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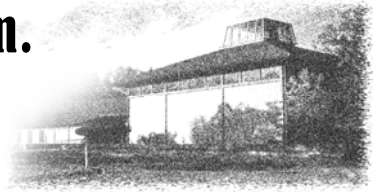
On behalf of the staff and board members of May Memorial, we welcome you back for May's autumn services. **And, yes, May Memorial is your home.** The men and women you worship with on Sundays are not just your fellow congregants—they are your brothers and sisters. You may feel closer to some of your brothers and sisters than others, which is typical in all families. But during times of uncertainty and change, families pull together. Our commitment to our UU principles ensure that **we will** be there for each other, and as a family, **we will** take the necessary steps to see that May Memorial remains a shining beacon of love, acceptance, and righteousness in the Central New York area, well-beyond the 21st century.

Welcome back, and welcome home!

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



September 6

Work, Capitalism, and Beloved Community

Pat Rector

At a time in American history when most Americans understand that there is much work to be done in our nation, multinational corporate elites are outsourcing, part-timing and robotizing work; where possible, they are eliminating workers themselves. None of this was put before the electorate. At the same time, corporatist policies assault not only those most vulnerable (the young, the elderly and the disabled), but increasingly the educated middle class. The service will explore the moral implications of these developments for the 99% and the planet that is our home, and imagine those qualities of character that will be required to reverse the destruction of our democracy.

September 13 (*9:00 am—First Sunday Breakfast)

Ingathering and Water Ceremony

Rev. Kathy Rickey

This Sunday, we will gather in the Sanctuary for the start of our regular worship year. *Be sure to bring water from your travels or sacred spaces of the summer to contribute to the water ritual*, which celebrates our autumn gathering.

September 20 (*Unirondack Weekend)

The Welcoming Congregation

Mariah Ducey

May Memorial is a "Welcoming Congregation", meaning we welcome people from whatever heritage of faith, and intentionally extend a hand to the LGBT community. Did you feel welcome when you walked through our doors the first time? Do you think your neighbors would feel welcome if they stopped by on a Sunday morning? (Maybe the neighbors up the street, but not those neighbors down the street?) Come and explore what it means to be truly welcoming.

September 27 (*R.E. begins)

DeWitt Clinton and the Erie Canal's Effect on the Industrial Revolution

Ed Bogucz

This service is the first of seven about local people who have changed the world in significant ways. Ed Bogucz, executive director of the Center of Excellence and associate professor of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering at SU, will speak about DeWitt Clinton, New York's sixth governor, who was the driving force behind the construction of the Erie Canal.



CareRing News & Notes

Joan and Akira Loveridge-

Sanbonmatsu were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Joan's sister, Rosabel A. Wang, of Brooklyn, NY. Rosabel served on the faculty of Brooklyn College and worked in administration. She was the director, systems analyst, and an editor of the *International Bibliography of Theatre*.

A memorial service will be held at May Memorial on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 2:00 pm.

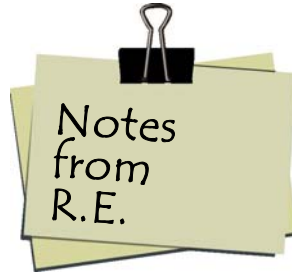
Let us keep Joan and family in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

Dale Calverley, the nephew of MMUUS members **Chris and Fred Fiske**, drowned near Long Lake in the Adirondacks on Sunday, August 16th. He leaves behind his wife, Chris's niece Jenny, and their three children: Abby, 14; Morgan, 12; and Jack, 9.

Services will be held in Wayland, MA (near Boston), on Saturday, September 5th.

We send our sympathy and love to Chris and Fred during this difficult time.

Betsy Fuller has moved from her home on Terrace Road to Van Duyn, on Onondaga Hill. She is fragile, but lucid. She would enjoy news and visitors. She is on Unit 3B, Room 373.



