



# Albany United Methodist Church

*“Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord”!*

*January 2023*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

*The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few.*

Most of you can appreciate this experience. Last Sunday after church our family met at a restaurant. We placed our order and began conversation as we waited for our food. As we waited, we noticed people getting up and leaving. The wait continued and more people left the restaurant none of whom had been served. Fortunately, we had time and good company in which to fill in the wait. Well after an hour our food finally came with some strong apologies. We heard what is becoming common place in businesses [today](#), “Sorry, we just can’t get enough staff anymore.” This same lament is heard in businesses all across the nation. What a contrast from just 15 years ago when every job opening would have 20 plus applicants. It seems to be the great mystery of life: Where did everyone go?

Jesus’ disciples must have felt that same way on many occasions. One can’t help but think that when it came to feeding the 5,000 the disciples must have wondered, “Where will we get enough people and resources to perform this task?” They must have wondered the same when it came to hauling in the fish from the nets, the Triumphal Entry, or any of the countless times that Jesus presented tasks. Of course, none would have matched the feeling of being understaffed quite like the Great Commission where they were instructed, “Go into all the world.” However, they eventually learned that they alone were adequate if they let the Spirit empower them.

Those words still speak [today](#): The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Yes, there is so much to do this year and nowhere near the people nor the resources necessary to take on these tasks. However, such limitations never stopped God’s people nor need that limit our success. With God’s help, let’s see what we can do in 2023.

Pastor Tom

Happy  
New  
Year

## ALBANY UMC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Thank you to everyone who made the Elementary Christmas Program, "**A RED-LETTER CHRISTMAS**", a success! The students were awesome presenting the colors of the season, and helping us remember to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas! Special 'Thanks' to our Elementary Sunday School staff: **Trina Shrader, Brooke Helley, Emily Elmer and Karen Moe.**

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Thank you to **Trina Shrader, Brooke Helley, Fairy Elmer and Karen Moe** for planning and leading our special Christmas Sunday School activities on December 18<sup>th</sup>. A lot of preparation made this a fun, learning experience!

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There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Hope you can join us in the Sunday School classes!

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

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## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

### Albany Community Blood Drive

It's that time again for Albany UMC's turn to work the blood drive at the Albany Lions building on January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30pm to 5:30pm. Albany Lions is located at 402 N. Cincinnati St. Albany. We need volunteers to help with the canteen, registration and with the blood donation beds. We are also in need of cookies or bars for the canteen. All of the Covid restrictions have been lifted in the donation of food items for the blood drive. All that is required is those who work the canteen are to wear gloves. There will be a signup sheet on the table in the Narthex if you would like to help in one of the 3 areas or donate cookies or bars. Please bring your cookies/bars to the Lions building between 11:30am and Noon. All volunteers should be to the Lions building by Noon. The goal for the blood drive is 45 units. If you have any questions, you can contact the church office at 608-862-3206. Your blood donation could save a life!



**The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be starting back up on January 21, 2023, at 8:30am. All men are invited. You don't have to be a member of the Albany UMC. So come and enjoy some great breakfast provided by the Albany UMC Women and some good fellowship. Hope to see you there!**



**Poinsettias that decorate our sanctuary over Christmas are in honor or in memory of:**

Carol Zach in Memory of her parents, Angie, and Ted.

Sharon Pryce in Memory of Harry Pryce, John & Virginia King.

Bill and Cindy Alderman in Memory of Greg Pryce & Thorvald Olson.

Phyllis and Abe Runaas in Honor of the Runaas families.

Wendy Pryce in Memory of Patricia Paese.

Glenn Holtsapple in Memory of Margaret Holtsapple

Holly Atkinson, Bill, Laura, Chad & their families in Memory of Bill Atkinson.

Ray Laughridge in Memory of Carol Laughridge

Teresa and Brian Brugger in Honor of Barb & Calvin Crall, Karen & Roger Brugger and in Memory of Francis Pence.

Pastor Tom & Karen Moe in Memory of Brian James Moe.

To those who purchased a poinsettia if you would like to pick yours up after the Christmas day service, please feel free to. If you are willing to leave your poinsettia until next Sunday so that we could have them to decorate the church for the church tour on Saturday, Dec. 31st from 11am to 4pm that would be great.



**The 2023 Offering Envelopes**



The 2023 offering envelopes will be available for pick up January 1st. They will be located on the table in the Narthex. The Offering Statements will be ready by the end of January or before. They will also be located on the table in the Narthex for pickup at that time. Anyone who doesn't have offering envelopes and would like some, please contact the church office. 608-862-3206





QUILTING GROUP

## Linus Project Reminder

Please come and join us in our **Lioness Mission Project**. We will now be starting January 14, 2023, at 8:30 am. The first meeting will be a class on how to quilt. We will be meeting every second Saturday at 8:30am so come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Barb Briggs at 608-558-3973 or [bbriggs@wekz.net](mailto:bbriggs@wekz.net)



## Just a reminder about the Church Christmas

# CHRISTMAS CHURCH TOUR 2022

## December 31st

Celebrate the gift of Christ by visiting these area churches. Witness and feel the presence of Christ, and how they adorn their congregations, with their praise and worship of the Christ child coming into our world.

