

Sundays at FUUSA

Please join us on any Sunday for: Mindfulness Meditation, Religious Education for children and youth, the Service, Coffee Hour, or any combination thereof. Other programs include Forum (social justice topics), Children's Chapel, Green Sanctuary Discussion (environmental topics,) War Healing Circle; social events, and adult education.

All are welcome!

WINDOWS update

Newsletter of the First Unitarian
Universalist Society of Albany

Mid-April 2011

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Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 AM
Mindfulness Meditation
- 9:45 AM
Nursery/Toddler rooms open
- 10:00 AM
Service
Children's Chapel
(1st Sunday/mo.)
Religious Education
- 11:00 AM
Coffee Hour
- 11:45 AM
Forum (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo.)
Green Sanctuary Discussion
(3rd Sunday/mo.)
- 7:00 PM
War Healing Circle
(2nd & 4th Sunday/mo.)

Services

Apr. 17 "Social Responsibility Sunday," Rev. Sam Trumbore

Jesus wasn't executed because he was a mystic, a healer, a wisdom teacher, or a movement initiator. He got in trouble because he was a social activist! Our congregation takes social responsibility seriously as well. During this service, you'll have the opportunity to hear about some of the things we're doing and let us know which ones are most important to you. Through our activism, we continue Jesus' tradition of being exceptions to the rulers. Music: Magpie



Apr. 24 "A Green Easter," Rev. Sam Trumbore

Given the proximity of Easter and Earth Day, we've decided to celebrate them together. With the trees likely to be leafing out this weekend, we'll be celebrating the yearly return of green. And the resurrection story of Jesus has some green in it, too. Be sure to come Saturday to clean up the neighborhood and the FUUSA grounds. Music: Jim Scott and the FUUSA choir

Calendar

Events happening every Sunday at FUUSA

9:00 AM	Mindfulness Meditation	Sanctuary	Exceptions:
10:00 AM	Service	Emerson	
10:00 AM	Children's Chapel (1st Sunday/mo.)	Sanctuary	
10:00 AM	Religious Education	Classrooms	
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour	Channing, Emerson	
11:45 AM	Forum (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo)	Emerson	
11:45 AM	Green Sanctuary Discussion (3rd Sun./mo)	B-8	
6:00 PM	War Healing Circle (2nd & 4th Sundays/mo.)	Emerson	

Events happening every week in the month of April

Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Philosophy Group	B-8	Exceptions:
	1:00 PM	Bridge	B-8	
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Projects & Quilts	B-8	
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Emerson	

All other events happening in the month of April

12-Apr Tuesday	5:30 PM	Lifespan Group	Room B-7	28-Apr Thursday	6:30 PM	Finance Committee	Room B-8
13-Apr Wednesday	2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Room B-5		7:00 PM	SGM Sherman	Room B-5
	6:30 PM	Wash. Sq. Nbhd. Association—Police Chief Krokoff	Channing Hall	29-Apr Friday	6:00 PM	SLD District Assembly - Ithaca	Offsite
14-Apr Thursday	7:00 PM	SGM Sherman	Room B-5	30-Apr Saturday	8:00 AM	SLD District Assembly - Ithaca	Offsite
15-Apr Friday	7:30 PM	Shakespeare & Love Concert	Emerson		9:00 AM	FUUSA Women Dining & Giving	Channing, Kitchen
17-Apr Sunday	11:45 AM	Teacher Support Meeting	Room 26	1-May Sunday	11:45 AM	Cong. Conversation: Proposed Budget	Room 26
	1:00 PM	Threshold Meeting	Room B-8		12:00 PM	Rummage Sale Setup	Emerson
	2:00 PM	Jack Hotchkiss Memorial	Sanctuary, Channing		12:30 PM	Rite of Passage	Room B-8
	2:00 PM	Spirituality Book Club	Offsite	2-May Monday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup and Sorting	Emerson
18-Apr Monday	12:00 PM	Channing Circle	Channing, Kitchen		5:30 PM	SGM Collins	Room B-5
	6:30 PM	SGM Collins	Room B-5		6:15 PM	Religious Education Council	Channing
	7:00 PM	Lifespan: Heart of Christianity"	Room B-8		7:30 PM	Monday Men	Room B-8
20-Apr Wednesday	2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Room B-5	3-May Tuesday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup and Sorting	Emerson
21-Apr Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees	Room B-8		7:00 PM	Christian UUs	Room B-8
22-Apr Friday	6:00 PM	Parent Potluck	Channing, Kitchen	4-May Wednesday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup and Sorting	Emerson
	6:30 PM	Guilderland Plus Potluck	Offsite		2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Room B-5
23-Apr Saturday	10:00 AM	WSNA - SRC Neighborhood Cleanup	Grounds	5-May Thursday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Setup and Sorting	Emerson
	6:00 PM	Circle Dinners	Offsite	6-May Friday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale	Emerson
24-Apr Sunday	11:45 AM	Peace Team	Room 26	7-May Saturday	9:00 AM	Rummage Sale	Emerson
25-Apr Monday	3:00 PM	Shelter Meal Prep	Kitchen		3:00 PM	Rummage Sale Cleanup	Emerson
	7:00 PM	Wellspring Meeting	Room B-8	8-May Sunday	5:30 PM	Walker Book Club	Channing, Kitchen
	7:30 PM	Monday Men	Room B-7		7:00 PM	War Healing Circle	Room B-8
26-Apr Tuesday	6:45 PM	Pastoral Care Associates	Room B-7				
27-Apr Wednesday	2:00 PM	SGM Patka	Room B-5				

