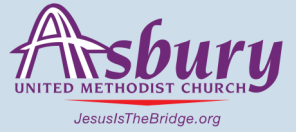


**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Traditional Service 8:30am  
Adult Class 9:30am  
Praise Service 10:30am  
Communion on November 3

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# Good News



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**Our Mission:**

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



## A CHURCH RENEWED



### This Coming Sunday, October 27, We Will Be Celebrating Both Reformation Sunday and All Saints Day

All Saints gives us a time each year to thank God for members of the church family who are now with our Lord. We take time to honor their lives and service and remember that they are now among the great cloud of witnesses to the ministry of Asbury UMC.

This is also Reformation Sunday. It is a Sunday in which we remember that the Church is always being renewed and in need of renewal. Change is a part of life. But making intentional, spiritual and meaningful change is part of the ministry and work of the Church, and it takes effort.

What does it mean to be part of a church that is being renewed? What part of our lives do we need to renew? What ministries need to be new or renewed for the work of the gospel? How do we follow God's Spirit in that renewal?

**Join us this Sunday as we remember the lives of God's saints and look for renewal!**

In Christ, Pastor Tim

### Discipleship Pathway Moment....GIFTS

Asbury's Discipleship Pathway has seven areas that follow our membership vows and this month we will explore GIFTS.

There are Two Important GIFTS We Can Share with the Church: Financial and Spiritual



Our financial gifts keep the lights, heat, and air conditioning on, pays the staff, funds our programs, missions and so much more. God calls us to tithe. Tithing means giving the first 10% of what we earn to the church. Not everyone can tithe, so our Pathway suggests we start somewhere with intentional regular giving and move toward tithing over time.

Our spiritual gifts are the skills and abilities given to us from God. We are to use these gifts to do His work here on Earth. How do we know what our individual spiritual gifts are? Asbury offers a Spiritual Gifts Inventory through Church Growth that you can take online at home. You can find a link to the survey on our Website. If it has been awhile since you have taken one, take it again. You might be surprised that your gifts have changed over time. When you know what your gifts are, it will help you decide the best place you can serve in ministry here at Asbury.

We are called to support Asbury through both our financial gifts and our spiritual gifts. Together we can do great things!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Jean Black and Vern Harvey Discipleship Team Leaders



### Special UMCOR Offering for Hurricane Helene Relief



As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of Hurricane Helene, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being delivered and Early Response Teams are removing debris, tarping roofs and cleaning homes. Please pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. In addition, through the UMCOR Advance #901670, United Methodists are extending monetary care directly to those in need. By giving through the Advance, 100% of your our donation reaches those affected by this disaster. You may make your contribution (noted accordingly) to Asbury by mail or by going to [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and choosing "Missions" in the Online Giving option. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing. To learn more, or to give directly, go to [UMNews.org](http://UMNews.org) Thank you!



**Sunday, November 3**  
Daylight Savings Time ends!  
Remember to set you clocks back one hour.

**Asbury Garden Ministry Recognition**  
The Garden Ministry was recently recognized on the Iowa Annual Conference website. Go to [iaumc.org](http://iaumc.org). Click on "News" and "Iowa News". Scroll down to "Community Gardens".

**FALL-O-WEEN Trunk or Treat!**  
come dressed in your costume!  
OCTOBER 26TH 3:30-5:30  
A FREE Community event hosted by Asbury UMC Bettendorf  
All are Welcome!

**Want to know more about Asbury?**  
Come to the Newcomers Gathering!  
Sunday, October 27  
9:40-10:25am ROOM 110  
All are welcome!

**2nd Annual Fall Retreat**  
for 6th-12th grade at Camp Milan  
November 8th 6:00pm to  
November 9th 11:30am  
Games, Food, Worship, and Fun!  
Sign up ASAP! Bring a friend!

**Blood Drive - November 11 from 2:00 to 5:30**  
You may schedule yourself by going to the Impact Live website or call Cheryl to set up a time.  
Many openings available. Walk-ins are accepted.

**One Starry Night**  
a journey to Bethlehem  
Mark Your Calendar!  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 • 3pm-5pm  
Contact: Marian Edmund-Paulson



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

### SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS –NOVEMBER 18



The holiday season can be particularly difficult for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. This program is a one-time meeting to talk with others who may be having the same feelings that you are about celebrating the holidays without that person in the room. We will watch a video and share in discussion as people feel comfortable doing that. We will also talk about ways of honoring your loved one and celebrating in a new way.

The program is November 18<sup>th</sup> at Asbury. We will meet in room 302 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Cheryl with questions or to let her know of your interest in attending.

