



Albany United Methodist Church

“Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord”!

February 2023

The Methodist Message

Pastor Tom

There are many things that I don't understand. Some things are very mind filling such as found in the complex sciences. Some things are just perplexing such as why Paris Hilton ever became famous? It seems that the more effort I put into these topics the more I create new questions.

Of all the things that mystify me nothing seems as strange as the question, “Why don't more people put their hope in God early in life?” After all, we hear testimony after testimony of how those who trust in God find meaning and purpose in life, especially in difficult times. Why don't more of us realize sooner that life is so much easier, better, and more meaningful when we live in harmony with God?

As you look around any gathering of people you will see individuals longing to be part of something bigger than themselves. Perhaps you will see it in the clothes that they wear. People wear jerseys that help them identify with their favorite team. People wear jewelry that identifies with a cause or group. Their vehicles, food and beverage choices, the places that they live are just some of the ways in which they seek to be part of something greater than themselves.

My mystery remains. Why do we take so long to realize that the most meaningful group of which we can identify is being a child of the Creator of the Universe? It is a question I will never find answer. The best we can do us be the solution. Join us each week as we discover our solution to that question.

Pastor Tom



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

Have you seen how nice the sanctuary looks? The pencils are sharpened, and there are offering envelopes and Kleenex available in every pew! **Special "thanks" to our Elementary Sunday School classes!!** Our service project on January 22nd allowed the students to demonstrate how they can help take care of our church building. *We appreciate and applaud your service!*

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

Our **Adult Sunday School** class is beginning a new series studying 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 fellowship and learning!

Contact Karen Moe at moe.karen@yahoo.com to share your thoughts and ideas for educational programming.



Albany Community Blood Drive

A huge Thank You to all those who helped with the Community Blood Drive. Thank you to those who helped with their time, those who donated treats. Also Thank You to those who donated Blood. It is very much needed and appreciated.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be February 18th 8:30am to 9:30 am. **All men are invited. Come and enjoy some fellowship & delicious breakfast. Hope to see you there!**

Chili Day at Washinton Reformation Church, N6026 Church Rd. Monticello. Saturday, Feb. 4th, preorder 608-938-4550 or email captainbiology@hotmail.com Pint \$5, Quart \$10, and bucket \$25. Exact cash or check please. 9am to Noon pickup and delivery. Raffle tickets available. More info on the poster in the Narthex.



February Melodies of Love: Albany Housing Authority
 The Albany Housing Authority operates the Riverview Apartments which provide housing based on Tenet's income. In the past, MOL funds have been used to purchase recreational items to be shared by all residents.



**Linus Project Reminder February 11th from 8:30am to 11:30am.
 Come and join us and learn to quilt.**



**AUMC High School Sunday School & Youth Group
 Spring 2023 Schedule**

Jan 29- 8:45 am Sunday School

April 2- 8:45 am Sunday School

Feb 5- 8:45 am Sunday School

April 9-8:45 am Sunday School

Feb 12- 8:45 am Sunday School

April 16- 8:45 am Sunday School

Feb 12- Youth Group Activity

April 16- Youth Group Activity

Feb 19- 8:45 am Sunday School

April 23- 8:45 am Sunday School

Feb 26-8:45 am Sunday School

April 30- 8:45 am Sunday School

March 5- 8:45 am Sunday School

May 7- Sunday School canceled for Prom

March 12- 8:45 am Sunday School

May 14-8:45 am Sunday School

March 12- Youth Group Activity

May 21- 8:45 am Mission Trip Parent Meeting
 and Sunday School

March 19- 8:45 am Sunday School

May 21- Amazing Race Youth Group Activity

March 26- 8:45 am Sunday School

May 28- 8:45 am Sunday School



Senior High Youth Mission Trip Reminder

Money for the Senior High Youth Mission Trip was due in January. The permission forms will all be online only this year. At the second parent meeting on **Sunday May 21 at 8:45am** we will have the parents fill them out then. Checks were to be made payable to Albany United Methodist Church. The cost was \$250 for single student and \$350 for 2 students.



