



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

The Window's Weekly is going to start changing! Please read below to find out our new way to submit newsletter additions. We no longer want announcements and other newsletter submissions to be emailed to us. We have created a form and would like everyone to use that going forward. Eventually, the Window's Weekly will be linking to our new website once it's up and running. This will allow us to shorten the weekly and have it be more focused on news and important announcements. We hope this improves your viewing pleasure! More to come!

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

-Blessings and Be Well



[Click Here to Submit
Newsletter Announcements!](#)

Ch-Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes...

As David Bowie would say...It's time to turn and face the strange because times are changing!

In an effort to streamline news, announcements, and important information that needs to make it into the weekly/website/order of service, etc we have created a form for submissions.

This will allow Darlene and Sarah to have all these important bits of information in one place so things don't get lost in email. So, beginning immediately, we are getting rid of the windows@albanyuu.org email.

**We would like you to submit any and all
changes/additions/announcements to this form:**

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A POST OR ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

In the form you will see that there are areas to let us know whether you would like to see your piece in more than just the weekly newsletter. This form can be used to request changes to the website, order of service, and/or the weekly! Please DO NOT email any submissions after today and use the form going forward. Thanks!

A Message from Sarah...

Hi there everyone! Going forward, if you need to get a hold of me for anything related to volunteering or the Order Of Service, please use my adminassistant@albanyuu.org email.

For anything else, or if you just want to say hi, feel free to use the email Sarah@albanyuu.org Thanks!

MULTIPLATFORM SUNDAY MORNING

Begin your Sunday morning with an 8:30 Multiplatform Meditation session until 9:20

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

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

By phone: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 518 463 1429

Passcode: 1842415

Multiplatform service begins at 10:00 each Sunday

Use this link to join the service remotely:

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

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

Meeting ID: 299 018 7785

Password: 0000

Sunday Offering and other service information
For more information about Sunday service,

[View Sam's LAST Outlook Here!](#)

This Sunday:

June 4 – “Lessons and Legacy”

Rev. Sam has learned more than a few lessons of the 24 years of his ministry. He would like to share a few of them and share his hopes about the way his ministry in Albany will be remembered.

Last Sunday was Pass the Plate that will go to the [Modern Military Association of America](#). **We will continue to accept donations to the MMAA until June 18th.**

The Modern Military Association of America (MMAA) is the nation's largest organization of LGBTQ+ service members, military spouses, veterans, their families, and allies. Formed through the merger of the American Military Partner Association and OutServe-SLDN, we are a united voice for the LGBTQ+ military and veteran community.

To donate to the MMAA you can bring your contribution to this Sunday's service, mail in a contribution marked specifically for the MMAA, or click the link below to donate to Sunday offering.

Thank you for your generosity!

Zoom, [Sunday Offering](#), and other important Sunday morning details, check out our [Sunday at a Glance](#) page here.

If you're interested in finding more information about our Music Ministry,
[Click Here!](#)

Sharing Joys and Concerns during Service

[Learn about the three ways](#) that you can share your joys and concerns.

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

[Learn about our Pastoral Care program.](#)

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

Masks are optional



Online Giving

Services for June 2023

June 11 – “Saving Trans Lives with Stories”

As we celebrate Albany Pride, let us also advocate for those around the country who are threatened by regressive anti-Trans legislation by hearing, reading and sharing the personal stories of those who are gender non-conforming.

June 18 – Juneteenth Service

Member Nellson Jacob-Moore will be running a special service to honor Juneteenth. Please try your best to come!

June 25 – (Summer Service)

*Join us for our Juneteenth Service
Sunday, June 18th at 10am*



Interim Minister Updates

Over the next few weeks there will be many updates about the interim minister process. Things are moving fast and could change daily. We will use this section here in Windows Weekly to keep you all informed.

The only update we have at the moment is that the next **Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15th** this month instead of the last Thursday of the month like usual so it doesn't interfere with General Assembly.

GETTING TO KNOW UU!

Save Saturday, JUNE 3 for a great chance for some of us at Albany UU to get to know YOU--but it's also a perfect opportunity for you to learn about this Unitarian Universalist congregation, explore the roots of "UUism," and begin to figure out how participating in congregational life can enhance your personal journey.

Please join us for:
"Getting to Know UU"--a newcomer orientation
8:45 to noon (bagels, coffee and tea included!)
Saturday, JUNE 3, 2023

Signing up is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome!

To sign up: Send an email to Registration@AlbanyUU.org or call the church office, 518-463-7135.



