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## NEW HOME UPDATE

1. Karen Hess recently bequeathed \$100,000.00 to help build our New Home.
2. We met with Jeff Anthony, our site architect and learned about ways we can reduce expenses and still comply with Saratoga Springs special use permits.
3. We met with the City building inspectors and went over their questions/concerns with Don Davis, our building architect.
4. The buyer of 624 Broadway has given us the second \$25k non refundable payment. On Wednesday, June 3, he will present his building plan to the Saratoga Springs design/review board for preliminary review.
5. We need to make a plan for moving out of 624 Broadway again. No firm closing date yet, but the end of July is possible.
6. We still to raise more money for the new home.

THE THEME FOR JUNE IS:  
FLOURISHING TOGETHER



## This Sunday's Service

Flower Communion

Sunday, June 7, 2026

A Flower Communion Celebration

On this Sunday we will celebrate our annual flower communion, Please bring a flower to contribute to our common bouquet.

We will also honor the creator of the Flower Communion, Norbert Capek, who was a Prague Unitarian Minister killed in the Dachau concentration camp in 1942. This will be a service that explores the relationship between creation and destruction, freedom and oppression, and beauty and ugliness. Polarities of life.

But also affirm that creation, freedom and beauty are more primary than their opposites.

## What's Happening in RE



It's Flower Communion Sunday! What a perfect opportunity for our RE kiddos to be part of our service this week!

There are parts for our young UUs and the congregation always looks forward to seeing our youth in action!

It would be ideal for families to arrive around 9:40 to pass out any reading parts and go over the roles they might play. I know (well, I remember) how tough it is to get everyone out of the house to be early but it will ensure that we have time to practice and feel confident in our roles.

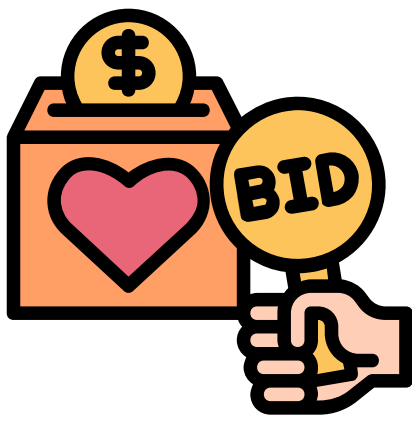
Looking forward to sharing this special Sunday together. Don't forget your flowers!



Death Cafe Sunday June 7 at Meeting House 11:30am Hosted by Melissa O'Brien and Marian Bigelow Easy, open discussion of End of Life issues.

Suggested you watch Tom Brokaw Ted talk beforehand. [Click here for the video](#)





# FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS

For those who did not get the word last week, the Fundraising Team made \$1064 on the perennial plant sale last week. We had an impressive array of plants and fun selling them!

Our next big event is the Annual Auction on Saturday June 13th at the meeting house. Damian Redman will be the auctioneer for our live auction. And Carolyn Lansberry will manage the silent auction.

The doors open at 6:30 PM for wine and desserts. The auction is from 7 to 9ish with a 15 minute intermission for more wine and desserts. Check Journey Well for the list of items to be auctioned off

We still need help. We need a couple more non-messy dessert bakers, a couple cashiers, clean up people, a person to walk through the audience holding certain items such as paintings so you can see them up close. and more. Please look at the sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary and sign up to help. Just a reminder: these events are for all of us since they benefit the church budget and the building of the new church. So please get involved and help us make our fundraisers successful. Thank you.

Bev Lawson

## Have You Thought About How To Donate Securities to UU Saratoga?? It's easy!

Transferring appreciated securities with long-term capital gains directly to UUCSS is a tax-efficient way to give. When you donate securities directly, you may avoid paying capital gains tax and may also qualify for a federal income tax deduction based on the full fair market value of the donated assets. For more information and instructions on donating securities, including stocks and mutual funds, please email Diane Allegro at [diane.allegro@outlook.com](mailto:diane.allegro@outlook.com).



