



News & Information from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton



April 2017

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Worship services and religious education for children and youth begin at 10:30 a.m.

April 2

In the Shadow of Olympia Brown – The Rev. James Galasinski
The Rev. Olympia Brown was the first woman to be ordained in the U.S. with full approval from a denomination. Brown graduated from St. Lawrence Theological School, was ordained in Malone, NY in 1863 and preached at this church. She not only had a successful parish ministry but went on to become a leading suffragist. With such a rich history in our backyard, where are we now on our path to gender equality?

Greeters: Carol & Tom Pynchon, Dan Kuelgen

Worship Associate: Theresa Witmer

RE Ambassador: Rhonda Rodriguez

April Kitchen Cabinet Advisor: Pat Alden

Social Hour: Pat & Albert Glover, Oscar Sarmiento & Lillian Trevizan, Judy & Shaili Singh

Collection Counters: David Doran, Ruth Baltus

April 9

Albert Schweitzer: Reverence for Life – Dan Berggren, Pulpit Guest

An exploration of the life and beliefs of humanitarian, doctor, musician, scholar and Unitarian Albert Schweitzer, including a portion of one of his sermons.

Greeters: Jason Shirtz, Lonie Bogett, Tim Nolan & Lorraine Olendzenski

Lay Leader: Valerie Ingram

RE Ambassador: David Bradford

Social Hour: Jason Shirtz, Rajiv & Geetika Narula

Collection Counters: Pat Gengo, Tim Opdyke

April 16

Born Again UU - The Rev. James Galasinski

Fundamentalists have taken over the meaning of being “born again,” as one intense emotional moment that led to conversion. Diverse paths have led us to Unitarian Universalism, but seldom do we think of ourselves as converting. As we celebrate the new life of Easter, we can look to how every day we must be reborn.

Greeters: David Bradford, Wil & Rebecca Rivers

Worship Associate: Robin Collen

RE Ambassador: Anna Sorensen

Social Hour: Margaret & Bart Harloe, Relani Prudhomme

Collection Counters: Jon Montan, Lorraine Olendzenski

April 23

Alternative Facts and Fake News: What is Truth? – The Rev. James Galasinski

From alleged wiretapping, to three million illegal voters, to exaggerated inauguration turnouts, it is hard to know what is true and what is false. While we pride ourselves on having a reasonable faith, we cannot ever get to absolute truth. Belief always creeps into truth and our faith needs constant fact checking.

Greeters: Erika Barthelmess & Natalie Panshin, Sally Vrooman

Worship Associate: Doug Rubio

RE Ambassador: Esther Katz

Social Hour: Ron & Sharon Tavernier, David Weissbard & Karen Wells

Collection Counters: Lonie Bogett, Will Siegfried

April 30

“Heirs of the Past, Makers of the Future” and the Installation of the Rev. James Galasinski - The Rev. Dr. Nicole Kirk, preaching, the Revs. Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock ministers emeriti, and other guests.

Join us as we formally install James as our 32nd settled minister.

Nicole Kirk is Professor of Unitarian Universalist History at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and a Unitarian Universalist minister. She has served congregations in Ohio and New Jersey. Nicole earned a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt, a Doctor of Ministry and a Ph.D. in American Religious History from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Greeters: Bonnie & John Danis, Maggie Hockett, Eileen Raymond & Donna Smith-Raymond

Worship Associate: Jon Montan

RE Ambassador: Jennifer Whittaker

Social Hour: Emily Dixon, Bill Short, Margaret Mauch

Collection Counters: Valerie Ingram, Lorraine Olendzenski

You Are Cordially Invited

to the Installation of the Reverend James Galasinski
as the 32nd Settled Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

A reception will follow in the Social Room.



ON THE CALENDAR

Please print and post!



Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m., UShare Meeting
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE
Noon, Coming of Age fundraising luncheon

Monday, April 3

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation
12:15 p.m., Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

11:30 a.m., American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 a.m., Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m., Church Council Meeting

Thursday, April 6

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m., Sermon Writing Workshop

Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation, & More
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

Monday, April 10

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation
7:00 p.m., Social Action Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 11

1:00 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m., Welcoming Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Chalice Circle

Wednesday, April 12

7:30 p.m., Jazz Circle

Thursday, April 13

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m., Worship Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 15

9:30 a.m., Stewardship Committee Retreat

Sunday, April 16

10:30 a.m., Worship
10:30 a.m., RE Fun Day

Monday, April 17

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation

Wednesday, April 19

6:30 p.m., Religious Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 20

April Newsletter Deadline
4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m., SURJ Meeting
7:00 p.m., Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 22

9:30 a.m., Social Justice Workshop in Saranac Lake

Sunday, April 23

9:15 a.m., Coffee, Conversation & More
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE

Monday, April 24

Noon, Mindfulness Meditation
Rachel Grant Award Nominations Due

Thursday, April 27

4:30 p.m., Handbell Choir Practice

Saturday, April 29

6:00 p.m., Installation Dinner

Sunday, April 30

9:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m., Installation of the Rev. James Galasinski
10:30 a.m., Worship & Children's RE
11:30 a.m., Installment Luncheon

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton

Minister, The Rev. James Galasinski
Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education
Sara Trimm, Congregational Administrator
Carol Strome, Choir Director
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The Reverends Anne Marsh and Wade Wheelock, Ministers Emeriti

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NEW POLICY: ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING CHURCH SERVICES (March 2017)



In order to maintain the flow and mood of a worship service, the Minister and Worship Committee have developed the following policy:

Brief Announcements:

1. Announcements are included in the order of service and do not need to be verbally repeated. However, when appropriate, you may request that the announcement in the order of service also be highlighted from the pulpit.
2. The announcement should be no longer than three succinctly written sentences.
3. Give your announcement to the Congregational Administrator (or email it to office@uucantonny.org) by noon Wednesday.
4. Whenever possible, write your announcement in a format that is pertinent to the immediate mission of our religious community. For example: "If you were moved by last week's sermon on poverty in St. Lawrence County, please attend the Poverty 101 workshop at noon on Sunday."
5. There is time for a maximum of three Brief Announcements during a service, which will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. Announcements will not be accepted on Sunday morning.

Special Announcements:

(more detailed announcement which you would like to deliver from the pulpit personally)

1. This type of announcement is reserved for church groups and committees (i.e. OWL, SASO, Stewardship, etc.).
2. Announcements must be submitted via email to office@uucantonny.org by noon Wednesday.
3. Write out your announcement and rehearse reading it. Please do not deliver your announcement off-the-cuff; stay on script. Read slowly and clearly; maximum length should be three minutes. (maximum of 300 words)
4. The minister or lay leader may contact you for clarification and also to let you know when you will be delivering your announcement during the service.

FROM OUR MINISTER

General Assembly, Our Mecca

I am in one of those sports arenas connected to a convention center by a skywalk. Banners from the local university's sports team hang from the rafters and rapidly-changing electronic advertisements are everywhere. It is the most corporate looking, ordinary, non-sacred space you could imagine. However, thousands of people are listening intently to what is billed as a great atheist vs. theist debate, but it is actually between a mystical atheist and a rational theist who have more in common than they are different.

Something happens to me: Tears. Joy. A welling up of divine love, the life-giving sense that you are part of something much larger than yourself. It was more of a lovefest than a debate. It illustrated how theologically diverse we are. The gathering of 5,000 Unitarian Universalists to worship, vote, learn, and just be together is full of these moments. Every Unitarian Universalist needs to go to General Assembly (GA) at least once in their lives. It is our Mecca. It is an experience like no other: you realize that you are part of a national religious movement; you have lunch together with someone that lives 2,000 miles away from you, yet you find your congregations are working on the same social justice projects.

