

Albany United Methodist Church

"Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord"!

January 2018

The Methodist Message

PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE

"Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete." James 1:4 NIV

We all know the stories about how people set goals, however temporary, at the start of a new year. I am hearing more of this since my son has been a manager of a Madison fitness center. His first few weeks of January will be filled with people signing up for a year long fitness contract with the hopes of, "getting into shape." His next two weeks of January will be filled with people trying to get out of those contracts because the process of exercising involves more work than they wish to provide.

Unfortunately, a number of those people will spend their entire year moving from goal to goal never finding what they are seeking. Instead, they spend the year realizing what they don't want from life. They spend the entire year seeking an elusive hope for happiness, often by trying to be a copy of the latest successful person that they have met. The Bible speaks of this in the book of James comparing such a person as, "double minded...unstable in all he does."

The point of this passage is not so much to make fun of people as to realize how important that we have direction in life. As we start the new year it is important that you know your life goals and priorities, lest the year go by with you going the directions of each current moment.

I have found it helpful to make sure that there is time for daily focus upon God's purposes for life. We are not here to be a copy of other successful people but, instead, to find our unique success in God's direction. We can only find that path by being in focus with the God who created us and whom empowers us. Unlike those who jump from avoiding struggles, we can find God's strength in getting through our struggles to become God's person. James 1:12 finishes the thought with a great way to end 2018. "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown."

Focus upon the person God wants you to be and focus upon the God who will empower you to get there. What a great way to start your new year.

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.

A special thank you to everyone who participated in and attended Night of Christmas music. How exciting to celebrate Christ's birthday with bells, piano, instruments, and singing voices.

Thank you to Chris and Chris Ochalla for program design and organizing of the program.

I humbly thank you for the loyalty shown in practices and for the lovely flowers given to me. God bless Terrie

While we have been enjoying the Advent Season, your Finance Committee has been actively making our budget more effective. Earlier in December we were able to renegotiate our mortgage loan. Our current loan of \$150,000 has been held with the UM Foundation at the older rate of 5.25%. We transferred to Thrivent (you remember them as Lutheran Brotherhood) and secure the loan at 4.85%. They also allowed us to extend the loan for 15 years at that guaranteed low rate. It allows us to drop from a monthly payment of \$1,434 to \$1,183. This also takes out the large "balloon balance" of \$34,680 at the loan conclusion. Thank you to the Finance Committee, especially chair Sam Keller, for your ongoing efforts.



Thank You!

I am so proud of all the kids from 3 year olds through 5th grade that performed at the [Christmas](#) Program! Jodi found the program and helped with it all - Music, costumes, and directing. Brandi and Doreen took over the scripts and helped direct as well. Crystal made some costumes and helped the younger ones practice singing. Thank you to Julie, Emily & Katie for helping with whatever we needed. And finally thanks to Becky and Michelle for the star costumes which completed our show. I am so blessed to have help from so many talented people. Thank you all for another successful [Christmas](#) Program! Jena McIntosh



Christian singer/songwriter Dan Holmes will be leading worship at AUMC at 8am and 10am on Sunday, January 14th.

Dan is an "old school singer/songwriter" creating music about the presence of God in our world. His musical influences include Paul Simon, Dan Fogelberg, James Taylor and others. He has performed at over 150 churches in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Florida, Ohio and California. He has also performed at the Illinois State Fair and the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk For Breast Cancer Cure. Dan has written music for the Appalachia Service Project and has toured England in 2014 and 2016! "Through the sharing of music, we can celebrate what God is doing in us, for us and through us! I am an old school singer/songwriter bringing a gentle Christian message of hope!" His music will touch you, inspire you and move you!

Albany UMC Service Ministry 2018

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Finance Committee:

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2020 Patti Zurfluh 862-3582 hpzurf@tds.net

Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lay Leader, Ad Council Chair, Lay Member to AC and Pastor.

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

*Co-Chair-Kris Schultz 2018 513-7339 kris.wiumc@outlook.com

*Co-Chair- Debbie Houlberg 558-2797 debhoulberg@hotmail.com

2018 Danae Bump danaebump@hotmail.com

2019 Barb Briggs 862-3245 bbriggs@wekz.net

2020 Debbie Roth 558-1356 debbie.roth@yahoo.com

2020 Fairy Elmer 882-6897 fselmer@aol.com

Includes Lay Leader and Lay Member to AC

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2018-Russ Whitehead, 862-1269

Denny Parmer 882-5943

2019-Glenn Holtsapple 862-3169

Dan Weber 862-3260

2020 Nate Miller 921-3311

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Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations):

*Chair- Pastor Tom Moe 449-6510

Ad. Council Chair, Staff Parish Chair, Lay Leader

Food Pantry:

