



# Albany United Methodist Church

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

*August 2022*

## *The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

Those of us who have been involved in our country for several decades can remember a time when things were far less polarized. There was a time when there was little transition needed as leadership positions change political parties. As you know, that era has long left us. Now, you clearly know to which party each leader is aligned.

Unfortunately, the same polarizations seem to be impacting the church. Years ago most churches were open to people of any political persuasion. Sadly, many are trying to impose a specific political affiliation upon churches. I have not seen where limiting political scope in a church has ever been helpful in reaching out to a full community.

I share with you the example of Our Lord who, when selecting 12 disciples, included both Matthew the Roman Tax Collector and also Simon the Zealot, the political extremist who thought Roman Tax Collectors should be killed. Many have wondered how Jesus was able to find harmony with these two working together. The answer appears in how little Jesus got involved in political issues but, instead, had the 12 focus on caring for people as the New Covenant was about to take hold.

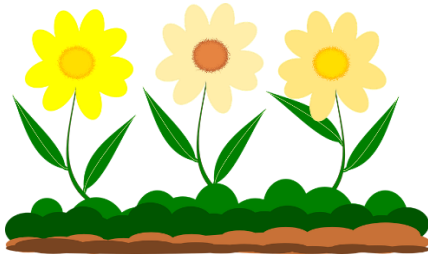
In an era when many try to portray God as only on their political order, we need to realize that our example is found in the precedent set by Jesus. While Jesus indicated displeasure in political injustice, he also saw no political party equal to the Kingdom of God. Throughout history, a church that loses this perspective is a church that has loses its focus.

Perhaps no recent American has stated this as well as did Abraham Lincoln when confronted with which side of the ongoing war could claim to have God on its side. He stated, “Both may be and one must be wrong. God can not be for and against the same thing at the same time.”

In the case of the Disciples, it is likely that God was neither on the side of the Zealots or the Roman Empire. In the case of the Civil War, it is likely that God was neither on the side of the North or the South. Is it possible that the same can be true of our conflicts [today](#)?

May I suggest that we continue to welcome people of all political perspectives. We can do so and still have great harmony so long as we keep our focus on the Kingdom of God

Pastor Tom



**Albany UMC Parade Float  
August 21<sup>st</sup>  
"Come and Grow With Us"**

We plan to have an Albany UMC float in the Albany Community Parade on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Would you help bring our ideas into reality? We hope you will join us to assemble the float after the Worship Service on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We also need people of all ages to walk with us to distribute materials. Please contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) if you can join us!

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**Vacation Bible School - August 28<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Everyone age 3 - Grade 5 is welcome!**

You and your friends will want to be a part of our exciting Vacation Bible School! It will be a great time of learning and it will be lots of fun! To register: call (608) 862-3206 or email: [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net). A registration form will also be included with the newsletter.



Please consider how you can be a blessing to others. Contact Sevet at [sevet2005@msn.com](mailto:sevet2005@msn.com) to let her know your availability to help and your interests.

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**Summer Adult Sunday School Class**

Our Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet during the summer at 8:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, prior to the 9:00 Morning Worship Service. Thank you to Darrell and Eunice Clark, Diana and Todd Kittelson and the students for continuing this ministry during the summer!

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**Looking Ahead to Sunday School 2022-23**

Being a teacher, co-teacher, assistant Sunday School Class leader or a substitute leader is a great way to be a blessing to others in your church and community. We are encouraging co-teaching classes so that the teaching responsibilities are shared. Please consider joining our team! Contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) with your ideas and comments. We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fun!

Sunday School (Age 3 - Adult) will begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 8:45-9:45 a.m. Please plan to attend and invite your friends!!

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



**Albany United Methodist Church**  
500 Park Street, Albany, WI 53502

## **Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00–3:30 p.m.**

All children ages 3 – Grade 5 are welcome!

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Please pre-register your child(ren) by completing the following registration form and mailing it to the above address, emailing the information to [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net) or calling (608) 862-3206. Registrations are helpful if received by **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you!

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School, Fall 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies or medical conditions of which we need to be aware:

Emergency Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

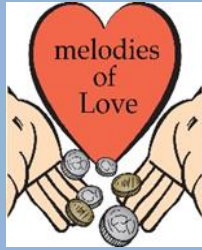
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in Vacation Bible School Activities at Albany United Methodist Church.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not want your child to be included in photos, please contact the church office at (608) 862-3206.



