

WINDOWS WEEKLY April 20, 2023



**FIRST UNITARIAN
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A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

I apologize for the second Weekly, but I had a one correction to make! Please disregard the past weekly. Thank you and I hope to see you this Sunday!

*-Blessings and Be Well
Darlene Lupe-Gotham*

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**MULTIPLATFORM
SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION**



April 23 HUUU Joint Service

After a three year hiatus, the Hudson Mohawk UU Cluster will gather again for a joint service at Doane Stuart School just to the right on **EXIT 7 on I-90**, for a multi-generational service.

Our theme speaker will be Leah Penniman, co-founder of Soul Fire Farm. The combined choirs of the Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Albany and Kingston will also perform. The service will be followed by a social hour with tabling. Everyone is encouraged to bring finger food snacks to share. Stay afterward and get to know each other. Penniman will be available to sign her books afterwards that will be available for purchase.
Music: HUUU Joint Choir

A few guidelines to keep in mind:

BIPOC Speakers with white audiences – guide for collaboration

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15NiL2brJ5M1O1FzACUvZqIHft3KpSMYuXlvF5WfThDE/edit>

SAVE THE DATE

Black Earth Wisdom



Soul Fire Farm's Guide to Planetary Survival with Leah Penniman

Hudson-Mohawk Unitarian Universalist Joint Worship Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
10:30 AM

at the Doane Stuart School
199 Washington Ave, Renesslaer

If you're interested in finding more information about our Music Ministry, [check out our website!](#)

Use this link to join Sunday service remotely
<https://tinyurl.com/AlbanyUU-SundayService>

To dial in by phone:
1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 299 018 7785
Password: 0000

Sunday Offering and other service information
For more information about Sunday service, Zoom, [Sunday Offering](#), and other important Sunday morning details, check out our [Sunday at a Glance](#) page here.

Sharing Joys and Concerns during Service
[Learn about the three ways](#) that you can share your joys and concerns.

Need to Talk? Albany UU Pastoral Care Associates are here to listen!
[Learn about our Pastoral Care program.](#)

Archives
Past service video recordings can be found [here](#), our [YouTube channel](#) and our [Facebook page](#); past sermons can be read [here](#).

[Check out the Albany UU Blog](#)

[Online Giving](#)

Religious Education Updates

This Sunday 4/23: Everyone is invited to [Doane Stuart School](#) at 10:30AM for a special multi-generational service with our neighbor congregations. Activity bags for children and youth will be available, and child care for children 5 and under is available onsite. Service will be followed by a social hour, please bring a finger food to share. *There will be no service or groups at Albany UU's church building on 4/23.*

Building Community Auction: The auction is an important annual event at Albany UU. The

auction planners believe that one potential benefit of the auction events is sometimes overlooked: the opportunity to get to know a more diverse group of members. In addition to raising needed funds for our budget, the auction is an important way of building community. Participants have fun and make new friends. We want to make this year's auction a more inclusive event and we hope you will participate.

The donations we have collected include both family-friendly events and opportunities for an adult night out. If you need a babysitter, look no further than the auction. We have a variety of items at a range of prices, which you can preview now. While buying will not begin until April 23, you can identify those items you might like. We accept donations until April 21, so keep looking until you find the right item for you. Again, this year the auction is online and all items are fixed price.

To make the auction accessible for single parents with limited means, a generous donor has offered to pay up to \$50 toward the cost of a social event purchased by each single parent who applies. Single parents may buy an adult event for themselves or buy a family event for them and their children. To take advantage of this offer, go to the auction site and buy a social event. To view the invoice showing your purchases, click on Account on the top menu, select My Items Won, and then select View Items. In most cases the entire cost of the event will be covered by the auction offer. Next email Maria Phillips, the Albany UU treasurer, saying that you want to take advantage of the special auction offer and provide the event you have bought and the cost. Maria will apply funds from the donation toward your invoice. Her email address is maria.phillips.128@gmail.com.

To preview auction items, you can go to the auction site: <https://www.32auctions.com/AlbanyUUAuction2023>. You do not need an account to preview the items, but you will need an account to buy items. You will find instructions for creating an account at that site.