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**Gardening is active  
participation in the  
deepest mysteries  
of the universe.**

—Thomas Berry

## 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

June's selection is *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. The next meeting is on Monday June 15, 2026 at 6pm. All book lovers are welcome. For information, please contact Barbara Egerman at [begerman3@gmail.com](mailto:begerman3@gmail.com), or Carolyn Lansberry at [carlan55@gmail.com](mailto:carlan55@gmail.com).

## Event News

[Click here for the Events Calendar](#)

**Sunday June 7, 2026**

10:00 am FLOWER COMMUNION SERVICE with RE (In-Person & Online)

11 am An open conversation on end of life

**Wednesday June 10, 2026**

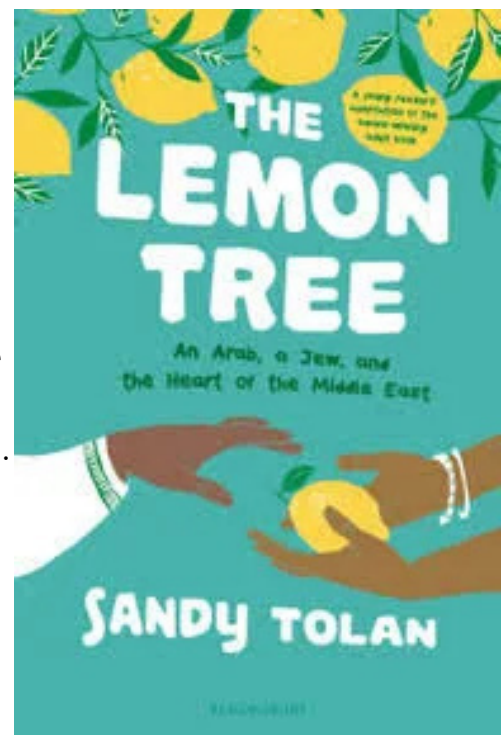
7 pm Board of trustees meeting

**Saturday June 13, 2026**

7 pm Goods and Services Auction

**Sunday June 14, 2026**

10 am Worship Service with RE (In-Person & Online)





UU Saratoga  
GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION

Saturday, June 13, 2026  
Doors open at 6:30pm for wine and desserts

**Items for Auction:**

- Custom professional-made, measured and installed Roman shade
- Large wall mirror with stained glass (2 offered)
- Private 2 hour Nordic ski session with legendary Olympic coach Sverre Caldwell (2 offered)
- Old fashioned steamer "Saratoga" trunk
- Concert in your home, with Dan Berggren date to be decided
- Beautiful one-of-a-kind Hal Bigelow mirror
- Office desk chair
- Lawyer bookcase 4 levels
- Homestretch brown leather power recliner
- 2 pr 100% beeswax candles,
- Metal bedframe, queen size
- Sundae's best hot fudge sauce, made by chocolate magician Kate Camarro
- \$100 gift certificate to JJ Hapgood General Store, Peru VT
- Recumbent stationary bike
- Wooden table with 4 chairs
- Digitizing your old photos, up to 500 photos, 8 GB flash drive (3 offered)
- Framed print of The Skating Minister by Sir Henry Raeburn
- 4 tickets to Triple Play at Caffe Lena, July 26, 7pm
- 2 classical season lawn passes for SPAC
- Marian's luscious chocolate cherry cake with cream cheese frosting
- 2 hours of mending or sewing
- An afternoon of cornhole with drinks and snacks (up to 6 people)
- Copy of poetry book "Breathing Lessons" by Susan Jeffs
- Olive wood bowl
- Curated dog gift basket
- Dog behavior consultation
- Oak tree for 400 Loudon Rd
- Paver with donor's name engraved
- Native red bud tree
- ...plus jewelry, Lake George boatrikes, and much more!



## 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!



## Give Away The Plate-for June is BEST: Backstretch Employees Service Team

Devoted to meeting the health and social welfare needs of several thousand backstretch workers of the Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga racetracks by providing on-site counseling and primary healthcare services, access to health insurance and case management assistance.



### Recent Sermons

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

### **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.**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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Join instructions

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

OFFICE HOURS Tues-Fri 9am-3pm We close early Fridays (around noon)	518-584-1555 uusaratoga.org
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