



# Albany United Methodist Church

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

*April 2023*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of the Lord was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1&2*

I cannot mention the times that I have started my day in chaos. Perhaps it was because of a late start. Perhaps it was because of sudden changes of which I had no preparation. Perhaps it was because life tends to always present us with chaos. How we get there doesn't matter. What matters is that the chaos doesn't multiply and define the entire day.

If you are like me and notice that chaos seems to be a chronic companion, you too, may come to find meaning in the Creation account. Chaos seems to naturally occur. Sometimes, like a car starts to lose tune from the second after you tune it, life seems to fall apart the very second after you finish getting things in order.

The Creation passage reminds us that God is always the greatest solution to chaos. Not even a universe full of chaos overwhelms God. With that in mind, how difficult can it be to let God bring order into something as simple as our [today](#)? We simply allow God to “hover over our chaos,” and see what God can do. There is no better way to start your day.

Pastor Tom

**ALBANY UMC**  
**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!**  
**SUNDAYS 8:45 – 9:45 A.M.**

**We invite you to join us!**



Our Sunday School children will be singing during the 10:00 Worship Service on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>! Dan Holmes, a gifted musician, will also be with us presenting God's message through songs. Plan to join us for a great time of singing and fellowship!

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**Middle and High School** students meet every Sunday morning. Contact the Youth Leaders or the Church Office for more information.

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Our **Adult Sunday School** class continues to study the Epistle of John. Thank you to the leaders, Diana Kittelson and Darrell Clark. Come at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and you will enjoy great time of learning with friends!

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## "Holy Week Walk"

On Easter Sunday, our children and youth will be presenting various scenes/activities in Jesus' life around the time of His death and resurrection.

You are invited to take a few moments and walk the hallway of our Education area while you thoughtfully consider what Holy Week means to each of us in today's world.

This activity will be available to everyone from **9:30-9:50 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage you and your family to join us!



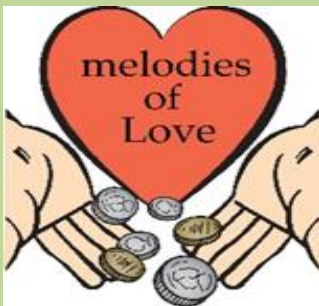


## Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be April 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 9:30 am. All men are invited. Come and enjoy some fellowship and delicious breakfast made by our AUMC women. Hope to see you there!



Senior High youth group will meet April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the afternoons: one day for service activity and one day for fun! Hope you all can attend! Note: this is a change from the original calendar.



April Melodies of Love: AUMC Senior High Youth 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.

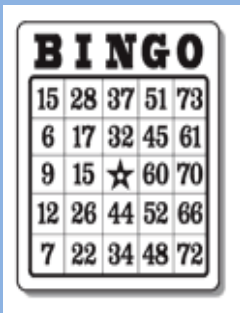


QUILTING GROUP

**Linus Project Reminder April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am.  
Come and join us and learn to quilt.**



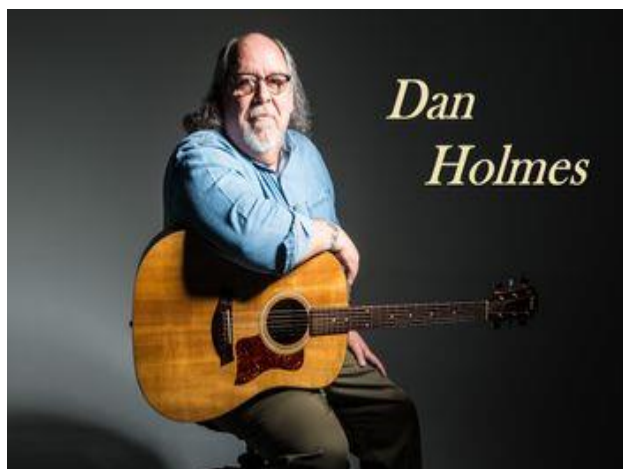
## Come Join Us For BINGO!!!



Come and join us on **April 16th** from **2 to 4pm** in the Fellowship Hall at the Albany United Methodist Church for our last Bingo Afternoon. We have had a great time and prizes have ranged from Candy Bars to Girl Scout Cookies to fresh ground beef and brats. **All profits are going to the Youth Mission Trip. Come and join us!!**

\$1 a card  
11 cards for \$10  
and 20 cards for \$15

Prizes include an assortment of:  
candy bars, granola bars, mints  
the grand prize will be a \$20  
Kwik Trip Gas Card.



