



Our Mission ~ To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

# BIBLE BIGTOP!

## Circus Themed VBS

### July 15,16,17

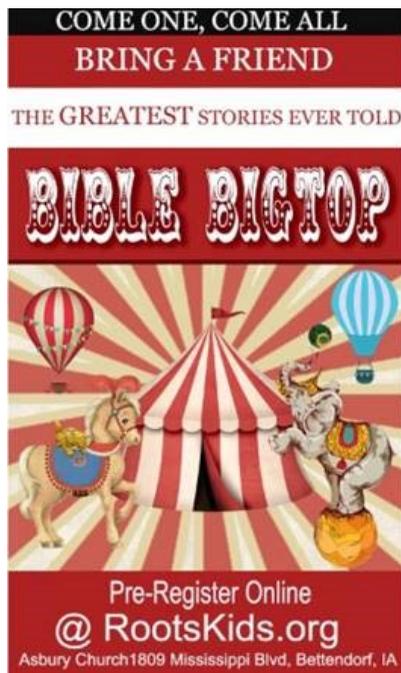
### 5:30-8:00pm

### For 3 Years-5th Graders

### Register online at:

### [RootsKids.Org](http://RootsKids.Org)

### Details Enclosed!



**Friday, July 12, 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Saturday, July 13, 8:00- Noon**

**Pre-Sale for Asbury Members on**

**Thursday, July 11, 5:30-7:30pm**

**Volunteers Needed ~ Details Enclosed**

**All Proceeds Support**

**Global Ministries Special Projects**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 AM**

8:30 -Traditional Service

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Praise Service

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-Noon

**Office Closed July 4 and 5**

**"I WILL BE LOYAL TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness."**

## BY OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the friends and family on the enclosed list in your daily prayers.

## BY OUR PRESENCE

May 26 ..... Worship—220

June 2 ..... Worship—247

June 9 ..... Worship—205

June 16 ..... Worship—217

June 23 ..... Worship—222

## BY OUR GIFTS

May Income ..... \$60,807

May Expense ..... \$60,305

YTD 5/31 Income..... \$281,334

YTD 5/31 Expense..... \$283,676

Peace with Justice Offering ..... \$149.00

## BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$30 and 140 items.



## Did You Miss Sunday Worship?

Miss a worship service? Sunday's bulletin is available in each Narthex throughout the week following worship. For the latest videos of Asbury worship services go to our website and click on "Video of Sunday Message" to get the direct link! Audio of each service is also available to stream or download to your computer from the website. You might want to check out the calendar of events, updated weekly, available online as well.

**Check Out Our Website to Stay Up to Date on ALL the Latest Asbury News!!**

**[www.asbury-bett.org](http://www.asbury-bett.org)**

**"Like Us" on Facebook!**



We're also on Facebook. Look us up at "Asbury United Methodist Church" and **LIKE** our page! Let us know if you have information or pictures you would like to share.



Scan the QR code above with your phone for easy access to our website and Facebook page!



**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services**

Jazz Sunday at Asbury will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services! "Tewanta & Company" will provide special music and lead the congregational singing. Mark your calendar to be sure to attend worship and enjoy this jazzy service with our musical guests!



**Please Choose Asbury as Your Birdies for Charity Recipient!**

Asbury is participating in the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity for the very first time! Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due. Asbury will receive every single penny of your donation, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match! The Birdies for Charity program supports over 500 local charitable organizations, services, operations and programs.

Please consider Asbury as your 2019 Birdie recipient! **Bird #2269**

A pledge form is enclosed. Extra forms are available at the church.

**Pledge form deadline is Monday, July 8**



**Reaching Out to Help**

Thank you to all who are answering God's call to love their neighbor by giving their time, talent and gifts to help flood victims in Hamburg, Pacific Junction and locally. You are a blessing and a witness!



**Come Join the Team!**

**Sunday AV Volunteers Needed!  
Positions Needed for Both  
8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services  
Training Provided!  
Flexible Schedule!**

Contact the church office  
for more details.  
**355-5218**



**Snapchat Fans!!  
Share Your Pictures!**

We now have an Asbury Geo-Filter to use on Sunday mornings! Get busy taking photos to share the Asbury Spirit with others!!

Free Wi-Fi internet access is available in the church by using the password asburyquest.



**Middle School  
Pop Can Fundraiser**

Thank you for your continued support of Asbury Middle School Youth Group Projects by bringing cans and plastic bottles on the first Sunday of each month. The next Pop Can Drop will be on Sunday, **July 7**

Please remember:

we do NOT take glass bottles.

**Thank You!**

Articles for the August issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than:

**8:00 AM on Monday, July 22**  
**Thank you!**



Teaching Kids to  
"Rely On One True Savior!"

Greetings Asbury Families!

We Have Much to Celebrate and Share With You

Enclosed are a lot of exciting things in the works for RootsKids!



## WORSHIP HOUR

We are excited to introduce a new fun and interactive kids worship service **beginning Sunday, September 8th**. This service will take place on Sundays from 10:55am-12:05pm and is designed for ages K-5th grade. It will be a full hour of high energy worship, dramatic skits, fun puppets, arts & crafts, games and Biblical teachings that will align with the same sermon themes being preached during the adult services. Imagine your car ride home and how fun it will be to hear the kids discuss the sermon with you each week!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF September 4th

Family Meal at 5:15pm followed by a special performance of Godspell in the sanctuary from 6:00-7:30pm.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Class is back in session Sundays starting on **September 8th 9:45-10:45am** - Kids ages 2 years thru 5th Grade will meet in their age appropriate classrooms located on the lower level of the church.

