



**FIRST UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF ALBANY**

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

Your Window's Weekly is here! We needed to delay it a day due to an important announcement that needed to be added last minute. See below!

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

***IMPORTANT SAVE-THE-DATE
INFORMATION***



ANNUAL MEETING!

This Sunday, May 21st, at Noon! Childcare will be available starting at 11:45.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Interim Minister Search Update

The Board of Trustees and the Interim Minister Search Committee regret to inform the congregation that we, along with 14 other congregations, did not receive a match of an Interim Minister. We are confident that we will still meet our congregations needs. Please come to the Annual Meeting Sunday for

more information on the process and next steps.

GETTING TO KNOW UU:

Save Saturday, May 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, May 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.



MULTIPLATFORM SUNDAY SERVICE INFORMATION



May 21 Connecting to Nature:
Every Day is Earth Day

&

Youth Group/Volunteer Appreciation

Join us for our annual Youth Group/Volunteer Appreciation service as we celebrate the



[Sam's Outlook!](#)

To view Reverend
Sam's May 2023
Outlook please
click [HERE](#)

**Multiplatform service begins
at 10:00 each Sunday**
Use this link to join the service

unique perspectives and talents of our Youth Group, learn about our Coming of Age participants' relationship with nature, and appreciate the wonderful work and dedication of our many amazing Program for Children and Youth volunteers. After the service the Religious Education Council will be hosting a special "Sundae Sunday" Coffee Hour featuring a variety of frozen treats, and creative work by the children and youth will be on display in Channing Hall.

Music: Albany UU Youth Group, Olga Martinez

REC WILL HOST SUNDAE SUNDAY

Come to coffee hour to show your appreciation to the Youth Group & Volunteers with a tasty frozen treat!



remotely:

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

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

Meeting ID: 299 018 7785

Password: 0000

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

***In Community
Hall Masks Are
Optional.
Contact
Olga Martinez
Director of
Music Ministry
for more
information.***



“...And what is
our dream?
Ours is more than an
American dream.
It's a universal dream.
And our mission is to
reach out and teach people
to love, and not to hate.”

- Technical Sergeant
Leonard Matlovich

NEXT WEEK

May 28 – A Special LGBTQIA2S+ Memorial Day Service with Jacob King & Special Musical Guest: Jim Scott!

The SJT has approved the MMAA (Modern Military Association of America) to receive the pass the plate. MMAA is an advocacy organization for LGBTQIA2S+ servicemembers and former servicemembers, including updating DD214 (Discharge papers) for folx of all identities (including transgender) who were unjustly discharged "dishonorably."

Jim Scott's songs (like "Gather the Spirit") are in our Unitarian Universalist hymnals. He's lead services and performed concerts at more than 700 UU churches over the course of 35 years. As co-chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim was one of the creators of the Green Sanctuary program. A longtime member of the Paul Winter Consort, Jim was co-composer of their celebrated "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass." He has produced 9 albums and created the "Earth and Spirit Songbook." Pete Seeger called Jim "Some kind of a magician." Learn more at [Jim's website](#).

For more information contact bookstore@uua.org.

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

**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](#).

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.](#)

Online Giving

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

This Sunday 5/21: Connecting to Nature: Every Day is Earth Day

Join us for our annual Youth Group/Volunteer Appreciation service as we celebrate the unique perspectives and talents of our Youth Group, learn about our Coming of Age participants' relationship with nature, and appreciate the wonderful work and dedication of our many amazing Program for Children and Youth volunteers. After the service the Religious Education Council will be hosting a special "Sundae Sunday" Coffee Hour featuring a variety of frozen treats, and creative work by the children and youth will be on display in Channing Hall.

Many thanks to the children, youth, parents/caregivers and volunteers who make our Programs for Children and Youth possible! We couldn't do it without you, and everyone brings something special to this experience. If you have thoughts to share, a feedback form is [here](#),

Donations needed by Sheridan Prep, a nearby elementary school that does not have enough backup pants for students to change into when mishaps occur. The school serves students from PreK-Grade 5 and smaller sizes are especially needed. Please drop off new or gently used pants in the donation bin in the lobby next to the easel sign by May 28th. Thanks so much!

