

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-November, 2010

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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.)
- 6:00 PM
War Healing Circle
(2nd & 4th Sunday/mo.)

Services

Nov. 14 "Countering Despair over the Planet's Future," The Rev. Sam Trumbore (in Sanctuary)

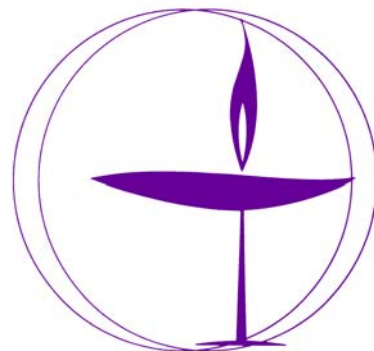
Many who advocate and work for world community with peace and justice for all struggle to keep despair at bay. The challenges facing our future are daunting and progress is easily reversed. What others celebrate as a sign of the second coming, most of us believe can and should be ameliorated. How do we keep our spirits up when the world seems to be turning into hell? Music: Choir

Nov. 21 "Our Haudenosaunee Heritage," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

As we prepare to give thanks during our Thanksgiving dinners, let us also give thanks for our Haudenosaunee (or Iroquois) Heritage. Even if we don't have one drop of Native American blood, aspects of our society and life here have been shaped by the Haudenosaunee. This is also the Sunday Rev. Trumbore bakes his renown organic corn muffins (including gluten-free ones) for our tradition of a corn muffin communion to celebrate our heritage and harvest. Music: Choir

Nov. 28 "Creating World Peace," Sybil Allyson Stock

Each of us can help create U.S. peace-building policies. This service will provide information on alternatives to ending the conflict in Afghanistan. Diplomacy, negotiation, and development as foreign policy strategies and moral opportunities, will be presented as alternatives to the cycle of violence perpetuated by the use of military intervention. Come hear about the opportunities we have to turn our desire for peace into action by promoting policies that counter the U.S. reliance on the military to resolve global challenges.



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 November

Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Philosophy Group	B-8	Exceptions: Nov. 24 No choir rehearsal
	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 November

9-Nov Tuesday	7:00 PM	Green Sanctuary/350	B-8	23-Nov Tuesday	7:30 PM	Union Thanksgiving Service	Emerson
10-Nov Wednesday	5:00 PM	Religious Services Committee	B-8	25-Nov Thursday	2:00 PM	Thanksgiving Potluck	Channing, Kitchen
11-Nov Thursday	9:00 AM	Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair setup	Emerson	28-Nov Sunday	11:00 AM	Bazaar Postscript	Channing
	9:00 AM	Music Library workday		29-Nov Monday	1:00 PM	Shelter Meal Prep	Kitchen
12-Nov Friday	9:00 AM	Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair setup	Emerson, Channing, Kitchen	30-Nov Tuesday	7:00 PM	Earth Spirits	B-8
	6:30 PM	Guilderland Plus Potluck	Thomson/Patka, Heritage Village				
13-Nov Saturday	9:00 AM	Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair	Emerson, Channing (lunch 11-2), Kitchen				
14-Nov Sunday	9:00 AM	Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair	Emerson, Channing (lunch 11-3), Kitchen				
	11:30 AM	Children's Chapel SL Meeting	B-1				
	5:30 PM	Walker Book Club	Walker's, Delmar				
15-Nov Monday	12:00 PM	Channing Circle	Channing, Kitchen				
16-Nov Tuesday	2:00 PM,	Staff Meeting	Study				
	5:30 PM	Endowment Trust Committee	Stott/Joy Library				
	7:00 PM	Christian UUs	B-8				
17-Nov Wednesday	5:00 PM	Membership Committee	B-7				
	6:00 PM	Personnel Committee	Study				
18-Nov Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Trustees	B-8				
20-Nov Saturday	3:00 PM	AdEd: Tarot Card Reading	B-8				
	7:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace	Channing				
21-Nov Sunday	11:00 AM	Bazaar Postscript	Channing				
	5:00 PM	Parent Potluck	Channing, Kitchen, 24/25				
22-Nov Monday	1:00 PM	Shelter Meal Prep	Kitchen				
	7:30 PM	Monday Men	B-8				