Looking Ahead

May 6-7 Rummage Sale

May 13 Oriel Coffeehouse

May 15 Annual Meeting

News

“Shakespeare and Love” concert at FUUSA

April 15, at 7:30 PM

The Helderberg Madrigal Singers, with the Bleecker Consort, will present “Shakespeare and Love” in Emerson Community Hall on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 PM. The concert is sponsored by the FUUSA Music Committee/Choir. Celebrate the Bard of Avon’s birthday with music connected to his plays, with a focus on love pursued, gained – and lost. Much more fun than finishing your taxes! Tickets will be available in late March -- \$15 adult/\$10 senior/student.

Budget Conversation

On May 1 at 11:45 a.m. there will be a congregational conversation about the draft budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. This will be an opportunity for members and friends to review the budget and discuss the assumptions used to prepare it. The

Flyers in this issue

At the end of this newsletter you will find full page items on:

- ◆ Owing Your Religious Past—Plus
- ◆ Spring Rummage Sale flyer

budget will be voted on at the annual meeting on May 15. The draft budget will be available on the website (albanyuu.org) and in the lobby. If you would like to have it emailed to you, please contact Steve Moskowitz. The meeting will be in Room 26.

Jack Hotchkiss memorial service

A memorial service for Jack Hotchkiss will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm. Reception follows.

Circle Dinner reminder

Saturday, April 23

If you signed up to be a host or a guest at a Circle Dinner don’t forget! If you have last minute questions contact Martha Musser.

The next dinner will be May 21. Please save the date.

Annual reports due April 18

Committee chairs: If you would like a copy of the report submitted by your group last year, contact Church Administrator Amy Lent.

UUA General Assembly Charlotte, NC— June 22-26

Registration and GA housing began on March 1. Registration information is available at <http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>. Please consider being a FUUSA delegate. Contact FUUSA President Chuck Manning or Denominational Affairs liaison Don Odell.’

Attention Facebook fans

Want to connect with fellow FUUSA members online? Did you know that FUUSA has a new Facebook page? It’s true! If you’re on Facebook, just go to facebook.com/AlbanyUU and ‘like’



Rev. Chris Antal receiving the stole made for him by Barbara Manning (not pictured), Sandy Stone and Jan Satin.

FUUSA to see messages from Rev. Sam, join the discussion or see what's going on in the FUUSA community. Or if you're not on Facebook, this might be a reason to give it a try! If you have any questions or problems logging on, email pr@albanyuu.org and someone will help you out!

Music notes from Matt

April 17 service: Guest musicians are "Magpie". They are a wonderful touring duo. You can check them out at <http://www.magpiemusic.com/>

April 24 service: Easter music will be provide by Jim Scott and the FUUSA choir. Jim has a wikipedia page: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Scott_\(musician\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Scott_(musician)).

