

Albany United Methodist Church

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Albany, IN 47320

Pastor Jake Ohlemiller



We are:

Acting as God's Ambassadors

United by God's Love

Motivated by God's Word, to

Care for Our Community

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

A Better Life: Brianna's Hope – Fridays @ 6:30 p.m.

Project Friend Food Pantry – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 4-7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

January 2018

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Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Tuesday Game Days

Games will be postponed the week of Christmas and New Years so that you may enjoy your time with family and friends. Game Days will resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.



Extra Sechler Pickles

There are extras available for anyone who would like to purchase some. Please contact Donna Stephenson 789-6188 or the office 789-4571.

What's left:

- 3 – 1 Qt. Bread & Butter Slices, \$6.00 ea.
- 1 – 24 Oz. Hot Hungarian Pickled Banana Peppers, \$3.65
- 4 – 1 Pt. Mild Chunky Salsa, \$3.70 ea.
- 5 – 1 Pt. Sweet Pickle Relish, \$3.00 ea.
- 4 – 1 Pt. Med. Peach Salsa, \$3.70 ea.

Finance Report

November giving was a little above average. Monthly giving and December has started off well. If the giving continues the rest of the year, the church should end the year with a positive balance. Congratulations on the way the congregation has supported the church financially! The hope is that 2018 will be a very good year for Albany United Methodist Church.



Operation Christmas Child 2017

We stuffed 50 shoe boxes! We would like to increase that number in 2018. Thank you for all you have contributed in the past and in the coming year. Adding items to the tote in back of the church throughout the year helps tremendously in contributing to the total number. We would like to continue that this year and are

offering some suggestions for each month. We also would like you to consider stuffing one or two shoe boxes on your own as well as contributing to the collective boxes. Here are some suggestions for each month. You are not limited to these suggestions. You may add whatever you think a child would like or use at any time of the year. We have brochures with the restrictions so if you are unsure about an item, check the brochure. We will keep them on the table by the tote. **No** toothpaste or candy will be allowed in 2018.

January

Plastic shoe boxes with lids

Cardboard shoe boxes—covered with wrapping paper (lid and bottom covered separately)

Hand towels, wash cloths

Bars of soap plus **plastic containers for the soap**

Toys (may find on clearance)—remember they must fit in a shoe box—no used or damaged toys, no war related items

February

Stuffed, cuddly toys

Musical instruments

Deflated balls with pumps (these are impossible to find so I'd say any type of ball)



March

Socks

Hats—summer or winter

T-shirts (ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14—boys and girls)—plain or striped, no logos

Sundresses for girls—Can anyone make simple ones?

Puzzles



April

Plastic containers for toothbrushes and toothbrushes (we still have some but will probably need more)

May

Hairbrushes/combs—we didn't have many of these this past year—look at Dollar Tree for reasonably priced ones

Head bands

Hair barrettes

Other hair items



June

Flashlights—check WalMart—usually have for \$1

Batteries

Band-aids

Melamine plates (needs to fit in shoe box), bowl and/or cup

July

Sunglasses

Flip-flops

Jump ropes



August

School supplies:

Notebooks (smaller ones fit better)

Pencils—regular and colored ones

Pencil sharpeners

Pens—any color

Crayons

Scissors

Calculators

Rulers



September

Items for Older Kids:

Small tools

Sewing kits with fabric scraps

Simple watch

October

Items for Younger Kids:

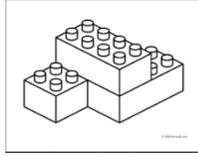
Picture books

Finger puppets

Doll

Blocks

Marbles



November

Money for Postage (\$9 per box as of 2017)



**Birthdays
January**

- 1~14 Tamara Lemaster
- 1~16 Parker Morris
- 1~22 Cinda Friend
- 1~23 Mardelle St.John
- 1~24 Neil Butcher
- 1~25 Carter Morris
- 1~31 Barbara Reed



**“Everything I Need to Know About
Life I Learned from Noah’s Ark”**

- Don’t miss the boat.
- Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.
- Stay fit. When you are 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something big.
- Don’t listen to critics; just get on the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- In safety’s sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you’re stressed, float awhile.
- Remember, the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- No matter the storm, when you are with God, there’s always a rainbow waiting.

