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Sunday, April 3, 10:30 am

What I Love about Islam

Rev. Dr. M'ellen Kennedy

Music: Members of the Society Choir

The tension and misunderstandings between the Islamic World and the West are costly and severe. This sermon is an effort to bridge that gap of misunderstanding. What may be intriguing about Islam for religious liberals? Join us for an opportunity to open our hearts and minds to what valuable life lessons we can gain from this powerful and inspiring religious tradition.

Sunday, April 10, 10:30 am

The Myth of the Selchie

Rev. Margret A. O'Neill

Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company

All ages will delight in the evocative beauty of music and movement, as this renowned dance troupe enacts the ancient Celtic myth of selchies, seal people who shed their skins and live on land among humans. If they happen upon their seal skins, they are called back to sea to live out their days with their seal family. Children will be involved in a special way during the service.

Saturday, April 16, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Spring Vespers and Shared Meal

April Mlambi, Sara Warner, Morgan Myatt, Rev. Margret A. O'Neill

All are welcome to join in a gathering for all tastes, all generations. We will begin with a joyfully reflective family-friendly vespers service in the Great Hall, and then celebrate our unity in diversity with a pot-luck supper, enjoying old friendships and creating new ones. All are invited; sign-ups at <http://goo.gl/kZcRIS> will help us plan.

Sunday, April 17, 10:30 am

CRUUNY Regional Worship Service

Golub Interfaith Chapel at Doane Stuart School, 199 Washington Ave., Rensselaer, NY

Radical Hope in the Face of Climate Change

Rev. Fred Small

As we come to understand the gravity of climate disruption, it's easy to become disheartened. Facing the crisis will demand the best of us, calling us to courage, creativity, kindness, and love. How can Unitarian Universalists sustain hope and help build a just and sustainable society? All ages are welcome, child care is provided and a reception follows.

Sunday, April 24, 10:30 am

Enough for Us All

Rev. Margret A. O'Neill

Music: Allyson Keyser, trumpet; Mark Evans, piano

On this Justice Sunday, we pause to reflect on economic justice, the fair distribution of resources to support all the lives on this planet. We all benefit when everyone has a sufficient material foundation upon which to have a dignified, productive, and creative life beyond economics. Partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, we bend our efforts toward creating a world of justice and compassion for all.

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Rev. Dr. Margret A. O'Neill,
Interim Minister

MARGRET'S MUSINGS

Connections

I know it's only April, and there are several months of the "regular" school and/or church year ahead before we get to summer, but I find myself reflecting on all the connections I see weaving their way through life around UU Schenectady. We began the church year last September by celebrating the completion of the fountain plaza out front, making an extra effort to make it easy for people to get here if they did not drive or had some mobility limitations. We connected to history and the future, making lots of great connections at the cookout on the patio after the ceremonies were done.

We introduced the Connections element in the worship service on that same Sunday, and we have managed to have someone in the pulpit at the beginning of the service on every Sunday since then, talking about their special connection to UUSS. Those short personal essays have been a delight this year, telling tales of death and life, discovery and disappointment, making sure this place was not "too creepy," and even a set of "Yo mama . . ." jokes especially for and about Unitarians.

Our new adventure as part of the Family Promise program began last October, and this Society has hosted families on three different weeks (October, November and February), with a fourth in early April. This service opportunity has provided abundant connections with the guest families, as well as among volunteers as they set up the space, prepare meals, and take down the special Family Promise amenities that turn Waters House into a temporary home for the families who stay there.

The Climate Change initiative is also generating new connections, which will become even more evident as the four UU congregations in our area gather for the annual Capital Region UUs (CRUUNY) worship service on April 17, with preaching by UU climate activist Rev. Fred Small. We will showcase the climate justice activities of each of our area churches, connecting with other active and committed UUs from all over our part of New York State.

Learning always provides new connections, and adult faith development offerings this year have ranged from *World Religions* to *The Long Strange Trip*, *Money Maturity* to *Ministry Teams*, *Just Mercy* and *Creating Climate Solutions*, along with fall and spring sessions of the *Getting to Know UU* course as part of the journey into membership. Earth Circles has sponsored monthly Full Moon Drumming Circles, a drum-making workshop, the Whirling Rainbow Lodge, and many other activities that honor the earth-centered traditions of our culture. Thanks to all our committed volunteer facilitators, opportunities abound to pick up something new, and to make great connections with other folks in the circles of learning here.

