



## Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith

**Tuesday evenings, April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>**

*What do you say after you say you're a UU?*

*How do you answer questions about UUism and May Memorial?*

"Articulating Your UU Faith" is a four-session class designed to help participants speak more effectively about our shared religious tradition and their own particular perspectives on Unitarian Universalism.

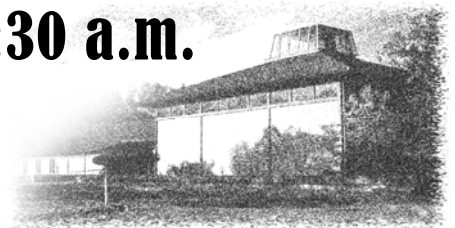
Rev. Jean will facilitate, using the curriculum by Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove. We will meet at May Memorial, **6:00 pm—8:00 pm on Tuesday evenings, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact Rev. Jean at [minister@mmuus.org](mailto:minister@mmuus.org) or 446-8920 for more information.

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



### April 5 - Easter Sunday

#### Intergenerational Easter Celebration

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom and Stacy Sceiford, DRE*

Easter marks a time of rebirth, new life and new beginnings. We will share the joy and blessings of Easter in multigenerational community.

### April 12

#### Imagining the Future

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

Our hopes mirror our fears. When science fiction explores dystopian futures for humanity, we are being warned away from paths that open into misery, and we're given models for building better outcomes.

*\* 12:00 pm—First Sunday Luncheon hosted by the Social & Environmental Concerns and Building & Grounds Committees*

### April 19

#### The Community of Earth

*Rev. Jean L. Wahlstrom*

UUs speak of our conviction that there is an "Interconnected Web of all existence of which we are a part" – and that our relationship to it must be one of Respect. This (7<sup>th</sup> principle) is akin to my belief in living with Hope for the Community of Earth. Do either of these emotions – Respect for what is; Hope for what can be – take us far enough?

*\* New Member Joining (see page 5 for details)*

### April 26

#### Our Life-Giving Elements

*Social & Environmental Concerns Committee*

The Social & Environmental Concerns Committee (formerly known as both The Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees) will lead us in a service that gives thanks to the Sun, Earth, Air and Water. These were honored and even worshipped in ancient times, but polluted in recent times; and are now being healed by those who understand our need for these life-giving elements.



## CareRing News & Notes

Our condolences to **Kevin Daly** and **Diane Chappell-Daly**: Kevin's mother, M. Lorraine Daly, age 99, died peacefully on March 17<sup>th</sup> at The Nottingham. Mrs. Daly, a lifelong resident of Staten Island, moved to Syracuse four years ago to be near her family. She left four generations to mourn her passing. Her funeral was at her home church, Sacred Heart, on Staten Island.

**Julie Daniel** is home again after the replacement of her left hip on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is in a jocular mood and welcomes comments and good wishes on Facebook or at home.

The CareRing is updating our files of *Member Emergency Contact Information* and *Member to Member Service Information*. Look for information and an insert from the CareRing in the mid-April MMUUSletter.

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*We want to include your news in this column. Although news of illness and bereavement will always be covered (if we know about it and*

# May Memorial's Biennial Book Sale is just around the corner!

## May 15—May 17

**T**hat's right! **The big sale runs from Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, with set-up taking place on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.**

As you contemplate the arrival of spring (It **will** come!) and spring cleaning, please consider saving the items listed below for our biannual Book and CD Sale. **Unfortunately, we cannot store donations at May until two weeks before the sale.** More notices about dates and opportunities to volunteer at this fun fundraising event will be forthcoming.

