

Journey Well

UUSARATOGA

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1. The Coffee Chat went well last Sunday as many people stayed and had questions. One focus was on our temporary space after we sell 624 Broadway and before we move into our New Home. Congregants want the Task Force to explore Wilson Chapel on the campus at Skidmore.

We visited there on Tuesday and found the space to be an excellent possibility. We are exploring costs and schedules.

2. We have had more conversations with Bast Hatfield and the construction contract is under revision in accordance with our wishes and Jim Cox, our attorney.

3. The buyer of 624 Broadway toured the building on Wednesday. He paid the second 25k non refundable payment. His architect with present drawings to the City in early June for three townhouses on the property.

Moving Forward!

Art



THE THEME FOR MAY IS:
AWAKENING CURIOSITY



Sunday May 3, 2026

In honor of this time of year with its transitions, celebrations and liminal spaces through which many of our beloveds walk, this week Melissa offers **The Commencement Speech I Have Yet To Be Invited To Deliver**, musing on what she calls the Venn diagram of life.



This Week in RE we will be focusing on A Bridge to a More Just World. May 4th is Star Wars Day. May the 4th be with you! A little corny but, hey! In the Star Wars stories, the Jedi use their powers to help others and make the galaxy more fair and peaceful. Treating others fairly and with kindness is a goal to be taught, modeled and applauded. Reinforcing our UU Value of Justice!



Help plan the Landscaping of our New Home!

This is a call for those who are interested in carrying out the landscaping of the grounds of 404 Loudon Road. Studio A has provided some general guidelines, which had to be included in the City's acceptance of our building plans. However, we have lots of choices about trees, pollinator gardens, wildflowers, bird sanctuary, a labyrinth, memorial garden - so many possibilities! There is the possibility of taking some of the landscaping from 624 N Broadway to the new home property. The Task force has its hands full! This is a brand new opportunity to get involved with a project you love! Planning is so important...next step will be implementation next Spring but it's time to get started. Considering how we want the property to show the community who we are is open to us! We need you to make this place beautiful!!

Contact Juliana by email at uusaratoga@gmail.com!

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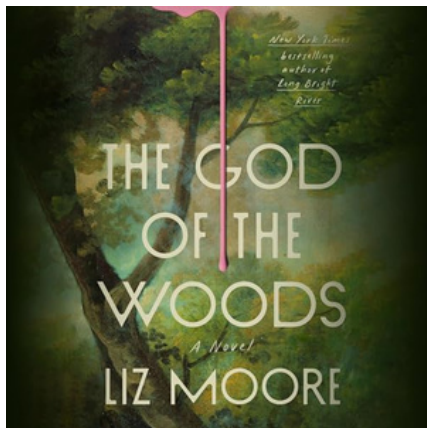
**It is spring again.
The earth is like a
child that knows
poems by heart.**

—Rainer Maria Rilke

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

May's selection is God of The Woods by Liz Moore. The next meeting is on Monday May 18,, 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](#)

Saturday May 2, 2026 Hal Bigelow's memorial service 3pm (see info on next page)

**May 3, 2026 Sunday
10am Worship Service with RE (in person and online)**

**May 5, 2026 Tuesday
12pmUUCSS Ladies Luncheon Off site**

**May 6, 2026 Wednesday
10amNew Home Task Force meeting**

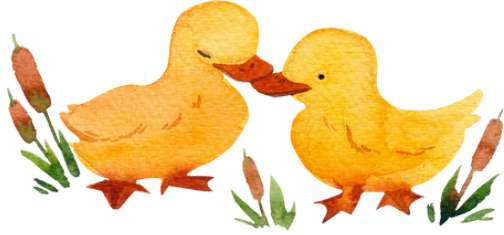
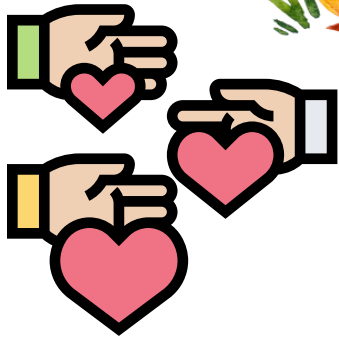
**May 7, 2026 Thursday
9amThe Mens' Breakfast Group Off site**

**May 10, 2026 Sunday
10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)**

Ladies' Luncheon

Spring is here! Come out and celebrate with old friends, and meet some new ones at our monthly luncheon gathering. It's an opportunity to sit and chat in a relaxed atmosphere so we get to know each other a little better.

We will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 12:00noon. We meet at the Regent Restaurant in the Brookmere Hotel in Saratoga Springs. The food is good, and the company is great! If you would like to join us please RSVP tarilee@gmail.com and I will save a space at the table for you!



FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS

Our next fundraiser will be our annual auction which will be held in late May or early June. We will set a date shortly.

This auction is for our congregation and close friends only since many of the auctioned off items/events involve the use of our private homes. We are now looking for donations for the auction. Donations can be items or events. For example, in the past such EVENTS as boat rides, hikes, birdwatching, backyard BBQs, dinners, visits to camps, corn hole in the backyard, taking people to the airport among others have been auctioned off. ITEMS are limitless with home made pies and cakes, furniture, fire wood, house concert, etc.

We usually have 10 items in a silent auction that runs concurrently with the active auction.

If you have an item/activity/event that you would like to auction off, please see Bev Lawson. Shortly we will have forms to fill out regarding your offerings for the auction.

Bev Lawson

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!



Social Justice Team



Please check our UUSaratoga website for more info.

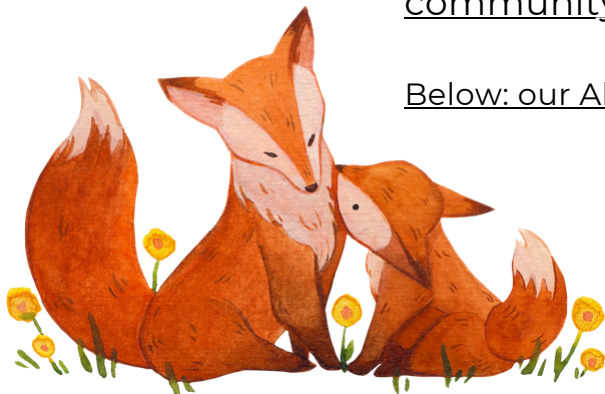
Check out the latest notes including events on our website. There's LOTS happening in our community!

Below: our Albany UU friends!



Recent Sermons

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



Give Away The Plate-for May: Rebuilding Together Saratoga County

They provide home repair services for low income homeowners in our community. Services are provided by volunteers and local contractors to older adults, individuals living with disabilities, active and retired members of the armed services and families with children.

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



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: 10:00am

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

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Join instructions

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

<p>OFFICE HOURS Tues-Fri 9am-3pm May close early Fridays</p>	<p>518-584-1555 uusaratoga.org</p>
<p>Meetinghouse 624 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY 12866</p>	<p>Mailing Address PO Box 26, Schuylerville NY 12871</p>