



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

The Windows Weekly for this week is a longer one! Please scroll until the end. Our new website is up! Check out Albanyuu.org. It still has a lot of work that needs to be done, but once it is set we will be linking Windows Weekly to the events page which will be kept up to date. This will make the weekly newsletter a bit shorter and more readable. We plan to work on this over the summer and start fresh in August. More to come!

Also, please Note: Albany UU will be closed Monday, June 19th, in observance of Juneteenth. Staff will not be working that day.

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!

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 TODAY, Thursday, June 15th** this month instead of the last Thursday of the month like usual so it doesn't interfere with General Assembly.

June 29th VOTE on the Budget!

Join the Board for Congregational Conversations about the

budget on June 20th and June 22nd. Location TBD

June 29th at 7pm we will make the vote on the budget. join us
in person or on zoom.

Linked [here](#) .

Want To Post An Announcement?

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

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

Thank you for the feedback I have received so far! Keep it coming! Over the summer we plan to use JotForm for ALL forms on the website, so this google form is just a fill in until we can get all AUU forms in one place. For now, I am making edits as they are suggested.

NEW: Now, you can submit a attachment with your announcement on the form. This will allow you format the color, font, etc. so we know how you want your message to look.

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

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

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



Password: 0000

**Sunday Offering
and other
service information**

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

**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

**Sunday, June 18th:
10am—"Juneteenth: Celebrating
Freedom"**

This service, organized by the BIPOC
Racial Healing Group with significant
assistance from Alison & Olivia Hart
and the Music and Religious Education
Directors, explores General Order No.
3, the Emancipation Proclamation,
exactly who was freed, the origins of
and why we celebrate this new national
holiday.

**Music: Olga Martinez, Ireta
London, the Congregation and
the Albany Gay Men's Chorus.**

Services for June 2023

**June 25 – Lead by Reverend Dick
Gilbert.** ON BEING "WOKE!" SLEEPING
THROUGH A REVOLUTION. The late
Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh once
said: "In the eyes of the awake, all things
are sacred." In the eyes of some,
Unitarian Universalism is "woke," which is
meant as an insult. What does "woke"

mean, and is it dangerous to "sleep through a revolution?" Are we "woke" enough?

Reverend Dick Gilbert lives in Rochester with Joyce, his wife of 62 years, one son and three grandchildren. He performed a marriage ceremony for their other son last summer, thereby adding three great-grandchildren to the family. Richard S. Gilbert retired in June 2005 after serving 44 years in the Unitarian Universalist ministry in Cleveland, Ohio, Golden, Colorado, Ithaca, NY, and for 32 years at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY. He received an M.Div. from St. Lawrence University Theological School, a D. Min. from Colgate Rochester Divinity School and honorary doctorates from St. Lawrence University, Meadville Lombard Theological School and Starr King School for the Ministry. In 1995 he received the Holmes-Weatherly Award of the Unitarian Universalist Association for faith-based social justice work. He is the author of the Building Your Own Theology adult religious education series, as well as three Skinner House Books: *The Prophetic Imperative: Social Gospel in Theory and Practice*, *How Much Do We Deserve? An Inquiry in Distributive Justice*, and *In the Holy Quiet of This Hour*, a book of meditations. Currently he is part-time Social Justice Coordinator for the St. Lawrence Unitarian Universalist District, does guest preaching and social justice workshops. He also has taught at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Starr King School for the Ministry and Meadville Lombard Theological School.



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

This Sunday, 6/18:

Everyone is invited to the multigen service at 10 as Albany UU's BIPOC group presents a service celebrating Juneteenth! Busy bags available from ushers.

Donation Drive Update: thanks to your generosity, 78 pieces of clothing were brought to Sheridan Prep this week, great job everyone!