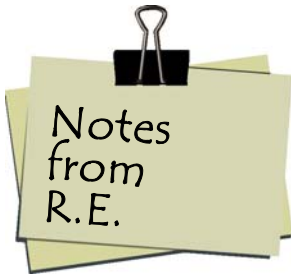
We accept the following (for adults and children):

- Fiction and Non-fiction (hard cover and paperback)
- CDs (music and children's educational programs)
- Audio Books (CDs only)
- Movies (DVDs)
- Computer games
- Vinyl 33 1/3 or 78 in good condition (*Most of the well-used, well-loved records we received two years ago did not sell*)

We do not accept textbooks, old computer software, Audiocassettes, encyclopedias and condensed books because they don't sell. When packing items, please put them in smaller boxes or double-bagged paper grocery bags so we can easily handle them.

Questions? Please call **Alice Chico** at 478-2393 or email her at [Chico421@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:Chico421@twcnny.rr.com)





I've been wondering about something for a few weeks now. Since the RE calendar has turned to our spring term—Spring! I am already finding myself in need of looking forward to next year. We need to start planning what programming will be offered to the RE children and youth in the next church year. As a part of that process, I'm thinking a lot about what it is that children get out of their experience at May, what do the kids take away with them? So I've been wondering if you've ever stopped to think about what brings you through the door on Sunday mornings?

I know that there are A LOT of options of things for families to do on a weekend, besides going to church. And it's a pretty big undertaking, especially when your children are very little, to get everyone up, dressed, and out the door on time! So there must be something that is feeding your soul, something that makes the morning struggles worthwhile. *Is it community? Do you long to spend time with people who share your values and who are happy to see you and talk with you? Is it inspiration? Do you seek a quiet moment to reflect on the big cosmic questions? Are you looking to be changed in some way? Do you want to make a difference in the world? Are you here for the coffee?* I hope that whatever it is you are seeking, that you are finding it at May (and that you enjoy the coffee as much as I do). *But what about the kids?*

Children are a bit different when it comes to why they walk through the door on a Sunday morning. If you ask most of them why they are here, they will say that their parents made them come. Some will say they come for the snack (their version of coffee?). But I think that deep down they are experiencing a fulfillment of needs that they may not even know that they have, or aren't able to verbalize. I'm a little surprised sometimes that there is such an attachment to "joys and sorrows" in the RE classrooms. I would think that they would tire with the ritual, but there is just something special about having a moment to be able to share with others what you are feeling, and to have those feelings acknowledged by your peers and caring grownups. In UU speak, they are acknowledging the worth and dignity in each other and in themselves. That is a powerful experience, even if it does seem like a small gesture. That little piece of their day in RE is just a part of their version of worshiping together. On a typical Sunday they sing together, pass a collection basket, share their joys and sorrows, hear a story with a moral lesson, create something or do something to enrich their learning, and of course share in a small meal together—snack time! They are present with each other, they are together in community for those few hours, and they know that we are there for them.

Throughout the history of humankind, people have gathered together for spiritual rituals. They held, and still hold, many different sets of beliefs, but

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## Notes from R.E.

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humans all share that need for communion together. The content of the classes might change next year in RE, but that core focus of being together in a community of faith will remain. Hopefully, even if they don't realize it, and may even complain about "having" to go to church, deep down they will continue to feel supported and accepted as an important part of May's community.

In Peace,

Stacy Sceiford,  
Director of Religious Education



## April First Sunday Luncheon

Our chefs for the **April 12<sup>th</sup>** First Sunday Lunch will be members of the SociGreen Sanctuary-Social Justice and the Building and Grounds committees. Join us for delicious soups, stews, salads, breads and desserts. We guarantee you'll be glad you did!

Because Easter falls on the first Sunday of April, we will have instead, A Distinctive Second Sunday Lunch on April 12<sup>th</sup>; when you will stroll past a Delectable array of beef, chicken vegetarian and vegan soups and stews, Delicious breads, Delightful accompaniments and Divine Desserts.

Come and eat Daintily or Darn GOOD—Yummy, too.



