



## Meet Our New Interim Minister!

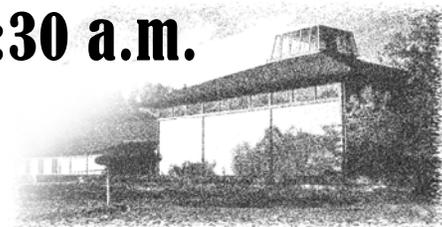
Members and friends of MMUUS are invited to meet our new Interim Minister, Pastor Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe, during special receptions following three services in August.

Pastor Sunshine will be available to meet with congregants and schedule times for individual conversations, **after worship services on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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



### August 7

#### Liberal Thoughts?

*Alice Chico*

*"If you're not a liberal when you're 25, you have no heart. If you're not a conservative by the time you're 35, you have no brain."* Discuss.

### August 14

#### Concinnity

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1. The skillful blending of elements to form a harmonious and elegant whole.
2. A unique, Women's Vocal Ensemble performing a variety of musical styles, ranging from Renaissance to Contemporary, primarily acappella.

Please join us and the latter definition this Sunday for a musical treat.

### August 21

#### Islam

*Mohamed Khater*

This Sunday, our guest speaker, Mohamed Khater (President of the Islamic Society of CNY), will speak about the Islamic faith.

### August 28

*Writers Group*

The MMUUS Writers Groups have been meeting for 13 years, sharing one another's works. Please join them this Sunday for a literary extravaganza!

### September 4

#### Teaching as Spiritual Practice

*Kevin Salamone*



## CareRing News & Notes

On the evening of Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, longtime MMUUS member **Carol Bickart** was rear-ended by a tractor trailer, while traveling on 81N. Carol and her car were pushed into the concrete median for some fifty feet past the point of initial impact. Thankfully, Carol survived the incident and was taken to Upstate Medical Center, where she was treated for bruises and chest pain, which was diagnosed as a bleeding hematoma (bruise) behind her sternum. The incident really shook Carol up, so on Monday evening, Carol called fellow CareRing member Alice Chico, who immediately stopped by the hospital to spend time with Carol. Carol said Alice's caring presence helped tremendously (*this is the CareRing's specialty!*)

By the time you read this, Carol's daughter will have arrived from California to help her mom out.

Since she is still having chest pains, extended speaking may be difficult for Carol, so phone calls and visits are discouraged for now. Greeting cards and e-greeting cards are a good way of showing Carol that you care and you're thinking of her.



## Greetings and Salutations, beloved community of May Memorial!

### Welcome Pastor Sunshine!

**B**y the time you read this (the paper form at least), Pastor Sunshine will be in Syracuse!!

I can't begin to tell you what a relief it will be. However, it also means that the work of the interim period will now begin in earnest!

We have assembled a small welcoming squad to advise Pastor Sunshine about the area, and a full on Transition Team, that will provide insight, organizational and facilitative talent, and willing hands as the ministry proceeds. The Transition Team will also assist Pastor Sunshine with one of the Pastor's first tasks—setting up meetings with the Pastor and **you**—members and friends of MMUUS. These one on one meetings will help Pastor Sunshine (*and eventually, us*) to better understand our community—its strengths and weaknesses, to help us formulate a plan to determine the qualities and attributes we should look for in a settled minister. Understanding who we are and our history, are only the first of several steps in the interim process. More on that later.

### Meet Pastor Sunshine!

Pastor Sunshine will be attending three worship services in August:

- August 14<sup>th</sup> Concinnity (singing group)
- August 21<sup>st</sup> Mohammed Khater, speaking on Islam
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Writers Group Service

**Note:** August 21<sup>st</sup> will feature a potluck lunch (bring a dish) along with a presentation of Emmi Reiter's recent trip to Uganda!

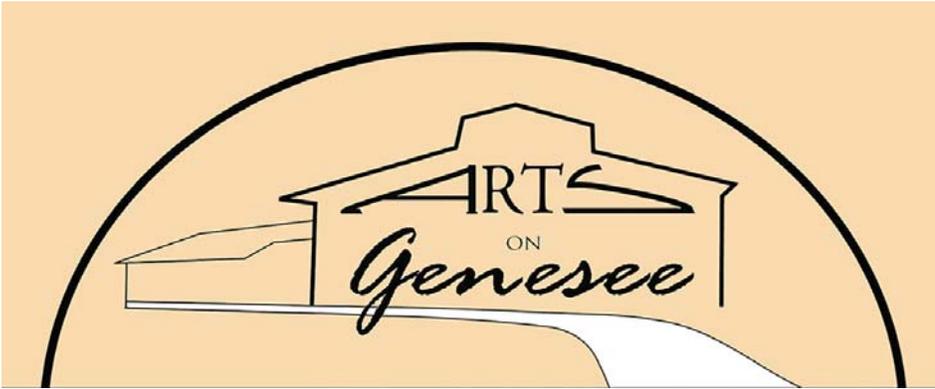
Please try to attend one (or more) of these worship services, to meet Pastor Sunshine in the Social Hall after the service, and to set up a time when you can meet with Pastor Sunshine individually.