Albany United Methodist Church. 11 am - 4 pm.  
500 Park Street

Grace United Methodist Church 1pm - 4pm  
246 W. Pearl Street - Belleville

Saint Francis Of Assisi Catholic Church  
11am - 4pm. 338 S. Harrison Street - Belleville


Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church  
11am - 4pm 201 Church Street

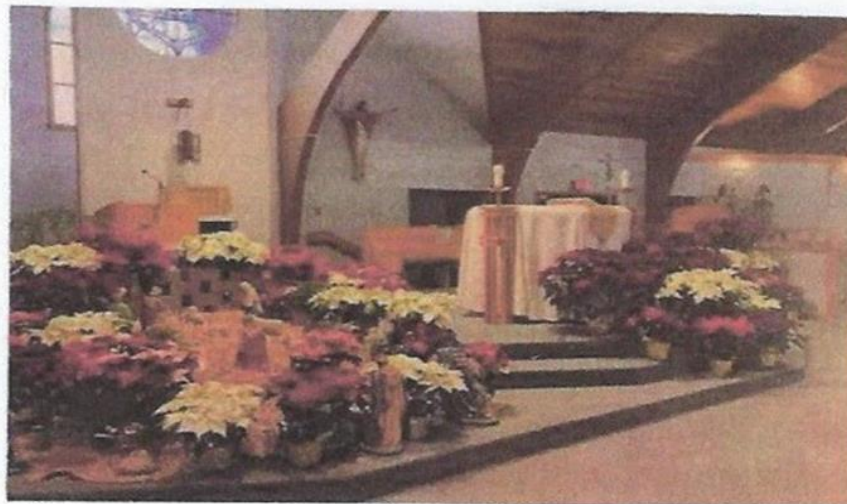
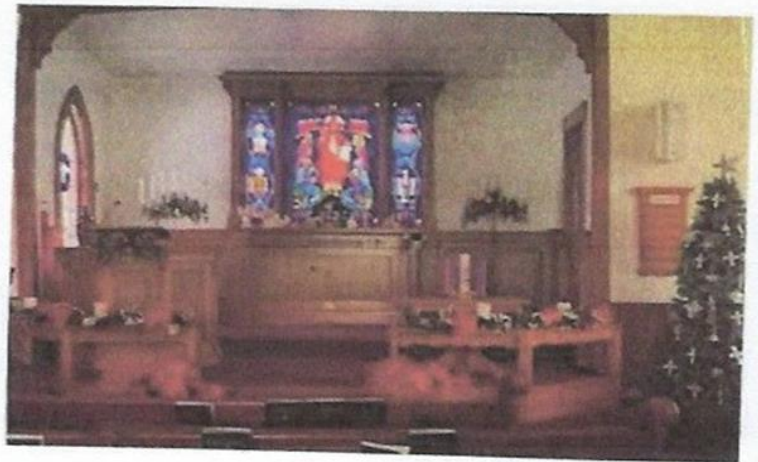
Holy Mother Of Consolation Catholic Church  
1pm - 4pm 651 N. Main Street - Oregon

Peoples United Methodist Church 1pm - 4pm  
103 N. Alpine Pkwy. - Oregon

St. Ann Catholic Parish 1pm - 4pm  
323 N. Van Buren Street - Stoughton

May Jesus fill your lives today and the new year!

Blessings! 



## **Albany UMC Foul Weather Office Closing and Cancellation of Services Policy**

Our general weather policy is that the church office is closed if the Albany School District is closed for the day.

In the event of a cancellation of services, it will be advertised in several ways:

- \* On our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyUMC/>
- \* Email announcement via Constant Contact
- \* Post at AUMC Church website <https://albanyumchurch.com/>
- \* Closing and cancellations on WEKZ radio
- \* Updated greeting on church voicemail
- \* Channel 15 News – scrolling banner on TV and closings and cancellations on their website <https://www.nbc15.com/weather/closings>

You are also welcomed to call or text Phyllis Runaas 608-290-4087 or call Teresa Brugger 608-325-3719. They will respond as quickly as possible.

While our default position for Sunday morning worship is that worship WILL take place, we encourage everyone to be safe. If you are concerned about your safety, check out your favorite devotional, read your bible, and pray at home. You can find devotional readings online at <https://www.upperroom.org/>.

*Please note: Sunday School, Choir, and Confirmation cancellations will be managed separately by leaders of each of these programs.*



## Volunteer Schedule

### Liturgist

#### January

1 Sharon Pryce

8 Carol Zach

15 Darrell Clark

22 Jena McIntosh

29 Terrie Blumer

#### February

6 Leigh Whitehead

13 Ann Trow

20 Dean Houlberg

27 Wesley Isenhardt

### Communion Schedule

January – No Communion Stewards needed

### Ushers

#### January

1 Margaret Kauk/Barb Briggs

8 Dean Houlberg/Russ Whitehead

15 Brian & Teresa Brugger

22 Katie & Eric Brugger

29 David & Janis King

#### February

6 Darrell Clark/Keith Blumer

13 Teresa Brugger/Kala Gray

20 Fairy & Emily Elmer

27 Reegan & Ryker Schmidt

### January Computer Schedule 10am Service

1 Teresa Brugger/?

8 Confirmation Students

15 Teresa Brugger/Debbie Houlberg

22 Confirmation Students

29 Jena McIntosh/Sharon Pryce

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.



# January 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10am service only <b>With Communion</b> <b>No Sunday School</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Choir 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am Sr Choir sings 10am Ad Council mtg. 11am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Linus Project</b> <b>8:30am - Noon</b>
<b>15</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Choir 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
<b>22</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Sr Choir Sings 10am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>Lions building</b> <b>12:30 to 5:30pm</b>	<b>25</b> Choir 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Live on Facebook and You Tube (AUMC WI)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI  
 Newsletter deadline January 19th.



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YouTube link for live service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7yuO5HSfexijeZxo6iP1XA>