



Beloveds,

THE NEW CHURCH YEAR HAS BEGUN!!!

I am so deliriously happy to be here at May Memorial with you all! I want to use this month's article to give you some basic and important info! While I do not have posted office hours, I will generally be in the church Monday through Wednesday and sometimes Thursday. If you would like to see me or talk to me for any length of time it is best to make an appointment. If you can only make it to an evening or weekend appointment, please do not hesitate to ask. Also, I do love when people pop in to say hello when they are in the church. I love to see your faces and hear about your day, so please do pop by my office when you are around to say hello!

Most new ministers have what is called a "Start-Up." My Start Up will take place November 30th to December 1st here at the church. This is a workshop where the leaders of the community can start putting ideas down, talking about our history, looking at what needs to be done, and shaping our future into attainable goals. Do you consider yourself a leader in this community? Are you a past president? Please keep this date on your calendar so that we can start this ministry off with a forward trajectory.

This year our worship themes will most broadly center around trust and vision... how are we creating a beloved community here by allowing ourselves to trust each other and the process. And, what is our vision like for the future? I'm here for a while, lets start dreaming this first year so that we can start acting next year!! What is YOUR dream or hope for our future together?

Getting in touch with Rev Jo

Rev. Jo can be reached at ministerjrev@gmail.com or by scheduling an appointment through www.calendly.com/jrev.



Join us Sunday morning
at 10:30am for our Worship Service
Directly after, in the Social Hall,
join us for Coffee Hour!
Enjoy a snack, a beverage, and conversation.

Spanofiles will meet:

Sunday 9/9 & 9/23 at 12:00 in the Coming of Age Room

Tai Chi is offered in the Social Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3pm.

Spiritual Enrichment Groups meet:

Monday 9/3 & 9/17 at 6:30 pm in the Memorial Room

Thursday 9/13 & 9/27 at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room

Twisted Sisters will meet on 9/20 at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room

To have your event/group/class advertised in the upcoming newsletters please contact the Admin Office: 315-446-8920 or office@mmuus.org



Greetings from Your President!

As summer winds down, I've been doing a bit of time-travel. My portal to the past, as is often the case in time-travel, was a seemingly mundane object – a cardboard banker's box. Its contents, dusty from years of storage in Room 8, aka Leslie's office, aka History Archives, gave me a view of years past at MMUUS. I was transported to Board meetings in the 1990's, where I heard heart-felt debates over RE program reorganizations, policy and finance conflicts, urgent buildings and grounds issues, governance. From scribbled President's notes to formally-worded resolutions to extensive email exchanges, I got an incredible behind-the-scenes picture of a history that a newcomer like myself only appreciates in sound-bites: The School of the Americas phase, the Nick Cardell and Elizabeth Strong years, Memorial Garden designs, and always, church finances.

When I returned to 2018, this is what I had learned:

- Members and lay leaders of MMUUS have always been **PASSIONATE** about our mission to make the world a better place. Throughout all the debates about how to run the church, the main point of why we exist was not lost.

- Our long-time members have experienced tremendous changes – some as gentle evolutions, but many as seismic shocks. Yet, “they persisted.” No matter how traumatic, contentious, or just plain ugly things got, a core of members has continued to **SERVE** our church - to work on committees, to hold offices, to sign up for ushering and coffee hour.
- A truly astonishing number of familiar names kept popping up over 20 years or more – folks who should be tired of volunteering, but continue to show up when the call goes out.

And now we're entering a new era – the Reverend Jo Years, I'll call it. We're creating another phase in our history, and I invite you to be a part of it, so that a time traveler from the year 2038 will find your name and your contributions in our church records.

See you in church!

