

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am
Adult Class 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Communion on September 1

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

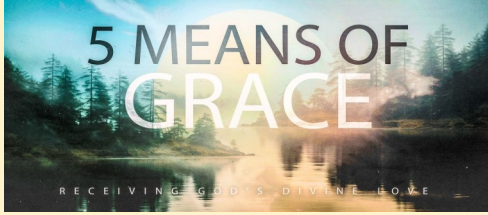


Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

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August Worship Sermon Series ... Five Means of Grace - Receiving God's Divine Love



The Importance of Connection

This Sunday I'm continuing my sermon series on the Five Means of Grace. One of those means of grace is our own Christian Community. That means we each receive the love of God in our lives by relating to other Christians and by our connections with the church.

United Methodists love the word "connection." Wesley often called his conference "The Connection." The word connection implies that we are not just a group of people gathered together in one place but that we are also spiritually connected to each other. In connection we offer each other support, love, friendship, and God's grace. We offer each other companionship for the journey we are on together.

Early in my ministry I had a new youth worker who thought all of youth work should be some serious spiritual endeavor where most of the group's time would be spent in prayer and reflection. Soon youth were not attending. Why? They were not having fun, they did not know each other well, and so all the serious prayer was just awkward.

I shared with this new leader that fun and enjoyment were also part of our connection together. You tend to open up and share with people you know and enjoy being around. You share with people you have built relationships with. So those fun events like a pizza party or a youth outing are a waste of time. Instead, they are an opportunity to build better friendships and better relationships.

Coming on September 8th we are going to kick off with two special connection events! We will start with a Ministry Expo on Sunday morning, where we can learn about all our ministry activities and how we all can be involved and make connections through ministry. **Sunday evening, we will be having a FALL KICKOFF event from 6:00-8:00pm** with food, live music and fellowship sponsored by Adult Ministries, Element 412 Youth and Refuel. This fun-filled event will allow us all to spend time together in Christian connection-building as we come together to celebrate God's love.

I hope that you will take the time to connect with Asbury UMC at both of these events because Christ connects us together!

Pastor Tim

Do You Have a Green Thumb for Kids' Discipleship? Would You Like to Plant Seeds on Sunday Mornings at RootsKids?

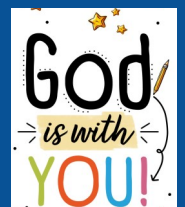
RootsKids is looking for dedicated individuals willing to help one Sunday morning a month to help teach the kids to Rely On One True Savior!

If Interested Please Contact Rebecca Erickson at rebecca@asbury-bett.org or Text at 563-508-9578



Sunday, August 25 - Blessing of the Backpacks!

Students and teachers will be invited to come forward in worship with your backpack to receive a special blessing for the upcoming school year!




ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE
AUGUST 26
2:00-5:30PM

Contact Chery Ewert to Schedule a Time or go directly to the [ImpactLife website](http://ImpactLife.org)



ATTENTION CHANCEL CHOIR SINGERS!

Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 28th. If you've been singing with the choir, or would like to try participating this fall, rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Arrive at 7:00 PM to begin singing at 7:15 in the sanctuary. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Contact Choir Director Paul DCamp if you have any questions.



Do You Have an Asbury Name Tag?

We encourage everyone to please wear your name tag in worship each Sunday. This will be especially helpful for Pastor Tim and our new members as we get to know one another. If you do not have a name tag, please call the church or email pattys@asbury-bett.org.

Thank you!



Ministry Expo Sunday, September 8th

9:20-10:30 AM & 11:20-12:00 PM
Please join us in Connections Café for refreshments and fellowship!

Questions? Contact Marian Edmund-Paulson
Director of Engagement



SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our weekly sessions "The Story of God with Morgan Freeman" continues be our drop-in-as-you-can class on Sundays from 9:30-10:25am in Room 302-303 through August 25. Please join us for this fascinating video series. No preparation required!



