
Journey Well

UUSARATOGA

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NEW HOME UPDATE!

1. This week the well drilling company completed the water flow report and well recovery rate. We have a well that produces 9 gallons per minute and recovers in about 15 minutes. These are great figures and more than adequately serve our New Home.

2. Some members of the task force met with Bast Hatfield, our construction contractor and architect to go over the proposed contract. Many changes to the original document were discussed. More to come.

3. Fund raising continues as we can't start construction until we can pay for all the work. Some Capital Campaign pledges are still outstanding, go fund me has raised \$4000 to date, and \$13,500 from the original \$50,000 match has been received from the donor.

Until next week

Art for the Task Force

THE THEME FOR APRIL IS:
EMBRACING POSSIBILITY





PONDERING THE ART OF RELIGION

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2026 10AM

What is this strange thing called religion? How can we begin to make sense of a practice that has played such an impactful role in the unfolding of civilization and yet, like its forebear spirituality, remains mysterious and frequently troublesome?

If the answers to great existential questions remain elusive, might that be a good thing?

Congregation member and Episcopal priest John Fisher will offer a few thoughts on how religion often finds not just expression but meaning in art.

Blurb:

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.” — Albert Einstein

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 week we hope to welcome Ella, Maisie, Logan, Parker, Robin and Gus home from their vacation travels. We are excited to hear about your adventures! Vacations give us such a great opportunity to consider ideas like “how can we make the world a better place”. We will be sharing such suggestions with our RE friends in some fun ways! A visitor, will also treat us to a personal meditation experience. Stay tuned....

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



Overheard by a fellow UU

“I was not a trivia buff and my memory isn’t what it used to be, but I went to a trivia night recently and had such a fun time, working together, conspiring , laughing and groaning when we guessed wrong! I’ll definitely do it again!”

Get off that couch and try a new community experience that we promise will be fun for all.

A fundraiser with benefits!



Get Your Thinking Caps Ready: Trivia Night
is Coming!

Join us for an evening of friendly
competition, facts, and prizes!

Where: 624 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs

Date: April 18, 2026

Time: Doors open at 6 pm, first round at 6:30
pm

Cost: \$10 per person, teams of 4. Sign up at
Sunday service, 4/5 and 4/12 or by emailing
uusaratoga@gmail.com. Please put “Trivia
Night” in the subject.

Soft drinks and snacks included

Wine and cookies will be available for sale.

Sign up early, this event will sell out!

Hudson Mohawk area Unitarian Universalist congregations annual joint worship service
Unitarian Universalists of Albany, Catskills, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs & Schenectady



Sunday April 19

at 10:30 am

1221 Wendell Ave, 12308
UU Society of Schenectady
Zoom info at uuschenectady.org

Activities provided for
kids 5 -12, and childcare
for younger kids.

Finger-food potluck
after worship.

A movie will be offered
for kids to watch during
the workshop.

WORSHIP 10:30 am

Reckoning with Resilience

Julian of Norwich famously said “All manner of things will be well.” But how is that possible when there is so much oppression, suffering, and violence?

In this age of encroaching fascism, we must build practices of resilience & joy amidst grief, anger, & despair. Come sing, pray, play, & reckon together! Music from our joint choir.

WORKSHOP 12:15 pm

Undermining Pillars of Support:

4th Amendment Wedge Strategy

How do we prevent an authoritarian administration from becoming full-on fascism? Today we'll: review ways to undermine Pillars of Support and practice strategic non-cooperation

explore how UUs can help grow networks of 4th Amendment Workplaces to help employers and workers understand their rights if ICE arrives

provide training and materials to recruit local businesses in this work and build relationships within your congregation and community.

Our Guest Minister & Workshop Leader

Rev. Cathy Rion Starr, they/them, is a Leadership Development Specialist at Side With Love, the UUA's national organizing department. Cathy runs SWL's monthly *Gathering* and recently supported UUs nationwide in the successful *Stop Avelo* campaign, co-leading the Delaware Coalition. They also love singing, dark chocolate, board games, gardening, and being silly.





FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS

The Fundraising Committee is planning our next fundraiser, a "Trivia Night". This will be a smaller event limited to 48 participants plus those who help with the evening. Our goal is to see if it is successful in which case we may be able to hold a number of Trivia nights through the course of the year. It is also less intense work-wise than many of our events.

Trivia Night will be held in the meeting house on Saturday April 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 with the doors opening at 6PM. The cost is \$10 per player which includes admission and snacks. Wine and beverages will be for sale. We will have 12 tables of 4 each. People can sign up with a group of four or pair up at the church with others who do not have a group of four.

Little prizes will be provided for the winning table of each of six sets of questions and larger prizes for the table that has the highest overall score for the six sets.

Doug Halburg will play the keyboard while tables discuss the answers to questions to minimize contestants hearing another table's discussion.

We will sell tickets in the back of the church. If you have signed up to play, please bring your money this Sunday.

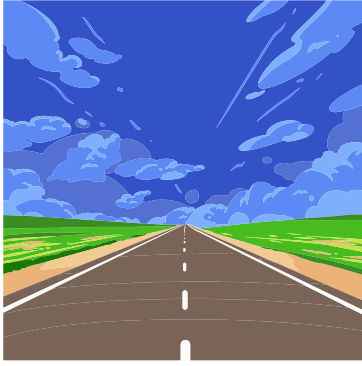
We have 13 people signed up to bring card tables. Thank you so much.

