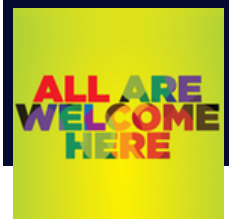
UU SARATOGA

SUNDAY SERVICE

A Covenant With The Trees

Sunday, November 8, 10:00am at Wilson Chapel

Give Away The Plate



Saratoga Immigration Coalition

NOVEMBER'S THEME

Covenant




Wilson Chapel on Skidmore's campus: our temporary home



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

Our Wayside Pulpit

The Wayside Pulpit provides messages of inspiration to reflect the diverse and life-affirming beliefs of our congregation. Click here for the archive.
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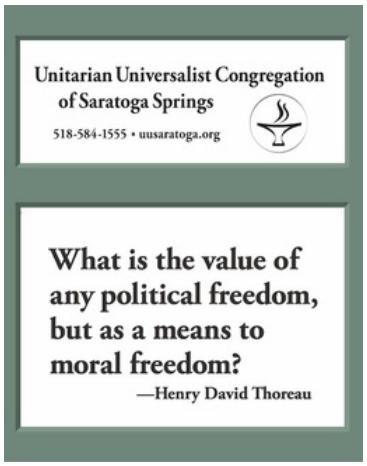






A Covenant With The Trees

Sunday Nov 8, 2026 10am with Rev. Nikki Williams

As we say farewell to the beautiful autumn colors for another season, how can we thank the trees?

CLICK TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM

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



If you weren't at church on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 and missed the Social Justice Discernment exercise, don't worry. You still have an opportunity to provide the names of up to three social justice action areas that you believe adversely affect people in Saratoga Springs (or County), and that you would be interested in supporting with your time. What that support will look like will be determined at a later date. For example, you might think that hunger, homelessness, lack of health care, illiteracy, lack of parental support, etc., are areas where you might feel a need exists. List your top three in the form at this link : https://tinyurl.com/SJInterest
You can also get to the form by scanning the QR code on the right.

What is? Unitarian Universalism

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal, not creedal faith. That means that, although we may believe differently, we come together to search, grow, serve, and minister. Francis David said it best, "We need not think alike to love alike."
Both Unitarianism and Universalism sprang from liberal Christianity, Unitarianism speaks to the nature of God as One: Holy, Transcendent, Immanent, Whole, Mystery. Universalism speaks to the nature of our relationships- with the Divine, with ourselves, with each other and with the planet we call home.
~Michelle Buhite

Event News
Click here for the Events Calendar

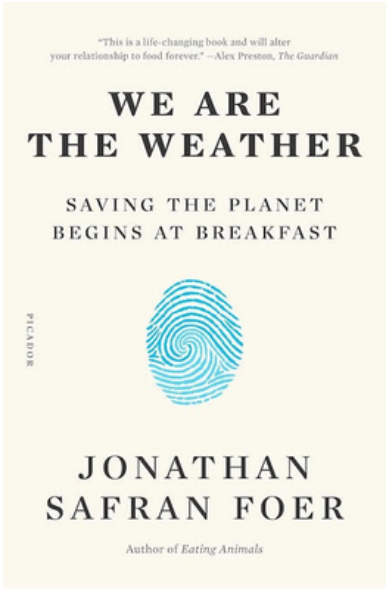
November 8, Sunday
10am Worship Service at Wilson Chapel
(in person and on Zoom)

November 10, Tuesday
7pmSocial Justice Team meeting

November 11, Wednesday
4pmCare Team Meeting
6:30pmBoard of Trustees meeting

November 15, Sunday
10amWorship Service at Wilson Chapel
(In-Person & on Zoom)

November 16, Monday
6pmUUCSS Book Group



BOOK GROUP

The next meeting is Nov. 16, 6pm,. For information, please contact Barbara Egerman at begerman3@gmail.com, or Carolyn Lansberry at carlan55@gmail.com.



On November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will be having a special service and we would like you to be a part of it! During the service we will have a ritual in which we will be sharing bread, and we would love it if some of you baked the bread that will be shared, especially if it has meaning for you and your family. If you have a bread that you would like to bake and share, please register by CLICKING HERE.