Green Sanctuary discussion

Sunday, Nov. 21, 11:45 am

Topic: Smart Water Use Leader: Kathy Macri

Looking Ahead

Rummage Sale, Dec. 10-11

Holiday Crafts Workshop and Tree Trimming Party, Dec. 11

Multigenerational Christmas service (RE pageant), Dec. 19

Christmas Eve services, Dec. 24

News

Holiday Bazaar THIS weekend

Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 am- 4 pm

Sunday, Nov. 14, 11 am – 3 pm.

Everything from frozen home made pies to take home for Thanksgiving to a sleighful of Christmas presents—and a café to make this the perfect opportunity to do your holiday shopping in a leisurely and relaxing environment.

Eat, shop, enjoy!

“Community and Connections” get started

The Strategic Plan presents a vision of a vital and nurturing community where we all can feel connected socially and spiritually. The Board identified this as one of our important focus areas for this year. Our goal was to form the Community and Connections Committee (CCC) by November.

After significant discussion at the September and October Board meetings we agreed that the charge to the CCC is:

The Community and Connections Committee’s charge is to assess how existing FUUSA councils, committees and events are promoting community and connections, to identify the gaps and to facilitate strategies to deepen and broaden the connections within our community and with our neighborhood.

This is a very broad mandate and we concluded that it made sense to form the committee with input from the whole congregation. We want your good ideas and support. Therefore, we divided the charge into four sub-areas to focus this discussion. In each sub-area a task force will be created.

One task force will survey current activities at FUUSA. Looking at a typical monthly calendar there are many activities that already address the Community and Connections Goal. The task force will spend time with the various committees and groups that are working on this now and determine what we do well and where the gaps are. This task force will be coordinated by the Program Coordinating Council.

The other three task forces will brainstorm ideas on what we should be doing and how it can be implemented. They will focus on three action areas:

**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.

- ◆ Deepening Internal Connections – For example Small Group Ministry and Channing Circle
- ◆ Expanded and Affordable Social Events – For example Friday night dinners
- ◆ Neighborhood Connections – How can we serve our neighborhood better?

Each task force will meet in November and December and then present their recommendations at the January Board meeting.

Sign-ups for the task forces will be in Channing Hall at a special table starting on November 13. We would like to have a minimum of five people on each task force.

We hope you will volunteer because:

- ◆ The recommendations from these task forces will create significant change in how we fulfill our mission
- ◆ The task forces themselves will be an opportunity for community and connection
- ◆ Brainstorming with creative and interesting people is always fun
- ◆ This is a short term project with a defined end point
- ◆ There might be food at the task force meetings

You can also sign-up for a task force by sending an email to Todd Gray, Donna Meixner, or Randy Rosette.

Union Thanksgiving Service 7:30 pm, Tuesday, November 23 at FUUSA

Each year Congregation Beth Emeth, Trinity United Methodist Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany gather for a joint Thanksgiving service. Trinity, Westminster and FUSA (only one U in those days) all had fires that burned our buildings at different times at the beginning of the 20th century. While they were being repaired, we all worshiped at Congregation Beth Emeth's building. When our buildings were rebuilt, we began the tradition of having this joint service. This year, our theme speaker will be Joseph Bruchac, a native of the Abenaki people. In music, story and poetry, he will share with us a Native American perspective on the value of giving thanks. You can learn more about him on his web site: <http://www.JosephBruchac.com>

Please also bring canned goods for the Focus Food Pantry as your offering.

Children, youth, RE volunteers and the Dec. 19 multigenerational Christmas service "Would You Like to Hold the Baby?" celebrates the beauty and metaphor found in the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. This service does not require any memorization of lines or complicated rehearsing, but participants will need to meet with Leah Purcell who is organizing the pageant. Children and youth and RE volunteers are invited to be a part of the pageant and to sing in the choir. Please note the following dates for those who would like to participate.

- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 5, 11:30 to 12:00 – Selection of major parts of the pageant and costume selection – in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Sunday, Dec. 13, 11:30 to 12:30 – Rehearsal in Emerson Hall

A FUUSA Thanksgiving Feast Thursday, Nov. 25, 2:00 p.m. Channing Hall

Why not join your fellow FUUSAns for Thanksgiving this year! On Thanksgiving Day, we will gather at 2 pm for appetizers and conversation. Dinner



A bonanza of food from Trick or Treaters for the food pantry—and some quiet time for some of the Tricksters later at the Halloween party!



will be served at 3 pm.

Like any family Thanksgiving, you can enjoy more than just eating, so bring games to play. And after dinner is cleaned up, we'll show the 1947 version of the movie, "Miracle on 34th Street." Of course, this holiday is also an opportunity for us to be thankful for the blessings we have and for us to be generous to people in need if we can, so we will have a Guest at Your Table box to accept donations to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

The Purcell family is coordinating the dinner and activities. Call Leah at the office (463-7135) or email her at dre@albanyuu.org to let her know you are coming and to select an item to bring.

From Joy Library

Book not found under call number? Check the NEW BOOKS section.

The Path of Compassion: Writings on Socially Engaged Buddhism by Kenneth Kraft. (1988) [294.337 EPP]

".. In a sense, this discussion among twenty-one teachers and practitioners in this excellent, inspiring, and entirely necessary anthology is moot, because at the deepest level Buddhist practice is inherently, ineluctably engaged in the world. Any concern about Buddhism's apparent lack of formal, overt, political activism overlooks its message of non-duality-all beings, events, even thoughts, are inter-related, interpenetrating, and co-dependently arising. The first half of the collection deals with thoughts on spiritual practice and social action. The book's second half presents the biographies of exemplars of engaged Buddhism, and here the emotional weight of embodied compassion is deeply moving, engaging the reader in a shared sense of suffering and insight. ... When we "speak with our lives and our bodies," says Thich Nhat Hanh, we can be very effective in changing the world, whether this action takes the form of "sitting for peace and standing for Parliament" or being an irrepressible Buddha at the supermarket check-out. -- From Independent Publisher quoted on Amazon

Why Some Things Should Not Be for Sale: The Moral Limits of Markets by Debra Satz (2010) [174.4 SAT]

"What's wrong with markets in everything? Markets today are widely recognized as the most efficient way ... to organize production and distribution in a complex economy. And with the collapse of communism and rise of globalization, it's no surprise that markets and the political theories supporting them have seen a considerable resurgence. For many, markets are an all-purpose remedy for the deadening effects of bureaucracy and state control. But what about those markets we might label noxious-markets in addictive drugs, say, or in sex, weapons, child labor, or human organs? ..."
"... Satz contends that categories previously used by philosophers and economists are of limited utility ..., she offers a broader and more nuanced view ... that goes beyond ... efficiency and distributional

equality--to show how markets shape our culture, foster or thwart human development, and create and support structures of power...." Amazon Wed, 25 Aug 2010

The CAFO Reader: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories by Daniel Imhoff.

(2010) [630 IMH]

"... a collection of essays by over 30 of today's leading thinkers on one of the most important environmental and ethical issues of our time: the rise of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, or CAFOs, where increasing amounts of the world's meat, dairy, eggs, fish, and seafood are produced. ... These essays analyze and vividly depict the devastating impacts and current conditions in and around factory farms. The collection also provides a compelling vision of "putting the CAFO out to pasture," in which food systems become more healthy, humane, and sustainable. ..."

(Amazon Tue, 14 Sep 2010)

Lifespan Learning

What's red or white and green and comes in December?

Buy your holiday poinsettias at FUUSA and support our Rite of Passage youth in raising money for their trip to Boston in May. The youth will take orders for poinsettias at Coffee Hour on November 14, 21, and 28. You can also e-mail or call Leah Purcell to place your order (dre@albanyuu.org or 463-7135.) The plants are in 6" pots with gold foil and come in white or red. Cost: \$13.00 each or \$25 for two. The pick-up date is Sunday, December 5 at FUUSA.



