

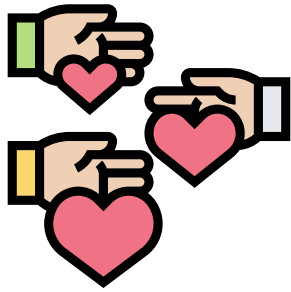


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF
SARATOGA SPRINGS

SUNDAY SERVICES AT
WILSON CHAPEL BEGINS ON
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026

Journey Well Newsletter

September 11, 2026



FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS



CLICK HERE
FOR THE
REGISTRATION
FORM

TRIVIA NIGHT IS 6 DAYS AWAY. WE HAVE 13 PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO ATTEND. YOU CAN BUY YOUR ADMISSION TICKET AFTER SERVICE TODAY IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR GO ONLINE AND PURCHASE YOUR ADMISSION TICKET THIS COMING WEEK. ADMISSION IS \$10. REMEMBER WE ARE LIMITED TO 40 PEOPLE TO PLAY TRIVIA. ALL HELPERS NEED TO PURCHASE TICKETS ALSO. WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH THE SIGN UPS; WE HAVE ALL THE WINE AND ENOUGH CARD TABLES. WE STILL NEED MORE COOKIES. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 THIS COMING SATURDAY AND TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7. COME EARLY AND ENJOY SOME WINE. CHIPS, CIDER AND WATER ARE FREE. COOKIES WILL BE FOR SALE DURING INTERMISSION. THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR SOME TASKS DURING THE EVENING: CHECK PEOPLE FOR TICKETS AT THE DOOR AND SELL TICKETS IF THERE ARE SPACES LEFT, SELL COOKIES AND DRINKS, SELL AND POUR WINE, CASHIER, SET UP AND CLEAN UP.

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Upcoming
Sunday Services

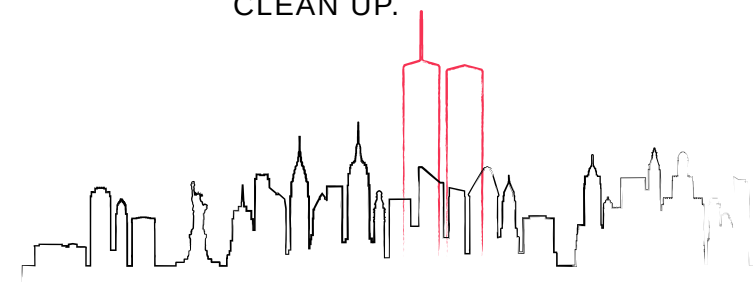
What's
Happening in RE

Upcoming
Events and
meetings

New Home
updates

Committees and
Teams News
Updates

The Monthly theme for
September is
INTERDEPENDENCE



This Sunday's Service

Forgiving and Forgiven

Sunday, September 13, 2026 10am

with Rev. Lynn Ashley

Rev. Lynn is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and longtime friend of Saratoga UU, where she spoke for the first time at Temple Sinai, our first meeting place. Prior to returning from retirement three years ago to serve Albany UU as interim co-minister with the Rev. Linda Hoddy (our first minister), she served as contract minister in Fredonia (the UU Congregation of Northern Chautauqua), Barneveld (where she was named Minister Emerita), and Glens Falls. A resident of Voorheesville for the past 37 years, she will be leaving in three weeks to begin a journey of indeterminate length around the United States.

Next Week's Service:

Me, Myself and I

September 20, 2026 at 10:00 am Rev. Viola Abbitt

Unitarian Universalists have a history of being fiercely individualist. It is part of our DNA. But how much can "I" benefit "us" in the long run?

What's Happening in Religious Exploration

**CONTACT REV. VIOLA AT
MINISTER@UUSARATOGA.ORG**



We are not planning on starting until after September 13th. We are currently working on programming and what that will look like when we're having Sunday service at Wilson Chapel.

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.](#)



Give Away The Plate-for September is SNACpack Provides backpacks full of child-friendly, non-perishable, easily consumed foods directly to the children of Saratoga Springs.

