

Albany United Methodist Church

"Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord"!

March 2019

The Methodist Message

PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE

Be not just hearers of the Word but be doers also. James 1:22

Perhaps you can identify with me in previous job where all were required to attend staff meetings every Monday morning. I recall the long staff meetings in which an administrator talked about issues that had little to do with any of us. I recall one meeting in which I realized that I had fallen asleep and was trying to look discreet as I woke up. However, it became really awkward when I realized that the person next to me had also fallen asleep with her head on my shoulder.

Perhaps you can understand our frustration with an administrator who didn't seem to care that the entire staff was unable to follow the long monologues. In a boring moment I recall adding the totals: 20 or more staff, each earning between \$15.00-\$40.00 per hour; all sitting at a table for an hour or longer each week. It did not make for good use of productivity.

This same setting in church causes me to struggle as well. There are times when I look into the congregation and see people getting drowsy or even falling asleep within 5 minutes of our greeting time. I feel that I am wasting your time if you are bored into drowsiness.

For some, the solution is that we tell more jokes, play louder music, or cover more controversial topics. However, worship is not supposed to do that. You come to experience God. Instead, I sense, like the staff meeting that forced people to sit and do nothing, so we find drowsiness in worship that expects us to do nothing. The antidote is found in worship allowing us to be interactive, each to our level of interest.

With that in mind you will notice that, during worship, we invite you to be more than a spectator. We invite you to interact with us during joys and concerns. We invite you to interact by joining us in music, reading, and in greeting each other. We invite our children to interact during our time of Children's Worship. I hope that you join me in finding great meaning as the children's minds interact with the thoughts of the weekly Gospel message.

However, I have been slowly introducing more invitations to interactive worship. You will notice that I am inviting some of you to join me and the liturgist in reading Bible passages. You will notice that I invite you to interact, even if it is with a brief, "Amen.". Sometimes, I find it helpful to stop in the middle of quoting a well known sentence and invite you to finish it for me. It creates a great measurement for me to see if the thoughts are being communicated with the group.

Keep in mind that these interactions are only an invitation. No one is ever required to participate. Your time is too precious to waste getting bored or drowsy.

Pastor Tom

If you would like to receive an emailed copy of the week's bulletin in advance of the Sunday service, please let Teresa in the office know. She can be reached by email: albanyumc@tds.net or phone: 608-862-3206. Thank you.



Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for March 16th at 8:30am. Please come and join us for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship.

Glutens Should Not Limit Your Communion

We are hearing more and more about individuals who struggle with allergies and glutes. This is of concern to us because more communion bread is loaded with glutes. 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.



Albany EMS Fundraiser
March 23 from 4 - 8pm
At Albany Lions Club
402 N Cincinnati St. Albany

They will be serving Brats/Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Chips, Dessert, & Drink

\$8 - Adults

\$5 - Kids 5 - 12

Free - 4 & under

There will be a silent auction. Money Raised will go towards new pagers & radios

Youth Group



March 2nd at Albany UMC
Movie Night starting at 6:00pm

Also Sunday, March 17th at 11:00am
Youth Group will meet for
Planning/Fellowship/Food



Grace Notes Choir

Bells Perform: Sunday, March 10, 2019

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

More dates to come.....

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 albanymc@tds.net

Please pick up your 2018 offering Statements on the table in the Narthex.



**Easter Lily
Sign Up**

(Orders due by April 7th)

Single Lilies will cost \$16 per plant, double Lilies will cost \$25 per plant. Payments must accompany the order form. The order form and payment can be placed in the offering plate or handed into the office or mailed to the Church or you may bring your own. If you do bring your own please put your name on the container.

Name _____

I would like to purchase _____ Single Lily

I would like to purchase _____ Double Lily

In Memory/Honor of (**circle one**)

Name _____

Basic Lay Servant Course

Saturdays: April 27 and May 4, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Dodgeville United Methodist Church

327 N Iowa St, Dodgeville WI
Instructor: Rev Dr Barbara Cook



Theme: Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry

The Class is the required first step for becoming a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church, and is a prerequisite for the Advanced Lay Servant courses.

Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended, and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

The required text is "**Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book**" (ISBN #978-0-88177-627-0) and may be purchased from The Upper Room Bookstore, or Amazon.com.

Cost: \$25 if text is purchased separately, \$35 if instructor purchases text. Fee is for facility rental, instructional materials and instructor's mileage.

Please bring a bag lunch.