Image by Isidora Carrera. Used with permission.



What's In Your Junk Drawer??

Or perhaps on your keychain...

The Albany UU office would greatly appreciate the return of unused key fobs. If you've got one of those little gray plastic thingies lying around, unused, unwanted please bring it back to roost in the church office. We have a constant lending library of fobs for renters and member short term users, and you can always request one if you need it. But we either need to buy a bunch more right now or reclaim those not in use. So, you can save us some \$ by returning unused fobs!



Growing Our Future Together

Stewardship Update!

We have reached about 80% 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 online at: <http://albanyuu.org/pledging/>

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

NEEDED: Pastoral Care Associates



Positions in the Pastoral Care Associate program are opening up!

Please consider if you might be willing to serve our membership in this capacity.

The Pastoral Care Associates program recognizes that ministry in our Unitarian Universalist tradition is not limited to only our professional ministers; rather we all share in the ministry. Recognizing this reality institutionally has become increasingly important as expectations have pastoral care have grown.

The primary mission of our program is to provide emotional support and compassionate listening for those in crisis or transition. Active, compassionate listening is the foundation for the work. Training is provided for PCAs in such areas as: active listening, knowledge of bereavement and other life challenges, boundaries, confidentiality, and self-care. The Pastoral Care Associates meet once a month for continuing training and mutual support.

The rewards of participating as a Pastoral Care Associates include assisting people in need and, equally important, the opportunity to grow and develop as they learn about themselves.

For more information visit:

http://albanyuu.org/wp/pdf/2018_Pastoral_Care_Associate_Job_Description.pdf

[APPLY HERE](#)

UPCOMING WAYS to CONNECT



**SAVE THE DATE for
Sam's Retirement
Celebration! Saturday,
July 8th**

The Party will be at
Thatcher Park Starting at
11:00 with food at 12:30
and festivities starting at
1:30. If you are interested
in helping with the
planning
email chuckmanning@hotmail.com.



Bridge Group

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

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
required. [Contact Olga Martinez](#),
Directory of Music Ministry for more
information.

Walker Book Group

June 11th at 6:30

Use this link to join remotely:

[https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGro
up](https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGroup)

By phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 871 5139 8632

Passcode: 0000

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Last Few Weeks 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 in two weeks. 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 is suitable for a Queen or King-size bed. Raffle tickets are available Sundays in Channing Hall during Coffee Hour or from any member of P's & Q's. (See list at end of this article.) 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.



Tickets available from: Barb Manning, Abby Sugarman, Nancy Wagner or Linda Lennon.

Prestigious Awards for the Silver Bay Conference and Family Retreat Center

The Silver Bay Conference and Family Retreat Center, which will host the UU Weekend from October 13-15 2023, has received multiple accolades:

- **Best Resort in the Adirondacks** by *Adirondack Life Readers' Poll*
- **Best Venue for a Reunion** by *Unique Venues Magazine*
- **Best Lodging on Lake George** in a poll conducted by *Lakegeorge.com*

Hurry, register by June 1, 2023 and receive lower rates!

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 and a slide show, at <http://albanyuu.org/uu-weekend-at-silver-bay/>

Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis following receipt of the completed registration form and deposit. And remember – your room, all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, programs, activities and entertainment are included in the price.

**The Albany UU John Cross Society will be having it's
annual reception on Friday, June 9 from 5 - 7 pm.**

All John Cross Society members are invited to join us in Channing Hall for refreshments and community building. We look forward to seeing you there! Anyone who would like to learn more about joining the John Cross Society by making a bequest to Albany UU, there is a flyer available on the resource wall in the foyer, or visit: https://albanyuu.org/wp/pdf/2019_ET_John_Cross_Society_Brochure.pdf

Coming Soon...



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 show up.