I have a really cool great-aunt. Great-aunt Fitty is my mother's aunt. People in my mother's family tend not to use their given names, it made for some interesting family reunions! I can't remember what Fitty's given name is, but it doesn't really matter because she has always been and will always be Aunt Fitty to me. Aunt Fitty doesn't have any children of her own, so when we would visit she was always fresh and ready to have fun with us kids, whereas my mother was often frazzled and in need of a break. Aunt Fitty was always happy to teach us a new card game, or take us for a walk around town, or entertain us with stories or songs. She was a fan of finger plays, the *"Itsy Bitsy Spider"* was never as fun or fascinating as when Aunt Fitty was involved, she managed to turn it into a challenge where we used all of our fingers in different orders to create the classic climbing motion of the spider. And it was Aunt Fitty who introduced me to the *"This is the church, this is the steeple"* finger play and rhyme.

When Aunt Fitty opened up the doors and there were all the people, it was magical. Little finger people wiggling about made me and my sister giggle and encourage a repeat performance with shouts of, *"again, again!"* I could just picture the people fingers all dressed up in their Sunday best and sitting in their little pews and then milling about to shake hands. I'm not sure what it was about Aunt Fitty and her telling of the rhyme, but she had a way of making things larger and more than they really were. Some people are just born with the knack for such things. Well, that little rhyme and the little motions that go with it stuck with me, and I was reminded of it as I've recently been reflecting on what it is to be a church.

When I was a little girl, if you had asked me what makes a church I probably would have said the building, and the steeple, and the minister. I grew up in a United Methodist church and thought that churches should be large brick buildings with a steeple—bonus points if there was a bell with a big long rope that the kids could ring at 11:00 am for service! And of course, there was the minister, dressed in fancy robes, and the choir, and the pews. It wasn't until all those things had been ticked off the list of what makes a church that I would have come to the parishioners. It seemed to me that the people in the pews were sort of the audience that just showed up on Sundays for the message and then went home to their individual lives. But that's backwards, isn't it? The people are the church. Imagine how different that little finger play would be if it went, *"This is the church, and this is the steeple. Open the doors and there is the minister."* One wiggly figure wouldn't be nearly as much fun as all of the wiggly fingers! And that's the case for our congregation too—we are all the church.

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further broadening the charge of the group, beyond filling vacancies on the Board, to being stewards of leadership development, intentionally focusing on growing new leaders.

2) **Focusing on Right Relationships**

We want to focus on being an organization with a purpose, and revisit our Mission (purpose) and Vision (goals) statements to add action items we can take to reach our goals.

3) **Serving the Community**—This

includes increasing communication, being more welcoming and being ever mindful that all of us represent (and may have an opportunity to promote) MMUUS within the community.

4) **Congogram (Congregational Counseling)**—Everyone from

time to time, can benefit from counseling, and as it turns out, so can congregations! The Board and other church leadership will meet with the creator of this program that is designed to help us gain fresh perspective and live to our full potential.

We are looking at expanding our Spiritual Enrichment Groups, holding UU101 classes, and possibly offering a “New UU” curriculum, which is a 6-90 minute session course on UU spirituality. Please let me know if any of this interests you!

One of the suggestions from the information sessions was to have more interaction and communication with the Board of Trustees. To that end, the Board of Trustees will initiate “**Board Chats**”. The Board of Trustees will set up a table in the Social Hall on the **4th Sunday of the**

Greetings and Salutations, Beloved Community! What a delight it has been getting to know so many of you, as you enlighten me with your thoughts and ideas for our caring spiritual community! I believe everyone has a sermon in them, and I am elated to witness so many seeds of wisdom. I have been especially heartened by offers like “What can I do to help?”. It reminds me that we are a community, where we rally together when needed! I hope to see a lot of you at the B&G Work Party on the 12th—I’m bringing Bagels!

The information sessions held after summer services on Change were well attended, and everyone had a chance to express their opinions. We heard countless ideas – from merging with First UU, to incorporating better ways of communication and being more inclusive. We talked about what we want in a new minister and the list was endless:

- **Intellectual** *but not academic*
- **Academic** *but not overbearing*
- **Compassionate** *but not weak*
- **Sensitive** *but not sentimental*
- **Sentimental** *but not too sensitive*

How does such a diverse congregation get all of our pastoral needs met by one person? We must be mindful that our next minister will be a person with doubts as well as convictions, with hopes as well as fears, and with failures and aspirations.