## Kids Club 4th-5th Grade

Returns **September 11th** from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

## Roots Kids 3 yrs - 3rd Grade

Returns **September 11th** from 6:00pm - 7:30pm



# Hear Ye Hear Ye! Step Right Up!

**The Circus is Coming to Asbury's Vacation Bible School!**

July 15,16,17 5:30-6pm Dinner / Show 6pm-8pm

Ages PreSchool-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tickets are FREE! Please cut & share them with your family, friends, neighbors and community groups!

**Volunteers are needed!** Jr High, High School, College, and Adults are needed for Bible Bigtop. There are several ways to let us know you can help. Sign up online at: [RootsKids.org](http://RootsKids.org) VBS – Bible Bigtop and scroll down to the Volunteer Form button or there are sign up sheets located in the church office and at both entrances of the church, and of course, you can always call the church office and ask to have your name added to the sign up sheet in the church office.

Let's come together as a church to teach kids that the greatest stories are in the Bible and the most incredible power is what we get from the Lord!



## BIBLE BIGTOP!

July 15,16,17 from 5:30-8:00pm

Register & Volunteer Online at [RootsKids.Org](http://RootsKids.Org)

**Circus Buddies Needed** – Ages 6th Grade - 99+

Looking for Grandparents, High School, Jr High Kids and College Students home from break. Circus Buddies oversee a small group of kids and help them travel from station to station, sit with them during the opening and closing ceremonies and sign them in/out with their parents. All you need is a positive attitude that demonstrates the love and desire to help kids have fun and get fired up for God.

**Tent Leaders Needed** - Ages 18yrs-99+

We need 2 adult leaders for each of the circus tents kids will visit: Storytelling, Crafts, Games, Performance Tent and Concessions with Jo Winegar.

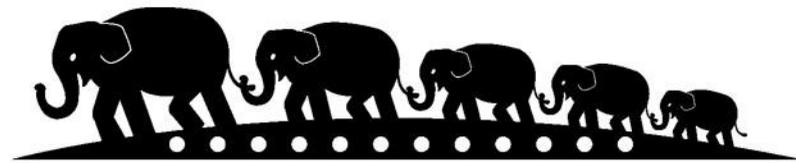
**Setup/Cleanup Crew Needed** - any age willing to help prepare and clean!

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COME ONE, COME ALL BRING A FRIEND		
THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD		
Pre-Register Online @ <a href="http://RootsKids.org">RootsKids.org</a> <small>Asbury Church 1809 Mississippi Blvd, Bettendorf, IA</small>		
DATE	DINNER	SHOW
JULY 15,16,17	5:30 - 6PM	6PM - 8PM

**Please cut & share tickets with your family, friends, neighbors and community groups!**



THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD

# BIBLE BIGTOP



## Greetings, and Happy July!

This month we will be celebrating the return of Vacation Bible School with our very own "Bible Bigtop." Carrie, our Children's Ministry Director, has been hard at work cultivating an amazing experience for young and old alike to enjoy the greatest stories ever told. We will have special guests, delicious food, fun games, amazing crafts, and, most of all, tell the stories of God's love. If you have not yet offered a ticket to a child in your life, or spoken with Carrie about helping serve July 15, 16, and 17, I would

urge you to prayerfully consider inviting and serving.

The American circus captured the hearts and imaginations of this country for almost 200 years. When the circus arrived in small towns, everything was different. It gave people the chance to experience miracles, to see amazing acts greater than their imagination, and to literally touch exotic animals. The circus is part of the quintessential US summer experience. Perhaps you too can remember the time when you went to the circus and your world changed.

One of the most amazing things about the circus is the variety of acts that could be found. From flying trapeze artists to horse tricks to clowns, it took a number of performers to create the spectacle that dazzled and amazed. In some ways, that reminds me of what it means to be part of a church. We all have our part to play in making this community pull off amazing feats.

We find a description of this reality in 1 Corinthians 12. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many."

Over...

Although we all may have our favorite circus acts, and we all may have our own spiritual gifts, we find that when we are together, we create something stronger and more beautiful than when we work on our own. Putting on "Bible Bigtop" is quite the production. It works better when we, as a church, come together to be in ministry together. Effecting positive change in our community so we can be of service is better when we work together as one body, bringing our unique gifts.

You will find that the circus can teach us many things about what it means to be church. Pastor Tom and myself are excited to see the sanctuary transform into a big top tent and to preach on some of the lessons that the circus teaches us throughout July. Remember the wonder of the circus, join us for worship and "Bible Bigtop," and celebrate that God has gifted you with amazing talents to be part of the one body of Christ here at Asbury.

Peace,  
Pastor Heather Dorr

### Vacation Bible School



**Monday**  
Sampson

---featuring---  
QC Strongman



**Tuesday**  
Moses

---featuring---  
David Casas



**Wednesday**  
David & Goliath

---featuring---  
surprise guest!



**July 15, 16, 17**  
**Dinner 5:30-6pm**  
**Show 6-8pm**

*3yrs thru 5th Grade*



## Can You Help??

**We need volunteer cashiers, sorters and clerks!**

**Please call Gail Jackson at (563) 349-3652  
or use the sign-up sheets at church  
to volunteer to help!**



### **Mark Your Calendar!** **Global Ministries Seek & Find Sale**

**Friday, July 12, 8:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, July 13, 8:00- Noon**  
**(Pre-Sale for Asbury Members on July 11, 5:30-7:30pm)**

**You may drop off donated items on July 8-10 from 8:00-5:00 and  
July 11 from 8:00 until Noon for the Annual Asbury Seek & Find Sale!**

Please remember we cannot accept early donations. There is no room at church for storage before July 8. For big item pick-up please call Gary Littrel at 359-3994. No clothing or electronics, please.