### Dan Holmes April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 & 10 am services

Don't forget to join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Palm Sunday) as we welcome back our good friend Dan Holmes. Dan will be leading both the 8am and 10am Worship services. Bring friends and share in a time of fellowship and great music. See you then.



### Albany UMC Wants to Help!

Albany United Methodist Church is donating \$500 towards hamburger to go to the Kentucky Food pantries. This area has been devastated by weather disasters and have received little help from FEMA. They are in desperate need of food and supplies. This money being used is money that has been sitting in our Food Pantry account. As you know our food pantry has been closed for a few years because of lack of use. A big Thank You to the Dick and Sheri Boss family (Bosses Meats). They have agreed to match our donation with another \$500 donation of hamburger. The Hofstetter's will be taking this meat down to Kentucky in the next month.

# Reminders



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Starting in April postcards along with emails will be sent out as reminders for those who are scheduled to usher, Liturgist, and computer for the upcoming Sunday. They will be sent out on Mondays. So, you will receive the email hopefully right away and hopefully you will receive the postcards before the end of the week. There is no longer promised 3-day delivery for 1<sup>st</sup> class mail. Hopefully mailing out postcards will help incase emails don't go through, or they go into spam or junk mail and are missed. I have been told by several people that emails sent from the church computer show up in their Spam.

Sometimes it's easier to have something to stick on the refrigerator to remind us of what's coming up. Hopefully this will help take away any surprises on Sunday when you walk into church and see you are scheduled as one of the days volunteers and didn't receive the email. Thank you all so much for volunteering to help in these areas. You are very much appreciated, and we can't do it without your help. We have a very short list of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering as an usher, Liturgist or computer please contact the church office at 608-862-3206 or email the church at [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net). Thank You

## Pancreatic Cancer

Join your friends and neighbors at an  
**AFTERNOON of HOPE**  
Sunday, April 16, 2023  
18 & 8<sup>th</sup>  
1802 8<sup>th</sup> St., Monroe, WI  
3-4:40pm

Nobody fights alone



## Volunteer Schedule

### Liturgist

#### April

2 NO Liturgist needed  
9 Dean Houlberg  
16 Wesley Isenhardt  
23 Ann Trow  
30 Terrie Blumer

#### May

7 Fairy Elmer  
14 David King  
21 Diem Briggs  
28 Leigh Whitehead

### Ushers

#### April

2 Reegan Schmidt/Sharon Pryce  
9 Brian & Teresa Brugger  
16 Fairy & Emily Elmer  
23 Eric & Katie Brugger  
30 Jena & Bruce McIntosh

#### May

7 Russ Whitehead/Abe Runaas  
14 Bill & Cindy Alderman  
21 Margaret Kauk/Teresa Brugger  
28 Todd & Diana Kittelson

### Communion Schedule

April – No Communion Stewards needed

### April Computer Schedule 10am Service

2 Teresa Brugger/Anna Brugger  
9 Confirmation Students  
16 Teresa Brugger/Jena McIntosh  
23 Confirmation Students  
30 Teresa Brugger/Terrie Blumer

Please make sure you check where you are volunteering. Some of the names may have been changed for the date you were listed.

If you are unable to do your designated Sunday, please contact the church office.  
608-862-3206

We are in **GREAT NEED** of Ushers & Liturgist. We have a very small list of Ushers and Liturgists. They are very easy position to do. The more we have the less you will be scheduled. Our offerings are a great part of our church, but volunteers are also. Please consider volunteering in one of these positions. If you are interested call the church office at 608-862-3206.



# April 2023

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> 8 & 10am Worship with <b>Dan Holmes</b> Sunday School all ages 8:45am <b>Sunday School sings</b> <b>10am</b> Youth Group meets Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	3	4	5 Choir 7 pm Confirmation 6 pm	6	7	8 <b>Linus</b> <b>Project</b> <b>8:30am –</b> <b>11:30am</b>
<b>9 Easter</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am <b>Holy Week Walk 9:30-</b> <b>9:50</b> Everyone's invited Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	10	11	12 Choir 7 pm	13	14	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
<b>16</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Sr Choir Sings 10am <b>Bingo 2 to 4pm AUMC</b> Youth Group Activity Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	17	18	19 Choir 7 pm Confirmation 6 pm	20	21	22
<b>23</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Youth group meets	24	25	26 Choir 7 pm	27	28	29
<b>30</b> 8 & 10 am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45 am Live on Facebook and You Tube (AUMC WI)						

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI  
 Newsletter deadline April 19th.

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## UMC Church Staff

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YouTube link for live service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7yuO5HSfexjeZxo6iP1XA>