

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 and Youth

From 6/28-9/6 a combined age group for children is being offered during service. The room opens at 9:45 and is supervised by staff and screened volunteers. Our time together will be lightly structured with opportunities for arts and crafts along with free play.

The group is intended for around age 3 and up. Younger children and their families are welcome to join us, and to use the Nursery/Toddler space as needed, however the Nursery/Toddler is not staffed during the summer.

Not sure where to go? Inquire at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

If you have questions about our programs, or are interested in helping out, please email the Director of Programs for Children & Youth at dre@albanyuu.org.

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecek & Rev. Sarah Richards, Interim Co-Ministers
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The End of an Era/ A New Chapter Begins

Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley

Carolyn Stetson,
Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music Amanda Chapin, Musician

Announcements Carolyn Stetson, Worship Associate

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome Carolyn Stetson

Congregational Greeting

Opening Hymn #354 *We Laugh We Cry*

Call to Community & Chalice Lighting

*We come together that we may think about
and respond to the facts of our lives.
We are made all too aware of the passage of time,
of beginnings and endings,
of the importance of family and community.
We come together that we make meaning,
that we may find comfort,
that we may celebrate,
to be reminded that we are not alone.
We come together here
that we may be transformed*

Joys and Sorrows Frank Traynor, Pastoral Care Associate

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Worship Associate Reflection Carolyn Stetson

Guest Reflection Rev. Dr. Lynn Ashley
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Musical Interlude Amanda Chapin

Offering Carolyn Stetson

Closing Words adapted from *Roots Go Deep*
by David Bumbaugh * see insert

Closing Hymn #1054 *Let This Be a House of Peace*

Chalice Extinguishing

*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.*

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

adapted from "Roots Go Deep" by David Bumbaugh

Carolyn: A religious community is a dream
curled within a seed.

Congregation: **It is planted in hope;
it is watered in trust;
it reaches upward to the sun
and outward to all who seek its shelter.**

All: The roots of the religious community go deep.

Carolyn: A religious community is a dream
curled within a seed.

Congregation: **It is a dream, open and hidden,
obvious and arcane,
simple and complex.**

Carolyn: A religious community is a dream
of uniting heaven and earth —
a dream long in the dreaming.

Congregation: **It is a dream of a world
where life is cherished;
where justice is prized;
where freedom and responsibility unite;
where equality is sought;
where diversity is seen as opportunity.**

***All: A religious community is a dream
curled in a seed and its roots go deep.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:

From the Administrator:

There is a new Sunday Volunteer Sign Up Sheet! The old sign-up sheet is no longer active. Please plan on saving or bookmarking the new sign-up sheet. But no worries: should you happen to go to the old sign-up sheet, there will be a link to take you to the new one. The new Sunday Volunteer Sign Up Sheet does NOT include donating flowers and hosting Coffee Hour! **Links to sign up for Sunday Volunteers, flower donation, and Coffee Hour hosting can all be found in the Windows Weekly newsletter or using the QR codes below.**

Sunday Volunteer: 	To Donate Flowers: 	To Host Coffee Hour: 
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From the Administrator:

Our last summer service is next Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 with Diane Cameron. For more information, please see the Windows Weekly newsletter.

Share the Plate with the FOCUS Food Pantry in August



In 2025, the **FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry served more than 8,800 individuals, including more than 2,900 children**, from its site at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State Street. The Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday mornings as well as the last Saturday of the month. With a gift of \$40, the food pantry can

provide six days of meals for one person, with fresh produce and milk. With \$120, they can provide meals for six days to a family of three.

Three times each year, our congregation shares half of the collection plate with the FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry. Our donations help make sure that families, children, seniors, and others in our community have **healthy** food when they need it most. Albany UU has supported the FOCUS Food Pantry since at least 1977.



Your contribution made by cash, text, online or by check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and FOCUS, unless you tell us otherwise. If you want your entire check to go towards your annual pledge, write “pledge” on the memo line. If you want your entire check to go to FOCUS, write “all to FOCUS” on the memo line.

Learn more about the FOCUS Food Pantry at www.focuschurches.net/food-pantry.