

WINDOWS WEEKLY April 29, 2023



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

Once again, I apologize that this is late coming to your inboxes. Constant Contact had a site-wide error and they weren't sure when it would be fixed. It appears to be working now, so I am re-writing this a fourth time! I hope I don't miss any important announcements. If I did, please contact me ASAP and I will send another email.

This week's newsletter is a tad longer than usual because we have several important news updates! See below!

You may be seeing a "clipped" version of this. To view this entire newsletter, be sure to scroll down to the "See entire message" link and click that.

-Blessings and Be Well

MULTIPLATFORM SUNDAY MORNING

**Begin your Sunday morning with an
8:30 Multiplatform**

Meditation session until 9:20

For those wishing to join remotely,
Meditation is now on Zoom 4 here:

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

By phone: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 518 463 1429

Passcode: 1842415

**Multiplatform service begins at 10:00
each Sunday**

Use this link to join the service remotely:

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

To dial in by phone: 1-929-436-2866:

Meeting ID: 299 018 7785

Password: 0000



For more information about our
services, [check out our website](#).
Masks are required



April 30, 2023 - "Stop Asian Hate"

Service led by our Intern Jacob King. There is a lot of hate felt because of political and economic rivalry between China and the USA that has spilled over to harm Asian-Americans. This is wrong and should stop.



The proceeds of our service offering this week are being donated to the Albany Fund for Education for their musical instrument program, which collects and refurbishes donated musical instruments for use by students in City of Albany public schools, including Sheridan Prep. AFE is a 501(c)(3) organization, and you can read more about the program at <https://albanyfundforeducation.org/instrument-program/>

Our Social Justice and Inclusivity Teams support this plate giveaway as a small token reparation to the descendants of the creators of "traditional" music we often enjoy, who were often enslaved people who never received any royalties. All deposits into the collection plate will go to AFE unless you clearly indicate a different purpose in the memo line of your check. Thank you for being generous!

***MULTIPLATFORM
SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION***

[Sam's Outlook!](#)

To view Reverend Sam's May 2023 Outlook please click [HERE!](#)

May 7 – “The Creative Process”

One of the gifts of technology is expanding our capacity for creative expression. Yet being creative can feel challenging and scary. This service will explore ways to find access to the inner muse.

May 14 – “Shaping and Being Shaped”

Parenting, in whatever configuration it happens, involves offering guidance and support to another who is growing and developing. Sometimes that process can feel like a burden and heavy responsibility. Working with another who may not appreciate the gifts of wisdom being offered isn't easy. Yet there are two directions. The parent is also getting feedback that can assist them in their growth and development. This service will explore the creative interchange between parent and sibling that can benefit both.

May 21 - Annual Youth Group/Volunteer Appreciation Service

This annual event celebrates the unique perspectives and talents of our Youth Group and the culmination of months of work by our Coming Of Age participants. We will also uplift our gratitude to the many amazing volunteers who make our Programs for Children and Youth happen week after week. The Religious Education Council will be hosting a special "Sundae Sunday" Coffee Hour following the service featuring a variety of frozen treats.

Music: Albany UU Youth Group, Olga Martinez

May 28 – Memorial Day Jacob King

More details to come!
Please reach out to Jking@albanyuu.org for any questions.

If you're interested in finding more information about our Music Ministry, check out our website!

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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](#).

[Learn more about thematic ministry on our website.](#)

Online Giving

A Message From the President:

The Board of Trustees has voted to call an emergency congregational meeting

for a vote to authorize the Board of Trustees to engage an Interim Minister. Unfortunately, as we have gotten further into the process, we are now understanding from the UUA schedule for the Interim Minister Search process that we will need to be ready to make an offer on May 17th, which is before our Annual Meeting on May 21st. This is the excerpt from the Albany UU bylaws regarding this:

Section 6. Interim Minister and Other Staff

A. The Board may engage an interim minister after such action has been authorized by the membership at a congregational meeting.

B. The Board may engage other staff as deemed appropriate.

We will hold this emergency congregational meeting on May 7th at 11:45pm.

We hope you will make it a priority to attend so we can move forward with the process of engaging an Interim Minister to serve the congregation for the next two years.

Updates on the Interim Minister Search process will be provided on a regular basis to the Congregation by the Interim Search Committee.