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**We must evolve for
all human conflict a
method which rejects
revenge, aggression,
and retaliation.**

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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](#)

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

Sunday, September 13

10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)
11:30 2027 Stewardship kick off
11:30amDeath Cafe

Thursday September 17

9amThe Men's Breakfast Group
Off site

Saturday September 19

7pm Trivia night

Sunday September 20

10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)
11:30amTransition Team Event

Monday September 21

6pmUUCSS Book Group
King Room

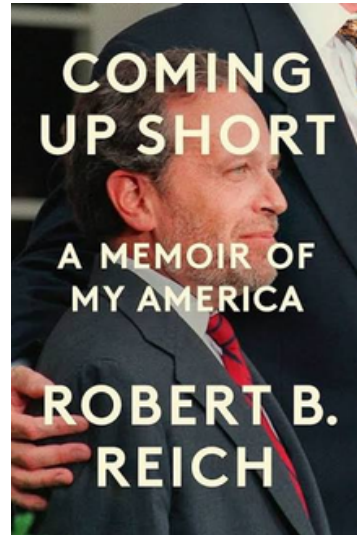


End of Life Meeting
Sunday September 13

11:30 or 1/2 hour after service
ends.

Open to all to freely talk about
End of Life Issues.
questions contact Marian
Bigelow

BOOK GROUP



The next selection is
Coming Up Short by
Robert Reich

The next meeting is
on Monday September
21th, at 6pm.

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



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



**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

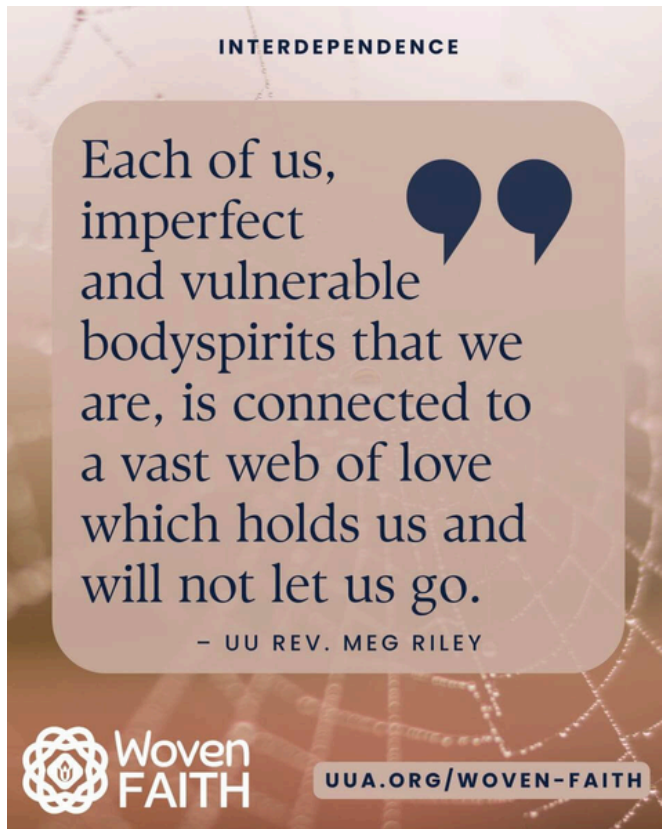
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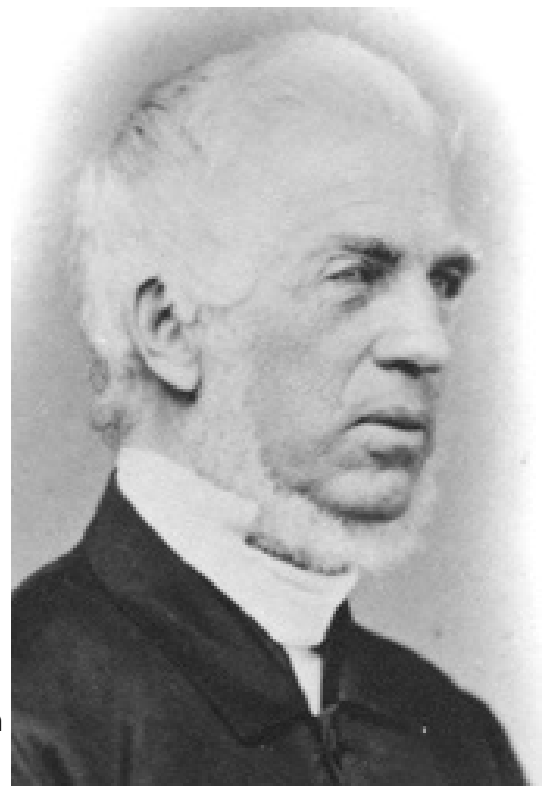
Social Justice Team news and events- Please check our UUSaratoga website for more info.