### **August Melodies of Love: Green Cares Food Pantry**

Green Cares Food Pantry has been a welcoming place for the hungry from all over Green County for almost 10 years. Located in Monticello, the pantry supports all those in the county in need. Green Cares Food Pantry is supported exclusively by volunteers and there are no paid staffers. Located at: W5198 Cnty Rd. C, Monticello. Hours are: Closed Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Opened on Tuesday 4pm to 7pm, Thursday 9am to Noon and Saturday 8am to 11:30am.

Website: <http://greencarefoodpantry.weebly.com/>

Email: [greencares@tds.net](mailto:greencares@tds.net) and phone number: 608-938-4238.



Just a note to remind everyone that Senior Choir will start Sept 7. We would love to Have more voices. Please contact Terrie Blumer (608)558- 8685 if you are interested in joining the choir. Blessings, Terrie Blumer



**Food  
And  
Beverages  
for sale**

Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos,  
Cotton Candy, Snow cones,  
water & Soda

**Albany Riverfest  
August 20, 2022  
Time: 11:00 to 3:00pm**



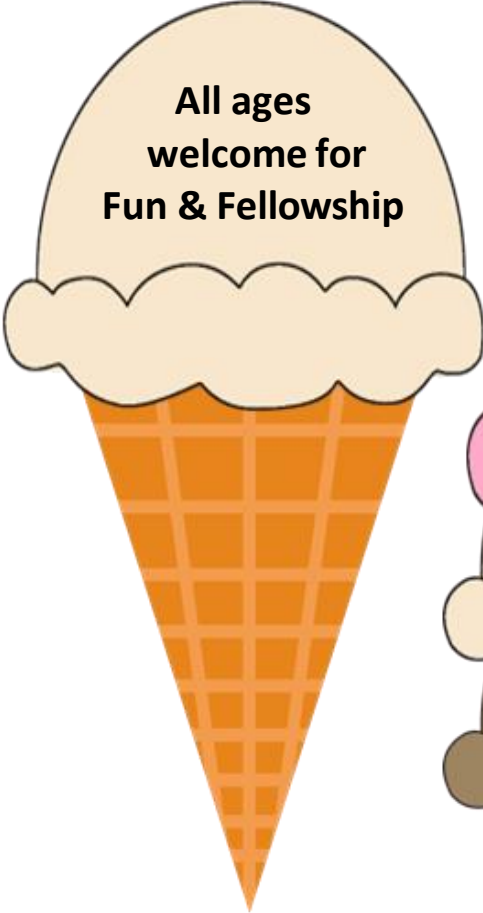
**There will be  
Games and a  
Petting Zoo**

Game tickets  
50¢ each or  
12 for \$5


**All proceeds from food, beverages and games and will go towards Albany UMC Sunday School and Youth. Come and join us for a great time!!!**

Come and Enjoy

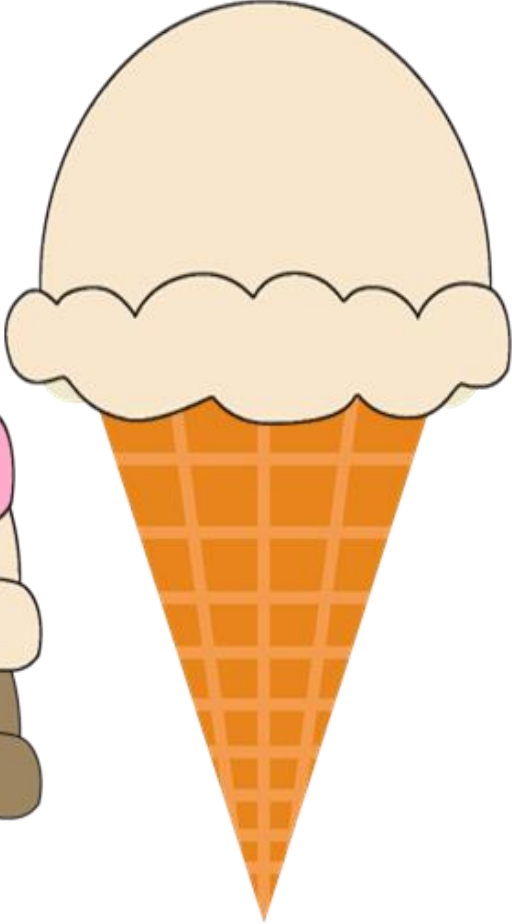
# Albany United Methodist Ice Cream Social



All ages  
welcome for  
Fun & Fellowship



Wednesday  
August 3rd  
4:30 – 7:00



**Menu:**  
BBQ Beef Hot-dog  
Potato Salad  
Cheesy Potatoes  
Chips  
Baked Beans  
Dessert  
Milk, Coffee, and Lemonade

