

Good News



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

Our Mission:

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

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The Religion of Love

The following quote from John Wesley was recently posted by a friend on Facebook:

“What religion do I preach? The religion of love; the law of kindness brought to light by the gospel. What is it good for? To make all who receive it enjoy God and themselves: to make them like God; lovers of all; content in their lives; and crying out at their death, in calm assurance ‘O grave, where is thy victory! Thanks be unto God, who giveth me the victory, through my Lord Jesus Christ.’” ~ John Wesley (An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion, 19.11.54)

This quote from John Wesley is a reminder of the purpose of the gospel we teach and preach as United Methodist Christians. The gospel of Jesus is about love. It is about the love of God. We are told that we should love God with all our heart, mind, soul and spirit.

But what is the purpose of this love of God? To teach others to love God and to love each other. We truly believe and preach that our faith as Christians is primarily about love. The Bible says that God is love and in God there is no darkness.

Conversely, this means that any actions towards God or another human being that is not motivated out of love is not of God.

I have often been spiritually and theologically pained when I see a Christian leader from some faith group act as if the God we serve is an angry God, or a vengeful and wrathful God. As Christians, we believe that views of the Bible which make God out to be angry all the time are an incomplete picture of God. Who God is was made clearer in the life of Jesus. Jesus showed all people love. He showed love to the needy, to the poor, to the gentile, the Jew and the stranger.

The New Testament tells us that God is love. No place does it say that God is anger or wrath. The New Testament sees God as a loving parent who cares for God’s children. As God’s children we are blessed to receive that love.

In a world today that deals with a lot of anger, strife and hate, we preach the gospel of God’s love for all.

In the love of Christ, Pastor Tim

Join us on our Next Adventure as we worship and serve in 2025!

Estimate of Giving cards are available at the west entrance kiosk or by contacting the church office.



Michelle Bonney
Bill & Lori Otten
Nick Rainey
Damon Raker

Welcome New Members to Asbury!
On October 27, we welcomed new members into our church family. Each brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Their faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to them!

all are invited to


REFUEL your soul

1st Sunday each month
6:00pm-7:30pm
in the Connections Cafe

Bring a dish to share Invite your friends
Food, Fellowship & LIVE Worship Music



THANK YOU!
to ALL our great Fall-O-Ween Volunteers!



 **Poinsettias**
Order Form Enclosed
Deadline is
Monday, Nov. 18

ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE
NOVEMBER 11
2:00-5:30PM

Contact Chery Ewert to Schedule a Time OR scan the QR code. Walk-Ins are accepted!

Grief Share
Surviving the Holidays
November 18
5:00-6:30
Contact Cheryl to Sign Up

Volunteers Needed!
Hanging of the Greens
November 24 @ 1:00



One Starry Night
a journey to bethlehem

Mark Your Calendar!
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 • 3pm-5pm
Contact: Marian Edmund-Paulson

Can't attend worship in person?
Worship online Sunday mornings
LIVE STREAM @ 8:30 or 10:30am
Broadcasting only on YouTube

go to JesusIsTheBridge.org and tap on the LiveStream button or scan the code





to our YouTube channel @ Asbury United Methodist



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team WHAT'S IN YOUR CUP?



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Because someone bumped into me!!!" Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves... "What's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? Life provides the cup, YOU choose how to fill it.

Today, let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness and love for others. *Author Unknown*

Be Well Everyone! Carol and Cheryl

Missions

AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) "DOING GOD'S WILL"

November is the Start of the Holiday Season and We Have Two Important "Missions of the Month"!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K & K – Asbury will once again be ringing the bell for Salvation Army Red Kettle donations starting Thanksgiving Friday through Christmas Eve day. Last year, our ever-growing list of "Jerry's Jingleers" plus other Asbury family and friends collected nearly **\$10,000** at our K & K hardware site (one of the largest volunteer staffed Kettle sites in all of the QC.) Dave and Dana Nichols are once again coordinating our Church's efforts. Stay tuned for more information on how to volunteer for available time slots on the easy-to-use online sign-up application.

Santa for Seniors – Asburians will once again be spreading some Christmas Cheer this Holiday Season to seniors residing at the Vistas at Bettendorf (formerly Iowa Masonic Health Facilities) skilled nursing unit. We are asking church members to donate dollars for items to include in Christmas gift bags for these seniors. Patti Sorensen, Diana Mahoski and Teri Bishop will be coordinating this traditional mission activity at Asbury. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience or you may give online at JesusIsTheBridge.org by using the "Online Giving" option and choosing the "Missions" tab. Last year Asbury members delivered around 70 individual gift bags to the very appreciative residents. If you are interested in helping prepare and deliver the gift bags to residents, contact Patti Sorensen at 563-343-7351.

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

Thank you to Teri & Jerry Bishop, Diana & Chuck Mahoski and Patti & Steve Sorensen for serving the Zion Church Meal.

Coming Soon....Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series begins December 1st!

Have you noticed that the music of Christmas is already playing in some of the stores? You can't miss the Christmas decorations that are on display! Are you already thinking about family get-togethers and the meals? And of course, there's the gift buying. However, to really experience Christmas and prepare for the birth of Jesus, the Adult Ministry Team encourages you to pick up the book, **EXPERIENCING CHRISTMAS** by Matt Rawle, read the enclosed flyer to help you choose a group to join, and be prepared for the sermons that Pastor Tim will be preaching throughout Advent. **Books are available now at both the Main and Office Entrances.**

May you enjoy the season as you encounter God in the sights, sounds, tastes, and feelings we associate with Christmas!

- **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 5th Grade meets on Sundays at both 8:30 and 10:30am. Contact Rebecca Erickson at rebecca@asbury-bett.org for more information. **Adult volunteers are needed.**
- **Element 412 Youth Ministry**...for youth in 6th-12th Grade on Sundays at 6:00pm. Contact Becca Johnson at 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.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, Nov. 18.**
- **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 12th 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 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**....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.**