



## Sunday Worship, 10:30 am and Religious Education

### June 19

#### Summer Solstice Celebration

*Burns and Kristy!*

Before shopping at this Sunday's Arts on Genesee festival, be sure and attend this morning's celebration of the beginning of summer, featuring recent Folkus Concert performers, Terry Burns and Ron Kristy!

### June 26

#### Hymn Sing

*Fred Fiske*

This is our annual service dedicated to the singing of old hymns led by Fred Fiske. Strawberries and ice cream will be served in the Social Hall, following the service.

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## Arts on Genesee is here!

**T**hat's right! This weekend marks the inaugural Arts on Genesee craft show and festival. **The show opens at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, and ends at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Some of the artists taking part in this year's show include *Joan Applebaum, Basin & Range, Cheeky Mermaid, Colleen's Creative, Crescent Moon Studio, Lorraine's Concrete Leaves, Ted Greenfield, Hand Candy, Judith Hand, Hanley's Wooden Creations, Tom Hussey, Imaginative Creations, Kingsley St. Artisan Soaps, Karen McGrath, MEME Artisan Jewelry, Silly Goats Soap Co., Splitfire Pottery, Stacy Kate Designs, Weathered Heather, Barbara Weingart, Rebecca Wind Pottery, Yesteryear Furniture*, as well as many others!

Because of the vendor tents and show activity, handicapped parking will not be available in front of the church on June 19<sup>th</sup>, for the Sunday service. If you are unable to walk to the front door from the parking lot, please arrange for a driver to drop you off, proceed to park in the lot, and pick you up after the service. If you are not able to arrange for a driver, please contact **Alexa Carter** at [alexacarteralexa@icloud.com](mailto:alexacarteralexa@icloud.com) to arrange for valet service.



## Care Ring News & Notes

We were sorry to hear that **Ike Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu** had a heart attack on Thursday of last week. He was taken to Urgent Care and then to St. Joseph's Hospital, where a stent was immediately installed. That did the trick, and he went home on Saturday. His wife **Joan** says there's a possibility that they could come to church this Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Phone calls and cards are welcome in the meantime.

**Mason Otero**, son of member Felicia Otero, recently graduated from Hobart College, in Geneva, where he studied Russian Language and European Studies. He hopes to eventually work with international students in a university setting, but is open to other opportunities, including graduate school.

**Emmi Reiter**, who grew up in our R.E. program, is spending nine weeks in Uganda this summer. She is volunteering with a support group of parents who have a child with a developmental disability. The parents' goal is to increase sensitivity and awareness for people with disabilities, and to do so by creating a community project through which they can also generate an income by working together. Emmi was inspired to do this as a result of her participation in the Haiti service trip we sponsored several years ago.

You can follow Emmi's efforts in Uganda by reading her blog at [www.emmisugandanadventure.blogspot.ug](http://www.emmisugandanadventure.blogspot.ug).



### Greeting and Salutations Beloved Community!

I received a note this week from a long time member who was disappointed that our interim minister has an option to be with us for a total of two years. They expressed their desire to have a “settled” minister right away, and lamented that we have already “lost” a year, not having had any minister!

Here is part of my response: *I understand you'd like a settled minister.* It might have been nice to have a minister who functioned at the center of the church, who knew everyone by name, and worked primarily at maintaining relationships within the community (*The “Nick Cardel model”*). I would like to see May Memorial pivot away from the “Nick Cardel model” for a number of reasons:

First, the average length of stay for a “settled” minister is now 5 – 7 years, not really “settled” at all! The days when a minister would stay at a church for twenty-plus years are over. Finding a settled minister takes a great deal of effort for the members of the Search Committee, and requires a huge sum of money. The UUA estimates it will cost **over \$12,000** to enter into a search for a settled minister! I do not see how we can get people to serve on such an intense Search Committee, when we haven't been able to get anyone to serve on a Personnel Committee, and we have no one administrating our current HR issues.

Second, when the minister is the central focus of the church, people can come to May Memorial and either support or oppose the minister. If we pivot away from focusing on the minister, and more on our Society, its mission, and values, there is more consensus and collaboration among Society members, and everyone supports the “we” as opposed to scrutinizing whatever the minister wants to support.

