the Baptist church in Lorain, Ohio, from 1914 to 1919. He was accepted for Unitarian Fellowship in 1920. His first Unitarian ministry was the People's Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1921. On the 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Lincoln's birth, he gave a fascinating sermon titled "Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?" which can be found at <https://ia800303.us.archive.org/10/items/wasabrahamlincol00argow/wasabrahamlincol00argow.pdf>. Essentially, he argues that Lincoln was not a Christian, because he did not vow to a church, but that he was a Christian by his righteous actions and beliefs.

Rev. Argow became the fifth minister of May Memorial Church in 1930. He arrived just in time for the Great Depression. In response, he turned back part of his salary every year. An average of seventy-five men used the reading room every day while unemployed.

By 1938, it was time to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation. A banquet was held at Drumlins on a Thursday, at which the President Frederick May Eliot of the AUA (*American Unitarian Association*) spoke on the worldwide function of liberal religion. On the Sunday of the celebratory week, the President of the Congregation, Frank Hiscock, who was also the Chief Justice of the New York State Appellate Court, led the rededication.

In December of 1939, Rabbi Benjamin Friedman, of Temple Society of Concord, and Rev. Argow hosted a joint Hanukkah and Christmas service, perhaps the first of its kind.

In 1940, the congregation bought the building next door to the church so

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Rev. W.W.W. Argow,  
MMUUS Minister,  
1930—1941

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that the religious education school would have ample space. Interestingly, the building had previously housed the first family relations clinic, which was a precursor to Planned Parenthood. After dedicating "*the castle of our dreams*", the congregation held a farewell reception for Rev. Argow and his wife, Elsie.

He resigned from May Memorial to become minister of the Unitarian Church in Baltimore from 1941 to 1961. He died in 1961 in Amherst, Massachusetts.

On sorrow, he wrote the following:

*"Wherefore is there ice and snow, chilling winds and bitter nights? Is it to mock the earth for its sunshine? No, not so! We forget that sunlight is impossible without shadows; that for every day there is a night; that for every joy there is a pain; that for every laugh there is a sob. Progress is never a straight line upward; always it is down and then around."*

~ Jay Brenner,  
Chair, History Committee



Rev. Samuel May (left) informs an imprisoned Jerry McHenry of the daring escape plan in "Freeing Jerry McHenry".

## YoUng Filmmakers

The 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, Connecticut have created an eighteen-minute long silent film titled "Freeing Jerry McHenry", in which all the performers are students in the aforementioned classes. Their film tells the story of the Jerry Rescue and features a young man playing our namesake, Rev. Samuel May. "Freeing Jerry McHenry" can be seen on YouTube at [https://youtu.be/R9\\_XVjXET4c](https://youtu.be/R9_XVjXET4c).



# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

## November Gallery Art Will Be Unique!

Two non-profits that provide services for people with disabilities will be featured in our November Gallery Exhibition, and both have some special ties to May Memorial.

Representatives from both centers will hold our second **Meet the Artist** program **after church on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**ARISE**—This non-residential independent living center provides services for children and adults with all types of disabilities. The organization was founded and is directed by people with disabilities themselves, and its mission is to ensure that clients have the power to achieve their own dreams.

Through their artwork and writings, people with disabilities exhibit astonishing creativity and, each fall, the organization publishes *UNIQUE*, a magazine filled with clients' artwork and poetry. *UNIQUE* includes drawings, paintings, lithographs, photographs, poems, sculpture, digital art, and mixed media. ARISE's show will contain images from the magazine, and will include an acrylic titled "Spring!!!", by Tim Wobus, **Linda Wobus'** son.



"The Woman of the Still" by ARISE client, James McCampbell.

To sign up for the free *UNIQUE* magazine or for more information, visit <http://www.ariseinc.org/>.

**UNIQUE THINKERS** —MMUUS Board member **Carroll Grant** directs an agency that helps families to better understand autism. Services include a puppet show that helps teach children from kindergarten to third grade more about autism. MMUUS member **Mardie Ninno** also works there as a special education teacher.