#### **All Proceeds Support Global Ministry Special Projects!**

Asbury's Global Ministries Team oversees global missions and provides opportunities for our congregation to serve not only in the United States, but all over the world.

#### **Important Ministry Support Includes:**

Poverty Relief through Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky  
Educational, Medical and Agricultural Support to Africa University  
Financial Support to Red Bird Mission and Zimbabwe Missions





## School Supply Drive for Hope at the Brick House

Asbury Church & Society Commission will be supporting a school supply drive again this year for Hope at the Brick House.

Joyce Klopp (a former member of Asbury) was thrilled with the offer to help her kiddos with supplies for the upcoming school year. You may remember she and her staff offer after school programs for K-6 in a very needy area of Davenport. They tutor, offer speech and language enhancement, literacy assistance, computer skills training, recreational activities and opportunities to attend church club programs.

We as a congregation can help by providing **monetary donations** for school supplies for these children who need our help. As before, checks may be made out to Asbury with "Hope at the Brick House School Supplies" noted on the envelope or memo line. **WE WILL NOT COLLECT ACTUAL SUPPLIES**; Joyce will buy the supplies the children need.

Members of Church & Society thank you for your loyal support of our projects throughout the year and we hope you will consider helping the children at Hope at the Brick House. **You can learn more about Hope at the Brick House by visiting their website as [www.hopeatthebrickhouse.org](http://www.hopeatthebrickhouse.org)**

Thank you!



I'll help!

### Want to Help?

Many of our volunteers at the Friendly Thrift Center have summer plans, medical issues or need time off. If you've been thinking about helping, now's the time! Either a long or short-term commitment is fine. Most any day of the week will be fine as well.

Please contact me soon!

Thiara Smith  
563-320-7189



### **Do you Have Ideas to Share or Church Activities to Promote?**

The bulletin board in the main hall between the adult and children's library needs some creative help. If you are a group or individual with a message to promote or creative talents to share, your help is needed. The message can be informational, inspirational, spiritual, promotional, or just thought-provoking!

Contact the main office to reserve your dates.



### Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours at Asbury are **Monday-Friday from 8:00-Noon**. You may leave a message on the answering machine or if you need immediate assistance please call a staff member at home.

### **New Arrivals!**



Congratulations to Brett & Dani Wiebler, and big sister Payton, on the birth of twins. Camlin Robert and Kennedy Jo were born on June 23. Grandparents are Bev & Mike Reed and great-grandparents are Irma Ricketts and Robert & Patricia Reed



### Altar Flowers

Thank you to Sandy Spence and the Chambers Family for providing altar flowers in June.

A sign up sheet is in the West Narthex year-round for anyone who would like to provide flowers for our altar on the Sunday of your choice. This is a nice way to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion!



### **Join Us For a Work Out! Exercise Every Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-10:00 A.M. in Upper Fellowship Hall**

Fun & fellowship included!!  
PLUS....It's free!!



### **Coping & Caring**

### Asbury and Community Support Gathering

**Our Asbury group will not be meeting throughout the summer.**

This small group will resume in the fall and is especially helpful for anyone concerned about the health and well-being of others. Have you been helping an aging relative or friend with health and life tasks, even just a little bit? **Then we invite you to join us when we resume this fall.**

If you have a need and you would like to speak to someone, I hope you will free to contact me this summer at 563-340-2784.

Laurie Skjerseth

### Another Community Event:

We would like to offer & encourage you to attend an Alzheimer's Association/Greater Iowa Chapter support opportunity. **Caregivers Support Group** meets at St. John Vianney Parish, Bettendorf. This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (July 10 & August 14 at 1:00pm). Facilitators are Deb Morse and Laura Giziki. The church address is 4097 18th St. Bettendorf. Call 563-332-7910, extension 122 for further information.



Churches United is again sponsoring a community-wide food drive. Asbury will be participating by asking the congregation to bring non-perishable donations to the food pantry basket located in the east narthex and the food pantry bin in the west narthex. These donations will be given to our local Bettendorf food pantry. Donations will be collected through the month of July.

Cash donations are especially appreciated to allow food pantries to buy bulk food at a reduced cost. Please make checks payable to Asbury indicating "Thanksgiving in July" on the memo line.

Thank you for helping those who are hungry and without food!  
Asbury Church & Society Commission



### A NEW (or old) Opportunity to Serve!

There is a committee that is contacting individuals and asking them to consider being a quarterly organizer for ushers and greeters.

Please prayerfully consider your willingness to serve in this capacity.

**Don't hesitate to say "Yes!"  
when asked!**

### Asbury Blood Drive

Thank you to our faithful donors for coming out to the June blood drive. We had a small, but mighty, turnout. The MVRBS provides blood and blood products to a large area in Iowa and surrounding states. Every donation is important. Also a big thank you to the helpers and those who provided snacks.

Hope to see you all at the August drive!  
Church and Society Commission



### Strike-a-Match 2.0



This year we are kicking off Strike-A-Match 2.0 to help close our \$50,000 budget shortfall to ensure the continuation of the vital ministries of the church. A small group of families has already committed to making matching contributions up to \$25,000 for congregational gifts in addition to regular pledged giving.

**This year, we are encouraging gifts be made through the Birdies For Charity program at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com).** The Birdies program provides a 5-10% match on all donations, so it is an excellent way to maximize the impact of your donation. Please select Birdies #2269. For every dollar contributed, over \$2 will go to support the exciting Shifts we are seeing to ensure we are *future ready* for what God has planned for us.