I am very disappointed that you think we have “lost” a year, by not having a minister. I believe this past year was not lost – it was very productive, and provided us with wonderful opportunities to experience a variety of worship leaders, and the ability to appreciate the strong and viable community we have. We have risen to meet our challenges—and we have turned them into learning opportunities!

Finally, with our last two “settled” ministers each getting mired in controversy towards the end of 7 years, I think we might want to consider hiring a minister for a 2 or 3 year contract period, having a fresh perspective every few years. I'm not saying we are going to do this—I'm only suggesting that it might serve us well into the future. I don't think it's wise to rush into spending a lot of time and money, hiring someone who may last for 5 years, And then leave us with a bad taste for ministers.

I would like to put MMUUS' mission and values at the center of our focus, and

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Rev. Jean Wahlstrom

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institutions supported young men in exploring their options in light of their moral convictions. The UUA published materials about conscientious objector status. It guided young men in clarifying their own beliefs about the war. We also maintained a registry for Conscientious Objectors for members of our church seeking C.O. status. It is important for us to lift up the significant and historic role that Unitarian Universalism played in supporting that conscientious objector position. We have viewed it as a moral and an honorable choice through the years.

This war in Iraq I believe was and is wrong, misguided, a disaster from its inception. The only reason I can see for us staying in Iraq is, as one person I know put it, the Pier One philosophy: 'You break it, you buy it.' I don't know quite how to answer that one.

But I do know that I intend to vote for candidates with the least ambiguous, the least equivocal plan to get us out that country and that conflict.

I am glad that our congregation has a regular, weekly peace vigil open to all who would like to attend, speaking not for all of our congregation, not for all of the individuals, but for the conscience of a loyal few.

I noticed just this past week, and I'm sorry that this peace vigil has not been on our calendar in the newsletter and in our daily order of service. We will correct that oversight. It is, however, every

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## "What We Fight For" - Part II

This is the second half of Rev. Jean Wahlstrom's sermon, "What We Fight For", which is continued from the *Room in 8* article that appeared in the June 1<sup>st</sup> MMUUSletter.

*"In contrast with our fighting in World War II, have been our more recent wars.*

*Certainly the War in Vietnam, at least the way we engaged and fought that war, without respect for land or people, barely distinguishing friend from foe.*

*Vietnamese Buddhist Tic Na Han condemned the war in Vietnam with his words of witness. In his poem, for example, called Condemnation, he wrote: 'Listen to this: Yesterday 6 Viet Cong came through my village. Because of this, my village was bombed, completely destroyed, every soul was killed. When I come back to my village now, the day after there is nothing to see but clouds of dust and the river still flowing. The pagoda has neither roof nor altar. Only the foundations of houses are left. The bamboo thickets are burned away. Here in the presence of the undisturbed stars, in the invisible presence of all the peoples still alive on earth, let me raise my voice to denounce this filthy way, this murder of brothers by brothers. I have a question: Who pushed us into this killing of one another? Whoever is listening, be my witness: I cannot accept this war. I never could, I never shall. I have to say this a thousand times before I am killed: I feel I am like a bird who dies for the sake of its mate, dripping blood from its broken neck and crying out: Be ware. Turn around and face your enemies: Ambition, violence, hatred, greed. Men cannot be our enemies, even men called Viet Cong. If we kill men what brothers will we have left? With whom shall we live then?'*

*As the Vietnam War progressed and deepened, many people came to see it with changed eyes and with a new light. Our UU congregations struggled with the issue of whether or how to take a stand against the war. Conflicts within and among us echoed the conflict abroad in the world. Many UU congregations lost prominent members and their financial support during those Vietnam War years.*

*At the church I served in Portland, Maine, they told a tale of the uproar amongst the congregation members when the youth group paraded loudly around the building waving a Hanoi flag. It was a time of turbulence within our communities as well as our nation.*

*When the draft was in effect, Unitarian Universalism and our religious*

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## 2016-17 Change for Change Recipients