The Margaret L. Williams Developmental Evaluation Center also highlights world-renowned "Unique Thinkers" who have been diagnosed with autism or are believed to have had the condition. This group includes comedian Dan Aykroyd, and Scottish vocalist Susan Boyle; as well as author and professor of animal science, Temple Grandi; creator of *Pokemon*, Satoshi Tajon; and the 2012 Miss Montana, Alexis Wineman. All of the aforementioned people have informed the public that they have a disorder within the autism spectrum.

"Unique Thinkers" also includes theoretical physicist, Albert Einstein, and our third President, Thomas Jefferson. Experts have reported that these last two most likely had autism as well.

This month's gallery exhibit will feature wall-size posters detailing the center's services. Free brochures and activities designed to help children and adults to understand autism better will be available in the Social Hall.



# MUSIC AND THE ARTS

## Upcoming Folkus Concerts



The following Folkus concerts will take place at May Memorial this month:

### November 6<sup>th</sup> - The Young Novelists -

Simon & Garfunkel meets Johnny and June. This Canadian duo — Graydon James on vocals and acoustic guitar and Laura Spink on vocals and percussion — make up the critically acclaimed Toronto folk-rock band The Young Novelists. Known for their deft songwriting and gorgeous harmonies, they have toured across Canada, the United States and the Netherlands in support of their latest album “made us strangers.”



Relying on their shared passion for storytelling, this husband and wife duo sing songs about small towns, redemption, love, and loss. Known for their heart-on-their-sleeve approach to songwriting and performance, James and Spink balance equal parts grace and grit. The Young Novelists play roots-rock barnstormers and heartfelt folk ballads with equal parts craft and care.

Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member Price: \$12)

### November 20<sup>th</sup> - Ann Armstrong & Steve Hughes -

Armstrong's powerful vocals accompanied by her stellar guitar work, including a shredding slide guitar, and Hughes' masterful harmonica and flute provide a spicy picadillo. Armstrong is right up there with the great musical exports of Texas! She plays guitar sometimes sweetly, sometimes prickly as an Ocotillo cactus, sings like a steam-powered nightingale and writes songs from a depth of experience. Her constant companion and musical partner Steve Hughes spices up the proceedings with fine harmonica and flute work.

Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member Price: \$12)

All shows start at 8:00 pm.

To reserve tickets, or for details and info, go to <http://www.folkus.org>.



## What Makes Folkus Run?

**When:** Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

**Where:** May Memorial's Sanctuary



Come hear what it takes to run a vibrant, all volunteer music venue. The Folkus Project is looking for more people to help keep the music coming and our welcoming community growing. There are opportunities to help on show nights, but much of the work happens behind the scenes long before the curtain rises. Graphic design, hospitality, financial record keeping, and special projects are just a few of the areas that need more hands, heads, and hearts.

**Come if you have been thinking of volunteering. Come if you're just curious.**

Questions? Contact Marilou Murphy ([mariloumurphy@gmail.com](mailto:mariloumurphy@gmail.com)/ 447-6938) or Susie Weiss ([nsweiss@twcny.rr.com](mailto:nsweiss@twcny.rr.com)).



## Missing Tables

The Folkus Project is missing 2 six foot folding tables. They were last used at the May 29<sup>th</sup> Member Appreciation Dinner. Does anyone know where they might be?

Please email Marilou Murphy at [mariloumurphy@gmail.com](mailto:mariloumurphy@gmail.com).

Thank you!



## Welcome 'The Fitness Business'!

Beginning the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Fitness Business will offer *Nia* classes on Tuesdays, Yoga on Wednesdays, Zumba on Thursdays, and a Cardio/Strength classes on Saturday mornings in the Social Hall at May Memorial.

For questions or more information, please contact Diana Ebner at [thefitnessbusiness.syr@gmail.com](mailto:thefitnessbusiness.syr@gmail.com)

## Community News

### Tom Flynn: "A Radical View of Church-State Separation"

When: **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm**

Where: **MMUUS Memorial Room**

**S**hould all religious symbols and language be barred from public spaces? Where do **you** draw the line between church and state?

