

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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These Holy Days

We are just a couple of weeks away from Holy Week as we prepare for Easter. Holy Week is the week beginning with Palm Sunday. In this week we concentrate even more directly on the last days and hours of Jesus' life.

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the event at the beginning of the last week of Jesus' life on earth, when he rides into Jerusalem and people welcome him as they would welcome a king, shouting "hosanna" and "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

On Maundy Thursday we celebrate Jesus' institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The day is called Maundy Thursday because the word Maundy comes from a Latin word that means "commandment." It is on this night that Jesus commands his Disciples to love one another. He exemplifies this love by washing his disciples' feet.

Later that evening, Jesus is betrayed by Judas Iscariot in the Garden of Gethsemane and is tried and convicted of crimes which are not clear, because he committed no real crime.

In several church traditions, though not often used in the United Methodist Church, the days from Thursday evening to the Resurrection on Sunday are known as the "Holy Triduum." The three holy days.

On Good Friday Jesus is crucified, sacrificing his life for all humanity. Jesus asks God to forgive his abusers saying, "forgive them, they know not what they do."

From Good Friday evening to Holy Saturday is a period of profound silence. Good Friday is the only day on the Christian calendar when you do not partake of Holy Communion. Often sanctuaries are stripped bare in mourning. The darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday, just before Christ's resurrection, reminds us that often it does seem darkest before the dawn. Often when it seems the most hopeless, is when the light comes.

Easter Sunday begins with the women who followed Jesus returning to the tomb and finding it empty, guarded by angels heralding his resurrection. Easter Sunday begins the fifty days of the Easter Season known in the Church as "The Great Fifty Days", when Jesus is seen by numerous people in resurrection appearances.

Asbury UMC will celebrate these holy days with worship as usual on Palm Sunday. We will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm, including Holy Communion served with the assistance of our confirmands. We will celebrate Good Friday together at 6:30pm with a special Taize meditation service.

I hope you'll join us for as many of these special holy celebrations as you can, as we celebrate with wonder and joy that Christ did all of this to bring us new life, salvation, and a hope-filled future!

Awaiting His Resurrection
Pastor Tim

+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

APRIL 13TH	8:30 & 10:30AM Palm Sunday
APRIL 17TH	6:30PM Maundy Thursday
APRIL 18TH	6:30PM Good Friday
APRIL 20TH	8:30 & 10:30AM Easter

Can't make it in person?
Watch live - Scan QR code



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

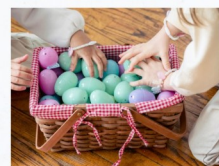
STOP BY THE CONNECTIONS CAFE BETWEEN WORSHIP



APRIL 20TH
7:45-10:30AM



Roots Kids will be on
Spring Break Easter morning
Kids are invited to an
Easter Egg Hunt



immediately following Easter worship in the TreeHouse



Additional Communion Volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday and upcoming special services. If you are available to help, please reach out to Stephanie Pim, Jill Vogt, or the church office.
THANK YOU!



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SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 4 • 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30AM

Banquet at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion at 11:00AM

Watch for details in the Good News!



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Remembering Our History

Kathy Troyer began the Parish Nurse program in 1999. She developed programs and provided educational meetings in her 5 years in the position. In 2000, Brenda Sherrick joined the program on a part-time basis. Brenda carried on with the programs Kathy had developed and was joined by Carol Jackson in 2012. Together they began visiting individuals in senior care facilities and in their homes in a purposeful pattern to stay more frequently in touch with those individuals. Brenda and Carol shared responsibility for visiting with congregants in the hospital, doing blood pressure checks and being a primary resource to all regarding health issues and living situations. Brenda added a Grief Share program in the years before her retirement in 2023. Cheryl Ewert joined the program in 2020 as a Health Care Advocate. Carol and Cheryl have added several dimensions to the program: Hands Only CPR Training, serving on the Prayer Team, senior living information, dementia information programs, a monthly foot clinic, hosting four blood drives each year, and funeral luncheon coordination. The Grief Share program continues also.

Be Well Everyone! From Carol and Cheryl

Missions

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

AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS STEWARDS OF CREATION

1. **Innovation: Africa** (a 501c3 organization) provides water solutions through solar technology to rural villages in Africa. The "Mng'Ona A Village" in Zambia has been selected. Here, 4,070 people rely on unsafe water, forcing women and girls to walk 1.5 km each day. Your donation will help bring access to safe water; lessen sickness and improve their daily lives. Donations may be made to Asbury with designation of "AIM/MOM Water".

2. **XStream Downtown Bettendorf "light duty" Cleanup: 11:30 - 3:00 Wednesday, April 16**

Volunteers meet and receive a free lunch served between 11:30am - 12:30pm at the City Hall Plaza.

Gloves, vests, trash bags, and tongs will be available to volunteers. All ages are welcome!

Sign up @ <https://xstreamcleanup.org/event/downtown-bettendorf-cleanup-april-16-2025>



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 for supporting Terracycle!

The Terracycle "drop off" inside Asbury Church is near the elevator. We collect chip/salty snack and cereal bags, multi-pack candy bags, pens, markers, glue sticks, toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, coffee bags, broken crayons and wine corks. Note: Vegetable and cookie bags are not accepted by Terracycle.

- **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, April 7.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... **is in need of men's jeans.** Please clean out your closets! Thank you!
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun and conversation on the second Tuesday of each month. Join them for **Lunch at 11:30am on April 8th at Jimmy's Pancake House**, 2521 18th St., Bettendorf. 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, April 19 from 9:00-Noon** in the RootsKids TreeHouse. 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.**