### Board News

Remember the \$22,000 deficit budget that we passed in June of 2015? Well, we had such an awesome response to our additional Stewardship appeals (*not to mention some extremely generous Matching Grants!*), that we ended fiscal year 2015/16 with \$10,000 more than our total expenses! WOW! The board unanimously agreed to put that money back into our Capital Account, to begin to pay it back for all the years we borrowed money to cover deficits. I have such a good feeling about May Memorial and our ability to make things happen! I am really looking forward to a great year!

See you on Sunday!

Mariah Ducey,  
President, May Memorial UU Society



## Wrapping up the 2016 Arts on Genesee Fundraiser

**T**he first annual outdoor *Arts on Genesee* fundraiser proved to be a terrific success.

Father's Day weekend came off clear, dry and perfectly beautiful. The white tips of artists' tents could be seen peeking through green tree tops. Purple and yellow flags fluttered in the breeze as shoppers strolled the property, and food trucks provided tasty pizza and snacks. Many people turned into the parking lot on the spur of the moment when they came upon the welcoming scene on East Genesee Street.

Seventy-five members and staff of the May Memorial community contributed to the weekend in a myriad of ways. Many prepared food for our artists and volunteers, while others helped with set up, take down, booth sitting, and raffle ticket sales. Some intrepid volunteers provided overnight security or worked parking lot detail. Others helped with publicity, signs and outreach. Members also handled volunteer recruitment and preparation of the grounds. *Arts on Genesee* was an all-church effort, and our members pulled together to make it happen.

The thirty-three artists who joined us for this first-time event were very complimentary about the treatment they received at May Memorial. They loved the delicious food we provided and the friendliness and helpful interactions of our members. Most indicated they would return next year. There were several inquiries about our Society, and some interest expressed about attending services.

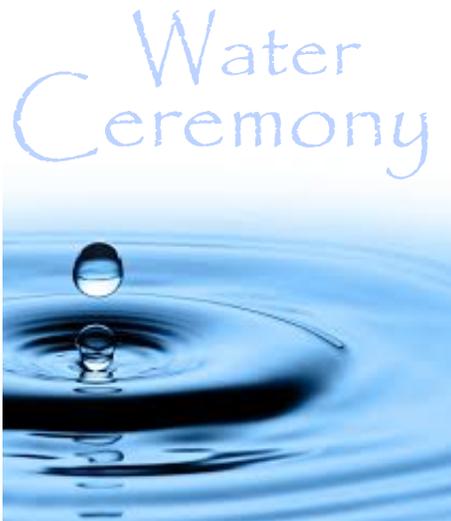
*Arts on Genesee* was a fundraiser, and we exceeded our budgeted goal. \$4,000 was earned! The enthusiastic shoppers from our congregation helped a great deal. Many thanks to all who contributed, especially the planning committee who worked more than a year to make this event a reality. **Joan Applebaum, Alexa Carter, Stephanie Cross, Julie Daniel, Mardie Ninno and Barbara Weingart** did a great job. Give them a word of thanks when next you see them, and let them know how you would like to be involved next year with *Arts on Genesee*.



### 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.



### 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will pour our waters into a common vessel as we unite in an intergenerational community of fellowship and faith.

