



Attention Committee Chairs

If you have not yet done so, please submit your annual reports to MMUUS office administrator Brian Betz at office@mmuus.org. **The deadline is Wednesday, May 25th.**

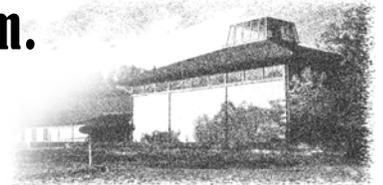


If you are a new committee chair and are unsure what to write, or would like to see a copy of your committee's past annual report submission, please contact Brian.

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



May 15

Gregg Tripoli

Please join us this Sunday as we welcome guest speaker Gregg Tripoli to the pulpit. Gregg will speak about the Ska-nonh-Great Law Center, the Haudenosaunee governance, history, values, and their influence on our Founding Fathers, our existing system of governance, the women's rights movement, and environmental issues.

Gregg is the executive director of the Onondaga Historical Association, and attended Hamilton College before receiving an M.B.A. from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. He began his professional career in banking and spent the past 25 years in the field of Management Consulting, working and living in the United States and abroad.

May 22

Teenz!

Please join the May Memorial/First UU Teenz for their annual service.

May 29

E. Roosevelt: No One Can Make You Feel Inferior Without Your Consent

Barbara Kamerance

First Lady, humanitarian, advocate for civil rights and women's equality, Eleanor Roosevelt changed the role of First Lady of the United States through her active participation in American politics. Barbara Kamerance of our congregation will tell the story of Eleanor Roosevelt, who grew up feeling inferior and realized her potential in becoming a living conscience for our country. As her husband, Franklin's eyes and ears, she did what no other First Lady had done and set an example for all who succeeded her. She said that her most proud action was in helping to formulate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At her funeral, Adlai Stevenson, then Ambassador to the U.N. said of her, "She would rather light a candle than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world".

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Care Ring News & Notes

Home now, **Randy Archambault** was recently in Crouse and Upstate Hospitals for treatment and rehab, respectively. She had had a few mini-strokes within a couple of weeks. She is not allowed to drive yet and will have to take it easy for awhile—a hard thing for Randy to do!

We're looking forward to seeing you in church again soon, Randy!

Similarly, **Al Obrist's** news is that he is home again after several weeks at *The Crossings*, a nursing home. He worked hard in physical therapy and is stronger than he has been in a long time. A very resilient person he is at 98! Must be all that hiking he did all his life. Though therapists' visits take up his mornings, he would welcome social calls in the afternoon.

At the time of printing, we learned that MMUUS CareRing member **Carol Bickart** is home battling pneumonia—no easy task!

We send healing thoughts to Carol as she works to regain her strength.

Janet Hiemstra underwent foot surgery on May 10th, and is home recovering

We hope you're feeling and healing well, Janet!



Greeting and Salutations Beloved Community!

In case you have been really busy gardening (*or living in a cave?*) We have a BIG Fund Raiser coming up on June 18th and 19th—*Arts on Genesee!* There will be over 30 vendors selling their wares on the grass in front of the driveway and—yes, it's true—there will be a food truck—I'm psyched! Nearly everyone is getting involved (*thanks to Lynne Perry's fabulous recruiting skills!*) and of course we are expecting lots of people to stop by, so it's going to be a very busy place at MMUUS that weekend. It was even suggested that we might cancel the worship service on June 19th.

Seriously?

Cancel Church?

Um, No! We're not canceling church on June 19th! It's our Summer Solstice Celebration!

I spoke with members of the *Arts on Genesee* committee, and they agreed, we could potentially benefit from having a big Summer Solstice Celebration on the Sunday morning of *Arts on Genesee!* Parking might be tight—but it's a Sunday morning, and I'm willing to see just how full we can get that parking lot.

So—let's do this! Come on down and Celebrate the summer solstice! Celebrate the phenomenal year that we've had—and show the wider community that May Memorial is a vibrant, flourishing community. We have new member **Lili Bracket**, who will be bringing her very special pagan gifts to help us celebrate the solstice.

And, it just so happens, that we have also scored an incredible duo to play music for the service:

BURNS and KRISTY!

Yes, that's right, Burns and Kristy were just here at May Memorial last week playing at a Folkus Concert, and they have agreed to play at our Summer Solstice Celebration on June 19th! **If you missed the Folkus concert, you have another chance to check out this very talented pair for free on Sunday, June 19th!** Check them out on YouTube, and then tell all your friends. It's going to be a great summer and we are kicking it off with a major event!

See you on Sunday!

