

WINDOWS update

Newsletter of the First Unitarian
Universalist Society of Albany

Mid-September, 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.)

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!

Services

Sept. 19 "Hunger for Authentic Community," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

When many of our members are asked about the greatest source of satisfaction from participation in our congregation, they point to a sense of community. When we experience it here, it feeds an inner hunger, whetting our appetite for more. Creating and sustaining an authentic warm and loving community is very challenging. What are we doing right? What can we build on and expand to open the door wider?

Sept. 26 "Barriers to Authentic Community," The Rev. Sam Trumbore

How does one build authentic community? The heritage and traditions handed forward provide the base. Wise and compassionate leadership offer the inspiration and create the boundaries. Commitment and generosity provide the materials and support. In the process, so many things can go wrong. And the source of many of those problems start with "me." What interferes with the process of building authentic community? And what can "I" do about it?



First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany



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A Welcoming Congregation

Family name

Health Alert

Registration Fees

___ RE fees paid in full

Office Use Only

Religious Education Program Registration

Annual Registration Fees

	<i>One child</i>	<i>Two children</i>	<i>Three + children</i>
Pledging Families:	\$35	\$50	\$65
Non-Pledging Families:	\$50	\$70	\$85

Make check payable to FUUSA.

Church year 2010-2011

Date _____

Parent (Guardian) #1

Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail

Parent (Guardian) #2

Name

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-mail

Children being registered:

Last Name

First Name

Date of birth

Grade

Last Name

First Name

Date of birth

Grade

Last Name

First Name

Date of birth

Grade

Last Name

First Name

Date of birth

Grade

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Health Information

Is there anything we should know about your child/children that will help us to relate supportively? Please list allergies and describe special needs.

Child's Name _____ Notes _____

Child's Name _____ Notes _____

Child's Name _____ Notes _____

Child's Name _____ Notes _____

I give my permission for emergency medical treatment to be given to my children.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Our U.U. Religious Education Program is a cooperative endeavor which includes formal teaching (church school) and intergenerational events. Parents are expected to help in some way each year. Do your part by signing up to help with any activities that you can.

Mark 1 for Parent #1 and 2 for Parent #2: Select one or more

Regular

- Team Teach a class (2 Sundays/mo. for 1 term)
- Youth Group advisor
- Rite of Passage mentor
- Our Whole Lives. instructor
- Serve on Religious Education Council

Occasional

- Substitute teach
- Assist with intergenerational activities
- Present craft for holiday craft workshop
- Make phone calls from home
- Recruit volunteers
- Music

Thank you!

Photos may be taken of your child(ren) and used for FUUSA/RE program purposes, including posting on the Web. We will NEVER identify your child. Sign here if you DO NOT wish that we use photos of your child(ren).

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

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 September

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 September

- 15-Sep Wednesday**
7:00 PM Pastoral Care Associates Training B-8
- 16-Sep Thursday**
7:00 PM Board of Trustees B-8
- 17-Sep Friday**
6:00 PM Meditation Retreat Emerson, B-7, B-8
- 18-Sep Saturday**
8:00 AM Meditation Retreat Emerson, B-7, B-8
7:00 PM Dances of Universal Peace Channing
- 19-Sep Sunday**
11:45 AM Green Sanctuary Discussion B-8
11:45 AM Library Committee Stott/Joy Library
5:00 PM Parent Potluck Channing, Kit., 24/25
- 20-Sep Monday**
9:00 AM Windows deadline
12:00 PM Channing Circle Channing
- 21-Sep Tuesday**
7:00 PM Green Sanctuary/350 B-8
- 22-Sep Wednesday**
5:15 PM Caring Network Stott/Joy Library
7:00 PM Pastoral Care Associates Training B-8
- 24-Sep Friday**
6:00 PM Pastoral Care Associates Trg Emerson, B-7, B-8
- 25-Sep Saturday**
8:00 AM Pastoral Care Associates Trg Emerson, B-7, B-8, Ch. (lunch)
- 26-Sep Sunday**
11:30 AM Lunch with the Minister Van's Restaurant
11:45 AM Forum: Steve Downs & Lynne Jackson Emerson
1:30 PM Going Deeper: Theme of Community Emerson or tba
- 6:00 PM War Healing Circle Emerson
- 29-Sep Monday**
7:00 PM Pastoral Care Associates Training B-8