The Give Away The Plate Recipient for November
Saratoga Immigration Coalition
Saratoga Immigration Coalition, an organization which offers support, education and advocacy to foster communities that are welcoming to all immigrants. It is a volunteer network partnering with service providers, faith communities, civic organizations and concerned individuals to support immigrants residing in Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.

Transgender Day of Remembrance
Sunday November 22,
3-5pm at Skidmore College
Saratoga PRIDE holds our annual Transgender Day Of Remembrance this year on November 22 from 3-5 at Skidmore campus. It is held in the Wykoff center which is in Case Center (the Student Union) on the 2nd floor.



Thanksgiving Dinner Invitation

For several years it has been Beverly and Eric's honor and deep pleasure at having Thanksgiving Dinner with friends from our UU Congregation in Saratoga Springs. We gather at 11 Whitney Pl. at 4PM on Thanksgiving Day for socializing and then retreat to a sumptuous, traditional meal where we supply the turkey and the rest of the meal is contributed by our guests. We can accommodate ten people so please let us know if you can join us (erblawson@gmail.com).

While the food is always a savory delight, equally satisfying are the conversations we have and the sharing that takes place between our friends.

Beverly and Eric Lawson



New Home Task Force Update

1. Excellent progress at the construction site. Floor trusses installed, top floor framing started and the electricity has been installed on site. Standing in the middle of the sanctuary is an awesome feeling!
2. The proceeds from the sale at 624 Broadway are earning interest at the bank and generating money to help with the construction cost.
3. Please consider coming to the tour on 11/22 of the partially completed New Home. The tour will take place after Services from 11:30 to 12:30 pm.

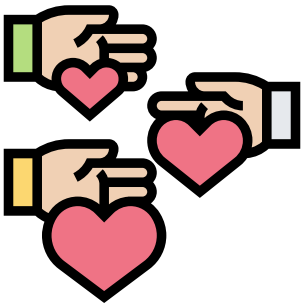


The next 'Round and About with Rev. Vee event consists of a tour of 404 Loudon, Rd., our new home construction site. It will take place after the service on Nov. 22nd. It is your opportunity to see the progress on the construction of the new meeting house. Bast Hatfield will be leading the tour. So that we know how many people are coming, you can register for that HERE.









FUNDRAISING TEAM NEWS BY BEV LAWSON

IWreath making and the holiday fair are going to be here before we know it. Time seems to be flying!!

We are all set to cut greens on Wednesday November 18th. The greens cutting crew will depart from the Lawson's house at 9 am that morning and drive to Sacandaga Lake. Next week I will have dates when the wreaths will be made.

11 people have signed up so far for a wreath or swag. We must have all orders by Sunday the 15th in order to get adequate greens. Swags are $50, medium wreaths $60 and large wreaths $75. If you want a wreath but are not coming to the Skidmore Chapel, please call or email Bev (518 587-0403 or erblawson@gmail.com) to place your order.

There will be a crafting session on Thursday 11/12 from 2 to 4 in Lawson's basement. We will be making a variety of little decorations using pine cones, milkweed pods, sea shells, sea glass, etc. I guarantee it will be fun. Come and create!

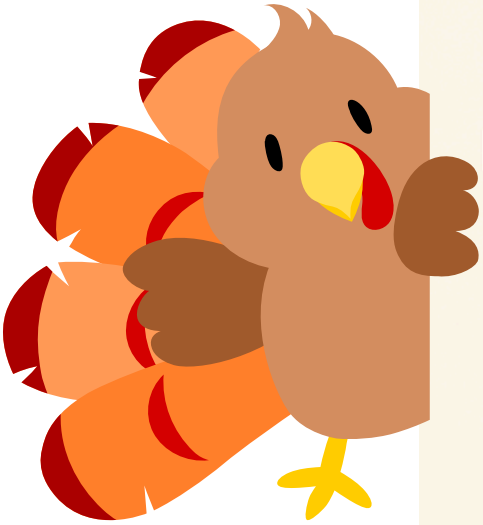
If any of you have anything you would like to donate for the holiday fair at the Senior Center (where we have rented a table for Saturday 12/12 from 11 to 3) please let Kerry or Bev know.
You can donate an item you wish to regift as long as it is unused, knit, sew, or crochet something, or bake or make an edible item or donate anything else that you think is sellable.

In next week's Journey Well you will find more crafting dates and dates for making wreaths.
You can bring your items to the Chapel the Sunday prior to the sale or drop them off at the Senior Center on the 12th of December from 10 to 11 am.
Come and create!!