Notes from Joy Library

***Spiritual Envy: An Agnostic's Quest* by Michael Krasny** . "The contention between the "new" atheists and the devout is causing a resurgence in agnostic studies. Krasny (Off Mike) is a public radio host and a self-declared agnostic, maintaining a position that "stands open to verification of either side of the God question." Deftly balancing biography and literary scholarship, the book is both a personal examination of agnosticism and a balanced voice in the complex debate over faith's role in society. Krasny grew up a strong believer in his Jewish faith, until adolescent questioning led him to declare he just wasn't sure. Despite a lost connection with God, the young Krasny continued to seek a divine presence, even admitting to feelings of envy toward those possessing "the consolation of faith." In this book, agnosticism is a tool to philosophically en-

gage with various manifestations of faith including organized religion, spiritual-but-not-religious sentiments, and even paranormal theories. Readers expecting a late chapter conversion will be disappointed; Krasny remains agnostic to the end, even while declaring his respect for the benefits religion can bring to believers." (Oct.) *Publisher's Weekly*.

***Jerusalem, Jerusalem: How the Ancient City Ignited Our Modern World* by James Carroll. 2011 [956.944 CAR]** "Oh, Jerusalem, how often have I wept for you!" laments the psalmist. And well we should weep. For millennia, Jerusalem has been the meeting point of religion and culture, traditionalism and modernity, and the apparently inevitable violence that erupts over a particular faith's exclusive claim to the city. Carroll, author of the critically acclaimed *Constantine's Sword*, has given us one of the broadest and most balanced accounts in recent years of the city of King David—one centered on the concept of "sacred violence" as a path to redemption, a vision long engendered by Jerusalem and all that it represents. But he has another agenda—to analyze and interpret the intersections of history, theology, philosophy, and popular culture in a way that offers hope of an emerging religion that "celebrate life, not death." Given the long history of violence and death surrounding both the physical Jerusalem and the "imagined" city (e.g., America as a "city on a hill"), is this even possible? The former Catholic priest remains optimistic that humanity will find a way to resolve the conflicts that are so much a part of its story. Conceptually profound, richly detailed, and wonderfully realized, this book brings to life the dynamic story of the divided city." (Mar.) *Publisher's Weekly*.

Lifespan Learning

Adult Education

Sign up for classes at the Sign Up Site in Channing Hall or call the office at 463-7135. Courses are held at FUUSA.

The Heart of Christianity

Remaining sessions April 11, 18

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

led by Rev. Sam Trumbore

Lent provides an excellent time to explore the Christian part of our Unitarian and Universalist

heritage, deepen our appreciation of it and, for some of us, faith in it. Marcus Borg, in his book, *The Heart of Christianity*, and Rev. Trumbore's February 27 sermon with the same name, both outline two different approaches to Christianity. One of those non-exclusive approaches has much compatibility with our Unitarian Universalist approach to religion. The purpose of this class will be to use Borg's book to better understand the two different approaches and find out if the liberal, contemporary understanding has value for our individual growth and development and our congregation.

Our Community

Welcome, new members!



Carolyn Bradley is a peacemaker, a lover of children, people and dogs (not necessarily in that order). She has 3 adult children and lives on the Hudson River in Cohoes right next to a state park where she enjoys the outdoors and nature! It doesn't get much better than that!

Patty and Tim Burch, UU's since 1987, moved to Albany in November 2010 from Menlo Park, CA.

Tim spent summers on Lake Lauderdale near Cambridge, NY since he was 6 years old. After Tim retired after a career in Human Resources and after driving across the country with their 2 dogs in a Subaru, both Tim and Patty decided it was time to move back East to be closer to their camp and their families. Tim enjoys collecting yo-yo's, hiking and gardening and hopes the consistent 50 degree weather returns to Albany soon!



Patty is a Registered Nurse and for years was a stay at home Mom to take care of their 2 daughters



Gretchen and Betsy. Patty was active through volunteering in the schools and the Church. Patty enjoys hiking, making jams and jellies and quilting. She cannot wait until all the boxes are unpacked and her sewing machine is up and running!

Both Patty and Tim are very glad to be here.

Alison Coleman is a member of the City of Albany Commission on Human Rights, the president of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association and a descendent of the once widely-known novelist Frances Parkinson Keyes. She loves the cities of Washington, DC and New Orleans and



claims as her favorite possession, and gift, a balloon that floated right into her hands last year from somewhere unknown—on it are written the words “enough is enough”.