The Churches of Church Street, in Saratoga Springs

Although there's not one church to be found on Church Street today, the street was so named in 1841 for the first two churches to be built in Saratoga Springs:

The First Presbyterian Church (1820) on the southwest corner of Church Street and Woodlawn Avenue, where the Stewart's Shop is now located; and the Universalist Church (1825) diagonally across the street, a brick building which still stands today as the Country Corner Cafe, on which a small plaque placed by the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation commemorates the congregation and the naming of the street.

The first minister of the Saratoga Springs Universalist Church, Dolphus Skinner, went on to become a well-respected Universalist minister and editor in Utica for forty years.



Dolphus Skinner (1800–1869), pictured right

A CONCERT WITH DAN BERGGREN, THANKS TO MARNY SKINNER

I bid on a private concert by Dan Berggren at the UU auction and won 😊

I would like to invite the UU community to the concert:

When: Saturday September 26

Time: Dan will begin at 6:00pm

Where: Saratoga Rowing Association (SRA) Boathouse
543 Union Avenue @ Saratoga Lake across the street
from Lago by Druthers.

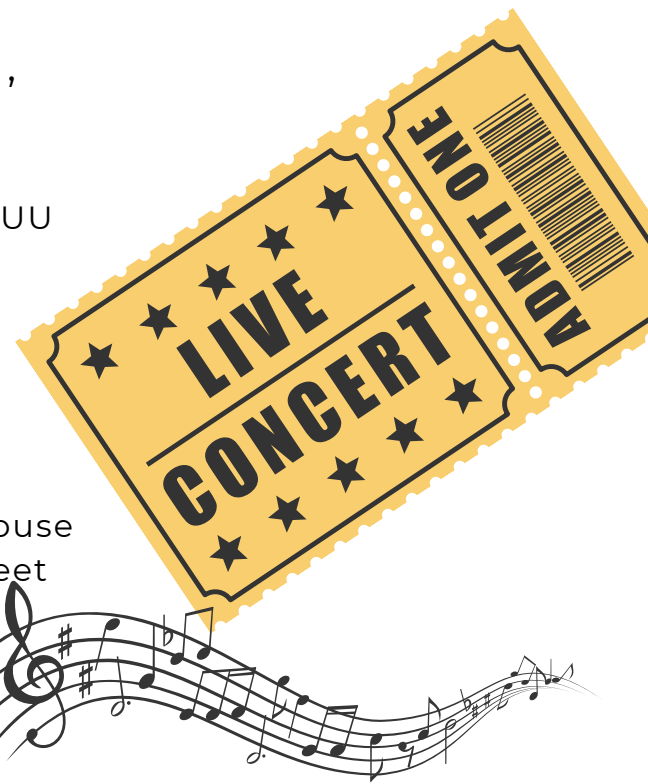
What to bring: a chair.

Bathrooms available in the boathouse.

Earlier in the day, SRA will be hosting the Tail of the Fish Regatta. The boathouse should be cleared out by 5:00pm.

Hoping the weather will cooperate.

Marny Skinner



INSPIRED GIVING IDEA

What footprints will you leave behind when you're gone?

Make a will or living trust that reflects your values and gives gifts to people and causes you care about, including UUCSS. Those beautiful gifts you leave behind to guide your loved ones in the future are your legacy footprints.

To learn more, contact
KathleenRehl@gmail.com or an
Endowment Committee member.





NEW HOME TASK FORCE UPDATE



THE NEW HOME FOUNDATION IS IN THE WORKS!

This foundation is YOU! The rebar is the people who strengthen us. The concrete is the people who keep us grounded. The concrete forms are the people who keep it all together. NEW HOME is YOU!



1. We had our first meeting on site Thursday and the Construction contractor is making great progress. There are obvious foundation footings poured with concrete and they hope to start building the walls soon.