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### Emmi Reiter's Ugandan Adventures



A truly adventurous summer has come to an end! Join us and learn more about **Emmi Reiter's** internship in Uganda, where she spent 9 weeks working with the Foundation for Sustainable Development and an affiliated NGO, Ugandan Parents of Pupils with Intellectual Disabilities. Emmi will show pictures, tell stories, and answer questions after a **potluck lunch at 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Social Hall at MMUUS**. *Hope to see you there!*

## UUA President: “Through These Dark Days, We Must Nurture Hope”



**T**he Rev. Peter Morales (*pictured*), president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), issued this statement following the news of police officers killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

*“The killing earlier today of three Baton Rouge police officers and the wounding of three others continue the cycle of violence that is afflicting our country. My heart goes out to the families of the victims, to their friends, and to their fellow officers.*

*Violence against police officers is not the solution to the systemic racism that infects our society. Violence breeds violence, and hate breeds hate. We cannot continue this way.*

*The only solution to this mania is to seek ways to bridge the differences that divide us. These efforts must start with understanding and compassion. There is no other way.*

*Given the tragic events of recent weeks, many people will feel a sense of despair. Through these dark days, we must nurture hope. Guided by love, we must work for justice. There is no other way.”*



## It's not too late to reserve your spot at the 2016 Unirondack Weekend!

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 16<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.unirondack.org).

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



### Blood Drive to be held at May Memorial

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at May Memorial on **Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.**

American Red Cross officials say that they are in desperate need of all blood types.

To make an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Anyone who donates between July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> will be emailed a \$5 Amazon.com gift card claim code as a thank you for donating.

### 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.**



## Evenings Beyond Eve 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](mailto:jantoine@twcny.rr.com).



## 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.



## 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**

**T**he 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; Anne-gret 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 Shard 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 Kamerance, May Memorial of Syracuse)

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



## Do you have “gently-used” or new items around the house that you don’t use?

**T**he Center for New Americans is a local group dedicated to affirming the dignity of newly arrived immigrants to the United States, and they are in need of the following items:

### “Gently-Used” Items

**Kitchen/Dining Room:** Tables, Chairs

**Bedroom:** Beds, Frames, Dressers, Nightstands, Lamps, Bedsheets, Blankets, Comforters

**Bathroom:** Towels, Washcloths, Bathmats, Shower Curtains

**Living Room:** Sofas, Chairs, Coffee Tables, End Tables, Lamps, TV Stands, Small TVs, DVD Players, VCRs

**Misc.:** Toasters/, Pots and Pans (No Teflon, please), Mixing Bowls, Drinking Glasses Mugs (Flat bottoms only, please), Bakeware, Utensils, Dishes, Silverware, Irons, Microwaves, Vacuum Cleaners, Tea Pots, Soup Pots, Rice Cookers, “Pack and Play”, Window Curtains, Alarm Clocks, Fans, Strollers, Bikes, Plastic Children’s Cups, Wall Art, Small Area Rugs, Umbrellas, Dish Drainers, Cutting Boards, Gift Cards (Tops, Wegmans, Wal-Mart, Target)

### New Items Only, Please

Shower Curtains, Curtain Rods, Curtain Rings, Mops, Buckets, Sponges, Dust Pans, Brooms, Wastebaskets, Light Bulbs, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Flashlights, Batteries, Bed Pillows, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Trash Bags, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Children’s Diapers (all sizes), Adult Diapers (all sizes), Deodorant, Shampoo, Backpacks, School Supplies (ask for complete list)

Or you may choose to make a cash donation for our Center for New Americans program—InterFaith Works of CNY. 1010 James St., Syracuse, NY 13203.

If you have any questions or would like to donate your items, contact Daryl Suzanne Files (Volunteer and Donor Coordinator) at 449-3552 ext. 208 or [dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org](mailto:dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org).



### **A Note from the Center for New Americans**

*Dear Friends of InterFaith Works:*

*What does it look like when you welcome a new family at the airport?*

*Imagine that the new family is ready to walk through the exit portal (those glass enclosed tubes). They are leaving their homeland behind and starting a new home in a place they know very little about, and you and your friends are there to welcome them. Bring tissues.*

*We would love to have you go to the airport with us to experience this moment.*

*We can also use your help with setting up a family’s new home. Our team will bring the big pieces of furniture. You could help with the extras, like making the bedrooms fun for the youth, giving the bathroom that extra touch, adding a table cloth, or a few accessories.*

*Stock their refrigerator with the necessities for their first few days in their new home. Or stock their spice cabinet.*

*The next months through September we will welcome dozens of new families. Join us! Call me and I’ll get you started.*

*Thank You,*

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**Calendar**

**Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive <i>(see page 5 for details)</i>	Social Hall
6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm	Board of Trustees	Memorial Room
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**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
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**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Emmi Reiter's Ugandan Presentation <i>(see page 4 for details)</i>	Social Hall

**Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

6:00 pm	Twisted Sisters	Memorial Room/Pavilion
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**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group	Memorial Room
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**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:00 pm	MMUUS Start-Up Meeting	Memorial Room