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

### Programs for Children & Youth, Sunday, December 15th

- Child Care (Nursery/Toddler) Room 22 opens for drop off at 9:45.
- Today we enjoy our annual tradition of putting on a Christmas pageant during service. If you don't have a role, but might like to take part, there will be an opportunity during service for anyone who wants to be an angel or an animal to join in the fun.
- After the pageant, Programs for Children & Youth Council is hosting Coffee Hour in Channing, alongside the Holiday Music Jam, led by Anne Marie Haber. If you prefer a quieter space, the back of Community Hall is available.

### Thank you to our Pageant Participants:

Villager 1 Paula B.

Villager 2 Adrian C.

Joseph Anna B.

Mary Deedee Q.

Donkey Charlotte B.

Various Animals Matilda M, Amelia I, Theo S.

Innkeeper Griffin K

Angels Louisa CR, Octavia H, Patsy S, Rosalind T, Ruby W.

Shepherd 1 Eli S.

Shepherd 2 Rev. Ann

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# **Christmas Pageant**

Elizabeth Baldes

With Rev. Ann Kadlecek



Albany Unitarian Universalist Sunday, December 15, 2024 10:00 AM

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December 15, 2024

Gathering Music Veronica Allen

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Ringing of the Chime

Call to Community Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Congregational Greeting Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Chalice Lighting Rev. Ann Kadlecek

We light this chalice
For the surprises that delight us,
the sacredness of a newborn child,
The stars that keep shining,
the gifts we give and receive,
and the ancient stories
that still speak of hope.

**Introduction to Pageant** Elizabeth Baldes

Anthem Albany UU Choir

When Christmas Comes, Music by Joanna Schwarz, Words by Mavis Todd, Arranged by Larry Nickel

Pageant Part 1 By Norman Allen, adapted by Elizabeth Baldes

**Hymn** Congregation

#246 O Little Town of Bethlehem, Verses 1 and 3

Pageant Part 2 Elizabeth Baldes

Anthem Albany UU Choir

Do You Hear What I Hear? Music & Words by Gloria, Noel, and Shayne Regney, Arranged by Harry Simeone

Pageant Part 3 Elizabeth Baldes

**Hymn** Congregation

#239 Go Tell It on the Mountain, Verses 1 and 2

Pageant Part 4 Elizabeth Baldes

**Hymn** Congregation

#231 Angels We Have Heard on High, Verses 1 and 3

Pageant Part 5 Elizabeth Baldes

Offering Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Offertory Veronica Allen

**Benediction** Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Closing Hymn Congregation

Featuring: Veronica Allen & Drew Eck

O Come, All Ye Faithful\*\* See Insert.

Extinguishing of the Chalice Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Elizabeth Baldes

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.

During the pageant, you'll be invited to make responses to things you hear.

..."it's so bright" say "What's up with that?"

..."all Mary & Joseph heard was" "make animal noises"

... "what was that noise?" "laugh"

... "and the angels said" sing "ahhhh!"

**Christmas Eve Services:** This year we are offering two services on Christmas Eve, at 5:15 and 7:00pm. Both will be held in the sanctuary, and are liturgically the same. All are welcome to attend whichever service best fits your schedule, and to join us for cookies in Channing Hall between the services.

Musicians and other service leaders are grateful for your appreciation. However, we ask that you refrain from audible applause during the service. Thank you!