

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 4:00-7:00pm



Return Address Requested

CHURCH NEWS

September 2018

September

Operation Christmas Child 2018

Items to purchase in the month of September:

This month is designated for the older kids!

Small tools

Sewing kits with fabric scraps

Simple watch



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 9~1 Clive Hamlyn
- 9~7 Wanda Edwards & Marcie Schlosser
- 9~16 Linda Bowdell
- 9~17 Whitney Hood
- 9~23 Peggy Clark
- 9~28 Chris Selvey & Sofia Smith

Anniversaries

- 9~1 Bob & Debra Lehman
- 9~5 Clive & Daryl Hamlyn
- 9~8 Daryl & Betty Hensley

September 23: Installation Service for new Conference Superintendent Rev. Dr. Aleze Fulbright...3pm at Yorktown UMC (this is a change from previous announcements).

September 30: EMS Appreciation Luncheon

October 13: Worship With Your Hands

October 17: District Charge Conference hosted by Albany UMC

November 17: Annual AUMC Bazaar

November 20: Albany Community Thanksgiving Service at Albany Bethel UMC

December 1: East District Day with Bishop Trimble at Union Chapel Ministries

December 9: Albany Community Christmas Service at Albany UMC



CLASSIFIEDS

TWO MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY ARE IN NEED OF A USED WASHING MACHINE.

IF YOU COULD HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JAKE. THANK YOU!



As choir and chimes rehearsals continue for the next several months, there is still plenty of opportunity to join one or both of these groups to help “make a joyful noise.” Choir usually sings an anthem every other Sunday service, while Chimes usually play once every 4 or 5 weeks. No previous experience is necessary not is the ability to read music. We are volunteer musicians.

With the renovation of the chancel area, there will be room to accommodate larger groups. It would be wonderful to have new participants in both groups. (We know there are lots of good singers in this congregation. We hear you every Sunday during church service!) Hand Chimes rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm to 7:30pm; Choir rehearsals immediately follow from 7:30pm to 8:15pm. Please come join us from music and fellowship.

Update from our Minister of Community Engagement:

Friends,

This month, I am focusing my work on Worship With Your Hands. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to organize another day of service, and I am grateful for the support and ideas I have received from many of our church members.

Last year, on October 14, 2017, about 45 volunteers gathered in our Youth Community Center to worship God through their service. Most of the volunteers were part of our church family, and I also enjoyed meeting several new people from the community who wanted to help. We accomplished so much that day: painting our pre-school's play area, lots of yard-work at the parsonage, building compost bins for our church's community garden, sharing hand-decorated cookies with our community's first responders, and more! We worked together and enjoyed Christian fellowship, a true blessing from God.

This year, God has inspired us to do even more. On October 13, 2018, our volunteers will go out into the community to help Albany homeowners who need an extra hand. We will be doing yard-work, cleaning, painting, and repairs, both inside and outside the homes of our neighbors. Our vision involves the whole community: volunteers, homeowners, and partner organizations from all over town, coming together to serve.

I am working to recruit homeowners and volunteers, but I need your help. Attached, you will find a volunteer registration form and a homeowner application packet. If you would like to volunteer, or request the help of a team of volunteers, please fill out the form and return it to our office. If you know anyone else who might want to volunteer, or who might want volunteers to help them on their property, please invite them! You can share the form with them, and you can also ask us for extra forms any time. The event and forms are also on Facebook.

Church, God has blessed us richly with resources, time, talents, and love. Let us respond in service; let us worship with our hands!

Yours in Christ,
Janelle Ohlemiller

Bountiful Bazaar 2018

Our annual church craft bazaar is just two and a half months away. Hopefully, you have been working on, or at least planning what you will be contributing to this event. All kinds of craft creations are needed: Fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations; year-round décor and general purpose items, homemade candies, canned or fresh baked goods, and any other things that you can think of to make or donate.

Set-up time will be Friday, November 16th, at 9:00am in the Youth Building. (Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help set up tables.) Your donated items may be brought to the Youth Building from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Please place price tags on items before bringing or get tags when you arrive and price your items before you leave. Make prices reasonable; we want to sell everything, not have to pack it up and store it.

Our Bountiful Bazaar will be Saturday, November 17th from 9:00am until 3:30pm. Along with the sale, light lunch items will be offered from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Linda Bowdell is the Bazaar Lunch chairman. She will need donations of vegetable soup, chili, hot dogs and buns, as well as drinks. There will be a sheer posted in the church at a later date for people to sign up for food donations and/or work in the kitchen during the Bazaar. Remember, the proceeds from the Bazaar are donated 50%-50% between the Food Pantry and the general fund. Be sure to make time that day to come and shop!

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Community Garden Work Day 8am-12pm
2 Pastor's Prayer Partners 9:10am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am	3 Church CLOSED for Holiday	4 Food Pantry 4-7pm Piano/Voice Lessons 4-8pm	5 Bible Study 10:30am Piano/Voice Lessons 2:15-6:30pm Hand Chimes 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	6 Piano/Voice Lessons 3-8pm	7 ABLBH 6:30pm (Basement)	8
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From Pastor Jake

Dear friends,

This week, I was reading a 1933 sermon by German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer when I came across some words that challenged me deeply. Addressing his two German-speaking church communities in London, Bonhoeffer proclaimed, "A congregation that does not pray for the ministry of its pastor is no longer a congregation. A pastor who does not pray daily for the congregation is no longer a pastor."

These words reminded me of a favorite saying of our Bishop, Julius Trimble, which I have heard him share on several occasions: "Prayer is the main business of the church. Little prayer, little power. No prayer, no power. *Much prayer, much power.*"

I need to confess to you that I have been too lackadaisical in my prayer life, at least where it comes to praying for you, my congregation. Certainly, I do pray for you on Sunday mornings, when I am with you, and in your homes and hospital rooms. I also pray for you when you ask me to pray for specific things. But what about pleading on your behalf as a Church, as the Body of Christ, as God's holy ambassadors in Albany? How can I be effective in preaching to you every week about God, if I am not also speaking with God every day about you? Please forgive me.

Later on in his sermon, Bonhoeffer offered this invitation to his listeners:

"What Christ asks of us, too, is so strange that we cannot get over our astonishment: 'Be reconciled to God.' (2 Cor. 5:20) This means nothing less than let a king give you his kingdom, take heaven as a gift. Let the Lord of lords of all the world give you his love, and be his friends, his children, those whom he protects. Come, surrender yourselves to him and to his will, and you will be free from every evil, from all guilt, and from all bondage. You will be free from your own selves, you will have found your way home, you will be at home with your Father." (from *The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, Fortress Press, 2012, p. 93)

I have adapted these words into a prayer, printed and placed in the middle of my desk, which I will be praying for you daily:

Gracious God, I ask You earnestly,
on behalf of the people of Albany United Methodist Church,
whom You have placed into my care:
I desire that they be reconciled fully to You, one and all!
May they be astonished by Your amazing grace today.
May they open themselves so completely to You
that they receive the Kingdom of Heaven,
Your precious gift, for themselves.
May they receive Your love, and be Your friends, Your children,
those whom You protect.
May they be fully surrendered to You and to Your will,
so that they may be free from every evil,
from all guilt, and from all bondage.
May they be free even from their own selves,
so that they may find a home with You and in You.

In Jesus' name, I pray these things. Amen.

When you are in prayer this month, will you please pray these things for me, too? By the grace of God, we are in this together. I'm grateful every day to be serving a congregation who is as kind and gracious as you have been with me and Janelle.

God bless you,
Pastor Jake