Black Lives Matter Vigil in Troy

When: Saturdays, 10:30-11:00 am

Where: Troy - corner of River Street at the intersection of Fulton and Third Streets, 12180

[Learn more here.](#)

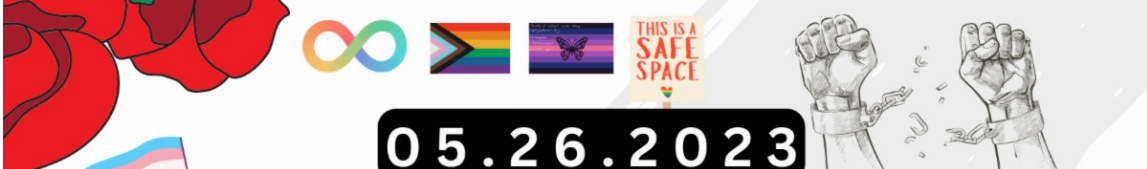
Stand Against Racism Vigil in Delmar

Join Albany UUs each Saturday to Stand Against Racism, at the Delmar Four Corners, corner of Delaware and Kenwood Avenues. We're there from 9:30 to 10 AM. Welcoming all - whether you live in Delmar, Albany, or anywhere nearby!

Albany UU at the Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood Gala!

Photo credit to Chuck Manning






05.26.2023

The 54th Massachusetts
"A Brave Black Regiment"
Potluck And Lecture


Where: Albany UU, 405 Washington Ave

On-Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/AlbanyUU-Admin-2>


When: **Friday May 26th**
Potluck 6:00pm-7:00pm
Lecture 7:00pm-8:00pm
Discussion: 8:00pm-8:30pm



COL. ROBERT
GOULD SHAW
54TH COMMANDER
UNITARIAN




SERGEANT WILLIAM CARNEY
 54th Mass, Fort Wagner Veteran
First African-American
 awarded the Medal of Honor



FREDRICK DOUGLAS
ABOLITIONIST
RECRUITER FOR THE
54TH MASS

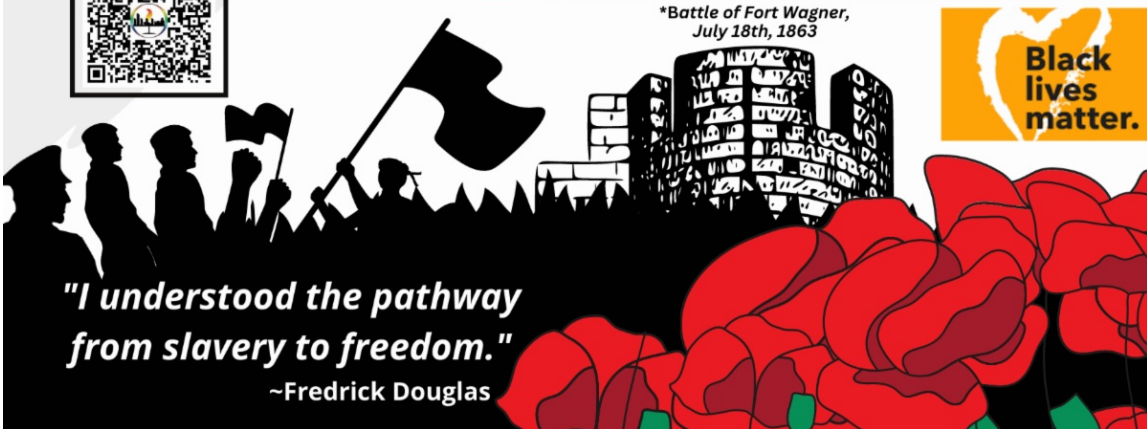
→ You may also email admin@albanyuu.org to register or questions

SCAN ME



REGISTER NOW! tinyurl.com/54Lecture

*Battle of Fort Wagner, July 18th, 1863



"I understood the pathway from slavery to freedom."
 ~Fredrick Douglas

Black lives matter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

[Find Sunday service recordings here.](#)

Learn about submitting announcements to for Sunday service and how to reserve a Zoom room for meetings and events [here](#).

All information about regular occurring events and meetings, including Zoom links [can be found here](#).

Other important resources, our file cabinet, archives, guidelines and information

can be found on the [Resource Page of our website, here.](#)

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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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