Green Sanctuary discussion

Sunday, Sept. 19, 11:45 am

Topic: Overpopulation Leader: Chris Bystroff

Forum

Sunday, Sept. 26, 11:45

"Preemptive Prosecution: Our government's latest weapon against terrorism": Steve Downs, Esq. and Lynne Jackson

Looking Ahead

UU Weekend at Silver Bay, Oct. 15-17

Rummage Sale, Dec. 10-11-*NOTE CHANGE*

News

Greater Gifts

Inspired to contribute to the important goals in FUUSA's strategic plan, your Endowment Trust (ET) has created a new program called Greater Gifts. This program invites you to commemorate life's wondrous milestones and memories, joys and sorrows, in a simple, earth-friendly, community-building way. It permits you to make gifts of \$10 or more to the ET so that the ET can provide annual grants for worthy projects within FUUSA and in our local and/or world communities. When you'd like to commemorate an important event for you or your loved ones, or even strangers you admire, all you need to do is submit a completed Greater Gifts form and your tax-deductible contribution. A form is inserted in this WINDOWS for your convenience and posted on FUUSA's 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 for all to share. If you have any questions, please contact us. —Your Endowment Trustees (Lee Newberg-Chair, Reese Satin-Co-Chair, Peter Meixner, Todd Thomas, Nancy Willie-Schiff

Fall Rummage (clothing sale) postponed

New dates Dec. 10-11

We have heard from a number of rummage workers who say they can't work the weekend of October 8 and 9. So we are going to reschedule the sale to the first full week of December, starting Sunday, Dec. 5. This gives you lots of extra time to sort through your clothes and linens and to save the date on your calendar so you can work too. Sorry about the confusion, but many hands make for a better sale.

Newcomer orientation

Learning about Unitarian Universalism and FUUSA

We invite you to meet with others who are new to the congregation at our next "**Getting to Know UU**" session, scheduled for Saturday, **October 23** from 8:45 a.m. to noon.

We'll start with coffee and snacks and getting to

know each other: new folks, Membership Committee, and Rev. Sam Trumbore. You'll learn about Unitarian Universalism and about our congregation, and you'll get a chance to ask all the questions you've been collecting. We'll talk about how to get involved in the FUUSA community and about becoming a member. All in all, it's a fun morning of conversation and fellowship, and a pleasant first step on the path to membership!

There is a sign up sheet in Channing Hall (at the Sign Up Site), or you can call Amy Lent interim Membership Coordinator (and Church Administrator) at the church office, 463-7135.

Free money?

We'd love to know the reason for an unmarked envelope--containing a significant amount of cash--which was found in the Canvass mailbox this summer. If you can tell us how much cash was in the envelope, and what we're supposed to do with it, we'll be grateful! Call Amy Lent, church administrator (463-7135).

Help FUUSA, earn some dough

As mentioned previously, we find we have an increasing need here at FUUSA for folks to help out in various capacities before, during and after events. Sometimes they are rental events, sometimes church activities. These jobs can be done by adults or by teens with working papers.

There are three types of work available on an occasional basis: Building Steward, Set Up/Re-set crew, and Dishwashing. We have four Building Stewards and could use a few more on our list. Stewards supervise events, unlock front doors, help with sound system operation, answer questions. No heavy labor involved.

Set Up/Re-set Crew is a new role and will involve mostly events in Emerson Community Hall which need the chairs removed for a table-seating event, and put back afterwards. The crew will also be used for general clean up after events when they happen on the weekend, i.e. getting Emerson ready for Sunday service.

Dishwashing for an event would mean running the commercial dishwasher, putting the clean plates away, and making the kitchen clean and tidy for the next user.

The Building Use Committee would prefer to give FUUSAns the opportunity to earn this money! If you are interested in more information, call Church Administrator Amy Lent at 463-7135.

Joy Library recommendation

Our thanks to Don Birn for bringing this 2010 book to our attention. Of special interest to FUUSAns is the important role of Dr. Charles R. Joy (1885-1978), a leading figure in the Unitarian Service Committee, in his later years a member of FUSA, whom some of us remember and for whom our Joy Library is named.

