



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

TODAY COMMUNION

9:30a Adult Sunday school
—Conference Room
Modern Worship —Sanctuary
KidMin Children's Ministry
—KidMin Hall

10:20a Sunshine Singers Kids Choir
Rehearsal —Centrum

11a Classic Worship—Sanctuary
KidMin Children's Ministry
— KidMin Hall

Serve Meal at Faith Mission

2p Cookies due for the meal

5p No Youth Group today—begins next Sunday

Mon, Jan 5 Staff Annual Strategy Meeting

7p Volleyball

7p AA

Tues, Jan 6 Staff Annual Strategy Meeting

11a Men's Bible Study

7:30p AA

Thur, Jan 8 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal

7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7p AA

Fri, Jan 9 7p "New Year, New You!" Women's Event

Next Sunday, Jan 11

Our Message Series Continues "Fresh Start"

Youth Group @ 5p

Coming up...

Jan 12 Blood Drive

LGBTQ+ and Allies Group @ 7p

Jan 13 Brown Bag Ministry for Open Shelter @ 6p

Jan 18 Joyful Noise Ringers @ 11a worship

Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 20 Annual Leadership Gathering @ 6p

Jan 24 Celebration of Life for Chuck Casey @ 11a

Jan 25 Membership Gatherings after both services

Jan 26 Social Justice Team Meeting @ 7p



Starting New

Pastor Rachel Billups

John 3:1-10 (The Message)

There was a man of the Pharisee sect, Nicodemus, a prominent leader among the Jews. Late one night he visited Jesus and said, "Rabbi, we all know you're a teacher straight from God.

No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren't in on it." Jesus said, "You're absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it's not possible to see what I'm pointing to - to God's kingdom." "How can anyone," said Nicodemus, "be born who has already been born and grown up? You can't re-enter your mother's womb and be born again. What are you saying with this 'born-from-above' talk?" Jesus said, "You're not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation - the 'wind hovering over the water' creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life - it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. When you look at a baby, it's just that: a body you can look at and touch. But the person who takes shape within is formed by something you can't see and touch - the Spirit - and becomes a living spirit. "So don't be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be 'born from above' - out of this world, so to speak. You know well enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God." Nicodemus asked, "What do you mean by this? How does this happen?" Jesus said, "You're a respected teacher of Israel and you don't know these basics?"



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Welcome to New Albany United Methodist Church

Classic Worship

January 4, 2026

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Cherwein
Welcome Pastor Rachel Billups
*Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" (vs 1,2,3) #384

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed Sandy Neely, liturgist

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Return to the Lord—Generosity Ministry

Offertory Tori Cravens, soloist

*Doxology #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessing

Scripture Reading John 3:1-10 (The Message)

The Message "Fresh Start: Staring New"

Pastor Rachel Billups

*Holy Communion

Benediction

Postlude "Now Walk With God" arr. Carmichael

Please pray for...

Sheree Brown

Joe Filia

Molly Oldham

Barbara Fields

Mary Hursey

Fred Jeans

Helen Bethel

Donna Wieneke

Joe Arcand

Sarah Billups

Sam Albright

Jason Walker

Dan Rowan

Bailey Biddle

Ray Scheinder

Eli Kirk

Libby Meade

Brendon Mitschow

Isabelle Moore

Charles Burleson

Sue Gravely

Rick Kuenning

Rick Pease

Alexine Gales

Weinzimmer Family

Ron Shrider

Tonda Cleaver

Andrea Colebank

Jacob Trapp

Jacob Hunter

Lilli Magill

Reginald Weiss

Donna Coleman

Kathy Ahlborn

Steve Barker

Mallory Hamilton

Balinda Richards

Jean Stoltz

Kim Conkey

Celeste Hamilton

Vic Wolfe

Doug Amspaugh & family

Hunter

Tara Brazeale O'Donell

Jon Todd

Eric Lauterbach

Sue Zullo

Sharon Agriesti

Betty & Donna Emmons

The Montoya Family

Art Hunt

Vickey Bare

Charles Winger

Rebecca May

Roberta Cole

Kay Arth

Jackie Gibbs

Tom & Janet Roth

Don Shoemaker

Ben Jones

Elizabeth Ford

Adam Hubble

Estella Robbins

Greg Howard

Clark Burrell

Avery Snyder

Michelle Hershey

Scott Burleson

Tom Cordes

Josephine Hardesty

Anna Grasseschi

Bob Cofield

Jodi Bricker

Tracey Beckman

Josh Shuster

Christa Smock

Evan DeCarlo

Bart Russell

Baby Aurora

Mary Nessler

Lowell McCollum

Jodie Curtis

Leanne Wheeler

John Holle

Brynn Beeton

Boyd Family

Mikel Family

Helen Pestel

Family of Sandy Castle

Nancy & Zach Marasek

Marlin Lear

Chas Porter

Bentley Walker

Laura VanCuren

Sue Stall

Misty Shimberg

Debbie Albright

Callahan Hare

Barbara O'Brien

Steven Windsor

Laurie Karaska

Kristin Meyer

Shawna Casey

Rob Herking

Bill & Pat Carleton

Louise Kaltenecker

Vickie Moyer

Marilou Mitchell

Tim & Juliana Artrip

Melissa Maness

Robin Russell

Joe Mogor

Bob Lampl

Allen Jinkens

Melissa

Emily Rompage

Herking Family

Kimberly Bissell

Please note: To add or remove a name from this prayer list, please contact Lyndsey Casey in the church office 614-855-1403, or email secretary@newalbanyumc.com. Prayer requests may also be submitted on our website newalbanyumc.com.



newalbanyumc.com/giving

==== Please SCAN to GIVE or to complete your 2026 Estimate of Giving (NOTE: Estimate of Giving Cards and GPS Giving Guides are also available in the lobby.)

If you are new today, or if you have new info... BE CONNECTED! Complete a CONNECT card, or scan this code...



Join us on Monday

January 12th at 7pm!

Contact Kyle Zuber

for more info...

Kyle.zuber@gmail.com



Brown Bag Ministry for Open Shelter

Gather with us in the
kitchen café to prepare
lunches

***Tuesday
January 13th @ 6pm.***

Here are a few poinsettia dedications that we missed on
Christmas Eve...

Lisa Sylvester In Memory of Addy
Sylvester and Michael Sylvester

Deb Cogan In Memory of Bill & Janet
Birkel, Debbie Price and Jean Birkel.

Linda Davis In memory of her mother,
Betty Luikart.



Be sure to take home your poinsettias today!

New Year. New You!

Calling all women!

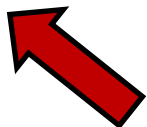
***You're invited to join us
Friday, January 9 at 7:00 PM
at Jennifer Hunter's home.***

***This will be a relaxed
evening of connection
and conversation—please
bring an appetizer to share.***

***Be sure to RSVP today so we
can plan well....***



Blood Drive
January 12th
1-7pm



Sign up today!