



# Albany United Methodist Church

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

*July 2023*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

By now you probably have heard the results of those unfortunate people who were trapped in the submersible, hoping to view the Titanic. I pray that you are hearing good news. As we awaited the outcome, I began to feel great sympathy for all involved. We are told that these people invested one quarter of a million dollars each for the opportunity to view the Titanic. Many of these same people who invest in this tour will also invest the same amount or up to fifty million to tour outer space. One can't imagine the awfulness of having spent that much money only to be trapped inside their potential cause of death.

In contrast, I was reading about an individual who had nowhere near that amount of money but was waiting to get his car repaired. As he waited, he heard a woman, holding a baby, begin to cry. She had been told that she needed four new tires, something she could not possibly afford, in order for her care to be safe. She was in tears getting the estimate as she knew that she had no ability to pay for more than one tire. Even though he was a complete stranger, the man stood up and said, "If you can buy the one tire, I will pay for the other three so that you and your baby can be safe." Do I need to tell you that her tears of sadness suddenly turned into sobs of gratitude?

These accounts are the stories that we each write with our lives. Some invest huge sums of money upon themselves. Others prefer to invest in bringing joy to those in need. These accounts beg the question: which one are you? Even more important: as life will one day come to a close for you, which one will you want to have been?

I invite you to look around you. Do you notice that we, in our church and in our community, have so many forms of that latter example? Some have made decent money over their careers and have seriously invested in the local community and the community of faith. Others have made less but have so invested in the church and community. In fact, our area has historically had close to 100% of that latter group. I will let you look around and hope that you are as amazed as I am about the people of this area.

This comes back to you. As we enter into this Summer season, would you take a close look at your financial goals. There are so many opportunities here at the church and beyond longing for your support and inviting you to follow your heritage.

God bless you as you do so.

Pastor Tom

## EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

Sunday School for the Elementary, Middle School and High School students are on Summer Break. The Adult Sunday School continues to meet on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. prior to the 9:00 Worship Service. Come and be a part of this group!

### Youth Mission Trip

The **youth** continue to have special activities throughout the summer. They will also be embarking on a mission trip to help others in Parsons, Kansas July 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to have thirteen youth and four adult leaders participating in this special ministry. The group will participate in construction and/or painting projects in two different sites. There will also be lots of daily scriptures, devotionals and group building activities throughout the week. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers as they travel and minister to others. Special 'thanks' to the Youth Leaders, Erica Varner, Ann Trow, Brian Flannery and Ryan Zurfluh. Thank you, also, to those who have donated gifts of money or time toward this mission project.

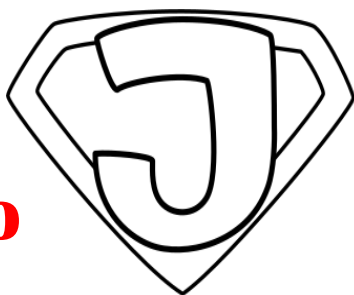


## Missions

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## Vacation Bible School for the entire family!!

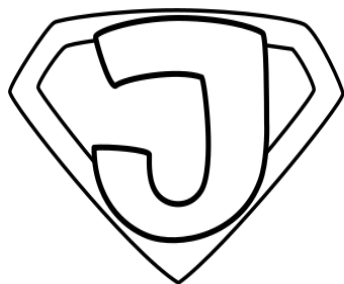
**Jesus  
is My  
Superhero**



**Sunday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:30 am – 1:00 pm  
(Light lunch provided)**

**Make plans now to attend with your family and friends!**

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**Albany UMC Parade Float**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**"Jesus is My Superhero"**

We plan to have an Albany UMC float in the Albany Community Parade on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Would you join us to help make this a reality? Preparation will occur during Vacation Bible School. On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service, we will assemble the float! We also need people of all ages to walk with us to distribute materials. Please contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) if you can join us!