Toni Daniel and her husband Marc met 30+ years ago while ski-bumming in Steamboat

Springs, Colorado; after a brief stop in Massachusetts and 15 years in Clifton Park, in 2005 we moved to Albany, which we enjoy very much. We are the proud parents of two young adult daughters, one a research analyst in Cambridge, Mass., and the other playing field hockey and working for Adidas in The Netherlands. I returned to college a few years ago to earn my accounting degree and am now employed as an auditor for the Department of Labor.



My first experience with Unitarian Universalists was a hundred years ago, in the 1960's when they offered support and protection to war protesters on Boston Common; they flew rainbow flags of peace from their classic Federalist row house on Beacon Hill, a sight I'll never forget. It is a blessing in my life to have rediscovered this extraordinary group and have the opportunity to join with you!

Peter Fallone I'm very pleased to have found a community of people with shared values and like minded ideas. I'm presently pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work and have extensive experience in the field of Human Services. I'm originally from Fonda, New York but have made my home in Albany for several years now. I love good food, warm smiles, writing, painting, long walks, my family and friends, volunteering, reading, different kinds of music, and sports in general.



Mairin Merna is 28 years old and lives in Waterford. She is currently working as a nanny caring for her

best friend's 11 month old daughter. She enjoys traveling and would love to visit Ireland some day.

Lou and Sharon Rehder I'm Lou Rehder, and here's my top ten of what I love: my family including our dogs, music, dance, martial arts, science and engineering, the green earth and earth spirits, philosophy and secular humanism, the religions with their gods and goddesses, questioning authority, and lastly, sacred pleasure.



Sharon loves taking care of their 1 1/2 year old son and their three dogs. She enjoys training and showing the dogs in obedience and agility and was very active with a local therapy dog group before becoming a mom. She is a chemical and environmental engineer and is currently a website manager.



Their son will be 18 months old next week and is looking forward to moving from the infant room to the toddler room at daycare. He

loves to push things across the room and play with blocks, puzzles, and board books. He also enjoys music and playing in the pool.

Joe Zoske has traveled the spiritual alphabet: Atheism, Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism (pronounced "Daoism"), Earth-based traditions and more. From Albany since 1973, he returns to the area after 6 years in Saratoga, actively involved in that UU congregation. He has friends and colleagues in our congregation and looks forward to making more. He teaches at Siena College and has many diverse interests and talents that he'd like to contribute to FUUSA. Newly arrived to his 60s, he's hoping it'll be the best decade ever!



Chris Franklin is an Albany native and has been

virtually a lifelong member of FUUSA, first attending at age 6 with his family. Loving spending time with his friends Doug, Nate, Ellen and others, he relished his preteen and teen years as a member participating in conferences, Rite of Passage, and AYS. Upon completing his bachelors in 2006, Chris returned to the church as a part-time member enjoying Green Sanctuary and other programs but became quite busy during his union and community organizing work for SEIU and ACORN, from 2006-2009. In the Fall of 2009, Chris joined the Masters in Regional Planning program at SUNY Albany, and was able to return to his roots in environmental work and student leadership. For the past year he served as President of the Graduate Planning Student Association 2009-2010, and helped the department to gain well-deserved recognition and respect in the University, organizing events such as *UPlanAlbany 2030* in March 2010-- a 20-year planning and visioning process for the City of Albany; and the annual *World Town Planning Day Conference* in November 2010. Now, upon Graduation in May 2011, Chris devotes all of his time to climate change and waste reduction studies, and among other events, is helping to organize Albany's Earth Day celebration. In addition to environmental and Urban Planning studies, Chris' other love is singing a *cappella*, and his group *Jazzhands* has had the opportunity to be the opening act for Larkfest, among other performances. He has enjoyed reconnecting with FUUSA members over the past year, and is looking forward to being an official member, along with his family Bob Franklin and Carolyn Stetson.



Channing Circle

April 18, noon

The Channing Circle will meet at noon on Monday, April 18. Newcomers are especially invited to join this group of older FUUSAns. Bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided, in the latter case by Lois Webb.

There will be a short business meeting to talk about summer activities and next year's schedule. Formation of an executive committee will also be

considered. The details of the program at 1 p.m. are not definite at the time this item is being submitted. You will enjoy it, whatever the case!

