

# Albany United Methodist Church

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

## October 2019

### *The Methodist Message*

#### **PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE**

Unresolved Grief is a term most of us never come across yet, experience throughout our life. The term refers to things that we lose, our youth, a job, a home setting, or any of a number of things that creates a sense of loss. So often we don't feel comfortable dealing with the loss because everyone around us seems to have moved on and we feel like we should, too. However, in unresolved loss, we don't move on very well. In fact, many addiction counselors will trace unresolved loss as the key point of healing before recovery can begin.

I recall that August of 1977 when Elvis died and his mom was laughed at because she made the statement, "How can the world go on without my son?" She was laughed at because most people didn't realize that, her world couldn't go on without her son. We soon learned that a lot of people's worlds crashed at that event. The same is true for Jackie Kennedy in 1963 as she was not allowed to grieve because she, "Needed to be strong for America." It can also be true for the person who loses their job, the person who loses their pet, or the child who is told that they will be losing their comfortable home and friends because they are moving to a new location. Often, when these things happen, we don't allow ourselves to grieve because we are told, "It happens to everyone. It is nothing to cry about." Bruce Springsteen sings a popular song about such a topic as he views people stuck in their past in his song, "The Glory Days." In reality, those "glory days" really weren't that great. We merely idealize them as we miss the good times. One may also see this in our United Methodist Church as changes keep coming so rapidly that we don't know how to deal with them. The point is: it happens to all of us. In these experiences the loss can easily stay with us in the shadows of our souls as unresolved grief. For some, it can mean being seriously stuck in loss and unable to move on in life.

The solutions to unresolved grief are not simple. For some, it can be very helpful to identify what we lost and why it impacts us so uniquely. It can be helpful to meet with others who understand our feelings and allow ourselves to grow together.

However, there is no antidote quite like the account where Jesus met those who were grieving the loss of Lazarus. It would have been easy for our Lord to discount the feelings as they were about to experience a resurrection. Instead, we see our Lord taking the time to feel the loss with those who hurt so deeply. In the shortest verse of the Bible we read these words, "Jesus wept." *John 11:35*

It is a healing moment when you identify your loss, no matter how distant in the past, and allow Jesus to share in your loss and even to allow him to weep with you. As much as we wish for ourselves to be done with our past hurts the reality remains: You can't say, 'Hello,' if you are exhausted in your struggle to say, 'Goodbye.' Like with Lazarus's family, as Jesus weeps with you, there may even be a glimpse of a resurrection.

Blessings to you.

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](mailto:albanyumc@tds.net) or phone: 608-862-3206. Thank you.



### Charge Conference:

Please note that charge conference season is upon us. We are developing many of our committees to focus upon preparation for our annual accountabilities. Our charge conference will be held Tuesday night, **November 5**, 6:30 at Brodhead UMC. We would like to finalize all of our reports by Ad. Council before the charge conference.

### 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.



*All Saints' Day*

The Annual Memorial Service will Be held Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the 10:00 am service. Please let us know of those who have passed away in the last year of which you would like to have remembered.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will be celebrating Pastor Tom's service to the AUMC on October 20<sup>th</sup> with Cake following the 8am & 10am service. Please come and join us in Thanking Pastor Tom for his service to our church and community.



**2019 Melodies of Love**  
October – Empty Stocking  
November – Shop with a Cop  
December – Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Green County



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**Fall is here! Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. From October to April the Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. All Men are invited to attend.**



## Stewardship Notes:

As you plan for the Fall, please remember the ongoing ministries here in Albany. Each month we would like to share with you some of the reasons that others do so:

### **Darrell Clark: We were asked the question – “why do you give to your church”**

While we pondered this question, our thoughts turned to a song our choir sings, entitled “My Tribute”. The song begins with the words... “How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?” We believe our giving is but a small token of gratitude for the bounty of gifts we have been given, from our very lives, our material wealth, our health, salvation, friends, and family, God’s great grace and mercy, even to the air we breathe! So, why do we give? Indeed, how can we not?

### **Terrie Blumer:**

I feel comfortable and genuinely loved – being a part of a church family. People praying for each other and caring automatically connects. I believe that this community of followers strengthens not only Christian beliefs but fills that void with the love of Jesus Christ. To me that’s what it’s all about.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Please consider for Volunteering for Family Promise.**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>-November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**If you would like to get on the email list or have more questions, please email:**

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**Or Fairy Elmer at: [fselmer@aol.com](mailto:fselmer@aol.com)**



Confirmation will kick off September 25th with a parent meeting at 6:30. Any student in 7th or 8th grade is welcome to join us. We will have confirmation with mentors on October 2nd and with just the students on the 16th. Look for a full confirmation calendar in next month’s newsletter and on our website here shortly. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please feel free to contact me. Fairy Elmer 608-846-6519



## **Please share a Favorite Hymn or Christian Worship song?**

We want you to experience music that is  
meaningful to you.