Our youth and some courageous adult chaperones are making a pilgrimage to Transylvania this summer to make connections with the European expression of our faith tradition in the place where the first Unitarian churches came into being, while the Coming of Age youth journey to Boston in April to see firsthand the places where Unitarianism took root on this continent.

And of course the current approach to Stewardship here is all about meaningful connections: connections to friends new and long-standing; connections to our highest values and ideals; and of course, connections to this historic and visionary UU Society. We have so much for which to be grateful, and so much more to create as we bring to reality the vision of boldly living our Unitarian Universalist Principles within our church and in service to the larger community; nurturing mind and spirit through lifelong learning, engagement and growth; creating a community that welcomes, embraces and supports all; and worshiping in ways that comfort, inspire and challenge. The adventure continues, and as always, I look forward to seeing you in church!

Margret



Julie Rigano,
Director of Lifespan Religious
Education

The Adoro, Lin-Manuel

I want to introduce you to someone I love dearly. He's my favorite person in the world right now. He makes me want to be a better person. His name is Lin-Manuel Miranda and he wrote the hottest new musical on Broadway right now, *Hamilton*.

Yes, part of the reason I love Lin-Manuel Miranda is because of his brilliant mind. *Hamilton* tells the story of Alexander Hamilton through modern music, from hip hop and rap to songs imitating British pop. The music modernizes the story and makes the trials and tribulations of the founding fathers more accessible. But we haven't even gotten to my favorite part about *Hamilton* yet— all of the colonists and later Americans are played by people of color and the British are played by white people, truly emphasizing the struggle under the monarchy and the need for freedom as well as relating it to current events. This also creates opportunities for actors of color to play historical roles that normally would be closed to them— George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, etc.

Portraying Alexander Hamilton as a person of color does not blur his image. In fact, it supports his image. His epithet of "bastard, orphan, son

of whore and a Scotsman" is repeated throughout the show. None of these are qualities or words we would use against someone today; but in 1776 when the show begins, Hamilton was viewed as lower status because of these unchangeable facts. He was treated differently and had to work that much harder to be seen as an equal. Even after being Secretary of the Treasury, many people still note on his immigrant status as a negative. John Adams even calls him "creole bastard." Despite the magnitude of work he did in his lifetime, his contemporaries and peers still focused on status at birth, all of which was irrelevant to his efforts during the war and in the founding of our nation.

What Miranda has done is given his audience an opportunity to view history and current events differently. What if *Hamilton* hadn't been obsessed about his image and legacy because image and status wasn't all anyone valued? What if instead of insulted for being an immigrant, he was praised for his work? What great minds are we similarly, unknowingly stifling today instead of supporting?

We believe that all people have inherent worth and dignity. We don't put a measurement on that worth and dignity. We don't believe some people have more worth than others.

Just as *Hamilton* could not change that he was an orphan, nor could he change that he was born with worth and dignity. But that isn't what *Hamilton* was told. *Hamilton* was consistently told that he was inferior because of parts of his identity that were immaterial to his work.

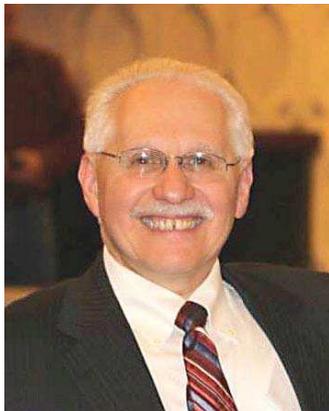
Sometimes I get so caught up in my Unitarian Universalist cocoon of a world that I forget that not everyone believes that all people are born equal and deserve respect. I am shocked every time the world reminds me with crude commentary, acts of violence, or institutionalized racism and sexism. I am further shocked to hear dejected souls bemoan that's just the way the world is. How many other *Hamiltons* is the world unwittingly losing by sighing that they cannot change the world they live in?

We must continue with the momentum that Miranda has started. We must keep our eyes open to how people in different situations may view things, how media representations may mean different things to them. We must learn to see the world from more than our point of view. From our empathy, we can take action. We can support people as best we can. We do the best we can until we learn better. Then we do better.

Julie



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*John Reschovsky
Board of Trustees President*

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Creating Our Future Together

With the trees budding and tulips up, April marks a time of renewal. And at UUSS, we are busy "Creating Our Future Together," as our Pledge Drive theme is so aptly named.

