



Our Summer Services

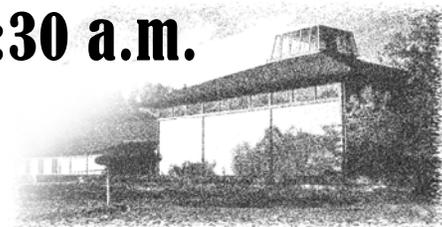
Summer services at May Memorial are informal gatherings that explore a variety of topics. They are often created and led by members of the congregation. Many find the relaxed atmosphere of summer services to be a good way to get to know members of the congregation. Childcare is not provided during the summer, but there are stuffed animals, pipe cleaners, and crayons to provide entertainment for young ones. Services begin Sundays at 10:30 am.

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



July 3

The Intrepid Olympia Brown

The Worship Committee

Please join us this Sunday when we celebrate the trailblazing legacy of the noted suffragist, Rev. Olympia Brown. Aside from being a Universalist, Rev. Brown was the first woman to graduate from seminary school and become a full-time minister.

July 10

The Zen Center of Syracuse

Robert Strickland

The Zen Center of Syracuse is an organization that provides a wide range of opportunities for the cultivation of mindfulness—a profound yet simple practice of meditation to people from all walks of life, thereby making the community a more compassionate and caring place.

July 17

Who We Are

John Seavers

With an interim minister arriving in August, part of whose job will be expediting the search for a new permanent minister, the time has come to start thinking about who we are as a congregation and what we expect from our new minister. The service will include reading a sermon by Max Coats called "When the Saints Came Dropping By", a reflection on his conversation with missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints.

July 24

BioEthics

Samuel Castleberry

July 31

Libby Moore

SUMMER

OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours now in effect

Until mid-August, May Memorial's office hours are **Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 am-3:00 pm.**

If you have a submission for the August 1st or September 1st newsletters, please have it to Brian Betz by the 15th of the previous month.

There will not be a mid-month newsletter for July or August.

If you are the service coordinator for the Sunday Service and you would like Brian to create your order of service, please have all information (i.e. hymns, music, volunteers, etc.) to him by the Wednesday before your service. If you are going to be creating your own order of service, please let Brian know the Monday before your service.



Save some water from your summer travels!

Wherever you are this summer – whether at home, or around the state, or across the globe – remember to collect a little water for our **ingathering water ceremony on Sunday, September 11th.** We will pour our waters into a common vessel as we unite in an intergenerational community of fellowship and faith.



Greetings and Salutations, beloved community of May Memorial!

At the Annual Meeting last month, someone inquired about increasing our office administrators hours. I would **LOVE** it if we could increase Brian Betz's hours! Brian is a fabulous administrator, and does an excellent job holding down the fort, as well as producing the weekly orders of service, the bi-monthly newsletters, renting out the building, producing brochures, conveying information, organizing files, etc. It has been amazing having Brian look out for me this past year—gently reminding me to submit my letters to the congregation and typing up last minute formal letters to banking institutions. I'm sure most of you would agree that it's vitally important to have someone as skilled as Brian managing the details at an establishment like May Memorial.

However, there are some administrative duties that would (*unfortunately*) be inappropriate for Brian's position to oversee. Things like: Administering MMUUS's Investment Strategies, heading up the Personnel Committee, or administering health insurance claims and other employee benefits. **Therefore, I'm reaching out to those of you who might be able to contribute these very worthwhile skills to our community.**

May Memorial requires a person or two (with investment-savvy) to look over our investments and suggest opportunities for improvement to the Board of Trustees. This would require about 3 or 4 hours per quarter.

Have you managed people with compassion, sensitivity and confidentiality? Do you miss those annual performance reviews? Perhaps heading up our Personnel Committee is something that would look awesome on your resume (or LinkedIn page!) This person would work with the board on creating personnel policies, oversee background checks, and conduct annual staff performance reviews. I'm thinking 3 or 4 hours a month.

While I'm at it, how about anyone with Human Resources skills that could oversee our employee health insurance processes and procedures? Personally, I'd rather clean out the grease trap, than wrap my mind around health insurance formulas and regulations! But I know we have a diverse community at MMUUS and I'm hoping the right person with an HR or personnel background, will come along to help us out here. This position should not require more than 3 or 4 hours a month.

If you think you might be a fit with these skillset requirements, please do not hesitate to call Brian at 446-8920 or email him at office@mmuus.org. He'll know exactly who to put you in touch with!

See you in church!

