



# Albany United Methodist Church

*"Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord"!*

*February 2022*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

## **Heaven Is Like Baseball Hall Of Fame**

*"Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?" Then I will declare to them, "I never knew you, depart from me, you evil doers." Matthew 7:22-23*

We have just recently found out that a large number of baseball's most prolific players are denied recognition in the Hall of Fame, perhaps permanently. These players have amassed huge statistical career numbers in such areas as home runs, wins, and strike outs. As bitter as this news may be to these players and their fans, baseball Hall of Fame voters have made it clear: the Hall of Fame is for players who brought fame to the sport. Even if a player has the highest career statistical numbers of all the players, statistics alone will not get you into the Hall of Fame. As one voter stated, "The Hall is for people who brought fame to the game and not for those who only cared to bring fame to themselves."

If you can appreciate the values expressed by Baseball Hall of Fame, you can appreciate what Jesus was explaining in Matthew 7:22-23. It is possible for you to do great things in your eyes for God and still fall short of the Kingdom of God. This same message was expressed in Mark 12:41-44, as Jesus honored the Mite Offering of the Widow compared to the huge offerings provided by others who gave large amounts to honor themselves. The point of [today's](#) baseball voters is the same as spoken so long ago: Honor is gained by putting your life focus on things greater than yourself.

This is a great point of life reflection, especially for those who are about to graduate from their educational institution in the next six months or less. While people around you may be planning to be the first of their graduating class to make their million dollars or be the first CEO of the class of 2022, realize that you can do any of those things and yet still live a meaningless life. Most importantly, do not measure your life by the numbers that others may call, "successful." Life is never about bringing honor to yourself.

What do you think? What does this say about your life direction?

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

We want to provide a safe environment for all people at all activities of the Albany United Methodist Church. In Sunday School and Youth activities, we are depending upon all Sunday School students Pre-School thru High School to continue to wear masks. If they do not bring a mask, one can be provided. Sunday School Staff will also wear masks.



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### Confirmation



Confirmation activities are scheduled 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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### Albany United Methodist Church T-Shirts

Last year, t-shirts were given to Sunday School children and youth, our leaders, kitchen staff and others. If you have already received a t-shirt and a different size is needed this year or if you would like to order a t-shirt, contact Brandi Grazioso or the church office. A donation of \$10.00 would be appreciated.

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### Vacation Bible School

Yes, believe it or not, we are already making plans for a great VBS! Please be praying about how you can help and be a blessing to others.

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### Education Committee Meeting

A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in educational programs at our church is invited to be a part of this meeting. Contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) if you would like to join the meeting.

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





## COVID MESSAGE:

The Albany UMC is open to everyone if you are vaccinated or not. Masks and Social Distancing is preferred but not mandatory especially if you are at high risk. These decisions are yours to make. All we ask is that you consider others.

Here are the latest Covid Statistics for Green County and Wisconsin.

### Covid Update for Wisconsin

#### Cases overview

Last updated: Today

#### Green County

Total cases	Deaths
8,243	48
Up 66 from last update	48

#### Wisconsin

Total cases	Deaths
1.49M	12,155
1,490,000	

Vaccines are widely available.

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. Infected people have had a wide range of symptoms reported – from mild symptoms to severe illness.

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Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

Trouble breathing

Persistent pain or pressure in the chest

New confusion

Inability to wake or stay awake

Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone

## Volunteer Schedule

### Liturgist

#### February

6 Leigh Whitehead  
13 Ann Trow  
20 Sharon Pryce  
27 Wesley Isenhardt

#### March

6 Jena McIntosh  
13 Terrie Blumer  
20 Darrell Clark  
27 Dean Houlberg

### Ushers

#### February

6 Fairy & Emily  
13 Teresa Brugger  
20 Reegan & Ryker Schmidt  
27 Barb Briggs

#### March

6 Margaret Kauk  
13 Keith Blumer  
20 Russ Whitehead  
27 Debbie Houlberg

### Communion Schedule

February – No Communion Stewards needed

### February Computer Schedule 10am Service

6 Teresa Brugger/Brandi Grazioso  
13 Brandi Grazioso/Jena McIntosh  
20 Teresa Brugger/ Sharon Pryce  
27 Kaydie & Alex Shrader

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

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

**We are in a GREAT NEED of Ushers & Liturgist. The more we have the less you will be scheduled. Ushering is very simple; all you do is greet and hand out bulletins. Liturgist all you do is read call to worship, call to prayer and the scripture. Please consider helping in these areas. If you are interested call the church office at 608-862-3206.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Education Zoom mtg. 6:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 & 10am Worship All Sunday School Classes 8:45am Live on Facebook & YouTube Senior Choir Sings	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Choir 7pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> quilting group 9 to 12pm
<b>13</b> 8 & 10am Worship All Sunday school classes 8:45 Sunday School Kids sing Ad Council mtg 11am Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Choir 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8 & 10am Worship All Sunday school classes 8:45 Senior Choir sings Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>21</b> Newsletter Items Due	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Choir 7pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school classes 8:45 Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> March	<b>2</b> March Ash Wednesday Service 6pm			

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI  
**Newsletter deadline Feb. 21st.**

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

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## UMC Church Staff

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