### News to Share! ••• Position Available ••• Director of Youth Ministries

Asbury, an intergenerational and theologically diverse church, is seeking a part time Director of Youth Ministries for students in grades 6 to 12.

#### The successful candidate will:

- \* be able to relate to youth where they are, form relationships, earn their trust.
- \* be able to help students develop a relationship with Jesus.
- \* be effective in leading youth small group studies and activities.
- \* be able to develop relationships with parents and other adults in the congregation and connect them with the youth.
- \* be able to recruit and develop leaders to assist with programing.

#### Qualifications:

- \* a heart for youth and a passion to share God's love with them.
- \* experience in working with and leading youth.
- \* a team player who is a self-starter and welcomes input and help from others.
- \* a positive role model for youth by living their faith on a daily basis.

**For a complete job description or to submit a resume contact the church office:**

[pattys@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pattys@asbury-bett.org)  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
1809 Mississippi Blvd  
Bettendorf, IA 52722 563-355-5218

## Reaching Out to Help!

On June 1-2 a team of volunteers from Asbury joined members of Grace UMC as well as AmeriCorp, Go Serve Here and Lutheran Emergency Response Team to work side-by-side in Southwest Iowa providing disaster relief for those affected by the flooding.

Thank you to Asbury members who contributed \$664.00 toward their expenses. Below is a brief report on their mission trip and a few personal reflections from members of the group.

We met in Hamburg, IA at 11:30 am on Saturday June 1st at the Hamburg Volunteer Center that was being run by Americorp. They were our contact and work site coordinators. They had scheduled us to partner with another volunteer organization, Go Serve Here for Saturday. With them and a group of volunteers from LERT (Lutheran Emergency Response Team) we worked on pulling out floors and removing hardware from studs in flood affected homes. One homeowner described the 11 feet of water that had been in his house, the other home was still full of belongings that had been left behind. Seeing them brought into focus the difficulty that faced the people in this town.

That evening we shared a fellowship meal together. On Sunday morning we were happy to worship together at Grace UMC in Glenwood, IA and meet more people from that community. After church we drove 10 minutes to work in Pacific Junction for the remainder of the day. We were working with a group of members from Americorp and our work site was mucking and gutting out the Post Office. Our work that day consisted of removing floors, drywall, mailbox units, hardware, and insulation.

### **Personal Reflections....**

- I did not realize how devastating the flood damage was in this area of Iowa. This mission trip gave us an opportunity to help (and meet) those people whose homes were directly affected. Also, to encounter the other groups who were directly involved with the assistance in the cleanup effort of the flood.
- It was a joy to attend the worship service at Glenwood United Methodist Church and realize we are all Christians under the skin.
- The fellowship of our small but dedicated group of people from Asbury and our ability to keep our Lord in the spotlight .... the reason we were there.
- The gratitude of the people we helped on our trip. They were truly grateful for the help.
- The unrecognized scope of the people of Hamburg and Pacific Junction suffering and loss and how much is put on their shoulders to get through day after day to recover or start over.
- The devastation of the flood and the impact on the homes, businesses and farmland. Seeing the amount of water and moisture still in the walls and the floor this long after the flooding, and how long it would take to recover from this was humbling. The emptiness in Pacific Junction felt like a ghost town.
- The wonderful spirit of the Americorp team of young people and their dedication to helping others doing long, hot, dirty and dangerous work for months at a time.

We came away feeling blessed to be a blessing!

Rebecca & Andy Erickson, Cliff Pim, Linda Carver, Marian & Phil Paulson

## Summer Sunday Study Series

Although most of the Sunday study groups won't meet during the summer, a special two-part study series on characters of the Bible is being offered during the summer. Patrick Mulloy has been leading a brand-new study that he has written. The study examines how our relationships with tradition, family, friends, and God effect our faith. The study uses the Book of Job as a lens to examine how these relationships effect Job's faith, and his life. It also looks at how Job is shaped through the hardship that he goes through and what his journey says for our relationships. **In July, the second part of the summer series will be a study by Susan Robb (Senior Associate Minister at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas). Titled "Called,"** it will examine the lives of six Bible characters (Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Jonah, Mary Magdalene, and the Beloved Disciple) and how God called each of them to a life of unique service. Through Susan Robb's video presentations and study book, we will see how God calls each of us to serve in our own special ways, bringing hope and transformation to our world.

**The Summer Study Series will be held on Sundays, through August 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m., upstairs in room 302-303. It is informal and allows people to come in and out during their busy summer schedules, with no advance reading needed.** There may be Sundays when no session is held, due to other special events at Asbury. All adults and high school youth are invited to come enjoy a summer of fellowship and spiritual growth. The coordinator of the Summer Study Series is Don Mitchem.

## Me and My Big Mouth!

We've all done it! We've opened our mouth and inserted our foot. We've all said something that we wish we could take back. Even if what we say is true, our words may have cost us a job, our reputation, or a relationship.

Conversations don't come with backspace buttons, so how do we prevent our big mouths from getting us in big trouble?

Based on the book of James and Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Andy Stanley, founder and pastor of Atlanta-based North Point Ministries will share the secret of how we can "tame our tongue". This short, three evening study lead by Pat and Pam Thornton, will be held for adults and high school students during VBS on July 15, 16, and 17 from 6:20-7:40 PM in Rooms 302-303.

