

# Albany United Methodist Church

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

## *September 2018*

### *The Methodist Message*

**PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE**

And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?

Esther 4: 14

The Book of Esther has often been a favorite for me. It is an amazing account of an ordinary person who found herself in a position of which she alone, could accomplish an important task for God. In reflection, who also found himself in a unique place at a unique time, it became clear that God had put Esther in the palace to save her people. Much like Moses, she was in a very unique position to make a significant difference for God. There were not a lot of, "Plan B's," if these people refused to take the call of God seriously.

I see these moments occur with great frequency in the life of the church. I am seeing that similar moment for us now. In times past, we were merely one of many different churches in town. In recent years we have grown while other churches have had difficult times. Suddenly, we, too, find ourselves in a place where we are no longer one of many different options. For many families, we have become the only option for a church choice. We are the "Plan A" for these families with limited options for a, "Plan B." This takes us to an important moment of realizing where we are and an important sensitivity to where God wants us to go from here.

As we enter into the Fall Season, please take your role very seriously in this critical ministry. We have worked hard to keep our overhead costs low so that we can focus our resources on ministry. We are now looking for ways that we can step out to meet the growing ministry needs in our community and area. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor. Please, be with us in church regularly so that you can catch and be part of God's direction. Please, take the stewardship pledge seriously so that we can have the increased resources available for the increased needs and demands upon ourselves. Please, prayerfully consider ways in which we could include you in spiritual growth groups; in ministry outreach groups, and in ways in which we can change our world for Christ. The time is quite unique. Who knows what God may all do?

Pastor Tom Moe

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

Summer is almost over and our voices have had a great vacation. Please plan to join us as we begin choir on Sept. 5 at 7 pm. Anyone who loves to sing and be a part of this musical ministry is warmly invited. Thank you,  
Choir director  
Terrie Blumer

## Attend Listening Sessions for 2019 General Conference

Why is there a special General Conference coming [February 23 – 26, 2019](#) in St. Louis, only a year before the regularly scheduled 2020 session in Minneapolis? How might my church be affected by this talk about choosing among a One Church, Connectional Conference and Traditionalist plan? Will other possibilities emerge? Change is coming for The United Methodist Church, and there will be meetings this fall to help Wisconsin United Methodists understand what is being proposed.

Formed following authorization by General Conference 2016, the Commission on a Way Forward identified three possible options, or plans, for our denomination as we move into the future. The Council of Bishops has recommended adoption of the One Church Plan.

The Wisconsin Delegation to GC 2019 is hosting eight educational and listening sessions around the state to allow feedback about the proposals. These sessions for interested clergy and laity will each last between 60-90 minutes. The dates and locations are:

[Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m., Sun Prairie UMC, 702 North Street](#)

[Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m., Janesville Cargill UMC, 2000 Wesley Avenue](#)

## Ice Cream Social

### THANK-YOU!

There is so much gratitude to give! Thank you for all the people who volunteered their time, donated money, donated the bouncy house, made desserts, , made food for the meal, set up, cleaned up and served. There are too many names to name! This could not have happened without all of your generosity and time! Thank you also to those who came out and supported the event by having dinner with us! We raised over \$1,800. The money raised with go into the missions account. A special thanks to Brandi Grazioso for organizing this event and leading the committee! We are grateful to share this event and look forward to next year!



## 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 Katie in the office. (608)862-3206      albanyumc@tds.net



Thank you to all of the people who helped with Vacation Bible School! This year's Deep Sea Discovery was a huge success and the kids all had a lot of fun. It would not have been possible without all the volunteers to help set up, teach, and lead the whole week. Thank you!

