



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF
SARATOGA SPRINGS

August 14, 2026

Journey Well Newsletter

AS WE WELCOME REV. VIOLA TO HER VERY FIRST SERVICE WITH US THIS WEEKEND, I'D LIKE TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF JUST A FEW THINGS:

-ATTENDING VIA ZOOM- THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO FIND THE ZOOM INVITE AND LINK TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY: ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER, AND MULTIPLE PLACES ON OUR WEBSITE (THE LINK IS ALWAYS INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY SERVICE). ANYTHING THAT'S UNDERLINED HERE IS A CLICKABLE LINK TO TAKE YOU TO THE VARIOUS PLACES!

-THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A MUSIC SHEET POSTED FOR EACH SUNDAY SERVICE. WE WILL BE USING THE ONLINE HYMNAL PROVIDED BY THE UUA. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE READY SOON. THERE IS A COST FOR THIS TO UUSARATOGA, BUT IT TAKES CARE OF THE COPYRIGHT ISSUES RECENTLY DISCOVERED!

-THERE WILL BE A WEEKLY ORDER OF SERVICE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. THIS LINK WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON EACH SERVICE AS WELL AS ON THE WEBSITE'S HOME PAGE. CLICKABLE LINK FOR THIS IS HERE!

-PHISHING EMAILS ARE MAKING THE ROUNDS ONCE AGAIN. THEY LOOK LIKE A DINNER OR PARTY INVITATION COMING FROM A NAME YOU KNOW. DO NOT OPEN THESE! CHECK THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE SENDER AND YOU'LL SEE THAT IT DOESN'T MATCH THE ALLEGED PERSON SENDING IT! MARK THEM AS SPAM!

**-IMPORTANT DATES-
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT 400-404 LOUDON ROAD IS ON AUGUST 26, AT 10AM.
THE LAST SERVICE AT 624 N BROADWAY IS ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. THE FIRST SERVICE AT WILSON CHAPEL ON THE SKIDMORE COLLEGE CAMPUS IS ON OCTOBER 4TH.**

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Upcoming
Sunday Services

What's
Happening in RE

Upcoming
Events and
meetings

New Home
updates

Committees and
Teams News
Updates

THE MONTHLY THEMES
WILL RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER!

Give Away The Plate-
for August is to our
Minister's
Discretionary Fund.

Provides funds which
our minister can use to
help congregants in
need of emergency
help with rent, food,
utilities or other
financial crises.

Rev Viola's First Service at UUSaratoga- Returning

Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 10:00 am

Many people long for home and some can't get far enough away. Either way, what, if anything makes home so special?

Click here for the online order of service.



**OFF FOR THE SUMMER!
WE'RE WORKING ON
WHAT RE WILL LOOK LIKE
COME SEPTEMBER!**



Recent Sermons

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

[Many of our services have been uploaded to our YouTube Channel.](#)

ATTEND WORSHIP VIA ZOOM

UU Saratoga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday Worship Service
Time: 10:00am
Every week on Sun

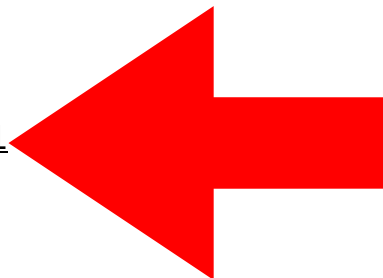
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ARROW POINTS!



Join Zoom Meeting
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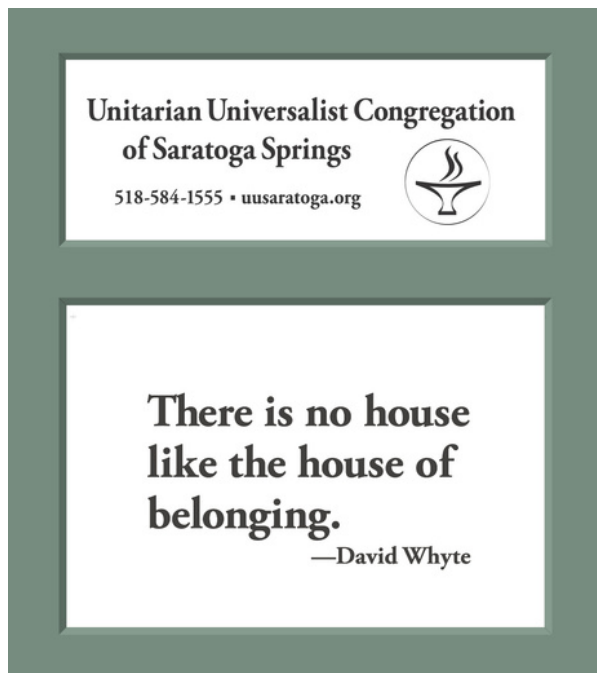
Event News
[Click here for the Events Calendar](#)

Sunday August 16, 2026
10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)

