
Journey Well

UUSARATOGA

March 27 2026



Below is the summary of the New Home activities this week:

1. Jim Cox, our attorney is reviewing the Bast Hatfield Construction contract proposal. After his review and recommendations , and Board approval we will sign the contract. We need the proceeds from the sale of 624 Broadway to prove that we have sufficient funds to pay for the work. Thus, the start date will be delayed past April and will not start until Summer.

2. We are still gathering contributions from Go Fund Me campaign and the \$50,000.00 match. Last Sunday, a few checks were placed in the plate for the Capital Campaign. These were appreciated.

3. According to Charlie Goodrich, our realtor, the buyer has contracted with a local architect and LA Group to complete his site plan and go through the permitting process with the City of Saratoga Springs. He is moving forward. Presently, the closing date is July 27, 2026. The buyer gave us a \$25,000. 00 non refundable deposit towards the purchase of 624 N. Broadway.

4. Murray Penney has contracted with Paul Mastrodonato, a local fundraiser to help us find money to complete the Build. He will work with Foundations, grants, and others to raise money. If you know of anyone who would like to help us, please let us know.

5. Chalice Lighter Grant. Murray is pursuing a grant with UUA Chalice lighters. Murray and Arliss were regular contributors. If you have contributed to the Chalice Lighter organization in the past, please email Murray with your information. Thanks.

Best,

Art Holmberg for the Task Force.

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you can expect:

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**THE THEME FOR MARCH IS:
PAYING ATTENTION**





Journeying Inward Psychology, Spirituality and Spiritual Metaphor

Dan Berggren, musically supports the message of moving toward the best version of oneself.

Kevin O'Brien, MSP ACSW, now retired, Director of Catholic Charities, Director of Caleo Center outpatient Mental Health Clinic, Clinical Director at Conifer Park, and private practice psychotherapist in the ADKs reflects on what he learned over 40 years and how that might help us, as the bareness of our personal "winter", transforms into the "fullness of Spring"

The Hudson-Mohawk cluster will hold its shared worship service on April 19th at Schenectady UU. We will be needing 3-4 volunteers to help with greeting, ushers, coffee, snack clean up, etc. More info in the coming weeks.

Want to attend virtually?

The worship link is

<http://bit.ly/uuschenectadyworship>

The service will be at 10:30.

Remember, there will be

NO IN PERSON OR ZOOM service at 624 N. Broadway on April 19th.



This month's theme continues to be Paying Attention. Epictetus, a Greek Stoic philosopher said, "you become what you give your attention to. If you don't choose what thoughts and images you expose yourself to, someone else will". We will be Paying attention to our relationship with water. World Water Day is March 22 .We will be considering the many ways water usage is present in our daily lives, our need to protect it and be aware that not everyone in the world has our access to clean and plentiful water. Why do we mark international days such as World Water Day? "They are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity." Of course, some fun will be included as well!

Thinking ahead: The last day of RE on Sundays will be June 21 . It will start up again in September.

Join us **TONIGHT!** Tickets will be sold at the door! Bring your friends and family! Doors open at 6:45 pm for what promises to be a **GREAT** musical evening!



DAN BERGGREN

"THE SOUND OF THE ADIRONDACKS"

-BILL MCKIBBEN



MAR 27, 2026

DOORS: 6:45 - SHOW: 7:00



[UUSARATOGA.ORG/DONATE](https://uusaratoga.org/donate)

TICKETS
\$20 IN ADVANCE
\$25 AT THE DOOR

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF SARATOGA SPRINGS
624 N. BROADWAY**

DAN BERGGREN IS A TRADITION-BASED SONGSMITH WHO WRITES WITH HONESTY, HUMOR, AND A DEEP SENSE OF PLACE. ROOTED IN THE ADIRONDACKS BUT BELOVED ACROSS BORDERS, DAN WEAVES TOGETHER STORIES OF COMMUNITY, HARD-WORKING PEOPLE, AND OUR CONNECTION TO THE LAND. ACCOMPANIED BY GUITAR AND BANJO, THIS **2025 CAPITAL REGION THOMAS EDISON MUSIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE** OFFERS A RICH, CALMING VOICE THAT BILL MCKIBBEN CALLS "THE SOUND OF THE ADIRONDACKS."