**Come and join us!!**



**Card Ministry Will Not Meet in July Happy Summer!**

Our group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome to join us. You do not have to be an expert in paper-crafting and there is something for everyone to do. If you have not received our Card Ministry email reminders and would like to be included, please contact:

Linda Dudgeon at: [lddudgeon@yahoo.com](mailto:lddudgeon@yahoo.com) or

Alinda Littrel at: [galauctionservices@gmail.com](mailto:galauctionservices@gmail.com)

**See you in August!**



## **Asbury Men's Group**

**Our Men's Group Mission is to *Build Our Faith through Study, Service & Fellowship and to Make the World a Better Place***

We thank all the men who have participated in several service projects, both within and outside the walls of Asbury.

If you have been considering attending our men's group, now would be a great time to come to one of our meetings.

### **Upper Room Men's Group on July 13 & 27**

Upcoming studies will be at Asbury & are planned for **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 7:30-9:00am**

We always have an open chair, so please join us for any or all gatherings!

Our meetings begin with some fellowship & conversation followed up by some study & a video, then we wrap up with Joys and Concerns. We also have the opportunity to meet outside the Saturday meetings with a specific prayer partner. Building these relationships outside of church with men in the group has proven to be a terrific way to get to know the men in the church and grow closer to each other.

Perhaps invite your neighbor or co-worker, especially if they might not have a church home. Visitors are always welcome. If you can't join us, please keep all our Asbury men in your prayers.

For more information please contact:

Cliff Pim at 563-340-2722 [cpim@hhsales.net](mailto:cpim@hhsales.net)

Phil Paulson at 309-502-9236 [paulsonphil2@gmail.com](mailto:paulsonphil2@gmail.com)

## **Fellowship With Purpose**

### **Thanks to All Our Faithful Volunteers!**

The Fellowship with Purpose group is taking a summer-long holiday! We thank all of the volunteers for their generous help throughout the year. We'll miss their friendly Friday smiles!! Have a great summer!



## **Shift 2.0 Follow-Up**

The Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard was with us on the weekend of June 15 and 16. This was the beginning of his work with us as a coach for our congregation. His initial meetings with us were a time to listen and assess the current state of our congregation.

Dr. Maynard met with about 25 people representing the Church Council and other interested folks during the morning of June 15. In the afternoon he met with a smaller group that will become an ongoing strategy team.

He also preached the Sunday message around the theme, "Do You Want to be Well?" We have the potential to be a healthier, stronger more effective congregation. But we don't have to be. The choice is up to us.

For the coming year Dr. Maynard will work with our pastors and the strategy team to identify specific goals for improvement and track our progress. The members of the strategy team will be formalized and announced this summer. Please be in prayer for our congregation and how we can become all that God wants us to be and fulfill our mission here in the Quad Cities.



## **Wednesday All-Church Meals – 2019** ***An Opportunity for Members, Committees and Ministries to Work Together Across the Church***

### ***Dear Asbury Congregation:***

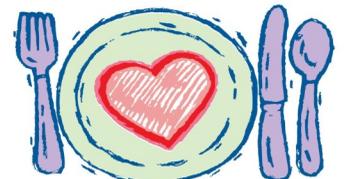
Do you enjoy the All-Church Wednesday Night Meals? Do you want to be involved in a fun way to serve our church? Please consider signing your group up soon to provide a meal for the very appreciative people that attend.

Kick-off is on September 4, and evening groups will start meeting on September 11, 2019. Feel free to e-mail me (Cindy Bruhn - [adesign@mchsi.com](mailto:adesign@mchsi.com)) or call or text (563-650-7963) to let me know when your group can serve.

**Hope everyone is enjoying summer!**  
**Cindy Bruhn, 563-650-7963**

### **September Servers**

**September 4 - Kick-Off! Hospitality Committee**  
**September 11—Hospitality/Garden Ministry Produce**  
**September 18—Open**  
**September 25—Open**

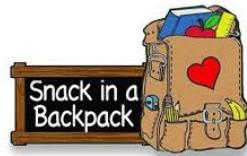


## Thomas Jefferson Elementary

Dear Asbury,

Thank you for all of your support this year at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. The staff, students, and myself alike felt a presence this year of appreciation. It is my hope that the connections you made at Thomas Jefferson this year will have some carry-over into the 2019-2020 school year and beyond. The Backpacks with Snacks ministry certainly made a difference for the families who go without. The Read Across America volunteers brought joy into literacy for nearly forty children. Likewise, the staff thoroughly enjoyed the treats and breakfasts you provided for us. Our days are chock full of business that often times puts our needs on the backburner, so it was AWESOME not to have to think about breakfast for a few days! The prayers were felt, and the special people who became reading and lunch buddies truly made a difference in the lives of students who are sometimes overlooked. Your congregation became more involved just when we needed you! I know God works in mysterious ways!

Again, thank you,  
Lana LaSalle and the Thomas Jefferson Staff & Students



## Backpack Ministry

Thank you ever so much for your faithful and generous donations to the Asbury Backpack Ministry for Thomas Jefferson School students!

With the upcoming merger of Thomas Jefferson & Mark Twain schools, we will need to learn the need and status of this project going forward after the summer break. We're very grateful for your dedicated participation and we will meet soon to discuss the future plan and will keep you posted!

