

Journey Well

UUSARATOGA

May 15 2026



In this newsletter
you can expect:

Upcoming
Sunday Services

New Home Update

1. Jim Cox, our attorney has petitioned the State Attorney General's office to seek approval to sell the property at 624 Broadway.
2. There is a picnic table on the property at 400 Loudon. With the weather getting warmer, please plan to use the table for small get togethers.
3. Still time to put money in for the \$50k match. Your donation is doubled when you do!
4. Meeting to be held soon finalizing the construction dates and contract with Bast Hatfield.

What's
Happening in RE

Upcoming
Events and
meetings

Nw Home
updates

Committees and
Teams News
Updates

THE THEME FOR MAY IS:
AWAKENING CURIOSITY

Art





The business office will be closed from May 25th through June 1st. My daughter is in town for only a couple of weeks and I want to spend time with her before she heads off to her Summer Job at The Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse.

I'll be in the area so if there's a dire emergency I can be reached. A Board member is your best option if you need something immediately. They can be emailed at board@uusaratoga.org

There will not be a printed order of service nor a Journey Well newsletter the last weekend in May.

I will not be checking email or bringing the office phone with me so I can thrift shop, help pack and move Lily into her future.

I'm back in the office on June 2nd.

ZOO



They're making the same face!!

This Sunday's Service



What's Happening in RE



This month continues with Awakening Curiosity as we explore how we make friends, as a bridge to better understanding ourselves and others. We are excited to welcome one of UU Saratoga's great friends, Bill Boehmke who will share meditation techniques and also read "Just Being Ted" about a dragon who learns that just being himself is the best way to make friends!



FREE EVENT: No Place To Grow Old Movie Screening & Discussion

Thursday, May 14 - 6-7:30 pm Dutcher Community Room Saratoga Springs Public Library

American adults are aging into homelessness at unprecedented rates.

Older adults (55+) are the fastest growing population entering homelessness across the country. Their numbers are on pace to triple by 2030.

Join us for a meaningful evening at the Saratoga Springs Public Library featuring a free screening of the documentary *No Place to Grow Old*, followed by a panel discussion.

6-6:45 pm: Movie Screening

6:45-7:30 pm: Discussion

This powerful film sheds light on homelessness in America, sharing real stories that challenge assumptions and inspire action. After the screening, stay for a thoughtful conversation with panelists who will explore the issues raised in the film and discuss ways our community can respond.

Please pre-register for this event.

[Register here](#)

[Watch the Trailer](#)

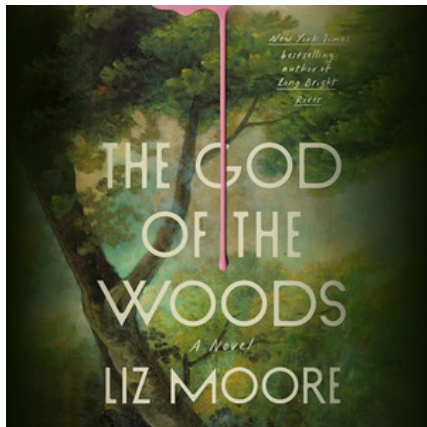
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**Love is the
every only god.**
—E.E. Cummings

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](#)

May 17, 2026 Sunday
10amWorship Service with RE (In-Person & Online)

May 18, 2026 Monday
6pmUUCSS Book Group

May 20, 2026 Wednesday
10amNew Home Task Force meeting
4pmCare Team Meeting
7pmSocial Justice Team meeting

May 21, 2026 Thursday
9amThe Breakfast Group Off site

May 24, 2026 Sunday
10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)
11amThe SAM Project: pilot program

May 26, 2026 Tuesday
7pmLeague of Women Voters event
Sanctuary

LEARNING

ABOUT UU

On Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the Membership/Hospitality Team will offer the class "Learning about Unitarian Universalism and UUCSS (LAUU)." The one night session will be led by Faye Mihuta, Barbara Floeser, and Dianne Kiernan.

Attendees will meet others new to the congregation while we define Unitarian Universalism and explore its long and rich history, as well as learn about the founding of UUCSS. We will talk about our collective values and beliefs and have the opportunity to discuss those with one another. Leaders will also share what it means to become a member of this congregation and the many ways in which people can engage in congregational life at UUCSS.

As a way to prepare for this class, those who sign up will receive a link to three short videos about Unitarian Universalism that total about 30 minutes of viewing time. There will be a sign up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Floeser--bfloeseraka@gmail.com. Thank you for considering joining us on June 3 for some thoughtful reflections.....and refreshments!

Let'sTalk

UU Monday Night Film Forum

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls has been bringing community together by way of film in thoughtful, non-judgmental forums.

This month we bring you the shortfilm **"A Lien"** about something happening in our region that invites people into action, changing the series theme to:

Let's Talk, Let's Act

Date&Time: Monday, May 18, 2026 6:30 PM

Film: **"A Lien"** is a powerful film about a family attending a required immigration appointment to adjust the father's green card status. The film has built a reputation through its urgent political relevance and emotional authenticity, winning an Academy Award for best live action short film. The film centers on a family whose stability is shattered not by wrong-doing, but by Federal policies that criminalize their existence. When immigrant wage earners are detained or deported, their families, often our neighbors, can be left bereft. Preparedness can be key.

PostFilm: This short film hits hard and calls for action. Your questions about what we can do will be welcomed by local immigration advocates moderating a follow-up discussion. There are local support groups and networks to learn about, volunteer opportunities, and advocacy actions. We are getting prepared.