2. We learned that materials for the building will not be affected by price increases. Bast Hatfield has locked in prices for lumber, rebar, and other materials. The recent tariffs will not affect our contract!



VISITS TO THE WORK SITE ON 404 LOUDEN

The contractor and architects have asked again that we do not visit the site. There are obvious insurance implications if someone were hurt. Please adhere to this rule as we want everyone safe.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation.

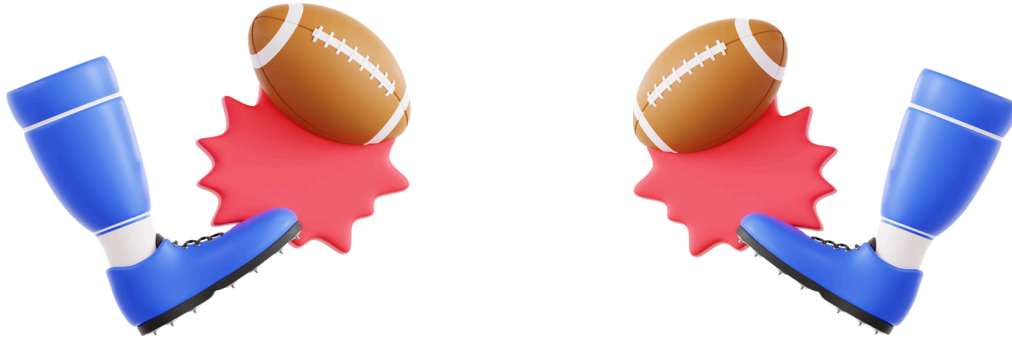
Art for the Board

We are a church of many beliefs, worshipping as one community, and focused on making this a better world.

-Rev. Steve J. Crump

2026 Pledge reminders sent

Mike Eggerman the treasurer of the congregation has just sent an email via Breeze showing the current status of your contributions to the 2026 Stewardship drive and the New Home Fund. Due to a glitch in Breeze, it is possible that you may not have received the email. If that is the case, please let Mike know at megerman3@gmail.com or 518-886-8855. As always, thank you for your generous support of UUCSS.



2027 Stewardship Appeal Kick off Sunday September 13, 2026

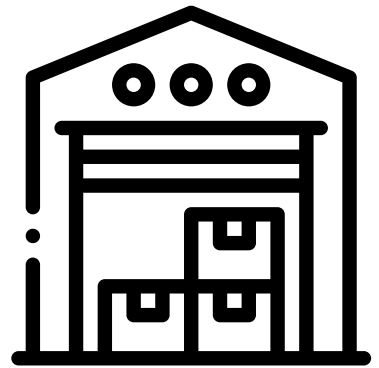
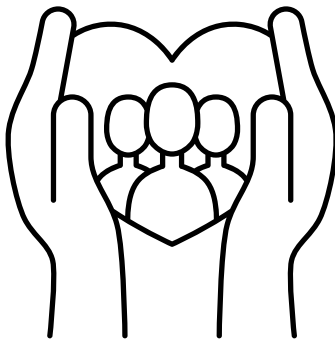
After the service there will be a presentation that includes updates on the proposed 2027 operating budget and the construction financing at 404 Loudon Road.

Those who attend in-person will be provided their 2027 Stewardship letter, blue pledge card, and supporting financial information. Those on Zoom can follow along to the PowerPoint presentation from the Finance Committee on the upcoming proposed budgeted costs and needs. Those not in attendance will have their packets mailed to their homes.

Status updates of member pledges received for 2027 will be provided in October and November in preparation for the Annual Meeting in December. That is when UUCSS members will vote on the final 2027 Operating Budget.

Your attention, engagement, and pledge will help maintain the support and strengthen the growth of our congregation as we collectively move into our new home and welcome newcomers to our beloved faith. Also, remember to pay your pledges for 2026 for both the operating and capital campaign commitments you have already made.

Questions regarding the 2027 Stewardship Appeal can be sent to uusaratoga@gmail.com or call the office at 518-584-1555.