Mariah Ducey,
President, May Memorial UU Society

Looking back at 2015-16

The conclusion of Rev. Wahlstrom's sermon in the June 15th *MMUUSletter* marked the end of the MMUUS Minister series. It has been a pleasure to ruminate in the history of our congregation! I think that it will help us move forward with purpose as we enter the process of searching for a settled minister. In the meantime, we will have the guidance of our selected interim minister, Pastor Sunshine Wolfe. I hope that we welcome *ger* with open hearts. *Ge* has my full confidence that our future will build upon our past.

As I reflect upon the 2015-2016 year of the History Committee, I am proud of our accomplishments, which were detailed in the annual report. Most remarkably, we submitted an application for Reverend Samuel May to the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum in Peterboro, New York; took inventory of MMUUS archives in room 8; rejuvenated the Oral History Project with multiple interviews recorded; hosted a History Walk to Rev. May's and Rev. Calthrop's graves in Oakwood Cemetery; helped to answer questions about ministerial history and historically significant events for the Interim Minister Application; hosted a History Service in October along with past-chair, Roger Hiemstra; sold many copies of *May Memorial's Historical Tree of Life*; placed a lock on the Memorial Room display cabinet; and delivered Rev. Cardell's sermons to Syracuse University Special Collections Research Center.

It may come as a surprise then that I would like to publicly announce my resignation and the succession of **Mary Louise Edwards** as Chair of the History Committee. I am excited for the direction that she will take us as a committee!

~ Jay Brenner,
Chair, History Committee



Summer 2016 Worship Service Schedule

July 3 rd	The Intrepid Olympia Brown
July 10 th	Robert Strickland from the Zen Center
July 17 th	John Seavers
July 24 th	Samuel Castleberry
July 31 st	Libby Moore
August 7 th	Alice Chico
August 14 th	Concinnity
August 21 st	Mohamed Khater
August 28 th	Writers Group
Sept. 4 th	TBD

**All services begin at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings..*



May Memorial's Board of Trustees seeks qualified individuals

May Memorial's Board of Trustees are looking for qualified people to fill the following volunteer positions:

- **Investment Strategist**—The Board of Trustees are looking for one or two investment-savvy people to look over May Memorial's investments, and suggest opportunities for improvement. This position would require about 3 or 4 hours per quarter.
- **Personnel Committee Chair**—*Have you managed people with compassion, sensitivity, and confidentiality? Do you miss those annual performance reviews?* Then chairing our Personnel Committee could be an excellent fit for you! Duties would include working with the Board of Trustees to create personnel policies, overseeing background checks, and conducting annual staff performance reviews. This position would require about 3 or 4 hours per month.
- **Human Resources Director**—*Do you have experience in the Human Resources or personnel field?* This position would involve overseeing our employee health insurance process and procedures. This position would also require about 3 or 4 hours per month.



Please Join Fellow Central New York UUs for a Cluster Meeting

When: **September 18, 2016 (Potluck begins at 1:00 pm)**

Where: **May Memorial UU Society**

The group's agenda is fluid and any of the following may happen:

- **Report out from those who volunteered to do research our seven goals at the January 10, 2016 meeting**
- **Pulpit Exchange** (Rev. Eve Stevens, Utica; Pete Haendle, Auburn; Winfield Ihlow, Central Square)
- **Regular Leadership meetings to exchange ideas among churches** (Rev. Jennifer Hamlin-Navias, First UU of Syracuse; Harriet McMillan, Watertown; Jason Smith, First UU Syracuse)
- **Physical Annual Gathering** (Cass Feeley, Watertown)
- **Shared advertising and publicity** (Rev. Stan Sears, Auburn; Annetta Schubert, May Memorial of Syracuse; Jason Smith, First UU of Syracuse)
- **Create a Cluster Skill List** (Mary McGuirl, Utica; Rev. Guy LaMothe, Watertown)
- **Lifespan Education Shared Pulpit Curriculum** (Rev. Guy LaMothe, Watertown; Alice Chico, May Memorial of Syracuse; Felice Killian-Benigno, First UU of Syracuse)
- **Social Justice and Green Sanctuary Actions** (Felice Killian-Benigno, First UU of Syracuse; Cass Feeley, Watertown; Sue Savion, May Memorial of Syracuse; Janie Garlow, Central Square; Tracy Kinne, Central Square; Barbara Kameranace, May Memorial of Syracuse)

Please RSVP to **Alexa Carter** (alexacarteralexa@icloud.com). You are also welcome to submit your ideas and requests for the day to Alexa.



