



FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF ALBANY

A Welcoming Congregation

Greetings Friends,

This Sunday we will have a special Memorial Day service to honor all those who lost their lives to protect our country. We hope everyone has a safe, meaningful, and restful holiday weekend.

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



Reverend Sam's Last Outlook...For Now

I thought this deserved a feature space in this week's newsletter. For those of you who aren't familiar with Sam's Outlook, this is a Window's submission he makes at the beginning of each month to share his thoughts on the month to come. This is a special outlook where he talks about his future plans during retirement. It was a beautiful read and I highly encourage you all to check it out! Thank you for everything, Sam!

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

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 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](#)



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](#).

Pastoral Care program.

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

Masks are optional



This Sunday is PASS THE PLATE! This plate will go to the [Modern Military Association of America](#). 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!*



Online Giving



June's monthly theme: The Path of Delight

Services for June 2023

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.

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

June 25 – (Summer Service)

MEET SARAH STELLMANN!

Hello Everyone! I'm Sarah, the new administrative assistant, and I am so excited to have joined the team here at Albany UU. I'm a Long Island native, but have lived in Troy for the past few years and absolutely love my new upstate community. Having grown up involved in a UU church, I understand and appreciate the values of inclusion, equality and community that you all hold. I would like to say Thank You to the members who I've already met and who have welcomed me with open arms, I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks!



We are so excited to have Sarah join our staff. Her first day was Wednesday, so she has a lot of training to complete, so we ask that you continue to be patient with us as we grow our team! Thank you and welcome Sarah! To reach Sarah you can email her directly at Sarah@albanyuu.org, OR email AdminAssistant@albanyuu.org.

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.



JOIN US FOR PRIDE!

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.



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN and YOUTH

Congratulations to our Coming of Age and Youth Group participants who made 5/21's *Connecting to Nature: Every Day is Earth Day* service such a success. Many thanks to the Religious Education Council for hosting Coffee Hour. A wonderful time was had by all, and four eligible youth signed the membership book!

Feedback form about Programs for Children and Youth this church year is [here](#), thanks to everyone who already filled one out. If you haven't, please consider taking a moment to do so.

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!

This Sunday, 5/28, Adrian, Elizabeth, and Paula are enjoying a day off. If your child is attending service with you, please be sure to pick up an activity bag. The Nursery/Toddler Room will be open at 9:45.



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**](#)

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.

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

Use this link to join remotely:

<https://tinyurl.com/WalkerBookGroup>

By phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 871 5139 8632

Passcode: 0000

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

ALBANY UU MEMBERS MAKING MEANINGFUL MOVES!

Albany UU, Olga Martinez, and Alÿcia Bacon were featured in a video for Mothers Out Front! You all were amazing! Great job!

See it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pu_q9PN0nY

**Hurry, early bird discount for UU Weekend
Silver Bay expires June 1!**

You can still register and attend after June 1, but you will need to pay the regular price. Children under 6 are free and there are substantial discounts for older children and youth.

Whether you are single, a couple, a family, friends, or identify another way, you will find a place for you this weekend with your fellow UUs in a beautiful comfortable fall setting.

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.



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.

CROP Walk Success

Kudos to our Team UU CROP Hunger Walkers, who voted with their feet for a better world. Our multigenerational team had 25 walkers on Walk Day, May 7, and Barb Cooley led another crew of 12 walkers at Camp Hill/Ghent the day before. We enjoyed a beautiful spring day for the Walk, and Team UU raised over \$5800 for hunger relief efforts. Thank you to the many congregants who supported the effort with their pledges. Bravo to one and all!



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](#).

If this email was forwarded to you, and you would like to receive it directly, please [sign up 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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