If accessing the auction site is difficult, help with creating an account and buying will be available in Channing after the services on April 30 and May 7. The auction will begin on Sunday, April 23 at 1 pm and continue through Sunday, May 7. If you have questions, please contact Martha Musser at mussermartha@gmail.com.

Election Matters!

The Nominating Committee has an event planned for you to learn about the candidates for Albany UU leadership positions, which begin on July 1, so you can make informed judgments.

Ballots for the upcoming Albany UU elections are being prepared. Ballots for positions will be mailed to Albany UU members to be returned before the annual meeting in order to accommodate the required rank choice voting for the contested position.

Electronic ballots for positions are available to accommodate members for whom paper ballots are not suitable. If you require an electronic ballot, please contact Nominating Committee member Kelly Smith (smithkp25@gmail.com) **prior to Friday, April 28.**

Voting on the budget and other matters that come before the membership at the Annual Meeting will be done through the raising of hands (electronic or actual.)

If you have questions about the ballots, please contact Todd Thomas, Nominating Committee Chair, (tsthom61@gmail.com.)

We look forward to seeing you on April 27th at the Meet the Members zoom event! Zoom link will be: <https://zoom.us/j/9638862931>

Stewardship Campaign Progress

The Stewardship Campaign is well underway and we are at **70%** of our goal. Thanks to all of you who have already turned in your forms. If you have not pledged yet, you can do it on line at <http://albanyuu.org/pledging/>

Paper forms can be dropped in the Stewardship box on Sunday or returned to the Albany UU office any time. Please take advantage of the Growing Our Future Together Challenge and help us reach our goal. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Daniels or Chuck Manning.

Thanks for your support of our beloved community!



BUYING BEGINS APRIL 23rd! Donations Accepted until April 21!

Auction buying begins this Sunday, April 23. Many wonderful items—dinners, hikes, pool parties, homemade treats—have been donated. You can preview them now at <https://www.32auctions.com/AlbanyUUAuction2023>.

I am sure you will find something you can't resist! Not only does the auction raise needed funds for our budget, it is an important way of building community. The success of the auction depends on you. It takes the whole congregation to create a community. Please participate.

Again, this year the auction is online and all items are fixed price. The auction begins at 1 pm. on Sunday and ends Sunday, May 7 at 11:45 pm. While you may preview auction items without an account, you will need an account to buy items.

You will find instructions for setting up an account at the above 32auctions address. If you have been considering making a donation, it is not too late. Friday, April 21, however, is the last day we will accept donations. You can donate online at albanyuu.org/auction2023/.

Ideas and help are available at that site.

If you have questions, please contact Martha Musser at 518-313-9674 or mussermartha@gmail.com.

UPCOMING WAYS to CONNECT

TOGETHER



***Start your Sunday Morning
with Multiplatform Meditation
8:30 - 9:15 AM***

We will sit together virtually for twenty minutes then have some conversation about the talk, meditation methods or experiences followed by a live loving kindness meditation.

Use this link to join remotely:

<https://tinyurl.com/AlbanyUU-Meditation-4>

By phone: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 518 463 1429

Passcode: 1842415

Ministry and Operations

Team meets on **Monday, May 1 at 11:30 AM** in both Channing Hall and online. Albany UU members are welcome to join.

Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/Ministry-and-Operations>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 860 5594 7976

Passcode: 0000

Philosophy Group

At 10:15 AM every Tuesday, the Albany UU Philosophy Group will meet via zoom to discuss the topic of the day which this **Tuesday 4/25 will be: Aging & Neurological Degeneration**. All are welcome.

Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/AlbanyUU-Philosophy>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 987 7102 4708

Password: 0000

Bridge Group

For information about the 1:00 PM, Tuesday Bridge Group, check with the church office.

Ps and Qs

At 10:00 AM on Wednesdays, Projects and Quilts (Ps and Qs) will meet in Room B-8.

Choir Rehearsal

At 7:00 PM on Wednesdays, in Community Hall. Masks are required.

[Contact Olga Martinez](#), Directory of Music Ministry for more information.