WE'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN

The Move Out Planning Group is requiring all committees to take charge of their items that have been brought back into the church over the last year. Each committee determines what will be needed in Wilson Chapel (where there is limited storage), when their remaining items and who will be transporting those items back to the original storage locations. Please use your own boxes and bins. Items should be moved any day between Monday, September 28 and Saturday, October 3, 2027. Twenty folding chairs will be used in Wilson Chapel, and the remaining will be transported to storage for future use.

Also, there are 120 cushy chairs that need to be moved to a climate-controlled space with an approximate size 10'x10'x8'. Does anyone have clean-dry accessible space to store all of the cushy chairs? We estimate there will be 15 stacks of 8 chairs. An alternate option is storing groups of chairs in various locations. Can you help with storage and/or volunteer to assist in moving some or all of the cushy chairs to the location(s) and date of transport TBD. Do you have truck to assist?

A sign-up sheet to offer storage, volunteer, tools and trucks is in the back of sanctuary. Any questions, please contact UU Admin uusaratoga@gmail.com. Questions will be forwarded to the Move Out Planning team.

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED to move things back into storage. **BONUS** if you have a pick up truck! See the dates on the chart on the next page to see what's being done when and please sign up! Ask friends and family: many hands make light work!! The following are the days we need more help:

September 11-30 1 volunteer needed

October 2 or 3 Need truck, moving blankets to protect and volunteers

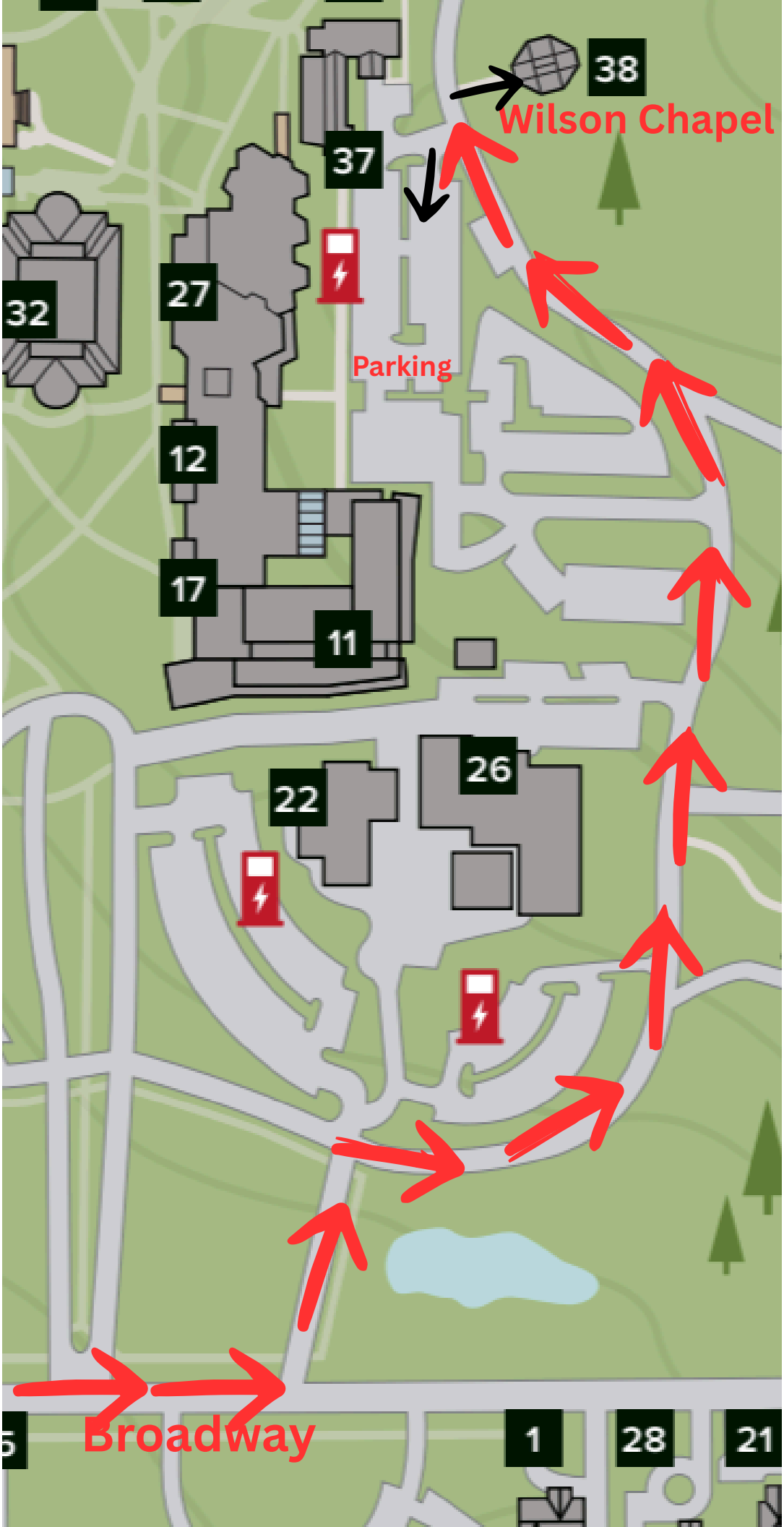
October 5-10 Need volunteers and vehicles or truck to transport chairs in batches to single or multiple locations