I cannot think of any other time, in all of the many years that this has been my religious home, when the future looked so hopeful. There is a new energy moving within us. It is apparent wherever you look: at our Sunday Services, among our RE kids and their teachers, in our Adult program and continuing education, and in our Social Justice initiatives, new and old. New members are joining with great enthusiasm. The new vision and the work on governance change are transforming us. Creating Our Future Together is not just a slogan, it is our new reality. It is truly an exciting time.

We meet on April 10 in a Special Congregational Meeting to elect the Ministerial Search Committee, the seven individuals to whom we will entrust the huge responsibility of finding our next Minister. It will be a very short meeting and I hope that you will make attending a priority. The Special Nominating Committee has presented a slate of twelve very qualified candidates so you might ask, "how can we go wrong?" But a successful search takes more than just a group of wise and committed people. It takes just the right mix: a team that represents the full diversity of our congregation, in all the many ways that we measure diversity. Yet every member must

wisely represent all the interests of the congregation. And these seven people must work together cohesively yet must have the courage to challenging each other's perspectives until they make the very best decision for the congregation. So please make sure you come and vote wisely.

Have you heard from your visiting steward yet? This is a time to connect with another member in a meaningful way. It's not just about money, and it's really fun.

At the same time, pledging is an important responsibility and we each must decide the level of pledging that is right for us. If you have already pledged, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, I encourage you to be as generous as you can. When you can increase your pledge, you are living your commitment to your values, you are acting to make our vision a reality and you are demonstrating to our next minister that our congregation is the one most worthy of their talent. Thank you

Peace,
John

Mission:

*Connecting in spiritual community, we
celebrate life with joy
grow in compassion
create justice*

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 10 12:00 NOON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

A special congregational meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday April 10 to elect members of the Ministerial Search Committee. In accordance with our Bylaws, twelve members will be nominated by the Special Nominating Committee and the names of these nominees will be published shortly. Additional nominees may be made by any member, provided the nominator has obtained the assurance of the nominee's willingness to run and serve. These nominees will also be required to submit an application form (available from the Church office) and an electronic photo to the Church Administrator concurrently with the nomination. No nominations may be made later than March 27th.



COFFEE, CRULLERS & CONVERSATION!

Coffee, Crullers and Constipation. Don't let your mind get clogged up. Come to Coffee and Crullers and

(there will be) Conversation, where the following subjects will be discussed:

- **April 3rd:** Countering Islamophobia
- **April 10th:** Public Education
- **April 17th:** No CC&C-go to the CRUUNY service
- **April 24th:** TBA (Happy Birthday Bill!)

As usual, CC&C is at 9:30am and will be in either the Emerson or Fireplace Room.

SUNDAY MORNING YOGA AND MEDITATION!

"Every body" is welcome to relax and stretch at Guided Yoga with Mati every Sunday morning from 8:00-9:15am in the Emerson Room. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, Mati leads Guided Mindfulness Meditation in the Emerson Room at 9:30am. This 20 minute seated meditation is followed by a period to share experiences and ask questions. For more information contact Mati at mihackett@nycap.rr.com.



SPRING VESPERS AND SHARED MEAL SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 5:00-7:30 PM

Looking for a Saturday evening that refreshes, relaxes and connects with interesting folks of all ages and interests? All are welcome to join in a gathering for all tastes, all generations. We will begin with a joyfully reflective family-friendly vespers service in the Great Hall, and then celebrate our unity in diversity with a potluck supper, enjoying old friendships and creating new ones. All are invited; sign-ups at <http://goo.gl/kZcRIS> will help us plan. For more information, talk to one of the organizers: April Mlambi, Sara Warner, Morgan Myatt, or Rev. Margret.

FULL MOON DRUM CIRCLE



Thursday, April 21st 7-8pm in the Great Hall. Please note that the Full Moon Drum has been moved to April 21st because of the Tracy Grammer concert on April 22nd. As always, all are welcome and we usually have a few extra instruments for people to use. If you like, bring a small snack to share.

UUS PHILOSOPHY GROUP



We will be choosing a new book on March 30th as we complete the arguments between Thomas Paine and Edmund Burke. We meet every Wednesday at 10am in the Emerson Room. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Michael Foster at 382-5982 or

mfoster9@nycap.rr.com.



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WILL THE 2016 PLEDGE DRIVE BE SUCCESSFUL?