Volunteer Hours for Teens: We have a book inventory project to be completed in July, hours are flexible. Contact Elizabeth at dre@albanyuu.org

**Upcoming Pride event at the library featuring Albany
UU's Andrew Eliopulos!**

Saturday 6/17 2-3pm at the Washington Ave Branch

PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION

WITH AUTHOR

**ANDREW
ELIOPULOS**



Washington Ave Branch

Saturday, June 17 2-3pm

For ages 8-17



Come celebrate Pride Month with us! Author Andrew Eliopulos will talk about his books and his personal experiences growing up. We'll be raffling off copies of his new book **Will on the Inside**, so be sure to join us! No registration required. For more info, scan the QR code or call 518-427-4300 (ext. 1).



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 91% 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

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@albanyuu.org) 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

From the Octavia Butler book group:

June 25 through August 20, the Octavia Butler Book Group will continue with a new book. We'll meet over 9 weeks to discuss Octavia E. Butler's book of short stories, *Bloodchild and Other Stories*. This volume is stand-alone, and we chose a book of short stories to make it easier for new people to join and to make it easier to accommodate summer schedules. New people are welcome, and you don't have to have read any of Octavia Butler's works to join in. Over the past many months, a group of Albany UU's has met weekly, online to discuss Octavia Butler's novels. We've discussed *Parable of the Sower*, *Parable of the Talents*, *Wild Seed*, and *Mind of My Mind*. It's been more than a book discussion: it has been a deep dive into some of the dystopian events that occur in the novels and that are mirrored in our recent and current events. We've talked about characters, racism, capitalism, feelings, dreams, surviving, community, planning for the future, and more. We've used adrienne marie brown's and Toshi Reagon's podcast, *Octavia's Parables*, as a structure for our learning together. Karen Strong is the group's organizer and facilitation each week is shared. We plan to continue the *Patternist Series* in the fall with *Clay's Ark*.

Our meetings are Sunday evenings, on Zoom, from 7:00 pm to about 8:30 pm, and we'll discuss a story or essay and afterward per week. The June session will cover the preface, agreements, and a welcome to help new folks orient to our different kind of book club. There is no Octavia's *Parables* podcast for this book. Hardcopies and downloadable ebook formats are available from the Upper Hudson Library System. The audiobook is available for purchase via Libro.fm.

If you are interested, come join us! Send questions about the group to Anne Marie Haber (amhaber@aol.com). To register for the group, send an email to registration@albanyuu.org, with the subject "Octavia Butler reading group," and you will be added to the group email list

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

The Walker Book Group does not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 9 at 5:30 pm in Channing Hall. We will enjoy a potluck supper followed by the book discussion at 6:30. We will discuss Barbara Kingsolver's 2023 Pulitzer Prize winner, *Demon Copperhead*. Use this link to join remotely: <https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGroup>
By phone: 1-929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 871 5139 8632
Passcode: 0000

SUMMER HOURS

Summer Office Hours

The office will be closed on Monday, 7/4 in observance of the July 4th holiday. From 7/3-8/31, open office hours will be 9-1 Monday-Thursday, and the office will be closed on Fridays. Please try to do any in-person business at the office within the indicated time frame.

If that is not possible, contact Darlene
(dluegotham@albanyuu.org)
or Sarah (adminassistant@albanyuu.org) to make another
arrangement.

Thanks for your cooperation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our new website is LIVE! While it is still a work in progress we invite you to check it out at the link [here](#) !

Join us for a Memorial Service remembering Bob

Guerrin:

To be held on June 17th at 2pm. Contributions of fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, or cookies would be greatly appreciated.



Interested in the UUA General Assembly but not a delegate?

Use this link to watch on-demand video of public events from General Assembly (GA) 2023, which will take place online and in Pittsburgh, PA, June 21-25.

<https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2023?mibextid=Zxz2cZ>

Looking for Photos of Rev. Sam!