Speaking of Ministers, the Board has been in conversation with the UUA Executive, and we plan to hire an Interim Minister as soon as our finances can support one. An Interim Minister will assist us in coming to terms with our past and claiming a new identity as we ready ourselves for an inspiring relationship with a new settled minister. Our Interim will also guide us through the ministerial search process, which is very intense! We have to really examine ourselves, our purpose for being, and clearly define how we are in relationship with each other, as well as our minister, before we create an extensive and realistic profile, to attract a minister who will best serve us for many years! Not an easy task for such a diverse group! Our hope is that the *Congogram* process (see below) will help us begin to do this work.

The Board of Trustees held a Board Retreat in July with Kathy Tew Rickey, our On-Call Minister, and we came up with the following Board goals for the year:

1. **Leadership Development**

May Memorial has a need for greater depth and range of our lay leadership. To meet this need, we will consider restructuring our Nominating Committee into a Leadership Development Team —

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This year, we are given a great challenge, but also a great opportunity. So often in life those two things go hand in hand! Walking this path without the consistent leadership of a professional minister means that we all are going to need to step forward to take up a part of the church, but really we should all have been doing that right along. Many, many people at May are already very involved in committees and in caring for one another. I commend their involvement. But I think that this year, we all need to take a look at what we want the church to be and to do and then hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask what we can do to further that purpose. Even if it is just to make sure that we greet a new person with a friendly smile and handshake and ask if they enjoyed the service, that is extending our mission of reaching out in welcome.

And, as your DRE, I would like to point out that the children and youth involved in our community need to be included in being “*the people*” as well. Children and youth can take an active responsibility in furthering the purpose and mission of our community too. Being involved and included helps young people connect with the church. We want young people to grow into their UU faith, and what better way to do that than to include them in the care and community of the church?

So this year remember that we are May Memorial, and we are great together. We might not have a steeple, but we can certainly open the doors and wiggle together.

In Peace,
Stacy Sceiford, DRE



MMUUS/FUUS Unirondack Weekend

The “well-loved” Unirondack weekend for MMUUS and FUUS attendees is about three weeks away. High school teens need to have a parent/adult with them or a written (signed by parent/adult who agrees) with a responsible adult who is attending to join the weekend. To see the Unirondack facilities/environment and get directions, visit www.unirondack.org.

Details: The weekend reservation starts Friday late afternoon/dinner time to Sunday late afternoon, September 18th - Sunday September 20th. Some people come Saturday morning. It is a 2 -2.5 hour drive from Syracuse. In previous years, carpooling has worked for individuals/groups, so let me know if you want to carpool and I will add you to a list.

Friday dinner on your own (in the car, on the way up, or bring your own to prepare at Unirondack). Meals are all prepared and cleaned up by volunteers from the group. We work with special dietary needs (GF, Dairy free, etc.) We have great meals! (Saturday Breakfast, lunch (hiking or stay in), dinner and Sunday breakfast) and people bring snacks to share.

Saturday is typically a hiking, biking, boating, playing in the pavilion, outdoor day or a game, talk, read, art, playing, nap indoor day - depending on weather and your desires. Family hikes are easily available. Since this is an interactive weekend, we ask that electronic games stay at home or in the car, but for those who need their computers for work, WiFi is available.

Saturday night has been a campfire and talent sharing, game playing evening. Bring musical instruments, skits, whatever to entertain us!

After breakfast **Sunday**, all are welcome to take part in activities or go home. Everyone is asked to help with cleanup of camp and their own space.

Accommodations: Comfortable bunkhouses with electricity, indoor bathrooms and showers. Bring your own bedding, towels and pillows. Some spaces are smaller rooms, others are bunk spaces for larger groups. There are double beds and single twin bed spaces.

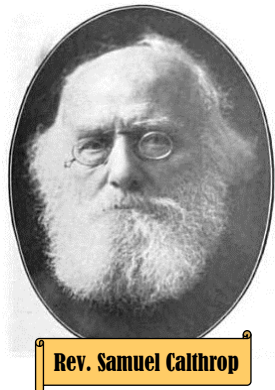
Clothes: Bring warm clothes and clothing for rain, hiking/closed shoes for walking/hiking; check the weather report - it is “always” cooler in the Adirondack Park. Some have been known to bring winter jackets, hats, gloves at the envy of others! Bring boating shoes and clothes for kayaking, canoeing or sailing. Also, sunscreen, bug dope, toiletries, cameras, etc.