Listening to members' "Connections" talks at the start of our Sunday worship services makes it clear that, yes, Love truly is the Spirit of this Church. So many people find so much value, meaning, love, friendship and support at the UU Society of Schenectady. Those connections are reflected in the words and the faces of adults, youth and children throughout our two buildings.

All these connections we have to one another and all our commitments to our UU principals are reasons why the Board of Trustees was willing to set a 6% higher goal for the 2016-17 pledge drive. They believe the money is needed and they believe we can do it! So does the Stewardship Committee.

The pledge drive goal of \$436,000 is a lot of money, but it is needed to put this congregation in the best possible position for next year. We have big dreams and big hearts at UU Schenectady. And with your help, we can raise this much in pledges for 2016-17.

By the time you read this issue of *Circles*, you should already have been contacted by your visiting steward about getting together to talk about your hopes and dreams for UUSS and your pledge. (Unless you are one of the 35 or so families who received your pledge card directly in the mail with a letter from Stewardship chair Mark Hyland.) Please respond to your visiting steward promptly. Pledge visits need to be completed and pledge cards turned in to the church office by mid-April. All pledge data is needed so that on April 18 the Board of Trustees can approve a budget to submit for congregational approval on May 15.

NOTE: If you did not receive your pledge card in the mail from Mark Hyland and have NOT been contacted by a visiting steward, it is possible that the visiting steward can't reach you because we don't have your up-to-date phone or email address. Please contact Mark at 859-5656 or mark.e.hyland@gmail.com to resolve this.



GREEN SANCTUARY & CLIMATE JUSTICE



Radical Hope in the Face of Climate Change

We are so excited about our April 17th CRUUNY service at the Doane Stuart School in Rensselaer. Rev. Fred Small, UU Minister and former environmental lawyer, will lead the service, entitled "Radical Hope in the Face of Climate Change."

Rev. Small inspired a national UU environmental program, The Seventh Principle Project, in 1999. The Green Sanctuary program grew out of this and in 2002 began accrediting congregations. (UUSS was accredited in 2009.) In 2005 the organization changed its name to Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth (UUMFE).

Rev. Small is one of the key figures in the religious environmental surge. In 2013, his Cambridge church was one of the country's first to divest from fossil fuels, and he helped persuade our entire denomination to make its decision to divest in June 2014.

In September 2015 Rev. Small moved into full-time work for climate justice as the founder of the Creation Coalition, an education and advocacy organization that inspires and empowers people of faith to respond to the climate crisis through political engagement.

The Green Sanctuaries of the four CRUUNY congregations have been invited to put up displays about our own environmental and Climate Justice efforts. These will be available for you to see after the service on your way to the refreshments and social hour.

To help facilitate good attendance from UUSS, our Green Sanctuary Committee will be organizing carpools and bus route schedules. Watch for announcements in Circuits, in the Sunday bulletins, and at our Sunday information table.

Earth Day Textile Collection

You can help our Earth on Earth Day by bringing clothing, shoes, backpacks, handbags, to the Schenectady Community College parking lot on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00-12noon. The Recycling Committee of the Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council is working with the City Mission in this effort to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. This will benefit people who can't afford new clothing, and it will help reduce the amount of material going into landfills. You can also donate old sheets and blankets, towels, curtains, stuffed toys, etc. Items that aren't reusable will be sent to textile recycling facilities. But the City Mission prefers to get the items they can reuse. Information on recycling textiles at other facilities will also be available at this event.

Our Advocacy Involvement

Interfaith Impact is an organization working on State level advocacy. Robb Smith of FUUSA is the local leader of Interfaith Impact, and many of us have worked with him on various social action issues. Interfaith Impact is starting to work on environmental and climate justice issues. Green Sanctuary is working to help move more advocacy in this direction. Interfaith Impact is sponsoring Moral Mondays, featuring various issues each week. If you're interested in participating, please contact Paula Shaw georgeandpaula@verizon.net or Robin Schnell robin@crlcalbany.org. There are also opportunities for advocacy from home or at our Sunday information table.



STARTING POINT COVENANT CIRCLE

FOUR MONDAYS, MAY 2, 9, 16 & 23

GROUP FACILITATOR: CAROL NEFF

FIREPLACE ROOM, 7:00-9:00PM

The Starting Point Covenant Circle is meeting in May for those who are just getting involved in the UUSS community and/or who would like to experience church connection in a new way. Weekly on Monday evenings, experience the spiritual discipline of deep thinking and deep listening, and the joy of getting to know others in a small group setting, in a structured group process that is an established program in UU churches all over the country. Register at the adult faith development table on Sundays or contact Carol Neff at caroljn1254@gmail.com.