As of April 30th masks are no longer required at service or in groups for children and youth on Sunday mornings. People who prefer to continue to

wear a mask are encouraged to do so, and seating for people who wish to sit in a section with other masked attendees is available in the balcony and in Community Hall. Look near the eastern sides of those locations for signs indicating seating reserved for masked attendees.

You are of course welcome to sit anywhere with your mask on; these spaces are simply intended to provide an option for mask-wearing folks who feel more comfortable sitting near others who are also wearing a mask.

Ushers need to be aware of this change, so that you can answer questions and direct people as needed. Please do what you can to ensure that the designated seating is reserved for those wearing masks.

Also - please sign up to usher! Thank you

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

DIVEST YOUR MONEY WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 7PM-8:30PM
IN-PERSON: ALBANY UU
ZOOM: TINYURL.COM/DIVEST0504
REGISTER: TINYURL.COM/DIVESTREGISTER

Logos: Black Lives Matter, Stop the Money Pipeline, To Climate Destruction, Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith Circle, Scan Me QR code.

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PRESENTED BY MICHAEL RICHARDSON
RIVERS & MOUNTAINS GREENFAITH CIRCLE

This Sunday 4/30: Most kids up to Grade 7 go to service in Community Hall with their families until after the Wisdom Story.

- Nursery/Toddler/PreK Room is open at 9:45
- Kindergarten/Grade 1 OWL meets at 10
- Grade 8/9 OWL meets at 10 in B3/B4
- Youth Group meets at 10 in B8

Beyond Binary Conference: First UU of Syracuse is hosting this all ages, open to all event on May 6, click [here](#) for information. I recommend you contact event organizers directly for questions as this is coming up quickly.

Building Community Auction: To promote participation, an anonymous donor will contribute up to \$50 toward the cost of participating in a family event. The family must include at least one child and one adult.

Three events qualify for this offer:

- Pool Party/Cookout at the MacLeods on Saturday, July 8 at 2 pm. ****Date subject to change due to conflict with Sam's retirement party****
- Swim and Lawn Game Party at Karen Kaufmann's on Saturday, August 5 at 2 pm.
- Schoharie County Hike & Pizza on September 9 at 2:30 pm.

The cost of the swim parties is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 16. The cost of the hike is \$18 for those over 10; younger children are free. To take advantage of this promotion, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/AlbanyUUAuction2023>, create an account, and buy places for your family at the event of your choice. Then email our treasurer, [Maria Phillips](#) saying that you want to take advantage of the family promotion, the event you have purchased, and the number of adult and child places you have purchased. She will pay up to \$50 of you invoice cost for that

event from the fund.



Auction buying is in progress and items are being sold quickly. Many wonderful items—dinners, hikes, pool parties, homemade treats—have been donated. If you haven't already, go to <https://www.32auctions.com/AlbanyUUAuction2023> and view the items for sell. 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. Please participate. Again, this year the auction is online and all items are fixed price. **The auction will end on Sunday, May 7 at 11:45 pm.** You need an account to buy items. Instructions for setting one up can be found at the above 32auctions address.

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

Meet the Albany UU Candidates 2023

The nominating Committee invites you to MEET THE CANDIDATES for the upcoming election! Click on each candidate's name below to read a bit about them!

This Sunday after service, there will be another "Meet the Candidates Coffee Hour". Stop in and say hello!

Uncontested Positions/Candidates:

[Laura Churchill](#) - Secretary

[Dawn Dana](#) - Trustee

[Randy Rosette](#) - Trustee

[Maria Phillips](#) - Treasurer

Nominating Committee Candidates: *Contested*

[Fred Eames](#)

[Nellson Jacobs-Moore](#)

[Jon Newell](#)

[Liz Richards Hart](#)

[Stephanie Saunders](#)

[Hillary Torres](#)



JOIN THE ALBANY UU TEAM



SEARCHING FOR OUR NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!

We are looking for a new Administrative Assistant to replace Sapphire! This position will be posted to Indeed on May 1st. It is a 30-hour a week position (9am-3pm M-F) and pays \$16/hr. If you, or someone you know, is interested keep an eye out for the post on Indeed or reach out to Darlene at dlupegotham@albanyuu.org.

Click [here](#) to view the job description, pay rate, etc!

UPCOMING WAYS to CONNECT



Circle Dinner: New Family-Friendly Option! Saturday, May 6

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

Philosophy Group

At 10:15 AM every Tuesday, the Albany UU Philosophy Group will meet via zoom to discuss the topic of the day.

