

We welcome everyone. Our Unitarian Universalist community seeks truth and deeper meaning, pursues justice through inspired action, and cultivates compassion and love for all connected by the web of life.
Mission statement, adopted May 18, 2014

Accessibility- Large print and braille hymnals are available, as are hearing assistance devices. Please see an usher if you need either of these.

Chalice- The flaming chalice symbolizes the light that guides us in our spiritual and humanitarian path. During World War II it became a symbol of risk, service and freedom that has been widely adopted by many UU congregations.

Introducing Guests and Visitors- We would like to get to know you, and suggest that you take the opportunity to introduce yourself. An usher will bring you the microphone.

Joys and Sorrows- You are welcome to share your life's milestones with the congregation, even if this is your first visit. One way we do this is to place a stone in the bowl, symbolizing giving your joy or sorrow to the congregation to hold with you. If you choose, you may also speak it at the microphone. We have Pastoral Care Associates on duty who are trained in compassionate listening if there is a sorrow or a trauma in your life that you wish to talk about today. You may also email listeners@albanyuu.org or phone (518-463-7135).

Children Your children are welcome to stay with you in service, or be with a group of children around their own age under the supervision of screened adult volunteers (two per group). Childcare is available in Room 22 for children three and under during most services. See the easel sign in the lobby or inquire at the Sunday Morning Office Window or Welcome Desk for more information. Most weeks, children and youth go to their groups after the Wisdom Story in service, and someone will be available in the hallway at that time to assist you and your family.

You are welcome to participate in any of the classes, programs and activities offered by our congregation. Please fill out a guest card at the Welcome Table in the lobby to learn more.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Linda Hoddy, Interim Co- Minister

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley, Interim Co-Minister

Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth

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A Very Caring Christmas Pageant

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley



Albany Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, December 17th, 2023
10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Olga Martinez

Ringing of the Chime

Prelude AUU Jazz Singers
O Christmas Tree

Chalice Lighting Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley and Ireta London
*Welcoming all free seekers of truth and meaning,
we gather to excite the human spirit,
to inspire its growth and development,
to respond morally and ethically to a troubled world,
and to sustain a vital and nurturing religious community.*

Welcome Rev. Ashley

Joys and Sorrows Laura Paris

**A Time for Meditation
and Reflection** Alison Hart and Lee Newberg

The Pageant

Why Do We Celebrate Christmas? Rev. Ashley

Hymn Congregation
#248 O We Believe in Christmas (verses 1 & 4)

Pageant: Part 1

Choral Interlude Albany UU Choir and Olga Martinez
Peace Come Now

Pageant: Part 2

Choral Interlude Albany UU Choir
Little Drummer Boy

Pageant: Part 3

Choral Interlude Albany UU Choir
In the Lonely Midnight

Pageant: Part 4

Hymn Congregation
#231 Angels We Have Heard On High

Pageant: Part 5

Offering and Offertory Hymn Ireta London
#259 We Three Kings

Pageant: Part 6

Hymn Congregation
#235 Deck the Halls

Extinguishing of the Chalice Ireta London and Rev. Ashley

*We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth
The warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*

**Announcements, Coffee Hour Connections,
and Invitations** Rev. Ashley
and Bob Franklin

Pageant Roles:

Narrator 1 Natalie Plamondon	Angels Octavia Hart, Ruby Wheeler,
Narrator 2 Flora Schlesinger	Patsy Schaeffing
Narrator 3 Zora Miller	Star Bearer Anna Baldes (understudy
Caesar Adrian Cattell	Liz Richards Hart)
Innkeeper Griffin Kullas	Wise people Veronica Allen, Charlotte
Head Angel Deedee Quail	Baldes, Eli Stanwicks
Mary Miquela Torres	
Joseph Theo Stanwicks	Production Team:
Drummer Charlotte Baldes	Stage Crew Micah Torres
Shepherds Leo Wheeler, Griffin	Pageant Helper Anna Baldes
Kullas, Adrian Cattell	Coordinator Elizabeth Baldes

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Coffee Hour has been provided today by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Flowers arranged by Barb Manning and donated by Chuck and Barb Manning in memory of Chuck's dad, Clarence Manning, whose favorite color was red.

*Next Sunday's service, on Christmas Eve, is at 5pm. There will be no morning service on 12/24.*

*It is with gratitude and humility that we acknowledge that we are learning, speaking and gathering on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.*