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FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE



Family Promise was selected as a congregation-wide social action project last year, and we have hosted homeless families in Waters House three times so far, last October and November and this past February. The next hosting dates for UUSS are April 3-10, September 18-25, and November 13-20. The volunteer response has been excellent, and Mary O'Keeffe and Lee Danielson would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed in any way to this effort.

Here is a brief update on the families we have hosted. Diane and Atsu are now in an apartment and are awaiting a decision on their request for asylum. As of now that process is going well, although slowly. Diane spoke at the Women's Alliance on March 3, and her thoughts were very well received. Because of the interactions there, she will be taking complimentary violin lessons from a UUSS member!

Jaquai is also in an apartment and is working full time as a dental assistant. Jessie is going to school to earn her high school equivalency diploma, and Suzette is currently looking for employment. Jessica has decided to leave the Family Promise program.

There has recently been publicity in the media regarding a judge's recent decision to not consider the Day Center as part of a House of Worship and therefore unallowable for the Family Promise families. The Day Center is a place where the families can shower, do laundry, look for jobs and apartments, and receive case management services. Family Promise is appealing the decision, and resolution will probably take several months. In the meantime the families are able to use the Day Center as usual. Mary and Lee (and many others) feel the judge's decision was unfair and based on a lack of understanding of the mission and function of Family Promise, and hope the appeal is successful. We have offered our help to Family Process with this process.

If you would like to volunteer during one of our hosting weeks, please contact Lee at danielson459@gmail.com or Mary O'Keeffe at mathcircle@gmail.com to set up the training. We need many volunteers to prepare Waters House, prepare and serve dinners, stay overnight with guests and provide enriching activities for the families.

Let us continue to enthusiastically help move homeless families from uncertainty to stability. Thank you for all your support!

RIPPLES: SOCIAL ACTION COUNCIL

The Fight for \$15: Where the issue stands



On March 6th the scheduled Coffee Crullers & Conversation with Sara Nicoli of the Labor-Religion coalition did not go as planned due to some confusion on Sara's part, but 15-20 congregation members still met and to discuss the Fight for a \$15 minimum wage that started in NY over two years ago and remains the state legislature's biggest fight. While there is really no disagreement that a person can't support himself on the current \$9 minimum wage, there is still the problem of how a small business can afford such a large wage increase. The Empire Center for Public Policy estimates that a minimum wage of \$15 could cut 200,000 to 588,800 jobs from New York, particularly in upstate regions. The Retail Council is in favor of the hike because it means people will have more disposable income.

Citizen Action counters the job-loss argument by saying that most small businesses are service industry like dry cleaners, bodegas and small restaurants serving local customers. When the minimum wage goes up, they and all of their competitors will all be on the same playing field and can adjust their prices to cover the costs. Cities like Seattle, San Jose and San Francisco with significant minimum wage increases have seen no evidence that the transition has hurt small businesses or changed the ratio of large to small businesses.

Republican state senators say they will not raise the wage to \$15. For his part, Cuomo is using his power to go around the legislature and raise as many wages as he can.

If we have the money, our own congregation will be paying no workers less than \$15/hr. The Albany congregation is discussing the same. Perhaps the only answer is to lead by example and prove that \$15 can work, one employer at a time.

SAVE the DATE of Sunday, April 17!

Join regional UUs in work toward CLIMATE JUSTICE.

**The 8th Annual Capital Region
Unitarian Universalists of NY
Combined Worship Service**

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RADICAL HOPE
IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

All ages and faiths are invited to worship together on April 17. Join us in reflection and song as we are inspired by **Rev. Fred Small, a UU minister, singer-songwriter, and former environmental lawyer.** Rev. Small recently left his position as senior minister at First Parish in Cambridge, MA, to devote his energy full-time to climate justice.

The service will feature a Joint Choir from the Capital Region Unitarian Universalist congregations in Albany, Glens Falls, Saratoga Springs, & Schenectady. The service is designed to be welcoming and engaging for all ages. Nursery and child care will be available for children through second grade, and the service will include an activity area with floor pillows for those who need to move around quietly.