~ Mariah Ducey,
President, MMUUS

Barbara Kamerance to speak on Eleanor Roosevelt during May 29 Service

Barbara Kamerance will speak about former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt at our Sunday service on May 29th. The niece of President Theodore Roosevelt, Eleanor grew up feeling inferior, but became a widely known and much admired First Lady during the terms of our longest-serving president, Franklin D. Roosevelt. She was active in social services, women's equality,



Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States (1933-1945)

and the Red Cross. She visited troops during World War II, wrote a newspaper column and was a delegate to the United Nations where, as a member of the Human Rights Committee, she helped to write the Declaration on Human Rights.

Barbara has been a social and environmental activist for most of her adult life. A teacher and administrator, she has worked for humanitarian causes since her earliest days in college. She recalls her proudest achievement was organizing a grassroots effort in 1983 to stop a nuclear waste dump from being created in the mountains of

North Carolina. While working on this project, she made a speech, and says that then Secretary of Energy, James Watt, who was also a speaker, was unable to think of a response to her, and literally left the stage.

Barbara is co-chair of the Green & Social Justice Committee and is a member of the Public Relations Committee. She is happy to decorate and usher on Sundays, and made several delicious soups for the Green & Social Justice Committee's First Sunday Luncheon in April. I'm also sure that those of you who attended our February talent show remember and enjoyed her portrayal of Charlie Chaplain (*complete with mustache and cane*) as she entertained us by tap dancing and singing "The Little Tramp". *Wow! Kind of a Wonder Woman!*



Barbara Kamerance, Co-Chair, Green & Social Justice Committee

~ Lynne Perry,
Co-Chair, Green & Social Justice Committee



Change for Change News

The recipients of the Change for Change collection for May and June is The Center for New Americans.

In March and April, we raised \$517.88 for Planned Parenthood of Central New York. That's wonderful!

Thanks to all of you who contribute on Sunday mornings! Remember that half of the money received goes into to May Memorial's finances; and the rest goes to the designated agency for a two month period.



Scrap Metal Collection

There will be a special one-time scrap metal collection **in the parking lot on Sunday, June 5th**. If you have a load that is too big to get to the church parking lot, call **Gary Carter** at (315) 593-7974 to make arrangements for pick up.

Sunday Worship Schedule

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June 5

Janine Benyus and Biomimicry

Kevin Stack

Kevin Stack, an ecological builder, who educates students about building in nature's image at SUNY ESF, will speak about Janine Benyus, a natural science writer and innovation consultant. Benyus, who says we "should emulate nature's genius" teaches how to design sustainable products, and is president of the Biomimicry Institute.

May Memorial's Drum Circle Rescheduled for May 22

The Drum Circle led by Sandra Sabene that was originally scheduled for Sunday, May 15th **has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 22nd, beginning at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Sandra Sabene, from the Liverpool Art Center, offers a relaxing rhythmic interaction which offers drummers opportunities to express, explore and play with percussion. All levels are invited and beginners are warmly welcomed. Sandra offers a quick hand drum lesson in the beginning and then we all enjoy riding the waves of soothing rhythms and up-beat releases.

\$10/person. Bring your own drum or reserve one.

Please RSVP to **Carroll Grant** at 882-4910 or cgrant6@twcny.rr.com.



Fundraiser for the People For Animal Rights of CNY

May Memorial's Green & Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a fundraiser for the *People for Animal Rights of Central New York*, **which will be held at May Memorial on Saturday, May 14th, from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm.**

This fundraiser will feature musical performances by May Memorial's own **Richard Weiskopf**, who will perform classical and pop music pieces on the piano; Eileen Rose, a talented musician whose repertoire includes original and traditional songs performed on the Appalachian dulcimer; Kristin Gitler and David Goldman round out the musical entertainment with traditional American, Celtic, and French-Canadian pieces performed on the Appalachian dulcimer and acoustic guitar.

The People for Animal Rights of CNY will also have original animal notecards for sale, along with information on how to help animals.