Jane Fagerland, President
Board of Trustees

September 2018 Services at The Nottingham

The following weekly services will be held at *The Nottingham* in September. Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room at *The Nottingham* (1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville, NY 13078). All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 4

Rev. Jennifer Hamlin-Navias
First Unitarian Universalist Society, Syracuse
Sara-Jo Brandt-Doelle, Musician

SEPTEMBER 18

Chaplain David E. Pasinski, M.Div. MA
Remembrances & Healing
Fred Fiske, Musician

SEPTEMBER 11

Rev. BJ Norrix, Pastor
Erwin First United Methodist Church, Syracuse
Rev. Karen Bellimer, Musician

SEPTEMBER 25

Rev. Jo VonRue
May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society
Fred Fiske, Musician

These services are sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society, and all leaders and musicians are volunteers



Welcome to another amazing year in Religious Education at May Memorial! I hope that everyone reading this had a wonderful summer. I enjoyed spending time with my rapidly growing and maturing kids who will all be attending middle school--where does the time go?! And I had the joy of spending time out in nature, feeling the sun and the rain and the breeze, and smelling the green trees and grasses, which replenishes my spirit. I come back to May refreshed and excited for what this new year with our newly called minister J-Rev will bring.

With the help of Karin Kirnie (Worship & Education on the RE Team) I am bringing some of my favorite curricula to the RE program this year. Here is a glimpse into what the RE classes will be getting up to this year:

The **pre-K and kindergarten class, ages 3-5**, will be using Picture Book UU again this year. Picture Book UU was written by Katie Covey, a well loved UU religious educator, who selected picture books that best represent the principles, sources, and values of Unitarian Universalism. This year we are adding her "World Religions" Picture Book curriculum to expand on our library of lessons from last year. Children can expect a story, activity, and free play.

1st-2nd graders will practice being welcoming with the UUA Tapestry of Faith curriculum, "Wonderful Welcome". Each session begins with something being revealed from the wonder box that will inspire thought and creativity about welcoming. Children in this class will explore the intangible positive gifts that we all possess, that we can utilize to be more welcoming, such as love, kindness, and empathy.

3rd-4th graders will get to add a new tool each week to their "Toolbox of Faith" in this UUA Tapestry of Faith curriculum. The class will have a physical toolbox in the room and fill it with a new tool each week that will represent the faith tools that they can store inside themselves to help with big questions and problems. Tools include a magnifying glass (questioning), duct tape (flexibility), a stethoscope (listening), and much more.

5th-6th graders will step into our Jedi Temple for mindfulness training focused on senses, insight, courage, and spirit. "Jedi Academy," a curriculum by Iris Imaginoria, is a fun way for our older RE children to explore UU principles and values through the lens of the Star Wars universe, complete with practice lightsabers and costumes.

7th-8th grade junior high youth from May will join youth from First UU for Coming of Age where they will spend the year examining their personal beliefs as they are transitioning from childhood into adult-

hood. Coming of Age concludes with the presentation of "credo" statements to the congregations. The class includes being matched with a mentor for more personalized support during this process and an opportunity to travel to Boston, MA on a UU heritage trip in the spring.

Teenz 9th-12th grade senior high youth from May and First UU will also spend time at both buildings. High school youth set their own programming in cooperation with their advisors. The youth will be hosting a "Con" November 9th-11th this year here at May Memorial and will also have the opportunity to interact with UU youth across the region at other trainings and social conferences throughout the year.

In addition to the classes offered, I am also excited to enter year two with the RE Team. I look forward to planning multigenerational community building and social justice events with the RE Team. And of course, I couldn't do any of this without the amazing force of RE guides and volunteers who share their time and talents!

In Faith,

Stacy Sceiford,
Director of Religious Education

Register for RE:

Here is the link to the 2018-2019 online registration form <https://form.jotform.com/82235418696162>

Please take a few minutes to fill it out before RE classes begin on September 23rd. All children who participate in religious education classes, youth programming, or spend time in the nursery must have a current registration form on file with the Director of Religious Education. The form includes information about food restrictions and health information we need to be aware of to keep children and youth safe. It also includes a photo release, and emergency contact information. If you have questions about the form you can reach Stacy our DRE at dre@mmuus.org or 315-446-8920.