## MMUUS' 50th Anniversary Organ Concert

On **Saturday, October 10th**, exactly 50 years to the day from the dedication of the organ, **Glenn Kime** will present a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert featuring an all-Bach program **and a reunion of the four previous Music Directors who have served May Memorial.**

## Sunday Offerings for April

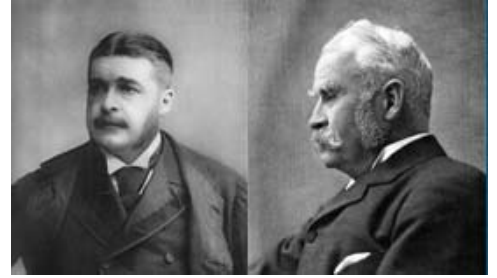
This year we have been sharing our Sunday offering with a local service agency. We donate 50% of the cash received (bills and coins only; not the checks) to an organization chose by the Social Justice poll last spring.

In April, we will be sharing with the Samaritan Center, an interfaith effort to feed the homeless and needy people of Syracuse. The Samaritan Center provides daily meals; MMUUS members provide four of these per year.

## Gilbert & Sullivan comes to MMUUS

**N**orma Tippet, soprano, Jean Loftus mezzo soprano, **Ken Pease**, tenor, and Phil Eisenmann, bass will present excerpts from

*Iolanthe* by Gilbert and Sullivan **in the Sanctuary on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the Sanctuary.** *Iolanthe* tells a story of merry olde England in the days when it was inhabited by both mortals and fairies. When mortals fall in love with fairies, and when fairies fall in love with mortals, problems and hilarity ensue. Please join us for the fun.



## “Be the Change” Play

**F**irst UU and MMUUS are combining talents to stage a dinner theater production of the one act play, “*Be the Change - An Activist Dinner Party*” written by Rev. Steve Wilson. **October 17, 2015 has been set aside for this evening of light hearted fun and good food.**

The play features a prototypical UU who finds herself waning in her commitment to her core values. Listening to the daily news leaves her frustrated and over-whelmed in the face of all the troubles in the world crying out for her attention. In her restless dreams, she envisions a dinner party attended by several major historical, political, and literary figures. Rumi, Jesus, Thich Nhat Hanh, Buckminster Fuller, Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, Howard Thurman, and Marge Piercy all engage our main character in a lively conversation about what they learned in their lifetimes. The result is an uplifting experience that leaves all of us a little more hopeful about the future.

Director, John Seavers, is looking for actors to fill each of the nine roles in the play. **Auditions will be held in the parlor at First UU Church on two Saturdays, May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** If you have ever wanted to be involved in the theater, here's your chance. No previous acting experience is required to audition.

Please contact **John Seavers** [jseavers@hotmail.com](mailto:jseavers@hotmail.com) or Keith Bertrand at [ilymner@yahoo.com](mailto:ilymner@yahoo.com) with questions.



## Thinking about Membership?

**H**ave you thought about becoming a voting member of May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society?

We ask new members to sign our Membership Book – a record of members dating back to 1838, and to make a monetary pledge and contribution to the Society. We ask that members affirm their intent to walk with us in covenant, united to strengthen our institution and our wider community.

In our Joining ceremony, we introduce new members to the congregation, and join in a short “Recognition of New Members”, which reads thus:

**Minister:** We are glad that you have chosen to join May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. As we are strengthened by your presence among us, may you find here resources for your own growth. Ours is a living tradition which honors the past, envisions the future, and lives with passion in this moment. I ask you to respect and support this Society and the values it espouses, and to continue to grow in your identity as Unitarian Universalists.

**New Members:** In joining May Memorial, we pledge to support its inclusive vision, to honor its covenant of right relations, and to strengthen this institution by our participation.

**MMUUS Members:** We welcome you into our Society. We value the energy, enthusiasm, and talents you bring. We thank you for the confidence you have shown in May Memorial, and we trust that you will find within these walls care, respect, and a home for the spirit.

