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I will miss being at the meeting-house on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Saturday of the Holiday Craft Fair. I can't remember missing one before, but this time it's unavoidable. I will be in Buffalo for an all-day meeting of the St. Lawrence district (SLD) and Ohio Meadville district Boards, with our Congregational Life staff. This is my third year as an SLD trustee—and it is a busy one. We are in the planning stage of reorganization into the Central East Region (*aka* CERG). Our region will include all of New York state – upstate and downstate—plus Ohio Meadville to the west and “Joseph Priestly”, the Baltimore-Washington district south of “Metro” NY.

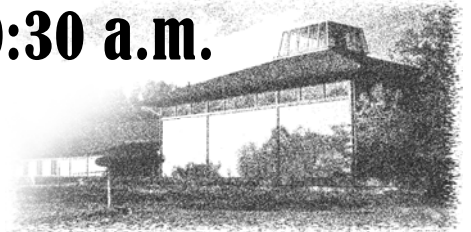
I will also not be here for the “Guest at Your Table” potluck dinner that

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



### 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.

### November 30

#### This I Believe

*Judy Antoine*

Come and hear some of your fellow congregants as they share their insights about the values that have shaped their daily actions. Each will read their short essay on “*This I Believe*”.

### December 7

#### Take a Stand for Economic Justice

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

The economic inequality in our nation is nothing short of obscene. That's why UUs have adopted “Escalating Inequality” as the new Study/Action Issue for our congregations.



## MMUUS Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

If you would like to join other May Memorial folks for a potluck Thanksgiving Day dinner, **please sign up on the easel in the foyer. The deadline is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.** 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.**



## 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 November (11/19), and January (1/21).** In the spring of 2015 (February-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/>).

## Please Support May Memorial's Biggest Annual Fundraiser

**T**he May Memorial **Holiday Fine Craft Show** is **November 21-23**. Donations of soups and stews, cold cuts, vegetable trays, cheese & crackers and other "nibbling" foods are still needed. Contact **Alexa Carter** ([garlex@aol.com](mailto:garlex@aol.com)) to volunteer. We also need your help publicizing the show—pick up postcards on the shelf under the nametags to distribute to your friends and community organizations, such as the library and coffee shops in your area.

At the Craft Show, you can buy beautiful gifts for holiday giving and for yourself while raising funds for our community. Fifteen regional artists will be offering their arts and crafts.

There is a \$3 admission fee unless you are volunteering to help with the show. Shop early to get the best choices of arts and crafts offered by our artists and come back on Sunday to see what you missed earlier! And bring your friends!

### Fine Craft Show Hours

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 pm—7:00 pm**

**Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am—5:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 am—3:00 pm**

~ Janet Hiemstra,  
Chair, Fine Craft Show



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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!



**A**s of this writing (November 6<sup>th</sup>), 57 people have completed the ministerial survey online. This is a great start, and assures that the Wegmans gift card will be a very nice thing to receive. It also means that you really need to be part of this survey because you have no way of knowing whether the other people who are responding share your opinions.

Don't take the chance of letting others speak for you - maybe your views will be contrary or even quite unique. Share your thinking and we all will learn from this process. Talk it up with your friends to be sure they also participate. Remember, we are looking for replies from all, not just one per household.

We need to hear from the religious education guides. We need to hear from the kitchen congregation. We need to hear from shut-ins. We need to hear from our less active members. We need to hear from our busiest members (the ones who think they are too busy to mess with a survey). In short, we need to hear from everyone to whom May Memorial matters.

Many of us spend more time in one drive from our homes to May Memorial than it will take you to complete the survey. Some thinking is required, but no complete sentences are needed.

And a word to any of you who haven't been around much this fall – the place is jumping, full of energy, full of people working together.

Thanks due: **Lee Macbeth** is now our church treasurer. When you see her, give her your thanks, not just your money.

There are photocopies of newspaper clippings from 1963 and 1964 on the bulletin board in the hallway between the foyer and the social hall. The earlier clipping reports about the upcoming construction of our current church home. The latter is a report of the first church service in our 3800 East Genesee Street building, 50 years ago in October 1965. You will find that these make extremely interesting reading. The actual dedication of our building took place in 1965. More information will follow.

