

Albany United Methodist Church

"Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord"!

February 2019

The Methodist Message

PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE

Honor your mother and your father that the days may be long in the land the Lord your God gives to you. Exodus 20:12

Do you remember those contracts from MADD? The contract required that teen agers call home if they were in any unsafe situation and that they would immediately be picked up without repercussions. Those contracts were credited as very helpful in keeping young people safe. They were also helpful in developing trust within families. Those contracts are coming back in a whole new form but with role reversal. Now, adult children are being asked to sign a contract to come and get mom or dad if they are in times of struggle, with, "no repercussions." Let's talk some more about this.

Elderly are frightened at the thought of giving up their independence. All too often, elderly are covering up their mistakes because they fear that asking for help will make others think that they are no longer safe by themselves. This problem has been greatly increased in the rise of scams focused on the elderly. When elderly are getting such scam calls, they may be afraid to call authorities because, all too often, some untrained authorities may make fun of them for being so vulnerable. Too often, once they realize that they have been scammed these elderly will finally call for help. Of course, by then, their money is gone. People around them may compound the problem by bringing their judgement skills into humiliation.

The growing solution: a return to those MADD contracts but with a new twist. Under the new contract, elderly understand that, any time in which they are uncomfortable with threats or possible scams, they are to conclude the communication and immediately call a family member or a designated supporter. They are promised to never hear, "Mom, how could you be so gullible?" or, "Dad, it is time that you disconnect your phone?" Further, these contracts also include times when Dad, for example, is having trouble getting himself home from the clinic because, "he may have taken a wrong turn." Dad can call that person as soon as he is in trouble without fear of being told those scary words, "It is time that you stop driving." Or, even worse, before someone gets hurt.

The written contract is helpful because verbal agreements are often forgotten in stressful settings. Having the contract by the phone and in the car ashtray is a great reminder in a stressful setting. Much like the old MADD contracts where the teen didn't need a lecture because they knew that they had made a horrible mistake, so Grandma and Grandpa also don't need any humiliating lectures. Most can figure out that they need to make better decisions in the future. The good news: they are safe to think about it.

Pastor Moe

If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the week's bulletin in advance of the Sunday service, please let Katie 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 glutens. This is of concern to us because more communion bread is loaded with glutens. 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 is scheduled for February 16th at 8:30am. Please come and join us for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship.



Bible Study through the month of February at the home of Terrie Blumer. W1202 Hwy 59, Albany.

Senior High Youth Group Bingo

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

February 3rd at Valley Park following at 11:00 am following service.

Grace Notes Choir

Will sing: Sunday, February 10, 2019

Bells Perform: Sunday, March 10, 2019

Will Sing: Sunday, April 7th, 2019 – Youth Sunday

More dates to come.....



Please **SAVE** the **DATE** for Volunteering for Family Promise.

AUMC will host February 24th through March 2nd.

If you would like to get on the email list or have more questions,
please email:

Chris Ochalla at: chrisandchris5@charter.net

Or Fairy Elmer at: fselmer@aol.com

Please join us for Sunday school!

We have classes for all ages from preschool through adult. Sunday school meets from 8:45 to 9:45 am. All are welcome. For more information please contact Teresa in the office. (608)862-3206 albanyumc@tds.net

2019 Offering Envelopes
available to be picked up at
church.



New Bibles

Thank you to everyone who helped provide new Bibles:

Teresa Brugger in memory of Francis Pence and in honor of Barbara Crall
Dave & Kathy Meyer in memory of Ann Newell & Dave Thompson
Jon & Daniell Brunner in memory of Gerald Seffrood
Cindy Pryce in memory of Greg Pryce
Margaret Kauk in memory of John Kauk
Ann Trow in memory of Sharon Golz
Keith & Terrie Blumer in honor of Thorvald & Pauleen Olsen
Dean & Debbie Houlberg in memory of June Trow
Dean & Debbie Houlberg in memory of Elain & Pete Reesa
Abe & Phyllis Runaas in memory of James "Snuffy" Smith
Abe & Phyllis Runaas in memory of Elmer & Jeanne Runaas
Ron & Julie Wanless in honor of Ray & Carol Laughridge
Wesley Isenhardt & Dave Gavin in memory of Norm Isenhardt & Dorothy Middleton Burrell
Sam Keller in memory of Kay Keller
Darrell & Eunice Clark
Wayne & Jan Albertson
Tom & Karen Moe
Glenn Holtsapple
Alfie & Rhonda Roenneburg
Steve & Fairy Elmer



2019 Melodies of Love

January – F.A.I.T.H Addiction Awareness of Green County
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)
October – Empty Stocking
November – Shop with a Cop
December – Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Green County

SCHEDULE

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

February

Liturgist

3 Myah Johnson
10 Jodi Houlberg
17 Gage Roth
24 Kathie Riemer

Ushers

3 Avery Briggs/Raj Flannery
10 Julie Blumer & Penny Thompson
17 Alana Durtschi/Kaydie Shrader
24 Daryl & Kari Fernstaedt

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

3 Nolan Bump
10 Reegan Schmidt
17 Allie Dahl
24 Taylor Pryce

March

Liturgist

3 Camden Pryce
10 Ann Trow
17 Serena Parmer
24 Leigh Whitehead
31 Katie Brugger

Ushers

3 Confirmation Students
10 Russ Whitehead/Abe Runaas
17 Confirmation Students
24 John & Angie Parr
31 Darcy & Alan Stephenson

Nursery

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Acolytes

3 Bryce McIntosh
10 Emma Thompson
17 Isabella Brewer
24 Mathew Ochalla
31 Reegan Schmidt



Communion Stewards

February 3rd – Teresa Brugger

March 3rd – Jeff & Cassie Mauerman

* If you cannot fulfill your 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 27	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1	Saturday 2
			Food Pantry 4:30-6:00 Senior Choir 7 pm			
8am & 10am Worship With Communion 8:45-9:45am Sunday school 11am Youth Group Bingo @ Valley Park			Food Pantry 4:30-6:00 Confirmation with Mentors – 6pm Senior Choir 7pm			
8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday school Ad Council 11am Grace Notes			Food Pantry 4:30-6:00pm Senior Choir 7pm			Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
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January 2019

Church Staff

Pastor:
Tom Moe

Office Manager:
Katie Brugger

Office Hours: 8:30am–12:30pm

Monday

8:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday

8:30am-12:30pm

Friday

Administrative Council Chair:
Jon Brunner

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Eunice Clark

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