History Corner

Rev. Samuel Joseph May – NAHOF Inductee, 2018

For the past year the history committee columns have focused on Rev. Samuel Joseph May (1797-1871), and his involvement in the major reform movements of the mid-19th century. We did this in anticipation of his induction into the National Abolition Hall of Fame (NAHOF). This newsletter highlights the exciting events planned for October!

May Memorial's Celebration - Oct. 6, 7:00 PM - The public is invited!

On Saturday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 PM, May Memorial will hold a public event to celebrate Rev. Samuel Joseph May's induction into the NAHOF and to honor his legacy in Syracuse. *Scott Peal* of the Onondaga

Historical Association will present "A Visit from Rev. May." This dramatic portrayal focuses on Rev. May's work to end slavery and to help escaped slaves, including his role in the famous "Jerry Rescue." The presentation includes formative events in May's childhood and has audience participation. A reception in the social hall will follow with refreshments, conversation, and displays of memorabilia, as well as information about the on-going work of MMUUS. This is an opportunity for us to showcase both our history and our presence in the community!

Volunteers are needed! If you can help out at the reception or contribute snacks, speak to Alexa Carter or Adele Toney or email hospitality@mmuus.org.

For other ways to help, email history@mmuus.org.

Rev. Samuel J. May's NAHOF Induction – Oct. 20, Peterboro, NY

Rev. Samuel J. May, our second minister and namesake, will be in-

ducted into the National Abolition Hall of Fame on Oct. 20. Rev. May was active in many social causes but is best known for his work to abolish slavery. His NAHOF induction honors his contributions!

Public events in Peterboro on Oct. 20 include tours, a 1:30 symposium and a 7:00 induction ceremony. May Memorial will be participating. Registration is required by Oct. 5, and there are fees for separate events. For more information, contact dwillsey@twcny.rr.com or call 315-684-3262.

Mary Louise Edwards,
MMUUS History Committee

The History Committee Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Room 8.

All are welcome!



Green and Social Justice Committees



Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh has named "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," by Matthew Desmond as the inaugural book for a new citywide book club.

Walsh said he hopes the book will spark a community-wide conversation about housing stability.

"Evicted" uses the stories of eight families on the verge of poverty in Milwaukee to demonstrate the epidemic of evictions in the wake of the 2008 economic crisis. It [won the Pulitzer Prize](#) for general nonfiction in 2017.

The author, Desmond, will speak at a free public event in Syracuse on Oct. 23.

Here's the link to the article:

https://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2018/07/syracuse_mayor_launches_citywide_book_club.html

The Green and Social Justice Committee meets on the third Sunday of each month. All our welcome to join or to help us with our action plans.

Updates to the Operations Manual

PUBLIC MEDIA POLICY

Objective: This policy is intended to ensure MMUUS compliance with the Copyright Act of 1976, and successive amendments up until June 30, 2016, including the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, the Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2004, the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, the Intellectual Property Protection and Courts Amendments Act of 2004, the Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2008, the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act of 2010, the Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Competition Act, and the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014

Pre-recorded digital media that are intended for personal, home use generally do not carry licenses for public showings. They may not be shown outside the home without a license granting specific authorization. This is the case even for nonprofit groups, even if admission is not being charged, and even though the video has been purchased.

Churches and other ministry organizations can show videos and be in accordance with the U.S. Copyright Act by using one of the following methods:

1. Showing videos which have "Public Performance Rights,"
2. Receiving written permission prior to using the video, or

3. Obtaining coverage with the Church Video License: This license covers manufactured videocassettes and video-discs from producers that have been purchased, rented or borrowed. However, this license does not cover materials that have been copied from another source or recorded from television. Under this license, no admission fee can be charged, and specific titles or characters cannot be advertised to the general public.

Persons wishing to show commercial digital media at MMUUS must file their intentions in the church office at least a week before the showing and indicate in writing how they plan to comply with copyright restrictions.

