

UU SARATOGA

SUNDAY SERVICE

How Did We Get Here?

with Rev. Viola Abbitt
Sunday, October 11, 2026 10am
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 on 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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of Saratoga Springs

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**I imagine that
yes is the only
living thing.**

—E.E. Cummings



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Every superhero (and villain) has their own origin story.

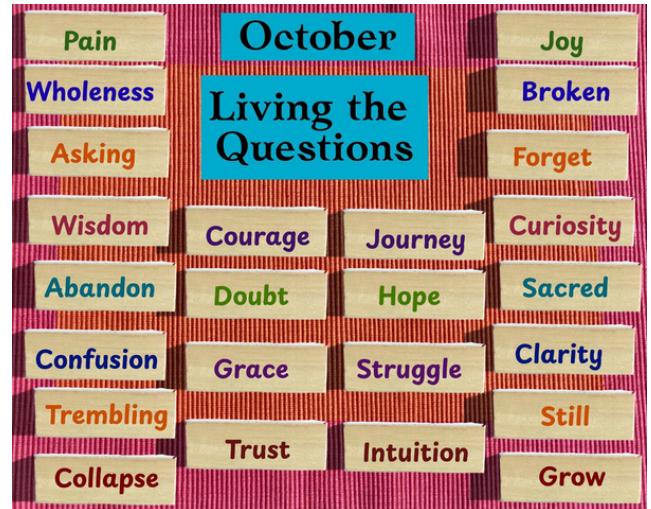
[CLICK TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM](#)



What's Happening In
Religious Education?

Contact Rev. Viola

minister@uusaratoga.org



A NOTE FROM THE HOSPITALITY TEAM by Audrey Belt

Please note that there will be no coffee or treats provided on Sundays, October 4 and 11, as we get acquainted with the new space at Wilson Chapel and assess our storage needs. You are welcome to bring your own coffee, tea, or water in a closed container. Hospitality will resume on October 18, when we celebrate New Member Sunday.

An Apology From Marny Skinner

Marny would like to apologize to those members of UUSaratoga that showed up in the rain for the Dan Berggren concert on September 26th. With the forecast trending toward a wet afternoon, the concert was cancelled but Marny had no way to let people know! She will let you know when the rescheduled date will be. Marny thanks you for your support!

What is? Unitarian Universalism

Unitarian Universalism is a BIG faith and we have a big message- that there is one Spirit of Life that moves within and between us and calls us to care for each other. Our faith celebrates the beauty, diversity, and goodness of all creation- all life. We believe in love and compassion for all- and in using our best learning to make the best choices we can.

-Natalie Fenimore

love is at the center

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

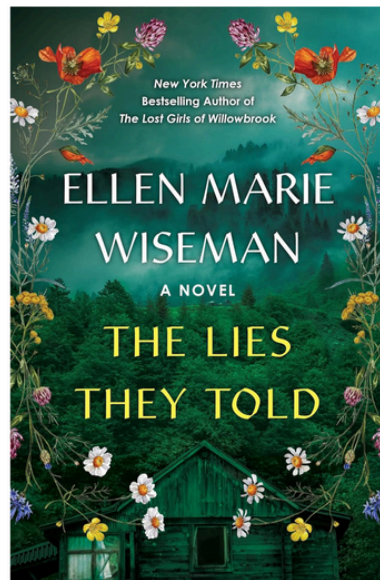
October 11, Sunday 10am
 Worship Service at Wilson Chapel

October 14, Wednesday 6:30pm
 Board meeting

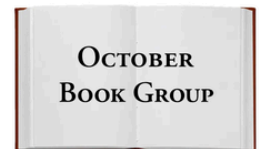
October 15, Thursday 9am
 Men's Breakfast

October 18, Sunday 10am
 Worship Service at Wilson Chapel

BOOK GROUP



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



NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

October 19–25, 2026

A good time to make sure your plans still reflect your values and wishes.

-  Review your will or trust
-  Confirm powers of attorney and health care documents
-  Check beneficiary designations
-  Consider the people and causes you want to remember, including UUCSS and other meaningful organizations

Planning today can make tomorrow easier for you and those you care about.



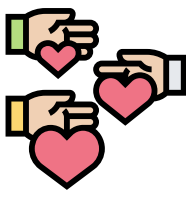
CHECK OUT REV. V'S REVERIES ON OUR WEBSITE!



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

We Need Help!!!

I just found out that for \$25, we can have a table at the Senior Center craft fair on 12/12. I am excited about this since it exposes our crafts to a wider audience. However, we need some items to sell.

We would like some jams and jellies and some fudge or other sweet treats if possible.

If anyone has items they have made and would like to donate for us to sell, please let me know. Think jewelry, knit items, cards, etc.

We will have a number of get-togethers to make crafts also. All meetings take place in Lawson's basement. I have a whole room just for UUCSS and our creative activities.

On Saturday October 17th from 2 to 4 PM Kerry will lead us in making beaded items.

On Thursday October 22nd from 2 to 4, Bev will lead attendees on an adventure using the seashells, sea glass, corks, marbles, and much more to create all sorts of things.

