UU SARATOGA

SUNDAY SERVICE

Embracing the Unknown
with Rev. Viola Abbitt
Sunday, October 18 10:00am
at Wilson Chapel

Give Away The Plate

LifeWorks COMMUNITY ACTION
Help Starts Here.

OCTOBER'S THEME

Living the Questions





Wilson Chapel on Skidmore's campus: our temporary home



New Member Sunday- October 18th

by Audrey Belt

New Member Sunday is THIS Sunday, October 18th, If you would like to become a member of UUCSS, please let Audrey Belt or Carolyn Landsberry know. Also, Rev Vee would like the opportunity to talk with you as you consider membership. This is a time to celebrate those who have joined in the past year, You are welcome to join anytime. To make an appointment with Rev Viola click here.

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"Goodbye," said the fox. "And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."
—Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



Embracing the Unknown

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Sunday October 18, 2026

10am

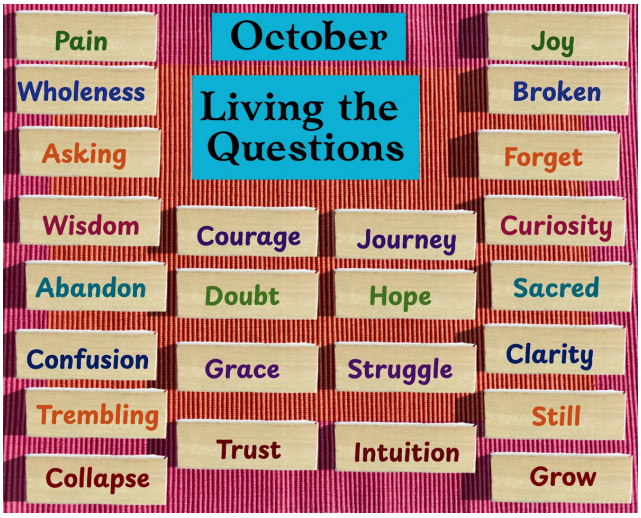
- Do we have to know everything?

AND NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

CLICK TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM

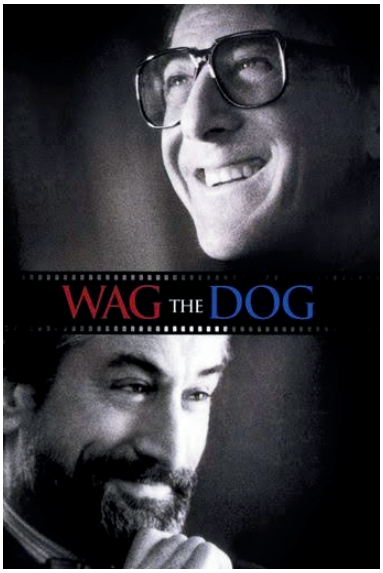


What's Happening In Religious Education?
Contact Rev. Viola
minister@uusaratoga.org



CLICK HERE FOR REV. V'S REVERIES ON OUR WEBSITE!





Let's Talk Film Forums presents the satirical film Wag the Dog on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm at 21 Weeks Road, Queensbury. Following the film Wendy Johnston, Professor of Political Science, will moderate the discussion. The event is free and open to the public. In the weeks before an election, the US President gets involved in a sex scandal. A spin doctor (Robert DeNiro) is brought in who brings in a shady producer (Dustin Hoffman) and the two get busy distracting Americans from the scandal. The dialog between them was written by David Mamet, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his 1983 play Glengarry Glen Ross. Professor Johnston calls the film one of her "favorite fictional depictions of politics." Roger Ebert gave the film 4/4 stars when it was released and called it "absurd and convincing at the same time." It's still convincing. You decide if it's still absurd or fiction.
This monthly series is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls to bring our community together in thoughtful discussion of current issues. For information: (518) 792-2811

What is? Unitarian Universalism

Unitarian Universalists have different religious beliefs but share a common faith. We know that life is holy, that each person is worthy, and that, when we join together to plant the seeds of love, the world blossoms.

