

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

October 2018



Operation Christmas Child 2018

Items to purchase in the month of October:
This month is designated for the younger kids!
Picture books
Finger puppets
Dolls
Blocks
Marbles



This is the last month that we will be collecting items for this year.
We will accept donations through the first week of November.

October 13: Worship With Your Hands
October 17: District Charge Conference hosted by Albany UMC
November 11: EMS Appreciation Luncheon
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



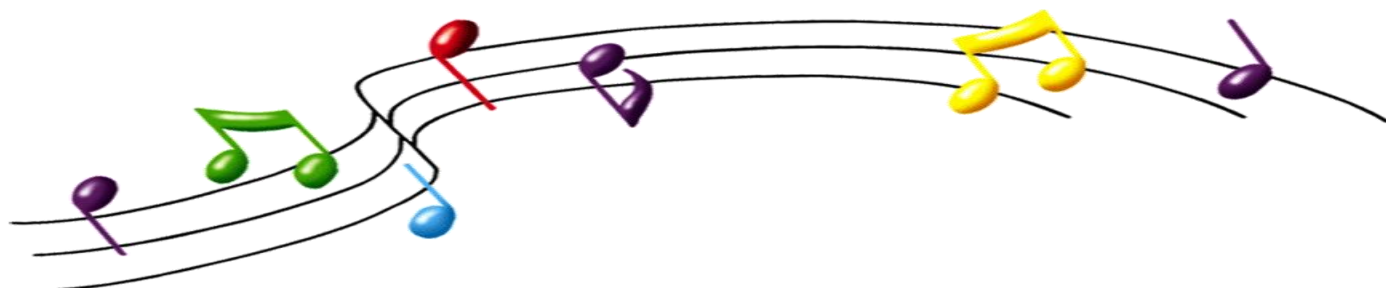
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

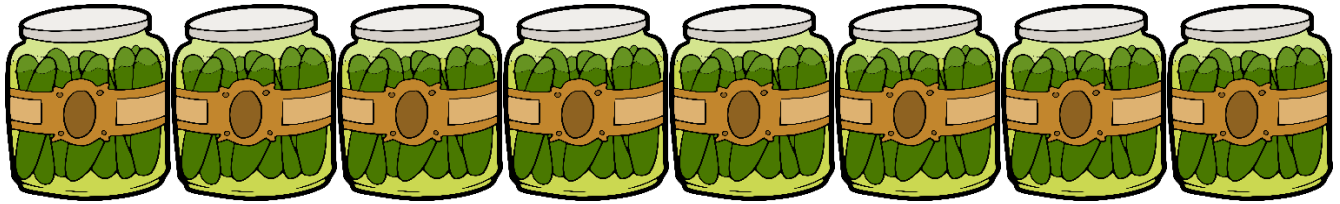
10~2	Murray Wilson
10~6	Jim Moore
10~8	Leigh Ann Chalfant
10~10	Macy Whitehair
10~12	Marilyn Marks
10~16	Sandy Lemaster
10~17	Chris Taylor
10~19	Bob Lehman
10~20	Janelle Ohlemiller
10~24	Phyllis Brown
10~25	Nikki Adams
10~26	Jim Clevenger Sr.
10~27	Ervin Rickert
10~28	Bill Conn & Jerry McConnell
10~31	Cathy Murray & Audrey Shields

Anniversaries

10~6	Joe & Phyllis Brown
10~7	Tim & Tammy Shaw
10~20	Mike & Peggy Bullock
10~22	Chris & Angela Selvey
10~24	Dick & Karen Reum
10~28	Neil & Martie Butcher
10~30	Bob & Janet Ashcraft
10~31	Tom & Carolyn Kramer



The choir and hand chimes still need more people to help out.
No previous experience is necessary, just a desire to praise the Lord through music,
See Dennis or Cheryl Wasson at Sunday service or call 765-289-4959.



We will be taking orders for Sechler's Pickles the month of October. The deadline, to get your orders into the church, will be November 4, 2018; and your pickles can be picked up the week of November 12, 2018. Be sure and order plenty to get you through the holidays, and your summer picnics. Plus, we don't order extra pickles anymore ----- so what you order is what we order!!



Our EMS, Firemen and Police do a spectacular job, taking care of all of us, in all kinds of weather and at all times of the day or night. So we want to honor them with a special program and meal. We also want them to bring their families to share in this recognition. Our special day will be Sunday, November 11. We want to invite all of them, who are able, to our church service at 9:30am, then to a special program and meal at 1pm in our Youth Community Center.

We are aware that each group of Responders has a Treasury to buy items that they need to better do their jobs, but they may not always have enough money in that Treasury to buy everything that they really need. So, we are going to take up donations, for our First Responders, for the next several Sundays, at our church services. We are borrowing a fireman's boot to use to take up these donations. It will be sitting out every Sunday, until November 4th. We will divide the money, so that we give an equal amount, to each department on November 11th. Please be generous to help us help our First Responders.