**Your cheerful giving has made an important difference  
in a child's life right here in our neighborhood!**

**Thank you!**  
Asbury Church & Society Committee



**Hannah Circle** - Resumes Tuesday, September 10, 9:30am

**Rachel Circle** - Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m.  
**Dinner Out at Caddy's**  
3700 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf  
RSVP to Jo Winegar: [tagdirector@mchsi.com](mailto:tagdirector@mchsi.com) or  
563-940-2516

*LIFT*

*Ladies in Fellowship Together*



**Through Christian fellowship, LIFT will gather to support those in need,  
grow our relationships within & beyond Asbury's walls,  
and serve the community, spreading God's word!**

**We are excited about our upcoming Mix & Mingle Events!**

LIFT is hosting a "Baby Shower" on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm at the home of Stephanie Pim, 5656 Madison Ct, Bettendorf. Karree Fah from **Hiney Heroes** will be our speaker, with light fare and dessert served. Thank you to all who have already donated to the diaper drive. Quad City babies and their families thank you! Please RSVP by July 4<sup>th</sup> to Stephanie at 563-340-2738 or [pimfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:pimfamily5@gmail.com)

Please join LIFT at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at **Indigo Café**, 4925 Utica Ridge Road, Davenport, for a cup of coffee, great fellowship and an opportunity to provide needed school supplies for one of our neighborhood elementary schools! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Jenny Bloomquist at 563-320-8632 and check the August newsletter and our LIFT Facebook page for a list of needed supplies.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join LIFT for the **Women's Iron Sharpens Iron** on Saturday, November 2nd at Calvary Church of the Quad Cities, 4700 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Moline. This is a full day women's conference that will leave you feeling refreshed and empowered! We will register as a group to receive the discounted rate of \$57 per person, for ladies ages 13+, and includes a box lunch. Please contact Marian Paulson at 309-507-1714 for more information and look for updates in the coming months!

Be sure to check the Asbury UMC Newsletter each month and our LIFT Facebook page for more details on our upcoming Mix and Mingle events! Our Facebook page serves as a home base, so be sure to check it out, not only for upcoming events but also words of inspiration! We hope you can join us for some good fun and fellowship!



## Garden Ministry Update

Hallelujah! The planting of our Garden Ministry garden plot (located behind the Grace Evangelical Free Church-north of 53rd Street on Eastern Avenue) was completed a week or so ago. While the weather presented challenges in getting everything planted, I believe the garden plot looks awesome. I would encourage members to drive by and take a look. The challenge now is to maintain the plot (weeding/watering) so that our harvest will be all that it has the potential of being. Truly, God will provide us a very bountiful harvest if we do our part in maintaining the plot.

Additional volunteers are always welcomed to support our Garden Ministry. You can donate any amount of time that fits into your schedule. If interested, send me an email and I will add your name to my email listing that I use in apprising volunteers of upcoming gardening opportunities. Our Garden Ministry is impacting the lives of thousands in our local community.

I want to sincerely thank those of you who have donated your time in support of the Ministry and to our Heavenly Father who has graciously blessed our Ministry since its beginning in the spring of 2002.

Yours in Feeding the Hungry,  
Dave Phillips  
Garden Ministry Coordinator

## University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Fundraiser (Home of THE WAVE)

As some of you know, I am very active in the Optimist International (OI) organization, a service organization whose focus is on enhancing the lives of youth in communities throughout the world. I have served in a number of positions at the local club, Iowa District, and International levels. This year, I am serving as the Iowa District Chair for OI's Childhood Cancer Campaign Program. Serving in this position has given me an opportunity to organize a fundraiser in memory of my father who passed away about 51 years ago from leukemia. I, along with ten of my fellow Optimists across Iowa, are having our heads shaved at our District Convention in Des Moines on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, to raise funds to support target therapy cancer research at the Children's Hospital.

Your tax deductible donation would be sincerely appreciated. Checks should be made to: Optimist International Foundation and mailed to:  
Bettendorf Optimist Club  
P.O. Box 1445  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

Funds collected will pass through the Foundation to the Children's Hospital.

FYI, last calendar year, over 75,000 children were treated at the Children's Hospital to include patients from every state but one and six foreign countries.

Yours in Helping to Find a Cure,  
Dave Phillips

## New Asbury Members

June 23, 2019

*We are pleased to welcome new members to our Asbury 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!*

*"I thank God for your partnership in the Gospel...And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more."*  
The Apostle Paul in Philippians

### Dan & Marlene Corray - 5056 55th Ave., Bettendorf 52722

**Dan: 309-256-7254 shellbark04@yahoo.com Marlene: 309-256-3127 mac5801@yahoo.com**

Marlene and Dan moved to Bettendorf from Peoria. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Dan is a retired high school teacher. He enjoys pickleball, fishing, riding his motorcycle and doing activities with family. Marlene is retired from Caterpillar, where she was an IT Analyst. She enjoys playing pickleball and spending time with her grandchildren. They transfer their membership from Crossroads United Methodist Church in Washington, IL.

### Ronald and Karen Dixon; Joshua Dixon - 6362 Dodds Dr., Bettendorf 52722

**563-200-1998 RPDixon2002@yahoo.com**

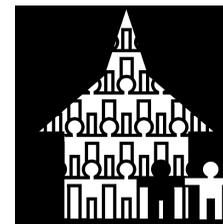
Ron and Karen have one son, Joshua. Ron is a Project Manager at AE COM. He enjoys golf, fishing, reading, video games, helping in school, working with special needs community, working to support military families & veterans, and truck driving. Karen is a homemaker and enjoys horse riding, sewing, reading and listening to music. Joshua's interests include horse riding, computers, video games and reading. Ron, Karen and Joshua are transferring their membership from Northern Hills United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

### Roger and Dana Ellis - 1525 Brown St., Bettendorf 52722

**Roger: 563-355-4608 sfrsc4@yahoo.com**

**Dana: 563-639-1424 monkeys.DE@gmail.com**

Roger has one daughter, Dana. He is a retired machinist and welder. Roger is joining as an affiliate member with his home church, St. Paul's United Methodist in Staten Island, New York. Dana joins Asbury on Profession of Faith.



### Exploring Membership

For those who are interested in exploring membership at Asbury, please contact Pastor Tom at 355-5218.