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

This Sunday, 6/4: we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the original Flower Communion. *Please bring a flower to share*, it can be a bloom from your garden, from a generous neighbor or friend, or from the store. Near the end of service there will be an opportunity to select a flower to take away with you. Busy bags will be provided, the Nursery/Toddler Room opens at 9:45, and the family seating area upstairs near Joy Library is also available.

Next Sunday, 6/11: Following our multigenerational Pride service, Albany UUs will be marching in the 2023 Capital Pride Parade. We will meet in front of

Albany UU at 11:15AM, then walk over to the park. Some seats in a car are available for people with mobility needs, the deadline to sign up for that is 6/2 so please respond right away if you require that option. Please e-mail our new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Stellmann, at sarah@albanyuu.org to sign up for the march and/or a seat in the car.

Photo by [Marcel Eberle](#) on [Unsplash](#)



Ministries & Operations (MOT)

Albany UU's Ministries and Operations Team (MOT) is responsible for the implementation of the vision and mission of the congregation, within the limitations and expectations of the governing policy as set by the Board.

Current team members are:

- Rev. Sam Trumbore, Minister
- Olga Martinez, Music Director
- Darlene Lupe-Gotham, Church Administrator
- Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Religious Education
- Jaye Holly, volunteer
- Michele Desrosiers, volunteer
- Al De Salvo, volunteer
- Sharon Babala, volunteer

The MOT meets the first and usually third Monday of the month. If you have something you'd like the team to consider, please use this

[Ministries & Operations Communication Form](#)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We have reached about 86% of our goal for pledges for our fiscal year starting on July 1. If you have already contributed, THANK YOU! If you have not made a pledge, and are ready to, you can do it on-line at :

<http://albanyuu.org/pledging/>

You can also drop off pledge forms at the office or in the box on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your support.

UPCOMING WAYS to CONNECT



CHANGED DATE:

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be Thursday June 15th at 6:30pm - 8:30pm in person and on Zoom. All are welcome to join.

Use this link to join:

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

By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 988 1049 6531
Passcode: 0000

Ministry and Operations

Team meets on **Monday, May 15 at 11:30 AM** in both Channing Hall and online. Albany UU members are welcome to join.

Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/Ministry-and-Operations>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 860 5594 7976
Passcode: 0000

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Philosophy Group

At 10:15 AM every Tuesday, the Albany UU Philosophy Group will meet via zoom to discuss the topic of the day. To find out the topic, email [Darlene Lupe-Gotham](mailto:Darlene.Lupe-Gotham) to get put on the Philosophy group email list!

Use this link to join:

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

By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 987 7102 4708
Password: 0000

Bridge Group

For information about the 1:00 PM, Tuesday Bridge Group, check with the church office.

Social Justice Team

meets on the **3rd Tuesday each month at 6:45pm** on Zoom. All are welcome to join.

Use this link to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/SocialJusticeTeam>

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

Ps and Qs

At 10:00 AM on Wednesdays, Projects and Quilts (Ps and Qs) will meet in Room B-8.

Choir Rehearsal

At 7:00 PM on Wednesdays, in Community Hall. **Masks are OPTIONAL.** [Contact Olga Martinez](#), Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

Walker Book Group

June 11th at 6:30



Best Short Stories of the Century by John Updike. We'll be discussing these shorts: Wild Plums, The Peach Store, and Second Tree from the Corner.

Use this link to join remotely:

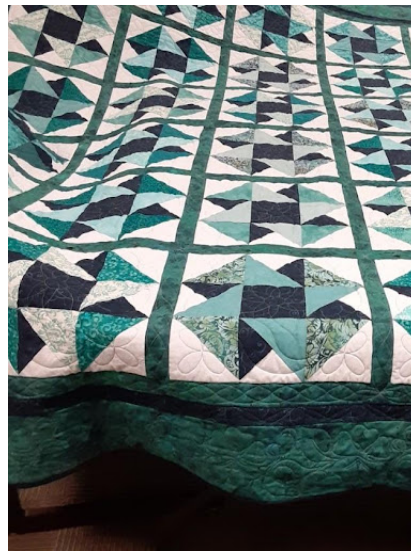
<https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGroup>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 871 5139 8632

Passcode: 0000

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LAST WEEK for QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS!

Don't wait any longer for your raffle ticket! Projects & Quilts (P's & Q's) Group is wrapping up selling tickets **THIS SUNDAY**. This is the **LAST** large quilt (96" x 96") that P's & Q's will ever make, so don't miss out on a chance to win. This quilt will fit a Queen or King-size bed. Raffle tickets will be available Sunday in Channing Hall during

Coffee Hour. The quilt was made in memory of Jan Satin, “Quilter Extraordinaire”. The Drawing for the Quilt will be on June 11, 2023 at the end of the church service.