Supreme Court Strikes Down Texas Abortion Law

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation (UUWF) is very pleased with and heartened by the United States Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) June 27th ruling in the *Whole Woman's Health V. Hellerstedt* case.

The Supreme Court today struck down a Texas law designed to shut down most of the state's abortion clinics with medically unnecessary restrictions. In a majority 5-3 vote, SCOTUS held that the new requirements around hospital admitting privileges and surgical center regulations have caused an impermissible obstacle and undue burden on the rights of women seeking abortions.

Today's landmark ruling in *Whole Woman's Health V. Hellerstedt* ensures that existing clinics can remain open and will enable more clinics to open their doors in Texas, where the 2013 law had forced more than half of the 40-plus clinics operating before its enactment to close.

We join with our faith partners in the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) in celebrating that the Supreme Court again has recognized the legal validity of reproductive freedom. We share values that teach compassion for the complex choices each individual may confront and the impact of these choices on families.

"On this momentous day and epic victory for reproductive rights, we reaffirm our foundational commitments to the inherent worth and dignity of each person, the right of individual conscience, and the personal right to choose in regard to abortion as an important aspect of these rights," said Dr. Kirstie Lewis, President of UUWF.

"This effort to impede health care providers and block women, especially low income women, seeking safe and legal abortion has been turned back. We will remain vigilant in the face of others."

The UUWF is an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our mission is advancing justice for women and girls and promoting their spiritual growth.

Evenings Beyond Eves Seeks New Members



Evenings Beyond Eve is a support and study group that was formed in the 70s as an outgrowth of the consciousness-raising women's groups of the 60s. Periodically we reopen to keep our membership stable and now is the time! We're looking for up to three women who are interested in participating in a women's group **that meets in the Memorial Room every Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 9:00.** If you are interested, please contact **Barb Kwasnik** at 449-4213/491-2879 or **Judy Antoine** at jantoine@twcny.rr.com.

T'ai Chi classes on hiatus in August



Ann Pia's Tai Chi Chih class (that meets in the Social Hall on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons) **will be on hiatus during the month of August.**

Coffee Hour Hosts needed for July and August



Try it! You'll have fun and will be appreciated by those who gather after the worship service. It's easy and a wonderful one-time volunteer opportunity. See **Don MacKay** in the Social Hall on Sundays or reach him by email at mackay214@gmail.com.

Childcare openings at the Growing Place



As you may have seen on their roadside sign in front of May Memorial, The Growing Place now has childcare openings. If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend, please call 446-5788.

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



Mark your calendars!

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

New 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 16th, through Sunday, September 18th, 2016.**

The “well-loved” Unirondack weekend for MMUUS and First UU 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.

Reservations can be made by emailing **Stephanie Cross** at mscopy@windstream.net Deposits can come a bit later.

Calendar

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Sunday, July 24th

10:30 am

Worship Service

Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 26th

3:00 pm

T'ai Chi Chih

Social Hall

6:00 pm

Twisted Sisters

Memorial Room or Pavilion

Thursday, July 28th

3:00 pm

T'ai Chi Chih

Social Hall

7:00 pm

Spiritual Enrichment Group

Memorial Room

Sunday, July 31st

10:30 am

Worship Service

Sanctuary

12:00 pm

PR Committee Meeting

Memorial Room



Our Care Baskets

Taking a summer vacation? If so, enjoy! Remember, our foyer baskets will not be taking a vacation, especially since the need for food and personal care items often increases for many families over the summer. If you come less frequently in the summer, think about making your weekly purchases and stockpiling them until you come to church or are in the area. Your donations are appreciated right in our immediate community. Many thanks for your continued support.

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

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MMUUSletter is a publication of events and information at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society. To be included on our mailing list, please contact our office at 315.446.8920 or office@maymemorial.com.

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

Sunday, July 3rd 10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 4th 6:30 pm	*Happy 4th of July!* Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
Tuesday, July 5th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, July 7th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Sunday, July 10th 10:30 am 12:00 pm	Worship Service Green & Social Justice Cmtee.	Sanctuary Memorial Room
Tuesday, July 12th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, July 14th 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Spiritual Enrichment Group	Social Hall Memorial Room
Sunday, July 17th 10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 18th 6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
Tuesday, July 19th 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Board of Trustees	Social Hall Memorial Room
Wednesday, July 20th 6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Discussion/Potluck	Social Hall
Thursday, July 21st 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall

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