



# Albany United Methodist Church

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

*May 2022*

## *The Methodist Message*

*Pastor Tom*

*Forgive us our trespasses..... Matthew 6:12-14*

It is hard to imagine a feeling worse than the feeling of having made a mistake. Knowing how to recover from a mistake can be quite an art. For example, I especially remember the difficulty of watching a young Goalie in soccer make a mistake that allowed for a goal. So often we would remind the goalie to, "shake it off," as thinking about a bad mistake only serves to distract your attention which can easily lead to making many more mistakes. However, the frustration of a mistake doesn't easily, "shake off," for a lot of people. Such individuals need more than just minimal assurance that the game can go on after such a mistake. In some cases, people can wonder if life can go on. Perhaps the most horrible example is a baseball pitcher named Donnie Moore who could never forgive himself for having given up a home run in the 1986 playoffs that cost his California Angels a trip to the World Series. What happened following that even was a terrible tragedy.

The story of that player tells us why we need to allow Easter to not end on the holiday but, instead, let it continue on through the year. It is in Easter that we realize that nothing can go so seriously wrong that it can't be fixed in Christ.

Peter, Doubting Thomas, and all of the Disciples realized that their failures were far from the final note in God's grand scheme. This assurance makes the life of Judas Iscariot even more of a tragedy. If only he could have realized that his horrible mistake would not have to be his identity. Instead, he allowed his horrible mistake to lead to another mistake that, like Donnie Moore, could not be undone.

These accounts remind us that we, too, can find ourselves making very bad mistakes that can be very costly to our reputation and harmful to others. However, in all of those mistakes, we are never so far lost in our error that God can't find a way to help us through, even if the consequences seem beyond repair.

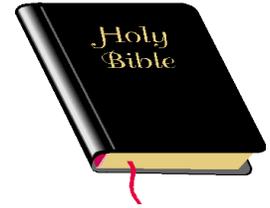
The same God who offers us forgiveness is always there for you, too, no matter what the mistake.

Pastor Tom



# Albany UMC Education News

May 2022



## Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes for those Age 3 - Adult will continue to meet every Sunday morning 8:45-9:45 a.m. Our last Sunday School before the summer break will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. From May 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 4<sup>th</sup> our church Worship Service will be at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and in the Worship Services!

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## Masks Update

Mask-wearing is optional during Sunday School and Youth activities. Since our youngest learners are not yet eligible for vaccinations, please consider wearing a mask to help protect them.

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## Sunday School Elementary - Singing May 8th

The children will be singing during the 10:00 Worship Service on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Plan to join us as we share the joy of their singing!



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## Confirmation



Confirmation Sunday for the eligible youth is scheduled for **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us at the 10:00 Worship Service to celebrate the Confirmands. For more information, contact Fairy Elmer (608) 882-6897, Pastor Moe (608) 449-6510 or the church office (608) 862-3206.

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## Vacation Bible School - August 28<sup>th</sup>

We are already making plans for a great VBS! Please be praying about how you can help and be a blessing to others. Note the change of date.

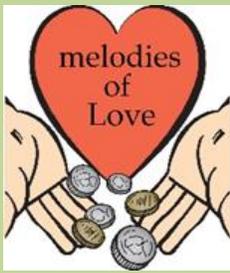


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## Looking Ahead to Sunday School 2022-23

We are blessed with a great group of people who have volunteered to lead or assist with Sunday School classes. If you would like to join us as a teacher, co-teacher or assistant, contact Karen Moe at [moe.karen@yahoo.com](mailto:moe.karen@yahoo.com). We are looking forward to another great year of learning and fun!

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



## May's Melodies of Love: Family Promise of Green County

"A community response for families experiencing homelessness" Area churches and volunteers come together to form an Interfaith Hospitality Network to ensure families in transition have basic needs met. The homeless families stay at a designated host site during the evening and overnight. Each morning they are transported to a Day Center, to prepare for their daily activities, such as looking for jobs, training, caring for their children and going to school or work.



## Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Reminder

We will be having a rummage sale again this year to raise funds for next year's high school mission trip. We will be accepting donations April 30th from 1-3, May 1 from 11-1, and other times by appointment. The sale itself is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 1pm and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 1pm and Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 1pm and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 1pm. Contact Wesley or the church office if you have questions or would like to be involved.

**THANK YOU  
To THE CHOIR**



## Thank You Senior Choir!!

A huge THANK YOU to our Choir and their director Terri Blumer. The choir did a great job on Easter **Sunday** performing the Easter Cantata. Our church is fortunate to have a choir that is so dedicated. They provide special music twice a month and then performed for Easter at both services. THANK YOU!!! We are blessed to have such musical talent in our church.

**Upcoming Events to think about: July 4<sup>th</sup> - Dan Holmes for our church in the park. Info coming August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ice Cream Social. More information coming.**



## Confirmation May 8, 2022

Confirmation is set for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am Worship service. Please come and join us in celebrating this milestone. The following students are being confirmed: Emmy Briggs, Nolan Bump, Alecia Dahl, Bryce McIntosh, Taylor Pryce, Isabelle Brewer, and Priscilla Smith. Thank you to Fairy Elmer for leading the Confirmation class and Thank You to the Mentors who help teach and support these young people through their journey.

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**Which Way  
Would you  
like to do  
Communion?**



**Old Way (bread/Juice)  
Or  
New Way (cups/wafers)**

As we are now starting to go back to our regular ways of doing services. As you know we will be greeting one another, we will be passing out pew pads and offering plates as we did in the past for the 10am service and the 8am will be as it was. Sign the attendance pad as you come in and the Offering plate will be on the table with the bulletins, we will also greet during the 8am service.

Now we are wondering about Communion. How would you like to proceed with Communion? Would you prefer to stay with the cups and wafers or go back to the bread and juice? We do want to point out that as we go back to the regular ways of doing our services it is still your choice if you want to handle the pew pads, offering plates and take Communion if the majority wants to go back to bread and juice. We will completely understand, and we all will respect your decision. Not everyone is comfortable with going back to the old ways. So please respect their space. Please email the church back with how you would like to continue to do Communion. We will continue with the cup and wafer until we hear from you. Please email the church back with your response at [albanyumc@tds.net](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net). Thank you

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## Choir off for the Summer

The last Sunday Choir will be singing is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Summer break will begin May 18<sup>th</sup> and begin again the Wednesday following Labor Day. Enjoy your Summer. If anyone would like to join choir show up the first Wednesday after Labor Day at 7pm. We would love to have you.



### Thank You from the Quilt Committee

The Quilt Committee would like to thank everyone who was involved with The Linus Quilt Mission. All the quilts were delivered. Eleven of them went To The Monroe Clinic Hospital and twenty of them went to the Children’s Hospital in Madison. A reminder that there will be a quilting class in November for those who would like to learn to quilt from the beginning. A Pattern has been Chosen. There will be more information in the September Newsletter. The Quilting group will start up again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January. Hope to see you there and at the Quilting class in November.



### Senior High Youth Group info:

The High School Sunday school will not meet Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> due to prom being held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Senior High Youth group will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. They will be doing an Amazing Race Relay. All high school students are encouraged to attend.

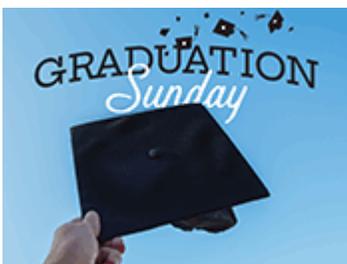


### Worship Schedule for the Summer

### Summer Worship Schedule



Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> when we will be starting our 9:00am Summer Worship Schedule. Through the summer we will only be having one worship service. The 9:00am schedule will continue until Labor Day weekend when we will go back to two services 8:00am and 10:00am.



### Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10am service. All Seniors are invited even if you aren’t a member of our church. Come and support these young people as they celebrate their major achievement.