Albany UU will be marching in the [2023 Capital Pride Parade](#) on Sunday, June 11th!

We are registered to walk, but we will pay the fee for a vehicle to be in the parade for those who have mobility issues that would like to participate. The deadline to register to have a vehicle in the parade is **FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND**, so if you want to participate and need to be in a vehicle it is imperative to sign up ASAP! Please email our new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Stellmann, at sarah@albanyuu.org to sign up to march and indicate if you *NEED to be in a vehicle.

*Please note: the cost is rather high to have a vehicle in the parade, so kindly use your best judgement when signing up for a spot in a vehicle. These spaces should only be for those with mobility issues. Thank you.

Join us for a Memorial Service remembering Bob Guerrin:
Will be held on June 17th at 2pm. More details to come.



Save the Date! Reverend Sam's Retirement Party will take place on **Saturday, July 8th at Pear Orchard Pavilion at Thatcher Park**. Details to come. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chuck Manning.

Don't miss June 1st Deadline for Reduced Rates at UU Weekend at Silver Bay

Comradery, colorful fall scenery, campfires, kids' programs, canoeing, and culinary pleasures await you at a coveted setting on Lake George from October 13-15, 2023.

Register by TODAY **June 1st** for the UU Weekend at Silver Bay to receive the lowest rates. Remember – your room, meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, programs, activities, and entertainment are all included in the price. Children under 6 are free and there are substantial discounts for older children and youth. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis following receipt of the completed registration form and deposit.

Access additional information about Silver Bay and UU weekend, including the registration form and a slide show, at <http://albanyuu.org/uu-weekend-at-silver-bay/>

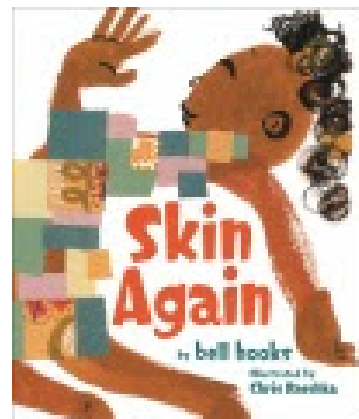


SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY



Green Sanctuary Team Bike Ride

All bikers are invited to join the GST on the Albany Rail Trail on Saturday, June 3 starting at 9:30 at the Pearl Street trailhead. You can also join the Rail Trail at Delaware Plaza 15-30 minutes later. We will meet at Swifty's in Delmar at 11:30 to 11:45 AM. The rain date is June 10. No pre-registration required. Just



Inclusivity recommends: Skin Again, by Bell Hooks. Illustrated by Chris Raschka. (2004). Our skin says something about us, but can't express our stories, says bell hooks in her poetic style. Available in the Upper Hudson Library System in hard copy and downloadable e-book formats. To experience a three-minute video of this book, produced by

show up.

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[Skin Again By Bell Hooks](#)
[Illustrated By Chris Raschka -](#)
[YouTube](#)

Capital Pride Singers Presents:

Voices of Pride

A Celebration of Past and Present LGBTQ+ Music-Makers

Sat, June 10th @7pm
Albany Unitarian Universalist
405 Washington Ave
Albany NY

Thurs June 15th @ 7pm
RPI Chapel + Cultural Center
2125 Burdett Ave
Troy NY

Tickets: \$20 each Available now on [Eventbrite.com](#)

Capital Pride Singers will be having a concert here on Saturday June 10th! Join us in Community Hall at 7pm for the Voices of Pride Concert.



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Publication deadlines

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

Sign up for an Albany UU class or event

- Send an email to:
registration@albanyuu.org

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Parking:

Parking is available on the street. On Sundays (and for some special events) Albany UU has permission to use the University at Albany's Hawley Parking Lot on Robin Street at Washington Avenue.

Office hours:

By appointment

Our Website:

General: www.AlbanyUU.org

Resources: <http://albanyuu.org/albany-uu-resources/>

Zoom use:

To reserve Zoom for an Albany UU meeting, contact the church office (518.463.7135 or office@albanyuu.org).

Building use

To **reserve a room** for an Albany UU activity or to **rent a hall or classroom space**, for a personal or non-Albany UU activity, contact our Administrative Assistant (518.463.7135 or office@albanyuu.org).

It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the [Stockbridge-Munsee Community](#). We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.



Photo credit: Rev. Sam Trumbore



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