

Albany United Methodist Church

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We are:

***Acting as God's Ambassadors
United by God's Love
Motivated by God's Word, to
Care for Our Community***

Sunday Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:45am

A Better Life: Brianna's Hope – Fridays @ 6:30pm

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



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A Better Life: Brianna's Hope Meal Request

It is time to humbly ask for the continued support of our community, so we can continue to provide meals each week for recovering addicts. Please talk to your friends, small group, church or club and become part of the ABLBH family. We provide tableware, salty snacks and drinks. Contact Linda Greene or Martha Huston if you can help. Thanks for your continuing support!



Fellowship Meal

Extra Sechler Pickles



There are extras available for anyone who would like to purchase some. Please contact Donna Stephenson 765-789-6188 or the office 765-789-4571.

What's left:
5 – 1 Pt. Sweet Pickle Relish, \$3.00 ea.

MAIL!

In order to be the best possible steward of the church's resources, we will be using the mailboxes in the back of the sanctuary whenever possible. Please be sure to check your mailbox each time you are at the church. Thank you in advance for your help with this project!



Operation Christmas Child 2018

Items to purchase in the month of March:

Socks

Hats

T-shirts (Ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 for both boys and girls.

Plain or striped, but no logos please)

Sundresses for girls...could even make a simple one!

Puzzles



Sunday Night @ the Movies (S.N.A.M.)

This month we will gather on March 11th and March 25th at 6pm in the AUMC Lounge. Please watch your Sunday bulletins and screen announcements for our movie selections.

Bring a drink, and we'll make sure the popcorn is ready!



Good Friday Service

Plans are still coming together for this year's Good Friday service with our neighboring churches. Plan to keep the evening of Friday, March 30th open so that you will be able to join us.

March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3~1 Ann Sheller
- 3~3 Carolyn Kramer
- 3~4 Barbara Demaree & Rebecca Kirby
- 3~6 Paula Bradley
- 3~7 Susan Whitehair
- 3~12 Debra Lehman & Richard Rees
- 3~20 Allyn Hines
- 3~21 Sonia Smith
- 3~24 Linda Moore
- 3~26 Matt Reitz



Anniversaries

- 3~1 Don & Bev Sheller



Each year for Easter Sunday we decorate the Communion railing with flowers as a symbol of new life. This year we will be able to decorate with lilies, hyacinths or tulips for only \$11.50 each. Order forms will be available in the weekly bulletin, in the church office or by contacting Tricia in the church office by phone/email. Easter flowers will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin

Last day to order will be Sunday, March 18th and payment must be made with your order.



HAND CHIMES...PRACTICE
RESUMES ON MARCH 7TH AT 7:00PM IN
THE AUMC LOUNGE. NEW MEMBERS
ARE ALWAYS ENCOURAGED AND
WELCOMED!!

CHURCH CHOIR...we
will resume practice at
7:45pm on March 7th
in the AUMC Lounge.
What new faces will we
see this year??

Choir

Never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Gracie Allen

Sunday, March 11th

Soup Sunday

Soups and drinks will be furnished
by the church. We need crackers,
cheese, salads and
desserts...anything that goes with
the delicious soups that we'll be
enjoying!

Dinner will start at 12pm

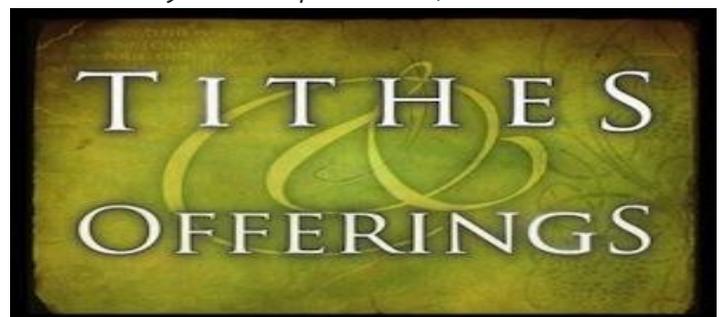
From the Finance Committee:

February 2017 Giving: \$8,311.25

February 2018 Giving: \$6,689.00

February 2017 Expenses: \$10,789.87

February 2018 Expenses: \$11,443.66



INTRODUCING.....Have you stopped by the church office yet to meet our new church secretary? Tricia Williams joined us on February 1st. She brings over 15 years of administrative and office experience with her, and she is excited to be a part of our church staff and family.