Bring your sign, wear your yellow scarf, and join fellow UU's in the parking lot at 624 N. Broadway TOMORROW, March 28 at 1:45pm.

We will walk downtown together to the No Kings Rally!
[Click here for full info](#)



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 14 – 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

For General Assembly in 2026, we are creating a virtual “everywhere GA” with both online and distributed in-person options that will allow Unitarian Universalists to participate in whichever way works best for them. This new format will reduce travel costs and environmental impacts, offer optional in-person connections, streamline production costs, and provide a more flexible schedule for participants.

We know there is a deep need in this moment to build and sustain community as Unitarian Universalists. Given the strain that our congregations and individual UUs face in the current political climate, when travel brings increased risks and person-to-person connection remains important to our continued thriving, we are leaning into this creative approach.

To maintain safety, accessibility, and equity, the UUA is offering several ways to engage with the content and connections offered at this virtual GA, including fully virtual participation streaming live across many time zones.

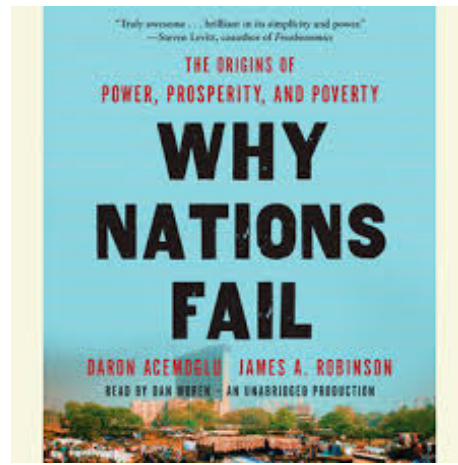
By experimenting with smaller, more localized gatherings we can uphold the value of equity for GA participants around the country and production quality that supports the experience of online attendees. Truly, we can be together everywhere as we build the courage and capacity to Meet the Moment.

[UUSaratoga is looking for delegates to attend in any and all ways. Take a look at the UUA website and check out the many options to attend.](#)

Wayside Pulpit

The Wayside Pulpit provides messages of inspiration for those who pass by our door. These quotations are chosen biweekly from the collective wisdom of the ages to reflect the diverse and life-affirming beliefs of our congregation.

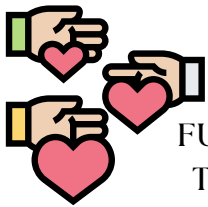
[Click here for the archive](#)



BOOK GROUP

April's selection is "Why Nations Fail" by D. Acemoglu & James Robinson. The next meeting is on Monday April 20, 2026 at 6pm.

All book lovers are welcome. For information, please contact Barbara Egerman at begerman3@gmail.com, or Carolyn Lansberry at carlan55@gmail.com.



FUNDRAISING
TEAM NEWS

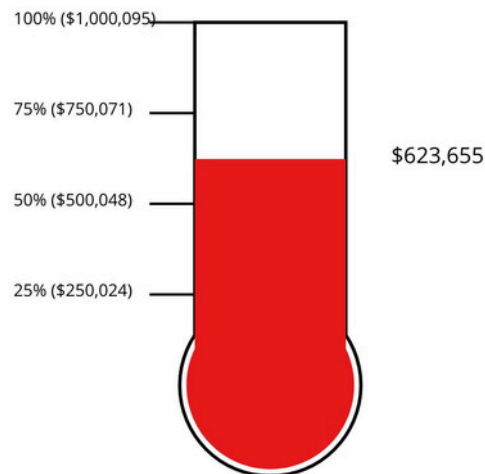
It is not too late to register for the concert this Friday evening with Dan Berggren. You can still register with the link in Journey Well or purchase your tickets at the door tonight. Tickets are \$20 via the link and \$25 at the door.

