

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
Elizabeth Baldes, Director of Programs for Children and Youth
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Whose Ideas Belong?

Rev. Shelley Page

Dawn Dana,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music

Eli Lev, Musician

Announcements

Dawn Dana, Worship Associate

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome

Dawn Dana

Congregational Greeting

Opening Hymn #300 *With Heart and Mind*

Call to Community

Rev. Shelley Page

It Matters What We Believe by Sophia Lyon Fahs

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Shelley Page & Dawn Dana

*We light this chalice remembering the freedoms
long established in our nation:
freedom of speech
freedom of the press
freedom from the establishment of religion.*

*We light this chalice honoring those
who exemplify protecting those freedoms:
librarians
booksellers
teachers
authors
journalists.*

*We light this chalice, so that by its light
we may read all the books:
books with archaic language
books with offensive material
books which affirm the diversity of the human race*

*books which normalize our varied sexualities
books which share multidimensional
perspectives of history.*

*May we bask in the glow of its light this morning
as we illuminate, brighten, and radiate
because of the books we have read
and the books we have yet to read.*

Joys and Sorrows

Randy Rosette

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading *Ban the Books!* by Lauren Mayer

Sermon

Rev. Shelley Page

Moment of Silence

Offering

Dawn Dana

Offertory

Eli Lev

Water by Eli Lev *please see insert

Benediction

Rev. Shelley Page

Closing Hymn #298 *Wake, Now, My Senses*

Chalice Extinguishing

Rev. Shelley Page & Dawn Dana

*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!

Water

Album: Four Directions

Artist: Eli Lev

Tell me I've got water
Tell me I've got bread

Tell me I've got shelter and a place to lay
my head

Never been so far out, on my own
Never felt so high, never been so alone

**Some days I feel like a mother-less child
Some days I feel so much joy I could cry**

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Tell me all my family are safe and sound
I can feel their love the whole world round
And all my friends that I hold dear
Shine on like diamonds oh so clear

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST

9:

From Democracy Response Steering Committee:

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY: The Democracy Crisis Response Team will be selling the lawn sign shown below so we can all show our support for Democracy. The signs will be \$20 each and will include the "H" bracket. We will be taking orders and payment for the signs at a table in Channing Hall. The signs will be available for pick-up at the end of August.



To order a sign, use the QR code below:



From the Administrator:

Summer services dates and service leaders are listed here. For more information about each service, please see the Windows Weekly newsletter.

Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 with Nellson Moore

Sunday, August 23 at 10:00 with Rev. Ann Kadlecek

Sunday, August 30 at 10:00 with Rev. Lynn Ashley

Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 with Diane Cameron