To register - or with questions send an email or call:

Rev Dr Barbara Cook

Email: dbcCook54@gmail.com

Phone: 608.778.6084

Registration Deadline is April 15, 2019



2019 Melodies of Love

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



To Give Away

We have a small desk and office chair to give away if anyone is interested. It is located in the Secretary's office by the wall below the windows. Would make a great student's desk. If anyone is interested contact the church office. 863-3206



A huge THANK YOU to Glenn Holtsapple and Darrell Clark for having picked up the recycling and trash for the past several months. It has been VERY much appreciated. When everyone pitches in, it makes the church work so much smoother.

Thanks Guys!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lenten & Easter services

Ash Wednesday - 6pm

* All Lenten Services - 6pm with
soup & sandwich to follow @ 6:30pm

* March 13th - Hilltop Church

* March 20th - Albany UMC

* March 27th - St. Patrick's Church

* April 3rd - Hilltop Community Church

* April 10th - Albany UMC

Easter Services

April 14th - Palm Sunday 8am & 10am

April 18th Maundy Thursday - 6pm with communion

April 19th Good Friday - Noon - 3pm

April 21st - Easter - 8am & 10am

We will be open as a church on Good Friday from noon to 3.
Pastor Tom will be here for spiritual support to any who wish to stop by.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night March 9th. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 10th.



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Bake Sale



**Union Presbyterian Church Annual Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper, Silent Auction and Bake Sale
March 5, 2019 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT
March 30th 8am – 4:30pm
At Juda Zion United Methodist Church**

Do you find yourself questioning if you're godly enough? Loving enough? Doing enough? Come and find God in the midst of the busyness of life. We'll be using Joanna Weaver's best-selling study to discover the blessings of friendship with God and the sweet joy of fellowship with each other.

A light breakfast and a soup/sandwich lunch will be provided. Bring your Bible and wear comfortable clothes. This day is for you! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. All are welcome. Registration fee: \$15. Please make check payable to Juda Zion UMC. Either place on secretary's desk or mail to Juda Zion UMC / P.O. Box 118 / Juda, WI 53550

We have registration forms in our Albany UMC secretary's office if interested.



Sunday, April 7th, 2019

8 am & 10 am Church Services

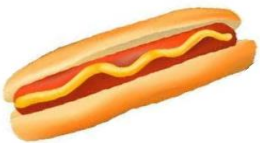
Led by the AUMC Youth & Leaders

Following the 10am Service

Please join us for a hot dog luncheon

HOT Dogs for Cause

***Albany United Methodist Church
Youth Mission Fundraiser***



Free Will Offering Proceeds for Youth Mission Trip

500 Park Street, Albany, WI 53502

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SCHEDULE

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

March

Liturgist

3 Ann Trow
10 Camden Pryce
17 Doreen Guzman
24 Leigh Whitehead
31 Katie Brugger

Ushers

3 Russ Whitehead & Abe Runaas
10 Alana Durtschi & Avery Briggs
17 Rau Flannery Avery Briggs
24 John & Angie Parr
31 Darcy & Alan Stephenson

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

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

April

Liturgist

7 Darryl Clark
14 Confirmation Students
21 Confirmation Students
28 Dean Houlberg

Ushers

7 Kathie Riemer & Krissie Blumer
14 Confirmation Students
21 Confirmation Students
28 Fairy & Emily Elmer

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

7 Ty Durtschi
14 Carver Brewer
21 Nolan Bump
28 Whitney Pryce



Communion Stewards

March 3rd – Jeff & Cassie Mauerman
April 7th – Holly Atkinson/Bonnie Zee

* If you cannot fulfill your scheduled 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 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 1	Saturday 2 Youth group movie night @6pm
3 8am & 10am Worship With Communion Senior Choir Sings 8:45-9:45am Sunday school	4	5	6 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00 Ash Wednesday – 6pm Confirmation Students – 6pm Senior Choir 7pm	7	8	9 <i>Time to set the clocks ahead</i>
10 8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday school Children's Bell Choir <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	11	12	13 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00pm Lenten Ser. – 6pm @ Hilltop Church with soup & Sandwich to follow Confirmation Students -6pm @ Hilltop Church Senior Choir 7pm	14	15	16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
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24 8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday school	25	26	27 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00pm Lenten Ser.- 6pm @ St. Patrick's Church with soup & sandwich to follow Confirmation students – 6pm St. Patrick's Church Senior Choir 7pm	28	29	30
31 8 & 10am worship 8:45-9:45 – Sunday school Worship committee – 11am Peace Church Cemetery mtg. – 11am						

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500 Park Street
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Church Staff

Pastor:
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Teresa Brugger
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8:00am-12:00pm

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