(Please note that the dates for the specific classes are different from our sign up sheet last Sunday.

Please sign up or let Kerry know you will attend one or both of the sessions.

At some point Juliana will teach us to make the lovely flowers she made for the bouquet we gave Melissa when she left.

If anyone else has a craft they can teach, PLEASE let us know.

We will notify you of other workshops during the next 6 weeks.

WE also still need a couple able bodied people to help gather greens in mid-November.

The wreath sale and the holiday craft sale are usually a good money maker for us. Without a church home in which to hold our sale, we will have to use the senior center and make as many items as we can to try and match our profits of past years.

Please help!!!

IF ANYONE STILL HAS WREATH FRAMES FROM PAST YEARS, PLEASE RETURN THEM. WE NEED MORE AND HOPE NOT TO HAVE TO BUY THEM.



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](tel:518-886-8855) or [Megerman3@gmail.com](mailto:Meggerman3@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>

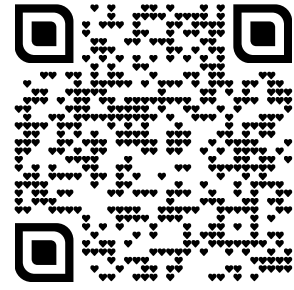
Once I've made a 2027 pledge, how can I make 2027 payments?

- 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.



New Home Task Force Update

by Art Holmberg



1. The Task Force met at the 400/404 Loudon construction site this week. The building foundation and side walls have been poured with concrete in preparation for the framing which is due to start next week and be completed by mid-November.
2. The sewer connection with Saratoga County has been completed and the sewer pipe laid in the ground. They tunneled under the road for the connection. Very creative!
3. Bast Hatfield and our architects have identified flooring for a better price saving us \$8000.00 from the original estimate. That will help us offset higher costs for the triple pane windows and doors, and extra topsoil needed to backfill the foundation.
4. We met with Sustainable Saratoga rep. to talk about native trees and plants on the site. They are willing to help us in our planning.
5. National Grid is establishing electricity services for our new home and the site. They will install a new utility pole for our needs. They have been very cooperative.
6. At Rev Vee's suggestion, the task force is planning an all Congregational tour of the site and building. The tour will take place after Services on November 8 (tentative date) from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to see the progress to date. Hope you can make it.

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.

Map to Wilson Chapel



A Sneak Peek!!

Pictured left is the sanctuary of The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls. When Wilson Chapel is unavailable to us, we will be participating in collaborative services and events with our closest UU neighbors! We look forward to having them join us as well when our new home is completed!

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 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

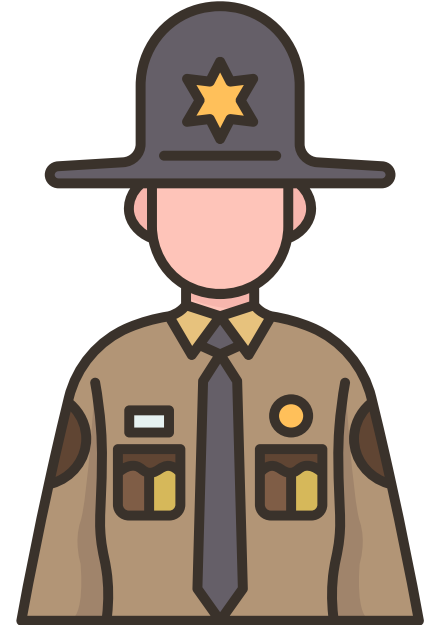
The Wayside Pulpit provides messages of inspiration for those who pass by our door. These quotations are chosen biweekly from the collective wisdom of the ages to reflect the diverse and life-affirming beliefs of our congregation.
[Click here for the archive](#)

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.](#)

An Invitation from our neighbors, The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Glens Falls!

UUCGF is hosting an Active Troublemaker presentation with Trooper Steve Rothwein. Maureen Reilly attended one at the reform temple in Glens Falls, and said it was excellent. He's doing a lot of houses of worship and has lots of good tips for preventing and responding to difficult situations, including an active shooter. He is even handed and funny, and full of great practical ideas for these kinds of events when they occur in church settings. UUC Glens Falls would like to invite our congregation to join us on **Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30-8 pm** in their sanctuary. It will be good preparation for our coming joint services. Because it is church specific, this is unlike any Active Shooter programs they've done in the past. So please know that it's not the "same-ole, same-ole."



OPEN STUDIO

WITH



Tuesdays

Teen Open Studio 3:30-5pm

Ages 13-18 | All Abilities

Wednesdays

Open Studio 10am-12pm

All Ages | All Abilities

Saturdays (Starts 10/3)

Open Studio 11am -1 pm

All Ages | All Abilites

Drop in and get creative!
Every week we will have
adifferent project ready
for you to try or create
your own way with the
supplies we have
available. The emphasis
is on exploring and
creating rather than
perfection.



Saratoga Studio
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Saratoga Springs, NY



REV. VIOLA ABBITT

Contact 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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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?](https://zoom.us/j/91704074305?pwd=7z4cyYIVOU3JfPLRS2gCoP1o0Tzqc8.1)

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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](#)