



Spiritual Life at Albion College

Albion College is committed to the development of a diverse and pluralistic living and learning community. In direct support of this College-wide aim, the Chaplaincy works in cooperation with the campus and greater community to offer opportunities for all students to grow spiritually and develop an appreciation for diversity.

Chaplaincy

The chaplain, Rev. Donald Phillips, supports students from all backgrounds in their individual spiritual development. The office is located in the Journey House (see reverse side). Students can meet with Rev. Phillips to clarify spiritual questions, develop as a leader, or find other ways to grow.

The Chaplaincy maintains a current directory of churches, temples, mosques, and other spiritual centers in the area. Students visit or contact the office for information such as community events, worship opportunities (e.g., Mass times), and religious site visitation listings. With prior notice, Campus Safety may provide rides for students to attend area worship services in the city of Albion.

The United Methodist Church

Albion College is historically related to the United Methodist Church, the modern form of the denomination that founded the College in 1835. United Methodist students find a rich heritage and a spiritual home on campus along with students from a wide diversity of traditions. The chaplain serves as a liaison with the church, and you are welcome to contact him for more information.

Christian Life

As an institution founded by and affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Albion College has always supported a vital Christian life on campus. The Christian community at Albion College provides a nurturing environment where students can share values, find support for their faith, and learn from the diversity within Christianity. Through the Chaplaincy, Albion College has a very special emphasis on Christian unity—in worship (Chapel), Bible study, evangelism, community service, and friendship. Christian student leaders have a long tradition of supporting each other.

New Christian students get plugged in by attending the orientation weekend's Welcome Worship (student-led), Chapel, and then getting involved in one or more of the Christian student organizations. Over time, students are encouraged to share their gifts of leadership, music, and service.

Finding a church home near campus can be an important part of spiritual growth for many Christian students. For particular questions, contact our chaplain Rev. Phillips.

Student Groups

Catholic Connections—Provides weekly Sunday morning van rides to Mass at St. John Parish in Albion, as well as fellowship and retreat programs.

Hillel—Albion College's chapter of this international Jewish organization.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship—Albion College's chapter of this international para-church organization.

Secular Student Alliance—For non-religious or atheist students to talk about philosophy and current issues.

United Voices of Albion College—Albion College's gospel choir.

Wesley Fellowship—Meeting at the local United Methodist Church, this independent group is focused on study and fellowship in the Methodist tradition.

Albion College Chapel—Provides religious services and student worship on a weekly basis.

Albion College Chapel

Christians enjoy a rich array of opportunities at Albion College. Albion College Chapel is every Wednesday night at 9 p.m. in the Kellogg Center “Stack” (the historic chapel of Albion College). This student-led interdenominational worship brings together leaders and members from various groups as well as those looking for a place to connect.

Exploring Ministry

Students from all backgrounds are welcome to join our campus Exploring Ministry group. Meeting bi-weekly, this group helps students examine their calling, receive the support of their peers, and find mentors and resources.

The group is organized to be interdisciplinary, so students from any major can join. On average, about 5-10 students are involved in any given year.

Spiritual Renewal

On campus, there are many places students find spiritual renewal. The Boyd Meditation Chapel (inside Goodrich Chapel) is available for private prayer and small groups. The Whitehouse Nature Center is a regular source for renewal.

Journey House

The Journey House serves as a hub for spiritual life, as well as housing the Chaplaincy, and the Office of Intercultural Affairs. In addition to regular weekday office hours, the building may be reserved by contacting the staff. There are meeting, study, and hangout spaces, plus lots of resources for individuals and groups (e.g., holy books, materials) to support spiritual life. The Journey House is a Safe Zone where everyone is welcome and individual identity is celebrated.

Interested in learning more?

Prospective students and families are encouraged to meet the chaplain, Rev. Donald Phillips (“Rev”) or any of the dozens of student leaders involved in spiritual life. Christians should consider staying overnight on a Wednesday, in order to experience Albion College Chapel.

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