~ Peter Colman,  
President, Board of Trustees

### Protect yourself from the flu this season!

As you may be aware, getting an annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu. It is recommended that everyone 6 months of age and older get a flu vaccine. The flu vaccine is available in more locations than ever before, with many convenient options for Onondaga County residents with health insurance. For this reason, the Onondaga County Health Department will hold one public flu vaccine clinic, with a special emphasis on offering vaccines for uninsured individuals. **This clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and again from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Room 30 (basement level) at the John H. Mulroy Civic Center, located at 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.**

This Onondaga County Health Department clinic will serve Onondaga County residents 6 months and older. No appointments are necessary. Flu vaccines will be available for free at this clinic. FluMist® will also be offered for healthy people ages 2-49 as an alternative to the traditional flu shot.

Questions? Contact Karyn Johnson at [hlkjohn@ongov.net](mailto:hlkjohn@ongov.net) or 435-2000.



## MUSIC AND THE ARTS

### Upcoming Folkus Concerts



**November 21<sup>st</sup>—Karen Savoca and Pete Heitzman**—On a trip home to his native Syracuse 20 years ago, Pete Heitzman was invited by friends to hear a new singer, Karen Savoca. They met, jammed the night away and he joined her group (Mind's Eye) the next day. In that band, they forged their unique style, performing original songs to a packed house every Monday night near the SU campus. Those Monday nights became a seven year long tradition. Their music confounds even the staunchest pigeon-holders. It's bravely non-traditional, yet completely accessible. The duo's live performances are uplifting and hypnotic, and they like to put some funk in the folk. From simple ballads built with subtle piano and guitar to complex textures of layered vocals and innovative guitar work, this is contemporary music at its best.

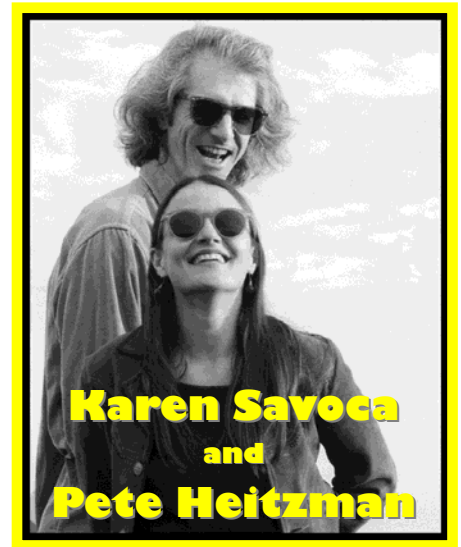
**Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member price: \$12)**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>—Christine Lavin and Don White**—Christine Lavin is simply an institution within the singer-songwriter scene. Her zany wit and goofy antics have made her one of the most popular performers on the contemporary folk scene for two decades or more. She now makes frequent appearances with Don White who, like Lavin, walks the line between folk music and comedy. Audiences for their joint shows find their hearts lifted — and their guts split with giggle, snorts, and guffaws.

For their Folkus appearance, Lavin and White will mix some of their regular material with selections and observations especially chosen for the impending holidays.

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

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



**Karen Savoca  
and  
Pete Heitzman**





## Pachamama, People's Climate March, the UUA, and Social Justice

**W**here on Earth are we going? And what can we do about it? These are two of the questions that were at the heart of the "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" Pachamama Alliance Symposium held at May Memorial in conjunction with First UU of Syracuse on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The symposium was a profound inquiry into a bold vision: to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth. Over 40 people attended the powerful *Pachamama* Symposium at May Memorial. ("*Pachamama*" translates from the Achua Indian [Peruvian] language as "Mother Earth" or "Gaia"). It is an international organization. Check the website [www.pachamam.org](http://www.pachamam.org). (You may also be interested in some of the many trips they offer to areas of the Amazon. These are not your run-of-the-mill trips. Contacts with local Indian tribes and shamans are an integral part of the trips.) We explored what this vision means for our community and how we could create a sustainable and just future. The folks from Rochester who conducted the symposium—and were hosted overnight by Green Sanctuary members—felt it was the best symposium they have held so far. Participants were enthusiastic in their praise as well. They felt engaged and affected so profoundly that their life was ready to set a different course. Follow-up meetings have been held and the momentum is building. We are networking with the dozen and more other environmental groups in the Syracuse area.