CommUnity Potlucks

FUUSAns meet occasionally in members' homes in various neighborhoods for a potluck dinner. Newcomers are always welcome! Call the church office if you would like to host a potluck.

Guilderland Plus second date change:

Saturday, April 22, 6:30 PM

Due to a conflicting auction event to be attended by the hosts on the previously updated date, Linda and Larry apologize for this second update and propose that we again change the date for the gathering to April 22. Please contact the hosts.

FUUSA Parent Group

Friday, April 22

Join us on Friday, April 22 for a discussion of: 'Presenting Present Parenting, Practicing Stillness in Your Parenting' based on the book *Everyday Blessings* by Jon and Myla Kabat-Zinn. The following questions will frame our discussion:

1. How do you practice stillness? Through meditation, yoga, experiencing nature, prayer?
2. How do your children show you stillness? Through your child's laugh, during bath time, at night time discussion of the day's events, during story time?
3. How do you include stillness in your parenting?

Need to talk? FUUSA Pastoral Care Associates are here to listen!

Our Pastoral Care Associates have been trained in compassionate listening skills and are available to all members and friends of our congregation. To contact a Pastoral Care Associate, email listeners@albanyuu.org, contact Reverend Sam Trumbore, the FUUSA office at 518-463-7135, or one of them personally. They are: Jon Newell, Phil Rich, Sharon Babala, Jan Satin, Jean Bolgatz, Randy Rosette, Mark Yolles and Robin Miller.



We begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass and a beverage. A parent discussion will be held from 7 to 8:30 pm. Childcare is provided. Please contact Paula Brewer for more information.

War Healing Circle

The War Healing Circle is changing its meeting time to 7:00 PM (still on 2nd and 4th Sundays).

Caring Network: help needed

The Caring Network is looking for someone to take notes during Joys and Sorrows for two Sundays a month and write the column for the newsletter. Ann Lapinski has been doing this job for several years and is looking for a replacement. Mary Ann Randall will continue her role on the other Sundays. This job is so important to help our community know when we are in need and when we can join in the celebration...please consider. Thanks, Sharon Babala, Caring Network Chair

ChurchDB update

Online NOW—the **FUUSA calendar**. Available to everyone at www.albanyuu.org, on the home page. Or members can access it directly thru ChurchDB once you're logged on.

Haven't logged in yet to see what it's all about? Contact Church Administrator Amy Lent for instructions.

Joys and Caring Corner

Edited for the Web:
Personal information and contacts removed, as well as children's last names. Web viewers needing more information are invited to contact the church office at administrator@fuusalbanyu.org.

If you need the services of the Caring Network, please call the office during regular hours at 463-7135.

Items of personal joy or caring may be submitted during the service on the yellow cards provided, or directly to Ann Lapinski (alapinski@nycap.rr.com) or Mary Ann Randall (mabrandall@gmail.com.).

Social Justice

I have been away and out of touch for the last ten days when so much has been going on. Please read all the happenings in Windows. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and having you participate in our Social Justice Sunday, April 17. You will have an opportunity to tell SRC where you want FUUSA to focus and how you want to be involved. We will also be Giving Away the Plate to Lydia's House, Inc. Tamika Williams, founder and director, will be at the service to tell you about Lydia's House which "provides a monitored supportive housing program to assist single formerly incarcerated females as they navigate the transition from prison back into the local community." You can read more at www.lydiashouseinc.org. Standing on the Side of Love,
Lois Griffin

Peace Team news

Peace Team is excited to announce that our application to the UU Peace Ministry Network (PMN) was accepted by unanimous vote. **We are now an official Peace Advocacy Congregation!** A copy of the document that was sent to the PMN, and de-

scribed the activities that FUUSA has undertaken in the past few years in support of peace, will be available on the FUUSA website soon, and on April 17 for "Social Responsibility Sunday." We will be recognized at General Assembly this summer for this achievement.

The first in our series of Film & Discussion Nights is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 20, in Channing Hall. "The Singing Revolution", an uplifting, acclaimed film about the power of music to throw off oppression, tells the story of how hundreds of thousands of Estonian people triumphed over Soviet occupation through public gatherings at which they sang the revolutionary songs that they had created.