Tarot Card

Reading as a Spiritual Practice

Part Two, Workshop given by Alifair Skebe

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 20

Sign up in Channing Hall or call the FUUSA office

Our Community

Earth Spirits

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, November 30 at 7 PM, room B-8.

Come if you want to be involved in planning the Solstice Celebration to be held on December 19. Look forward to seeing you. Contact Thayer Heath.

Channing Circle

Nov. 15, noon

Come on Monday, November 15 to hear Ann and Don Eberle speak about their trip through Eastern Europe aboard a boat. Bring a sandwich or salad and have lunch with others. The Thomsons and Allens are providing dessert. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

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" will meet in Guilderland...

Friday, Nov. 12, 6:30

Hosted by Lois & Bob Thomson and Anita Patka at 222 Heritage Road, Heritage Village, Guilderland. Call the Thomsons for directions and to let them know what you will bring.

...and in December in Albany

Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 PM.

Hosted by Kathy Harris. Her home is on 96 Homestead Avenue in Albany. Please contact Kathy to let her know that you are coming and what dish you plan to share.

Walker Book Club update

The next meeting of the Walker book club is Sunday, November 14, at the home of Lisa Walker, 24 Rowland Ave, Delmar. The meeting will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 PM, followed by a lively discussion of the book of the month. Bring your favorite dish to share, and a small contribution to cover beverages. If you need directions, call Lisa.

Newcomers are always welcome.

♦ Nov. 14 – Let the Great World Spin: A Novel by Colum McCann.

Contact Linda Hunt for a list of books suggested by participants for future months.

FUUSA Parent Group

Parent Group meets on Sunday November 21, 2010. Potluck dinner begins at 5PM followed by a discussion from 6 to 7:30 PM; discussion topic: **how not to be a helicopter parent.** Please bring a dish to pass and a beverage. Childcare is provided. For further information contact Paula Brewer.

Monday Men's Group Openings

The Monday Men's Group has openings for three new members. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30. We share our joys and concerns in a safe supportive setting. If you would like to learn more about the group speak to Dee Van Riper, Fred Barker, Phil Rich, or Arden Dockter.

Christian UUs

If you are interested in exploring Christianity within Unitarian Universalism, join us at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 2010 in Room B-8. For more information contact John Sherman.

SGM sign ups still open

Small Group Ministry (SGM) offers an opportunity for members and friends to gather, form lasting relationships, develop community, and maybe even grow and gain a little insight as they think about and talk through the real questions of Life.

Sign up forms are available in Channing Hall at the Sign up Site, and at the end of this newsletter.

Greater Gifts

Greater Gifts invites you to commemorate life's wondrous milestones and memories, joys and sorrows, in a simple, earth-friendly, community-building way by making a gift of \$10 or more to the Endowment Trust that will support annual grants for worthy projects within FUUSA and beyond. All you need to do is submit a completed Greater Gifts

form and your tax-deductible contribution. A form is posted on FUUSAs website at <http://www.albanyuu.org/filecabinet.html>. and on a bulletin board in Channing Hall. With your permission, the purpose of your Greater Gift (but not the amount) will be announced in WINDOWS.

Are you interested in being a Service Leader?

The Service Leader plays an important role in Sunday services, especially by assisting in service preparation and preparing the Call to Celebration. Each service leader is asked to serve once or twice a year, so your time commitment is limited. Training will be scheduled for new service leaders in the Fall. If you would like to participate, please forward an e-mail of interest to RSC@albanyuu.org or call Irene Saulsbury.

Remember that Sunday morning volunteers are also needed to help ensure the smooth running of services and coffee hour. Please be sure to sign up in Channing Hall to act as an usher, greeter or coffee hour host. No special training needed!

Bottles and cans...and tabs!

The Choir continues to collect refundable bottles and cans in the bin in the coat room. Be sure that the cans and bottles you bring in are rinsed out. Please bring in only refundable cans and bottles--that now includes soda, beer and water containers.

Also, if you want to refund your own cans and bottles - please do so - but if you have the time, save the tabs from the cans for Kathy Harris. Leave them in baggies in the coat room on the shelf between the doors.