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Penny Thompson 558-8895

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*Chair- Jill Krupke 862-4052

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*Chair-Terrie Blumer 862-3313 blumer@tds.net

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2020 Cindy Pryce 558-3520 cpryce@litewire.net

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Committee Meeting Dates for 2018

Ad Council – 2nd Sunday of each month 11am

Finance: Monday, April 2nd 7:00pm (Due to Easter on the 1st)

Sunday, July 1st 11:00am

Sunday, October 7th 11:00am

Staff Parish: Sunday, February 25th 11:00am

Sunday, May 20th 11:00am

Sunday, August 12th 11:00am

Trustees: Sunday, February 25th 11:00am

Sunday, May 20th 11:00am

Sunday, August 26th 11:00am

Peace Church Cemetery: Sunday, March 18th 11:00am
Sunday, September 23rd 11:00am

Worship: Sunday, February 4th 11:00am
Sunday, August 19th 11:00am

Mission: Sunday, April 15th 11:00am
Sunday, September 30th 11:00am

Welcome: Sunday, April 22nd 11:00am
Sunday, October 21st 11:00am

Education: Sunday, April 15th 11:00am
Sunday, July 15th 11:00am
Sunday, September 16th 11:00am

2018 Communion Schedule

Jan. 7th Teresa Brugger
Feb. 4th Jeff and Cassie Mauerman
March 4th Bonnie Zee/Holly Atkinson
March 29th Kathie Riemer (Maundy **Thursday**)
April 1st Karla Neild/Hazel Ommodt (Easter)
May 6th Barb Briggs/Liz Briggs
June 3rd Penny Thompson/Julie Blumer
July 1st Teresa Brugger
August 5th Jeff and Cassie Mauerman
Sept 2nd Bonnie Zee/Holly Atkinson
October 7th Kathie Riemer
Nov 4th Karla Neild/Hazel Ommodt
Dec 2nd Penny Thompson/Julie Blumer

Community Resources

Stateline Women's Connection & Stonecroft luncheon "Happiness is. . ." Wednesday, January 17th 12:30pm \$10 includes lunch, tax, tip, and program. Free child care available. Peppercorn Banquets at Ludlow Mansion. For reservations & nursery care call by Sunday, Jan 14th Nikki (608)558-7818 or Deb (608)293-2396.

Hilltop Community Church Chili Supper Wednesday, January 17th 5-7pm 101 S. Jackson St. Albany. Free will offering will be taken for the meal.

Loaves & Fishes meal Sunday, January 28th. Grace Lutheran Church 1025 15th Ave. Monroe, WI 53566. 4:00-6:00pm. Always free.

SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY

Liturgist

7 Dean Houlberg
14 Terrie Blumer
21 Janis King
28 Darrell Clark

Ushers

7 Wayne & Jan Albertson
14 Daryl & Kari Fernstaedt
21 Jeff & Cassie Mauerman
28 Teresa Brugger & Barb Briggs

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

7
14 Emma Thompson & Emma Grosz
21 Taylor Pryce & Nolan Bump
28 Isabelle Brewer & Emmy Briggs

FEBRUARY

Liturgist

4 Alex Schliem
11 Lily Bump
18 Evan Guenther
25 David King

Ushers

4 Gage Roth & Kaden Flannery
11 Serena Parmer & Emileigh Dallman
18 Raj Flannery & Alex Schliem
25 Evan Guenther & Ben Grosz

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

4 Whitney Pryce & Allie Dahl
11 Ty Durtschi & Kaden Zurfluh
18 Bryce McIntosh & Sam Rupp
25 Mathew Ochalla & Brady Ochalla



Communion Stewards

January: Teresa Brugger
February: Jeff and 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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bloodmobile at Lion's Building 12:20-5:30pm	3 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00- 7:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	4	5	6 Epiphany
7 8am & 10am Worship Communion Senior Choir Sings Sunday School 8:45-9:45am	8 WOW 6:30pm	9	10 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	11	12	13
14 8am & 10am Worship Dan Holmes leads worship Sunday School 8:45-9:45am Ad Council Meeting 11am	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Confirmation with Mentors 6:00- 7:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	18	19	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am SPRC Training in Mineral Point 9am- 12pm
21 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School 8:45-9:45am	22 Newsletter Items Due!	23	24 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	25	26	27 SPRC Training in Reedsburg 9am-12pm
28 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School 8:45-9:45am SPRC Training in Madison 2pm-5pm	29	30	31 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm			

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Church Staff

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Monday

8:00am-2:30pm

Wednesday

8:00am-2:30pm

Friday

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Jon Brunner

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Eunice Clark

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