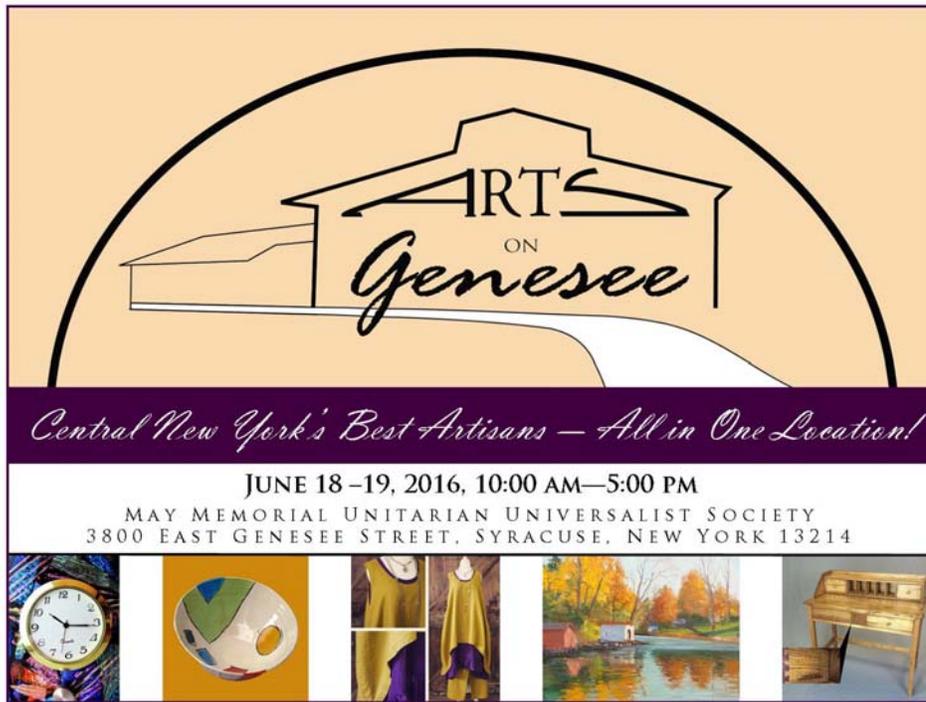
Tickets in advance are \$8 per person or \$13 per family. Checks should be made out to "*People for Animal Rights*" and mailed to People for Animal Rights, P.O. Box 15358, Syracuse, New York 13215. Those paying by credit card are instructed to visit www.peopleforanimalrightsofcny.org/membership, and click on the "Donate" button.

At the door, tickets will be \$10 per person or \$15 per family CASH OR CHECK ONLY.

The price of your ticket can be considered your first year of dues to the *People for Animal Rights of CNY*, if you aren't a member already. Your ticket purchases are tax deductible.

Questions? Email ldestefano3@twcny.rr.com or call (315) 488-PURR (7877) between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.





All Hands on Deck: Calling on the Entire Congregation for Help with Arts on Genesee

June 18-19, 2016 will mark the first annual outdoor art sale at MMUUS. This sale will continue the tradition of our former indoor Fine Arts and Crafts show, and is being used to replace the several thousand dollars that show added to our budget. Like our former show, Arts on Genesee will require the efforts of many congregation members. Please plan to get involved, as your skills are needed and appreciated.

Arts on Genesee will feature thirty-five artists from Central New York. Our front traffic circle will be lined with white art tents filled with ceramics, jewelry, fiber arts, wooden treasures, paper designs, photography, paintings, and more. A food truck and specialty coffee cart will be on hand to sustain shoppers. The Hospitality Committee will provide breakfast and lunch for vendors and volunteers alike. A raffle and art demonstration will add interest to the day. There may even be music. *Anyone out there willing to donate a few hours of playing to the weekend?* Let us know.

A committee of dedicated members have been meeting, planning and securing vendors for almost a year in anticipation of this event, but now it is time for the rest of the congregation to step up. Lynne Perry is our volunteer coordinator. You will soon be getting a call to ask for help with one or two tasks involved with the weekend. Traffic directors, booth sitters, set-up and clean-up crews, cooks and food donators, security detail, and more will be needed during the two days of the event. Please say, "Yes," when you are asked to

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("Arts on Genesee" con't.)

volunteer. Look for sign-up stations in the Social Hall as well.

There is one very important way in which every person in the congregation can help with Arts on Genesee. The event needs to be widely publicized. Many shoppers are needed. Each of us can help by sending out information to our friends and contacts via email, Facebook, and social media of all kinds. You will be receiving an electronic postcard with all the information about the event. When you receive your postcard, please share it as widely as you can. We will be distributing lawn signs to advertise. If you live on a well-traveled street on the East Side, please contact **Mardie Ninno** to get a sign to display. The same logo has been used for several forms of communication about the event for the past year. **Brian Betz** designed the logo, and we hope it will soon be recognized by many people as the symbol of Arts on Genesee.

Though these all church efforts take a great deal of work, those who have taken part in the past know that they are also a great deal of fun and they bring us closer together in many ways. Please join this MMUUS happening over Father's Day weekend June 2016. We are always better together.

Contact any committee member with questions or to offer your services.