GENERAL OPERATIONS, SPECIFIC POLICIES

Lists, directories, or other compilations of data regarding Society membership shall not be provided or made available for any non-Society purpose.

The contact persons for Onondaga Alarm Company shall be the Minister, Office Administrator, and the President or designee.

As a designated Welcoming Congregation, any member of the Society may carry the MMUUS banner celebrating gays, lesbians, bi-sexual and transgender people at any event.

Notes from the Admin Office:



- **Just a reminder:** All calendar events must be scheduled through the Office Administrator.
- **Deadlines to remember:**
Any submissions to the **E-Blast and Order of Service** need to be to me by mid night on Wednesday.

The following are the **Newsletter Deadlines:**

Issue/Year	Deadline	Issue/Year	Deadline
October /18	September 28	March/19	February 21
November/18	October 23	April/19	March 22
December/18	November 23	May/19	April 23
January/19	December 21	June/19	May 24
February/19	January 24		



The first **First Sunday Lunch** will be hosted by Sister Circle and Evening Beyond Eves on October 7.

Another friendship dinner opportunity on **Sunday, September 29th at 5:00 PM**. Ann and Dick Pearson will host a Swedish Smogasbord for **ten guests**.

It will feature: Grilled Salmon and Swedish Meatballs as well as many side dishes (all vegetarian), Aunt Em's Swedish Pineapple Cake, beer, wine, coffee and tea.

Cost is \$20:00.

The sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board



Opening Day Welcome for Rev. Jo

Summer is on the wane, and our Welcome Home service on **September 9** is really just around the corner. This September we will want to spend time with our wonderful new minister as well as catch up on summer news with friends.

September 9 will feature a **pre-service breakfast** of various egg casseroles, French toast, fruit salad, yogurt, juice, hashbrown potato and French toast casseroles, and bagels. Then after the service, bagels and any leftovers will be available for munching and visiting during coffee hour. Whether you are an early-riser full-breakfast kind of person, or a brunchy bagely muncher, plan to join your MMUUS family on September 9.

Of course, there are many opportunities for helping with such a day. Please contact a member of the Hospitality Committee if you would like to help with making an egg casserole, purchasing food for the meal or donating money to defray expenses, setup, cleanup, or dishwashing. It will be great to be together again!

Alexa Carter	Don McKay
Cynthia Carter	Adele Toney
Janet Hiemstra	Linda Wobus



The Folkus
Project of Central New York

About Folkus

Great live music. Friendly people. All volunteer run.

Quite simply, the Folkus Project is all about bringing great, live acoustic music to Central New York. We've been doing that for over 17 years, and cultivating a community of acoustic music fans in the process.

Folkus is a not-for-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers committed to bringing a wide variety of live music to our area. This includes old favorites, up and coming artists, and seasoned performers new to our area – all high quality, and all at affordable prices. We present shows twice a month on Friday nights, from September to May.

It's important to us to give our performers a great experience playing with us, and to have our audiences feel a part of a greater community of folks who enjoy listening to live music out with others. For us, it's about the music as well as the experience that live music creates.

Friday September 21, 2018 8pm
Double Bill:
Kipyn Martin and Kirsten Maxwell

Friday October 5, 2018 8pm
Bettman & Halpin

Friday October 19, 2018 8pm
The Black Feathers

Friday November 2, 2018 8pm
The Heather Pierson Trio

Friday November 16, 2018
The Acoustic Guitar Project

Friday December 7, 2018 8pm
Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman



Rev Jo is in need of the following items for church use:

*Small mostly quiet children's toys, small enough to fit in a basket to be kept in her office for family pastoral care.

*Our sanctuary is in need of Chancel Vestments to help us dress the chancel up for worship and other events. I am looking for the following items which should come clean and (mostly) unstained, and in SOLID COLORS (no prints).

