



# Albany United Methodist Church

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

*March 2023*

*The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

*For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Recently, airwaves have been filled with the announcement that Jimmy Carter has chosen to enter hospice care. That announcement alone should not have been very newsworthy. After all, thousands of people receive hospice care every day. However, for many, this was the first time that a person at this level of public awareness indicated how peaceful this life transition can be. Jimmy Carter made it clear that he wanted to live his last weeks and not just spend the time avoiding end of life. He presents to us the option that we can harmoniously transition with our body, rather than see such transitions as an “enemy” or, “something to be avoided.” It is not important whether you agree with his politics as much as you see how his approach to life is so healthy.

To provide contrast, have you met people who never were able to spiritually transition with their bodies out of their teen years? Do you sense the sadness of these people as they try to desperately reclaim something that has long left them? Perhaps, you can recall people who haven’t been able to transition in other life changes in other ways, such as being unable to transition into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This Bible passage reminds us that there is something very healthy about keeping up with God’s Spirit as life continually moves “at the speed of life.” That is why these words can be so helpful:

A time to be born and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to harvest;

A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to break down and a time to build up . . .

Whether there are major life changes going on in your life or you are facing the basic changes of seeing Winter turn to Spring, there is no better way to find harmony with these changes than to find a closeness with a God who walks along side us through each step of life. My prayer is that you are doing so.

Pastor Tom



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

**We invite you to join us!**

Our **Elementary Sunday School** students will be singing during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Invite your friends and family members to come to hear some of our favorite Sunday School songs!

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

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Our **Adult Sunday School** class continues to study 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!

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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.



Men's  
Prayer  
Breakfast

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be March 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30am to 9:30 am. All men are invited. Come and enjoy some fellowship and delicious Breakfast made by our AUMC women. Hope to see you there!**



Daylight Savings time begins on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Set your clocks ahead one hour. You don't want to be late for Church.

Psalm 144:15 "Happy are the people whose God is the Lord"



**March Melodies of Love: Justice for a Cure**  
Justice for a Cure is a way for the law enforcement family to get more involved with the community by, educating, bringing awareness, supporting survivors and those going through their journey, honoring those taken, and raising funds to support local cancer programs, and support cancer research to find the cures for cancer.



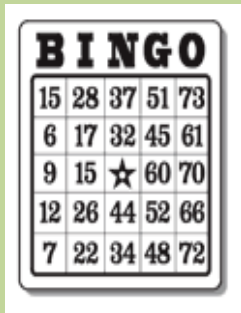
QUILTING GROUP

**Linus Project Reminder March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am.  
Come and join us and learn to quilt.**



**AUMC High School Youth Group Activity March 12<sup>th</sup>. More info to Come.**

### Bingo Fundraiser



Come and join us for Bingo on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Albany United Methodist Church. **All profits go to Youth Mission Trip**

\$1 a card  
11 cards for \$10  
20 cards for \$15

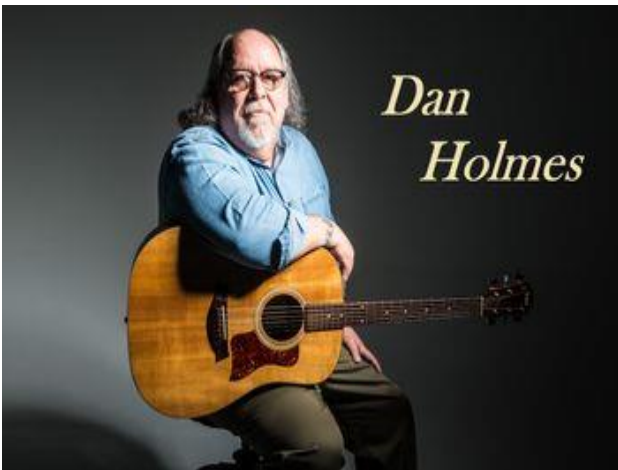
Prizes include an assortment of:  
candy bars, granola bars, mints and  
the grand prize will be a \$20 Kwik Trip Card.



## Shekinah King coming in March

On March 26<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming back talented Singer Shekinah King who will be leading our 10am service.

come and join us for some beautiful music. Tell your friends and bring them along. So, mark your calendars and join us. We will be having our 8am contemporary service as usual.



## Dan Holmes coming in April

Come and join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Palm Sunday) as we welcome back our good friend Dan Holmes. Dan will be leading both the 8am and 10am Worship services. It's always a joy to have Dan back with us. Tell your friends and come in share in a time of fellowship and wonderful music. See you then.

Our church is very blessed to have such two talented singers coming back to sing for us. I guarantee once you've heard these talented singers your spirits will be uplifted, and your day will be filled with joy. So mark your calendars for these two events.

THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART

Thank you to Brady Ochalla for playing music for us on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the 8am and 10am services. We love when the Ochalla family comes and shares their musical talents with us. Come and join us.

## Volunteer Schedule

### Liturgist

#### March

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

#### April

2 Jena McIntosh  
9 Dean Houlberg  
16 Wesley Isenhardt  
23 Ann Trow  
30 Terrie Blumer

### Ushers

#### March

5 Margaret Kauk/ Teresa Brugger  
12 Teresa Brugger/Barb Briggs  
19 Leigh & Russ Whitehead  
26 Ann Trow/Abe Runaas

#### April

2 Margaret Kauk/Sharon Pryce  
9 Brian & Teresa Brugger  
16 Fairy & Emily Elmer  
23 Eric & Katie Brugger  
30 Jena & Bruce McIntosh

### Communion Schedule

March – No Communion Stewards needed

### March Computer Schedule 10am Service

5 Teresa Brugger/AJ Gray  
12 Confirmation Students  
19 Teresa Brugger/Debbie Houlberg  
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.



# March 2023

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 7pm	2	3	4
5 8 & 10am Worship Sunday School all ages 8:45am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	6	7	8 Choir 7pm	9	10	11 <b>Linus Project 8:30am – 11:30am</b>
12 8 & 10am Worship Brady Ochalla providing music Sunday School all ages 8:45am Children's choir 10am Ad Council mtg -11am Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	13	14	15 Choir 7pm	16	17	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
19 8 & 10am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 Sr Choir Sings 10am <b>Bingo 2 to 4pm AUMC</b> Live on Facebook & YouTube (AUMC WI)	20	23	22 Choir 7pm	23	24	25
26 8am Worship Sunday school all ages 8:45 10am Worship with Shekinah King <b>Daylight Savings time begins</b> 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 March 19th.

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YouTube link for live service:

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