

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Traditional Service 8:30am  
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am  
Adult Classes 9:30am  
Praise Service 10:30am  
Communion on April 6

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# Good News

**Our Mission:**

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



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## Letting God Guide Us

The Lenten journey of 40-plus days is about learning to let God guide us. Most of the time we think that we are in charge of our own lives and that we decide what our future will be. But the truth is that only God knows the future and that, as Christians, we should be seeking God's guidance.

“ There's a story from the 9th Century of three Irish monks who set sail in a coracle, leaving their oars behind. They washed up on the shores of Cornwall and were taken before King Alfred, who asked them where they came from. The monks said that they “had stolen away, because they desired, for love of God, to be in a state of pilgrimage, they recked not where.” [The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle. Longman, Green, Longman, and Roberts, 1861. The Upper Room March 2021.]

These monks got in a boat and set sail without oars, so that they could just let the wind take them where God wanted them to go. Their answer to being dependent on God's guidance was to first let go of the notion that they were in control of their lives, so that they could let God be in control.

They wanted to “be in a state of pilgrimage” where God would lead them in directions they had not chosen or considered. To places “they recked no where.”

For us to follow God during this Lenten season, we have to first dispel ourselves of the myth that we control our lives and the world around us, and choose to seek total dependance on God. When the monks did this, they found themselves led to the beautiful shores of Cornwall and to a place and ministry they could not have imagined.

In this Lent, may we be intentional about letting God lead us. May we remember that God can only guide us when we give up trying to choose our own direction without God's guidance.

In Christ, Pastor Tim

SPECIAL SUNDAY  
The United Methodist Church

## SUPPORTING THE OPERATIONS OF UMCOR'S MINISTRY



## March 30 is UMCOR Sunday

Please join us in supporting the incredible work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your gifts cover UMCOR's operational costs, ensuring 100% of other UMCOR donations go directly to relief efforts. Together, we can support UMCOR's work in disaster response, environmental sustainability, and global migration assistance. Your generosity transforms lives and offers hope where it's needed most. An envelope is enclosed or you may give online at [jesusisthebridge.org](https://jesusisthebridge.org) under “Online Giving” and using the “Missions” tab. Thank you!

## YOU ARE INVITED....RootsKids Washing Feet Event on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

We will be practicing Jesus' example on Sunday, March 30th from 9:30-10:20am downstairs in Room 109. This event is open to the congregation, please bring your family along!

Don't worry if your feet aren't as dirty as they were in Gospel times, we have you covered. There will be clean dirt (bagged soil) available to use on your feet first. Then we will pair up and wash each other's feet with soapy water spray, wash cloths and clean water. Wear clothes you are comfortable cleaning in.

This is a great way to experience Jesus' serving love and get a little messy too. Fun for kids and adults alike. Please email Rebecca Erickson at [rebecca@asbury-bett.org](mailto:rebecca@asbury-bett.org) to sign up.

Asbury will co-host and members are encouraged to attend the

### National Faith and Climate Forum

03-27-25

Register online @ [nationalfaithandclimateforum.org](https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org) or scan the code

Join us via Live Stream or In Person @  
St Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

10:00am – 11:00 Local Group Sharing Time  
11:00 – 4:30 pm National Forum

Be part of a powerful, nationwide event via LiveStream to explore how to care for creation and take meaningful climate action




## We Will Pray For You!

Fill out a Prayer Request Card at the Welcome Center

Turn in Before Service Begins

Choose “share publicly” and we will read it during worship.

Prayer Requests can also be submitted @ [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org)







## SAVE THE DATE!

**MAY 4 • 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30AM  
Banquet at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion at 11:00AM  
Watch for details in the Good News!

Have you or a family member participated in:

- Sunday School
- VBS
- Mission Trips
- Youth Group
- Confirmation
- Asbury Preschool
- Awana/Body & Soul
- Children's Choir
- Asbury Scholarship Recipients

We would love to share your memories in a special booklet being put together just for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Please submit your story (in 100 words or less) to the church office by **April 11**. Stop in or mail to [pattys@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pattys@asbury-bett.org).



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Remembering Our History

Kathy Troyer started the Parish Nurse program in 1999. She had heard about the program and did a presentation to Dale Batcheler, who was our pastor at that time. He approved the program. She started at 10 hours a week and after a short time went to 20 hours a week. Kathy wrote many policies for the church that were health-related, including policies for the nursery, fire evacuation and visiting with others. After taking the Parish Nurse Program offered by Trinity Hospital, Kathy started the Asbury Caring Congregation Team who did visits to shut-ins. In addition, she offered some education classes on health-related topics. Kathy was in this position for approximately 6 years and left when her husband was transferred for his job.

Next time, we will continue with who followed Kathy and changes that occurred over the next 24 years. Stay tuned...



Be Well Everyone! From Carol and Cheryl



### Missions

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

#### AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH IS GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Asbury provides support to Global Ministries primarily through monetary donations. These include:

**Fishers of Men** (Locally based ministry for education of children in Kenya) – We provide monthly support for Vincent Mutati Kimanzi. Our AIM monthly donation contributes to Vincent's education, both directly and to his teachers.

Every year, the world experiences devastating hurricanes, storms, wars, and other crises. As these events unfold and the number of those in need of help increases, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is there to help. UMCOR is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Working in more than 80 countries worldwide, UMCOR provides survivors with temporary relief and long-term education, training and support. **UMCOR Sunday** donations this year on **March 30<sup>th</sup>** cover UMCOR's administrative/operation costs so that **100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals** go directly to communities in need.

#### At Asbury During Lent - Bring Your Own Travel Cup or Mug to Church



Are you attending Coffee Hour between services or going to a church meeting? During the Lenten Season, consider being a Steward of Creation by providing an alternative to plastic, paper, styrofoam or an Asbury cup that requires washing.

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

- Thank you to all who participated in the February Mission of the Month by bringing 500 items for One Eighty and World Relief.
- Thank you to Patti & Steve Sorensen, Diana & Chuck Mahoski and Teri & Jerry Bishop for serving the Asbury Zion Meal in March.
- Thank you to Bill Otten and Kevin Jones for sharing their time and talent working on the Trustees lighting conversion project.

- **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.
- **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, March 24.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... **is in need of men's jeans.** Please clean out your closets! Thank you!
- **Walk to Emmaus**....Men's Walk is March 27-30 and Women's Walk is April 3-6. Contact Pat Thornton for information.
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun and conversation on the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is **April 8th.** Watch for details in the next Good News or contact Donna Stradt for more information. "Friendship is God's special way of loving us through someone else." Proverbs 17:17
- **Rachel Circle** .... Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. At the **April 8th** meeting they will be putting together Easter favors to be taken to senior living facilities in the area. Please come and join in this fun activity at 6:30pm in the Asbury Connections Café. Everyone is welcome!
- **Card Ministry**....Next meeting is **April 9th.** To learn more 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!
- **Craft & Chat**....Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, March 15th from 9:00-Noon** in Connections Café. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like. Connect and have fun with fellow crafters! Contact Michelle Bonney for more information.
- **Plastic Bags are Needed** to make sleeping mats for area shelters. There is a donation container behind the elevator. If you would like to help with cutting the bags or looming of the mat please contact Pam Thornton.
- **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 in person at the church on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month at **7:45am.** 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!
- **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.**