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

How to Decide Between Urgent Care, Virtual Care or ER



- **Primary Care** is through your own physician and usually requires an appointment. This is always an option and is most used for regular checkups since you will be making an appointment in advance.
- **Walk-In Care** is a great option when you need care but can't wait to be seen by your primary care provider. Walk-in care treats minor stuff like coughs, small injuries, ear infections, fevers, non-severe burns or sprains, yeast infections, urinary tract infections, etc. Different locations have different hours, so check ahead first. You can save your spot online before going in to reduce wait time.
- **Virtual Urgent Care** is done from home and can be used to treat cold and flu, rashes, sore throat, headaches, sinus infections, allergies and more.
- **Emergency Care** is for life-threatening conditions including excessive bleeding, broken bones, chest pain or trouble breathing. Emergency services include diagnostic testing and access to specialists.

REMINDERS: If you or someone in your family is in the hospital, please call the church office or Carol or Cheryl to let us know. The hospitals **DO NOT NOTIFY US** when you are there! We want to come to see you, but you must let us know if/when you are hospitalized.



Watch this space for information for **free cholesterol screening** coming in September!
Be Well Everyone! Carol and Cheryl



AIM...Asbury in Mission

AIM Mission of the Month for August ☩ Hope at the Brick House



The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen **Hope at the Brick House** in Davenport for our August Asbury Mission of the Month. Who doesn't love to see happy children? We can all be a part of making that happen! We will be collecting **monetary donations (only)** and Hope at the Brick House will purchase the needed school supplies and snacks for the boys and girls. We have supported this ministry for a number of years and the staff and children are so grateful for our help. If you write a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC with "school supplies" on the memo line.

Should you prefer to donate online, please go to JesusIsTheBridge.org, click on the "Online Giving" button, choose "Missions" and type Hope at the Brick House in the "Please Specify" box. You can find more information on Hope at the Brick House and their mission by going to hopeatthebrickhouse.org Thank you!!

Thank You for Your Service! † Asbury Doing God's Will

- Thank you to everyone for supporting the Bettendorf Food Pantry as our July Mission of the Month! Please remember we accept non-perishable food items, cleaning & paper products and personal hygiene items as well as monetary donations at Asbury for the Bettendorf Food Pantry year-round! You may leave items in the basket at the main office door or at the Mission Drop-Off Site to the left of the elevator on the main floor. Thank you!
- Thank you to the WINGS Group for serving the Zion Mealsite in August!

- **Office Hours**....Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **RootsKids Children's Ministry and Element 412 Youth Ministry**....Programs resume in September! Enjoy the summer!!!
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer**....may be submitted on our website by clicking on the "**Prayers & Praise**" button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team please contact Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tim or the Parish Nurse Team.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with Rick & Diane Oelerich and Jon, Jacque & Jordan Oelerich on the death of Rick's mother, Janet Oelerich, on July 30.
Mary Jo Flesher-Auliff on the death of her step-mother, Marilyn Flesher, on August 1.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, August 26**.
- **Needed at Friendly Thrift Center**....The Friendly Thrift Center is in need of twin, queen & king size blankets, pillows, boy's bottoms, men's shorts, men's jeans and men's shoes. We are also in need of bath towels, sheets, blankets, and pots & pans. We would love donations of jewelry such as rings, bracelets and earrings. New volunteers (regular or one-time) are welcome. Please contact the Thrift Center at 563-324-2235 or Julie Moran at 563-210-3472 if you are interested. **We are so thankful for the support we get from Asbury members!**
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month! Next gathering will be on September 10. Please watch for details in the next Good News and plan to join us for coffee and conversation! Everyone is welcome!
- **Rachel Circle** We will meet in Connections Café at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 10th. Everyone is welcome—we love newcomers!! Watch for details in the next Good News.
- **Card Ministry**....**No Meeting in August**. To learn more about Card Ministry, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. You can help support Card Ministry expenses by purchasing their beautiful cards in the church office!
- **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Details of dates and events can be found on their LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Edmund-Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women are invited!
- **Asbury Men's Group**....**Meets at 7:45am on the second and fourth Saturdays** at the church. Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Heather Dennis and Lisa Delzell for their recent gifts to the Asbury Foundation. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation, please contact John Rabine or the church office. **This is a thoughtful way to honor your birthday or other occasions.**