Doors open at 6:45. We will have wine, non-alcoholic beverages and cookies for sale before the concert and at intermission. We could use a few more helpers. If you can help during or after the concert, let Bev Lawson know (518 586-0403).

The Fundraising Committee's events are being counted on to help UUCSS maintain an adequate budget that will sustain our congregation as we build our new home. Please come this evening; support our efforts and enjoy a truly amazing concert

On Saturday April 18th we will hold a Trivia Night from 6:30 to 8:30. Teams of 4 will compete for prizes. You can participate as a planned team or join with others at the event to make a team of 4. The night will be limited to 12 tables of four each. We will need to borrow card tables from any one who is willing to loan theirs for the night and deliver it to the meeting house. More information including the registration link and requests for snacks and drinks will be coming out this coming week. Admission is \$8.

**WATCH THIS
NEW HOME
THERMOMETER GROW
AS DONATIONS FLOW IN**



Event News

[Click here for the Events Calendar](#)

March 27, 2026 Friday 6:45pm Dan Berggren Concert

**March 29, 2026 Sunday
10am Worship Service with RE (In-Person & Online)**

**April 2, 2026 Thursday
9am The Breakfast Group Off site**

**April 5, 2026 Sunday
10am Worship Service with RE (In-Person & Online)**

**April 7, 2026 Tuesday
12pm UUCSS Ladies Luncheon Off site**



CIRCLE SUPPERS

There are 5 host families who would love to welcome you into their homes for a delicious meal, interesting conversation and friendly gathering. Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday for several weeks.. After you choose your date, call the host and let them know what you would like to bring.

Hosts:

**Judy Halstead and Jonathan Fineberg - Friday
April 17**

**Diane Allegro and Madelyn Vida - Friday,
April 24 Filipino Food**

Bev and Eric Lawson - Saturday, April 25

Elizabeth and John Collins - Sunday, May 3

Barbara and Joe Floeser - Saturday, May 16

Go Fund Me Is LIVE!

<https://gofund.me/15b1f07ad>

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Saratoga Springs has outgrown its current Meetinghouse at 624 North Broadway. Our growing Congregation, including its lively children's education classes, expansive community outreach programs, social justice initiatives, and partnerships with many diverse organizations have strained our physical capacity. To continue to be responsible stewards of the world we all share and to provide spiritual sustenance in a challenging world, we are building a new, inspiring Meetinghouse; a place that will be available to the whole community, a place of peace, tranquility, love and inspiration. We are a 501(c)3 organization. Please join us and help us fulfill this dream. We need your help.

Moving Out Again?!

As the time for the meeting house to be sold approaches, we will again need a new temporary spot for our Sunday services. As you might know, the Task Force team visited many sites that were unworkable or too expensive. Caffe Lena became our adopted home until we are in the new building.

Of course, the disabled elevator, limited social time and RE space resulted in our return to 624 Broadway. Well, it's time again to relocate. The elevator is fixed, and there is RE space downstairs that is workable, we are negotiating for a longer social hour....and the price of \$50 a week is such a gift. The purpose of this message is to ask anyone who would like to search for a different alternative to please jump in and let the Task Force know your thinking. Of course, nothing will be ideal but we are open to suggestions. We have about 4 months left at our present spot.

Julie Holmberg for the Task Force

NEWS FROM THE UUA

As the UUA continues to implement recommendations from the Widening the Circle of Concern report, we are taking a serious look at the barriers preventing full inclusion in the religious leadership of our faith. In response to a growing understanding of the rapidly changing needs of our congregations and ministers, the Transitions Review Task Force has been charged with undertaking a comprehensive review and redesign of the ministerial transitions process. Learn about the Task Force and how you can share feedback confidentially through our online survey form.