The committee will be serving ham sandwiches and drinks, and we are asking that each of our church members bring two sides dishes (salads, desserts, hot or cold veggies). We are hoping for a big turn-out. We ask that everyone please contact the church office (765-789-4571) or Donna Stephenson (765-789-6188) to let us know if you are able to come, and how many are coming with you. See you Sunday, November 11th!

FREE JELLY JARS: If you are interested in getting FREE jelly jars, please contact Jan (Sheller) Miller at 765-760-2390. She will be glad to give them to you.

Update from our Minister of Community Engagement:

Friends,

Last month, you heard from me about Worship With Your Hands, our day of service on Saturday, October 13th. The planning for that day is well underway, so this month I aim to give you a good update.

First and foremost, we have been blessed with volunteer registration forms! Already, 30 people have registered to serve that day, several of whom are youth and children, and about a third of whom are community members who do not regularly attend our worship service. What an amazing opportunity to serve together as a grateful and enthusiastic response to all that God has done for us! **If you would like to volunteer but have not registered, please fill out the attached form and return it as soon as possible.** With the help of our Planning Team, I will be forming registered volunteers into teams, and assigning those teams to work sites. Having your registration in advance of the event gives us the time to match everyone up.

Applications for homeowners are still coming in. On behalf of our church, I am grateful to our neighbors and friends who are offering us the blessing of serving in their homes and on their properties. I am also grateful to all of you who have reached out to people you know who could use an extra hand. I know those conversations can be difficult to have, and your willingness to have them anyway shows the work of the Holy Spirit in your life!

If you have any questions about Worship With Your Hands, or want to know how you can be involved, please reach out to me. I know some of you are not available that day, but still want to contribute, and I would love to help you find a way.

In Gratitude and Love,
Janelle



We will be starting up our Game Day, but we will be holding it in the north dining room of the Albany Nursing Home & Rehab Center, which is located beside the Therapy Room. We will still meet on Tuesdays, but only the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. We will be playing BINGO with prizes, and EUCHRE. Tell your friends, or just bring them along, starting Tuesday, October 9th, at 2:30pm.

September 2018 Tithe Report

Sept 2018 Income: \$18,800.19

Sept 2018 Expenses: \$21,217.56

Sept 2017 Income: \$7,846.80

Sept 2017 Expenses: \$12,647.40



OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Food Pantry 4-7pm Piano/Voice Lessons 4-8pm	3 Bible Study 10:30am Piano/Voice Lessons 2:15-6:30pm Hand Chimes 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	4 Piano/Voice Lessons 3-8pm	5 ABLBH 6:30pm (Basement)	6
7 Pastor's Prayer Partners 9:10am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am	8	9 Game Day 2:30-3:30pm Piano/Voice Lessons 4-8pm	10 Bible Study 10:30am Piano/Voice Lessons 2:15-6:30pm Hand Chimes 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	11 Piano/Voice Lessons 3-8pm	12 ABLBH 6:30pm (Basement)	13 Worship With Your Hands
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He'll be swaddled and snuggled, a bundle of love,
He's Janelle's sweetest gift, a blessing from above!

Ladies, please join us for a shower honoring the parents-to-be and
Baby Ohlemiller.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm

All Season's Banquet Facility

141 W. State St., Albany, IN 47320

RSVP by Sunday, October 28th to Lindsay Peters. Call or text 954-593-3755.

Janelle is registered at Amazon.com

One last request and we hope it won't be too hard, please bring baby a book instead of a card. By signing your book, he can remember and share your special gift even when you're not there.

BOUNTIFUL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 17th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, the AUMC Youth Center will be full of wonderful hand-crafted and homemade goodies to purchase for your own enjoyment or as gifts. The products will be arranged and displayed in various areas, such as fall décor, Christmas gifts and decorations, baby items, wonderful homemade pastries and canned goods, and much more. All the proceeds from the bazaar will be split evenly between the general fund and the food pantry. In addition to this great shopping opportunity, a light lunch will be available from 10:00am until 3:00pm at "Super Soup and Sandwiches", located near the kitchen area. A freewill offering is requested.

If you have items to donate for the bazaar, we would like for them to be brought to the Youth Center anytime Friday, November 16th, from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Please put price tags on your items before bringing. Prices should reflect pretty much what you have invested in it. You can't charge for your time and labor. Sorry! If you are unsure about a price, try to be realistic. What would you pay for this item if you were bazaar shopping elsewhere? We want everything to sell, not go into storage. IF the Friday time is not convenient, things may be given to Cheryl Wasson ahead of time. Contact the church (765-789-4571) or Cheryl (765-284-4959) to make arrangements.

Last year's bazaar brought in about \$2,200. It would be wonderful if we could surpass that amount this year! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 17th. Be sure to come shop, eat, visit and bring your friends! Remember, the entire church congregation benefits from the money brought in from the bazaar sales.