## WOW trip to Ark Encounter in Kentucky

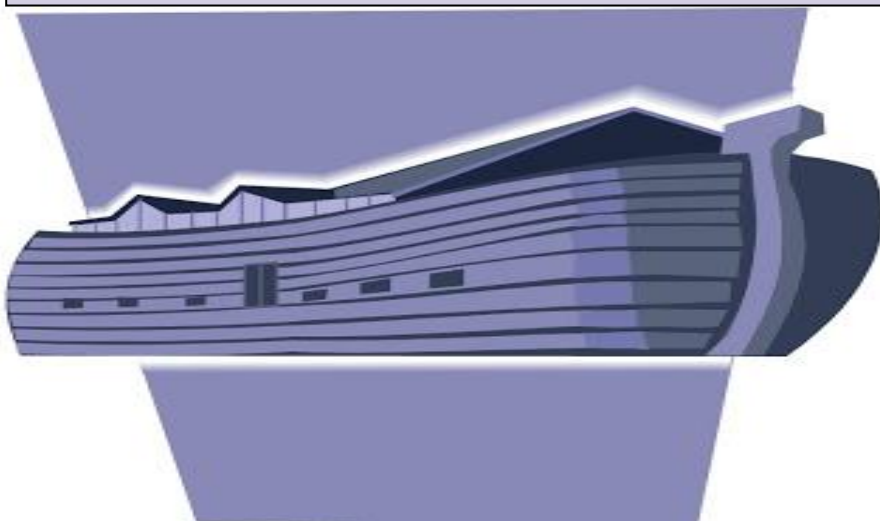
The Women of Wonder invite the women of the congregation to join us on a trip to see the marvelous Ark Encounter in Kentucky on a trip from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Ark Encounter is a life-sized ark exhibit. You can walk through the magnificent boat and learn about Noah and his family, all the animals, and their incredible journey in the Ark.

The cost of the trip will be \$208 plus gas money. This includes a hotel room, The Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum, and scooters for both attractions. We will leave Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service.

Please Contact Kathy Meyer for more information.

Kathy 608-862-1222



# To do list

WAIT PATIENTLY - PSALM 27:14

HAVE FAITH - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

PRAY - PHILIPPIANS 4:6

THINK OF OTHERS - PHILIPPIANS 2:4

TRUST IN THE LORD - PROVERBS 3:5

READ GOD'S WORD - PSALM 119:12

GIVE THANKS - PSALM 136

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## SCHEDULE

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

### SEPTEMBER

#### Liturgist

2 Wesley Isenhart  
9 Janis King  
16 David King  
23 Jill Krupke  
30 Kathie Riemer

#### Ushers

2 Jeff & Cassie Mauerman  
9 Darrell & Eunice Clark  
16 Barb Briggs & Teresa Brugger  
23 Dean & Debbie Houlberg  
30 Fairy & Emily Elmer

#### Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes  
Volunteers

### OCTOBER

#### Liturgist

7 Kathie Riemer  
14 Jodi Houlberg  
21 Leigh Whitehead  
28 Angie Parr

#### Ushers

7 Julie Blumer & Penny Thompson  
14 Keith & Terrie Blumer  
21 John & Angie Parr  
28 Daryl & Kari Fernstaedt

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Communion Stewards  
October 7<sup>th</sup> – Kathie Riemer

\* If you cannot fulfill your 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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2 Sunday	3 Monday	4 Tuesday	5 Wednesday	6 Thursday	7 Friday	8 Saturday
	Labor Day  Office Closed		Food Pantry 4:30-6:00  Senior Choir 7 pm			
9 8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45am Sunday school 11am Ad Council	10	11	12 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00  Senior Choir 7pm	13	14	15
16 8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday school	17	18	19 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00pm  Senior Choir 7pm	20	21	22
23 <b>Fall Equinox</b> 8am & 10am Worship 8:45-9:45 Sunday school  11:00am Peace Church Cemetery Committee Meeting	24 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	25 SPRC Meeting 6:30pm	26 Food Pantry 4:30-6:00pm  Senior Choir 7pm	27	28	29
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## Church Staff

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Monday

8:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday

8:30am-12:30pm

Friday

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Fairy Elmer

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Glenn Holtsapple

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