Transitions Review Task Force

On April 13, Side With Love's The Gathering will focus on how we can turn our congregations and communities into Hubs of Resilience. Amid extreme weather and climate disruption, our congregations and communities can be powerful hubs of care, connection, and critical infrastructure. Join Rachel Myslivy, Side With Love's Climate Justice Strategist, at 8pm ET/5pm PT to learn more. The Gathering: Hubs of Resilience





Social Justice Team

Please check our UUSaratoga website for more info.

Ongoing: Vigils at the Post Office (corners of Broadway & Lake/Church) Organized by: Indivisible ADK/Saratoga, Linda LeTendre (AKA - Notorious RBG) and other troublemakers. Saturdays - Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Join our hardy band of allies - great vibes from supportive honking, with an occasional pair of loud pickups. Bring your signs, some also provided. Fine fellowship and friendly furballs.

On the next two pages you'll find information Pendell Hill.

Check out the latest notes including events on our website. There's LOTS happening in our community!



Give Away The Plate- for March

Saratoga Pride is a network of LGBTQ community members and allies dedicated to:

- Fostering connections among Saratoga area LGBTQ community members and visitors
- Enhancing the visibility of the LGBTQ community in Saratoga and the surrounding region
- Recognizing local businesses and organizations that welcome the LGBTQ community
- Increasing awareness of LGBTQ-owned and inclusive businesses and services in the region.

Please remember that the first plate collection of the month is donated. Any other donations to the monthly GATP should be designated as such.



Recent Sermons

Did you miss a service? Or was there a sermon you particularly liked? [Click here for them.](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Juliana will be in the remote office

Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 3pm.

She will likely leave early on Fridays to accommodate her allowed amount of hours.



More Info About UUSaratoga



Joys & Sorrows

If you have a personal joy or sorrow in your personal life that you would like to make known to your fellow congregants, we encourage you to click on the link below to email the Care Team in a sentence or two what you would like us to read aloud during our Sunday worship. (Late entries may have to be included in the following week.) To share a Joy or Sorrow, please email the Care Team at careteam@uusaratoga.org.

Message from the Membership & Hospitality Team

In an effort to make visitors to UUSaratoga feel more welcome, the Membership & Hospitality Team asks everyone to be aware of newcomers and people you may not know who are sitting near you on Sunday morning or standing alone at coffee hour. Greet them warmly. Ask if they have any questions, thank them for coming, and tell them you hope to see them again. Welcoming is a spiritual practice and a way of sharing the message of our UU faith.

To become a member of the Congregation

If you would like to sign the book and become a member, please let Audrey Belt (beltaudrey@gmail.com) know and she will bring the Membership Book to a UU service for you to sign. Qualifications for membership per the UUCSS Bylaws: Anyone 18 years and older can sign the book. Signing the book indicates that you subscribe to the purposes of the Congregation and agree to participate in and support the Congregation's programs and activities, and to support the Congregation with an annual recorded financial contribution.

Have an announcement?

Email, text or call Juliana at the office (uusaratoga@gmail.com 518-584-1555) for information to be shared at the beginning of Sunday service. The deadline for receiving your info is NOON THURSDAYS.

TO SIGN UP FOR *JOURNEY WELL*, OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, PLEASE USE THE FORM ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE (lower right)

TO ATTEND SUNDAY SERVICES ONLINE, [CLICK HERE](#)



UU Saratoga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Time: Jan 18, 2026 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, 97 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://zoom.us/meeting/tJUqd-2oqT8pGtHjyaUOgbxn-OWjUhjLJDe6/ics?](https://zoom.us/meeting/tJUqd-2oqT8pGtHjyaUOgbxn-OWjUhjLJDe6/ics?icsToken=DBdev8vVBsVA0W_jqQAALAAAAltzmYoqaBqVPaawQWQoh155Q1I7vTjKuyWZ2ivW4-zxPheUIS2jR2E-SOtWFSiq4EZVDHkd9irFYBSyjAwMDAwMQ&meetingMasterEventId=diZJjVFCTnehBvgXNKKi8w)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91704074305?pwd=7z4cyYIVOU3JfPLRS2gCoP1o0Tzqc8.1>

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Join instructions

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