

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

Programs for Children and Youth **today, 10/11**

Childcare (Nursery/Toddler) opens at 9:45 upstairs. If you are not sure where to go, the welcomers in the lobby can help.

A combined age group for preschool-Grade 12 will begin upstairs in Room 24-25 after the story in service.

If you are new or visiting, and your child isn't registered, please accompany them to their room to sign them in. If you aren't sure where to go, the welcomer in the lobby can help.

Groups run until 11:15, at which time parents and guardians pick up their children and youth up to and including 6th grade. Older youth are released on their own.

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

Worship Theme for October: Courage

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Rev. Ann Kadlecsek & Rev. Sarah Richards, Interim Co-Ministers
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A New and Unsettling Force

Rev. Joe Paparone
Dick Dana,
Worship Associate

Albany Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:00 AM

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Gathering Music

Chris Whittaker, Musician

Cuando el Pobre/When the Poor Ones

by Jose Antonio Oliver, inspired by Gustavo Gutiérrez

Announcements

Dick Dana, Worship Associate

Ringling of the Chime

Welcome

Dick Dana

Congregational Greeting

Opening Song *Bright Morning Stars* by Matt Meyer

Call to Community

Rev. Joe Paparone

Chalice Lighting

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.

Music *Do Not Be Daunted* by Lynn Harrison

Story

Rev. Joe Paparone

The Squirrel and the Nuts adapted from "Utile Dulci"

Singing the Children Out As You Leave This Friendly Place

Joys and Sorrows

Frank Traynor

Sung Response #123 *Spirit of Life*

Reading

Rev. Joe Paparone

excerpt from *A Time to Break Silence* by MLK

Sermon *A New and Unsettling Force*

Rev. Joe Paparone

Music *We Will Not Stop Singing* by Abigail & Lily Chapin

Offering

Dick Dana

Offertory

Chris Whittaker

Eyes on the Prize African American spiritual,
words by Alice Wine

Closing Song *Take the Fire* by Ron Parks

Benediction & 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.*

Thank you to musicians Chris Whittaker & Cathy DeMille

Flowers are given by Debbie Brown.

~ *To celebrate Fall and the changing seasons.* ~

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 the Underground Railroad Education Center in October

This month, Albany UU will share half of the collection plate with the Underground Railroad Education Center, dedicated to researching and preserving the history of this first civil rights movement and its relationship with us today. The Center maintains the historic Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence, a headquarters for Underground Railroad activity in the Capital Region in the mid 1850's.

The Underground Railroad Education Center offers tours and programs for adults and youth, including the Young Abolitionist Leadership Institute Summer Program. With relevant programming, affiliations and collaborations, the Center has become a significant community anchor for Arbor Hill, an Albany neighborhood impacted by the legacy of the institution of slavery, redlining, disinvestment and urban renewal.



Your contribution made by cash, text, online or check made out to Albany UU will be split between Albany UU and the Center, unless you tell us otherwise. If you want your entire contribution to go towards your annual pledge, write "pledge" on the memo line of your check. If you want your entire contribution to go to the Underground Railroad Education Center, write "all to UREC on the memo line."

Learn more about them at undergroundrailroadhistory.org.

Announcements for Sunday, October 11:

From Rev. Sarah:

Update on our Washington Ave entrance: the exterior panes of glass on our main doors were broken earlier this week. The interior panes are intact, but the entrance will remain closed for safety reasons until repairs are completed, which are planned for the week of October 19. Please continue to use the West St. entrance and avoid using those doors until they are repaired.

From The Administrator:

The Albany UU office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, October 12 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

From the Ministerial Search Committee:

Ministerial Search Committee – Update: The Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has completed two big milestone activities to gather congregational feedback for our search. A big thank you to 147 individuals who completed the MSC survey. Likewise, to the 50+ people who attended the 10/2 MSC potluck and focus group conversations. We had a great cross-section of the congregation for both – and your feedback will be incredibly helpful in guiding the search. Summarized results will be available soon.

From the Green Sanctuary Team:

The Green Sanctuary Team is co-hosting a meeting with the Albany Responsible Development Coalition on October 19 at 7:00 in Community Hall about the development proposal for the former Doane Stuart School site. The Green Sanctuary Team has been doing research on the proposal and is concerned about the impact of the development on the surrounding neighborhood, the overall environmental impact, and the general impact of AI.