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 or Mary Ann Randall.

Joys and Caring Corner _____

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Social Justice

I am pondering as I write this what to say, perhaps distracted on this first cool, crisp day of November 1, by looking out on the blue expanse of the Atlantic Ocean at my daughter's home in Long Beach, NY. On the day you read this, I think I would have much to say. On the weekend of November 6 and 7 we will have focused on Social Justice. Not that we at FUUSA are otherwise unconcerned. But I trust these days with Rev. Dick Gilbert will have given us the opportunity to be more focused, more productive and more unified. I hope that many of you reading this are participants, but if not, I hope you will become informed as how you can be a part of Social Justice and that together we are "Standing on the Side of Love."—Lois Griffin

Green Sanctuary news

FUUSA is the first congregation in the area that is carbon neutral. ***"100% of FUUSA's electricity use will be matched with wind energy entering the electric grid from wind farms in NYS. Carbon offsets have been purchased to balance all of the direct greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas use for the church as well as 100% of emissions from church staff air and car travel and commuting. Member travel to and from weekly services and for church business have also been offset."*** Quote is from Community Energy. We have been able to do this through your generous purchases every Sunday for Fair Trade items and CFL bulbs. FUUSA members should be very proud of what has been accomplished, but it is just the first step in our commitment to being stewards of the earth. So let's continue what we have started.

Our second discussion will be on Sunday, November 21st in room B-8 at 11:45. Kathy Macri will be leading the discussion on Smart Water Use. Kathy is the Interagency Policy Coordinator at the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and in the Corporate Sustainability Office Executive Division. Come join us on this important topic.

The pledge that many of you signed back in 2006 is being revised and with new members joining our congregation, we will start a new pledge drive soon which we hope you will participate in. Now that we

are carbon neutral, we hope that you will renew your pledge to continue to reduce our carbon footprint for coming year.

Upcoming event of interest -

Public Forum - "Strengthening Social Security and Medicare" Sunday, Nov. 14, 2:00-4:30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany. Details are on the Social Responsibilities Council bulletin board in Channing Hall.

Prepare meals for the shelter

The Overflow Homeless Shelter will open for the season at the First Lutheran Church (basement) on the first of November again this year and FUUSA will be preparing 2-3 meals a month until the end of April, sharing Mondays with the First Presbyterian Church. By the time you read this, we will have begun!

Usually, 2 or 3 FUUSAns prepare a nutritious yet economical meal for 25 in FUUSA's kitchen, on the second and fourth Monday afternoons from about 3:45 PM – 6:00 PM. There is a fifth Monday on November's calendar and we are responsible for it. We welcome anyone who is interested and free on Monday afternoons to sign up to help cook. If you are not free at that time, we are also looking for dessert providers who buy or cook at home. You will be reimbursed for the expense.

Jerry Deighan, Sue Ellen and Delainie Bart, or Barb Cooley will plan the meal and do the shopping ahead of time. Those signed up join us in the kitchen at 3:45 PM. We deliver the meal to the shelter about 6:15 PM (so you are free by 6:30 PM) It is also possible for your family/group to take over the entire Monday if you prefer - just check with Barb.

Cooking for the shelter is a great way to be involved in our inner-city church neighborhood while cooking with UU friends! If you are interested in helping with the cooking, please sign up in Channing for the date of your choice. If you would like to provide a dessert instead, sign up for that - bring dessert for 25 (cookies, bars or brownies) to FUUSA on Sunday (well marked for the shelter) or deliver it by 5:30 PM on Monday.

The current sign-up covers November – January;

we'll deal with February – April after the holidays. Whoever is in charge will remind you by phone or e-mail a few days prior.

Thanks for your generous concern and participation in this volunteer opportunity! FUUSAns are GREAT volunteers!-- Barb, Jerry, Sue Ellen and Delainie

**A second overflow homeless shelter!
Overnight volunteers needed**

For those of you who have wanted a more “hands-on” experience at a homeless shelter – this is for you!