Workshop on Grief and Loss, sponsored by the Pastoral Care Team, May 6, 2-4PM, Room B-8. There are many

experiences that can trigger grief and loss in our lives. Coping with grief and loss is hard and it can be helpful to be with others in that experience. We will have time for self reflection, time for sharing and time to learn strategies that may help. To Sign up, contact Anny Lapinski at aclapinski@gmail.com or 518-852-6674

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Endowment Trust

I have provided funds for the Albany UU Endowment Trust in my will. I did this because I believe in the value of Liberal Religion, and I'd like to support it beyond what I can do in my lifetime. It's part of my philosophy of 'Think globally, act locally'.

Our kids and grandkids will not need the whole of our estate, and I'm glad to share a little with my religious community. Since we know not what tomorrow may bring, it seems to me wise to leave our resources with people who are resilient and share my values, to do as they think best.

~Jon Newell

Summer Camp Opportunity!

Young Peacemakers Week (YPW), a summer day camp for children going into second to eighth grade, will be held again at the Friends Meetinghouse, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, NY. The dates are Monday, August 14, to Friday August 18, from 1:30-5:30 on Tuesday and Thursday, and 1:30-6:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The MWF days include a family dinner and intergenerational activities from 5:30 - 6:30. Early drop-off at 12:30 is offered for those families that need that option. The goal of YPW is to bear witness to the Quaker Peace Testimony, i.e., a commitment to reconciliation and non-violence, in all areas of life. This focus is implemented through typical summer camp activities, such as arts and crafts, non-competitive games, music, drama, and nature-themed events. Families are asked to contribute whatever they feel is reasonable, but no child will be turned away for inability to pay. YPW offers an intern program for high school and college age persons, and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Registration can be done online, at www.youngpeacemakersweek.weebly.com. For more information, please contact Anita Stanley at 518-441-7722, or meridiancomm@earthlink.net.
Come and join us on our journey to build a peaceful community!

Conference in Syracuse! Waters of Life: Exploring Mythos, Divinity, Beings and Ecology.

International Conference
Association for the Study of Women & Mythology
Crowne Plaza Hotel
May 5-6, 2023

With the onset of global warming, a consciousness is arising of the need for respect, reverence and protection for our water sources. This is a time to look back and

around to gather the wisdom of Water Keepers, past and present, around the globe. Our conference explores world myths of water deities, water creatures and water itself in cultural, spiritual, and ecological contexts. The program features honored First Nations elders of the Americas and Indigenous scholars. We include a conversation, "Teachings of Water Spirit"; with Canadian Water Protectors, and a keynote "Goddess of the Sea: Ancient and Future Myths" by Hallie Iglehart Austen. Topics for our cross-cultural presentations include midwifery, sacred stories of place and waters, arts and activism, health and healing, and mythic figures and animals. Learn more here and join us for this enlightening and inspiring program.

Contact: events@womenandmyth.org

May 6 Circle Dinner- New Family Friendly Option

Now there are two ways you can enjoy a great evening over a shared meal with Albany UU friends! Sign up by Sunday, April 30 for either the Family Circle Dinner or a Circle Dinner At Home. Guests bring part of the meal, homemade or store bought.

The Family Circle Dinner will be hosted by Kevin Yeh and Stephanie Saunders in Channing Hall at Albany UU from 5-8 PM on Saturday, May 6. E-mail Kevin Yeh at kevinyeh@alum.mit.edu to sign up and get the details.

Circle Dinners At Home will be hosted by Albany UU members for 6 to 10 people, typically adults only, from 6 to 9PM on Saturday, May 6. E-mail John Sherman at johnssherman@gmail.com to sign up. John will let you know your host, and your host will coordinate each guest's contribution.

You must be vaccinated and boosted to participate.

Learn, Laugh, & Lounge at Silver Bay

UU Weekend at Silver Bay (October 13-15, 2023) offers a great opportunity to meet more of your fellow UUs, deepen friendships, learn about issues relevant to you, relax and or try new activities.