~Erik Resly

Event News
Click here for the Events Calendar

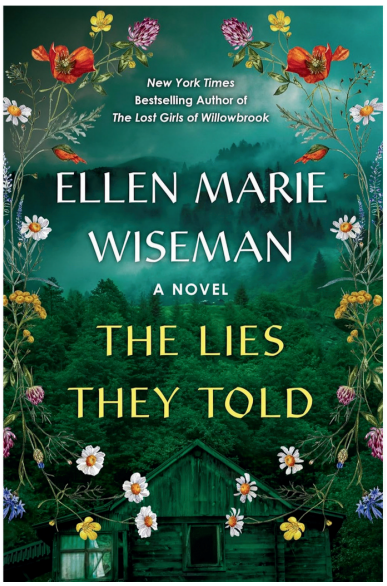
October 18, Sunday 10am
Worship Service at Wilson Chapel

October 19, Monday 6pm
Book Group meeting

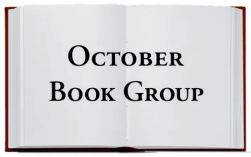
October 21, Wednesday
NHTF meeting 10am
Care team meeting 4pm

October 25, Sunday 10am
Worship Service at Wilson Chapel

BOOK GROUP



The next meeting is Oct. 19, 6pm, in the Glasby Room at he Saratoga Springs Public Library. tFor information, please contact Barbara Egerman at begerman3@gmail.com, or Carolyn Lansberry at carlan55@gmail.com.



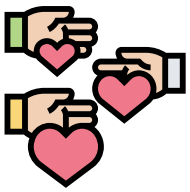


Social Justice

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

LifeWorks COMMUNITY ACTION
Help Starts Here.

Give Away The Plate-for October is Lifeworks. Works to address immediate needs and coordinate services throughout the community. Lifeworks has a network of programs to help neighbors overcome challenges including hunger, utility costs, child care and language barriers.



FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS

UUCSS will be renting a table at the Senior Center for their holiday craft event on 12/12. Many in the congregation have volunteered to help make crafts. Saturday at 2 PM we will make beaded items with Kerry. On Thursday the 22nd we will work on Christmas mice, Santa napkin rings and rice heating packs among other things. Please sign up and join us.

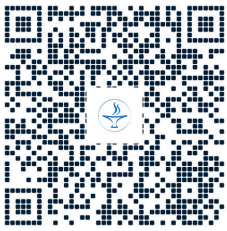
We could also use jams, jellies, fudge, quick breads, cookies, etc.

And if you make jewelry or other items and are willing to donate some for the sale that would be great also.

If anyone has a holiday craft they would like to teach us, please let me know.

We desperately need a couple people to help with gathering the greens for wreaths at Sany Blakelocks summer home on Sacandaga Lake. We usually make about $1000 selling the wreaths and do not want to lose the opportunity to do so again this November. Greens must be gathered by November 15th. After that Sandy will be away.

And lastly, does anyone have any wreath forms? If so, please bring them to me on Sunday. Otherwise we will have to buy more.



Stewardship 2027 Update

by Dianne Kiernan

Updates to the pledge progress of the 2027 Stewardship campaign will be presented biweekly at Sunday services in October and November. The final total amount of pledge commitments will be shared the last Sunday in November before the annual meeting of UUCSS that is held early December. That annual meeting will include a vote from members as to what the 2027 operating budget will be based upon final pledges received. If you have questions, call or email our Treasurer, Mike Eggerman, at 518-886-8855 or Megerman3@gmail.com.

You can submit your 2027 financial pledge by:

• Completing the pledge card enclosed with your packet and return it by mail or in the collection plate at the Sunday service

• Scan the QR code in the letter (and above) or complete the online 2027 Stewardship Pledge form https://uusaratoga.breezechms.com/form/AnnualPledge2027

Once I've made a 2027 pledge, how can I make 2027 payments?

- Drop your payment by check in Sunday's collection basket.
- Mail a check to Treasurer, UU Saratoga, PO Box 26, Schuylerville, NY, 12871
- Online at https://uusaratoga.breezechms.com/form/AnnualPledge2027 Be sure to choose the "2027 Contribution" at the bottom of the form.
- Text to 518-333-9140 the amount you would like to contribute toward your 2027 pledge followed by "pledge2027", for example: "$200 pledge2027".

Also as 2026 winds down, don't forget to make the payments to your 2026 pledge commitments so we can pay out our final operating expenses for the 2026 calendar year.

Help Choose 2027's Give Away The Plate Recipients!

Click here or scan the QR code pictured to give three suggestions of charities for UUSaratoga to monetarily support in 2027. The charities must be 501(c)3 and directly benefit people.



Myron Muth and his big red tractor were at 624 N. Broadway removing the time capsule rocks and the pavers we're saving to bring to the new home. Thank you Myron!

NYUUJ JUSTICE CONVOCATION

Gather, Ground, and Go Forth with NY UU Justice on November 7

All are invited to the third annual NY UU Justice Convocation on Saturday, November 7 from 10 to 4, both online and in Albany! In this anxious and consequential time, come together with fellow UUs to inspire and strengthen each other for the work ahead.

- Gather with fellow UU justice-seekers from New York congregations, online or in Albany.
- Ground yourself with worship, music, inspiring and insightful words, and ideas and actions for your congregation.
- Go forth with hope, commitment and solidarity!

