



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Good News!



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



## Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor by Tom Berlin

Asbury's Fall Sunday Sermon Series  
September 15 - October 20

Many Small Group Opportunities  
Details Enclosed!

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

- 8:30 - Traditional Service
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 11:00 - Kids Church
- 11:00 - Praise Service

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00  
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

July 28 .....	Worship—234
August 4 .....	Worship—239
August 11 .....	Worship—203
August 18 .....	Worship—255
August 25 .....	Worship—234

### BY OUR GIFTS

July Income .....	\$45,272
July Expense .....	\$51,174
YTD 7/31 Income .....	\$385,643
YTD 7/31 Expense .....	\$377,786
Hope at the Brick House .....	\$937
Thanksgiving in July .....	\$1,060

### BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$60 and 10 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)

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



**Wednesday Night Kick-Off!**  
**September 4**  
**All Church Meal at 5:15 pm**  
**GODSPELL Performance**  
**6:00-7:30 pm**

**Classes for All Ages**  
**begin on September 8**  
**9:45-10:45 am**

**Bible Presentation**  
**on September 15**  
**3-Year Olds, 3rd Grade & Confirmation**



**IMPORTANT Youth News! -- HIGH SCHOOL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM in the Youth Center**

**Carrie will host a meeting with all Senior High School Youth**  
**to discuss the direction of the HS Youth for this upcoming year!**

It is my absolute honor to announce that I am adding the additional duties of Youth Director, overseeing the Junior High and High School programs, to my service here at Asbury. As I hope to expand youth opportunities, I will need our entire church's support! I have already made many phone calls to parents of youth and have many more to make as well. I look forward to speaking to the kids and parents as we plan the upcoming year of activities with the youth of Asbury.

Can't wait to hang out with you all! ~Carrie



**Kids Church!**  
**Begins September 8 from 11:00-12:00**  
**Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Details Enclosed!**

**Update from our Strategy Team**



Continuing with the work the church has been doing for sometime, which was included in the CAT survey a year ago, a strategy team is now working with our coach, Dr. Phil Maynard. The team was officially approved by our Church Council and have been authorized to help identify ways in which the church can be more effective and fruitful in the future. The team is made up of Pat Thornton, Steve Sorensen, Cindy Bruhn, Jenny Bloomquist, Stephanie Pim, Paul Wolf, Don Mitchem and Marie Bauer.

They have identified two major areas of focus. One is developing an intentional discipleship process. The other is finding ways that Asbury Church can minister to children in the community.

Pastor Tom and Pastor Heather are a part of the strategy team as well. They will report to our Church Council and provide updates to the overall church.



**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**



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

**8:00 AM on Monday, September 23**  
**Thank you!**

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



Don't forget...We 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.





## Message from Pastor Heather...

### Greetings and Happy September!

I am a huge fan of romantic comedies (rom coms). I love all the tropes. Lifelong friends fall in love. Enemies fall in love. Coworkers fall in love. Old flames fall in love. All of them fall in love. In the midst of their story, there might be a makeover or shopping montage. Or a perfect day montage. Or a getting-a-project-done montage. All of the montages. A good rom com ends with our romantic leads sharing a perfect kiss and riding off into the sunset in bliss. A good rom com reminds us of how much we love love.

I've found, in most romantic comedies, that there is always a turning point where our heroes find that they have to take a leap of faith. They can choose to stay safe and protect their heart against possible heartbreak, or they can take a leap, fall in love, and be vulnerable to all the joys and the pains of love. Our heroes are counseled by a wise friend or mentor to take the leap of faith and to open their heart to love. In short, they are asked to be reckless.

Our fall sermon series, Reckless Love, is not about living a rom com life. It is about acknowledging God's reckless love for us and sharing that reckless love with our neighbors. Perhaps most of us have been counseled by a wise friend or mentor to take the leap of faith and open our hearts to love of partners, friends, and family.