Enough for All

"...we understand in our hearts...what it means to be human, and believe that truly, there is enough for all."* The CROP in CROP Hunger Walk stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." Will you join our community in raising funds to alleviate hunger at home and around the world, to help ensure that there IS enough for all? Come together with fellow FUUSAns and hundreds of

your Capital Region neighbors in the CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, May 1. We also need people to work on walker registration on Walk Day, so there's a way to help even if you don't want to walk. See Dawn Dana at coffee hours starting on April 3 to sign up to walk, help, or pledge your support.

**Rev. John McCullough, Exec Dir, Church World Service*

FUUSA women – dining, sharing, caring April 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Come join FUUSA women for an opportunity to gather and assist others at the same time! We will meet twice a year for a potluck brunch, lunch or supper in Channing. We will learn about non-profit programs and contribute what is personally affordable to the chosen cause, one that primarily benefits women and children. We will alternate between local and national or global organizations.

Our purpose is to build a social giving community which empowers impoverished women and children through supporting existing health, educational, or economic programs. At the same time, we will offer support and friendship to the women who participate. This is open to all women, FUUSAns and their friends.

Our first gathering will be held Saturday morning, April 30 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Channing. Bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share, plus a contribution for our first cause. Sign up In Channing Hall at the Sign Up Site.

Please feel free to bring information and speak about a local program you would like to see funded. If possible, submit information about that program (which benefits women and children) by April 16.

One suggestion is Dr. Bob's Clinic in Albany. We will learn more about this clinic at the gathering.

Questions and/or suggestions for organizations - please e-mail Nichola Dutre at jdutre@earthlink.net or Barb Cooley at fernhill68@netzero.com

Green Sanctuary

Happy Earth Day weekend from the Green Sanctuary Committee (GSC). We have a full menu of fun

activities for you to choose from. On Earth Day, Friday, April 22, FUUSA is invited to join the noon Bicycle Flotilla with flags and all organized by Chris Franklin and Sandy Steubing. It is sponsored by the Mayor's Office on Energy and Sustainability. Not to worry - it will be a short ride. On Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., the GSC is sponsoring a neighborhood clean-up project in conjunction with the Washington Square Neighborhood Association and Alison Coleman. Even if you can only come for an hour, your helping hands are needed. Pizza Party at FUUSA afterwards. On Easter Earth Day Sunday, April 24, GSC is encouraging all members and friends to buddy up for your commute to FUUSA. Consult the FUUSA Neighbors map to see who to bicycle, car pool, bus, or walk with. You will be recognized during the service. Last, but not least, the children will be planting during story hour of the Earth Day service. For questions on any of the above, contact Sandy at ssteub@gmail.com. Please note my new email address.

SRC Table

Chocolate Bunnies will be on sale at the SRC table on Sunday, April 24.

Sign up for Car Pooling, the Bike Rally on April 22, clean up the Neighborhood on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with pizza and soda or cider for lunch.

Check out the pledge form to reduce your carbon footprint by reducing the use of your clothes dryer.

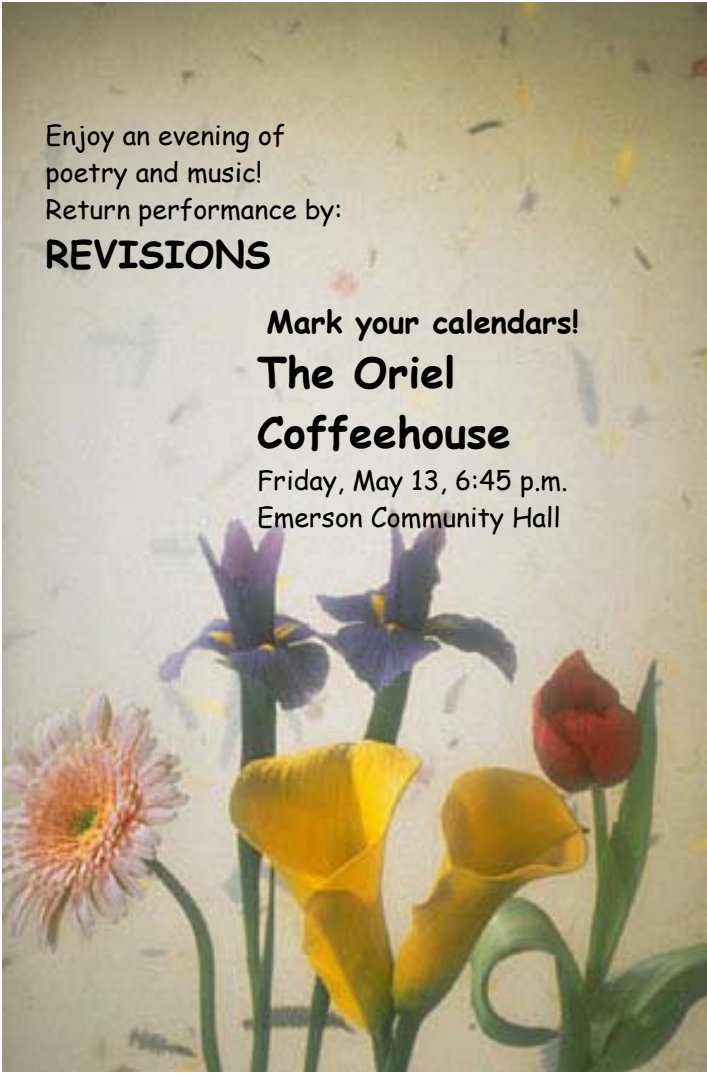
Sign up for Advocacy Day with Interfaith Impact on Monday, May 16 to meet with legislators on Marriage Equality for Same Sex Couples, Reproductive Health and Legislative Redistricting. Members of FUUSA were very involved in the creation of Planned Parenthood so we need to continue giving support. Have our religious progressive voices heard.