**All:** Let us go forward together in faith, compassion, and service.

Rev. Jean and the Membership committee are preparing for a New Member Joining on **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

If joining our Society feels right to you, or if you would like help in that discernment process, contact Rev. Jean ([minister@mmuus.org](mailto:minister@mmuus.org)) or a member of the Membership Committee ([membership@mmuus.org](mailto:membership@mmuus.org)). You will want to have participated in a “UU 102”, “Introduction to UUism and MMUUS”, or similar conversations.

## MMUUS’ 2016-17 Stewardship Campaign

**T**his year’s Stewardship Campaign (2015-16) is well under way and pledges are being returned daily. If you have not yet sent your pledge form to MMUUS, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may also turn your form in by placing it in the box in the foyer or leaving it with Brian in the office.

We would very much like to have next year’s co-chairs in place by the time this year’s campaign ends at the end of April. **Jane Fagerland** has agreed to serve as senior co-chair next year and help train an apprentice co-chair who will then serve as senior co-chair the following year. Each year there will be one seasoned stewardship person working with a person in training. This system will insure a smooth transition from year to year. If you are interested in stepping up for 2016-17, or would like more information about what a stewardship co-chair does, please contact **Jane Fagerland** at [jane\\_f@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:jane_f@sbcbglobal.net) or **Alexa Carter** at [alexacarteralexa@iCloud.com](mailto:alexacarteralexa@iCloud.com)



### 2015 CNY Pride Festival Saturday, June 20th

- **Flag-Raising—City Hall—  
11:00 am**
- **Parade begins— 11:30 am**
- **Festival—Everson Museum  
Plaza— 12:00 pm**

Show both your LGBT/Ally & Syracuse University pride by marching with the LGBT Resource Center in this year's CNY Pride parade! We will be meeting at 10:30 am near City Hall to gather for the flag-raising ceremony and march, or you can stop by our table at the Pride festival following the march. More information about the Pride Parade/festival is available online at [www.cnypride.org](http://www.cnypride.org).

The first fifty people to RSVP for the parade will receive a free commemorative Syracuse University/CNY Pride T-shirt. **Please RSVP to [lgbt@syr.edu](mailto:lgbt@syr.edu) by Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Twisted Sisters

### is now on Twisted Tuesdays!

Our first choice for a Tuesday didn't work out so well, so we are switching to the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month** for 2015. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Room.** Please join us for a fun, drop-in, social evening. Email **Laura Knight** at [lauraknight.md@gmail.com](mailto:lauraknight.md@gmail.com) with any questions.



## Scrap Metal Collection

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, will mark the resumption of the wildly successful scrap metal drive. The collection trailer will be parked in our lot the first Sunday of each month beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup> and running until snow flies again. Last year's efforts netted over \$2,000 for the general fund. Start your spring clean up early. Call **Gary Carter** at 593-7974 if you have questions.



## The Refugee Resettlement Program



**W**hen World Relief, the largest Resettlement Agency in the United States based in Chicago, called InterFaith Works Center for New Americans in February, they shared a story of a family who was resettled in Chicago without any friends or family members. Their brother who had recently resettled his family of 6 in Syracuse said "I need something to make my life worthwhile and meaningful. For the mutual benefit for both families, a journey began. World Relief put the Chicago family on a train bound for Syracuse.

The 4 beautiful faces are the children of the family of 6 who resettled in Syracuse via Chicago last month. Helping them relocate was a community effort. From the Republic of Congo, they started their journey in a refugee camp in Byumba, Rwanda where they had lived for 17 years. With the help of InterFaith Works longtime volunteer Pam Suddaby and her friends from Christ Community United Methodist Church, who cleaned and set up the new home, the owner and landlord of the new home whose family decided to rent their family home so others could live safely and share their memories, Plymouth Church who donated a full 2 bedroom apartment which was used for the past year so that their visiting Pastor Anneke and her family from Germany could have a lovely home, and the list continues. It does take a "community".