## Thinking About Becoming a Member?

One of Asbury's goals is to make everyone feel welcome and to help people become acquainted with our church. Four times a year, we offer a time for everyone, whether you are new or have been attending for awhile, to attend a **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING**. This is a time to learn about our church, get to know people, receive information about Asbury, and to get connected with us and the many opportunities offered.

If you have questions about Asbury, are interested in finding out about a ministry or small group, or are ready to become a member of Asbury, then this is the first step. Our goal is to get to know you better and for you to get to know Asbury better. Attending this gathering does not obligate you to join, but it is the first step for membership.

The next **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING** is **Sunday, July 28. We meet between the services (9:45-10:45)**. This promises to be a time of fun and fellowship with refreshments! Children are welcome to attend, but childcare is provided.

Current Asbury members are encouraged to attend. It's a great way to get to know new people and help them connect.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Manning or one of the pastors.

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## With Heartfelt Thanks



Thank you to all who offered me congratulations on my ordination. I felt blessed to have a group from Asbury watching the livestream of the worship, to celebrate the day with friends and family, and to be offered such heartfelt congratulations from the congregation here. I treasure the cards that were given and the SPRC's gift of a beautiful pitcher and basin. It will be a constant reminder to me of the bishop's instructions to serve, offered to me at the ordination service when she washed my feet.

Pastor Heather

The most recent **Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church** states:



"All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation."

We may be uncomfortable thinking and talking about our world's pollution, the climate crisis, species going extinct etc. It's depressing. Meanwhile, the planet, humans and other living creatures are in distress.

How should we respond as Christians?

As Christians we have a call to help those in distress, a responsibility to educate ourselves and make necessary changes in our lives. To start, we can acknowledge truth of what is happening, look for ways to put our faith into action by caring for God's creation and provide hope to a society that may be in despair. We honor God's creation by protecting and supporting it.

Here at Asbury, we can choose to gather, learn, plan and respond to these topics. We will be posting special events and meetings in upcoming "Good News" and on Facebook. (There is not a regular time or place to meet.) We are calling this new ministry "**Stewards of Creation**".

### Stewards of Creation Seeks to:

- Initiate ways Asbury can become a "Green Church".
- Provide awareness of recycling opportunities, environmental changes and climate concerns through books, movies, speakers, emails, etc.
- Give notification of church or community events related to recycling, protecting the environment and climate change awareness and action.
- Provide opportunities to talk with other Christians about these topics. Together we can learn the truth about this subject, seek hope and discover how to take meaningful action in our individual lives and together as a church community.

Join us as we learn and put our faith into action through ecological discipleship as we respect and care for creation. Specific information and opportunities coming soon!

If you would like to be part of the planning team please contact Susan Moseley at [actionforothers@mediacombb.net](mailto:actionforothers@mediacombb.net)

**In August Pastor Tom and Pastor Heather will be sharing a Sunday Sermon Series based on "The Green Church" by Rev. Rebecca Simon Peter.**

**More details to come!**



# Please Keep in Your Prayers~

**Russell Auliff, Tom Buxton, Becky Carlson,  
Chuck DCamp, Richard Dennis, Connie Drexel,  
Theona Fahl, Jon Gimmy, Rich Hofmann, Bruce Millage  
Tyler Musal & his parents Mark & Jennifer (Rodine) Musal, Damon Raker**

**Amanda** (Richard Dennis' granddaughter)  
**Mary Kay Beck** (Ken & Linda Jones' friend)  
**Wendy Black** (Joey Arney's niece)  
**Dick Brand** (Mike Brand's father)  
**Sabrina Brenner** (Kim & Johanna's granddaughter)  
**Mike Brotherton** (Jeff Ryder's friend)  
**Cindy Bruhn's Sister** (Cathy)  
**John Byers** (Denise Jerson's brother)  
**Craig Clark** (Cindy Gipple's brother)  
**Mike Crowley** (friend of Pim family)  
**Jill Danielsen** (Jo Winegar's sister)  
**Stephanie Dellemar** (Jill Vogt's neighbor)  
**Delvecchio Family** (Mindy Lank's friends)  
**Doil Dover** (Gail Dover's brother-in-law)  
**Ann Dudgeon** (Linda Dudgeon's mother-in-law)  
**Gilbert Garrett** (Heather Dennis' father)  
**Deanne Graber's cousin** (David)  
**Deanne Graber's friend** (Sharon)  
**Max Hanson** (Bruce Millage's friend)  
**Rev. Ken Hartman** (Pastor Lorraine's husband)  
**Zack & Jess Howard** (Tom & Kay's grandson & wife)  
**Jackson** (Mary Fanning's grandson)  
**Pat Jessen** (Heather Dennis' mother)  
**Jenny** (Kay Parch's friend)  
**Kevin Johnson** (Dan & Jessica Crippen's friend)  
**Parker Kress** (friend of Jackson Moats)