#### CHECK OUT OUR VIDEO!

Carol and Cheryl have made a video (directed by Carrie Meumann) with safety information specific to the Asbury Church Building. You may watch the video by going to the church website. Go to "About Us". The drop down will give you the option of Parish Nurse/Emergency Protocol. Click there and the link to the video is there. It's only a 3-minute video with a surprise at the end!! Check it out. Prizes await when you find all the fire extinguishers.

**Be Well Everyone! Carol and Cheryl**

## The Friendly Thrift Center

### AIM - October Mission of the Month

### Volunteer / Donate / Support



The mission of the Friendly Thrift Center is to assist the needy by making merchandise available at low prices, providing a place and means for friendly association with others, providing a worthy place for persons to donate their property, money, time & talent, and to making grant distributions to their partner organizations. They are self-supporting and any funds remaining after operating expenses are distributed by grants to non-profit social service agencies serving the Quad City community. They have given out over \$500,000 in grants since 1970! Everyone is welcome to shop at the Friendly Thrift Center. **Your purchases make their outreach policy possible!**

If you are interested in joining a group of friendly, fun volunteers at the Friendly Thrift Center, please call them at 563-324-2235 or email [FriendlyThriftCenterQC@gmail.com](mailto:FriendlyThriftCenterQC@gmail.com). Also, without your generous donations, the Friendly Thrift Center would not be able to offer their service or fulfill their mission. Please keep them in mind when donating clothing and household items! **There is a collection bin in the lower level of Asbury near the elevator for your convenience. They are especially in need of men's items including coats, gloves, jeans and sweaters. Thank you!**

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

- ✚ Thank you to AIM volunteers Sue Eby, Carolyn Keeney, Kay Parch, Lisa Delzell, Louis Cervantes, Julie Wilkinson and Pamela Rathe for serving the October Meal at Zion Lutheran Mealsite.
- ✚ Thank you to our CROP Walkers Carol Atkinson, Jenny Bloomquist, Pam Duehr, Marian Edmund-Paulson, Sharon & Kevin Jones, Holly Mirell, Allison & James Mirell-Heaton, Phil Paulson, and Sherry Van Pelt. CROP donations totaled \$940. Thank You!!
- ✚ The Mark Twain Elementary School Backpack Program has begun. Thank you to AIM for filling 34 backpacks each month with items for students facing food insecurity. Monetary donations to Asbury for the backpack food are always welcome. Thank you!

- 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**....RootsKids Children's Ministry for 3-Year-Olds through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meets on Sundays at both 8:30 and 10:30am. Contact Rebecca Erickson at [rebecca@asbury-bett.org](mailto:rebecca@asbury-bett.org) for more information. **Adult volunteers are needed.**
- Element 412 Youth Ministry**...for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade on Sundays at 6:00pm. Contact Becca Johnson at [beccaannejohnson94@gmail.com](mailto:beccaannejohnson94@gmail.com) to receive a schedule, emails and updates! **Adult volunteers are needed.**
- 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.
- Congratulations!**..... ♥ Vanessa & Brandon Pugh on the birth of a baby boy, James Pugh, on October 3. Grandparents are Corey & Krista Van Pelt and Great Grandma is Sherry Van Pelt ♥ Rich and Linda Noble on the birth of a granddaughter, Olivia Lynn Ransdell, born on October 3 ♥ Vickie and Jerry Finley on the birth of a granddaughter, Tessa Lynn Finley, on October 16 ♥
- Surprise Card Shower!**....Our friend and Asbury Charter Member, Betty Houston, will turn 100 years young on October 27. Please join us in showering her with birthday wishes. Cards may be sent to the church office c/o Betty.
- Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with Meg Larson on the death of her aunt, Lois Larson, on October 13.
- Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, November 4.**
- Bettendorf Food Pantry**....The Food Pantry always appreciates your non-perishable food and/or cash donations! Currently, they are especially in need of cereal, flour & sugar (small bags), feminine hygiene products, pork & beans and chili beans. There is a basket at the office door and a bin near the elevator at Asbury where you may leave donations. **Thank you!**
- Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month! Next meeting is at **11:30am on November 12 at Olive Garden.** Please join us, everyone is welcome!
- Rachel Circle** .... Next meeting is **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in Connections Café. The program will be a focus on "Brittany's Gifts" presented by Linda Manders. Please join us!
- Card Ministry**....Meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in Room 118 on the lower level. Next meeting is **November 13th.** 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**....Join us on Saturday mornings at **7:45am on November 2 & 16 and December 7 & 14.** 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 Tom Howard, Valerie Maher, Linda Manning and Donna Stradt 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.**