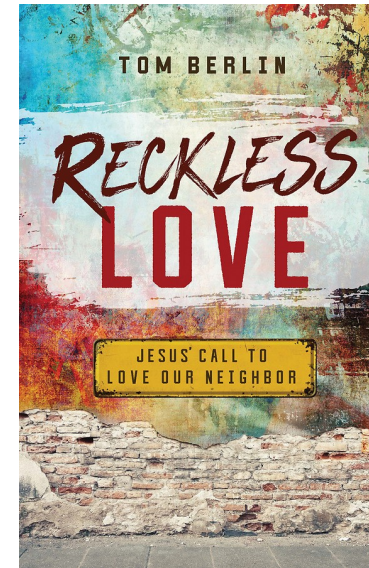
"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'" (Matthew 5:43-44) The way of Jesus isn't just to share our love recklessly with those that we know and care for. It is to share our love recklessly with our enemies, with those who do not look like us, with those that we do not know. The reckless, all-consuming love of our romantic comedies should be a model for the way that Jesus calls us to passionately love all of our neighbors.

In one of my favorite rom coms, the hero declares to the heroine that "I would rather fight with you than make love with anyone else." The beloved community of Christianity is surely filled with many fights and disagreements. But a reckless love for one another declares that we would rather stay in relationship and love with one another than forsake the vulnerability of love for one another. We choose to take a leap of faith. We jump into love with all of the messiness, confusion, and chaos that it will bring.

Reckless love isn't easy. Reckless love involves taking chances, getting our hands dirty, and making mistakes. I have never seen a rom com where the leads made perfect choices. And I have never been in a relationship where we haven't both messed up. That is the nature of love and humanity. God's perfect grace offers us forgiveness and calls us to stay in relationship with one another through the highs and the lows. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." (UMH #557)

I hope you get a little reckless this fall. Reckless with your love. Reckless with your hospitality. Reckless with your compassion. Reckless with God's grace. Take risks, love others, and take a leap of faith.

Peace,  
Pastor Heather Dorr



## 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.

The Adult Ministry Team chose RECKLESS LOVE by Tom Berlin for the Fall Sunday Sermon Series. RECKLESS LOVE will remind some of you of the karaoke guy who picks up different people each week and visits with them. Tom Berlin, a Senior Pastor of Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia and author of several books, follows that format by picking up a different person each week and having a conversation with them as he drives around.

In the first session, Pastor Berlin picks up a man from Cuba who talks about the circle of love. The second person is a music leader who talks about the fact that we must love ourselves before we are able to love others and release guilt and shame. A New Testament professor is the third person. He visits about compassion and empathy and asks what would the world be like if everyone used their gifts for others with love. The fourth person is an interracial female pastor living in Richmond, Virginia, the capital of confederate leaders. She addresses the controversial issue of what to do with the confederate statues and discusses her wrong assumptions when asked to visit a mosque. Pastor Berlin comments that Jesus is always pushing us into uncomfortable spaces. The next person is an African who was homeless through the civil war and now runs a rescue center. He covers topics of vulnerability and the fact that we can't do everything but Jesus expects us to do something. The last session is a pastor who talks about the fact that love is a skill we develop, not a feeling.

Each week, the conversations are lively, and the topics are certainly current and appropriate for where we are as a congregation/denomination. Pastor Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.

RECKLESS LOVE is timely and challenging, agitating and encouraging, and challenges us to love as Jesus loved in an age of division, confusion, violence, and doubt. As Pastor Berlin visits with his guest each week, he opens up stories from Scripture and current events reminding us that the most important thing we do is all about love, and it's all about Jesus. What if becoming a better neighbor leads us to that deeper love of God?

***Don't Miss the Opportunity to be Part of a Small Group!  
All are Welcome!***



Books are available in each narthex.  
They are “free”, but any donations are always appreciated.

**The following groups will be participating in this Sunday Sermon Series:**

**SUNDAY GROUPS - 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

**ADVENTURES IN FAITH—Upper Level—Room 304**

Contact Pam Thornton 563-332-4824 [psthornton@1.com](mailto:psthornton@1.com)

**AGAPE—Upper Level—Room 302-303**

Contact: Contact Pat Thornton 563-332-4824 [psthornton@q.com](mailto:psthornton@q.com) or  
Kurt Streicher 563-508-7614 [vicstre@aol.com](mailto:vicstre@aol.com)

**Explorations—Lower Level—Room 114**

Contact: Realf Ottesen (309) 496-1835 [rottesen741@gmail.com](mailto:rottesen741@gmail.com)

**PSP (Parents Supporting Parents)—Lower Level—Room 118**

Contact: Andy Erickson 563-323-3394 [me@andyerickson.net](mailto:me@andyerickson.net)

**WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP**

**WINGS—6:15-7:30 p.m.—Lower Level—Room 114**

*Wednesday Inspirational Night (of) Group Study*

Contact: Jean Black 563-676-0120 [jeaniniowa@aol.com](mailto:jeaniniowa@aol.com) or  
Heather Dennis 563-340-1748 [rhdenfour@mchsi.com](mailto:rhdenfour@mchsi.com)

**THURSDAY EVENING GROUPS**

**BIBLE STUDY—7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 302-303**

Contact: Bob Mattison 563-332-9889 [mattison@platinum-corp.com](mailto:mattison@platinum-corp.com) or  
Jan Coffenberry 563-355-8564

**LADIES ARM GROUP—7:00-8:30 p.m. in Members' Homes**

Contact: Sharon Phillips 563-332-8462 [phillips363@mchsi.com](mailto:phillips363@mchsi.com)

## RECKLESS LOVE

by Tom Berlin

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### **Fall Worship Sunday Sermon Series**

by Pastor Tom and Pastor Heather

**We Encourage You to Participate!**

Groups Begin Week of September 15 through October 13

Registration is Not Required. All are welcome!

Each week, the conversations are lively, and the topics are certainly current and appropriate for where we are as a congregation/denomination. Pastor Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.



Rev. Tom Berlin is a native of Winchester, Virginia, and is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Tom has served churches of all sizes and currently serves as the Lead Pastor of Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia.



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)



### Please Remember!

Quad City Marathon is Sunday, September 22. Those attending 8:30 a.m. worship will not have access across 18th Street and will need to find an alternate route.



### It's Time to Update Our Church Pictorial Directory!

- Has your family changed?
- Did you miss our last photography sessions?
- Are you new to Asbury?
- Do you want to update your photo?



Families in the book will be provided new, updated books. Everyone who has a photo in the book will have an opportunity to have access to a WEB MOBILE Directory! Remember: if you do not have a photo in the directory, you will not receive a directory or Web access.

**Photo Session Dates: Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26**

Times and details on how to make an appointment will be announced in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Tank, 563-508-0280.



**Asbury's September Fifth Sunday Fun** is a **Trivia Night** fundraiser for Mark Twain Elementary, our Bettendorf Partner School. Unless the new space at Mark Twain becomes available, it will be held at Asbury on Sunday, September 29. **Doors open at 5:00, Trivia starts at 5:30.** Snacks will be available for purchase. Participants may bring in their own snacks and soft drinks. Trivia questions will feature local and general trivia. Tables of 8 are \$80 or \$10 individually, pay at the door. Donations of door prizes are now being accepted through September 26.

Come out and meet someone new! Maybe even learn a thing or two! All are welcome!! For more information and/or to share ideas for December's Fifth Sunday Fun please contact Marie Bauer.



### Last Minute Reminder!



Davenport native Lily Arbisser, soprano, will give a benefit recital at Asbury on **Friday, August 30**, at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken for the QC Red Cross to be designated for flood relief in the Quad Cities.

In June Lily won the Young Artist Competition sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. She'll be accompanied by Dr. Marian Lee, Associate Professor of Piano at St. Ambrose University on the historic Pleyel double grand piano. Among their selections will be music which received its world premier at the home of Marguerite de Saint-Marceaux, the Pleyel's original owner. The recital is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Please join Lily and Marian for a memorable evening!

### Thank You from FMTA

On August 13 the Trustees met and voted to extend the Pleyel loan agreement with the Federated Music Teachers Association. The new agreement's loan period is for two years, instead of one. This will allow concerts to be planned into the future more easily. FMTA thanks Asbury members for their generosity in housing the Pleyel double grand piano, which formerly belonged to long-time member, Thea Leclair.



**September 11 • 18 • 25**

**A Great Tool for Everyone!**

**ALL ADULTS...High School & Beyond!!**

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.**

### Mark Your Calendar!

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 29, 2020, Asbury will be hosting a marriage enrichment event which will include a vow renewal ceremony. In preparation for it, each month a new resource will be offered. This month is it a free email, sent a few times a week from the Gottman Institute. It only takes a minute to read. Then discuss as you so choose. Sign up at Marriage Minute - Couples | The Gottman Institute



**Marriage  
Enrichment  
Class**  
February 29



Asbury College Ministry is once again asking for addresses for students that would like to hear from their church family. Please let the office know your student's name, high school graduation year, college mailing address and if you think they would be interested in receiving texts, a cell number. We will begin contact in October.

Thank You!

### Middle School Pop Can Fundraiser

Thank you for your continued support of 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, **September 1.**

Please remember:  
we do NOT take glass bottles.

**Thank You!**



**GODSPELL Coming to Asbury!**  
**Wednesday, September 4**

**All Church Meal 5:15pm**  
**Performance at 6:00pm**

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



### **Blessing of the Backpacks!** **Sunday, September 8** **8:30 and 11:00 Worship**

Children and adults are encouraged to bring your backpack, bag or briefcase to worship and during the Time for Children a special message and blessing will be offered for everyone heading back to the classroom!



Teaching Kids to  
"Rely On One True Savior!"

Greetings Asbury Families  
We Have Much to Celebrate and Share With You!

**Important Information!**  
Parents - Enclosed You Will Find Tons of Information You  
NEED TO KNOW so please read EVERYTHING!

## Roots Kids Fall Schedule Begins

### **September 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School- 9:45am-10:45am**

All kids meet in the TREEHOUSE first (aka lower fellowship hall). There they will meet up with their teachers and go to individual classrooms.

### **September 8<sup>th</sup> - Kids Church - Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm**

Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will meet in the TREEHOUSE first (aka Lower Fellowship Hall).

### **September 11<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Night Kids - 6:00-7:30pm**

3yrs to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (formerly Awana)

### **September 11<sup>th</sup> - Kids Club - Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## We've Relocated Some Sunday School Classrooms

2 yr old - Room 102. / 3 & 4 yr old - Room 104

K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Room 106 / 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Room 109

4 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade / Kids Club - Room 110

Confirmation Room 111 / Jr High - Room 112

High School - Youth Center 113-115

Wednesday Night Kids - Tree House (Lower Fellowship Hall)

Kids Church - Tree House (Lower Fellowship Hall)

PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN NOW FOR: NURSERY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, KIDS CHURCH, WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS & KIDS CLUB **VIA THE KIDMIN APP!**

Our goal is to teach kids to Rely On One True Savior. Before we can do that, we need to make sure they're safe and that our volunteers can quickly contact parents or guardians without leaving their classroom. For that reason we have implemented a new process to register and check-in your kids for classes and events using the new KIDMIN APP. This APP will help our Volunteers know exactly who is supposed to be here, if there are any allergies or anything else we should be aware for your child.

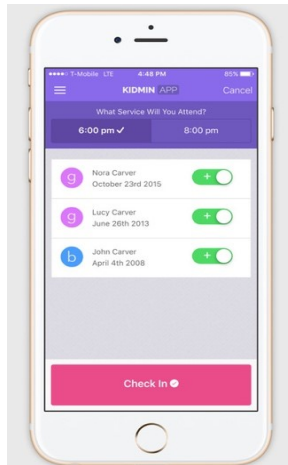
### **DOWNLOAD THE KIDMIN APP NOW!!!**

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to download the KIDMIN APP now to their mobile devices to get everyone pre-registered before September 8th. Here's how the KidMin App works:



1. Download the KidMin App onto your smart phone ([iPhone version](#) and an [Android version](#) ). The KidMin icon should look like the one shown here when it's on your phone.
2. Create an account and add your children – this process is super fast!
3. Use the EXPRESS Check-in up to four hours before each class or service to check your kids in!
4. Pick up your and your children's stickers at the check-in station.
5. Drop the kids off at their assigned room.
6. Pick the kids up from their assigned room.

Watch this quick tutorial if you like: <https://kidminapp.com/parents/>



**Starting September 8th**, those that have pre-registered can take advantage of the EXPRESS CHECK-IN. Express check-in can be done up to 4 hours before your kids arrive for their class/service saving you time at check-in! The express check-in station will be located on the lower level off the West stairwell. Just look for the bright green wall with the Roots Kids Logo and pick up the express check-in tags that will be waiting for you.

**NURSERY PARENTS!** Please note, the nursery has a check-in kiosk just inside the nursery door. Simply type in your phone number, select your child's name and check-in. Your tickets will immediately print out at the Nursery Kiosk! For those who are checking in older kids as well as nursery aged children, we encourage you to utilize the express check-in, just know that the EXPRESS CHECK-IN stickers are only printed at the Express Check-in station located downstairs. The KIOSK in the nursery works very fast, and is perfect to use as well, especially if you only have a nursery age child to check-in.

### **2yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Check-In** - A Parent/Guardian must accompany your child(ren) to the check-in station in order to get your matching stickers and then proceed to drop them off at the Tree House (lower fellowship hall).

**Check-Out** - A parent/guardian must come to your child's individual classroom for pick-up showing your sticker to the teacher/volunteer. *Please respect our volunteers/staff time who so lovingly give their service to be here at Asbury for your children each week by coming promptly to pick up so your child(ren) so our volunteers are free to go to their Sunday activities as soon as possible.*

### **Junior High and High School**

**Check-in** – Teens must also be checked in through the KidMin app for attendance purposes. They may pick up their stickers and go straight to their classrooms where they can give the stickers to their teachers.

**Check-out** - Teens and are free to meet up with their families upon release from their teachers. *Please ensure your Junior High and High School kids have been told a designated location to reconnect with your family.*







# Stewards of Creation

## September Congregational Challenges

Did you know that 8 states have already banned the use of plastic grocery bags? IA and IL are not on the list, but as individuals and as a congregation we can choose to reduce our use of plastic bags. "Reducing plastic bag use can mitigate harmful impacts to oceans, rivers, lakes, forests and the wildlife that inhabit them. It can also relieve pressure on landfills and waste management." NCSL

1. Let's improve our recycling efforts. Whatever you already do, try to do a little more.
2. Use a reusable bag instead of accepting plastic bags at the grocery store.

## Field Trip

Your second opportunity to attend the Scott Area Recycling Center is:

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

A sign-up sheet is in each narthex

\*The address for the recycling center is 5640 Carey Ave., Davenport. Drive on 53rd St., turn north on Carey and proceed about four blocks until you come to the recycling center.

\*The tour is not recommended for children under 5 years old due to noise, steps, length of tour and it being an industrial environment. Hardhats, headsets and safety vests will be provided. Closed-toe shoes are required to enter the facility.

## Movie and More

**4:00pm Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Asbury's Upper Fellowship Hall**

**Welcoming Asbury and Community Members**

- Introductory Clip: **Katherine Hayhoe**, an Evangelical Scientist speaks to a group of United Methodists
- Feature Movie: **"Everything Connects"** is a 35 minute film "best suited" for ages 10 to adult.

Award winning 14-year-old filmmaker Dylan D'Haese explores how communities can develop zero waste strategies and looks at building a sustainable lifestyle for today and for future generations. While his message is directed particularly to older youth, there is information new to adults also. "Hope can be found in the form of sustainable living. Whether it's something small like recycling or going meat-free for a day, the film covers the various forms of sustainability on an individual level. Once you watch this documentary, you'll gain a better understanding about how everything we do in our daily lives affects the planet, how the actions of others are affecting your life and how we can change our habits to help save the planet and have a sustainable future."

- **Guest speaker** - We plan to also have a guest speaker who will briefly talk on a related topic.

- **Snacks**

\*Donations will be accepted



**Hannah Circle** - Tuesday, September 10, 9:30am  
Breakfast Out at State Street Village Inn

**Rachel Circle** - Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Potluck in Asbury Upper Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker: Carrie Meumann, Director of Children's Ministries & Youth Ministries Director at Asbury  
Service Project: Winnie's Place  
Hostesses: Jo Winegar and Kathy Cameron

# 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!**



On Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> LIFT be drinking tea with a mission at **Royal-Tea**, a nonprofit tea shop in Le Claire! We'll have the opportunity to try and buy from a selection of 85 organic and Fair-Trade teas and handcrafted specialized coffees and learn about **Royal-Tea's** mission to change the lives of others! We'll meet at 8:00 a.m. at **Royal-Tea**, located at 316 N. Cody Road, Le Claire, IA. Please contact Cindy Bruhn at 563-650-7963 or Marian Paulson 309-507-1714 to RSVP for this event.

**Food For Thought!** LIFT will be busy meal prepping on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. in the lower level Fellowship Hall at Asbury UMC. A portion of these meals will be kept in the Asbury freezers for delivery to members of our Asbury family as needed, while others will be donated to organizations in our community including Hope At The Brick House. Please contact Stephanie Pim at 563-340-2738 or Linda Carver at 319-573-9687 to RSVP and to learn more about this event. More details on this event will also be posted on our LIFT Facebook page in upcoming weeks.

**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!



## **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 September 14 and 28**

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 Service Group**

The Fellowship with Purpose group will meet on **Friday, September 6 and 20 at 8:15 a.m.** for coffee, fellowship and conversation on re-grouping and considering our future purpose and possible projects. This group meets on the first and third Fridays of each month and everyone is welcome! We finish up by 10:00. **Please join us!**

For more information please contact Dave Stedwell at [dstedwell@gmail.com](mailto:dstedwell@gmail.com) or (563) 650-4220.



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

### **Dear Asbury Congregation:**

September is here! 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 with dinner and a LIVE performance of Godspell – this is going to be great! 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. Patty in the office can put you on our calendar, too.

Hope everyone is enjoying their early days back to school!

**Cindy Bruhn, 563-650-7963**

### **September Servers**

**September 4 - Kick-Off! Hospitality Committee**  
**Pulled Chicken Sandwiches**

**September 11—Hospitality/Garden Ministry Produce**

**September 18—Men's Group**

**September 25—Open**



## **Attention Asbury Military Veterans!**

We are starting a small group within Asbury. Right now we are meeting quarterly for breakfast, getting to know each other and sharing our military service experiences.

Our next meeting is November 11—Veteran's Day. We will meet at HyVee in Bettendorf at 7:00 a.m. for free Veteran's Breakfast. Please join us and help plan our future as an Asbury group.

Questions? Contact Lonnie Fisher at 563-355-7825 or [Infisher5@aol.com](mailto:Infisher5@aol.com)

## **Let's Ring!!**

Asbury's Morning Bells are looking for ringers to join the bell choir and play for Sunday worship services!! If you have ever wanted to try it, and have some background in music, come join us for rehearsal!!

**Fall rehearsals will start on Saturday, September 7, at 8:30am.** Our tentative schedule is to rehearse 2 consecutive Saturdays and play the next Sunday.

If you have any questions contact Gail Baldwin 563-940-2276.

**Come join in the fun!!**



## 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.



## 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. Please indicate if you want magnet, pin or a clip back. Thank you!

**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!**



## 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!

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## **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!!



**I'll help!**

## Want to Help?

Many of our volunteers at the Friendly Thrift Center have upcoming vacation 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,**

**September 11th at 6:30** in Rooms 302 & 303 to make Garden Ministry dinner invitations and Halloween 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 Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>!***



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## **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.



## **A BIG Thank You!**

Church & Society Commission extends our thanks for supporting not one, but three projects during the months of July and August!

Thanksgiving in July sponsored by Churches United and supported by Asbury, collected \$1,060 and 56 items for our local food pantry! Churches United is always so appreciative of our support in their ministry to help feed the hungry.

School supply donations for Hope at the Brick House amounted to \$937! Joyce Klopp, director of the facility, was most grateful for the generosity of our congregation and very excited with the thought of how many of her children will benefit from this donation.

And finally, a BIG thank you to those who donated at our August Blood Drive. We surpassed our goal! We even had two regular donors who gave "double reds" for the first time! And, as always, we couldn't do it without our donors of sandwiches and sweets to fortify the donors before they leave, so thanks to them as well!

All members of our group continue to thank you for supporting all our ministries!

Church and Society Commission



*Reaching Out to Help Others in our Community!*



## ***Coping & Caring***

## **Asbury and Community Support Gathering**

### **Our Asbury Group will no longer be meeting.**

Our Asbury group has been invited to join the **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

**at St. John Vianney Parish**  
4097-18<sup>th</sup> Street, Bettendorf  
in the Vianney Room on the  
2nd Wednesday of the month  
**September 11, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

Enter the north door and join  
Deb Morse

Office phone: 563-332-7910  
[health@sjvbett.org](mailto:health@sjvbett.org)

Mark Your Calendar for the  
**2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's**  
Saturday, September 28  
at the TaxSlayer Center, Moline  
Registration at 8am  
Ceremony at 9 am  
Walk at 9:30 am

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Laurie Skjerseth at 563-340-2784 or [Lskjerseth@gmail.com](mailto:Lskjerseth@gmail.com).



# 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)  
**Mike Brotherton** (Jeff Ryder's friend)  
**Cindy Bruhn's Sister** (Cathy)  
**Jill Danielsen** (Jo Winegar's sister)  
**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)  
**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)  
**Lee Matherly** (Mary Fanning's sister)

**Rose McCray** (Jack & Theona Fahl's granddaughter)  
**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)  
**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



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 Steve Hampton, Dennis Winegar, Connie Drexel, Bob Reiter and Michele Beghtol for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthday.

If you have a birthday or other occasion in September 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**  
(Loraine Stahl's grandchildren)



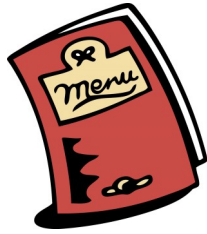
The family & friends of former Asbury member, LaRue Keiser. LaRue passed away in Colorado on July 17. A graveside service will be held in the Quad Cities on October 25.

Carol and Richard Jackson & Family on the death of Carol's mother, Alberta Newby, on July 30.

## It's a girl!

Congratulations to Sandy and Suzanne Yoder on the birth of a granddaughter! Brandon and Molly Yoder celebrated the birth of a daughter, Zoe Katherine on August 17.





## The New 2019-20 Dining Tour Coupon Books are Here!

The 2019-2020 Quad City Dining Tour Coupon books are now available in the church office. Each book has over 300 buy-one-get-one free coupons, with over 150 different eating places to enjoy! The book is divided into three different categories: Fine Dining & Theater, Casual Dining, and On the Lighter Side. A donation of \$35.00 is requested, with \$10.00 going to support Asbury Church & Society outreach ministries. Using just one of the coupons will pay for this entire book! If purchasing books on Sunday mornings, a check or exact change is needed. Books are also available Monday through Friday during church office hours.

# Free!! Free!!

## Dining Tour Coupons

There is a basket in each Narthex with free 2018-2019 Dining Tour coupons. Please take any coupons you can use. The coupons do not expire until October 31.

If you have coupons to share with others please put them in the basket before October 31.



*Feeding People, Not Landfills*

## Note to Garden Ministry

Congratulations! The Food Rescue Partnership is pleased to announce that Garden Ministry earned the title of Food Rescue Partnership's Member of Food Rescue. The Food Rescue Recognition Program was developed and standardized by the Food Rescue Partnership, a Quad Cities coalition that promotes rescuing food for its best possible use.

The Executive Board reviewed your application to become a Member of Food Rescue and you meet all of the requirements of keeping food as a valuable resource! Included with this letter is your certificate of recognition and window decal.

Thank you for participating in the Food Rescue Recognition Program. Your commitment to eliminating food waste is making a direct impact in the Quad Cities. Please continue the great work!

Sincerely, Christina McDonough  
Board Chair



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 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!

Asbury Stewardship Team  
Cliff Pim & Aaron Christopher, Co-Chairs



## Hoops for Hope VS Flight Squad

Entertainment Basketball!!!  
An Evening of Family Fun!

Saturday, September 28

6:00pm

Davenport Central  
High School Gym

Enjoy a fun evening out with your family and help support Hope at the Brick House!

Hoops for Hope, a local team of Scott & Rock Island County School District coaches will take on Flight Squad, a premier exhibition basketball team. Flight Squad is a team with pro-level skills offering inspirational & comedy basketball games in a family-friendly environment that will inspire all! Tickets can be purchased online at [www.hopeatthebrickhouse.org](http://www.hopeatthebrickhouse.org)

This is a fundraiser for both Hope at the Brick House and Heart of Hope Outreach in Rock Island. Come out and support these important outreach missions! Tickets are just \$10 per person or \$25 per family!

# Happy Back-to-School!