Monday August 17, 2026
6pmUUCSS Book Group
King Room

Thursday August 20, 2026
9amThe Men's Breakfast Group
Off site

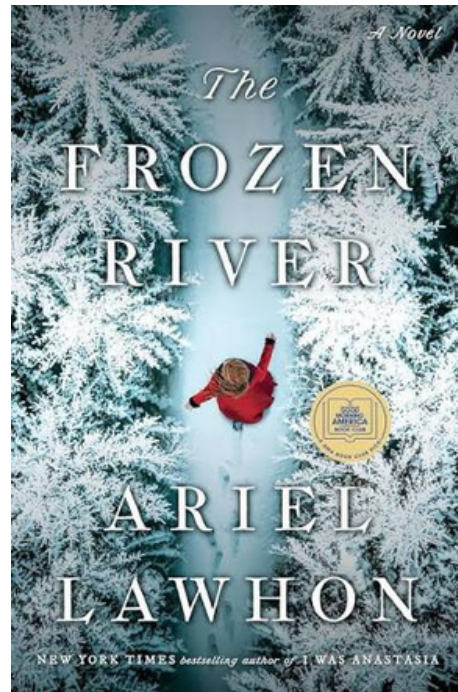
Sunday August 23, 2026
10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)



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



The next selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson.

The next meeting is on Monday August 17th, at 6pm.

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



CHECK OUT
REV. V'S
REVERIES ON
OUR WEBSITE!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF GLENS FALLS PRESENTS

“Let’s Talk” Film Forum

Crandall Public Library, Community Room

Monday, August 17, 2026, 6pm

Film:

ORWELL 2+2=5

This film tells the story of George Orwell, famous author of “1984”, written in 1948-1949 after the military collapse of Nazi Germany. He was deeply concerned about how the totalitarian Nazi government rose in power, and he used storytelling to describe and warn us of totalitarian tools:

- Propaganda and censorship
- Surveillance and privacy
- Manipulation of language and truth

Host Moderators: Will Doolittle & Ken Tingley, **retired editors of the Glens Falls Post Star and current editors of Substack “The Front Page-Upstate NY”, will comment on the film and spark conversation.**

Manipulation of truth is of grave concern to both sides of our politically divisive community. Researching and reporting truth is the hallmark of good journalism. The recent program “Fact Checking for All” at Crandall Public Library filled the auditorium to hear Mary Miller (NY Newspaper Foundation) guide us on how to validate media and social media information on our own. Her handouts will be available to filmgoers on August 17th.

The UUCGF (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls) Social Justice Committee has been bringing community together by way of film in thoughtful non-judgmental forums.

Films are free to the public. Inquiries (518) 792-2811



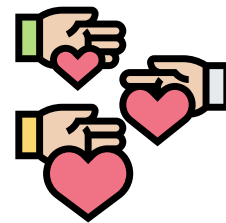
NEW HOME TASK FORCE UPDATE



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
BEFORE, DURING, AFTER DAY ONE
OF THE NEW HOME BUILD!
IT'S HAPPENING! ALL THE MEETINGS
AND HARD WORK AND THE
DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF
THIS CONGREGATION HAS COME TO
FRUITION!**



Social Justice Team news and
events- Please check our
UUSaratoga website for more info.

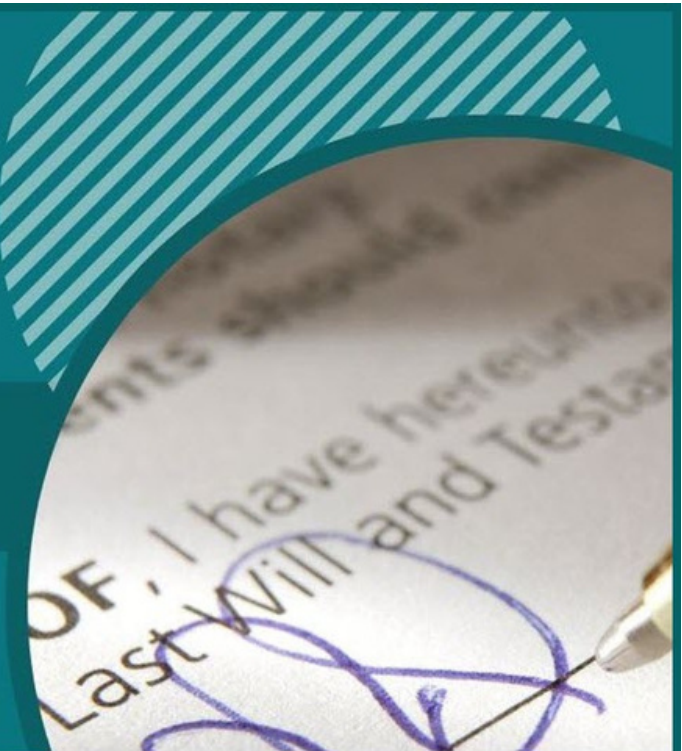


FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS:
Stay tuned! We're getting ready!
We will begin shortly to plan a
trivia night and a music night
for a time before we leave our
church.

AUGUST IS NATIONAL

"Make a Will"

MONTH



Remember people and causes you care about . . .
including the UUCSS Endowment.

Make an impact that extends beyond your lifetime!



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 uusaratoga@gmail.com

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.

Find
JOY IN THE
Journey

THE BEST
is yet
To Come

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.

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](#)

TO VIEW PAST SERVICES ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL [CLICK HERE](#)



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WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS REV VIOLA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS, AND FRIDAYS FOR PHONE AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS ONLY.

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