Thanks for all the recycling you've been doing. New soles for sandals will be made from over 15 lbs of cork you've donated in the last six months. Don't forget to donate sneakers to be recycled. We continue to recycle ink cartridges (except for Laser and Epson) and cell phones. Bring your used CFL bulbs which will be disposed of properly.

FOCUS Food Pantry

On March 27, the FUUSA congregation was generous one more time. For the FOCUS Food Pantry we collected \$506.41. Thank you to all for your

generosity. With nourishing food and knowing that people care, I am sure the recipients of these funds are grateful



Enjoy an evening of poetry and music!
Return performance by:
REVISIONS

Mark your calendars!
The Oriel
Coffeehouse
Friday, May 13, 6:45 p.m.
Emerson Community Hall

The full agenda will be posted soon!
Soups, desserts and beverages
will be available for sale.

March Sunday Volunteer Opportunities—Sign up in Channing Hall at the Sign Up Site.

	Lead Usher (1)	Ushers (3)	Coffee Hosts (2)	Greeters (2)	Chalice Lighter
Apr. 17	D. Odell B. Zima	B. Zima M. Bell	J. Semon	H. Mabee P. Patrick	C. Dorsey
Apr. 24	M Myers	R&B Warner		A. Coleman	H. Goldstein

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Check current calendar for time and location
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Main entrance is on Washington Avenue. Rear entrance is on West St. Both have ramp access. The building is fully handicapped accessible.

Parking: Parking is available on the street. On Sundays (and for some special events) FUUSA has permission to use the University at Albany's downtown campus parking lots: the Hawley Lot on Robin Street at Washington Avenue and the Thurlow Terrace Lot on Western Avenue.

Office hours

September-June: Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00
July-August: Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00

Building use

To **reserve a room** for a FUUSA activity, contact Administrative Assistant Dave Stone (463-7135 or dstone@albanyuu.org).

To **rent classroom space** for a personal or non-FUUSA activity, contact Administrative Assistant Dave Stone (463-7135 or dstone@albanyuu.org).

To **rent one of the large halls** or plan for an event that will use both halls and classrooms for a personal or non-FUUSA activity, contact Rental Agent Lynne Lekakis (427-7386 or kaneandlekakis@gmail.com).

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May *Windows*: Apr. 18
May *Update*: May 2

