



# Albany United Methodist Church

*“Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord”!*

*April 2022*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

*The Lord said to Moses, “Phineas, son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites...so that I did not put an end to them.”*

*Numbers 25:10-11.*

The name of Phineas is not a name that any of us remember. Some may recall a character by that name in “Phineas and Ferb” but we are pretty certain that this is a different person. We may even recall that when Julia Roberts had twins, she named one of them Phineas, but that about ends any recollection of this name.

This is a shame because Phineas is a person of whom we should greatly admire. It is noteworthy that he did such marvelous work.

If you recall during the Exodus, the people were whining and complaining about everything. Even Moses and Aaron could not get the people to stop their self-destructive ways. Somehow, this person Phineas, of whom we know very little, rose to the occasion, and presented stability to an out-of-control group. His stability changed the fortune of an entire nation. He is also mentioned by King David in Psalm 106:28-31 as the one who “intervened and the plague was checked.”

As we reflect upon our world [today](#), we see the need for many such Phineas’ to step forward and provide the stability to bring their setting back into control. Whether it is the war raging out of control in the Ukraine, hunger due to food being hoarded by people seeking bribery, or just the normal things that sometimes brings a family into self-destructive actions, the solution comes when God raises Phineas’ to step forward.

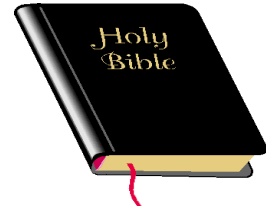
This is where we need to come in. From time to time, when we see situations getting out of control, people seek such a person. How can God you be a Phineas in your world?

Blessings,

Pastor Tom



# Albany UMC Education News



## Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes for those Age 3 - Adult continue to meet every Sunday morning 8:45-9:45 a.m. We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and the Worship Services at 8:00 and/or 10:00 a.m.

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## Masks Update

Mask-wearing is optional during Sunday School and Youth activities. Since our youngest learners are not yet eligible for vaccinations, please consider wearing a mask to help protect them.

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## Sunday School Elementary - Singing April 10<sup>th</sup>

The children will be singing during the 10:00 Worship Service on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us as we share the joy of their singing!



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## Confirmation



Confirmation Sunday for the eligible youth is scheduled for **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Confirmation activities continue the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Fairy Elmer (608) 882-6897, Pastor Moe (608) 449-6510 or the church office (608) 862-3206.

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## Vacation Bible School - August 28<sup>th</sup>

We are already making plans for a great VBS! Please be praying about how you can help and be a blessing to others. Note the change of date.

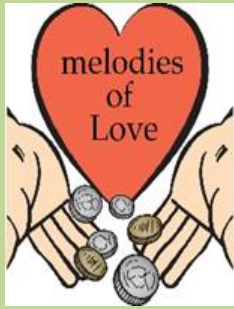


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## Looking Ahead to Sunday School 2022-23

We are blessed with a great group of people who have volunteered to lead or assist with Sunday School classes. If you would like to join us as a teacher, co-teacher or assistant, contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com). We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fun!

Contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) to share your thoughts and ideas for educational programming.



### **April Melodies of Love: 2023 High School Mission's Trip**

Melodies of Love for April is the 2023 High School Mission Trip. The high school students take a Mission Trip every two years. This is a great opportunity for our youth to learn about serving others and serving our Lord.



### **Dan Holmes to Sing at AUMC**

**Come and join us on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the 8 and 10am services to share in Worship lead by Dan Holmes through his music. Dan has been a good friend to us, and it is great having him back. Come and join us for some great music and fellowship.**



### **Senior Choir Easter Cantata**

**Come and join us on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> when the Albany UMC Senior Choir directed by Terrie Blumer will be performing the Easter Cantata "Beautiful Christ". Come and celebrate that Christ has Risen through this beautiful performance.**



We will be having a rummage sale again this year to raise funds for next year's high school mission trip. We will be accepting donations [April 30th](#) from 1-3, [May 1](#) from 11-1, and other times by appointment. The sale itself is tentatively scheduled for [May 28](#) and [29](#) and [June 4](#) and [5](#). Contact Wesley if you have questions or would like to be involved.



When the county saw a resurgence in the number of Covid cases, the start date to host Family Promise was put back to [May 1st](#). That is just around the corner. We need assistance with the following:

For each of the days, we need 2 people each shift for the following:

5-8 pm provide dinner and stay as hosts

8 pm - 7 am Stay overnight - cots and bedding are provided.

Dates - [Sunday May 1st](#) - [Saturday May 7th](#)

We need people to set up on [Sunday](#) right after church in the 1st and tear down before [Sunday](#) School in the 7th. We need someone willing to wash the bedding. If you have volunteered for these opportunities in the past and are willing to serve again, please let me know.

Please contact Fairy Elmer if you can help at 608-843-6519 or [fairyelmer@gmail.com](mailto:fairyelmer@gmail.com)



### High School Volunteer Day!

The Senior High youth group will be having a volunteer day on [Saturday April 16th](#). Time and details to come. If you would like more information, contact Eric Varner or Ann Trow.



# April 2022 Calendar

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Confirmation 6pm Lent ser. 6pm Choir 7pm		1	2
3 8 & 10am Worship All Sunday School Classes 8:45am Live on Facebook & YouTube Senior Choir Sings	4	5	6 Lent ser. 6pm Choir 7pm	7	8	9 <b>Quilting group 9 to 11:30am</b>
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8 & 10am Worship All Sunday school classes 8:45 Sunday School Kids sing Live on Facebook & YouTube Youth Group Event- TBD	11		13 Confirmation 6pm Choir 7pm	14	15 <b>Good Friday service 6pm</b>	16 <b>Senior High Youth Group Volunteer Day!</b>
17 <b>Easter</b> 8 & 10am Worship Senior Choir Cantata Live on Facebook & YouTube	18 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	19	20 Choir 7pm	21	22	23
24 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school classes 8:45 Live on Facebook & YouTube	25	26	27 Choir 7pm	28	29	30

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI

**Newsletter deadline April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Please have your articles in by the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Church office open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8am to Noon.  
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