The keynote speaker this year is Sheila Hahn, an immigration attorney, whose presentation is entitled "**Immigrants: Caught in the Political Crossfire.**". Our second featured speaker is Gary Hahn who will present

"Laughing Matters: The Power of Comedy."

In addition, a number of workshops will be offered focusing on such items as nature, creativity and stimulating discussion topics. A full draft schedule will be available shortly.

Children under 6 are free and there are substantial discounts for older children and youth. Register by June 1, 2023 and receive lower rates!

Access additional information about Silver Bay and UU weekend, including the registration form and a slide show, at <http://albanyuu.org/uu-weekend-at-silver-bay/>

Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis following receipt of the completed registration form and deposit. Remember – lodging, all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, programs, activities and entertainment are included.

SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY

Raise Your Voice for End of Life Choice

- Contact legislative leaders. Urge them to permit a vote on the Medical Aid in

Dying Act (A995/S2445) in the Health Committees and beyond. For A.995, contact Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie at 518-455-3791 or speaker@nyassembly.gov. For S.2445, contact Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins at 518-255-2715 or scousins@nysenate.gov.

- Rally on Monday, April 24. Mark your calendar to rally at the Capitol to urge lawmakers to pass the Medical Aid in Dying Act before the 2023 session ends in June. Main events will occur between 10:45 and 2:00 but be there from 9-4 if you can. Register here to get details as they become available.

Grace for President, by Kelly DiPucchio. Illustrated by LeUyen

Pham. (2008). Grace can't believe that the United States of America has never had a female president! She decides to be one of the first and to start her political career right in her elementary class' mock election. What's her strategy? How does she overcome the challenges set before her? Available in hard copy and CD audiobook formats in the Upper Hudson Library System. Available in sound recording and talking book formats from the National Library Service.

Click here for a 7-minute video of the story by Sankofa Read Aloud:
[Grace For President - YouTube \(youtube-nocookie.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nocookie.com)

Black Lives Matter Vigil in Troy

When: Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 am

Where: Troy - corner of River Street at the intersection of Fulton and Third Streets, 12180

[Learn more here.](#)

Stand Against Racism Vigil in Delmar

Join Albany UUs each Saturday to Stand Against Racism, at the Delmar Four Corners, corner of Delaware and Kenwood Avenues. We're there from 9:30 to 10 AM. Welcoming all - whether you live in Delmar, Albany, or anywhere nearby!

Join the NYS Poor People's Campaign

on Monday, May 1st for a rally and action to deliver the Poor People's State of the State to Governor Hochul. We'll meet at 10am at First Presbyterian Church (362 State St, Albany) before heading to the Capitol. More information and RSVP can be found here: bit.ly/MayDayPPSOS

You can learn more about the Poor People's State of the State, and add your name to the petition here: bit.ly/PPSOS

Contact Rev. Joe Paparone with any questions: jpaparone@labor-religion.org

Join the NY UU Justice Network for May 2nd Lobby Day!

May 2nd, 2023

From 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Meeting begins at Bull Moose Club at 150 State St., Fourth Floor, Albany, NY.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17WORTsTqAMYDaLVbeJW4-Eq8CBo1W1uPjcJoNVKNP10/viewform?edit_requested=true

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Publication deadlines

This is an important reminder that the news and article deadline for Windows Weekly is **9:00 AM on Wednesday**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sign up for an Albany UU class or event

- Send an email to:
registration@albanyuu.org

Albany Unitarian Universalist

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Parking is available on the street. On Sundays (and for some special events) Albany UU has permission to use the University at Albany's Hawley Parking Lot on Robin Street at Washington Avenue.

Office hours:

By appointment

Our Website:

General: www.AlbanyUU.org
Resources: <http://albanyuu.org/albany-uu-resources/>

Zoom use:

To reserve Zoom for an Albany UU meeting, contact the church office (518.463.7135 or office@albanyuu.org).

Building use

To **reserve a room** for an Albany UU activity or to **rent a hall or classroom space**, for a personal or non-Albany UU activity, contact our Administrative Assistant (518.463.7135 or office@albanyuu.org).

It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the [Stockbridge-Munsee Community](#). We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.



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