

WINDOWS WEEKLY June 8, 2023



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

The Windows 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 Windows 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!

Please Note: Staff will be at a retreat Monday 6/12 9am-3pm and Tuesday 6/13 11am-5pm. The office will be CLOSED and we will be unavailable by phone at these times.

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!

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, Zoom, [Sunday Offering](#), and other important

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

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.

You are invited to march with us in the 2023 Capital Pride Parade. We will meet in front of Albany UU at 11:15AM, then walk over to the park. If you have a yellow "Side With Love" t-shirt, please wear it. Many thanks to Social Justice Team for the handheld pride flags we will be waving and giving away as we march!

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



Services for June 2023

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 – 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?

*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.

June 29th VOTE on the Budget!

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

Linked [here](#).

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

This Sunday, 6/11: You are invited to our multigenerational Pride service, and then to march with us in the 2023 Capital Pride Parade. We will meet in front of Albany UU at 11:15AM, then walk over to the park. Many thanks to Social Justice Team for the handheld pride flags we will be waving and giving away as we march!

The night before, on Saturday 6/10: Capital Pride Singers will present a concert at Albany UU. Ticket link [here](#).

Next Sunday, 6/18: Albany UU's BIPOC group is presenting a multigenerational Juneteenth service that is sure to be both moving and enlightening. Don't miss it!

Soulful Home: The June theme is Delight and a printed take-home packet is available on the bulletin board in Channing, or you can access a digital copy [here](#)

Youth Group Families: be sure to respond to Heritage Trip email by Friday 6/9 if you'd like to come!

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->

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->

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

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

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

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!

Sharing the Sorrow of Kathy Gordons Passing: As many of you have already read, Kathy Gordon died about two weeks ago. In accordance with her

wishes, her son is not having a memorial service for her. Her son lives in the greater Capital Region, but if you would like to send a card or note to him about Kathy, please send it care of Kathy Gordon's address:

Jeff Gordon
C/O Kathy Gordon
385 West Highland Dr.
Schenectady, NY 12303

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Following our multi-generational Pride service on 6/11, 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. If you have a yellow "Side With Love" t-shirt, please wear it. Email our new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Stellmann, at sarah@albanyuu.org to sign up for the march or with any questions you might have.

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.



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.

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!

Barb Metz

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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)

SOCIAL ACTION and INCLUSIVITY

Albany-UU Capital Pride Poster Crafting Session

Saturday June 10th

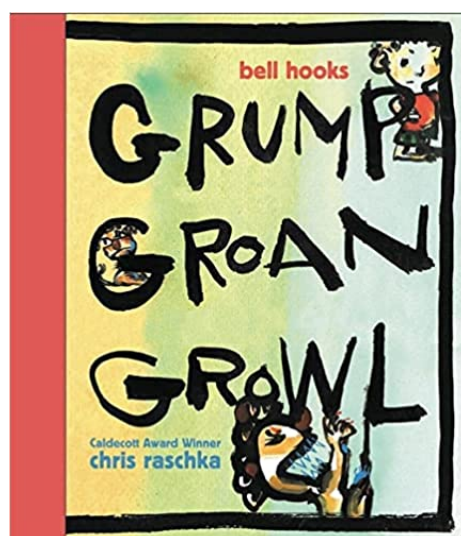
11am-12pm in Channing Hall

For folx interested afterwards we will head to Washington park for BIPOC Pride

Please email jking@albanyuu.org for any questions



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



Inclusivity recommends:

Grump Groan Growl, by bell hooks. Illustrated by Chris Raschka. (2008). What can we do when we're angry? Will a little poetry and art help? Is it good to know that we're not alone? Available in the Upper Hudson Library System in hard copy and downloadable e-book formats. Not available in braille at this time. To experience a 4-minute video of the book read aloud (including a couple of songs), sponsored by San Rafael Librarians, click [here](#).

What do Tchaikovsky, Melissa Etheridge, Janelle Monae, and Stephen Sondheim have in common? What about Billy Strayhorn, Elton John, Howard Ashman and Lesley Gore? Stephen Flaherty, John Kander and Fred Ebb, Freddie Mercury, Lorenz Hart? Jonathan Larson? Well to find out you will just have to come on out to Voices of Pride, presented

by Capital Pride Singers. We will be performing selections from all the names mentioned and some you may know and some you may not but by the end of our concerts we hope you will feel inspired, uplifted and PROUD to be your full authentic YOU.

So come be a Part of Our World and join the Cabaret, on Saturday June 10th at First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany on 405 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206

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](https://www.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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