Rescue and Flight ; American Relief Workers Who Defied the Nazis. Susan Elisabeth Subak. Afterword by William F. Schulz. [Chair of the board of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee] Univ. of Nebraska. 2010. [940.547 SUB]

Look for this book in the NEW BOOKS section.

“Susan Subak’s connection to this history is deeply personal: Her father, Carl Subak, a Jewish Austrian refugee, was able to immigrate to the United States in 1938 because of an affidavit written by two of the book’s subjects, Robert and Elisabeth Dexter.

“Robert Dexter was on the staff of the American Unitarian Association, and his travels in Czechoslovakia in 1938 led to his successful efforts to convince the AUA to address the plight of refugees there. By early 1939, Martha Sharp and the Rev. Waitstill Sharp were in Prague aiding refugees. (The Sharps were named “Righteous Among the Nations” by Israel’s Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes’ Remembrance Authority in 2006 for their efforts to save Jews from the Nazis. See *UU World*, Summer 2006, for their story.)

“Subak writes, “I was surprised to come across records that showed that the Unitarians had tried to help at least two other families that were related to me. . . . That all these people relied on the Unitarians in some way struck me at first as a remarkable coincidence, but eventually it drove home how small the world of rescue really was.” Subak estimates that sixteen American Unitarians and collaborators worked in Europe, and later back in the United States, to help several thousand refugees escape. *Rescue and Flight* focuses on Elisabeth

and Robert Dexter, Varian Fry, Charles Joy, Martha and Waitstill Sharp, and Herta and Noel Field, starting with work in Prague in 1939, proceeding to Lisbon and Marseille, and on to Geneva and elsewhere through 1945. The story of their heroic work includes not only bravery and narrow escapes, but also personality conflicts, professional jealousy, extramarital affairs, and accusations of communism, all carefully documented in the heavily footnoted text.” From “Meet the founders of the UU Service Committee” by Kenneth Sutton <http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/170712.shtml>

Mystery of the Missing Stamps This summer, two rubber stamps belonging to the Library have disappeared. One was a “WITHDRAWN” stamp, the other had the name and address of the Library. If you know the whereabouts of these stamps, please return them to the Library ASAP. We need them and they are expensive to replace--S. Knapp

Lunch with the Minister

Sunday, Sept. 26, at Van's on Central, 12:00 Noon

Are you new to our congregation and would like to get to know our minister? Rev. Trumbore will be available on September 26 after the Sunday service for lunch and conversation about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation, religion, spirituality, philosophy, ethics, ideas ... and whatever else comes up! For September, we will meet at Van's Vietnamese Restaurant on Central between Lake and Quail on the north side of the street. **Please RSVP** by 11:30 am that Sunday to Rev. Trumbore (in person, email: lunch@uumin.org or call: 463-7135) so he'll know how many seats to reserve. NOTE! Space is limited for this to be effective so call early!

How welcoming are we...really?

Welcoming is not just the minister's or the membership committee's job. To live out our UU values, the whole congregation needs to think about how we do this. A group of FUUSAns will be attending the workshop being held at First Unitarian Society of Schenectady on Saturday, September 25. If you'd like to go, call Amy Lent at the church office (463-7135) for more info, and possible carpooling.

Lifespan Learning

Facilitation Workshop Wednesday, Sept. 22

Join fellow FUUSAns in an interactive workshop to refine your facilitation skills. Expert trainers Donna Meixner and Tom Mercer will provide tips on how: to achieve balanced participation, establish and maintain a safe and comfortable atmosphere, manage time and stay on schedule, assign homework/ outside reading, handle report outs, ask the right questions, and adapt existing programs to meet the needs/interests of participants.

The workshop starts at 6:30 PM and concludes by 9 PM. We encourage all interested to attend. Register by entering your name on the course sign-up sheet in Channing Hall, or by contacting Leah Purcell at dre@fuusalbany.org, or calling the church office at 463-7135.

Stay tuned for future adult education offerings. --
FUUSA Adult Education Committee

September is RE registration month!