OWNING YOUR RELIGIOUS PAST - *PLUS*

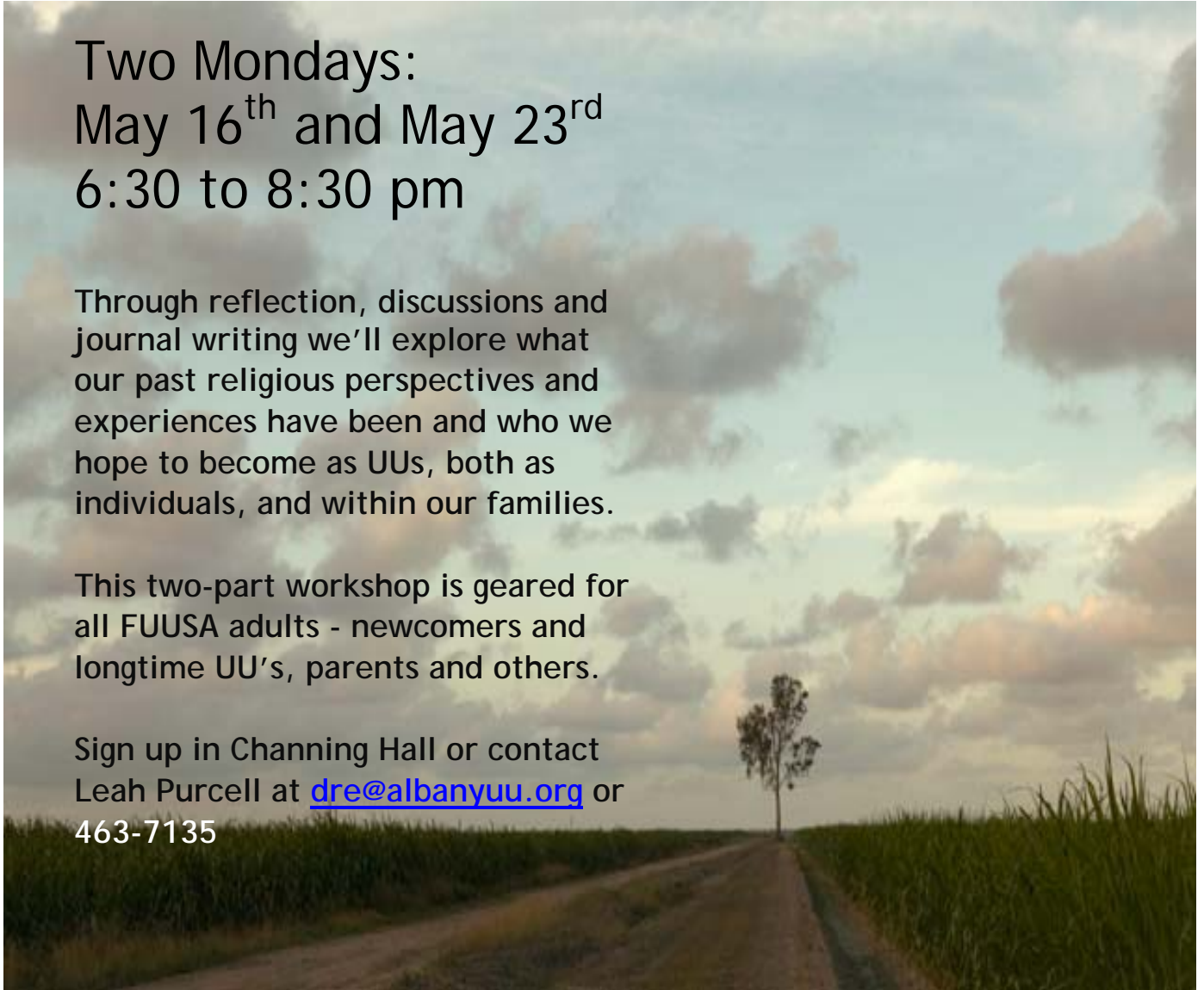
A two-session workshop co-facilitated by
Leah Purcell and Brian Carr

Two Mondays:
May 16th and May 23rd
6:30 to 8:30 pm

Through reflection, discussions and journal writing we'll explore what our past religious perspectives and experiences have been and who we hope to become as UUs, both as individuals, and within our families.

This two-part workshop is geared for all FUUSA adults - newcomers and longtime UU's, parents and others.

Sign up in Channing Hall or contact Leah Purcell at dre@albanyuu.org or 463-7135





Spring 2011 RUMMAGE SALE

We will sell gently used household goods, small appliances, sheets, towels, and table linens. Please NO TV's, tape recorders or computers, no kids' toys or gear, no books.



Set up and Donation Times:

Sunday, May 1 after the service & before the Crop Walk

Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May 4 – 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, May 5 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sale Hours:

Friday, May 6 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 7 – 9:00 to 3:00 PM

Clean Up - 3:00 to whenever

Sign ups in Channing Hall