I know a handful of congregants have gone and they have all come away energized and transformed. It can be a significant commitment of time and money. If you can't make it in person, folks like Mark Berninghausen, who has attended in the past, found that he could enjoy GA virtually. He attended several of the Worship Services and Ceremonies, from the Opening Ceremonies Banner Parade to the Sunday Closing Worship Service, online. It was the next best thing to being there, and that is how he plans to attend this year.

It's not too late to register for the 2017 UUA GA, in New Orleans, LA, June 21-25. I encourage you to attend. If you do, please let me know because I will also be there and it would be great to connect. Learn more here: uua.org/ga.

Installation

An installation is the formal ceremony acknowledging the covenant, or sacred promise, between a settled minister and the congregation they serve. It is a big celebration where the minister and congregation are charged to create beloved community together. My installation will include local clergy, ministers emeriti, and special guests from our larger faith movement. An installation is one of the most joyful and important events in our shared ministry together and formalizes our commitment to one another.

My installation will be Sunday, April 30th at 10:30 a.m. We will also have a special dinner on Saturday, April 29th at the church, and the whole congregation is invited to attend with our out of town guests. If you plan to attend the dinner, please contact the office at office@uucantonny.org or 315-386-2498. We ask that you respond before Monday, April 24 so we can be prepared with the right amount of food, tables, and chairs.

Blessed Be, The Rev. James Galasinski

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Last month, Church Council embraced the idea of helping Barbara with the monthly President's Column, so you'll be hearing other voices in this space from time to time. I agreed to start off as a guest columnist for this issue and have had lots of ideas bubbling around for what to write about. I chose "paper and shared ministry." Wait, what!?

Some of you know of my recent obsession with handmade paper. A paper-maker friend recently sent me the poem, "The Heart of Understanding," by Thich Nhat Hanh. It uses paper as a metaphor for examining life, the universe and everything. Having made sheets of paper using water, fibers, air, and time, I love the "back story" of a simple piece of paper. So, I've been thinking a lot about the poem, making paper, and our church. Here are a few lines:

"...if we continue to look, we can see the logger who cut the tree and brought it to the mill to be transformed into paper. And we see the wheat. We know the logger cannot exist without his daily bread, and therefore the wheat that became his bread is also in this sheet of paper.

You cannot point out one thing that is not here -- time, space, the earth, the rain, the minerals in the soil, the sunshine, the cloud, the river, the heat.

Everything co-exists with this sheet of paper...As thin as this sheet of paper is, it contains everything in the universe in it."

You might have heard the term "shared ministry" in sermons and conversations over the last few years. It's not as complicated as it sounds. All of us have ministered without realizing it. And just like that logger, wheat, and bread, we all play a part: Offering a ride to church or a committee meeting; sending a get well card to another congregant; being a greeter; bringing something to share for a potluck meal. We simply see a need and respond. We minister as volunteers; but it's more than "just a volunteer" moment. It puts our faith into action for the benefit of our church and each other.

So, let us all take a moment to say “thank you” for all that we do for our church and our community.

Join us for a conversation about committees and simple church structure on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. Committee chairs, church council members, and anyone interested in leadership is welcome!

Todd Moe, Church Council Vice-President

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PONDERINGS

As a professional liberal religious educator, I have had the opportunity to attend many professional development opportunities through webinars and Renaissance modules hosted by the UUA, the Liberal Religious Educators Association’s Fall Conference, and a combined minister and religious educator retreat in the spring of each year. I am getting ready to embark on my second Renaissance module. My first was religious education administration and this one is UU History. I am extremely excited to be learning more about the foundation of our faith. Does the history of our faith intrigue you? Our Unitarian history believes in the oneness of God. Our Universalist history shares the idea of universal salvation- no one is condemned by God to eternal damnation. Check out the following links to learn more. The first is a short video clip about how our history is deeply tied to Early America and the second shares our history of being heretics. May you find meaning. I look forward to conversing about what we have learned.