Parents and caregivers of children – infants through high schoolers, if you haven't already, please register your child in our Sunday morning Religious Education program as soon as possible. You can print out a copy of the registration form on line at <http://www.albanyuu.org/reregistration.pdf>. You can mail the completed form with your payment to FUUSA, 405 Washington Ave. Albany 12206 or bring both with you the next time you're at FUUSA. RE Council members will staff a registration table in Amy Lent's office each Sunday morning in September. They will have plenty of blank forms available and can answer any questions you have about the program.

Parent Potluck First meeting Sept 19

Looking for like-minded parents to help you parent intentionally as a Unitarian Universalist? Bring your family, a dish and beverage to share, and your enthusiasm and curiosity to the first meeting of the Parent Potluck Group, 6:00 pm, Sept. 19 in Channing Hall. After dinner, Paula Brewer will lead a discussion on how the group will be run, meeting times, etc. All parents and caretakers are invited.

THE ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL

PASTA DINNER

Sponsored by the Religious Education Council

Friday, October 1, 6:00 PM

in Channing Hall



A simple meal and good company for individuals and families – for anyone who gets hungry for food and fellowship!

Sign ups we love! Helps us know how much food we need. *But walk-ins are welcome!*

Volunteers are needed to shop, set up, serve and clean up. Sign up in Channing Hall or contact Leah Purcell for details.

No signup is required. Childcare will be provided, and a free-will donation will be collected to cover the cost of childcare.

Adult Education survey coming soon--on-line and paper versions

Watch your email for a message from the Adult Ed. Committee with a link to Survey Monkey. It will be asking what Adult Education programs you might like and what times would be convenient for you. A paper version will be available at the FUUSA office.

Finishing touches to the RE Program--a few more volunteers

Both our 5th grade and 6th grade classes need one or two more volunteers to teach "Amazing Grace". This a new curriculum; its purpose is to "guide children through ways to determine right from wrong

and act on their new understandings.” And the 2nd grade and the 3rd/4th grade class each need one more volunteer on their teams too.

As a member of a teaching team you’ll be in the classroom twice a month: one Sunday you’ll prepare (with my help) and lead the session, and one Sunday you’ll help one of your team mates in the classroom. Let me know if you’re interested in joining a team. Thanks, Leah Purcell: office 463-7135; e-mail dre@albanyuu.org

Thank You, RE summer session volunteers

I planned and staffed for growth in the RE Summer Session this year, and, indeed attendance increased a little bit over last year. Many thanks go to the volunteers who helped make this year’s multi-age program a success. We had fun and welcomed visitors. I was glad to work directly with the children and with adults who used Summer Session as a chance to dip their toes into our Religious Education Program for children and youth.--Leah Purcell

Sunday Morning Mindfulness Meditation

This 45 minute gathering led by Rev. Trumbore begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. After a 10 minute reading, the group sits silently together for 20 minutes. This is followed with 10 minutes of discussion. The gathering concludes with a 5-minute loving-kindness meditation.

Going Deeper: The Theme of Community

1:30-2:30 pm, Sunday, Sept. 26

Creating authentic community is very important to our congregational life. The services and programs this month and the links, references and articles found on the web page: www.albanyuu.org/themes/community.html can stimulate personal reflection on community. Sunday afternoon, September 26, at 1:30 pm, Rev. Trumbore will lead a discussion to go deeper than we normally can on Sunday morning into the theme of community. This facilitated interactive learning process is designed

to stimulate the growth of awareness, understanding and insight. The results of this collective learning process will then help us build an even stronger community as we seek to implement this part of our strategic plan.

Mindfulness Meditation retreat

September 17-18

This training, will be led by Rev. Trumbore, on Friday 6:15 to 9:00 pm, and Saturday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It gives the participants an opportunity to learn Buddhist mindfulness (or insight) meditation techniques or refresh and deepen their meditation practice. All are welcome whatever your level of experience. There will be a potluck vegetarian lunch on Saturday and all are encouraged to bring something to share. Please sign up at the Sign-up Site in Channing Hall or call the office to register (463-7135) if you’d like to participate. (A voluntary donation can be offered at the end.)