Please share your Favorite Hymns or Christian  
Worship Songs. We will do our best to include one  
of them in each service. If you would share a  
memory or why the song is important to you, we  
would like to share it in the bulletin or during a  
**Hymn Sing Worship Service**

Forms can be found in the narthex or online <https://albanyumchurch.com/> If you  
would like to share a hymn/song via email or have any questions please send to  
[chrisandchris5@charter.net](mailto:chrisandchris5@charter.net)

*Come, let us sing for you to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the rock  
our salvation. Psalm 95:1*

# AUMC YOUTH SCHEDULE

October, November & December

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, from 11am-1 pm**

Games, Food and Fun!

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11 am -1:30pm**

Yard Clean up. Please bring a rake and gloves

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Hosting Senior Breakfast- Details to come

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:30-8:30pm**

Family Promise Service- Dinner and Social Time

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Night of Christmas Music

**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11am-1:30pm**

Christmas Caroling

**This is for All Senior High School Youth! Friends are always welcome!**

Youth Director: Jason Rupnow

Youth Leaders: Chris & Chris Ochalla & Brandi Grazioso

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Heads up for Future Events

# **Sunday Morning Senior Breakfast**

Hosted by:

**AUMC Highschool Youth Group**

**Sunday, November 3rd, 2019**

**@ 8:45 am**

**In Fellowship Hall**



The AUMC Senior High Youth would like to invite the Seniors at AUMC to a pre-church breakfast. Please share with us....

**Food, Faith, and Fellowship**

“For where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I among them” Matthew 18:20

# Night of Christmas Music

Music and Scripture— Celebrating the Saviors Birth

Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 6 pm

*An Ecumenical Event*

Albany United Methodist Church  
105 S Mill Street— Albany, WI



[albanyumchurch.com](http://albanyumchurch.com) | [www.facebook.com/AlbanyUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/AlbanyUMC/)

Also coming in November Dan Holmes will provide a special guitar gospel ministry on Nov 17 during both services.

**Lots of good things coming as the year comes to an end. Please join us in worship.**

## Glasses



We are getting quite a collection. We are now up to 3 pairs of reading glasses that have been left in the pews. Please take time to check to see if the glasses may be yours or you may know of someone that they may belong to. We also have a very pretty earring that was found in a pew. The glasses are located on the table in the Narthex and the earring is on the desk in the office.

## SCHEDULE

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

### October

#### Liturgist

6 Katie Brugger  
13 Wesley Isenhardt  
20 Ann Trow  
27 Eunice Clark

#### Ushers

6 Penny Thompson & Julie Blumer  
13 Dean & Debbie Houlberg  
20 Darrell & Eunice Clark  
27 Darcy & Alan Stephenson

#### Nursery

Open but not staffed

#### Acolytes

6 Sophie Houlberg  
13 Mathew Ochalla  
20 Evie Thompson  
27 Whitney Pryce

### November

#### Liturgist

3 Doreen Guzman  
10 David King  
17 Angie Parr  
24 Darrell Clark

#### Ushers

3 Abe Runaas & Russ Whitehead  
10 Keith & Terrie Blumer  
17 Fairy & Emily Elmer  
24 Kathie Riemer & Barb Briggs

#### Nursery

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#### Acolytes

3 Diem Briggs  
10 Ty Durtschi  
17 Cade Beckwith  
24 Sam Rupp



#### Communion Stewards

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Holly Atkinson/Bonnie Zee

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kathie Riemer/Teresa Brugger

\* 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!

**October 2019**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
			Food Pantry 4:30 - 6:00 Choir – 7pm			
<b>6</b> Sunday School – 8:45am 8am & 10am Worship With Communion Senior choir -10:00am Tande/Taylor Baptism Denson Myhre Baptism Youth Gr. 11am to 1pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Choir – 7pm	<b>10</b> Spaghetti Dinner 4 to 7pm at Monroe UMC for the Green County Men's Resource Center	<b>11</b>	12
<b>13</b> Sunday School – 8:45am 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School sing 10am Ad Council mtg. -11am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Choir – 7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
<b>20</b> 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School – 8:45am Baertschi Baptism Welcome Comm. 11am Youth Gr. Yard Clean up 11am to 1:30pm Finance mtg. – 11am Pastor Appreciation 8 & 10am services	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Choir – 7pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School – 8:45am Stewardship mtg. – 11am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Homeless Day</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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