The CNY Humanist Association welcomes Tom Flynn (executive director of the Council for Secular Humanism) to Syracuse on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, for an engaging and provocative presentation. Tom offers a personal argument on why secularists should dream big and strive for a tomorrow in which public spaces truly are "*religion-free zones*". **Agree or disagree, you won't want to miss this!**

Tom Flynn is executive director of the Council for Secular Humanism and editor of its magazine, *Free Inquiry*, the nation's largest-circulation secular humanist journal. He is an outspoken secular humanist activist. He cofounded the newsletter *Secular Humanist Bulletin* and designed the museum at the birthplace of 19<sup>th</sup> century agnostic orator Robert Green Ingersoll in Dresden, New York.

He has written or edited four published books: a 1993 polemic, "*The Trouble With Christmas*", two irreverent science-fiction novels, and (as editor) "*The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief*".



Tom Flynn

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<b>Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> *Veterans' Day—Office Closed*</b>		
5:30 pm	FitnessBusiness: Yoga Class	Social Hall
<b>Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	FitnessBusiness: Zumba Class	Social Hall
6:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Red Cross' Citizens' Preparedness Corps Training Program	Sanctuary
8:30 am—10:30 am	FitnessBusiness: Cardio/Strength Class	Social Hall
<b>Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	First UU
<b>Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
<b>Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> *No Fitness Business Classes Tonight*</b>		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Memorial Room
<b>Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> *No Fitness Business Classes Tonight*</b>		
6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
<b>Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	FitnessBusiness: Zumba Class	Social Hall
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Armstrong & Hughes	MMUUS
<b>Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
8:30 am—10:30 am	FitnessBusiness: Cardio/Strength Class	Social Hall
6:30 pm	Harvest Dinner <i>(see page 1 for details)</i>	Social Hall
<b>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	First UU
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA
<b>Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
<b>Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	Fitness Business: Nia Class	Social Hall
5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters <i>(Women's Group)</i>	Memorial Room
<b>Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
5:30 pm	FitnessBusiness: Yoga Class	Social Hall
<b>Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> *Happy Thanksgiving!*</b>		
<b>Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> *Office Closed*</b>		
<b>Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary



## UPCOMING UUA EVENTS

### Renewing The Family-Sized Church

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**  
**9:30 am – 4:00 pm**

**UU Church of East Aurora, New York**

Webpage: <http://www.sld.cerguua.org/conggrowth/2015smallcong.html>

Online Registration: <https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/m1rd5t3b07sazbb/>

**Deadline: Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

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**Calendar**

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:30 am  
12:00 pm

**\*Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am EST\***

Intergenerational Worship Service Sanctuary  
First Sunday Luncheon Social Hall

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30 pm

**\*Office Closed\***

Spiritual Enrichment Group Memorial Room

**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

3:00 pm  
5:30 pm

T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
FitnessBusiness: Nia Class Social Hall  
*(see page 10 for details on Fitness Business Classes)*

**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

FitnessBusiness: Yoga Class Social Hall  
Syracuse Sangha/Red Tara Practice Group  
Buddhist Meditation Session Creekside

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
FitnessBusiness: Zumba Class Social Hall  
Arts on Genesee Committee Memorial Room  
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

**Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm

Folkus Concert: The Young Novelists MMUUS

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am—10:30 am

FitnessBusiness: Cardio/Strength Class Social Hall

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am  
10:30 am  
12:00 pm  
12:00 pm  
12:15 pm

Worship Service Sanctuary  
Teenz First UU  
"Meet the Artist" *(see page 8 for details)* Social Hall  
Program Council Meeting Memorial Room  
Spanophiles COA

**Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm  
6:30 pm

Spiritual Enrichment Group Memorial Room  
Building & Grounds Committee Memorial Room

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm  
5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
Fitness Business: Nia Class Social Hall  
Folkus Informational Meeting Sanctuary

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