NY UU Justice, or NYUUJ, is our UU state action network. Register for the Convocation, learn more, and sign up for NYUUJ emails at nyuuj.org.

On November 7, our keynote speaker will be Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, Vice President for Communications & Development for the Unitarian Universalist Association, and our featured speaker will be Judith Enck, president of Beyond Plastics. Other sessions will focus on current issues of democracy, immigration justice and data centers.

See flyer on the next page!

NYUUJ
New York Unitarian Universalist Justice

3rd Annual

Justice Convocation

Gather. Ground. Go Forth.

Join Unitarian Universalists from across New York State to worship together, network and connect, and learn how to take action on important issues. Our day will inspire and strengthen us for the work ahead.

Keynote Speaker:
Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd
UUA Vice President for Communications & Development
"Together Toward Love"

- **Data Centers**
- **Defending Democracy**
- **Supporting Immigrants**
- **Climate & Environmental Justice**

Featured Speaker:
Judith Enck
President of Beyond Plastics
"The Problem With Plastics"

Saturday, November 7, 2026
10am-4pm
Albany UU or on Zoom
Sliding Scale Registration $1-100

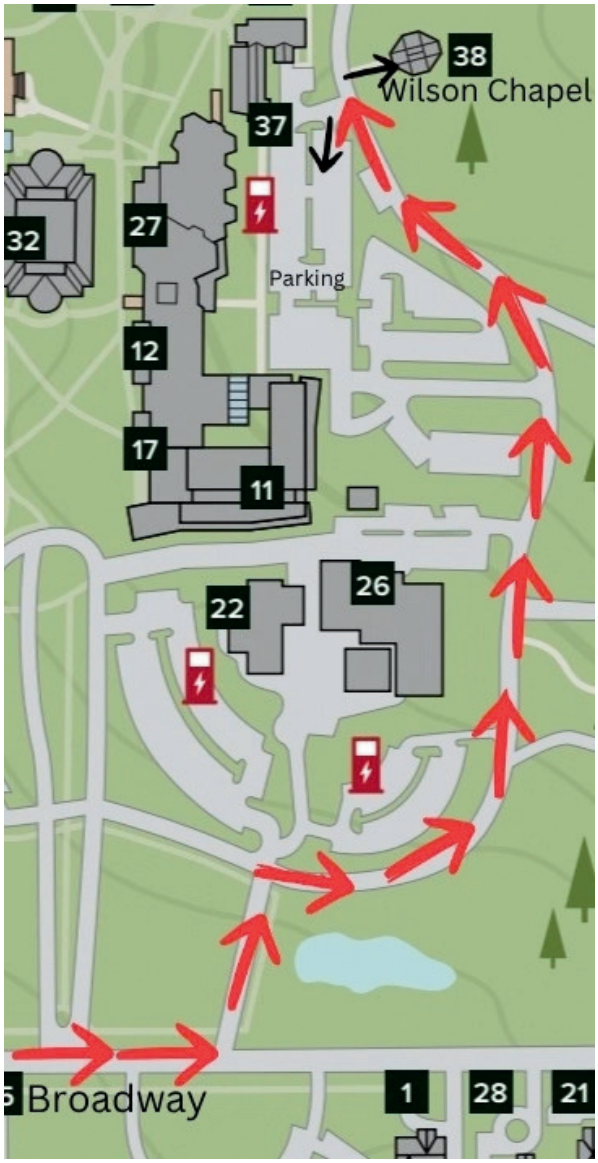
To Register:
nyuuj.org

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@gmailcom

Map to Wilson Chapel





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.

All Congregation Email Sent Tuesday October 13th

Dear Members, Friends, and Seekers,
On behalf of the Task Force and Board, I am pleased to announce that Jim Cox, our attorney has established October 27 as the official sale date for 624 Broadway.
This has been a long time waiting for this date. It will be worth the wait as will be able to use the $1.2 million(minus closing costs) to continue the construction of our New Home.
Onward Together!
Art Holmberg



UUCSS TIMELINE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2026

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 27, 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

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

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.







The Big Chair Move

Thanks to many hands making light work, the new cushy chairs, and a few of the old folding ones, made their way safely to storage. Good night chairs....we'll see you in the New Home.



REV. VIOLA ABBITT

Contach her by making an appointment for a call or virtual meeting. Click here to schedule a meeting .

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Tuesday through Friday

9:00am to 3:00pm

The office typically closes early on Fridays around noon depending on the work!



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Malta NY 12020
Wednesdays, Thursdays and virtually Fridays



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=7z4cyYlVOU3JfPLRS2gCoP1o0Tzqc8.1

Meeting ID: 917 0407 4305
Passcode: 466653

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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