Author Unknown

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who came to help me celebrate my 90th birthday, and for the cards and well wishes! It was a great day and I am thankful for family and friends who made it all possible!

JoAnn Sheller

From Pastor Jake

Dear friends,

Long before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah was overcome with joy and gratitude towards the LORD God, causing him to exclaim these words:

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses. (Isaiah 63:7 NIV)

In Christ's holy Church today, when we record, re-tell, and celebrate the history of our congregation, we are following the prophet's example. Remembering what God has done in our past gives us confidence that God will be faithful in the future, no matter what may come. As we enter the New Year and look ahead toward the next chapter in our life together, I invite you to reflect on God's goodness and care for our church family. This history of AUMC was compiled and composed by Martha Huston, one of our members, as part of an effort across our Indiana Annual Conference to preserve our local history.

Read on and praise God!

In 1835, seven men and their families met in the home of Jacob Pendry for a prayer group. As the town of Albany grew and their group increased they decided it was time to build a church. A log church and two other buildings preceded the current church located at the corner of Broadway and State Street. The building was dedicated in 1899. An education wing was added in the 1950's. The parsonage is two blocks south.

One of our members, Marry Mann, was a missionary in China during and after World War II. At one point she was interned in a camp as an imperialist spy. They thought her typewriter was a coding machine.

The congregation expresses its vision through the first letters of its name – Acting as God's ambassadors, United by God's love, Motivated by God's word to Care for our community. Following these principles, the church serves the Albany area through a clothing/household resale shop, with the proceeds supporting various community ministries. A food pantry serves needy families in the area, and an on-site garden helps provide fresh produce for the pantry during the summer months.

The congregation is involved in the Samaritans Purse Christmas Child program, collecting toys and health items to be boxed and sent to children in other countries. The church also hosts the Albany chapter of ABLBH (A Better Life-Brianna's Hope), a program for helping with drug addiction. An annual holiday bazaar and spring chicken noodle dinner also bring in additional funds for church programs.

Each December the church hosts a Sunday evening worship service and musical entertainment from area schools as part of the town's celebration of "An Albany Christmas."

In addition to worship services, Sunday School classes are offered for all ages. A sanctuary choir and hand chime choir offer regular music ministry. A bi-weekly "Evening at the Movies" complete with popcorn, is enjoyed by many as they learn more about their own faith and the faith and actions of other Christians who have gone before.

A few years ago, a Youth/Community Center was built adjacent to the church. Walking, easy adult exercises, and indoor sports activities for youth are offered there, as well as being available for rental

for private parties and family gatherings. Quarterly luncheons and entertainment are planned for the community's JOY – Just Older Youth, and quarterly dinners are given to celebrate birthday and anniversaries of congregation members.

A pre-school for three to five-year old's is operated under the auspices of the church to provide early childhood education and socialization. Special activities for the children include Grandparents Day, a Thanksgiving feast, a Christmas program, field trips, and a spring graduation ceremony for the pre-kindergarteners.

Albany United Methodist Church continues long-standing programs as well as striving for new ways to serve the Lord and our Albany community.



**“Hope” is the thing with feathers
By Emily Dickinson**

**“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -**

**And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -**

**I’ve heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.**

Source: The Poems of Emily Dickinson Edited by R. W. Franklin (Harvard University Press, 1999)

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Food Pantry 4-7pm (YCC)	3 Bible Study 10:30 am ABLBH Leaders Mtg. 6:00 p.m. (Lounge) Open Youth Play 4-7:00 pm (YCC)	4	5 ABLBH 6:30 pm	6
7 Pastor's Prayer Partners 9:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.	8	9 Game Day Resumes 12pm (YCC) Piano/Voice Lessons 1-7pm	10 Bible Study 10:30 am Piano/Voice Lessons 2-6:30 pm Open Youth Play 4-7:00 pm (YCC) Albany Community Garden Mtg 6:00 pm	11 Piano/Voice Lessons 2:30 – 6:45 p.m.	12 ABLBH 6:30 pm	13 Church Council Retreat @ AUMC 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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*God bless this new year
in which love overcomes
He is always with us
and unfolds great possibilities
all the best for the coming year*

