



HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

TODAY Third Sunday of Advent
Special Celebration for Pastor Heather
Kindway Prison Ministry—Kindware
jewelry here between services

9:30a Adult Sunday school

—Conference Room

Modern Worship—Sanctuary

Featuring the Sunshine Singers Kids Choir

KidMin Children's Ministry—KidMin Hall

11a Classic Christmas Worship—Sanctuary

KidMin Children's Ministry—KidMin Hall

5p Youth Group Christmas Party!

Mon, Dec 15 7p Volleyball

7p AA

Tues, Dec 16 11a Men's Bible Study

7:30p AA

Wed, Dec 17 6:30p Wednesday Women Christmas Party

7p Praise Band Rehearsal

Thur, Dec 18 7p AA

Next Sunday, Dec 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our message series continues...

"*Not Waiting on the World to Change*"

Joyful Noise Ringers @ 11a Worship

Noon Lunch and Caroling! Join us!

Coming up...

Christmas Eve

Dec 24 Kids Low Stress Christmas Play rehearsal @ 2p

Contemporary Candle Lighting Service

w/Kids Play @ 3p

Contemporary Candle Lighting Service @ 5p

Traditional Candle Lighting Service @ 7p and 9p

Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

Dec 28 Online Worship only @ 9:30a or 11a

Dec 31 Year End giving accepted in church office @ 1-3p

Jan 1, 2026 Happy New Year!

Jan 4 Communion

Serve Meal at Faith Mission

Jan 5-6 Staff Annual Strategy Meeting

Jan 9 New Year—New You Women's Event

Jan 12 Blood Drive

LGBTQ+ and Allies Group

Jan 13 Brown Bag Ministry for Open Shelter

MATTHEW 1:18-25 The Message

The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they came to the marriage bed, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) Joseph, chagrined but noble, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced. While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: "Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus - 'God saves' - because he will save his people from their sins." This would bring the prophet's embryonic sermon to full term: Watch for this - a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Emmanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us"). Then Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God's angel commanded in the dream: He married Mary. But he did not consummate the marriage until she had the baby. He named the baby Jesus.

Waiting on My Dreams

Pastor Rachel Billups



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Welcome to New Albany United Methodist Church

Classic Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

*Please stand if you are able

Prelude "Shine" The Sunshine Singers
Welcome Pastor Rachel Billups
*Opening Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing?" (all verses) #240
*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostle's Creed

Van Shirey, 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

*Angels, we have heard on high sweetly, singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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 "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" George F. Handel
Laura Byers, soloist

Return to the Lord—Generosity Ministry

Offertory "Away In A Manger" Murray
David Zimmerman, trombone

*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

Skit "Got Plans" David and Kimberly Bissell

The Message "Waiting on My Dreams" Pastor Rachel Billups

*Closing Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 1,3,and 6) #234

Benediction

Postlude David Zimmerman

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 Hunter

Lilli Magill

Reginald Weiss

Donna Coleman

Kathy Ahlborn

Steve Barker

Mallory Hamilton

Balinda Richards

Jean Stoltz

Kim Conkey

Celeste Hamilton

Vic Wolfe

Carolyn Nordgren

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

Ben Jones

Elizabeth Ford

Adam Hubble

Estella Robbins

Greg Howard

Clark Burrell

Avery Snyder

Michelle Hershey

Scott Burleson

Tom Cordes

Pastor Jean Schafer

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

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

Jackie Somerson

Melissa Maness

Robin Russell

Joe Mogor

Bob Lampl

Allen Jinkens

Melissa

Emily Rompage

Herking Family

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...





*The altar flowers today were
provided by the Iles family in
Honor of Georgia's birthday,
Happy Birthday Georgia!*

Tonight!
Youth Christmas
Party
5:00-8:00pm
(Extended time block)



We will meet at the church at 5:00pm and enjoy dinner together. Then we will carpool to the Wonderlights Christmas show and drive through. Then back to the church to for our White Elephant gift exchange and fun! Bring a white elephant gift wrapped (\$10 or less..)

*Caroling to
Shut-ins &
Care Facilities*



Join us for a joyful day of
caroling on Sunday, Dec. 21st.

We'll begin with lunch at Noon, then head out to spread
Christmas cheer through song. All ages are welcome!



American
Red Cross

Thank you!

**RESULTS FROM OUR
BLOOD DRIVE**

December 8, 2025

Number of Donors **51**

Total Number of Units **49**

Power Red Donations **5**

One single blood donation can help save more than one life. Thank you for supporting our life saving mission.

**Next Blood Drive at
New Albany United Methodist Church –
January 12, 2026**

(10th - In Honor of Jacob Hunter)