Ash Wednesday Service
 February 22, 2023
 6:30pm
 At Albany UMC

Lenten services haven't been determined at this time due to Pastor Tom's upcoming hip surgery.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Bingo Fundraisers

February 19th
 2 to 4pm
 At AUMC

All profits go to Youth Mission Trip

\$1 a card

11 cards for \$10

20 cards for \$15

Prizes include an assortment of candy bars, granola bars, mints & the grand prize will be a \$10 Kwik Trip card.

Union Church Winter Soup Fundraiser



Saturday, February 18th
 11 am to 2pm
 Juda Community Center

Drive-Thru Meal

Three Soup Choices"
 Chili w/Macaroni **OR** Chili w/Beans **OR** Chicken Soup

Plus, Brick Cheese Sandwich

Choice of Dessert:
 Texas Sheet Cake OR Cherry Cobbler

All for \$8.00!

Albany Lion's Club Pancake Day Feb. 11th 7am to Noon. Adults \$8, 12 to 5yrs \$3 and kids 4 and under Free. 402 N. Cincinnati Rd. Albany, WI

Finance Committee – 2022 Annual Report

Attached is our income statement and balance sheet for 2022 vs. 2021. The income statement shows that we had a surplus of \$2,547 vs. a loss of \$5,744 in 2021. Note that in 2021 we were paying our full apportionment to the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference totaling \$17,711, while we did not pay any of our apportionment in 2022. Had we paid our apportionment in 2022, we would have had a loss of approximately \$14,500 or about \$8,700 greater than 2021. Note that our donation envelopes, and direct tithing were \$7,000 more than last year and our expenses were \$6,000 less. We hope that our income will continue to improve in 2023 to allow us to pay some if not all of our apportionment. Remember that our Apportionment funds go to the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference to support our combined Methodist churches' mission work beyond our local community.

A comment about our balance sheet – Our equity is down about \$54,000 compared to 2021. Even though there may be a recession coming, the markets will eventually recover, and our equity should return to its prior level. We just don't know when.

Some other things to note: Church maintenance was \$1,200 more than in 2021 and office expense was \$2,000 higher. Also, 2021 was a youth mission year. So, both our unbudgeted designated income and corresponding expense were up. And we are now paying Pastor Tom as a full-time pastor rather than a $\frac{3}{4}$ time as in the past even though he has been devoting full-time to our church. Besides being fair, having Pastor Tom paid full time has made it much less likely that our Bishop would move him to another church that is seeking a full-time pastor.

In summary, we continue to need to improve our stewardship commitment to cover our increased expenses and to support the worldwide mission effort of our Conference. As believers, stewardship of our time, talents, and treasure demonstrates the importance we place on sharing with others what God has given us and invites us to grow in our relationship with God. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge or becoming a First Time Pledger so we can continue to achieve and expand the good work of the Albany UMC.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Submitted by Sam Keller. Finance Committee Chair
(608) 358-5155

Albany United Methodist Church
Income and Expense - 2022 vs. 2021

Category	2022	2021	Difference
Income			
A)ENVELOPES & DIRECT TITHING	120,828	113,799	7,028
C)SUNDAY SCHOOL	241	753	-512
D)INTEREST INCOME	118	310	-192
F)UNBUGETED INCOME	5,206	3,755	1,451
G)UNBUDGETED DESIGNATED	11,530	17,897	-6,367
DIVIDEND & MISC.	2048.79	1324.17	725
Total Revenue	139,971	137,838	2,133
Expenses			
BANK CHARGE	81	110	-29
A) APORTIONMENTS	0	17,711	-17,711
B) PASTOR	66,265	51,569	14,696
C)CUSTODIAN	7,075	6,350	725
D)SECRETARY	9,195	7,674	1,521
E)TAXES	769	3,102	-2,333
F)MAINTENANCE - CHURCH	23,063	21,801	1,262
G)OFFICE	4,694	2,653	2,040
H)PROGRAMS	8,787	9,075	-288
I)MORTGAGE INTEREST	5,665	6,063	-399
J)PAYROLL COSTS & TAX	3,113	-71	3,184
K)MISC. UNBUDGETED EXPENSE	2,650	1,043	1,607
L)UNBUD. DESIGNATED EXPENSE	6,069	16,502	-10,433
Total Expense	137,425	143,582	-6,158
Net Surplus/Deficit	2,547	-5,744	8,291