<http://www.uua.org/beliefs/history> & <http://www.uua.org/beliefs/history/our-historic-faith>

Blessed Be, Carol Zimmerman, Director of Religious Education

Coming Up in April in Religious Education

Sunday, April 2: Coming of Age Fundraising Luncheon after Worship
Tuesday, April 11: Second Tuesday Chalice Circle Gathering at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16: Religious Education Fun Day during Worship
Wednesday, April 19: Religious Education Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU THANK YOU...

- † The RE Committee and friends who helped prepare for Everybody’s Birthday.
- † Jean Williams-Bergen, Stevie Michaelson, Carol Strome, Barbara Beekman, Pat Gengo, the Tavernier Family, Sheila Cerwonka, Heather Rousell, Kathryn Connor, Sue Powers, Desiree LeBoeuf, Arthur Freeheart, Becky VanDeWater and Arianna Whittaker for making cakes for Everybody’s Birthday!
- † Many thanks to Miles Manchester for his hard work to resolve the kitchen sink issues during Everybody’s Birthday Party
- † David Bradford and Margaret Harloe for the heroic effort of clean up after Everybody’s Birthday, hand washing all those dishes.
- † Ron Tavernier, Eileen Raymond and the whole congregation for supporting the MakerSpace bake sale.
- † Rhonda Rodriguez for assistance with planning the final COA retreat and stepping in as acting committee chair during the last RE committee meeting.
- † Dwight Stevenson, Heather Rousell, Sue Powers for helping out the youth group sleepover.
- † Arianna Whittaker, Keenan LeBoeuf-Davis and Kathy Montan for helping out with the Time for All Ages.

MUSIC NOTES

Choir Schedule for April:

The adult choir rehearses three times a month and sings in church twice a month. All rehearsals are at 9:00 on Sunday mornings downstairs in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Music reading ability is helpful but not necessary. Contact the choir director, choir@uucantonny.org, if you need child care during this hour.

- 4/2: Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.
- 4/9: Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m., sing in church
- 4/16: No rehearsal
- 4/23: Possible extra rehearsal for James' installation
- 4/30: Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m., sing in church for James' installation

Carol Strome, Choir Director

Handbells: New Direction, New Opportunities

I'm very happy to be taking over the Handbell Choir director position! We will continue to rehearse on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 in the Social Room. Interested in ringing with us? Please check out the opportunities below!

Handbell "Sandbox":

Have you ever wondered about playing handbells but have never even picked one up? Would you like to just try ringing a bell or two without making a commitment to joining the Handbell choir? Come PLAY in the sandbox - the handbell sandbox! (Important note: no actual sand will be used!)

When? After church on March 26, April 2, and April 9, we'll have some bells for you to try with a couple of our ringers to help you get the "swing" of it. Also, you're invited to come to one of our rehearsals and stand next to one of our veteran ringers. We'll let you try some ringing of your own.



Handbell Choir for Spring:

If you've heard the Handbell Choir play this year, you know that we have a wonderful core of players, and they've performed beautifully. We'd love to expand the group - which means we want YOU to join us. We rehearse Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 and play in church once a month. Basic familiarity with the music staff and rhythmic notation is needed. Persons high school age and up are eligible to play. We're scheduled to play in church on April 16 and May 21. Questions? Call or email me!

Handbell Introsits:

There may be several opportunities to do these again - let me know if you're interested. In the past, Handbell Introsits have been very short, two-person (often involving at least one member of our youth), handbell "introductions" to the beginning of the service.

Theresa Witmer, Handbell Choir Director

Jazz Circle

The next gathering of the Jazz Circle will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. We will meet monthly to play jazz standards, with the goal of playing in Sunday services regularly. Please bring your instrument, lead sheets, and ideas for the future. Anyone with an interest in jazz is welcome. If you have questions, please contact Pat Glover or the Rev. James Galasinski.

