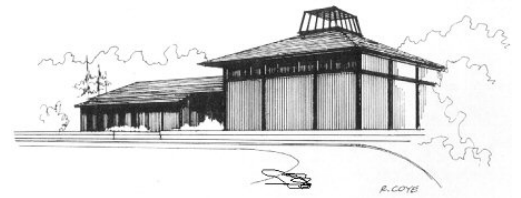


May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society Newsletter



We embrace all spiritual journeys and encourage service as we build a more loving and just world

Summer worship services

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This summer we will be sharing services with First UU.

Please see the chart below.

If you end up here on a day we are at First please note they are only 5 minutes away

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Date	Church	Location
July 2	May Memorial	In our Social Hall
July 9	First UU	109 Waring Road Syracuse, NY 13224
July 16	May Memorial	In our Social Hall
July 23	First UU	109 Waring Road Syracuse, NY 13224
July 30	May Memorial	In our Social Hall
August 6	First UU	109 Waring Road Syracuse, NY 13224
August 13	May Memorial	In our Social Hall
August 20	First UU	109 Waring Road Syracuse, NY 13224
August 27	May Memorial	Details below
September 3	First UU	109 Waring Road Syracuse, NY 13224

Join us with your pets August 27 at 10:30am in our parking lot for our Pet Blessing Service

This is in person only, there will **not** be a Zoom component





Going Green and Seeking Social Justice

contributed by Bess Kamerance

There are many reasons to go green, and the potential to save on taxes is just one of them. Those who make energy-efficient improvements to their home can benefit from two main energy federal tax credits — the Energy Efficient Home Improvement credit and Residential Clean Energy Property Credit. Both of which have been extended and expanded, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act in August 2022. The credits increase beginning in the tax year of 2023, which means that any of the qualifying improvements done this year on your home would apply. The credits have been extended until the year 2034.

For the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit, here are some examples of appliances that qualify, many of which could be regular upgrades to appliances: central air conditioner; air source heat pumps; solar water heaters; biomass heaters. Examples of improvements to your home that would qualify for the tax credit would be: windows & skylights, qualifying roof, insulated doors, and wall insulation. Beginning for tax year 2023, the credit is now 30% rather than 10% as it had been.

The Residential Clean Energy Credit applies when specific, eco-friendly improvements using clean energy sources are made. Qualifying improvements include: solar panels on roof or free-standing; solar water heaters and geothermal heat pumps.

Both of these federal tax credit opportunities require completion of Form 5695 along with your 1040 tax form. A reminder that a tax credit means that this money is subtracted from the tax you would owe, not from your income. With fossil-fuel based energy costs going up, the tax credits for going green can be a good investment for your home and our planet.



2023 NYSCU Annual Meeting

Greetings, friends! As the President of the New York State Convention of Universalists, it is with pleasure that I invite you to make plans to attend our **2023 Annual Meeting!**

Here is the basic information:

Today's Universalism: Audacity, Courage, and Grace.

October 20 & 21, 2023

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton, NY

Rev. Verdis LeVar Robinson, Keynote Speaker

Workshops on Finance, Advocacy, and Social Justice

The meeting will be held in person, with virtual participation available as well.

If you are not familiar with NYSCU, please check out our [website](https://nyscu.org/) (https://nyscu.org/)

We support congregations with workshops, grants and loans. Our Annual Meeting can be a great way to connect with others who are involved in this faith.

We hope that you will spread the word among your congregation, and plan to attend this year's meeting! The official call to meeting, with registration and hotel information, will be sent out later this summer. Please visit our website, or reach out to me at president@nyscu.org for further information!

Yours in our shared faith,

Ann Rhody, President

New York State Convention of Universalists



**NEW INFORMATION ABOUT
2023 May Memorial Unirondack weekend.**

Friday Sept 22 (late afternoon) through Sunday Sept 24 (mid-afternoon)

We have some changes to the Unirondack experience this year.. possibly starting a new tradition. As we did MANY years ago (before I took over as coordinator), we will be sharing the space with the UU congregation from Kingston, Ontario! Since both of our groups are relatively small, the combined groups makes for a wonderful opportunity for international UU relations and even more fun! Unirondack is a UU Camp and Conference Center, 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. Since 2008, this intergenerational Unirondack weekend has been a source of early fall community building for our UU congregations. This weekend is often an introduction to the camp for youth and families who later go on to be campers and staff at the week-long youth or family camps.

What the changes means for us....The price will remain the same (see below), we will have more people sharing responsibilities for meals and; other responsibilities as well as leadership/variety of activities and more friendships to develop!! It also limits our numbers to "around 40" (which is where we usually fall anyway).

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. We ask that there be no electronic games since this is a weekend to spend in community with other UUs from the area. People hike, bike, read, play games, go boating, swim, 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. Please leave your pets at home.

Housing will be assigned as people register with every attempt to meet your needs. If you know you are planning to come up for the weekend, get your deposit or full payment in sooner versus later! When you register, please include the total number of people, # and ages of children under 12, and any special needs you have regarding housing (ie: "no/limited stairs") and food sensitivities/allergies/needs.

The 2023 cost will be: \$110/PP for those over 12 years old; Children 4-12 years \$100; Children 3 and under are free. This is inclusive of 2 nights (F, S) lodging, Friday night "welcome" light meal, 3 meals Saturday and

Sunday breakfast & lunch and snacks. Meals are prepared by participants and are shared in a dining hall. Special dietary needs are carefully managed in food planning and prep; refrigeration is available for individual needs. Snacks and transportation are not included in this rate. Carpooling has been arranged by individuals in the past.

A 50% deposit is required to hold your space; the balance needs to be paid 2 weeks in advance of the weekend. Reservations can be made by sending your names/ ages of children to:

Stephanie Cross at mscross1234@gmail.com.

Deposit/Full payment checks should be made to "Stephanie Cross"

Hand delivered at: MMUUS or somewhere else!

Mailed to: 3844 Pompey Center Road, Manlius, NY 13104.

Venmo payments can be sent to: Stephanie-Cross-75

PayPal payments to: @StephanieCrissCross

Please remember to include your contact information (name, email, phone), names of people attending and ages of the children attending with your payment.

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

Stephanie Cross, Coordinator,

May Memorial UU Society

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Summer Zoom Link

<https://zoom.us/j/95843286801?pwd=Zy9mcXRBaTlBS3ZudlN5d1VRaXcrdz09>

Meeting ID: 958 4328 6801

Passcode: 896210

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Do you get our weekly E-Blast?

If not please take a moment to sign up.

This is where you will get updates on any changes or special events that don't quite make it for the newsletter.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/CvrpTSW>



Do you join services by calling in?

If so, please let Teri in the office know, so if there are changes, you can be notified

It doesn't happen often but when it does we want you to be informed of changes.



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Office Hours:

Sunday: 10am-12pm

Mon - Thurs: 8am-12pm

Days off are Friday and Saturday

Admin summer hours begin July 1

- **Calendar Items:**

All zoom meetings must be scheduled through the Office Administrator.

- **Deadlines to remember:**

E-Blast and Order of Service need to be to me by *5pm on Wednesday*.

- **Newsletter:**

Deadline 20th of preceding month, please adhere to this deadline to allow for the newsletter to be sent out in a timely fashion.

Please keep word count to 300-400 to allow room for everyone to have a voice in the newsletter