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01/03/23
Cash Basis

Albany United Methodist Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2022

	Dec 31, 22	Dec 31, 21
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Albany UMC - 8499 - Greenwoods	11,632.92	6,629.93
Family Promise	1,054.37	1,054.37
Food Pantry - 1578 - Greenwoods	9,184.83	9,129.83
Linus Project - 9528 - Greenwo	344.97	816.06
Maintenance - 4407 - Greenwo	6,018.16	13,432.02
Memorial - 5863 - Town Bank	54,827.42	63,736.34
Mission Fund - Town Bank	5,448.87	2,184.85
Sr High Savings- 0265 - Greenwo	8,727.91	7,037.61
Trow Ministries Fund	79,119.53	80,362.80
UMC Camping Fund	6,314.85	6,226.68
Women's Service Team - 0174 -	6,936.44	6,043.53
Total Checking/Savings	189,610.27	196,654.02
Total Current Assets	189,610.27	196,654.02
Other Assets		
Carson Sowl Memorial Fund	20,549.61	25,740.62
Florence Trow Trust	199,089.67	249,381.56
Total Other Assets	219,639.28	275,122.18
TOTAL ASSETS	409,249.55	471,776.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Mortgage Thrivent 4.85% 01/33	112,190.76	120,626.26
Total Other Current Liabilities	112,190.76	120,626.26
Total Current Liabilities	112,190.76	120,626.26
Total Liabilities	112,190.76	120,626.26
Equity		
Change in Market Value of Inves	35,962.69	97,508.91
Dividend Carson Sowl	20.89	0.00
Interest Earned - Carson Sowl M	464.85	150.96
Interest Earned - Florence Trow	4,990.87	1,814.23
Interest Earned - Trow Ministri	1,806.69	505.05
Interest Earned Camping Fund	142.10	46.94
Opening Balance Equity	184,302.89	184,302.89
Retained Earnings	66,820.96	72,565.18
Net Income	2,546.85	-5,744.22
Total Equity	297,058.79	351,149.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	409,249.55	471,776.20

Volunteer Schedule

Liturgist

February

5 Leigh Whitehead
12 Ann Trow
19 Dean Houlberg
26 Wesley Isenhardt

March

5 Janis King
12 Sharon Pryce
19 Kathie Riemer
26 Darrell Clark

Communion Schedule

February – No Communion Stewards needed

Ushers

February

5 Darrell Clark/Keith Blumer
12 Teresa Brugger/Kala Gray
19 Fairy & Emily Elmer
26 Reegan & Ryker Schmidt

March

5 ?
12 Teresa Brugger/Barb Briggs
19 Leigh & Russ Whitehead
26 Ann Trow/?

February Computer Schedule 10am Service

5 Teresa Brugger
12 Confirmation Students
19 Teresa Brugger/AJ Gray
26 Confirmation Students

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. Why not start the New Year out with volunteering for your church. 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 give consideration to volunteering in one of these positions. If you are interested call the church office at 608-862-3206.

I would like to Thank those who continuously help with Liturgist, ushering, PowerPoint and YouTube. We only have a small number, and the same people graciously continue to help. Thank you so much, you are very much appreciated.



February 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 7pm	2	3	4 Chili Day Washington Reformation Church 9-Noon Monticello
5 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am Sr Choir sings 10am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	6	7	8 Choir 7pm	9	10	11 Linus Project 8:30am – 11:30am Albany Lion's Pancake Day 7am-Noon
12 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am Children's choir sings 10am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Choir 7pm	16	17	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Juda Soup Fundraiser 11am to 2pm Community center
19 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Sr Choir Sings 10am Bingo 2 to 4pm AUMC Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	20	23	22 Ash Wed. service – 6:30pm Choir 7pm	23	24	25
26 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Live on Facebook and You Tube (AUMC WI)	27	28				

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI
Newsletter deadline February 17th.

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