~ Mardie Ninno; Lynne Perry (Volunteer Coordinator); Joan Applebaum; Alexa Carter; Barbara Weingart; Linda Wobus (Food Coordinator); Stephanie Cross; Julie Daniel

Next Folkus Concert



May 20th - Susan Werner -

Dubbed by NPR as the “Empress of the Unexpected,” singer/songwriter Susan Werner has a reputation as an artist that is as changeable as the weather. Werner keeps her audiences guessing and laughing simultaneously, lending her wry humor and passionate voice to subjects such as farmer’s markets, climate change, and longing for a sense of place. The characters and perspectives are varied and colorful, the lyrics are sharp as thistles, the music is handmade and hoppin’. Werner continues her reign as one of the most bold and creative forces on the acoustic music scene today.

At age five, Werner made her debut, playing guitar and singing at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Manchester, Iowa; she learned both piano and guitar by ear. After earning a degree in voice from the University of Iowa, she attended Temple University in Philadelphia, performing in numerous recitals and operas while completing her graduate studies. On occasion, Werner, who calls Chicago home now, still closes any one of the 125 club dates she plays annually throughout the US and Canada with “Un Bel Di” from Madame Butterfly or “Habanera” from Carmen, but ultimately, she opted to forgo a career as an opera singer, dedicating herself to songwriting instead, building a reputation at jazz clubs, coffeehouses, and folk festivals along the Eastern Seaboard.

Tickets are \$20 (Folkus Member Price: \$17)

Show begins at 8:00 pm.

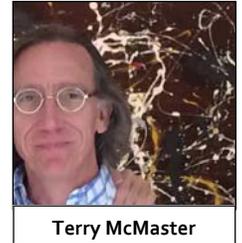
To reserve tickets, or for details and info, please visit <http://www.folkus.org>.



MUSIC AND THE ARTS

June Art Exhibition Features Abstract Photography

Terry McMaster of Camillus will exhibit his photography in our Social Hall during the month of June. Terry says his work leans towards abstraction and “captures the reflected images of mystery and often unnoticed beauty of the natural world.” His work emphasizes light, color, texture and, he says, “the unseen structural elements of nature—the vibrational world that underlies the material world.”



Terry McMaster

Terry is an addiction therapist, helping addicts and alcoholics achieve sobriety and recovery. He is with Professional Counseling Services in Camillus.



Photo by Laura Kozłowski www.laurakozłowski.com

Burns and Kristy to play FREE SHOW at MMUUS on June 19!

Yes, that’s right—the same “Burns and Kristy” that brought the house down at May Memorial last week during their Folkus Concert! They have agreed to play at our Summer Solstice Celebration on Sunday, June 19th!

If you missed the Folkus Concert, you have another chance to check out this very talented pair **for free!**

Check out their website at <http://www.burnsandkristy.com> and tell all your friends!



Take part in the 2016 CNY Pride Parade!

This year's CNY Pride Parade will take place on **Saturday, June 18th**, and the organizers at CNY Pride are expecting another absolutely fabulous event! They invite you to join them for a half mile march with some of the happiest people you will see all summer in Syracuse.

If you are interested in taking part in the 2016 Pride Parade, please email info@cnypride.org and request an application.

This multicultural parade will be led by a flag contingent from the VA Medical Center, honoring not only their courage fighting for our country but also their courage in being an openly gay soldier.

The Growing Place Child Care Center



Since beginning operations in 1983, The Growing Place (located in the lower level of May Memorial) offers infant, toddler, and preschool programs.

Although there are no childcare openings at the moment, please watch for opening notices, which will appear in future newsletters.



Kind hearts and warm smiles are needed this summer

Each day, volunteers help prepare, package, and distribute hundreds of nutritious meals to homebound seniors. The Meals on Wheels program **helps to preserve dignity** and independence of meal recipients by delaying nursing home placements, as well as reducing the frequency of hospitalizations.

Volunteers are needed for food preparation, delivery, and office work this summer.

For more information call (315) 478-5948 x 213 or visit <http://meals.org/volunteer/>.

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

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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

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

Sunday, May 15th

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
1:00 pm	Great Decisions Group I	Teen Room
7:00 pm	Great Decisions Group II	Memorial Room

Monday, May 16th

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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Tuesday, May 17th

7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Memorial Room
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Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
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Thursday, May 19th

7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, May 20th

8:00 pm	Folkus Concert: Susan Werner	MMUUS
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Sunday, May 22nd

9:30 am	Program Council	Memorial Room
10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm	UU Drum Circle	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Spanophiles	COA
12:15 pm—1:30 pm	PR Committee Meeting	Teen Room

Monday, May 23rd

4:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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Tuesday, May 24th

6:00 pm	Twisted Sisters	Memorial Room
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Thursday, May 26th

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

Sunday, May 29th

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Teenz	Teen Room
12:00 pm—1:00 pm	UU101	Memorial Room
1:00 pm	Great Decisions Group I	Teen Room
7:00 pm	Great Decisions Group II	Memorial Room

Monday, May 30th

Memorial Day—Office Closed