People with small children and babies have enjoyed themselves at our weekends as well. Children love this place! Please bring your own high-chairs.

There is NO alcohol/drugs/smoking allowed on Unirondack property!

The weekend price is \$65 for those 4 and older (includes meals and lodging). For MMUUS members, some scholarship funds are available to *help* those who might find this a financial stretch. Please email **Stephanie Cross** about your situation. FUUS members who are stretched should also contact her; there may be some moneys available through a different source.

Contact Stephanie by email at [mscress@windstream.net](mailto:mscross@windstream.net) or call 682-0586/430-0372. **Mail checks to:** Stephanie Cross (*make the check out to “Stephanie Cross”*) 3844 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY 13104-8709



Room in 8: May Memorial's Glorious History

“Rising in the morning, flooded with the light of the new day which is poured around me by the presence of the Eternal, I draw in my breath, breathing in the blessed love power, on whose life my life utterly depends.”

“I am happy. I rejoice in that dependence. I love to feel that my life rests upon the bosom of the All Loving. I return that love in filial gratitude. The heart of God demands my heart and I give it.”

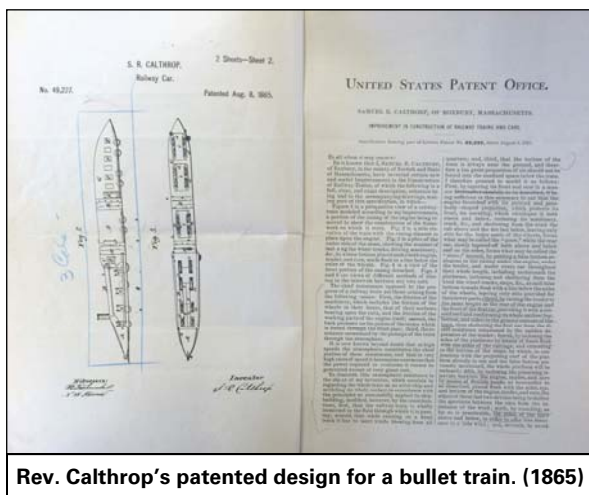
“Right relations being now established for the new day between me and the all embracing life, I ask of the surrounding spirit of love and wisdom and power, strength and insight and tenderness to meet my dear ones at the morning meal.”

“May some token of loving union then be given, some wise, some tender, some appreciative word be spoken, that shall make the day's duties easier and lighter to each of them.”

“Then as I go to my own special duties for the day, may everything I do be governed by the abiding thought of doing my work well, so well that it shall become an offering to God, and a true service to man. May I deal justly and honorably with every one I meet. May I remember how closely I am linked to all around me. Let me be one of many to help all those for whom toil is bitter, and bread is scarce, and those whom weakness and ignorance and disease keep down, and rob of the natural joy of life.”

“If I keep the house, may my smile and loving welcome instantly greet those who have worked outside my home, may I bring my very best home with me, and make the home-keepers feel that the very walls of the house are sacred.”

“Then at last come rest and sleep, and may I say then I lay me down and



Rev. Calthrop's patented design for a bullet train. (1865)

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take my rest, for thou, O Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.”

~ from “A Day's Life” by Reverend Samuel Calthrop

Samuel Calthrop was our third and longest-serving minister. He was born in Swineshead Abbey, Lincolnshire, England on October 9, 1829 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1851 because of his disagreement with the Church of England. He was ordained at a Congregational Church in Marblehead, MA, and served at Unitarian churches in Boston and Roxbury before coming to Syracuse in 1868.

He and his wife Elizabeth and their children lived in a Tudor mansion named Primrose Hill, which was located at the current day Calthrop and Primrose Avenues on the south side of Syracuse.

Like his immediate predecessor Rev. May, Rev. Calthrop gave a graduation address at the Harvard Divinity School, the topic of which was advocating for support of the theory of evolution in 1871. Also like Rev. May, Rev. Calthrop was not only a minister. He was also an astronomer, chess player, gardener, inventor, and many other things. He installed a telescope at Primrose Hill; competed in the 1st American Chess Congress in New York City in 1857; grew the first tomatoes in the New York State Fair; and received a patent for a bullet train design (see attached image to the left).