Doane Stuart is handicapped accessible and is located 3 blocks from exit 7 of Interstate 90.

Sunday, April 17, 2016

10:30 am

Golub Interfaith Chapel at

Doane Stuart School

199 Washington Ave.

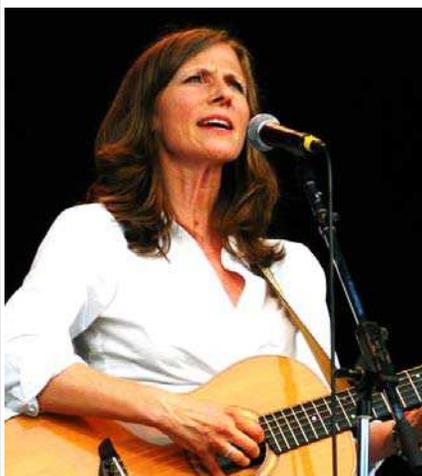
Rensselaer, NY



A PLACE FOR FOLK

Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Avenue

An Evening with Tracy Grammer
April 22nd at 7:30 pm



"Tracy Grammer is a brilliant artist and unique individual. Her voice is distinctive, as is her mastery over the instruments she plays."

- Joan Baez

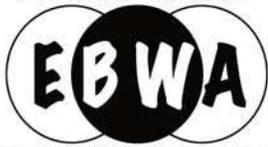
One of folk music's most beloved artists, Tracy Grammer is renowned for her springwater-clear alto, perfectly intoned violin, and guitar playing that is by turns percussive and delicate. She is also a masterful storyteller with an ease and charisma on stage -- not to mention a riotous sense of humor. She rose to acclaim as half of the postmodern, mythic American folk duo, **Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer**, releasing three internationally celebrated, folk chart-topping albums featuring Carter's mytho-poetic Americana songcraft. Called "the new voice of modern folk music," the duo was clearly in its ascendancy when Carter suffered a fatal heart attack in 2002. Now Tracy is a songwriter in her own right as part of RealWomenRealSongs to the delight of her longtime fans. She holds the record for the most consecutive appearances at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival ~ a lucky 13.

Adults \$20. Advance reservations recommended. www.aplaceforfolk.org 518-377-0002

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EBWA PROGRAM - APRIL 28TH

EVENING BRANCH



Rehabbing an Historic Farmhouse into a Net Zero Energy Home

The Peters-Lockrow farmhouse in Clifton Park was built in the 1830s and had been vacant for a decade. It had holes in the roof, water in the basement and a menagerie of animals living inside. **Joanne Coons** discusses rehabbing this farmhouse using green building practices, while also maintaining the historical integrity of the building.



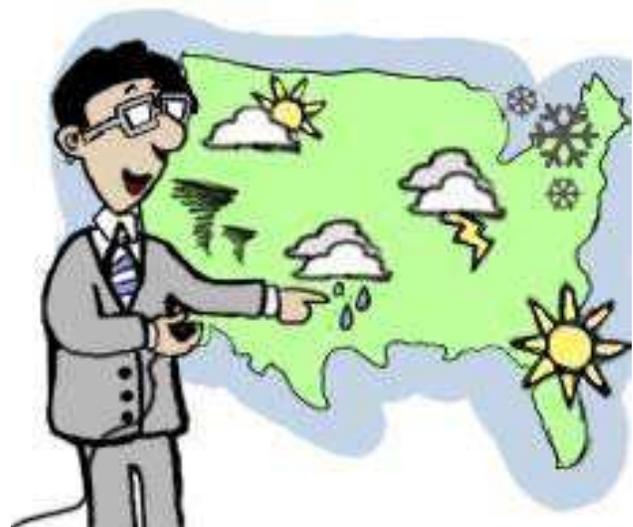
Joanne is currently an adjunct professor at Hudson Valley Community College, TEC-SMART facility teaching Photovoltaic Theory and Design. She and her husband demonstrate applications of theory by living in a net-zero energy rehabbed house, utilizing solar panels to run their home and to supply most of their transportation needs.

Join us for beverage and conversation at 5:45pm, a catered vegetarian supper at 6:15pm, followed by the program at 7:45pm. Reservations are required for the supper. E-mail Gabrielle Reals at ellegr3@gmail.com by Monday April 25th or call her at 382-5685 by 8pm Tuesday April 26th. Gluten-free meals are available if requested with your reservation. You may also bring your own food, or come for the program only. All women are welcome.