Several months ago, we asked you to vote for the groups you would like to see as our 2016-17 Change for Change Recipients. The following are the winners, along with which months their collections will take place:

- September/ October 2016—  
**Center for New Americans**
- November/ December 2016—  
**Food Bank**
- January/February 2017—  
**Planned Parenthood**
- March/April 2017—  
**Samaritan Center**
- May/June 2017—  
**Vera House**
- July/August 2017—  
**May Memorial's Homeless & Hungry Fund**

## Farewell Get-Together for Harsey and Joyce Leonard

**A**ll are invited to an informal potluck to be held in the Social Hall **at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our dear friends and longtime members, **Harsey and Joyce Leonard**, will be moving from the



area in July. Let's get together to eat and share memories before they are off on this next adventure. **Please bring a dish or dessert to share.**

Please R.S.V.P. to **Alexa Carter** at [alexacarteralexa@icloud.com](mailto:alexacarteralexa@icloud.com) (*R.S.V.P. is suggested, but not strictly necessary*). Drop by even if you find yourself available at the last minute!

## Pledge and Other Contribution Statements Coming Soon!



**Y**ou will soon receive a statement in the mail summarizing your current status on Operating Fund and Capital Campaign pledges, as well as any other contributions you've made to May Memorial. **Please take time to review your statement!!!** This is the first time statements have been generated by ICON, our new church management software, **so it's important that you check your statement for accuracy. That way we can correct any problems or identify any other issues as soon as possible.**

**Please note:** *Contributions made before December 31, 2015 will appear as a single lump sum that was transferred into ICON from the old accounting system. It is possible to manually retrieve a breakdown of individual contributions comprising that lump sum, but the breakdown will NOT show up in the new ICON statements. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact **Jane Fagerland** at [jane\\_f@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jane_f@sbcglobal.net).*



## Take part in the 2016 CNY Pride Parade!

The 2016 CNY Pride Parade will take place **this Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**The parade kicks off at 11:00 am in the Destiny Mall Parking Lot on Solar Street (furthest from the mall) and will end at the Syracuse Inner Harbor.**

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.

At the end of the parade, be sure to stay for the **CNY Pride Festival**, located at the Syracuse Inner Harbor. **The festival will run from 12:00 pm—5:00 pm.**

After last Saturday's tragedy in Orlando, Florida, this is a perfect time to show solidarity with our LGBT brothers and sisters.



## Calling All MMUUS Runners!

**B**efore the Pride Parade starts on **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a 5K race to support Central New York LGBT non-profits, at Long Branch Park in Liverpool.

Race day registration is from 7:30 am—9:00 am. **The race will begin at 9:00 am.**

The CNY Gay 5K is a community-run, family-friendly event designed to celebrate our Central New York community and raise funds for local LGBT non-profits. You can join in by becoming a sponsor, registering to run, volunteering, or coming out to cheer!

For more information visit <http://www.cnygay5k.com> or contact **Gordon Curtis** at [lgordoncurtis@gmail.com](mailto:lgordoncurtis@gmail.com).



## Statement from the UUA on the Orlando Shooting

UUA President Rev. Peter Morales issued this statement in response to the tragic night club shooting in Orlando:

*"Like people everywhere, I am horrified and distraught at the news of the killings at an Orlando gay night club. What is even more distressing is that this is but the latest in a long line of mass shootings. Our thoughts go to the victims, both the dead and the survivors, and the people close to them. May they find comfort and strength.*

*Unfortunately, this is the kind of violence that is predictable when hatred and fear are aroused by demagogues and when firearms are easily available. There are about 100 gun deaths per day in the United States. Only mass shootings are newsworthy. This is madness.*

*May all people of good will, people of all faiths and no faith, renew our determination to end racism, end demonization of those of other faiths, end homophobia, and create a society where access to lethal weapons has some rational control. Otherwise we will wait helplessly for the next atrocity."*

## President's Letter

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work toward building a healthy community that can stand on its own, no matter who the minister is. I believe this would put us in a position to attract more members, and ultimately, steer us away from putting the minister under a microscope, where we seem to want to examine and criticize everything they do.

See you on Sunday!

