

Albany United Methodist Church

"Everyone is somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord"!

September 2017

The Methodist Message

PASTOR TOM'S MESSAGE

Game Changers for Life

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise-that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3 NIV

One of the most difficult tasks facing the families today is in learning how to manage the blended family. There is such difficulty in understanding the roles involved in blended families. Holidays are difficult in that the family tends to go in very separate directions depending on the designs which may not be all that negotiable. All of these issues make life in the blended family very difficult. Perhaps one of the most difficult conflicts in blended families occurs when there are very different values involved. What does one do when your values as a step parent are different from those of the biological parent?

While some very good aids are available, I find the resource that has been in use for centuries to be most effective. That effective resource is the model of the grandparents. Both as a child visiting grandparents and now as a grandparent, I find the role of being with grandchildren to be really effective in bridging family value conflicts.

The model was described to me by my grandparents when I visited as a little child. I remember my brother being admonished by Grandma when he tried to pull the tail of a neighbor's dog. My brother responded with the classic line we all hear too often, "But mommy lets me do this." Of course, Grandma was smart enough to know that we didn't have a dog nor would her daughter let us pull a dog's tail. However, rather than waste time in such a discourse Grandma simply said, "Grandma's house = Grandma's rules." As we quickly discovered, that law ended all such attempts at leveraging the authority of Grandma. My wife and I have used that same policy with our grandchildren to huge success. We don't even open up the discussion of whether or not our grandchildren can jump off of ladders at their home. We simply say, "Here you don't. Grandma's house = Grandma's rules.

That same policy is helpful for blended families. Step children will love to leverage your authority with the statement, "But you aren't my mother." They love to use that leverage because it tends to hit step parents in a very sensitive manner: i.e. Your partner was in a relationship before you. This is very painful and personal. Step children have no idea why it impacts you. They simply know that it is very effective to allow them to do things that they should not do. This requires an agreement between the step parent and the at home biological parent. The policy must be that the rules of the home are not made only by biological parents. The rules of the home are made and enforced by the adults in that home. Step children need to be reminded by the at home biological parent that there are no exceptions to that policy. Grandparents can share another important model for step parents. We, grandparents, know that we can't match the expensive things that our grandchildren have in their home. The last thing we want to do is get into a "bidding war" with our children over whose home has the best stuff. To the contrary, we know that our grandchildren love to come over because there will be a unique appreciation for them with Grandma and Grandpa. Most grandparents will tell you that there are so many things to do with the grandchildren that they usually leave most of the electronic things at home. Grandchildren visit us for our unique relationships and then, in a non-competitive manner, we give room for the other set of grandparents to have their unique relationships. The same can be true of step families. The worst thing you can do is get into a "stuff war" with the other household. The model is very simple. Realize what your partner sees in the relationship with you that was so much superior to the "other relationship." Develop those traits as interaction points with your stepchildren to make your relationship have a unique meaning rather than wasting time in household one-up-man-ship.

May God bless you in your family.

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 or phone: 608-862-3206. Thank you.

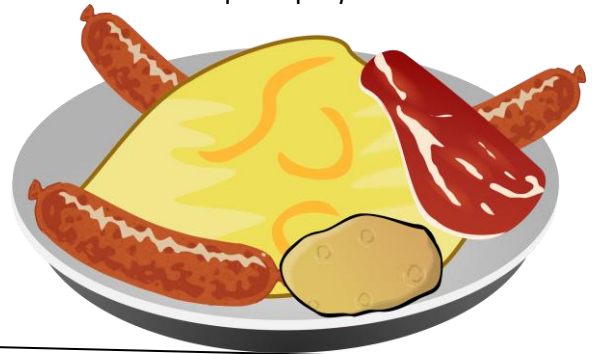


**Sunday School Starts
September 10th!
8:45am-9:45am**

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4th in observance of Labor Day.

CHOIR WILL START UP SEPT 6TH AT 7 PM. INVITE ANY AND ALL WHO SHARE OUR PASSION FOR SINGING FOR GODS GLORY. CONTACT TERRIE BLUMER 862-3314

Please join us for the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 16th, at 8:30am. This is a time for us to come together over a good meal for some fellowship and prayer.



Thank You!

Our 2017 Ice Cream Social was very successful, thanks to the work and contributions of many people. A special thanks to the women who helped make pies on June 27th, to the Youth and their leaders for going door to door handing out flyers advertising the Social and helping at the Social. Also to Chris and Chris Ochalla for designing our flyers.

We also would like to thank everyone who gave monetary donations and the three ladies who contributed their delicious pies, plus everyone who worked at the Social, by collecting, serving, cleaning up and especially to over the 200 people who came and enjoyed fellowship and a delicious meal.

Profits were approximately \$2,200.00 and will go towards the 2019 Youth Mission Trip.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

Linda and Brandi



**Youth Group Kickoff
Sunday, September 17th
More Details to come.**



Peace Day September 21st

Schedule

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

SEPTEMBER

Liturgist

3 Lauren Blumer
10 Eunice Clark
17 Jill Krupke
24 Wesley Isenhart

Ushers

3 Fairy & Emily Elmer
10 Darcy & Al Stephenson
17 Kathie Riemer & Krishell Blumer
24 Ann Trow & Karla Myhre

Nursery

Open but not staffed

Acolytes

Volunteers

OCTOBER

Liturgist

1 David King
8 Darrell Clark
15 Leigh Whitehead
22 Dean Houlberg
29 Janis King

Ushers

1 Jeff & Cassie Mauerman
8 Keith & Terrie Blumer
15 Jill Krupke & Abe Runaas
22 Darrell & Eunice Clark
29 Barb Briggs & David King

Nursery

1 Jena McIntosh
8 Debbie Houlberg
15 Robbie Neild
22 Ann Trow
29 Leigh Whitehead

Acolytes

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Communion Stewards

October: Dan & Linda Weber
November: Jeff & Cassie Mauerman

*** 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!**

Confirmation

We are excited to start another year of confirmation classes. Classes will be for those in 7th and 8th grade with the 8th graders being confirmed in the spring. Classes will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6-7 pm starting October 4th. If your child is in Sunday School, they will receive information on the classes. If your child is not in Sunday School, please contact Pastor Tom and let him know that your youth is interested in confirmation classes. Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
3 8am & 10am Worship Communion Family Promise Host Week	4 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED Family Promise	5 Family Promise	6 Family Promise Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	7 Family Promise Nominations Committee Meeting 6:30pm	8 Family Promise	9 Family Promise
10 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School 8:45-9:45am Ad Council Meeting 11:00am	11 WOW 6:30pm	12	13 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	14	15	16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30am
17 8am & 10am Worship Sunday School 8:45-9:45am Youth Group Kickoff	18	19	20 Food Pantry 4:30- 6:00pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm	21	22 Newsletter Items Due!	23
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**Albany United Methodist Church
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Church Staff

Pastor:
Tom Moe

Office Manager:
Katie Brugger

Office Hours: 8:00am – 1:30pm

Monday

8:00am-2:30pm

Wednesday

8:00am-2:30pm

Friday

Administrative Council Chair:
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Eunice Clark

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Diane Bergman

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Steve Stefanik