COFFEE, CONVERSATION & MORE

Coffee, Conversation & More continues this month! These twice-a-month, before-church meetings offer a

chance for small groups to discuss a variety of topics in a relaxed atmosphere. Meet in the Romer Room at 9:15 a.m. Coffee is provided and childcare is available. All are welcome. Conversation topics for this month are:

Sunday, April 9: Our Whole Lives (OWL) is the lifespan sexuality education curriculum offered by our Religious Education program. What's religious about sexuality education? Liberal religious sexuality education gives children, youth, and adults a safe forum in which to make meaning of their lives. Participants learn to feel positive about themselves and their sexuality while they clarify their values, apply their values to their experiences, and gain knowledge about their bodies, feelings, and behaviors. Join us and learn more!

Sunday, April 23: Learn more about [Nature Up North](#), a local environmental education and outreach program based at St. Lawrence University from Project Manager Erika Barthelmess. Erika views Nature Up North as one way to build upon our 7th principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. We will discuss the mission of the program, which is to ultimately build positive environmental social capital (huh? Come to the discussion to decipher that sentence!) in the North Country. We will also explore some of the many ways you can contribute to this effort. All ages welcome to attend.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS & NOTES

Coming Up in April:

Tuesday, April 4:	American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, April 10:	Social Action Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.
Saturday April 15:	Gay Pride March at SUNY Potsdam
Thursday, April 20:	Showing Up for Racial Justice meeting at 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 22:	Giving Life to the Shape of Justice Workshop in Saranac Lake
Tuesday, April 25:	Nominations due for the Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award
Saturday, April 29:	People's Climate March in Potsdam

Rachel Somers Grant Social Action Award: Each year our church recognizes a resident of St. Lawrence County who is helping to make our community more humane and more progressive with an award established in memory of Rachel Grant. Those who have received this award in the past are not necessarily members of our church, but the award provides an opportunity for us to lift up the work of many individuals whose good work may otherwise go unknown to us. Nominees typically are individuals working as volunteers rather than as paid staff. The Social Action Committee urges everyone to consider nominating a person who has furthered social justice in our community. Nominators should consult the criteria on the church website (www.uucantonny.org/call-for-nominations-rachel-somers-grant-social-action-award/) and send their nomination BY APRIL 25 to socialaction@uucantonny.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: The next drive is Tuesday, April 4, from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Social Room. There is urgent need for Type O negative blood and also critical need for platelet donors. If you can give, please make an appointment and find other information at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If you can assist with registering and dispensing refreshments at this event, please contact Pat Alden.

Follow-up to the March SASO: In March, our church's Shared Offering was taken in support of the work of the American Civil Liberties Union (www.aclu.org) protecting our treasured civil rights during these difficult times. We raised \$861.25 to help assure that the ACLU legal teams will continue to do this important work. But each of us can do even more. Our UU Principles parallel the mission and values of the ACLU and include our commitment to (1) seeking justice, equity and compassion in human relations, (2) supporting of the right of conscience and the democratic process, with the (3) goal of peace, liberty, and justice for all. We all need to make sure our national and state legislators and other elected officials hear from us immediately and strongly. Other ways you can personally advocate for justice and fairness include:

- Educate yourself about advocacy efforts by accessing the ACLU website at <https://www.aclu.org/feature/public-policy?redirect=feature/federal-advocacy-priorities>
- Email, write or call your elected representatives using the address list in the documents section on our Social Action Committee page (<http://www.uucantonny.org/committees/social-action/>). Consider making it a commitment to email or call your senators, representative, and state legislators on a regular basis (weekly or daily), to thank them when they act to protect our rights, and to let them know we are watching when they do not... Either way, it is very important.
- Sign up (ACTIONAlertSLC@gmail.com) to get the St Lawrence County Action Alert every week so that you can be aware of local opportunities for education and advocacy right here in the North Country.
- Write a letter to editors of your local newspapers on issues of concern. Make sure your perspective is heard.

Our advocacy working in coalition with the ACLU and all the other civil rights protectors will make a difference! Don't let anyone else speak for you!

Eileen Raymond, Social Action Committee

The SAC plans to have special offerings in April, May, and June, and seeks input from congregants about causes (local, state, national or international) which they would like to see our church support. SASO nomination forms may be found here: <http://uucanton.org/social-justice/shared-offering/>.