Rev. Calthrop oversaw the building of the May Memorial Church at 472 James Street, which was dedicated on 10/20/1885 with a sermon by Rev. May's son Rev. Joseph May from Philadelphia.

He also oversaw the ordainment of

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month, to speak with anyone who stops by, about Board business. We will have Board of Trustees meeting minutes available, and will listen to your ideas on helping us reach our goals! I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you on a more person level, please stop by!

See you on Sunday!

~ Mariah Ducey,
President, Board of Trustees

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Rev. Marie Jenney in 1898 and Rev. Elizabeth Padgham in 1901, who went on to serve as Unitarian ministers in IA and NJ respectively.

Rev. Calthrop introduced the tradition of members of the congregation signing the registry book, which is still done today. He received an honorary L.H.D. degree from Syracuse University in 1900.

An associate minister, Rev. Albert Clark was ordained in 1902. His focus was on the Sunday School.

Rev. Calthrop was made pastor emeritus in 1911, when our fourth minister, Rev. Applebee, came to the pulpit. Rev. Calthrop stopped preaching and teaching in 1914, and died in 1917.

Rev. Calthrop is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, which is where our history walk will begin on Saturday, September 12th, at 2:00 pm. We will walk from the entrance of the cemetery to visit Rev. May and Rev. Calthrop and Rev. Applebee's house if time permits.

We will also be having **our first History Committee meeting at May on Wednesday, September 16th, at 8:00 pm in the Memorial Room.**

~ Jay Brenner,
Chair, History Committee



Worship Committee News

Exciting times at May Memorial!

As of this writing the Worship Committee has the entire fall and most of the winter booked with wonderful and diverse speakers for our Sunday morning worship services. **Kathy Tew Ricky, our on-call minister, will open our 2015-16 season with the Water Service on September 13th** (remember to bring water you have collected over the summer, and please join us for breakfast before the service!) **Kathy will then preach from our pulpit on the first Sunday of each month.**

The Board of Trustees will have a service on September 20th entitled "The Welcoming Congregation". Come and explore what it means to be truly welcoming – and then rush off to join our congregation as we march in the Westcott Street Cultural Fair parade! (Don't forget your kazoo!)

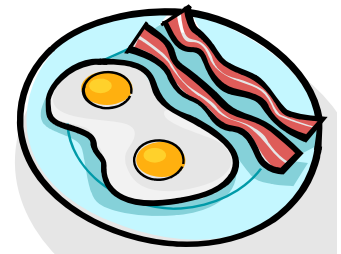
We will have a "This I Believe" service with Board of Trustees, November 15th, and are looking for new people to give a five minute reflection for a "This I Believe" service in the spring! Contact **Judy Antione** if you're interested!

The Environmental and Social Justice Concerns Committee has established a **Change the World** Series, acquiring a variety of speakers, to address environmental and social justice issues. Ed Bogucz, Director of Syracuse University's Center of Excellence, will speak on September 27th, and our own Roger Hiemstra will speak on October 11th. After the service on the 11th, we will be launching Roger Hiemstra's book, "May Memorials Historical Tree of Life: Marvelous History Corner Newsletter Articles 2006 – 2014" **Brian Betz** designed the cover and **Bob Schulz** supplied the back cover photograph. The book will be available in the Social Hall for \$10, raising funds for May Memorial to further balance the budget!

In Faith,
The Worship Committee

Opening Day Breakfast

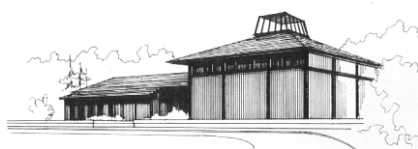
Opening day at May Memorial is Sunday, September 13th. Beginning at 9:00 am, a delicious breakfast will be served in our Social Hall. Come any time between 9:00 am and 10:30 am to enjoy special egg dishes, bagels, pancakes and fruits.



Take some time to share tales of your summer adventures and make plans for the weeks to come. If you have a breakfast dish you would like to share, contact **Alexa Carter** at alexacarteralexa@icloud.com.