What's a good-bye party without a photo montage? We are feeling a shortage of photos of Sam in ministerial action. Please search your archives and submit anything you may have, digitally or otherwise to Darlene at admin@albanyuu.org



Rev. Sam's Retirement Celebration! **Saturday, July 8th** at Pear Orchard Pavilion at Thatcher Park. Event begins at 11:00, with food at 12:30 & festivities starting at 1:30. Silverware and glassware will be provided, please bring your own Non-

Breakable Plates.

If you are interested in helping, please email Chuck Manning at chuckmanning@hotmail.com. To contribute to a gift for Rev. Sam, please contact Elizabeth Baldes at ebaldes@albanyuu.org. Note that there is a \$6 admission fee per vehicle to this state park, if this or transportation is an issue please let Chuck or Elizabeth know. Please RSVP and sign up to bring something to share using this link. [Sign up!](#)

Memories Are Made at the UU Weekend at Silver Bay

Silver Bay is a spiritual time that “grounds” me for the fall and winter to come. I learn, I stretch myself, and I have so much fun with other UUs! Exquisite!

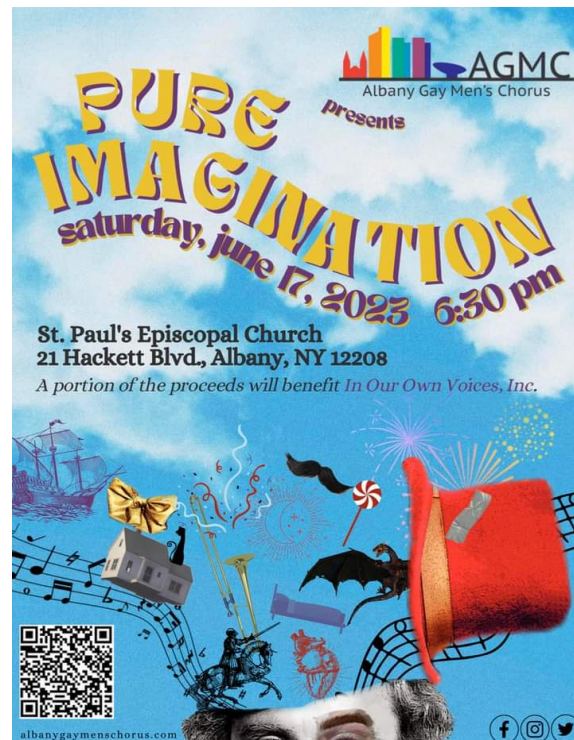
Join us at the UU Weekend at Silver Bay from October 13-15, 2023. Come to workshops, relax by the fire, take a hike, go on a boat ride, explore your creative side...or just relax! It's your choice. Sign up today! The weekend is filling up quickly!

Registration is open. Children under 6 are free, with substantial discounts. 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.

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



The Albany Gay Men's Chorus Pride Concert, PURE IMAGINATION, is **Saturday June 17th at St Paul's Episcopal Church 21 Hackett Blvd Albany. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)**



CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH AROUND ALBANY
Saturday, June 17th, 12-4 pm



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of the Capital Region, Inc.

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[aaccr.org](https://www.aaccr.org)



A CDTA Trolley will travel continuously
between the four sites between 12 and 4 pm



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Excelsior College is partnering with Underground Railroad Education Center

Excelsior University is partnering with UREC to bring you a memorable, enriching and educational Juneteenth experience. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Enjoy at The Myers Residence:

- ♦ the children's space,
- ♦ inspiring conversation,
- ♦ delectable food prepared by Young Abolitionist Leadership Institute teens,
- ♦ visiting with the many tablers that will bring their organizations and activities to us - NAACP, Albany Institute of History and Art, Capital Area Urban League, NYS Museum, Albany Symphony, Black Dimensions in Art, Arbor Hill Development Corporation, Department of Environmental Conservation, Excelsior University, and more,
- ♦ tours of The Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence,
- ♦ the Drumming Circle,
- ♦ the Legacy Project presentations by our Young Abolitionist Leadership Institute teens,
- ♦ learning more about the Interpretive Center to be built by UREC.