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.

CHANGED DATE:

Social Justice Team meets on **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:45** on Zoom. All are welcome to join.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be celebrating
Reverend Sam's retirement on
Saturday, July 8th. More
details to come!



Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/SocialJusticeTea>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 894 5821 4256
Passcode: 0000

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.

Walker Book Group

May 14th & June 11th at 6:30

Use this link to join remotely:

<https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGroup>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 871 5139 8632
Passcode: 0000

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We Have Faith Exhibit in Channing Hall

We Have Faith, a photojournalism exhibit about LGBT clergy and their families, will be on display in Channing Hall from April 30 through May 7.

The show was created by Family Diversity Projects, a nonprofit based in Amherst, MA. Gigi Kaeser (photographer) and Peggy Gillespie (writer) have collaborated for thirty years to produce exhibits that celebrate families who differ from the stereotypical American Family. Their other shows feature families who face many kinds of stigma and discrimination including multiracial families, immigrant/refugee families, and families of people living with mental illness or physical disabilities.

The exhibit at AUU is cosponsored by the Social Justice, Arts, and Inclusivity Teams. It will be on display for two Sundays: April 30 and May 7.

For more information, please contact Mary Applegate at msa912@gmail.com or (518)364-7434.

General Assembly: The Unitarian Universalist Association's Annual Meeting

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Join us online or in-person in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

What to Expect at GA 2023 Webinar

At this year's multiplatform GA 2023, we will explore the power, possibility, purpose, struggle, and joy of meeting the moment as Unitarian Universalists. Whether you're a first-time delegate or a long-time attendee, we invite you to join us to learn more about what will happen at GA this year. Members of the Board of Trustees will provide an overview, along with information for delegates regarding the business sessions.

This webinar will be 75 minutes in length, and a recording of it will be posted on this page at a later date. Registration is required.

What to Expect at GA 2023 Webinar

Monday, May 22, 2023

7pm ET / 6pm CT / 5pm MT / 4pm PT

Register now for the May 22nd webinar.

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!

Kids Love UU Weekend

"I am looking forward to the auction and playing with Patsy in the beautiful outdoors!"

~Octavia, age 6

UU Weekend is a paradise for kids, complete with playmates and fun activities with and without their families. These include archery, boating, crafts, games, movies, sports, music, an auction with kid-priced toys and games, snacks, and much more. Treat your children (and yourselves) to UU Weekend on Lake George from October 13-15, 2023

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

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 – room, all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, programs, activities and entertainment are included.

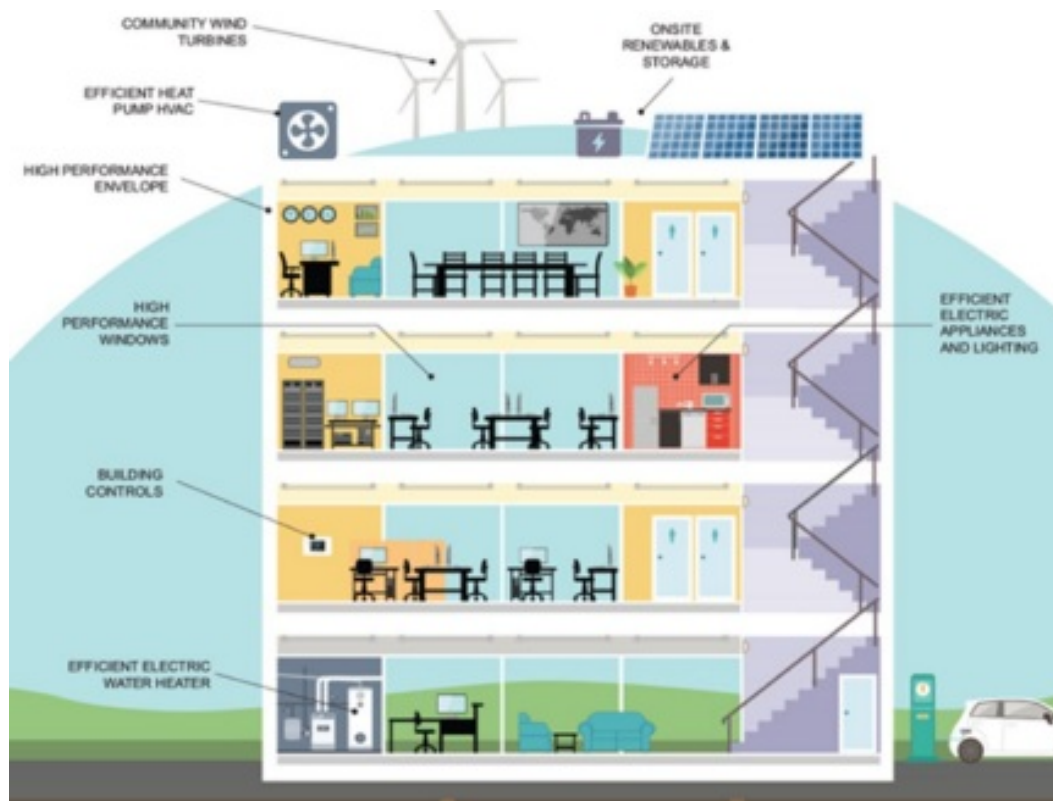
SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY



Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks

Together Building a World Where There's Enough for All
Will YOU help build a better world? Join with fellow UUs and our Capital District neighbors in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 7. Walk with Team UU, or pledge to support our walkers.

Families are especially encouraged to participate. Visit the CROP Walk table at coffee hour – this Sunday is the last before Walk Day! You can also make an online pledge [here](#) – or contact Dawn Dana at dawn.dana56@gmail.com for more information.



Join The Green Sanctuary Team at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany and The Climate Reality Project, Capital Region Chapter on May 1 at 7 PM on Zoom for a presentation entitled "The Inflation Reduction Act: Good for Your Pocket and the Planet."

Get an overview by Congressman Paul Tonko and learn about the savings details in the Inflation Reduction Act. Registration guarantees access to presentation slides complete with clickable links to additional information from Federal, State, and other agencies.

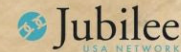
[Register Today](#)

"RESTRUCTURING DEBT TO FUND FOOD, VACCINES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
IN DEVELOPING NATIONS"



DAY OF ACTION AT THE CAPITOL

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND, 2023 FROM 9 - 5P, EDT
RSVP TODAY AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/NYADVOCACYDAY](https://bit.ly/nyadvocacyday)








Did you know 52% of private debt worldwide is governed under New York State law? Globally now more than ever, developing nations are facing more and more crises, including global food shortages exacerbated by the Ukraine war and the continuing impacts of climate change and COVID-19. Join the call to do something about this at a Day of Action at the Capital on **Tuesday, May 2nd.**

The Inclusivity Team Recommends the following:


For adults: *The Light of Our Days: The untold story of women resistance fighters in Hitler's ghettos*, by Judy Batalion. Using primary-source documents and interviews for the first time translated into English from Yiddish, Polish, Hebrew, and German, Batalion brilliantly tells us in-depth, interwoven true stories. As more information is available now, in post-cold war years, we can expand our understanding of the everyday heroes as they battled the terrible

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MONEY WORKSHOP**
THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 7PM-8:30PM
IN-PERSON: ALBANY UU
ZOOM: [TINYURL.COM/DIVEST0504](https://tinyurl.com/divest0504)
REGISTER: [TINYURL.COM/DIVESTREGISTER](https://tinyurl.com/divestregister)



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Divest Your Money Workshop

This **multi-platform** event is designed to showcase ways individuals can "divest" from organizations which actively fund Climate Destruction.

This event will be taking place next Thursday, May 4th, from 7pm-8:30pm in Community Hall. Here are the event details:

Zoom

Link: tinyurl.com/divest0504

Registration: tinyurl.com/divestregister

events of fascist Europe from within. Available from the Upper Hudson Library in hardcopy, CD audiobook, and downloadable e-and audio-book formats. Available from the National Library Service in downloadable talking book format.

To experience an 8-minute video about The Light of Our Days, produced by PBS Newshour, click here:

[New book explores the heroic women-run resistance inside Nazi death camps - YouTube](#)



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.

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!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

[Find Sunday service recordings here.](#)

Learn about submitting announcements to for Sunday service and how to **reserve a Zoom room** for meetings and events [here](#).

All information about regular occurring events and meetings, including Zoom links [can be found here](#).

Other important resources, our file cabinet, archives, guidelines and information

can be found on the [Resource Page of our website, here.](#)

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Governance & Leadership

Staff

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Volunteer!

Publication deadlines

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

Sign up for an Albany UU class or event

- Send an email to:
registration@albanyuu.org

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Parking:

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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