

# WINDOWS WEEKLY May 11, 2023



## FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

Enjoy the latest Window's Weekly!

**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

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**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

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

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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](mailto:Jking@albanyuu.org) for any questions.

Meeting ID: 299 018 7785

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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](#).

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### **Sharing Joys and Concerns during Service**

**Learn about the three ways** that you can share your joys and concerns.

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### **Need to Talk? Albany UU Pastoral Care Associates are here to listen!**

**Learn about our Pastoral  
Care program.**

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### **Archives**

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

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**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

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL: JHUNG@ALBANYUU.ORG

STOP THE MONEY PIPELINE

TO CLIMATE DESTRUCTION

SPONSORED BY THE ALBANY UU GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM  
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](mailto: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  
[Zack Metzger](#) - Endowment Trust

### Nominating Committee Candidates: \*Contested\*

[Fred Eames](#)  
[Nellson Jacobs-Moore](#)  
[Jon Newell](#)  
[Liz Richards Hart](#)



## Budget Informational Meetings



### **Annual Budget Information Meetings - Where does the money go ?**

The Finance Committee and the Ministry and Operations Team completed the Draft 2023-24 Albany UU Budget and the Draft has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Informational Meetings to discuss the budget will be held on:

- Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in person in room B-7 and on zoom
- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on zoom only

The zoom link for the meetings is:

A copy of the Draft Budget is available at:

<https://albanyuu.org/wp/pdf/Proposed%20Albany%20UU%20FY%2023-24%20budget%20Rev%201.12-Redacted.pdf>

The Draft Budget will also be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> prior to a vote by the membership.

## UPCOMING WAYS to CONNECT



details to come!



### **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.

Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/SocialJusticeTeam>

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***



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### **Albany UUs at GA June 21-25!**

The Board has appointed 7 delegates to represent Albany UU at General Assembly, the annual gathering of the Unitarian Universalist Association. They are **Karen Kaufmann, Amy Lent, Jan McCracken, Jean Poppei, John Sherman, Robin Tell-Drake, and Deborah Vogel. Elizabeth Baldes and Rev. Sam** are also delegates by virtue of their positions.

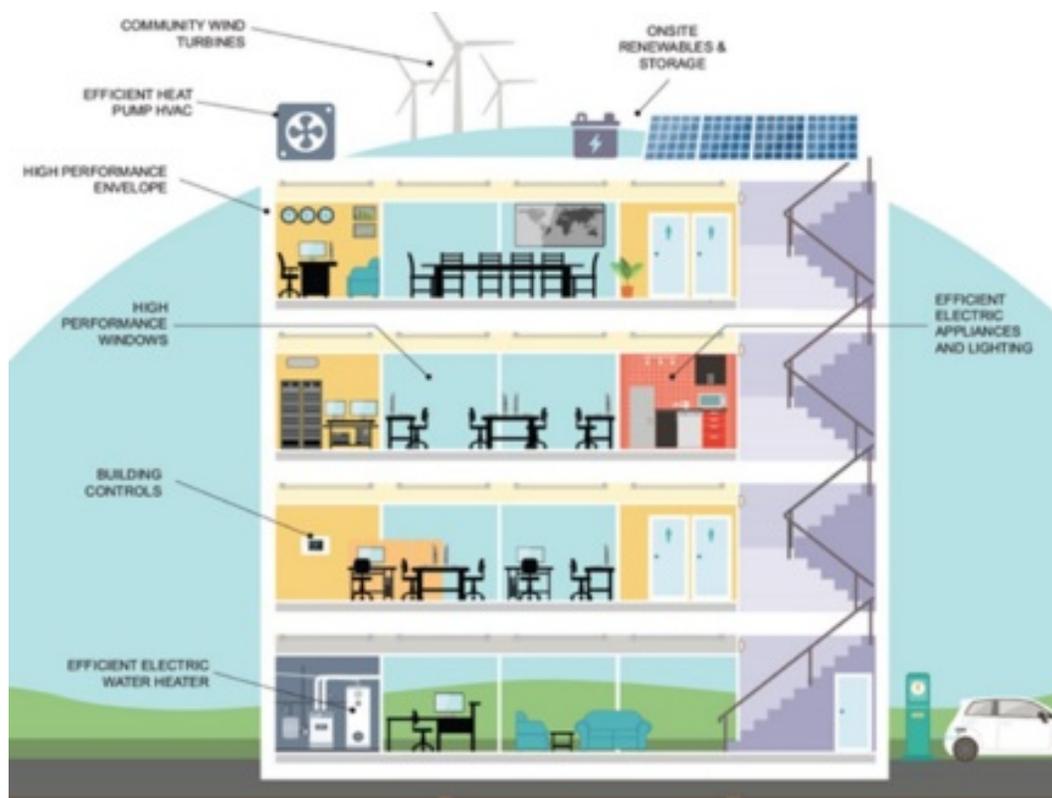
In addition to the UUA business meeting, GA offers informative workshops, inspirational worship services and more. All are invited, although only delegates may vote. There is still time to join in, either in Pittsburgh or online from home. Find out more at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga) and contact Peggy Sherman ([pegmcsgherman@gmail.com](mailto:pegmcsgherman@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

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The Albany UU John Cross Society will be having it's annual reception on **Friday, June 9 from 5 - 7 pm**. All John Cross Society members are invited to join us in Channing Hall for refreshments and community building. We look forward to seeing you there! Anyone who would like to learn more about joining the John Cross Society by making a bequest to Albany UU, there is a flyer available on the resource wall in the foyer, or visit: [https://albanyuu.org/wp/pdf/2019\\_ET\\_John\\_Cross\\_Society\\_Brochure.pdf](https://albanyuu.org/wp/pdf/2019_ET_John_Cross_Society_Brochure.pdf)

## ***SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY***

**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](mailto: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."**

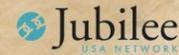
Get an overview by Congressman Paul Tonko and learn about the savings details in the Inflation Reduction Act. Registration guarantees access to presentation slides complete with clickable links to additional information from Federal, State, and other agencies.

**"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.**

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### **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

### **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](https://tinyurl.com/divest0504)

Registration: [tinyurl.com/divestregister](https://tinyurl.com/divestregister)

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### **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](mailto:speaker@nyassembly.gov). For S.2445, contact Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins at 518-255-2715 or [scousins@nysenate.gov](mailto:scousins@nysenate.gov).

understanding of the everyday heroes as they battled the terrible 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](#)

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**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.](#)

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**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!

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## ***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.](#)

**If this email was forwarded to you**, and you would like to receive it directly, please [sign up here.](#)

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## ***CONNECTIONS***

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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 Monday**. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Sign up for an Albany UU class or event**

- Send an email to:

[registration@albanyuu.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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