This agenda dovetails perfectly with our UU 7<sup>th</sup> principle to be stewards of the earth. It also was the ideal venue to combine the activities of Social Justice and of Green Sanctuary as proscribed by Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President and Rev. Bill Schulz, UUSC President and CEO, in their recent letter to UU congregations around the nation. They state:

*"Climate change is the gravest danger facing humanity today. We are already experiencing its effects — rising sea levels, catastrophic storms, species extinction — but the potential effects of climate change are even more devastating. And while climate change affects all of us, its consequences will be felt most profoundly by the most impoverished and marginalized of the world's communities.*

*We cannot remain silent in the face of such a threat. We are compelled to respond. A contingent from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) participated in the People's Climate March in New York City on September 21<sup>st</sup>. [I was there and it was wonderful and powerful. I met up with some of those UU's, including one who worked with our former minister Rev. Elizabeth Strong in Boston. Photos of the march will be posted on our new [MMUUS.org](http://MMUUS.org) website.] There, an estimated 400,000, including 1,500 Unitarian Universalists, took to the streets to demand that the world's*

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*leaders address the crisis of climate change. The march was a stunning acknowledgment that something must be done — now."*

What a phenomenal experience the Climate March was! More than 1500 of us were Unitarian Universalists. Hundreds of thousands of people on the streets chanting and dancing and cheering for climate justice.

In the face of this historic threat to our existence on the planet, the UUA and UUSC are joining with the Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice, and the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association in [Commit2Respond, a religious response to the crisis of climate change](#). Commit2Respond is an initiative for climate justice awareness and action. We invite UUs and all people of faith and conscience to commit to respond in these three action areas: 1) Grow the climate justice movement; 2) Advance the human rights of marginalized communities; 3) Shift to clean and renewable energy.

**Commit2Respond** starts now. The period between World Water Day on March 22, 2015, and Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup> will focus on explicit commitments in the service of climate justice. But these efforts require our perseverance. We will continue this vital work through the United Nations Climate Change Conference in December 2015 and on through the 2017 UUA General Assembly.

The world is hurting. How will we respond? We are facing a climate crisis. Climate change is already causing suffering for peoples around the world every day. Recognizing the

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interdependence of all life, we are called as people of faith and conscience to heal and sustain the planet we call home. Go to <http://www.commit2respond.org> today.

The website goes on to state that: We are diverse in spiritual belief, yet united in faith that a better world is possible and that our collective power can create change. We commit to join together to **shift** energy, **grow** the movement, and **advance** the rights of peoples impacted by climate change. UUs have been on the frontlines of environmental justice for decades. United in collective action, connected through partnership, we will change the world.

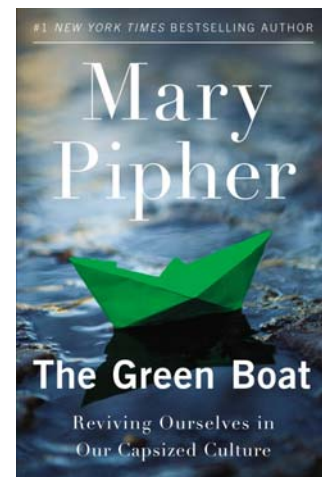
For these reasons, Green Sanctuary will now combine with Social Justice to form one committee. Our goals are so tightly linked that it has been determined that this is the path to follow at this point. **We are encouraging you to join this united group.** Contact **Sue Savion** or **Lynne Perry** and come to our next meeting.

~ Sue Savion, Co-Chair,  
Green Sanctuary Committee

## The Green Boat Book Discussions

Over thirty of you have now read “*The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture*” by Mary Pipher. We will soon be joining together in small groups to discuss this book and its important ideas. While some of you have recently finished reading it, others have had quite some time go by since you have read the book. That’s okay. Your book group moderators will have prepared discussion topics and reminders about the content of the book. The Green Sanctuary Committee purchased over ten copies of the book. Currently, all the books are in circulation. If you have a book out and have finished it, please return it to the Green Sanctuary mailbox in the office or give it to **Sue Savion** or **Lynne Perry**.