There is no charge for the breakfast, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

News from Your Board of Trustees



May Memorial's Board of Trustees would like to remind you of the following:

- 1) **Chat with a Board Member:** Over the summer, the Board has had several informal discussions with May Memorialites about communication between the Board and the membership. The topic of needing better communication generally at May was also raised at the discussions which followed the 3 summer sermons on change. To this end, the Board voted to offer the chance for informal monthly chats with at least a couple of Board members—we'll rotate among us. These will be held during coffee hour on September 20th, October 18th, November 22nd and December 20th. In January, we'll review the process to see how it's gone. Regular reminders will be in the newsletter, e-mail blasts and the announcements in the Orders of Service.
- 2) **Board Minutes** are posted monthly on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.
- 3) **Please remember** that all board meetings are open, unless an executive session is called. **The Board usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm in the Memorial Room.**

We hope to see and chat with you during the coming church year!

~ MMUUS Board of Trustees

(Mariah Ducey, President; Rob Neimeier, Vice President; Alice Chico, Secretary; Peter Cannavo, Emanuel Carter, Larissa Brenner, Carol Grant)

The Membership Committee needs your help!

Do you remember the first time you walked into May, not knowing what to expect? We hope you were greeted by a welcoming person at our "Welcome Table" in the foyer. How about becoming that person welcoming people at that table? I am a member of the Membership Committee and we would love to have more members on the committee. We are working on getting a chair, but without one we do a great job. New ideas to improve our membership would be welcomed. We meet once a month and communicate through email. Think about joining our committee. Thank you!



~ Peggy Ryfun,
Membership Committee



The Building and Grounds Committee Needs Help too!

We are having a **Work Party on Saturday, September 12th. We will start at 9:30 am and be finished by 2:00 pm.** The place needs to be spruced up before Opening Sunday on the 13th. We need windows washed, light bulbs changed, floors mopped and the whole place could use a dusting!

We would love to (and frankly, NEED to) have help from our community.

Please consider stopping by, if nothing else, but to cheer us on!

If you are interested in joining the Building and Grounds Committee – we need new members! (If you want to check us out first – come to the Work Party!)

Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th, at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

~ Ralph Mietz,
Chair, Buildings and Grounds

PR Committee News

The Public Relations and Communications Committee is working to actively promote May Memorial in the community, and make our website a valuable resource for visitors and longtime members alike. Questions about the committee or the website, and information about exciting events at May Memorial to promote to the wider community can be sent to pr@mmuus.org.



Dar Williams

Upcoming Folkus Concerts



The following Folkus concerts will take place at May Memorial this fall:

September 25th - Dar Williams - She's back! One of contemporary folk's favorite singer-songwriters and the first artist ever to sell out May Memorial Sanctuary opens the fall season.

Tickets are \$25 (Folkus Member Price: \$20)

October 9th - Mouths of Babes - Mouths of Babes' sound is equal parts celebration and blues, folk and soul — an invitation to love this life, to sing your sob story and end it with a smile. These two songwriters light up the stage — juggling harmonies, guitar, bass, foot percussion, cajon, banjo, harmonica, and ukulele from song to song, inviting the audience to join the choir, and engaging listeners with sentiments that range from heartfelt to hilarious.

Tickets are \$15 (Folkus Member Price: \$12)

All shows start at 8:00 pm. To reserve tickets, or for details and info, go to <http://www.folkus.org>.



MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Featured Gallery Artist for September: Julie Pratt

During the month of September, we are pleased to announce that we will be displaying the work of local artist, Julie Pratt. **Please join us for a public artist's reception will be held Tuesday, September 29th, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.** Read more about Julie and her work here:



"Painting for me is all about the process. From the initial inspiration, through the preparation of the canvas, to the final strokes each individual step is combined to create something beautiful...hopefully. I am an expressionistic painter; using my paintings as a vehicle for the expression of the subject that I am painting. I approach each subject as an emotional object, whether it is an apple or a person. It is the application of the paint, thick and impasto, the intense colors, usually primary or secondary which contribute to the overall emotional expression of the painting. I am influenced by the paintings of the German expressionists, the Fauves, and Van Gogh. I discovered at a young age the power of color and texture and how it can affect you emotionally. As I developed as an artist I explored the possibilities of evoking certain emotional responses from the viewer through the combination of color and the application of the paint.