SOCIAL ACTION EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

2017 Gay Pride March: The SUNY Potsdam Center for Diversity is organizing a March on Saturday, April 15. If you are interested in participating, contact our Social Action Committee. For more information about the event itself, email tyola@potsteam.edu.

Saranac Fellowship is hosting an all-day workshop: "Giving Life the Shape of Justice" on Saturday, April 22. For a detailed description, [click here](#). If you are interested in attending, contact socialaction@uucantonny.org.

Pat Alden, Co-Chair, Social Action Committee Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

When I was growing up there was a perennial advertisement in the back pages of *Popular Mechanics* Magazine that showed a man pouring a thick liquid into a mold. The caption was: "What is this man doing? He's making a concrete flower pot! AND SO CAN YOU!"

Well, sermons are not concrete flower pots, but people do compose and deliver sermons...and so can you!
And so:

Whereas the Worship Committee is always searching for guest speakers to deliver the sermon in James' absence;

Whereas we know that there are folks in our congregation (and beyond) from whom we would love to hear in a sermon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Worship Committee urges you to consider the opportunity to take a sermon-writing workshop from the Reverend James Galasinski.

You can do this by signing up via email (office@uucantonny.org) or calling 315-386-2498. The first session will be held at the church at 7 PM on April 6 and the second session on May 4. Your assignment after the first session will be to write a 10-minute sermon. When we meet again on May 4, you will preach your sermon. The class will be your congregation and we will give you critical feedback.

Shared ministry takes many forms. This is but one of them. Thanks for considering this opportunity.

For the Worship Committee, Jon Montan

COOTS LIBRARY

Please let the young people in your life know that the Max Coots Library has some new books for teens. *Wide Awake: A Buddhist Guide for Teens* by Diana Winston, and *A Pebble for Your Pocket: Mindful Stories for Children and Grown-ups* by Thich Nhat Hanh are newly available, as is *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin. Two beautifully illustrated paperback books *Poetry for Young People: William Shakespeare* and *Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou* are also recently been added.

Mark your calendar for our congregational Common Read book discussion, Sunday May 21st, after the service. This year we will discuss a selection of books and short readings, including *The Third Reconstruction: Moral Mondays, Fusion Politics, and the Rise of a New Justice Movement* by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II with Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove, *White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son* by Tim Wise; *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving and *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. You can pick up one of these titles over the coming weeks in the library, or at the library table. We look forward to some thoughtful discussion and hope you will plan to join in.

Lorraine Olendzenski, Library Committee Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

People's Climate March: Join us on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. starting in Ives Park, Potsdam. The UU EAC is helping NC350 organize a local version of the People's Climate Movement. The Potsdam event will be one of hundreds of local marches that will be held around the country to provide further support and access to the millions of people who want to stand up for our climate, our health, and our communities. It is crucial that we build a vision of the world we want, and rise together to make it possible.

On April 29, let's march for the world we want to build – for our jobs, justice, and the climate. Together we can send a powerful message that we want a clean energy economy that works for everyone, and push every other politician to sprint as far ahead as possible.

The Potsdam Event will include music, speakers, information tables, art and a march around the block. We are also counting! Help us count by [Registering](#) if you can come. Bring signs showing what you want to protect. Call Congress and ask them to take action on climate!

To learn more about the current siege against clean energy and a healthy climate...

[EPA budget cut by more than 30%](#)

[Rolling Back the Clean Power Plan Is a Losing Proposition for America](#)

But people are making a difference - [a lawsuit brought by a dozen young people concerned for the climate that they are inheriting will go to trial and might force the U.S. government to take climate changes seriously](#). It is an uplifting view that we CAN make a difference with our collective voices!!

Susan Powers, Environmental Action Committee

If you would like to receive weekly electronic news updates,
please email: office@uucantonny.org
Deadline for the next newsletter: **Thursday, April 20**