

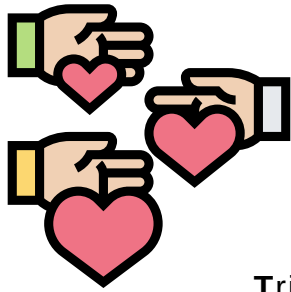


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF
SARATOGA SPRINGS

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

Journey Well Newsletter

September 4, 2026



FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS



Trivia night is just two weeks away, Saturday the 19th.

Doors open at 6:30 and Trivia begins at 7PM.

There will be chips and drinks for free and cookies and wine for sale.

We are limited to 40 players. Sign up early so you are sure to have a seat. You are welcome to bring a relative or friend to help make a table of four. They will be counted as among the forty who can be accommodated, so their seats must be purchased before the 19th. We will make tables of 4 with those who sign up solo or as a couple.

Seats are \$10 per person.

You can purchase a seat for Trivia Night this Sunday after service in the back of the church. Or you can purchase your seat through the link on the left. Please have the correct amount of money available for payment.

[Click here](#) for the YouTube video of the Groundbreaking ceremony last week!



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

Work To Do

Sunday, September 6, 2026 10am
with Rev. Viola Abbitt

Tomorrow we celebrate Labor Day, the unofficial end of summer. But it is also the day on which we honor the worker here in the United States. Work comes in all forms. What is the work that is necessary to build the Beloved Community that our Unitarian Universalist value of Justice calls for? And who are the people engaged in that work?

Next Week's Service:

Rev. Lynn Ashley is our guest speaker on Sunday, September 13.

What's Happening in RE
**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 6, 2026

10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

6:30pmBoard of trustees meeting
Sanctuary

Sunday, September 13, 2026

10amWorship Service (In-Person & Online)

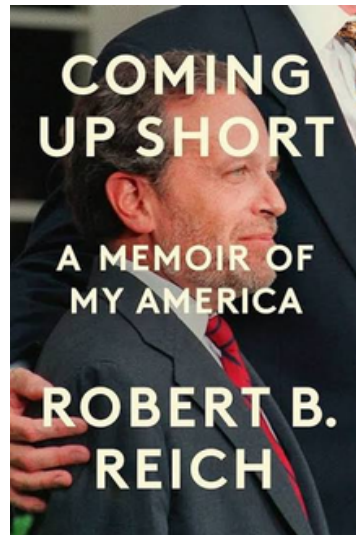
11:30amDeath Cafe



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

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/917040743052>
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**CLICK WHERE
THE RED
ARROW POINTS!**





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.



MORE THAN Needle, Thread & Fabric

— ♦ A love letter from home stitched into every quilt ♦ —

Civil War Soldier Quilts



— ★ —
Join two accomplished quilters as they explore the history, symbolism, and enduring legacy of Civil War quilts.

— ♦ —
Did you know that Soldier's Quilts represented a love letter from home as well as comfort for the injured and dying? Their fabric also served as bandages for wounded veterans.

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
1:00 PM

 **Diana O'Brien**
Grant Cottage Volunteer
Avid Quilter

 **Susan Bishop**
Award-Winning Quilter

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★ A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK ★

Diana O'Brien was instrumental in our quilt! Originally suggested by our founding minister Rev. Linda Hoddy, the quilt began to take shape during the spring of 2003 under the guidance of Diana O'Brien, an experienced quilter and a member of the Wings Falls Quilters Guild. A dozen women joined Diana throughout a memorable year of planning and design and another year of construction. Diana is part of the event below!



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

Love animals? Did you know there's a UU organization dedicated to honoring and protecting them?



For 40 years, Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry (UUAM) has helped UUs live our values of compassion, justice, and respect for all beings. Stay connected through UUAM's newsletter, social media, or at UUAM.org to learn about events, programs, and advocacy. From our annual Celebration & Blessing of the Animals to forming local UUAM chapters, you'll find inspiring ways to act with love for our animal kin. Join us in building a more compassionate world!

NEW HOME TASK FORCE UPDATE



- 1. Bast Hatfield continues to make excellent progress with our New Home. Excavation of the building site is completed. Foundation forms have been built and the concrete will be poured on Friday afternoon this week.**
- 2. The City will make their first inspection of the site on Friday, September 4th.**
- 3. A new sign has been posted at the entrance of our site. This sign was paid for by Bast Hatfield. Check it out!**
- 4. We received our first invoice from Bast this week. We will pay a \$166,000.00 by the end of September.**

**Onward,
Art for the Task Force**

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

-Rev. Steve J. Crump

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 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

Good
things
take
time



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](#)



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

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