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Prices a la Carte





## Honoring Veterans

Our Church seasonal decorator Margaret Kauk has come up with a great idea for a way to decorate the church and honor our veterans. In the months of September and October she is asking anyone who has a framed picture of a family member or friend that has been or is in the service (preferably a 4x5 or 5x7 picture size if possible) bring their pictures into church and they will be displayed in November which is the month Veterans Day falls in. November 11<sup>th</sup> is the exact day, but these pictures will be displayed through the month of November, and you can pick them up at the end of the month. This would be a wonderful way to honor our past and present veterans. To see their faces and appreciate the sacrifices they made to protect us and our country. You can drop your pictures off at the church office either M-W-F from 8 until Noon or on Sunday before or after service. Thank you, Margaret, for such a great idea.



Monroe Moose Lodge 754 - Woman's Auxiliary 599  
639 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Monroe, WI 53566

Moose Lodge Benefit  
Breakfast  
For



Sunday August 7, 2022

8 AM - 12 PM

Adults: \$9

Children: \$5

(Children 5 & under eat free)

*Proceeds help to provide critical services  
for at risk and homeless families in Green  
County.*

**“Join us for a Buffet  
Style Breakfast”**



GIVE  
BLOOD  
**GIVE LIFE**

# Albany Community Blood Drive

Lions Building  
402 Cincinnati Street

**Thursday, August 25, 2022**  
**12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**



For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter Sponsor code: Albany WI

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.

Come give in August and get a \$10 e-gift card to your choice of merchants. PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value! You could be one of three lucky winners. Destination: Donation! Terms apply, see [rcblood.org/fuel](https://rcblood.org/fuel)



1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

# Volunteer Schedule

## Liturgist

### August

- 7 Terrie Blumer
- 14 Ann Trow
- 21 Leigh Whitehead
- 28 Dean Houlberg

### September

- 4 Sharon Pryce
- 11 Darrell Clark
- 18 Jena McIntosh
- 25 Wesley Isenhardt

## Ushers

### August

- 7 Margaret Kauk/Teresa Brugger
- 14 Keith Blumer/Darrell Clark
- 21 Brian and Teresa Brugger
- 28 Fairy and Emily Elmer

### September

- 4 Teresa Brugger/Barb Briggs
- 11 Barb Briggs/Ann Trow
- 18 Russ & Leigh Whitehead
- 25 Fairy & Emily Elmer

## Communion Schedule

Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August

## August Computer Schedule 9am Service

- 7 Alex and Kaydie Shrader
- 14 Brandi Grazioso/Teresa Brugger
- 21 Teresa Brugger/Deb Houlberg
- 28 Brandi Grazioso/ Terrie Blumer

Please Check the dates. Names may have been changed since last posted.

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

We need More **volunteers** for Liturgist, Ushering, YouTube, and PowerPoint. These things are not hard to do. There will always be someone there to help if you have questions. We really don't want to burn the few volunteers we have out to the point where we have no volunteers. The church doesn't only run-on monetary contributions but also on giving of your time. Please consider helping in these areas.

Also, if any of the confirmands and High School would like to be added to the volunteer list, please contact the church office. You would only be scheduled once every other month.





# August 2022 Calendar

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7</b> 9am Worship 8:00 Adult Bible Class  Live on Facebook & YouTube	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 9am Worship with Communion 8:00 Adult Bible Class <b>Ad Council mtg 10am</b>  Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>15</b> <b>Nominations</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>mtg. 5:45pm</b>	16	17	18	<b>19</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	20
<b>21</b> 9am Worship 8:00 Adult Bible Class  Live on Facebook & YouTube	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 9am Worship 8:00 Adult Bible Class  Live on Facebook & YouTube	29	30	31			

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI  
**Newsletter deadline August 18**

**Albany United Methodist Church**  
**500 S. Park St.**  
**Albany WI 53502**

## UMC Church Staff

Pastor:  
Tom Moe

Office Manager: Teresa Brugger

Office Hours M- W- F

8:00am-12:00pm

Office phone # 862-3206

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Administrative Council Chair:

Phyllis Runaas

Financial Secretary:

Dave Gavin

Treasurer:

Sharon Pryce

Lay Leader: Mandy Jones

Custodians: Calvin & Barb Crall



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Visit our Website [www.albanyumchurch.com](http://www.albanyumchurch.com)

or YouTube link for live service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7yuO5HSfexjieZxo6iP1XA>

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