

Albany United Methodist Church

“Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord”!

February 2020

The Methodist Message

If you are like all of us, you want to start your mornings with a devotional and prayer time. However, most of us discover that the morning rush never seems to allow for that. Also, your mind doesn't know what to focus upon. That is why I find our resources available to be helpful. For years, I have found devotionals such as our Upper Room to give a structured way to start a morning.

My son, in Afghanistan, has added a new way to start a hectic morning. He is often woken early and has to immediately respond to issues away from his quarters. Quite often breakfast and daily preparations must be postponed. Access to devotional books simply is not an option. He reports that he and a number of his soldiers are using the phone app, “You Version” of the Bible. What he likes is that the app will send a devotional verse to his phone every morning, giving him access to a Bible verse that he can have as soon as there is a break. You Version is an easy app. You simply google the name and you will be given the option of installing it to your phone. For those who are struggling to find time in the morning for devotional work, a selected Bible verse can be read and pondered in less than a minute. It makes for a great start to your day no matter the setting.

Speaking of technology, if you are not aware, technology is used by many of us in our local church. We are communicating for meetings, prayer requests, and announcements through electronic communications. Many are continually finding that giving to the church is much easier when done electronically. If you are interested, please let us know if we can help you set that up.

As we know, technology is not without its problems. For some reason, our Constant Contact software seems to lose connections to individuals. We apologize if this happens to you. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing when this happens. A simple test is if you are not getting emails or the scheduled monthly calendar, please let us know so that we can reconnect with you.

Have a heart warmed February,

Pastor Tom

If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the week's bulletin in advance of the Sunday service, please let Teresa in the office know. She can be reached by email: albanyumc@tds.net or phone: 608-862-3206. Thank you.

Glutens Should Not Limit Your Communion

We are hearing more and more about individuals who struggle with allergies and glutes. This is of concern to us because more communion bread is loaded with glutes. With that in mind, we have developed the procedures to provide gluten free communion wafers. Yes, they are a bit limited on flavor, but those of you who have gotten sick off regular bread will appreciate the new wafers.

To implement this, it would be of utmost help if you would let us know of your need before church starts. We can accommodate everyone but would do well if we know where to find you with our separate tray.

Contact the church office if interested.



Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Feb. 15th at 8:30 am.
You don't have to be a Member To attend. All Men are invited.

Thank You Blood Drive Volunteers



A Big Thank You to all those who made cookies and bars, who helped with the Donor Area, Canteen Area and Check in Area and Clean Up. You are a great group of people and your help was very much appreciated. We couldn't of did it without you. Our Church is so blessed to have such caring and giving people in it. The goal was 40 units and we received 41. Thank you again.



2020 Melodies of Love

- February – Albany Housing Authority
- March – Justice For a Cure
- April – High School Mission Trip
- May – Family Promise
- June – St. Jude's
- July – Albany PTO
- August – Albany Community Center
- September – Nami (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- November – Shop with a Cop
- December – Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Green County



OFFERING ENVELOPES AND STATEMENTS

There are still a few envelopes and offering statements that need to be picked up on the table in the Narthex.

If you if you would like to have envelopes or have any questions about your statements, please contact Dave Gavin davegav53502@gmail.com or the church office 862-3206 or albanyumc@tds.net. Office hours are M-W-F, 8am to Noon.



FAMILY PROMISE 2020 SCHEDULE consider for Volunteering for Family Promise. Albany's UMC 2020 Weeks of Service:

- February 16th-
- May 17th
- August 16th
- November 1st

If you would like to get on the email list or have more questions, please email: Fairy Elmer at: fselmer@aol.com



Winter Blah's

Does the winter give you the blah's? Why not send a note of cheer to someone who would appreciate it? You might feel a bit better, too. Here are some addresses:

Bob Gressman Albany Oaks 750 Carolan Drive Albany, WI 53502

Eric Moe TF 370.1/BDOC QB Fenty APO A# 09323

Pauline Olson Woods Crossing E401 23rd St Brodhead, WI 53520

Ed Trow N2518 Hwy. 104 Evansville, WI 53536

Mary Tway 104 W. Main Street Albany WI 53502

Reece M. Whitehead SPMAGTF 2/7 D1 Unit 89041 FPO AP 96610 Al jabber

Eileene Zurfluh Albany Oaks 750 Carolan Drive Albany, WI 53502



**Energy Services, Inc,
Energy assistance program for Green County**

Energy Services, Inc are currently overseeing the Energy assistance program for Green County. Their goal is to get the program's information out to Green County residents, especially targeting families, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and the elderly. They are trying to make as many contacts within Green County so they can get information out to as many people as possible. They know some families are struggling financially at this time. With the help of the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), some stresses related to energy usage may be alleviated.