- * Old table Cloths
- * Old window curtains
- * Old flat sheets
- * Pieces of Fabric (these can be prints) no smaller than 24x24

Looking For:

Rev Jo is looking for shelving units to put in her home closets so if anyone has any they are looking to part with please contact Rev Jo at the office.

Ushers Needed



Do you wonder how you can help at May Memorial in a way that doesn't require lots of time? If you are willing to usher for Sunday worship ser-

vices one or more times please contact Janet Hiemstra at janethi-emstra@gmail.com.

Include your phone number and I will then call to schedule you.

Small chairs!

We have a plethora of small children's chairs that were stored in the Social Hall attic space for many years...I've heard they were put there in the 80's!

If you would like any of these chairs please help yourself! We need them out of the church by mid September.



Music Notes



Welcome Back Choir!

Our new season will start with our first rehearsal **Thursday, September 6**, as we prepare for our opening Sunday with Rev. Jo on September 9.

This is such an exciting time, and a great time to join the choir.

We have a place for you!

The basic facts are: Rehearsals Thursday at 7:30 in the sanctuary; Services Sunday with a warm-up at 9:50, in the sanctuary.

We all have busy schedules, and there are always times that members cannot make rehearsals or services, so don't let this stop you from singing. If you have been thinking of joining, there is no better time! Visit with a current choir member, or feel free to call me at (315)729-3734.

Glenn Kime



Cathy Cardell is at Francis House, a lovely hospice facility in Syracuse. She would enjoy receiving cards.

Her address is:
Francis House,
108 Michaels Ave.,
Syracuse 13208

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society

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Syracuse, NY 13214
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Office hours: Sun -Thurs 9am-2pm



Unirondack weekend for Central New York UU congregations:

Friday Sept 14 - Sunday Sept 16, 2018

Families, Friends, Individuals - People of all ages are encouraged to participate in a Fall family weekend at Unirondack. Since 2008, this intergenerational Unirondack weekend has been a source of early fall community building for Syracuse UU congregations. This year, it is scheduled for **Friday Sept 14 (starting at 4:00) - Sunday Sept 16th, 2018 (ending at 2-3 pm) and we are inviting folks from many UU congregations in Central New York.** Unirondack is a UU Camp and Conference Center, a 2 - 2.5 hour drive from Syracuse in the western Adirondacks, near Lowville, NY. To see the Unirondack facilities/environment, the website is: www.unirondack.org

People hike, bike, read, play games, go boating, talk, nap, arts, crafts, sport games or just sit by the lake soaking in the beauty. Group activities are encouraged and are led by the weekend participants. We ask that there be no electronic games since this is a weekend to spend in community with other UUs from the area. There are cabins and heated sleeping spaces with indoor bathroom facilities! People need to bring their own bedding, towels and pillows as well as their personal items.

The 2018 cost will be: \$70/PP for those over 10 years old; Children 4-10 years \$62; Children 3 and under are free. This is *inclusive* of 2 nights (F, S) lodging, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast & lunch. Our costs are \$31/night to Unirondack and the small balance is for group food costs for 5 meals. Friday dinner is on your own. (eaten in the car, dining out or cooked there) Snacks and transportation are not included in this rate. Carpooling has been arranged by individuals in the past. Meals are prepared by participants and are shared in a dining hall. Special dietary needs are carefully addressed and refrigeration is available for individual needs. Housing placements are selected by the coordinator based on group size, health needs, and order of reservation.

A 50% deposit is required to hold your space; the balance needs to be paid 2 weeks *in advance* of the weekend. Please respect this payment schedule! Reservations can be made by sending your name(s) to:

Stephanie Cross at mscross1234@gmail.com.

Deposit checks should be made to "Stephanie Cross", given to her at MMUUS or mailed to:

3844 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY 13104. Please include your contact information (phone and email), names of people attending and ages of the children attending with your check. You will receive an email confirmation.

This is a great weekend - we hope you will join us!

Stephanie Cross, Coordinator, May Memorial UU Society, Syracuse