We are planning to hold group meetings at different times and places in order to accommodate everyone's individual schedules. You will be contacted by email or telephone as to when you can participate. **Sue Savion** (446-6939/[suesavion6@gmail.com](mailto:suesavion6@gmail.com)) and **Lynne Perry** (247-9214, [clynneperry@gmail.com](mailto:clynneperry@gmail.com)) will moderate the groups. If you have not yet read the book, we will get you one as soon as some are returned. We would like as many of you as possible to read this book and share your opinions.



## Lost and Found—November 16

Please stop by the Lost and Found table on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, during Coffee Hour** to look for anything that you may have left behind at church. We will also feature some items for sale cheap.

## Share the Plate

On a trial basis through November, May Memorial will divide all cash in the offering—coins and bills—equally between the MMUUS Operating Fund and our outreach recipient for the month, the Food Bank of CNY. There will be no change to the way checks are handled.

Before this fall, coins, your “change”, has been counted, deposited, and sent quarterly to the local outreach partner chosen by survey of the congregation. Bills, your “folding money”, has been deposited to the Operating Fund as “Plate” income. Checks have been and will be deposited to the Operating Fund: checks are accounted for as “Pledge” income (if you have made an annual pledge) or as “Contributions” otherwise.

Naturally, some are concerned that “sharing the plate” (both coins and bills) will result in less income for our operating fund, and some are concerned that the result will be less for our outreach partners. At the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Trustees will decide whether to return to what we have always done, or to ratify the new process. The choice, as ever, is in your hands - and your pockets.

Thank you for your generosity!

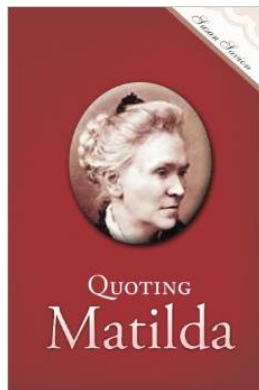
~ Rev. Jean



## Book Talk and Signing with Susan Savion

Come hear May Memorial’s own **Susan Savion** read some of the passionate and profound words of Matilda Joslyn Gage and share with you interesting biographical and historical information. The talk will be held in **MMUUS’ Sanctuary from 3:30 pm—5:00 pm on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. This will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments.

Though Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are well-known historical names, that of Matilda Joslyn Gage usually evokes the response, “Who?” Yet, this amazing woman contributed equally for many years as part of a triumvirate with Anthony and Stanton. Gage first spoke out publicly in a speech she gave in Syracuse in 1852. She became a noted speaker and writer on women’s suffrage. Gage was born in upstate New York to an abolitionist family. Indeed, her childhood home and her later Greek Revival home (now a museum dedicated to her) in Fayetteville, New York, were both stops on the Underground Railroad. She had a life-long desire for justice and equality for all. She had philosophical connections to Unitarianism and was also connected to the ideas of Theosophy.



## View from the Study Window

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Saturday evening. (see page 3.) The dinner will incorporate suggestions and resources from the UU Service Committee. “Guest at Your Table” is the UUSC’s annual fall fund raiser. (You may recall the little cardboard boxes they used to provide.)

If you cannot attend this FUUN Dinner on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can visit [uusc.org](http://uusc.org) or watch our announcements for other ways of supporting UU work for human rights close to home and across the globe.

~ In gratitude, Jean

## 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.



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 \**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
4:00 pm—10:00 am (10/16)	COA Overnight	MMUUS

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

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 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
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**Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

<b>3:00 pm—7:00 pm</b>	<b>2014 MMUUS Fine Craft Show</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>
8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Savoca & Heitzman	MMUUS

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<b>10:00 am—5:00 pm</b>	<b>2014 MMUUS Fine Craft Show</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>
3:30 pm—7:30 pm	FUUN Event	First UU's Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm	<b>*Happy Thanksgiving!*</b> MMUUS Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner	MMUUS
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**Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

3:30 pm—5:00 pm	Sue Savion's Book Talk/Signing	Sanctuary
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**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

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