

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th:

From the Board of Trustees:

Notice of Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 15th. The Board of Trustees has called a Congregational Meeting for 11:15 AM on Sunday, February 15, to consider amending the bylaws concerning how we search for a settled minister. It has been nearly 30 years since we're done that, and the search process and Albany UU have changed in the interim. More detailed information will be available soon, so please plan to be part of the quorum on that Sunday. The meeting will be held both in person and on zoom. There will also be two informational meetings where you can learn more about the proposed bylaw amendment: Sunday, February 8th at 11:15 AM in Community Hall - in person only. Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 PM - Zoom only. Zoom link can be found in the newsletter.

From Programs for Children & Youth:

It is almost time to send Huge UU Greetings or "HUUGS" to our fledgling young adults. Each year we collect care package items for young people recently bridged from our youth program who are now busy pursuing post-high school life and then send those items out around Valentine's Day. Small, individually wrapped items like tea, cocoa, gum, snacks and lip balm can be dropped off in the collection box in the lobby from now until February 1, when the youth group will prepare the care packages for shipping. Thanks for your support!

From the Congregational Life Team:

Join the Albany UU Talent Show — March 13! Our last two all-church talent shows were a big hit, and we're excited to make this one even better. Performers of **all ages** are encouraged to sign up and share their talents — or simply come and enjoy the fun!

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM. Questions? Please contact Peter Brown or Sharon Babala. Whether you're taking the stage or cheering from the audience, we hope you'll be part of this joyful night together! Register using the QR code:



Share the Plate with Planned Parenthood in January



This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with **Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood**.

UHPP cares for an average of 9,300 patients a year in three health centers located in Albany, Hudson and Troy. Its reproductive health services include exams, pap smears and breast cancer screening, birth control, testing and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, emergency contraception, pregnancy options counseling, abortion services and more.

UHPP provides preventive sexual health care services as well as hormone therapy for transgender and gender nonconforming people. UHPP also offers comprehensive sex education programs.

Albany UU has a long history of supporting UHPP, which began in 1934 as a family planning clinic in the office of Dr. Frances E. Vosburgh, a member of our congregation. Our support is especially important since July, when Planned Parenthood was blocked from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for any of its services.

Today, all contributions that are not specifically designated as 100% pledge contributions will be split 50/50 between our operating budget and UHPP.

Learn more about Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood at www.uhpp.org