The **Capital District Transportation Authority** is partnering with UREC, the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, NYS Museum, and Ten Broeck Mansion to offer **trolley transportation** among the four sites.

An afternoon of learning, entertainment, and celebration of emancipation!

Our church library is getting a makeover!

The Library Team has surveyed the congregation, talked to team and staff leaders, reached out to other UU churches, and carefully assessed our Joy Library and how it's used. We have a new Joy Library library policy, and some exciting changes coming in the arena of books for youth and families that the Library team and our RE staff will be implementing over the summer. Another current project is weeding our collection so that users can find the materials they want, and our space is used more effectively. Books withdrawn from our collection will be available on the two bookshelves outside the library for a month. If you would like to own any of the books, feel free to take and keep them. After a month, leftover books will go to a local library's Better World Books bin and be resold, donated, or recycled. Please contact Library Chair Mary Fellows with any questions at joylibrary@albanyuu.org.

Connecting People to Nature One Stop at a Time

Nature Bus

Powered by **CDTA**



FREE on Saturdays from May 27 - October 14!

Nature Bus 2023 Destinations:

- Albany Pine Bush Preserve's Six-Mile Waterworks
- NYSDEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
- John Boyd Thacher State Park
- MHLC's Fisher property and trail in partnership with DEC's Five River's Environmental Education Center
- Tivoli Lake Preserve and Farm
- Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, Veterans Memorial Park - Delaware Ave

Nature Bus services the Albany City communities of West Hill, Arbor Hill, Sheridan Hollow, Pine Hills, South End, Groesbeckville Historic District, and Whitehall.

Good to Know Before You Go!

- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult when visiting Five Rivers.
- Wear sturdy shoes and bring a bottle of water, hat/ sunscreen.
- Pre-load apps on your phone for the bus schedule and trail maps. Visit the website below for destination details!
- All trails are well marked and maps are posted at the kiosk.
- Nature Bus picks up and drops off at least 4 times per day— plan a short trip or a long day out!
- Every location has exciting places to explore and many locations will have free programs.

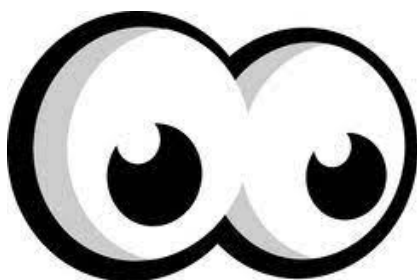
Find helpful information to plan your visit at

www.mohawkhudson.org/nature-bus



Funding for this project was provided by the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission and the NYS Environmental Protection Fund through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Bureau of Environmental Education.

SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY



Were You Spotted?
AUU-ers in ACTION!





Image Description: Albany UUs advocating at the Capitol for the Medical Aid in Dying Act

Joys and Sorrows

A link to share your Joys and Sorrows in the Windows Weekly will be coming soon! Be on the lookout for a link here in the near future!

Significant Milestones

1. Chris Jensen: Chris and his spouse Randy Rosette provided the beautiful orchids last Sunday in honor of Chris' mother who died recently. 42 years ago, Chris' mother wore orchids at Chris' and Randy's wedding.
2. Mary Applegate: Mary has a joy and a sorrow. Her sorrow is that legislation on Legal Aid in Dying did not pass this year. Her joy is that Mary met photojournalist Peggy Gilespeie who contributed to "Authentic Selves" referred to above.
3. Ireta London: Ireta recalled losing her childhood dentist Rene Rustin when Rene went through a gender transition.
4. Chris Bystroff: His sorrow is that legislation on the use of voter-marked paper ballots in elections also failed to pass in this year's legislative session.
5. Kristen Tibbitts-Moritz: Kristen commented that she and her

husband had to marry twice due to covid. Her husband is straight, while she is not. She is hoping that she and her husband are providing a good example for her children and others in the journey to gender identity.

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Governance & Leadership

Staff

Mission, Vision, Congregational Covenant

Volunteer!

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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