

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

A Welcoming Congregation

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Key People at FUUSA

Rev. Samuel A. Trumbore serves the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany as minister. Before coming to Albany in 1999, Rev. Trumbore served in Port Charlotte, Florida for six years and three years in a consulting role in Niagara Falls, New York, the congregation in which he was ordained. He received his education for ministry in Berkeley, California at Starr King School for the Ministry. He is President of Iroquois Chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, past President of the Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship and Facilitator for Still Forest Pool, a new organization supporting teaching of Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction in the Capital Region. He is past President of a Capital Region faith based community organizing project called ARISE, A Regional Initiative Supporting Empowerment. He is also active with the West Hill Minister's Fellowship, Interfaith Impact and Family Planning Advocates. Rev. Trumbore is married to Philomena Moriarty Trumbore and together they have a son named Andy born in 1992.

Dave Munro was elected President of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany in June 2005. Dave has been an active participant and leader in many activities of the Society, including serving as chair of the Committee on Professional Ministry and the Endowment Trust Committee. He currently serves on the Leadership Development Committee of the St. Lawrence District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and is on the faculty of the UU Leadership Team Institute, a weeklong residential leadership school sponsored by four UUA districts.

Dave and his wife Eileen Hoffman were married in the Buffalo, New York Unitarian Universalist church in 1982 and moved to Albany the following year. Their children Jamie and Julie were dedicated at FUUSA and grew up in the RE program. Professionally, Dave is a lawyer, employed by the New York Attorney General's Office, within the Environmental Protection Bureau. Dave has also been a Clinical Adjunct Professor at Albany Law School since 1988.

Leah Purcell is serving her first year as Director of Religious Education for the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany. She graduated Vassar with a degree in psychology and has been a teacher, co-administrator and teaching assistant in both public and private schools. She has also served in leadership roles supporting and organizing volunteers in various political and community organizations. Currently she serves as a trustee of the Valley Falls Free Library.

The Purcells, Leah - her husband Kevin and daughters Molly and Nora - came to FUUSA in the mid-nineties when the girls were little, looking for a spiritual home in which to grow as a family. Leah has taught Sunday school, served on the Religious Education Council both as a member and as chair, served as a youth advisor and helped organize UUA sponsored youth programs. She is a member of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and is preparing to enter the UUA's Religious Education Credentialing Program.

Dave Metz is Project Manager for the current building expansion project. He became a Unitarian in 1973 in Ft. Collins, CO, and has been a member of FUUSA since 1979. He has served on the Nominating Committee, Canvass Committee, as Chair of the Capital Campaign, and Chair of the Endowment Trust. Dave is currently serving on the board of trustees. He is retired from a career as a telecommunications consultant to higher education and medical centers. Dave and his wife Barb, whom he met at FUUSA, live on their farm in East Greenbush.