

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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Democracy, Dignity, and Dialog

Diane Cameron

Lee Newberg,

Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, September 6, 2026

10:00 AM

Democracy, Dignity, and Dialog

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Gathering Music Randy Rosette, Musician

Announcements Lee Newberg, Worship Associate

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome Lee Newberg

Congregational Greeting

Opening Unison Song *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*
tune: British National Anthem,
lyrics: Samuel Francis Smith

Call to Community Lee Newberg

Chalice Lighting Diane Cameron & Lee Newberg

*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.*

Joys and Sorrows Ruth Samuels

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading Diane Cameron
The Great Divide by Margaret Silf

Sermon Diane Cameron

Moment of Silence

Offering Lee Newberg
Offertory Randy Rosette
God Bless the U.S.A by Lee Greenwood,
additional lyrics by R. Rosette

Benediction Diane Cameron

Closing Unison Song *This Land is Your Land*
by Woody Guthrie

Chalice Extinguishing Diane Cameron & Lee Newberg

*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!

Share the Plate with Wizard's Wardrobe in September



This month, Albany UU will share the plate with Wizard's Wardrobe—helping children in the South End of Albany discover confidence and possibility through reading.

Wizard's Wardrobe provides free, high-quality, one-on-one after-school literacy tutoring for elementary students reading below grade level. Since 2017, caring volunteer tutors have given each child individualized instruction and steady

encouragement—helping students strengthen reading and writing skills, build confidence, and experience the joy of books.

Learning reaches beyond tutoring sessions through field trips, guest readers, STEM challenges, and an annual anthology in which every student becomes a published author. In a safe, welcoming space, children gain the skills—and belief in themselves—they need to thrive in school and beyond.



Your contribution made by cash, text, online or check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and Wizard's Wardrobe, unless you tell us otherwise on the memo line of your check. Write "pledge" on the memo line of your check. If you want your entire contribution to go to Wizard's Wardrobe, write "all to Wizard's Wardrobe" on the memo line.

Your gift helps a child turn the page toward a brighter future. Learn more at wizardswardrobe.org or ask volunteers Lee or Heidi Newberg. You can also change a child's story by becoming a volunteer tutor. To learn how, visit wizardswardrobe.org/training-schedule. The next tutor training sessions are September 19 and 26 (Saturdays), or October 12 and 23 (Monday and Friday).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

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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