In my recent works I have been confronting the issue of how I feel in my skin; more specifically with the feeling that I am not as feminine as I ought to be. As a woman with a fuller figure and very short hair, I sometimes struggle with the feeling that I am less feminine than our traditional ideas tell me I should be. What is a woman supposed to look like? How thin does she have to be before we see her as beautiful? How womanly does she have to be in order to fit into the stereotypes that previous generations have created for us? There are days that I simply don't feel very feminine, or possibly it is the self-consciousness I feel about others not seeing me as feminine. Through the use of powerful poses and energetic brush strokes, I strive to give the people on my panels the chance to feel empowered and self-confident."



MUSIC AND THE ARTS



Music Notes

The new year begins for our choir with rehearsal on Thursday, September 10th, at 7:30 pm. Interested in joining the choir? Come join us in the Sanctuary for this first rehearsal.

Our annual Winter Music Service is titled "Anticipation". The principal choral piece is a Brahms motet for the season of Advent. We will make it a Unitarian Universalist version of the Christian season of looking ahead.

Looking ahead, we are making the 50th anniversary of our Holtkamp organ with an all Bach recital on **Saturday, October 10th, at 7:30 pm** (see sidebar on right for more information). I will be joined by two of my predecessors, Allison Evans Henry, and Rob Kerner, as well as our own Chris Dranchek. Plan to attend!

~ Glenn Kime,
Director of Music, MMUUS

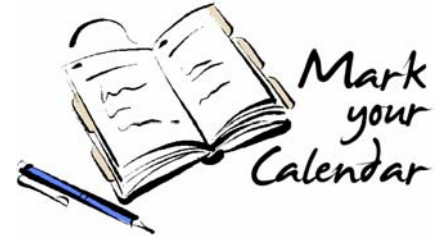
Be the Change: Potluck and Reader's Theater

**Saturday, October 17, 2015,
May Memorial UU Society**

You are invited to join friends from May Memorial and First UU for an evening of fellowship and fun on **October 17, 2015**.

Bring a dish to pass for a **6:00 pm** supper and plan to stay afterward to enjoy coffee and dessert and a reading of the one act play, "Be the Change: An Activist Dinner Party" by Rev. Stephen Shick. This light-hearted production features the characters of Rumi, Jesus, Thich Nhat Hanh, Buckminster Fuller, Martin Luther King, Jr., Maya Angelou, Howard Thurman and Marge Piercy, all sharing their wisdom. It will be an entertaining and enlightening evening for all.

Reservations are not required. Feel free to drop in and bring friends. But, if you are planning on attending, please send a brief message to alexacarter-alexacarter@icloud.com. It's easier to do set up if we have an idea of the approximate number of people to expect. If you are interested in reading one of the parts, please contact director **John Seavers** at jseavers@hotmail.com.



Celebrating 50 years of Bach

**When: Saturday,
October 10th, at
7:30 pm**



**Where: May Memorial Unitarian
Universalist Society**

You are invited to an all Bach recital featuring Allison Evans Henry, Robert Kerner, **Glenn Kime**, and **Christopher Dranchek**. The recital commemorates Arthur Poister's dedication of the Society's Holtkamp organ on October 10, 1965.

Westcott Street Cultural Fair

Radell Roberts is organizing a group of people at FUUS to march in the Westcott Parade, and possibly have a booth. She is hoping to join forces with MMUUS to give the parade a strong UU presence. Please contact Radell if you are interested (dellshelby@hotmail.com) in participating. **Parade participants will meet on Sunday, September 20th, at the Westcott Community Center (corner of Euclid and Westcott) by 11:30 am.** We line up at 11:45 am and march to Dell Street at noon.

Although this will take place during Unirondack Weekend and the timing is tough, it **can** be done.

Contact **Judy Antoine** at jantoine@twcny.rr.com with questions.



Be a part of the CROP Walk!

You are invited to join the 2015 CROP Walk at Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool on **October 4, 2015** to end hunger one step at a time!

Registration is at 1:00 pm (by the Salt Museum). **Walk is at 1:30 pm.**

To register online and begin raising funds today, go to

www.crophungerwalk.org/syracusenorthny.