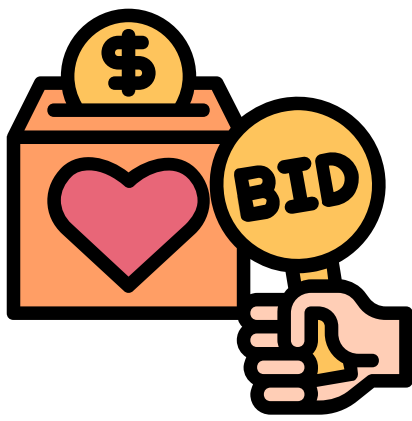
Please join us.

Location: UU Congregation of Glens Falls – 21 Weeks Road
(next to Walmart on Route 9 in Queensbury, NY)

Contact: (518) 792-2811

Films are free to the public.

[CLICK HERE FOR A TRAILER OF "A LIEN"](#)



FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS

Our next fundraiser will be our annual auction which will be held on Saturday June 13 from 6-8:30pm. 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 STILL 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.

There are forms in the back of the sanctuary to fill out for each item to be included in the auction. If you have decided on an item, please fill out a form and give it to Kerry or Bev this Sunday. We need to have all forms by the end of May.

Perennial Sale

For many years the church has held a vegetable, herbs and perennial flowers sale at the church in May. The highlight was always Murray's tomatoes. A couple years ago we discontinued the tradition since most of those growing plants, dividing perennials and helping with the sale were in their 70s and 80s and growing tired of the intense labor for this event. But last Sunday a conversation in the back of the church about what to do with our divided perennials led to a plan to have a small perennial flower sale on Lawson's front lawn late in May---date to be determined. If you are interested and have perennials, please divide and pot them as soon as you can so they can rejuvenate and look perky by sale time. If you need pots, help yourself. They are in the fenced in playground area. Please let Bev know what you're contributing to the sale!





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!

At 7PM on May 26 at the UU Saratoga Church the League is hosting a workshop for the community to better understand the DDDA. Please share and join us.

<https://www.lwvsaratoga.org/events/2026/4/30/dddaworkshop>

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Thursday, May 21st
4:30 pm PST / 5:30 pm MST / 6:30 pm CST / 7:30 m EST

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL GENDERS, AND WE WELCOME MEMBERS, ALLIES, AND FRIENDS ALIKE

JOIN US ON MAY 21ST

UUWF is changing the narrative and talking about all the ways we mother and hold space for what's important in our lives. Whether it's children, community building, local actions, or movement spaces, our labor changes all that we touch.

Join us on May 21st to uplift two movement workers, the Rev. Denise Graves and the Rev. Ranwa Hammamy, as we talk about what it means to mother the movement across all aspects of our lives.

We celebrate the transformative power of mothering, and invite you to join us in mothering the movement for collective liberation.



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.



Recent Sermon



Did you miss a service? Or was there a sermon you particularly liked? Click here for them.



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](#)

SHARE ME!!!

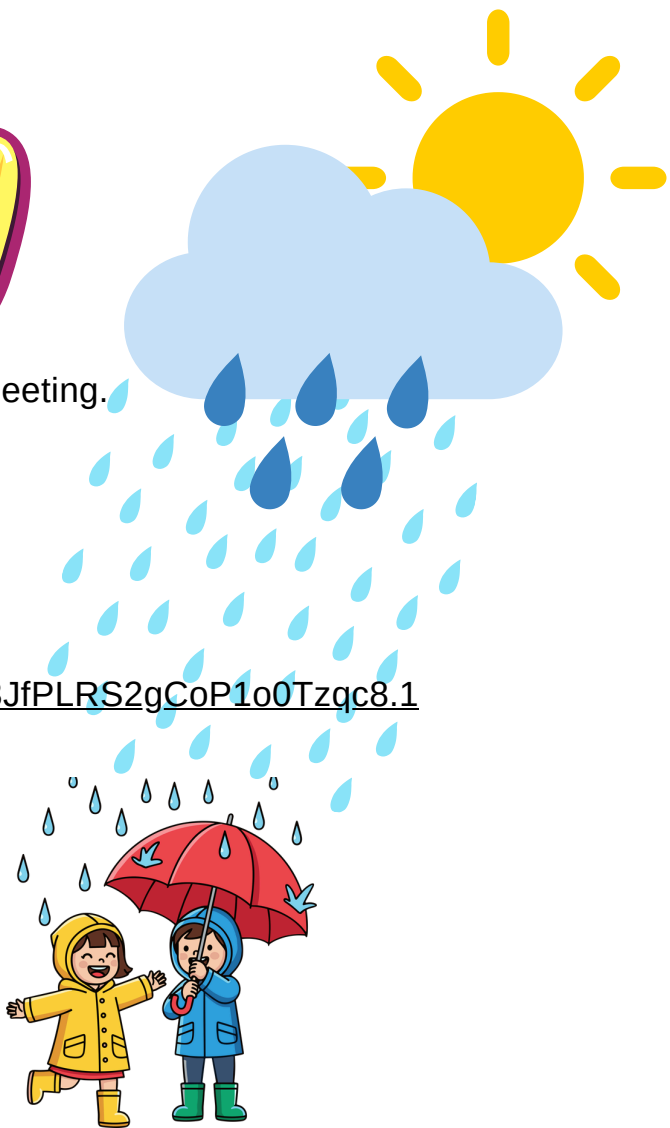
<https://gofund.me/15b1f07ad>



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!

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

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Join instructions

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

<p>OFFICE HOURS Tues-Fri 9am-3pm We close early Fridays (around noon)</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>