Center for New American resettles over 500 new friends and neighbors each year. We help with finding a safe new home, furnish their new home with your donations from a dining room table and chairs to share a meal together, dishes pots and pans and small appliances to serve meals, a warm blanket for a good night's rest, small area rugs to help keep them warm in the colder months and a fan to keep them cool in the hot summer. .

Winter coats and boots that your children have outgrown and all other sizes to start with, as the winter months approach for next season. (Yes we do think ahead) new or gently used, clean, and with no stains, holes or tears.

The blanket and linen drive, with the goal of collecting 500 blankets, 1,000 sets of sheets and 1,500 towels, is still in full swing as well.

Please share this information with your family, friends and faith community in bulletins, on websites and through social media. InterFaith Works will pick up donations of furniture.

For more information, or to arrange for donation drop off or pick up, contact Volunteer and Donor Coordinator Daryl Files at (315) 449-3552, ext. 208, or email [dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org).

Interfaith Works Refugee Resettlement program typically resettles 500 to 600 new refugees each year, and annually serves an additional 1,200 families who have been in the United States for less than five years.

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## Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

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

## Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Eliza Gilkyson	MMUUS
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## Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
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## Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

	<b>New Member Joining</b>	
9:00 am	Newcomers' Breakfast	Memorial Room
9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice	Creekside
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA
12:15 pm	Sunday Serenade	Sanctuary

## Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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## Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

1:30 pm	Worship at the Nottingham	The Nottingham
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
6:00 pm	Articulating Your UU Faith <i>(see page 1 for details)</i>	MMUUS

## Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

1:30 pm	Bookenders	Memorial Room
3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
6:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

<b>Teen Con[ference]</b>	<b>MMUUS</b>
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## Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

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

## Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm	CareRing Meeting	Memorial Room
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room

## Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
5:30 pm	Twisted Sisters (Women's Group)	Memorial Room
6:00 pm	Articulating Your UU Faith <i>(see page 1 for details)</i>	MMUUS

## InterFaith Works provides senior companion opportunities for local residents

For more than 20 years, InterFaith Works' Senior Companion Program has been addressing the physical and emotional needs of frail elderly throughout Central New York. The agency recruits and trains approximately 60 Companions who are matched with an elderly client to provide friendship and companionship, alert doctors and family members to potential problems and assist with shopping and meal preparation, among other tasks. Senior Companions are providing thousands of frail elderly with the ongoing support they need to remain healthy and living independently in their own homes. The majority of Senior Companions help clients directly in their homes, while others work in senior day care facilities, assisting their clients with meals, activities, and socialization.

Senior Companion volunteers provide that extra assistance to help adults live independently without living in isolation. Our Senior Companions are a diverse group working with the elderly of all racial, ethnic, and faith traditions.

For more information about the Senior Services Program, contact Senior Services Program Director Aileen Jackowsky at (315) 449-3552, ext. 109 or email her at

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**The deadline for the first of the month newsletters is the 15th of the preceding month. The deadline for mid-month newsletters is the 5th of the month.** Articles received after the deadline will be included in the next newsletter. To submit an article, please email it to newsletter@mmuus.org.

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**Calendar**

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:40 am	<b>Happy Easter!</b> Individual Spiritual Practice Worship Service	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am		Teen Room
10:30 am	Teenz	Memorial Room
12:00 pm	Program Council Meeting	COA
12:15 pm`	Spanophiles	

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

1:30 pm	Worship at the Nottingham Spiritual Enrichment Group	The Nottingham Memorial Room
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**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
6:30 pm	UU Young Adults Meeting	Memorial Room

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Brooks Williams	MMUUS
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**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:40 am	Individual Spiritual Practice Worship Service	Creekside Sanctuary
10:30 am		Teen Room
10:30 am	Teenz	Social Hall
12:00 pm	First Sunday Luncheon	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Gilbert & Sullivan's <i>Iolanthe</i>	

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
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**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion Board of Trustees	Social Hall
7:00 pm		COA

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