PIANO FOR SALE!
Mahogany Steinway Model M, 67 years old but lovingly maintained by professional musicians. Includes padded cover, dolly truck, and climate system. Asking $19,000 or best offer. Contact John Collins or email uusaratoga@gmail.com



This Thanksgiving, think of the legacy we can leave.

Consider including the UUCSS Endowment in your estate plan.

A lasting way to support the community and values we share.

Questions about legacy giving?

Contact the UUCSS Endowment Committee

endowment@uusaratoga.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.



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.



The Archive



Did you miss a service, or was there a sermon you particularly liked? Click here for them.

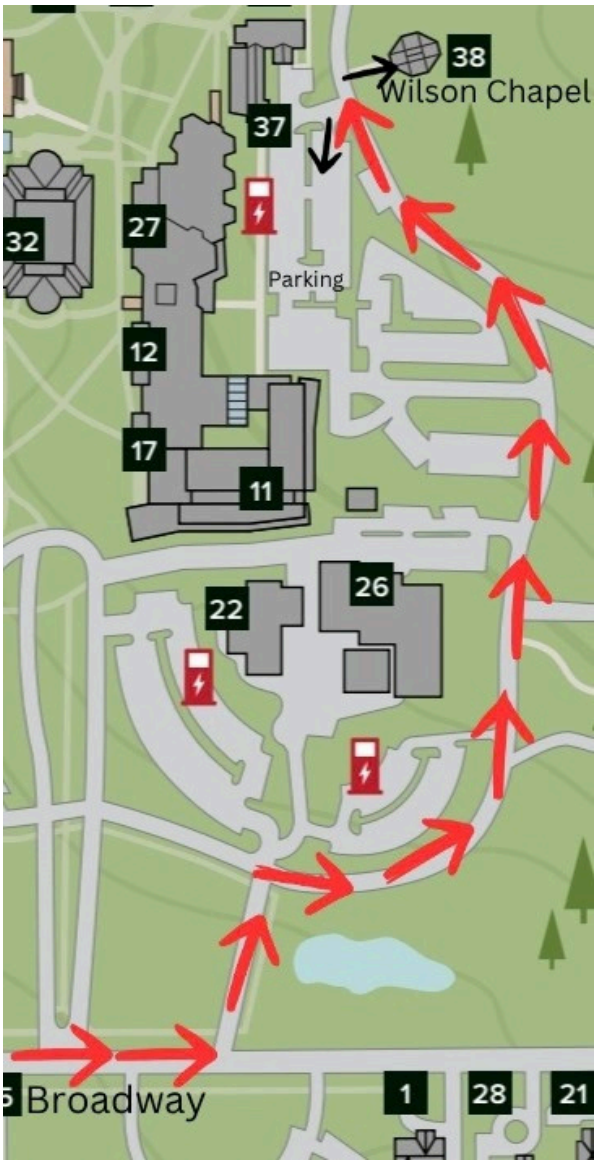
Many of our services have been uploaded to our YouTube Channel.

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



Congregational Site Tour of Our New Home is after Sunday service on November 22! Join us to take a stroll down to the New Home build and check out the progress!

Map to Wilson Chapel





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!



Contact Rev. Vee at

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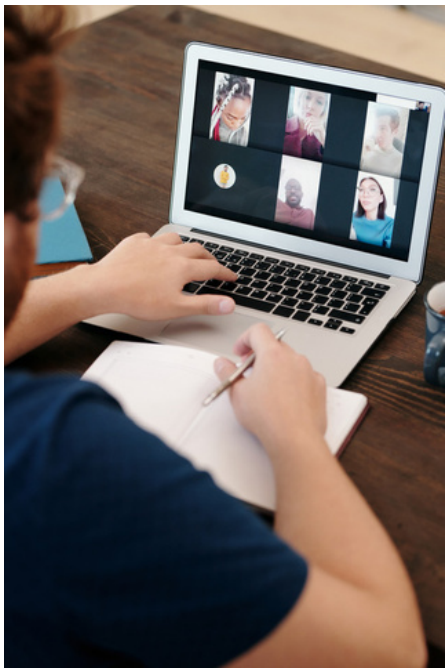
Wednesdays, Thursdays and virtually Fridays



UU Saratoga is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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