Considering that they have common objectives in terms of serving Green County residents, they would love to be able to share information with in hopes that you may be able to pass it along to people in Green County. You can refer individuals to them. Any help in terms of visibility for the energy assistance program would be greatly appreciated. For more information there is a brochure on the bulletin board in the Narthex and several on the table in the Narthex.

Lenten & Easter Schedule

February 26th at 6:00pm Ash Wednesday service

March 4th at 6:00pm Lenten Service at Hill Top Community Church

March 11th at 6:00pm Lenten Service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church

March 18th at 6:00pm Lenten Service at Albany UMC

March 25th at 6:00pm Lenten Service at Hill Top Community Church

April 1st at 6:00pm Lenten Service at St. Patrick's Catholic church

April 9th at 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 12th Easter Sunday Services 8:00 & 10:00 am Easter Cantata



Selfcare Yoga Class

Albany United Methodist Church

500 S. Park St.

Albany, WI

February 10th at 6:00pm

Hosted by: Green County Sexual Assault
Recovery Program

Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or a beach towel. A limited supply will be available. This is Free to the Public.

Crisis Line:899-666-4576



Youth Group Calendar

Feb. 2nd – Games at Church

Feb. 16th – Volleyball at school 11:30am

March 1st – Chili Luncheon 11:00am

- Family Promise – 5:30pm

March 15th – Mini Golf

April 5th – Deliver Easter baskets 11:00am

April 19th – Yard Clean Up 11:00am

May 3rd – No Youth Group because of Prom

May 17th – AMAZING RACE!!!



"Design"

New
Offering
Envelopes



The Albany UMC is reaching out to our church family to help us design new church offering envelopes. Anyone can submit an entry, youth or adults. The envelope will be picked by the Ad Council at the March meeting.

Here's a few guidelines to follow: The envelopes are 3x6 1/4 inches, included in the drawing you need the following info: Albany United Methodist Church, Albany Wisconsin, Weekly tithe and Offering and an area for the date and number. They can be done in pencil, markers or whatever you choose to use. If you need an old envelope to go by there will be some extras on the table for you to take home and look at. Drawings should be submitted to Albanyumc@tds.net. No later than Friday, March 6th. We are looking forward to seeing your creative designs.

From the Church Secretary:  

I would like to thank everyone who has kept my daughter Kala in their prayers during her fight with cancer. It is a parent's worst nightmare to know their child is sick. We feel the worst is over and we would like everyone to know she is doing well. They feel very confident that the cancer has been eliminated. She will still be having cancer treatments until July. She will not be considered cancer free for 5 years. She still has a lot to go through, but the future looks very promising. **Please** keep all of our church friends and family members that are going through this battle in your prayers. Cancer is devastating not only to the patient but to their families. They all have long roads ahead but with so many new discoveries in treatments they are much more promising roads. Prayer works! Thank you from our heart for all your support. Teresa Brugger

SCHEDULE

++ **Please note there may have been changes made to the schedule** ++

February

Liturgist

2 David King
9 Doreen Guzman
16 Kathie Riemer
23 Eunice Clark

Ushers

2 Abe Runaas/Russ Whitehead
9 Dean & Debbie Houlberg
16 Ann Trow/Teresa Brugger
23 David & Janis King

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

2 Rory Babler
9 Sophie Houlberg
16 Matthew Ochalla
23?

March 2020

Liturgist

1 Hilary Bauman
8 Confirmation Student
15 Ann Trow
22 Davis Pryce
29 Janis King

Ushers

1 Darrell Clark
8 Confirmation Students
15 John & Angie Parr
22 Confirmation Students
29 Keith & Terrie Blumer

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

1 To be announced
8 ?
15 ?
22 ?
29 ?



Communion Stewards

February 2nd - Liz Briggs & Teresa Brugger
March 1st – Teresa Brugger

* If you cannot fulfill your scheduled day, please try to switch with someone and please let the office know. Thank you for your service for the Lord!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
2 Sunday S. – 8:45am 8 & 10am Worship With Communion Senior choir sings 11am Missions & Worship mtg together. 11am Finance mtg. Youth Group: Games here at Church	3	4	5 Food Pantry 4:30 to 6pm Confirmation/ Mentors 6:30 Choir – 7pm	6	7	8
9 Sunday School – 8:45am 8am & 10am Worship Grace Notes – 10am Ad Council mtg– 11am	10 Selfcare Yoga class – 6pm	11	12 Choir – 7pm	13	14	15 Men’s Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
16 Sunday School – 8:45am 8am & 10am Worship Senior Choir sings Finance mtg. 11am Youth Group: Volleyball at school 11:30am	17 Newsletter Items Due	18	19 Confirmation 6:30pm Choir – 7pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School – 8:45am 8am & 10am worship Stewardship Sunday – Special speaker both services	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday service 6pm Choir – 7pm	27	28	29

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