~ Mariah Ducey,  
President, MMUUS

## No Childcare during summer months



There will be no organized childcare on Sundays at May Memorial until the September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday service. **All children should remain under parents' supervision on the main level of the building during this time.** Thank you.

# Congratulations to This Year's Award Winners!

**H**ere are your 2015-16 MMUUS Award Winners:



### **MMUUS Annual Award Winners:**

#### **2015-16 Stewardship Committee**

*(Stephanie Cross, Fred Fiske, and Jane Fagerland)*

### **Evelyn White Unsung Hero Award Winners:**

#### **The May Memorial Staff**

*(Brian Betz, Leslie Dendy, Glenn Kime, and Stacy Sceiford)*

### **Appreciation Award Winners**

*(For exceptional efforts):*

**Deirdre Stam**

*and*

#### **The Worship Committee**

*(Judy Antoine, Randy Archambault, Alexa Carter, Mariah Ducey, Pilar Lyons, Lynne Perry, Kevin Salamone, and John Seavers)*

### **Mary-Lib Whitney Award Winner**

*(For special contributions to Religious Education):*

**Suzette Roberts**

*Congratulations to all!!!*





**Mark your calendars!**

## **Unirondack Weekend for the MMUUS and First UU Communities – Sept. 16-18, 2016**

**N**ew and returning families, individuals and people of all ages are encouraged to participate in the MMUUS/First UU Unirondack Fall Family Weekend, beginning **Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

The “well-loved” Unirondack weekend for MMUUS and FUUS attendees is scheduled for Friday evening to Sunday early afternoon September 16-18, 2016.

The rental price is \$27/pp for each night; a \$10 fee is added for Saturday morning through lunch Sunday meals. Therefore, the weekend cost (outside of travel) is \$64 per person; 3 years and under attend for free. There are cabins and heated sleeping spaces with indoor bathroom facilities!

Unirondack is a UU Camp and Conference Center, 2 - 2 ½ hour drive from Syracuse in the western Adirondacks, near Lowville, NY. To see the Unirondack facilities/environment, visit their website at [www.unirondack.org](http://www.unirondack.org).

Reservations can be made by emailing **Stephanie Cross** at [mscross@windstream.net](mailto:mscross@windstream.net) Deposits can come a bit later.

### **“Room in 8”**

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*Thursday. During the summer, it was in the early evening. It is back to the early risers now, during rush hour, from 7:45 to 8:30. Please join those few.*

*If you have participated in this peace vigil, why don't you give a wave out? Thank you for your work of conscience. (Applause)*

*So, on Veterans Day, when we honor those who serve and have served in the armed forces, I believe that it is fitting also we should also honor those whose service to our nation has taken different forms. Both have advanced the cause of world community with peace and liberty and justice for all. Veteran's Day is a time to honor the men and women in our midst, survivors of the struggle for peace and justice.*

*We need to tell them all of the debt we owe them, and we need to ever and again hear their voices of truth.*

*As a congregation and a denomination, let us not ever be so like-minded that we can't or won't openly and honestly discuss our involvement, debate our involvement, debate our choices. That won't do. It's not the way to growth. It's not the way to a larger voice or relevance. It's not the denomination I want.*

*For the sake of our religious movement and for the sake of each of us individually, I believe our open and honest search for truth will be our salvation as we go forward in days of war and days of peace. May we go forward in this spirit. Amen.”*

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

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**Calendar**

**Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion Social Hall

**Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>—Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am—5:00 pm Arts on Genesee Exhibition May Memorial  
*(Both days) (see page 1 for details)*

**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am **Happy Father's Day!** Music Service: Burns & Kristy Sanctuary

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm **Summer Solstice (First Day of Summer)** Spiritual Enrichment Group Memorial Room

**Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
7:00 pm Board of Trustees Memorial Room

**Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
6:00 pm Spiritual Enrichment Group Memorial Room

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

2:00 pm Memorial Service and Reception for Carolyn Temple MMUUS

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am Hymn Sing Service Sanctuary  
12:00 pm PR Committee Memorial Room

**Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall  
6:00 pm Twisted Sisters Memorial Room or Pavilion

**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall