



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Good News!



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



*...it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.*

*1 Corinthians 4:2, NRSV*

*Worship Theme August 4-September 1 - Green Church*

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

8:30 - Traditional Service  
11:00 - Praise Service

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00am-Noon

**"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

June 30 .....	Worship—217
July 7 .....	Worship—239
July 14 .....	Worship—238
July 21 .....	Worship—224

### BY OUR GIFTS

June Income .....	\$59,038
June Expense .....	\$47,367
YTD 6/30 Income .....	\$340,371
YTD 6/30 Expense .....	\$326,478
Thanksgiving in July .....	\$1,040
Seek & Find Sale .....	\$4,718

### BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$20 and 46 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!



## Green Church Devotional Booklet

On Sunday mornings, August 4<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, worship themes will be from the Rebekah Simon-Peter book Green Church. Pastor Heather has put together a devotional booklet to help you further explore the themes during your week following each worship service. Booklets are located in each narthex; please pick one up. In the back of the booklet is a list of challenges. We hope you will take on some challenges to make a difference in caring for God's creation!

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## •• 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 programming.

### 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



## Stewards of Creation

### August Congregational Challenge

Spend time out in the world enjoying creation. (See week one of the Green Church booklet.) Report back if you participated. A response card will be provided.

- List your name .
- List where you experienced creation. (Your backyard, a certain park, bike path etc.)
- Share one thing you noticed. (Beauty of a rose, a delicate butterfly, the song of a bird etc.)

We will share with the congregation how many people participated and some details about where you experienced creation and what you noticed. (Names will not be shared.)

### Field Trip

One thing we can do to "Go Green" and make a difference in caring for God's creation is to recycle. Did you ever wonder where your recycling goes or how it gets sorted? Well, now you can find out! Together, we have the opportunity to tour the Davenport Recycling Center!

This group tour with an informational talk will be open to all Asbury members and friends. You may invite your children and/or a friend.

Tentative dates are:

- **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00pm - 4:00pm**
- **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

An additional ½ hour will be available after the tour for questions and answers.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church office late July and early August.

\*(This tour is not recommended for children under 5 years due to noise, stairs, length of tour and because it is an industrial setting.)

### Green Church Adult Class

**"Green Church"**: This session will be offered at Asbury on **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. We will discuss questions in Pastor Heather's "Green Church" booklet, Green Church Sunday messages and more shared from the *Green Church* book by Rebekah Simon-Peter. This will be a casual 1 to 1½ hour gathering facilitated by Sue Moseley. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church office. Sign-up is appreciated but walk-ins are welcome!

\*If you wish to read the *Green Church* book, a copy will be available for a short term check-out in the church office.

Susan Moseley, Stewards of Creation Coordinator

# Spiritual Gifts Class

September 11 • 18 • 25

Discover your **Spiritual Gifts** ("what" you're equipped to do to serve competently), **Personal Style** ("how" you can best serve to serve authentically), and **Ministry Passion** ("where" you're motivated to serve enthusiastically). This class is designed to help guide you to a place of meaningful service in your local church and how to use your gifts to serve in his kingdom. Your gifts can change over time and this class will help you to know which ministry opportunities to say "yes" to and which ones to let others do. **Feel free to contact Pat Tank at pat\_tank@yahoo.com or 563-508-0280 or the church office at pattys@asbury-bett.org or 563-355-5218 for more information or to sign up for the class.**

**This class will meet for 3 Wednesdays:  
Sept 11, 18 and 25 from 6:00-7:30pm at the church.  
Nursery available if needed.**

## Health Ministry Class



Trinity Parish Nurse Program will be offering a Parish Nurse/Health Minister class this fall. **The classes will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6pm-9pm starting August 29<sup>th</sup> thru October 8, 2019.** If you are interested in taking the classes please contact Brenda or Carol for more information. We have scholarship money available for anyone wanting to take the class. Cost is \$300.00, all books & material are included **and you do not have to be a nurse.**

The Parish Nurse Program is a partnership between UnityPoint and churches in the Quad-Cities & surrounding region. The goal of the program is to help individuals stay well and to create a feeling of deeper caring throughout the community. The program takes a wholistic approach to health care by promoting wellness in body, mind, and spirit.

Please, contact us if interested! The Parish Nurse Program is so important to our church and we would love for you to be a part of our team.

Brenda and Carol



## Adult Summer Study

The study of Job was a huge success and we are now moving on to **Called** a DVD and book study by Susan Robb. She is a Senior Associate Minister at Highland Park UMC in Dallas, Texas. This study examines the lives of six well-known Bible characters and how God called each of them to a life of unique service. As we discuss each character, we are discovering more about ourselves and how we are each called to serve in our own special ways to bring hope and transformation to our world.

This class meets on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM upstairs in rooms 302-303. (Class will not meet on August 11 & will conclude on August 25.) There are no requirements - no book to read, no study before hand, and you don't have to be there every Sunday to participate since each Sunday is a study of a different character. All adults and high school youth are invited to come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of this class. Don Mitchem is the coordinator.

Along this same line of being called to service, another thought - this one from Rick Warren and the Purpose Driven Life Newsletter. He says: "God wants to use you to make a difference in his world. He wants to work through you. What matters is not the duration of your life but the donation of it, not how long you lived but *how* you lived.

If you're not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using?

- Abraham was old.
- Jacob was insecure.
- Leah was unattractive.
- Joseph was abused.
- Moses Stuttered.
- Gideon was poor.
- Samson was codependent.
- Rahab was immoral.
- David had an affair and all kinds of family problems.
- Elijah was suicidal.
- Jeremiah was depressed.
- Jonah was reluctant.
- Naomi was a widow.
- John the Baptists was eccentric, to say the least.
- Peter was impulsive & hot-tempered.
- Martha worried a lot.
- The Samaritan woman had several failed marriages.
- Zacchaeus was unpopular.
- Thomas had doubts.
- Paul had poor health.
- Timothy was timid.

That's quite a variety of misfits, but God used each of them in his service. He will use you, too, if you stop making excuses.

So, join the Adult Summer Sunday Class to talk about and discover more about Abraham, Samuel, Esther, Jonah, Mary Magdalene, and the Beloved Disciple. As you do, you'll enjoy great fellowship, and have fun learning more about yourself as well!!!



## **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 August 10 and 24**

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!



## **Garden Ministry Update**

Our Garden Ministry is entering its 18th year of providing fresh vegetables to local food pantries, meal sites, home shelters, and senior living apartment complexes. Harvesting is underway; the cabbage harvest has been completed; almost 1500 lbs. (compared to around 1,000 lbs. last year); as of July 18th, almost 500 lbs. of cucumbers have been harvested (compared to a total harvest of only 200 lbs. last year!)

I want to thank all church members who have volunteered their time in the garden this year; special kudos to Bob Christoffersen who is taking care of several areas of the garden and to Kevin Jones who is coordinating the watering of our 487 tomato plants.

I would encourage church members to visit the plot (just north of 53rd Street on Eastern Avenue behind the parking lot of the Grace Evangelical Free Church); it looks Awesome! :-)

Yours in Feeding the Hungry,

Dave Phillips, Coordinator, Asbury Ecumenical Garden Ministry



## **Wednesday All-Church Meals – 2019**

***An Opportunity for Members, Committees and Ministries to Work Together Across the Church***

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

September will be here very soon! Please discuss preparing and serving a meal with your group and let me know as soon as possible what date might work for you. We GREATLY appreciate everyone's help!

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**



## Volunteer Opportunity for the Early Birds

Cafe on Vine provides free nutritious meals to the needy of the community 365 days each year. We serve two meals per day Monday through Friday (breakfast and lunch) and a luncheon service on Saturdays and an evening meal on Sundays. We are seeking volunteers to assist with our breakfast service Monday through Friday mornings from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Our volunteers assist with serving those in need of a hot meal before they start their day! Call 563-324-4472, if you have interest or questions – ask for Lauri or Waunita.

*Thank you!  
Café on Vine*



### Thank You!

An extremely HUGE thank you to everyone who donated items, worked as a volunteer and all who purchased treasures at Asbury's recent Seek & Find Sale. We could not do this without all of your help!

Total raised for Global Ministries Special Projects was \$4,717.75.

If you would like to learn more about Global Ministry projects and outreach please plan to attend our next meeting on August 13 at 5:15pm in the Asbury Library. All are welcome!

Asbury Global Ministries Team



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

**Rachel Circle** - Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Out at Mo Brady's

4830 North Brady St., Davenport

For Reservations please contact Sherry Van Pelt at:

[shervp@aol.com](mailto:shervp@aol.com) or 332-5598

# 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!

Please join **LIFT** at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at **Café Indigo**, 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+, which 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!

### 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



### State of the Church Address

**Sunday, August 11 at 9:45 a.m.**

**Join Pastor Tom in Upper Fellowship Hall  
For his presentation on the State of the Church**



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



THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD



# Hear Ye Hear Ye!

To the Circus Buddies, Tent Leaders, Song Leaders, Tech Support, Kitchen Crew, Hall Monitors, Parents and especially all the KIDS who came and participated in **BIBLE BIGTOP VBS ~ THANK YOU!**

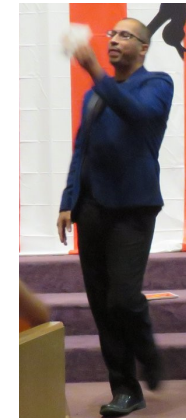
I tried to choose one thing that would be my favorite moment to highlight here for you but, just like the responses from the kids, I Loved Everything!!!

It was great to have my husband Dave there as our RingMaster. He did a fantastic job acting his part and having fun with the kids. We have worked in children's ministry for so many years and now work in two different churches so it was good to have him there beside me again in full costume and character to get the kids all excited. Our special guests each night brought something new, fun and exciting for the kids. Monday night's QC Strongman carried multiple kids and weights on his shoulders. Tuesday night our dinnertime music was provided by the Circus Band and let me tell you, they were fantastic! Then, David Casas amazed us with his magic show and we were all cracking up as he interacted with the crowd. Wednesday the kids became spontaneous warriors alongside David as he battled Goliath. If you hear crazy stories of a 25 foot tall giant that danced and towered over the kids as they screamed with excitement and laughter in the sanctuary, they are telling the truth! Our RingMaster announced that Pastor Tom was going to give away his CAR if the kids brought a friend and 6 kids invited a friend to come to VBS our closing night! I'm not sure who was more surprised the kids or Tom; but being a man of his word, a car was indeed given away.

As I close this note, I will tell you I have some sadness in my heart. When I was preparing to come to church on the last VBS night, I started tearing up because I've just LOVED seeing the JOY in all the kids faces and hearing them tell us how much fun they were having; and yet three amazing nights of high energy, non-stop activity, singing, playing and laughing would come to an end. I will also tell you I have tremendous JOY in my heart because this was JUST THE BEGINNING!! God has so much more in store for His children and the opportunity to continue the momentum we have is before us. At Roots Kids, it is my hope that those who were at Bible Bigtop tell EVERYONE about our children's ministry and INVITE OTHERS to come to Asbury Church with the same enthusiasm I saw each night. The stage will be set and ready for new adventures this Fall and I will be very excited to see everyone back from their summer break.

*Carrie Meumann, Director of Children's Ministry*

**Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember your ROOTS....  
Rely On One True Savior!!!!**





# Godspell Coming to Asbury!

Many of you will remember the fantastic musical GODSPELL. It was composed by Stephen Schwartz in 1971 and has remained an immensely successful, popular rock opera ever since.

GODSPELL, a joyous celebration of music, comedy, and slapstick, is composed of various musical parables from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus recruits a group of followers and then teaches them various lessons through song and dance.

We are privileged to have The Center For Living Arts here to present GODSPELL. Dino and Tina Hayz are the directors and owners of The Center For Living Arts, a children's theatre workshop located in Rock Island. If you'd like to learn more about them, their website is [www.centerforlivingarts.org](http://www.centerforlivingarts.org). Included in the cast are our own Becca (nursery attendant) and Doug (her husband) Johnson and Avenue Meumann (Carrie's grandson)!

GODSPELL is a family friendly show full of hilarity and music that children six and older will enjoy. There will also be a nursery available.

SO-----reserve the date NOW and plan to attend GODSPELL on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019**. There will be a meal at 5:15 with GODSPELL beginning in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM. The presentation will run approximately one hour and 45 minutes.

The Adult and Children's Ministry Teams

## Blood Drive at Asbury Monday, August 12



Please save the date of Monday, August 12th for the summer blood drive. Hours are 2:00-6:00; you can make an appointment or just walk in. You will be rewarded with homemade goodies and the satisfaction of knowing you helped patients in need of life saving blood products.

Jane Fergades and Katie Nelson  
Church and Society Commission



### Upcoming Pleyel Vocal Concert



On Friday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m., soprano Lily Arbisser will give a vocal concert here at Asbury, accompanied by the Pleyel double grand piano. The concert is free and open to the public. Born and raised here in the Quad Cities, Lily is a 2004 graduate of Davenport Central High School. Her parents are Drs. Amir and Lisa Arbisser, retired ophthalmologists who founded Eye Surgeons Associates. Coincidentally, former Asbury member, Thea LeClair, (previous owner of the Pleyel), was a patient of Dr. Lisa's.

Lily will be performing several art songs by French composers Debussy and Faure' that received their world premier at the home of Marguerite de Saint-Marceaux, the Pleyel's piano's original owner.

Lily is the former piano student of Asbury member Marilyn Mitchem. At the age of seventeen, Lily was featured as the piano soloist in a performance of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Quad City Wind Ensemble. Lily graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Princeton University. She holds a Master of Music degree from Mannes College.

In August of 2019, Lily joins Ravinia's Steans Music Institute in Chicago as a vocal fellow. This season she also won first prize in the National Federation of Music Club's Young Artist Competition, was a semi-finalist in the Kurt Weill Foundation's prestigious Lotte Lenya Competition, and made her debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall as Suzu in Ryoichi Saito's chamber opera *Dojoji*.

Lily and her husband now live in New York City. Having heard about the devastating flooding in Davenport this spring, Lily decided to make this a benefit concert, asking for donations for flood relief to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. She's eager to return home and to share her gifts with Quad City music lovers.



### **Coming Soon! 2019-2020 Dining Tour Coupon Books**

The Church & Society Commission will have the 2019-2020 Dining Coupon Books available again this fall. There will be 20 new restaurants this year and 153 restaurants total!! Cost is \$35.00 for each book, with Church and Society receiving \$10.00 for each book sold. The books will be available in the church office.





## Altar Flowers

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!



Thank you to everyone for all the cards and gifts you have sent. I appreciate them very much.  
Ron Stafford



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



## Asbury Card Ministry

Please join us at Asbury Card Ministry on **Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30** in Rooms 302 & 303 to make bookmarks and ladies' birthday cards.

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)

***We hope to see you on August 14!***



## 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 Seth and Natalie Van Deest on the birth of a daughter, Vayda Elaine, on May 4. Grandparents are Lance and Denise Van Deest.

Mike & Bev Reed on the birth of a grandson, River Reed Frandsen, on July 2. River's parents are Andy & Mica Frandsen; and he has a big sister, Harper. Great-grandparents are Robert and Patricia Reed.



## **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 or [lskjerseth@gmail.com](mailto:lskjerseth@gmail.com)  
Laurie Skjerseth

## **Another Community Event:**

The Alzheimer's Association/Greater Iowa Chapter sponsors another support opportunity that Asbury partners with: **Caregivers Support Group** meets at St. John Vianney Parish, Bettendorf. This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (August 14) at 1:00pm. Call 563-332-7910, extension 122 for further information.

The 2019 **Walk to End Alzheimer's** will be Saturday, September 28 at the TaxSlayer Center, Moline.  
Registration at 8am,  
Ceremony at 9 am  
Walk at 9:30 am



# 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. Nathan Skjerset

**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)  
**Bruce Hopp** (Jan Westercamp's brother-in-law)  
**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)  
**Wendall Ryder** (Jeff Ryder's father)  
**Brian Sapp** (Jan Westercamp's nephew)  
**Jack Sapp** (Jan Westercamp's father)  
**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 Turnmeyer** (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 Gus Potter, Jo Winegar, Jan Coffenberry, Linda Hampton, Diane Homman and Lisa Delzell for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthday.

If you have a birthday or other occasion in August 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)

**Zack Howard—South Korea**  
(Tom & Kay Howard's grandson)

**Major Adrienne Stahl - Florida**  
**Lt. Col. Brian Stahl - Florida**  
(Lorraine Stahl's grandchildren)



Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty Theis on the death of her sister, Doris Waller, on June 24.

The Kara Huntsberger & Kim Ranson families on the death of their mother, Bonne Lorenzen, on July 2.

Roger & Dana Ellis on the death of their mother & grandmother, Rev. Lynne Ellis, on July 3.

Patti & Steve Sorensen and family on the death of Patti's mother, Jean Koehler, on July 4.

Marian Lee and Brandon Hu on the death of their father and grandfather, Rev. Kenneth Lee, on July 15.



June 8 - 11, 2019

Lay and Clergy sessions that will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019

## Lay Members to Annual Conference 2019 Report

The 2019 Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church took place in Des Moines, June 7-11.

**Business Highlights:** The plan is to reduce the conference budget by 20%, reduce apportionments to 15%, consolidate district office staff, and sadly, sell Camp Pictured Rocks. Delegates were elected to represent Iowa at the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

As with any conference, people are the reason for it to be memorable. Without any doubt the highlight of the weekend was Pastor Heather being ordained an Elder in full connection for the UMC. Other people of note: Pastor Steve was also ordained an Elder at the same time his wife, Ann retired. The Associate Pastor for St Johns in Davenport, Jaesong Lee, now has provisional status.

Bob Mattison and Marie Bauer represented Asbury as lay members that could vote. Pastor Tom and Pastor Heather went as voting clergy. Amber Jerson finishes her last year as the youth representative with Cosrow, a group advocating for female participation in the church. Pastor Kerrin and Pastor Emmanuel both look well. Jon Gimmy was there too. We had the opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Doug Cue. And as always, Bishop Laurie Haller presided with authority and finesse.

To sum up, there was lots of conflict, many differences, some pageantry with all striving for unity, with varying degrees of success. Next year Iowa Annual Conference is scheduled for the first weekend in June in Des Moines. If you want to be a voting representative of Asbury next year, let the office know.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Mattison and Marie Bauer



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)



## Next Fifth Sunday Fun! September 29

The next Fifth Sunday Fun will be a **Trivia Night** on the evening of September 29 to benefit our partner school. Details will be available sometime soon after school starts.



**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**



## **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, **August 4**.

Please remember:  
we do NOT take glass bottles.  
**Thank You!**

## NewsLetter DEADLINE

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

**8:00 AM on Monday, August 26**  
**Thank you!**



## **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!!

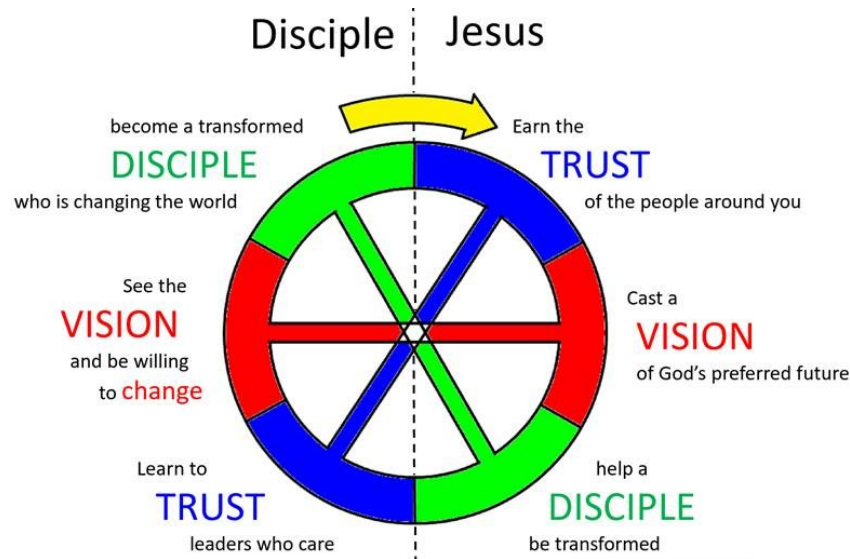
Free Wi-Fi internet access is available in the church by using the password [asburyquest](#).



# Greetings....from Pastor Tom



Linda and I feel so blessed and excited to be in our second year here together with you at Asbury Church. When we started last year, I shared my Discipleship Wheel as a way to explain my strategy for leadership and making disciples of Jesus. Here is an update on where we are now.



I believe that the leadership process used by Jesus begins with earning trust. Earning trust starts by being with people, then listening and learning their culture. My main focus this past year has been to earn trust in the church and in the community. I've enjoyed spending time with individual church members as well as many small group meetings. I've been a weekly lunch buddy to a Thomas Jefferson student. I've become a chaplain for the Bettendorf Police Department and have been invited to serve as a chaplain for the Fire Department as well. I've enjoyed going to various school functions at both Bettendorf and Pleasant Valley Schools. I've been to School Board and City Council meetings, the Rotary and the Bettendorf Business Network. I've also tried to introduce myself to the neighbors living around the church building.

While leaders always must work at earning and maintaining trust, the next phase of leadership is casting a vision of God's preferred future. That is what I will be sharing with the congregation at the annual **State of the Church presentation on Sunday, August 11. Everyone is invited to meet with me between the worship services at 9:45am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.**

You will hear an update on the work we've begun with Dr. Phil Maynard who is serving as our church coach for the coming year. He is helping us to us identify goals and specific action steps for the near future. I will also share updates on the status of the United Methodist denomination. And finally, we'll be presenting a new Asbury Church logo that will help us to tell our story and give us a clearer identity in the community.

I do believe that there is a bright future for the ministry of Asbury. I hope that you will to see it too.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tom



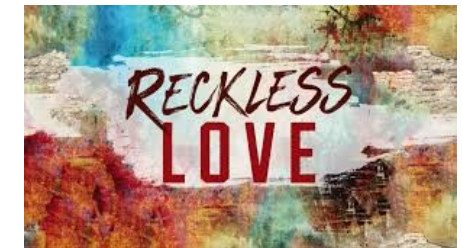
Pastor Tom helping at the Bettendorf 4th of July parade.

## Strike-A-Match 2.0



This year we are kicking off Strike-A-Match to help close our \$50,000 budget shortfall to ensure the continuation of the vital ministries of the church. A small group of families have already committed to making matching contributions up to \$25,000 for congregational gifts in addition to regular pledged giving. All contributions will go to support the exciting shifts we are seeing to ensure we are **future ready** for what God has planned for us! Please mark your envelope or check memo-line with "Strike-A-Match".

Thank You!



## Coming in September! Sunday Sermon Series RECKLESS LOVE by Tom Berlin

The Fall Schedule begins with the presentation of GODSPELL on Wednesday, September 4 (See article). Sunday School will begin on September 8 and the Sunday Sermon Series will begin on September 15.

Plan to join a small group to enhance your study experience! Watch for more information coming in August!

## 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.asbury-bett.org](http://www.asbury-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!