**Max Manson** (Bruce Millage's friend)  
**Rose McCray** (Jack & Theona Fahl's granddaughter)  
**Kenny McDonald** (Johanna Brenner's brother)  
**Jack Mohr** (Gary & Jane Mohr's grandson)  
**JoAnn Munson** (Barb Nelson's sister)  
**Myrtle, Terry & Mickey** (Heather Dennis' friends)  
**Morgan Nichols** (Dave Nichol's daughter)  
**Gary Pena** (Gail Dover's friend)  
**Mary Proberts** (Michelle Swinney's mother)  
**Randy** (Friend of the Kaffenberger Family)  
**Melissa Robinson** (Dan Westercamp's niece)  
**Wendall Ryder** (Jeff Ryder's father)  
**Brian Sapp** (Jan Westercamp's nephew)  
**Lucile Sapp** (Jan Westercamp's aunt)  
**Schmidt Family** (Lank Family friends)  
**Keith & Betty Schmidt** (Alinda Littrel's friend)  
**Paul Stobaugh** (Jean Bowrey's brother-in-law)  
**Arielle Tank** (Pat Tank's great granddaughter)  
**Joy Taylor** (Deborah DCamp's mother)  
**Brian Turmeyer** (Dean & Joey Arney's nephew)  
**Andrea VanDyke** (Beverly Fanning's mother)  
**Westin** (friend of Heather Dennis' co-worker)  
**Shirley Whitbeck** (Doris Meier's friend)  
**Women at the Well**, Mitchellville, Iowa  
**Harper Wright** (friend of the Brenner's)



And pray in the Spirit in all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Please call the parish nurses or church office staff at 355-5218 with updates and to help keep our prayer list current. Thank you!

## Hearing Assistance

Hearing assistance receivers are available for use during worship. They are stored in the closet in the back of the Sanctuary. An usher will be able to help you locate them. Disposable earbuds are also available.

## Foundation Gift Recognitions

The Asbury Foundation Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank Jayne Burmeister, Dean Drexel, Theona Fahl, Diana Mahoski, Carolyn Scheib and Jan Windmiller for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthday.

If you have a birthday or other occasion in July and would like to be a part of the Asbury Foundation Ministry you may leave your gift (marked accordingly) in the church office or in the offering plate. Your gift provides the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping future generations and assures you are doing your part to guarantee a strong and promising future for the life and work of Asbury. For more information on the function and purpose of the Asbury Foundation please feel free to contact John Rabine.



## Prayers for our Military

- Devon Booton—North Carolina**  
(Gavin & Shannon Wolever's son & Leanna DeWild's grandson)
- Arkarris Bragg—Shaw AFB, SC**  
(Wynell Bragg's grandson)
- Ross Campbell—Maryland**  
(Charles & Marie Bauer's son)
- Zack Howard—South Korea**  
(Tom & Kay Howard's grandson)
- Major Adrienne Stahl - Florida**
- Lt. Col. Brian Stahl - Florida**  
(Lorraine Stahl's grandchildren)
- Clayton Westercamp—Afghanistan**  
(Dan & Jan Westercamp's son)



Our thoughts and prayers are with David Chambers, Jon and Deb Chambers & family and Christy Weber & family on the death of Donna Chambers on June 8.



Added to our website each week will be updated prayer requests sent from Pastor Lee Schott, pastor of the church at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. The website will allow you to view and pray for the concerns as your time allows. There is also a link to purchase Bibles for the women, as they are always needed as new inmates arrive. Bibles are available at a discount price through Cokesbury and that link is also provided on the web page.

Visit: [www.asbury-bett.org](http://www.asbury-bett.org)

## Pastoral Care

If you are hospitalized and do not receive a visit from Pastor Tom, Pastor Heather or one of our Parish Nurses Brenda Sherrick & Carol Jackson within 24 hours, it means we have not been notified by the volunteer callers at the hospital. **Please** call the church or parish nurses at home to let us know.

## Asbury Pastors

If you have an urgent need after office hours, Pastor Tom Carver can be reached at 319-573-9689. His email address is: [pastortom@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pastortom@asbury-bett.org)

Pastor Heather Dorr can be reached at: 563-528-2244. Her email address is: [pastorheather@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pastorheather@asbury-bett.org)



Along with ACH Auto Debit, we also offer **VANCO Online Giving** to provide our members convenient ways to fulfill their stewardship commitments!



**For giving made easy,  
scan this QR code with your  
phone for easy access!**

**Simply go to our website at [www.asbuty-bett.org](http://www.asbuty-bett.org) or  
download the app to your phone.  
Give your offering in two easy steps!**

You may give your electronic gift to Asbury through the Vanco Give Plus app. Simply download Give Plus from your app store onto your phone. A list of churches will come into view. Choose Asbury! That's it! This easily accessible app makes it convenient to give your offering anytime day or night...even during worship!

- **Direct Debit Giving Online** (EFT) is used to automatically transfer funds online from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
  - **Credit & Debit Card Giving** lets you make contributions automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card online.
  - **ONLINE GIVING** lets you go to [www.asbury-bett.org](http://www.asbury-bett.org) at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.
- We also offer.....**
- **ACH Auto-Debit** Call the church at 355-5218 to fill out the appropriate form to have Asbury automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

**If you have any questions about ACH AUTO DEBIT or VANCO ONLINE GIVING,  
please contact Cliff Pim or the church office.**

# Stewardship

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who have returned their Estimate of Giving for Asbury's 2019 General Fund. If you have not yet committed and need an estimate of giving card, please call the church office at 355-5218 or email:

[pattys@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pattys@asbury-bett.org).



**First Name  
Last Name**

*Asbury United Methodist Church*

## Asbury Nametags

Asbury nametags are available upon request to Asbury members 8th grade and older by calling the office or filling out a form found in each narthex.

**If you have ordered a nametag, it may be picked up in the church office.**



We would like all members of Asbury to know that we have an Angel Network Fund. This fund is available immediately to help any member of Asbury that needs assistance. We are ready to provide financial help or food from the Bettendorf Food Pantry.

If you need assistance, please contact either of our pastors or our parish nurses, Brenda Sherrick & Carol Jackson. These requests will be kept confidential.



## Please Remember....

**Gifts not specifically marked are all posted to the General Fund. If you are giving to the Capital Fund (or any other designated account) you must include a note or mark your check memo line accordingly.**

**Thank you!**