The Summer Worship Service will be at 9:00 a.m. thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday School for age 3-adult will resume on **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**! Special activities are being planned for the whole family on September 10<sup>th</sup>! **Mark your calendars!**

Would you like to make a difference in the life of a child, young person or adult? Contact Karen Moe ([moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com) or 608-449-0072) to join our Education Team!



### July Melodies of Love: Albany PTO

PTO stands for Parent -Teacher organization. In essence, a school PTO is a formal association of teachers, school staff, and parents. Unlike the PTA the PTO support one local school. This means that PTOs can utilize 100 percent of the funds that they raise for the students and school that they support. So, in essence, PTOs believe that each school knows its own problems best and should be allowed to find out their own unique solutions.



Albany UMC Church in the Park  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m.**  
Featuring Dan Holmes  
Partnering with  
Albany WI Chamber  
for a Brunch Picnic




On July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. the Albany United Methodist Church will be hosting Church in the Park featuring special music by Dan Holmes. Location is the Village Park on Sugar River Pkwy in the Pavilion. Albany UMC will be partnered with Albany WI Chamber. Albany WI Chamber will be providing a free brunch picnic to the Albany community. The brunch is provided by donations from Albany area businesses. This will be a great time of community togetherness. A chance to meet and greet your neighbors. There will be some games for the kids. Bring a lawn chair and come and join us for some great music, fellowship and stay after service for some great food!

**NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>.**


The Ice Cream Social will be coming up on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need **organizers and volunteers**. If interested, please contact the church office. 608-862-3206 or email [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net). Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. If we don't get people to help run the Ice Cream Social, then we will have to forgo it for this year. The Ice Cream Social is one of our biggest money makers. Also, there will be a signup sheet at the Church in the Park for people to sign up to help organize or be a volunteer. Like many other churches giving is down, expenses are up. This could help fill in the gap. Please consider helping.

Come and Enjoy

# Albany United Methodist Ice Cream Social



All ages  
welcome for  
Fun & Fellowship



Wednesday  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
4:30 – 7:00 pm

#### Menu:

BBQ Beef Hot-dog  
Potato Salad  
Cheesy Potatoes  
Chips  
Baked Beans  
Dessert  
Ice Cream Sundaes  
Milk, Coffee, and Lemonade

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Prices a la Carte

## Volunteer Schedule

### Liturgist

July 9:00 a.m.

2 Church in The Park

9 No Liturgist needed (Dave & Bob)

16 Terrie Blumer

23 Sharon Pryce

30 Janis King

### August

6 Jena McIntosh

13 Dean Houlberg

20 Wesley Isnehart

27 Kathie Riemer

### Communion Schedule

July – No Communion because of Church

In the Park July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pastor Tom  
will be gone the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July

### Ushers

July

2 Church in the Park

9 Teresa Brugger/Margaret Kauk

16 Fairy & Emily Elmer

23 Cindy & Bill Alderman

30 Abe Runaas/Darrell Clark

### August

6 Barb Briggs/Ann Trow

13 Teresa Brugger/ Dave Gavin

20 Todd & Diana Kittelson

27 Bill & Cindy Alderman

### July Computer Schedule 10am Service

2 No one needed

9 Brandi Grazioso/Kala Gray

16 Teresa Brugger/Deb Houlberg

23 Jena McIntosh/Teresa Brugger

30 Teresa Brugger/Terrie Blumer

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 or email [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net)

Please consider volunteering for ushers or Liturgist. We only have a small number of people doing both. We could use more. If interested contact the church office at 608-862-3206 or email the church office at [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net).



# July 2023

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 8 am Adult Sunday School 9 am Church in the Park with Dan Holmes at the Albany Village Park <b>No Communion in July</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8 am Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship with Dave & Bob (Pastor Tom will be gone)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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<b>23</b> 8 am Adult Sunday School 9 am Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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All taped services can be found on our Sunday School face book page or YouTube: AUMC WI  
 Newsletter deadline June 19th.

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Sharon Pryce

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Mandy Jones

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YouTube link for live service:

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