## Finance Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 Report

Attached is our income statement for the first quarter of 2022 versus the same period in 2021. The income statement shows that we had a loss of \$2,244 versus a loss of \$3,098 in 2021. The principal cause of the loss was a reduction \$3,332 in envelopes and direct tithing from the congregation. We had hoped that with the easing of COVID restrictions and the return to in-person Church services, that this number would have increased, not gone down. Because of this reduction, your Ad Council has moved to defer apportionment payments to the Wisconsin United Methodist Conference until our financial situation improves. Note that even though Total Expense was more than \$5,100 less than the first quarter of 2021 largely due to our withholding our apportionment payment, we still had a deficit.

Other things to note: Church Maintenance was \$1,054 less this year than in 2021, while office expense was \$753 higher. Also, we have begun paying Pastor Tom as a full-time pastor rather than a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time pastor as he has been in the past. He has been acting as a full-time pastor even though we have been paying him as a  $\frac{3}{4}$  time. This decision was also made to help prevent our Bishop from moving him to another church where they could pay him full time compensation.

In summary, our most pressing financial issue is our stewardship commitment. As believers, stewardship of our time, talents and treasure shows the importance we place on sharing what God has given us with others plus it invites us to grow in our relationship to God. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge or becoming a First Time Pledger so we can continue to achieve and expand the good work of Albany UMC.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Submitted by Sam Keller, Finance Committee Chair  
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Albany United Methodist Church  
Income and expense by Category - 1st quarter 2022 vs. 2021

Category	1st Quarter 2022	1st Quarter 2021	Difference
Income			
A) ENVELOPES & DIRECT TITHING	26,498.33	29,830.82	-3,332.49
C) SUNDAY SCHOOL	84.81	0.00	84.81
D) INTEREST INCOME	33.62	770.35	-736.73
F) UNBUDGETED INCOME	646.79	41.76	605.03
G) UNBUDGETED DESIGNATED	3,053.26	3,970.58	-917.32
Total Revenue	30,316.81	34,613.51	-4,296.70
Expenses			
A) APPORTIONMENTS	0.00	5,435.00	-5,435.00
B) PASTOR	14,831.54	12,892.20	1,939.34
C) CUSTODIAN	1,737.50	1,584.60	152.90
D) SECRETARY	2,250.00	1,906.08	343.92
E) TAXES	1,876.87	1,420.93	455.94
F) MAINTENANCE - CHURCH	4,334.63	5,388.48	-1,053.85
G) OFFICE	1,968.77	1,216.20	752.57
H) PROGRAMS	2,151.04	2,311.55	-160.51
I) MORTGAGE INTEREST	1,454.24	1,552.09	-97.85
J) PAYROLL COSTS	198.47	529.75	-331.28
K) MISC. UNBUDGETED EXPENSE	474.16	154.95	319.21
L) UNBUD. DESIGNATED EXPENSE	1,283.44	2,900.00	-1,616.56
LOCAL MISSIONS	0.00	419.71	-419.71
Total Expense	32,560.66	37,711.54	-5,150.88
Net Surplus/Deficit	-2,243.85	-3,098.03	854.18



# May 2022 Calendar

## Albany United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8 & 10am Worship Communion both servs. Senior Choir Sings Sunday School Classes 8:45am <b>No High School            Sunday School</b> Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Confirmation 6pm  Choir 7pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8am Worship 10am Confirmation Sunday All Sunday School Classes 8:45am Sunday School Kids sing Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Staff Parish meeting 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Choir 7pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Youth Group            Rally Race            meet at 11am</b>
<b>15</b> 8 & 10am Worship Graduation Sunday Senior Choir sings All Sunday school classes 8:45 Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> No Choir Practice – Summer break	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter            Items Due</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8 & 10am Worship Last Sunday School classes – 8:45am Live on Facebook & YouTube	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> AUMC Rummage Sale 8am – 1pm
<b>29</b> Starting Summer Schedule - 9am worship Live on Facebook & YouTube AUMC Rummage Sale 10am-1pm	<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 May 18<sup>th</sup>**

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