October 7-15 Need volunteers, tools, coat rack & hangers, banister removed, plus additional volunteer for hostas

October 20-30 Final items are removed from 624 No Broadway and transferred to storage

**** Leave cleaning supplies including toilet paper & moving supply box chairs in sanctuary until late October	
Sept 11	Journey Well Announcement
Sept 14-Sept 19	Identify storage options for 120 cushy chairs and prepare transport after October 5 to storage
Sept 28 or Sept 29	Quilt and assembly holder taken down and transported to Diana Obrien's house for storage,
Sept 28-Oct 3	Committees return their items to storage.
By October 3	Limited items moved into Wilson Chapel for 10/4 service by specific committees: 20 folding chairs to
Sept 11-Sept 30	folding chairs are transported to Lucy Manning's basement by Dianne Kiernan and Linda Giancolla and
Sept 30	Keyboard, music stands and music furniture are transported to Lucy Manning's house by WHO and
October 2 or 3 –	Fragile Pulpit and two alter boxes are returned to Susan Hahn's house Need truck, moving blankets to
October 5	Spectrum Internet turned off at 624 No Broadway
October 5-10	120 cushy chairs are moved to storage. Need volunteers and vehicles or truck to transport chairs in
October 5- 6	Building and Grounds walk thru of 624 No Broadway to assess what remains and label what stays or to be
October 6-7	final Attached to Wall list is presented to buyer for review and approval to keep if UUCSS wants to keep
October 7-15	all items that are Attached to the Wall and allowed by buyer to keep are removed and moved to storage.
Oct 2015	Cement pavers and two Time Capsule rocks are transported to 404 Loudon near entry gate out of the way by Jim Mahuta, Myron Murth and others via dolly and truck with ramp
October 7-15	Dig up hostas out front and store in buckets for winter and spring replanting at 404 Loudon. Need one
Oct 2020	Board, New Home Task Force and Move Out Planning group final walkthrough and cleaning
October 20-30	Final items are removed from 624 No Broadway and transferred to storage WHERE and by WHO?
Oct 2030	Electricity /National Grid account terminated for UUCSS

THIS MAP
SHOWS YOU
HOW TO
GET FROM
BROADWAY
TO WILSON
CHAPEL ON
SKIDMORE
COLLEGE'S
CAMPUS.
JUST
FOLLOW
THE RED
ARROWS.
THE BLACK
ARROWS
POINT TO
THE CHAPEL
ITSELF AND
PARKING



UUCSS TIMELINE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2026

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 10am

Last Sunday at our meetinghouse at 624 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs

OCTOBER 4, 2026 10AM

First Sunday at Wilson Chapel on Skidmore campus

SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 30, 2026

Moving Out Team **coordinates with volunteers** and moves furniture etc. from 624 N. Broadway to congregant homes

OCTOBER 30, 2026

Final sale date of meetinghouse at 624 N. Broadway

OCTOBER 2026 THROUGH MAY 2027

Services continue at Wilson Chapel on Skidmore campus

JUNE 1, 2027

Open new home at 404 Loudon Road and begin services there



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.



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](#)



Rev. Viola Abbitt

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minister@uusaratoga.org**

**calendly link to make an appointment with Rev Vee:
<https://tinyurl.com/SS-Mtg-w-RevVee>**

**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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