From Pastor Jake

Dear friends,

In worship on Sunday, September 30, Staff-Parish Relations Chair John Littler and I shared some important news with the congregation. (No, Janelle and I are not moving!) Albany UMC has been invited by our Bishop and Conference Superintendent to begin a new chapter of ministry by creating a *cooperative parish* with two other nearby congregations, Mt. Tabor UMC and Oak Grove UMC. In plain terms, this means that our three churches are agreeing to strengthen ourselves in the Lord by sharing the *costs*, the *resources*, and the *opportunities* of ministry together. This change became effective on October 1.

I believe that this new development has come to us by the work of the Holy Spirit. Here are three reasons:

- 1) *It helps Albany UMC adjust our spending without a change of pastor.* Due to natural patterns in the life of our church, our income from regular offerings (along with a limited amount from the endowment) is not enough to cover the required salary and benefits of a full-time ordained elder. Sharing this expense with Oak Grove and Mt. Tabor will make it possible for me to continue serving you, rather than being replaced in 2019 by a part-time pastor.
- 2) *It offers much-needed stability for Mt. Tabor UMC and Oak Grove UMC.* These two congregations have prospered recently under the leadership of two lay ministers providing pulpit supply. Their Christian witness in the Dunkirk and Redkey areas has grown to include a young adult small group, an outreach to Jay County Middle School, a Fall Festival, a regular family movie night, and a new Sunday School class. By sharing consistent clergy leadership with Albany UMC, they will be able to maintain their course and continue to grow in grace.
- 3) *It creates new possibilities for all three congregations.* God is up to something amazing here, and it will be abundantly more than all we can ask or imagine. What new ways to worship, pray, study, and serve together will start to appear? As the writer of Ecclesiastes tells us, a cord of three strands is not easily broken. (4:12)

As we navigate the many currents of change that are swirling around us, I want to assure you of two things that will remain the same. First, *I will still be your pastor.* I will still live in your parsonage and work in your office. I will still offer you the Word and Sacraments. I will still visit with you in the home and hospital. Janelle and I will still love you and do our best to help you grow deeper in the knowledge and love of God. We will still be so grateful to share our transition into parenthood with you!

Second, *God is still on the throne.* We are still Christ's holy church, redeemed by our Savior's suffering, death, and resurrection. Our task is the same as it's always been: Love God, love our neighbors, and share the gospel using every gift and talent available to us. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

There are still many details to be sorted out regarding how my time will be spent and how each congregation will receive the pastoral leadership that it needs. These will be sorted out in the weeks to come, and I will keep you informed. I ask for your prayers, your patience, and also your *personal feedback* as I learn to fulfill my job in a completely new way. Even more, I ask for your openness to the Holy Spirit—*how will God use this change to bless us and give us hope?*

In the meantime, I invite you to adopt Paul's twelve "House Rules" from Romans 12:9-13 as a general guide for the journey ahead:

Let love be genuine.
Hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.
Love one another with mutual affection.
Outdo one another in showing honor.
Do not be sluggish in zeal.
Keep your spirit at the boiling point.
Seize every opportunity to serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope.
Be patient in suffering.
Persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of God's people.
Extend hospitality to strangers.

God bless you,
Pastor Jake

A Poem: I am United Methodist...even though By Bishop Julius C. Trimble

I am United Methodist...even though
Every day is not sunny.

Even though
I have heard some really lousy sermons...and I was preaching.

Even though
I have been accused of singing hymns too loud.

Even though
I think John Wesley was cool but nearly as important as Jesus.

Even though
Little children often skip up to children's time and don't follow script.

Even though
Some church greeters seemed surprised when visitors don't arrive to church on time.

Even though
Some churches suggest it would be better if they didn't receive a female pastor.

Even though
When churches hesitate to accept diversity we block our own blessings.

Even though
Some prefer to quote the Bible in part rather than read it in full.

Even though
Other churches have cool names like Full Gospel, World Center, Bible, Christian, and Community.

Even though

Some of our churches fail to update their websites.

Even though

Our bishops wear purple shirts, but don't have colorful skull caps (or miters).

Even though

Our offerings trays are not deep enough and rarely do we dance when receiving offertory.

Even though

We think the Gospel is not expanding and the church is not growing because our local church is struggling.

Even though

All churches fail to remember to celebrate the six United Methodist Sundays with designated offerings.

Even though

We are known for being methodical but see a need to embrace new ideas (Messy Church).

Even though

We have a long rich tradition but desire to embrace (Fresh Expressions).

Even though

We used to start one church every day and now some churches have no new professions of faith.

Even though

We are not perfect and currently characterized as a church at a crossroads over human sexuality, covenant, and seeking a Way Forward.

The truth is...even when cloudy, the sun is always shining somewhere on God's earth.

The truth is...when children are skipping God is smiling.

The truth is...The Gospel is expanding, the Christian church is growing, and God is still calling.

I am United Methodist because I was baptized in this Church, went to camp in this Church.

I am United Methodist because I don't need to be great to experience grace.

I am United Methodist because I don't need all people to agree on all things.

I am United Methodist not because I have quarrels with other religions or churches. For me, and millions of others, The United Methodist Church represents, "the best of all Protestant possibilities."

I am United Methodist because I fell in love with Jesus as Lord and Savior and found myself in The United Methodist Church.

