

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society Newsletter



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

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Joint Summer Services May Memorial/First UU

We will be doing Summer Services a little differently this year.
To join on Zoom please note we will be using the Zoom link associated with the church hosting the service.



Services at MMUUS

3800 E. Genesee St
Syracuse, NY



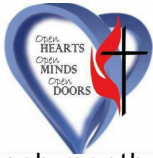
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Services at First UU

109 Waring Rd
Syracuse, NY

7/19	Worship Associates Tosca Bruno-van Vijfeijken and David Mendelsohn
8/2	Worship Associates Eliza Bailey and Karen Sgarlata
8/16	Worship Associates Noah Lapidus Karen Sgarlata
8/30	Worship Associates David Howe and Charlie Bagby

7/26	Jim Brule
8/9	Lucy and Don Marr
8/23	TBA
9/6	Poetry Sharing



Our ongoing partnership with Gethsemane United Methodist Church

Each month, we will provide information on how successfully Gethsemane is providing basic necessities including food to the Northside community it serves. We hope you will find this information as amazing as we do. Remember, they have a very small congregation, and fewer than a dozen of their congregants run their food pantry, personal items projects, thrift store and diaper bank. May Memorial and other volunteers are crucial to the running of these programs, and are absolutely needed to be sure that their clientele receive food and other basic necessities.

In of May 2026 the Gethsemane food pantry provided three days' worth of food to:

1089 people; including 513 children; 516 adults and 59 seniors.

Families who are served by the food pantry speak many different languages and are from many different countries. Some of the languages include: Burmese, Chinese, Dari, Farsi, French, Karen, Nepali, Pashto, Rohingya, Somali, Telugu and Vietnamese.

On June 5th we saw an all time high of 78 families. We generally serve 50 to 60.
More about that with the June stats.



Red Cross Community Blood Drive

Saturday July 25 9am - 2pm

At May Memorial

Sponsored by LGBTQ Syracuse

To schedule an appointment visit
redcrossblood.org and enter
LGBTQSYR into the search box.

Sunday
September 13th



Join us for our first Sunday of the new church year.
This will be our annual Water Communion service.

Please gather water during your travels this
summer to add to our community water collection



Deadline for the September 2026 newsletter will be August 20th!
Let's start off the new church year strong!

HISTORY CORNER



Greetings from the history committee!

We hope you're having a wonderful summer, with a chance to do whatever you find relaxing and rejuvenating!

We are taking a little break from the History Corner this summer, but we wanted to make you aware of an August presentation that might be of interest.

At **2:00 PM on Sunday August 23**, Mr. Jeffrey M. Davis of Boston will give a multimedia presentation titled, "Fugitives, Friends and the Fight for Freedom." It will take place at the Smithfield Community Center in Peterboro, New York (the same building that houses the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum).

The presentation is described as the story of how Syracuse became "the front line of resistance to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850..." As you may remember, our namesake, Reverend Samuel Joseph May, was very involved in resisting that hated law. Mr. Davis is the third great-grandson of Rev. May.

For more information, visit: nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org.

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A memorial service for May Memorial Member Bev Adams will be held at
May Memorial on Sunday August 2nd at 3:30 pm (note time change)
This service will also be on Zoom:



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