

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

Sunday, October 4
World Communion
Sunday

9:30a Adult Sunday School
—Conference Room

Modern Worship—Sanctuary

KidMin Children's Ministry—KidMin Hall

11a Classic Worship—Sanctuary

KidMin Children's Ministry—KidMin Hall

Prepare and Serve Meal at Faith Mission

— cookies due by NOON

1p CROP Walk

NO Youth Group this evening

Mon, Oct 5 6p Listen & Learn-Seniors and Financial Scams

7p AA

Tues, Oct 6 11a Men's Bible Study @ Reeg Home

1p Staff Quarterly Refuel Meeting

7p Discipleship Team Meeting

7:30p AA

Wed, Oct 7 6:30p Wednesday Women Small Group

7:30p Praise Band Rehearsal

Thur, Oct 8 6p Light the Night Walk

supporting Blood Cancer United

6p Joyful Noise Bell Choir rehearsal

7p Chancel Choir rehearsal

7p AA

Sat, Oct 10 9a Adopt-A-Highway Litter Control Team

9:30a Chancel Choir Retreat

Sunday, Oct 11 Our sermon series continues...

Fruits & Figs : losing the faith facade

Community Fall Festival @ Hinson Amphitheater

One worship service @11a

followed by Festival @12-2p

Sign up to Volunteer in the Lobby this morning

Coming Up...

Oct 12 Blood Drive @ 1-7p

Oct 12 LGBTQ+ & Allies Meeting @ 7p

Oct 13 Brown Bag Ministry for Open Shelter @ 6p

Oct 13 SPRC Meeting (6p) and Church Council Meeting (7p)

Oct 18 Women's Retreat Planning Meeting @ 12:30p

Oct 20 KINDWAY Reunion Dinner @ 5p (Bethel Intl UMC)

Oct 24 Trunk or Treat @ Bevelhymer Park

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FRUITS & FIGS

losing the faith facade

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry.

Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on

it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves, and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

All Leaves, No Fruit
Pastor Rachel Billups

Mark 11:12-25 NRSVUE



Welcome to New Albany United Methodist Church

Classic Worship

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude "Bless His Holy Name" Crouch

Welcome Pastor Rachel Billups

*Opening Hymn "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (vs 1,2,3) #368

Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed Kimberly Bissell, 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.

Celebration of Greg Schafer, Lay Leader

Return to the Lord—Generosity Ministry

Offertory "Come Thou Fount" *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

The Message Pastor Rachel Billups

"Fruits & Figs: All Leaves, No Fruit"

Holy Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Innes

Postlude

Please pray for...

Joe Filia

Molly Oldham

Barbara Fields

Fred Jeans

Joe Arcand

Sarah Billups

Sam Albright

Jason Walker

Dan Rowan

Bailey Biddle

Ray Scheinder

Eli Kirk

Brendon Mitschow

Isabelle Moore

Charles Burleson

Sue Gravely

Rick Kuenning

Rick Pease

Ron Shrider

Tonda Cleaver

Andrea Colebank

Jacob Trapp

Dennis Primer

Terry Payne

Barb McGuire

Cinda Lemont

Jim Welsh

Greg Trout

Tara Tufford

Katie Welsh

Jacob Hunter

Donna Coleman

Kathy Ahlborn

Mallory Hamilton

Balinda Richards

Jean Stoltz

Kim Conkey

Celeste Hamilton

Vic Wolfe

Doug Amspaugh & family

Tara Brazeale O'Donnell

Eric Lauterbach

Sue Zullo

Sharon Agriesti

Betty & Donna Emmons

The Montoya Family

Art Hunt

Vickey Bare

Rebecca May

Jackie Gibbs

Melissa Stewart-Patterson

Dave Cline

Donna Shearer

Sandy Sexton

Everett Gallagher

Bill Moore

Eric Nessler

Bonnie Armstrong

Brenda Schaile

Suzie Linebrink

Family of Carol Dunkel

Elizabeth Ford

Adam Hubble

Estella Robbins

Greg Howard

Clark Burrell

Avery Snyder

Scott Burleson

Tom Cordes

Josephine Hardesty

Jodi Bricker

Josh Shuster

Christa Smock

Evan DeCarlo

Bart Russell

Lowell McCollum

Leanne Wheeler

John Holle

Brynn Beeton

Mark Burleson

Ryan Brigle

Tom Cole

Robert Leibowitz

Gail Leibowitz

Steve Barker

Karen & Kevin Boyd

Jackie Koerner

Dave Hotz

Michael Williamson

Vickie Renae

Claudia McDaniel

Ann James

Nancy & Zach Marasek

Bentley Walker

Laura VanCuren

Sue Stall

Misty Shimberg

Debbie Albright

Callahan Hare

Barbara O'Brien

Steven Windsor

Laurie Karaska

Kristin Meyer

Shawna Casey

Marilou Mitchell

Tim & Juliana Artrip

Melissa Maness

Robin Russell

Joe Mogor

Bob Lampl

Allen Jinkens

Emily Rompage

Herking Family

Hunter Hill

Laurie & Chuck Andrews

The Swinger Family

Laura Melick & family

Nikki Adams

David Holsinger

John & Mary Nessler

Zella Hudnail

Lacey Nolan Bailey

Evan Beane

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 Estimates of Giving

**If you are new today,
or if you have new info...**

BE CONNECTED!

**Complete a CONNECT card,
or scan this code...**





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