The tables can be brought any time next week and stacked neatly against a wall in the sanctuary. We must have them by 1pm on Saturday since we will be setting up shortly after that.

We'll have flyers Sunday and would like for you to each take a couple to hang up or share with a friend or neighbor.

We still need a person to pour and serve wine, a person to supervise the snack, cookie and beverage table, a cashier for the wine and snacks, and a couple more people to help clean up. Please get your tickets and join us for a fun evening of trivia, friendship and joy.

Bev Lawson



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](#)

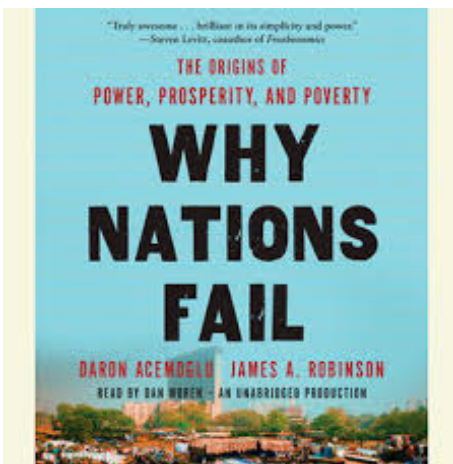
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**It is spring again.
The earth is like a
child that knows
poems by heart.**

—Rainer Maria Rilke



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.



Event News

[Click here for the Events Calendar](#)

April 12, 2026 Sunday
10amWorship Service with RE (In-Person & Online)

April 15, 2026 Wednesday
4pmCare Team Meeting

April 16, 2026 Thursday
9amThe Breakfast Group
Off site

April 18, 2026 Saturday
6:30pmTrivia Night

April 19, 2026 Sunday
CLUSTER SERVICE AT UUSchenectady (see flyer above- no in person or zoom from 624 N. Broadway)



There are still spaces left at the April and May Circle Suppers.

Two host families would love to welcome you into their homes for a delicious meal, interesting conversation and friendly gathering. The host provides the main dish, guests bring a side. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary. After you choose your date, call the host and let them know what you would like to bring.

Hosts:

Bev and Eric Lawson - Saturday, April 25

Elizabeth and John Collins - Sunday, May 3



Self-Portrait with Death Playing the Fiddle by Arnold Böcklin (1827-1901)



SHARE ME!!!

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

All it takes is a couple of clicks to send our Go Fund Me Link to everyone you know! The more it's shared the more donations we'll have toward our new home. Copy and paste the link in an email or text and share, share, share. Encourage those you send it to to also share it with everyone they know.

UPDATE: \$3,995 of the initial \$8,000 is already in our bank accounts! TWENTY ONE donations, as little as \$25 and as high as \$1000!



Skidmore Chorus presents an evening of compelling choral music featuring Mozart's Requiem and Caroline Shaw's To the Hands. The Skidmore Orchestra joins the chorus for Mozart's Requiem, conducted by Georgia Mills. Floydd Ricketts conducts Shaw's To the Hands, a work that blends contemporary and baroque styles and reflects on themes of displacement and human connection.

FEATURING

Naomi Wagner, soprano
Julia Steidle, mezzo-soprano
Casey Gray, tenor
Christopher Price, baritone

This concert is free and open to the public. RSVP is encouraged!

*Presented by the Skidmore Department
of Music*

MOZART REQUIEM

WITH TO THE HANDS BY CAROLINE SHAW

TUE, APRIL 21 at 7:00PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)



Social Justice Team

Please check our UUSaratoga website for more info.

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

Below: our Albany UU friends!



Give Away The Plate- for April: Saratoga Immigration Coalition

Saratoga Immigration Coalition, an organization which offers support, education and advocacy to foster communities that are welcoming to all immigrants. It is a volunteer network partnering with service providers, faith communities, civic organizations and concerned individuals to support immigrants residing in Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.

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.](#)





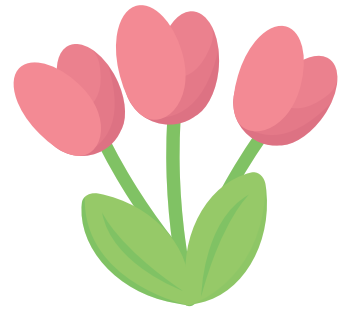
Words & Music From the Heart

Jeannine Laverty has been telling international folk tales since the 1970s, and that's as long as Dan Berggren has been singing folk songs of the Adirondacks. These good friends met in the '80s and like to share a stage from time to time. On Sunday April 19th at 2 PM, Dan and Jeannine bring their passion to the Caffe Lena stage, exploring territory near and far.





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](#)

Sunday

UU Saratoga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service

Time: Jan 18, 2026 9:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 917 0407 4305

Passcode: 466653

One tap mobile

+16469313860,,91704074305# US

+16465588656,,91704074305# US (New York)

Join instructions

<https://zoom.us/meetings/91704074305/invitations?signature=h3xW8E9j3MqYWaCbgOYu-Pncax8SM3Up54Bkp1pvIVU> (copy and paste into your browser)

OFFICE HOURS Tues-Fri 9am-3pm May close early Fridays	518-584-1555 uusaratoga.org
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