

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...



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

10:20a Sunshine Singers Kids Choir rehearsal — Centrum

10:30a Membership Gathering
11a Classic Worship—Sanctuary
KidMin Children's Ministry
—KidMin Hall

Noon Membership Gathering
5p Youth Group!

6p Empty Nesters Group
—Mellow Mushroom

Mon, Jan 26 **7p** Social Justice Team Meeting
7p AA

Tues, Jan 27 **11a** Men's Bible Study
7:30p AA

Thur, Jan 29 **6p** Bell Choir Rehearsal
7p Christian Nationalism Book Discussion
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7p AA

Friday, Jan 30 **6p** Winter Youth Gathering @ Powell UMC

Next Sunday, Feb 1

COMMUNION
Our sermon series continues...
“Freely Disagree: The Bible Tells Me So”
Prepare and serve meal at Faith Mission

Coming up...

Feb 2 *Blood Drive*
Feb 5 *Calling and Caring Team meeting @ 1p*
Feb 8 *Membership Sunday—join at either service*
Contact Lyndsey if you're interested in joining
secretary@newalbanyumc.com

Feb 9 *LGBTQ+ and Allies Group @ 7p*
Feb 10 *Brown Bag Ministry for Open Shelter @ 6p*
Feb 17 *Kindway Reunion Dinner @ Bethel Intl UMC*
Trustees Committee Meeting @ 6p
Finance Committee Meeting @ 7p

Feb 18 *Ash Wednesday*
Feb 20 *Parents Night Out!*



Blessed are the Peace Makers

Pastor Rachel Billups

MATTHEW 5: 1-12 NRSVUE

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



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**Welcome to
New Albany United
Methodist Church**
Classic Worship

January 25, 2026

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude *Evan McIntyre, flute*
Welcome *Pastor Rachel Billups*
***Opening Hymn** "O Worship the King" (vs 1,2,3) #73

***Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed** *Jeanne Russell, 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.

Anthem "Sing a Mighty Song" *Daniel Gauthrop*

Return to the Lord—Generosity Ministry

Offertory *Evan McIntyre, 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

The Message "Freely Disagree: Blessed are the Peace Makers"
Pastor Rachel Billups
***Closing Hymn** "Nearer My God to Thee" (vs 1,2,3) #528
Benediction
Postlude *Evan McIntyre*

Please pray for...	Jacob Hunter	Ben Jones	Nancy & Zach Marasek
Sheree Brown	Lilli Magill	Elizabeth Ford	Marlin Lear
Joe Filia	Reginald Weiss	Adam Hubble	Chas Porter
Molly Oldham	Donna Coleman	Estella Robbins	Bentley Walker
Barbara Fields	Kathy Ahlborn	Greg Howard	Laura VanCuren
Mary Hursey	Steve Barker	Clark Burrell	Sue Stall
Fred Jeans	Mallory Hamilton	Avery Snyder	Misty Shimberg
Helen Bethel	Balinda Richards	Michelle Hershey	Debbie Albright
Joe Arcand	Jean Stoltz	Scott Burleson	Callahan Hare
Sarah Billups	Kim Conkey	Tom Cordes	Barbara O'Brien
Sam Albright	Celeste Hamilton	Josephine Hardesty	Steven Windsor
Jason Walker	Vic Wolfe	Anna Grasseschi	Laurie Karaska
Dan Rowan	Doug Amspaugh & family	Bob Cofield	Kristin Meyer
Bailey Biddle	Hunter	Jodi Bricker	Shawna Casey
Ray Scheinder	Tara Brazeale O'Donell	Tracey Beckman	Rob Herking
Eli Kirk	Eric Lauterbach	Josh Shuster	Bill & Pat Carleton
Libby Meade	Sue Zullo	Christa Smock	Louise Kaltenecker
Brendon Mitschow	Sharon Agriesti	Evan DeCarlo	Vickie Moyer
Isabelle Moore	Betty & Donna Emmons	Bart Russell	Marilou Mitchell
Charles Burleson	The Montoya Family	Mary Nessler	Tim & Juliana Artrip
Sue Gravely	Art Hunt	Lowell McCollum	Melissa Maness
Rick Kuenning	Vickey Bare	Jodie Curtis	Robin Russell
Rick Pease	Charles Winger	Leanne Wheeler	Joe Mogor
Alexine Gales	Rebecca May	John Holle	Bob Lampl
Weinzimmer Family	Roberta Cole	Brynn Beeton	Allen Jinkens
Ron Shrider	Kay Arth	Boyd Family	Melissa
Tonda Cleaver	Jackie Gibbs	Mikel Family	Emily Rompage
Andrea Colebank	Tom & Janet Roth	Helen Pestel	Herking Family
Jacob Trapp	Don Shoemaker	Bill Owen	Kimberly Bissell
Dennis Primer	Melissa Stewart-Patterson	Steve Ayres	Family of Don Hutchings
Bev Rannebarger	Family of Jon Todd	Hunter Hill	Family of Chelcey Lewis

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.



<<< 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.)

newalbanyumc.com/giving

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



kindway

One of our beloved missions, Kindway Prison Ministry, has a program called Embark. This program helps those who are released from incarceration get set up and make their way in the world. Reunion meals for these folks and their mentors, supporters and friends happen regularly, and the next meal is on **Tuesday February 17th at Bethel UMC/ International Church.**

Our church will be providing the main dish and bread for the meal—cornbread and chili. **Set up will be at 5pm, with the meal being served at 6pm.** If you would like to participate in preparing and serving the meal, and then experience this inspiring reunion event, please contact **Pastor Jean Schafer at schaferjean75@gmail.com.**



Friday, January 30 6-9pm

Winter District Youth Gathering at Powell UMC

Our students, 6th through 12th grade, have the opportunity to spend a fun evening together at Powell UMC. Along with other church youth from across the Olentangy River District, we will share dinner, play games, worship, and spend time in small groups. The evening will end with communion as we remember Christ's love that unites us. We love it when churches unite! Have questions? Want to go? Contact Lisa Powell at youthministry@newalbanyumc.com or 731-444-4499.

Virtual Book Discussion: Christian Nationalism

Join us for a six-week online book discussion of The False White Gospel by Jim Wallis. Together, we'll explore Christian nationalism, race, power, and what faithful discipleship looks like in this moment—within a thoughtful, affirming Christian space. Led by Kyle Zuber and Kristy Richardson, **Thursdays 7:00–8:15 PM, on Zoom**. All are welcome. Come ready to listen, reflect, and engage. Contact Kyle Zuber for more info: kyle.zuber@gmail.com.

Here is the Zoom link... <https://tinyurl.com/yc5j9wvt>

or scan this code to join the meeting:



A great place to ask questions, to learn more about our faith community and to get connected to the life of the church. Join us!!

American Red Cross

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Blood Drive
New Albany Methodist Church

Third Street Lobby
20 Third St.
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Monday, February 2, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER NOW

Happy New Year!