Last winter, St. Peter's Church (107 State St.), along with individuals from Partners in Outreach, operated an overflow shelter to augment the ministry of the Capital City Rescue Mission. They will be opening for their second season on December 1 and they are looking for overnight volunteers from area churches.

The mission screens and selects 12-15 men from their population and brings them, along with a Mission Staff Resident Assistant, to St. Peter's after dinner, at 8 PM. They are looking for volunteers (1 or 2 – taking turns staying awake) to stay overnight and to act as an extra pair of hands assisting the Mission staff. They leave by 7 AM. Eight churches volunteered last year and they are hoping increase that number and include FUUSA this season. No regular commitment is required, just a night or two

per season. More is possible, of course! You can choose to become involved with the overnights or remain detached with a good book for much of the evening.

This year they are asking the volunteers to attend an orientation session run by the Mission but held at St. Peter's. One of these sessions remains: November 18 from 6 PM – 8 PM, but other will be added as needed. Barb Cooley and Lois Griffin are attending on the 18th and we would welcome more FUUSAns then or at a later date.

Additionally, St. Peter's Church is accepting donations for the running of the shelter to include monetary contributions, coffee, sugar, fruit juice, microwave popcorn, Danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk, and creamer. Donations will be accepted at St. Peter's, 107 State St., Albany 12207.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call St Peter's church office 434-3502 or contact Lois Griffin or Barb Cooley at FUUSA.

Focus

Many thanks, two-fold: first thanks for the abundance of non-perishables collected at the Halloween party. Second, for the \$330 collected on Food Pantry Sunday. We are a generous group. Our next donations to the Food Pantry will be taken on Sunday, November 28.-Lois Thomson, Jane Allen, co-chairs

Sunday Volunteers		Sign up in Channing Hall at the Sign Up Site.			
	Lead Usher (1)	Ushers (3)	Coffee Hosts (2)	Greeters (2)	Chalice Lighter (1)
Nov. 14	A. D'Attilio		C. Strebel M. Tilgner		C. Wiltsey
Nov. 21		M.&C. Butt	R. Fogarty M. DeVolder	C. Bohn B. Manning	
Nov. 28	D. Dana		M.&C. Butt	J. McCracken	

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Regular meeting days

Check current calendar for time and location
Board of Trustees, 3rd Thursday
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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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Next publication deadlines

Dec. *Windows*: Nov. 15

Dec. *Update*: Dec. 6



Poinsettia Sale

To Benefit the Rite of Passage Trip to Boston

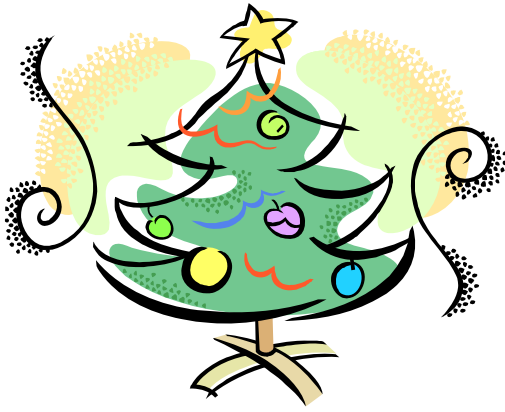
Poinsettias are \$13 each or two for \$25.

6"pots – available in red or white.

- ✚ Please prepay and order from the youth during Coffee Hour Nov 14 through Nov 21
- ✚ Or call or email Leah Purcell to place your order
- ✚ Pick up date: Sunday, Dec 5th at FUUSA

*The Rite of Passage program helps our youth to clarify their personal religious beliefs and learn what it means to be an adult UU.
The Boston trip is a culmination of their yearlong commitment.*





*Religious Education
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Holiday Crafts Workshop and Tree Trimming Party

Saturday, December 11th

9:30 - 11:30 am

Sign up in Channing Hall

Walk-ins are also welcome!

-  Food
-  Fun
-  Holiday Music
-  Your holiday favorite crafts – gingerbread houses, origami boxes – and new ones!
-  A great opportunity for children to make presents
-  WREATH MAKING

and we're trimming the FUUSA Christmas Tree!