Here is a note from Tricia to introduce herself...I am a life-long member of The United Methodist Church. I am originally from Covington, IN on the west side of the state, but now reside in Daleville where I am a member of Daleville UMC. I am a Certified Lay Servant of the Indiana Conference, and having been serving the East District in this capacity since 2015. I feel that God has given me a voice and I am called to share my story so that others can be encouraged, find hope and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. In September 2017, I was assigned as the Supply Pastor at Albany Bethel UMC and Muncie Morningside UMC. I am in the process of becoming a Certified Candidate to be a Licensed Local Pastor in our Conference.

My mission field includes teaching Bible study at an addiction recovery house in Noblesville, volunteering at the Pendleton Correctional Facility and serving as an Area Director for Toastmasters International...a public speaking and leadership mentoring group.

I am blessed to be the mom to six-year-old Mason, who started kindergarten last August. It was a struggle to get him to like school...he told me very convincingly that he could learn everything he needed to know by watching YouTube! I cannot fault his logic though because as a single mom, I rely on YouTube when it comes to fixing things around the house 😊

I want to thank everyone at Albany UMC for making me feel so welcome. Your kind words are appreciated and encouraging! My office is always open and I hope that you will feel comfortable in coming to me with ideas and suggestions on how I can best serve the church through the church office.

Be blessed, and be a blessing!

Tricia Williams

PASTOR JAKE AND JANELLE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS on Monday morning, March 5th. Jake is going before the Indiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry in consideration for Full Ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. If approved, Jake will be ordained by Bishop Trimble at the 2018 Annual Conference in Indianapolis on Saturday, June 9.

PRAY

From Pastor Jake

Dear AUMC family and friends,

Last Saturday morning at the Lions Building, for the first time since the mid 1980's, our congregation hosted a United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfast. Each year, during the six Saturdays of Lent, churches around our district put on breakfasts where our men can fellowship together, sing, pray, and listen to encouraging speakers.

I should probably share that I'd been stressing over this breakfast for weeks. *Would we have enough volunteers? What if we ran out of food? What if nobody showed up?* As I started making phone calls to ask for help, I could sense the Holy Spirit reminding me how the church is supposed to work. As Hudson Taylor, a Christian missionary to China, once put it, "Depend on it: God's work, done in God's way, will never lack supplies." It wasn't necessary for me to worry, for God had every intention of providing for us!

In the end, the whole thing came together beautifully. More than fifty United Methodist men from around the area, including our district superintendent Dave Byrum, came to share in the meal. With each of our men bringing in a homemade breakfast casserole, and Harold scrounging up a giant bowl of fruit cocktail, we had just enough chow for everyone. Joel and Allyn supplied the beverages, while John brought in place settings and jelly beans. We had more than thirteen helpers, so much manpower that it was hard find enough jobs for each person to do!

I was so proud and grateful to see the mighty men of Albany UMC band together and make the event happen—it was a reminder to me that God is not finished with our church family. *For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matthew 17:20)*

So, we've learned we can put on a great big breakfast. What challenge do you think God is inviting us to attempt next?

In Christ,
Jake

A Church Dictionary...as found in "The Greatest Collection of Church Jokes"

- Amen: the only part of a prayer that everyone knows.
- Bulletin: Information only read during the sermon; Baptist air-conditioning; proof that you attended church.
- Choir: A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.
- Hymn: a song of praise, usually sung in a key three octaves higher than the congregation can sing.
- Incense: Holy Smoke!
- Justice: When kids have kids of their own.
- Pew: A medieval torture device still found in some old line churches.
- Procession: The ceremonial formation at the beginning of many church services, consisting of choir, acolytes, clergy, and late worshippers looking for seats.

MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Piano/Voice Lessons 2:30–6:45pm Lenten Study 7-8pm	2 ABLBH 6:30pm (Lounge)	3
4 Pastor's Prayer Partners 9:15am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am	5	6 Game Day 12pm (YCC) Piano/Voice Lessons 1-7pm Food Pantry 4-7pm (YCC)	7 Bible Study 10:30am Piano/Voice Lessons 2-6:30pm Open Youth Play 4-7:00 pm (YCC) Hand Chimes 7pm Choir Practice 7:45pm	8 Piano/Voice Lessons 2:30–6:45pm Lenten Study 7-8pm	9 ABLBH 6:30pm (Lounge)	10
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