InterFaith Works' Dinner Dialogues will be held on **Thursday, September 17th, at 6:00 pm**, at various local host residences in and around Syracuse. Gathering over a meal and discussing a number of questions, diverse individuals offer their personal thoughts about faith and spirituality. A trained facilitator moderates the dialogue so participants feel comfortable sharing their thoughts.

Hosts will provide a vegetarian meal (Participation is free). Dining together is an act of tolerance, respect and understanding, as well as an expression of unity among those with varied beliefs and religious traditions.

For more information, contact Daryl Files at (315) 449-3552, ext. 208, or email dfiles@interfaithworkscny.org.

Community News



Solarize CNY!

Solarize CNY is a non-profit community initiative that aims to dramatically increase the number of solar installations in Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, and Oswego counties. Together, we are moving our region to clean, sustainable energy.

You are invited to join Solarize CNY at one of the two following free workshops to learn how solar power works, and how you can save money by solarizing your home or business by joining in their bulk purchasing program;

Tuesday, September 1st, 6:30 pm

May Memorial UU Society

3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13214

Sunday, September 20th, 12:00 pm—6:00 pm

Westcott Street Cultural Fair

Westcott Street (between Concord and Dell)

Both events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call (315) 422-8224 or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/solarizesyracuse?fref=ts>.

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Tuesday, September 22nd

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih Social Hall
 5:30 pm Twisted Sisters(Women's Group) Memorial Room

Wednesday, September 23rd

6:00 pm R.E. Guide Training Social Hall

Thursday, September 24th

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

Friday, September 25th

8:00 pm Folkus Concert: Dar Williams MMUUS

Sunday, September 27th

R.E. Begins

10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary
 10:30 am Teenz Teen Room
 12:00 pm PR Committee Meeting Memorial Room

Monday, September 28th

4:00 pm Spiritual Enrichment Group (SEG) Memorial Room

Tuesday, September 29th

3:00 pm T'ai Chi Chih MMUUS
 5:00 pm Gallery Artist's Reception Social Hall
(see page 8 for details)



Planting Shrubs in the Memorial Garden

Since the big tree opposite the placement area in the Memorial Garden was taken down, the remaining mound has nothing but weeds and is an eyesore. **Randy Archambault** purchased shrubs at the end of May, scheduled a planting day, but only received one response. Now is the time to help beautify this area before these shrubs die. Some of them are not looking good at all. **Please join Randy on Saturday, September 5th, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.** This date is on Labor Day weekend, before the regular services start. We have some tools in the shed, but if you could bring a shovel, or a spading fork, it will help the work go faster. Compost and mulch will be supplied. Also, since there is no water tap near this area, we must get water from the creek. This means buckets and a rope to tie around the handle. If you have some, it will also make the work go faster. Both men and women are welcome! Thank you so much for helping with this project!

~ Randy Archambault
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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

Tuesday, September 1st 6:30 pm	Solarize CNY Workshop <i>(see page 10 for details)</i>	Social Hall
Sunday, September 6th 10:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday, September 7th 6:30 pm	*Labor Day—Office Closed* Spiritual Enrichment Group (SEG)	Memorial Room
Tuesday, September 8th 3:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih	Social Hall
Thursday, September 10th 3:00 pm 7:30 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Choir Rehearsal	Social Hall Sanctuary
Sunday, September 13th 9:00 am 10:30 am	*Regular Service Resume* Opening Day Breakfast Worship Service	Social Hall Sanctuary
Monday, September 14th 4:00 pm 6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group (SEG) Building & Grounds Meeting	Memorial Room Memorial Room
Tuesday, September 15th 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Board of Trustees Meeting	Social Hall Memorial Room
Wednesday, September 16th 6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship Potluck/Discussion	Social Hall
Thursday, September 17th 3:00 pm 7:30 pm	T'ai Chi Chih Choir Rehearsal	Social Hall Sanctuary
Friday, September 18th	Unirondack Weekend begins! <i>(see page 4 for details)</i>	
Saturday, September 19th 10:30 am	Worship Committee	Memorial Room
Sunday, September 20th 10:30 am 12:15 pm	Unirondack Weekend concludes Worship Service Spanophiles	Sanctuary COA
Monday, September 21st 6:30 pm	Spiritual Enrichment Group (SEG)	Memorial Room

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