Looking Ahead: On May 26th **Thea Bordenave, D.O.**, will present **Osteopathy and You.**

**WOMEN'S ALLIANCE PROGRAM & LUNCH
APRIL 7TH**

The Women's Alliance will meet at the Turf Tavern in Scotia on Thursday, April 7th at 12Noon for lunch and to hear Richard (Dick) Westergard speak about his field of Meteorology. Dick's talk is titled "Musings of a Meandering Meteorologist." We will learn about weather observation, forensic work and something about Climate Change. Please make your reservation and lunch choice with Mariko Baertsch at 399-4652 at mariko@nycap.rr.com. Lunch choices are Shrimp Scampi or Vegetarian Delight Sauté. If you cannot attend please contact Mariko by Tuesday, April 5th to avoid the cost of the lunch.



Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady

April 2016

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							2:00pm Equinox Workshop (E)	
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	Hosting Family Promise							
	8:00am Guided Yoga Flow (E) 9:30am CC&C (E) 10:30am RE Classes in Wa 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Change is our Cho 12:00pm Fireside Chat (F) 1:30pm Oakroom Artist Rec	7:30pm FUSSBudgets (E)	DLRE's Day Off Minister's Day Off 10:30am Alliance Board (E) 4:30pm Music Rehearsal (Dancers) (GH) 7:00pm Wellspring: Faithful Action (F)	10:00am Philosophy Discussion (E) 7:00pm Wellspring: Sources (F) 7:00pm Wellspring: Sources (E)		7:30pm A Place For Folk (GH/K/F)	9:00am Rental (Emerson Room)	
Apr 10 - 16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Hosting Family Promise 8:00am Guided Yoga Flow (E) 9:15am Choir/Dancers (DR) 9:30am CC&C (F) 9:30am Guided Meditation 10:30am RE in Worship in 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Change is our Cho 12:00pm Fireside Chat (F)	9:30am Church Mutual 7:00pm Trusts Committee (E)	DLRE's Day Off Minister's Day Off 6:00pm Rental (Navigators) (DR1) 7:00pm Ex Committee (MS) 7:00pm FF/GLBT (F) 7:00pm Change is our Choice (E) 7:30pm EBWA (DR2)	10:00am Green Sanctuary (F) 10:00am Philosophy Discussion (E) 6:30pm Worship Team (E) 7:30pm Men's Group (WH)	1:00pm Staff 6:30pm Buildings & Grounds (F) 7:00pm Finance Meeting (E) 7:00pm REC (WH 2nd Floor)	Circles Items Due Tax Day (United States)	9:00am Membership Class (Emerson Room) 5:00pm Vespers and Pot-Luck (GH/DR/K)	
Apr 17 - 23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	10:30am CRUUNY service at Doane Stuart	Susan Off 1:30pm Caring Team (F) 5:30pm Adult Program Council (E) 7:00pm Board of Trustees (E)	DLRE's Day Off Minister's Day Off 7:00pm Wellspring: Faithful Action (F)	10:00am Philosophy Discussion (E) 7:00pm Membership Committee (DR) 7:00pm Wellspring: Sources (E) 7:00pm Wellspring: Sources (F)	12:15pm Men's Lunch (Edison Club) 7:00pm Herb Group (DR/K) 7:00pm Full Moon Drumming (GH)	7:30pm A Place For Folk (GH/K/F)		
Apr 24 - 30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	8:00am Guided Yoga Flow (E) 9:30am CC&C (F) 9:30am Guided Meditation 10:30am RE Classes in Wa 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Change is our Cho 12:00pm Fundraising Lunch 12:00pm Stewardship (E) 12:00pm Fireside Chat (GH)	1:00pm Stewardship (E) 7:00pm Social Action Council (F)	DLRE's Day Off Minister's Day Off 7:00pm Change is our Choice (E)	10:00am Philosophy Discussion (E)	1:00pm Staff 6:00pm EBWA (DR/K)			



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The members of this Society covenant to maintain and foster in Schenectady a non-creedal religious society whose purpose shall be to:

- Encourage a free and responsible search for truth, knowledge, and understanding;
- Nurture the religious growth of all who participate in the life of this Society;
- Serve the community;
- Seek the realization of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Affirming the individual right of conscience, freedom of belief and the democratic process, with reverence for life and respect for the profound mystery of existence, we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

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