Rev. Trumbore has practiced Buddhist insight meditation for over 25 years and is Past President of the Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship. He has found this meditation technique to be one of the best for Unitarian Universalists because it is light on ritual, ceremony and cultural baggage. It helps people train their minds to strengthen concentration and intensify moment-to-moment awareness. Regular practice of this technique quiets and sharpens the mind and opens the heart.

RE-usable items needed for Sunday School

The Religious Education Program for children and youth needs materials that you may be recycling at home.

- ◆ Glass baby food jars and lids
- ◆ Large yogurt containers – no lids
- ◆ Shoe boxes

Please bring in these items to the RE office during September. Thanks! —Leah Purcell

Our Community

Coming to UU Weekend at Silver Bay?

We hope you will bring something special to contribute to the Silent Auction. Your 'gently used' (or brand new) treasures can raise money for the UU Weekend Scholarship fund, helping others to attend future UU Weekend retreats.

Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Cancer Support Group will be at FUUSA on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 5:00 pm. Call Sandy Stone for more information.

Channing Circle

Monday, Sept. 20

For all new retirees at FUUSA, you are welcome to join us at Channing Circle which meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. We will meet on Monday, Sept. 20 at 12 noon for lunch. Bring your own sandwich or salad; dessert, coffee and tea are provided. After lunch there is a program and the one for September is a question for members to consider. Sometimes for instance, a member speaks about a recent trip, members bring their favorite poems or we hear about a FUUSAn from the past. So come join us and meet new and old friends.

We heard you!

In response to requests for additional availability to donate flowers on a given Sunday, we are now making room for two additional "Flower Dedications" in the Order of Service. The first person to sign up will have the opportunity to choose specific flowers if they wish and to donate moneys for that purchase as well as their dedication. The second and third people to sign up may have their dedication listed in the Order of Service as well. Note that additional funds received for the flower committee will be used to send pick-me-up or celebration flowers to members of the congregation by the Caring Network once or twice a month. Thank you Sandy Stone, Flower Committee Chair

Entertainment lovers

Entertainment books are here! Please sign up with John Walko or leave a note in the auction/entertainment book mail box in the church office, or just stop by the table at coffee hour and buy one.

The cost for the book is \$35.

Bottles and cans...and tabs!

The Choir wants to thank everyone who donated refundable cans and bottles to our Eastern European Trip last June. In the last two years, more than 10,000 cans and bottles have been refunded worth over \$500. While the Choir has not yet determined our next project - though it will not involve leaving the U.S. - we are determined to continue our fund-raising efforts. We will be meeting on September 15th and will update the congregation about our plans.

So, please continue to bring your refundable bottles and cans to FUUSA and put them 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. It does not include containers from wine, iced tea, juice, milk--or tuna fish. Refunders have found a few unpleasant surprises in some the bags, including paper, non-deposit cans and bottles--and garbage.

Also, if you want to refund your own cans and bottles - please do so - but if you have the time, I would appreciate the tabs from the cans. Leave them in baggies in the coat room on the shelf between the doors. Both the Shriners and Ronald McDonald Houses collect them. Koszi! Kathy Harris

Holiday Bazaar No. 5

Bazaar planners are planning. Won't you join the group? We will welcome your skills. Our dates this year are November 13 and 14. We need help planning and your artistic crafty skills. We are also looking for vendors. Do you or a friend or relative want to rent a table? Are you sewing, knitting, painting, or what ever you do so you can donate your work for this great event? Contact Jan Satin or Barb Manning.

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. Train-

ing 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!

UU Weekend at Silver Bay

Oct. 15 - 17

Our 17th annual retreat at the Silver Bay Resort on beautiful Lake George! Sign up in Channing Hall during coffee hour, or get the registration form on the FUUSA website: <http://www.albanyuu.org/uuwregform.pdf>. If you have any questions about the weekend, look for a UU Weekend volunteer in Channing Hall after the service.

Joys and Caring Corner _____

Will return next issue!

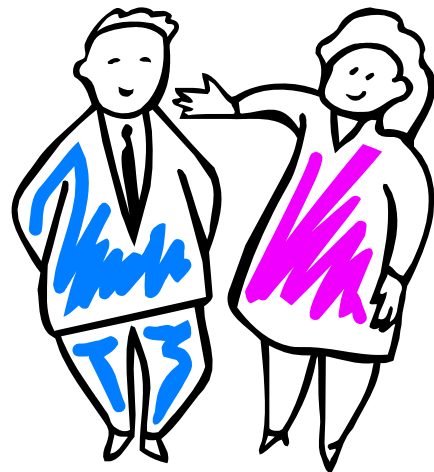
If you need the services of the Caring Network, please call the office during regular hours at 463-7135.

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).

Hi! My name is...

When you wear your nametag, you are saying something about yourself beyond your name. Just by pinning it on, you say:

- ◆ I am an open person who wants to know others and be known.
- ◆ I am aware that our church is too large for me to know everyone and for everyone to know me.
- ◆ I am a courteous person, who relieves others of the struggle of trying to remember all our names;
- ◆ I am a realistic person who knows there is a constant stream of visitors to our church, and that they will never get to know us without our help.



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)
Sept. 19	D. Odell	L. Way K. DeWillers	A. DeSalvo P. Moriarty	T & J Thomas D. Campano	Ab. Radin
Sept. 26		A. Patti	B.S. Bart D. Moskowitz	B. Manning	Al. Radin

Social Justice

One of the things that we like about FUUSA is that it is socially conscious. This was reiterated by those of you who attended the Dream Catcher meeting. Out of those meetings came our Strategic Plan (copies are available in our foyer). As you may imagine, social justice was a big part of that plan. On our recent Board retreat, we worked on ways to implement that plan. We at FUUSA are and have been committed to many social justice projects (see our Annual Report, copies available in the office). But can we do more, do things better, get more people involved?

Rev. Richard Gilbert, our St. Lawrence social justice coordinator, will be at FUUSA Nov. 6 to help us find the answers to those questions. And he will be the guest in the pulpit Nov. 7. Save those dates. We welcome and invite your participation.

When you read this, SRC will have had our first meeting. Our meetings are generally on the 1st Sunday of the month following coffee hour. All interested persons are invited.

Standing on the Side of Love, Lois Griffin

Forum is back!

Sunday, Sept. 26, 11:45-12:45, Emerson

Preemptive Prosecution: Our government's latest weapon against terrorism

Steve Downs, Esq., attorney for imam Yassin Aref, and Lynne Jackson, organizer for the Muslim Solidarity Committee, will speak on the government's use of this tactic in prosecuting Muslims across the country. Six years after the arrest, conviction, and sentencing to 15 years in prison of imam Aref and Mohammad Hossain, it is time to take another look at this case and others like it.

If you need child care for Forum, contact the office by Friday noon preceding the forum.

Green news

- ◆ Come join our discussion on **Overpopulation** on Sunday, September 19th at 11:45 in Room B-8. The discussion will be led by Chris Bystroff, Assoc. Professor of Biology and Computer Science at RPI. It is the first of five discussions on environmental issues.
- ◆ Continue to **Reuse, Recycle**, items at home. Bring in your ink cartridges cell phones, CFL bulbs, corks from wine bottles, numbered plastic containers, to be recycled. Speak to someone at the SRC table.
- ◆ A Bicycle Rack is now located on the Washington Ave. side of FUUSA for bicycle riders. Start riding your bicycle with others on Sunday mornings and not worry about parking
- ◆ Remember to check with Dave Stone if you want a printed Windows. We're trying to cut down on the use of paper and stamps so Windows will be sent by email to most members.

SRC table

Check out the Social Responsibility Council tables in the back of Channing during coffee hour. One table is for the sale of Fair Trade items, Guatemalan goods, coffee, chocolate bars and CFL bulbs. The small profit we make on the sales goes toward making us carbon neutral, for instance and other social action issues.

The second table is for information on Social Action issues such as Peace, Green Sanctuary, Justice., Health. This year, Peg Slocum has taken on the task of informing people during coffee hour about issues, petitions, etc. that FUUSAns need to be alerted to.

So come by and let us know what your concerns are and if you want to volunteer.

Contact Us

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Regular meeting days

Check current calendar for time and location

Board of Trustees, 3rd Thursday

Program Coordinating Council, 2nd Thursday

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Address: 405 Washington Avenue, between Robin Street and Lake Avenue, Albany, New York 12206

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-Thursday, 9:00-4:00

July-August: Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00

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