

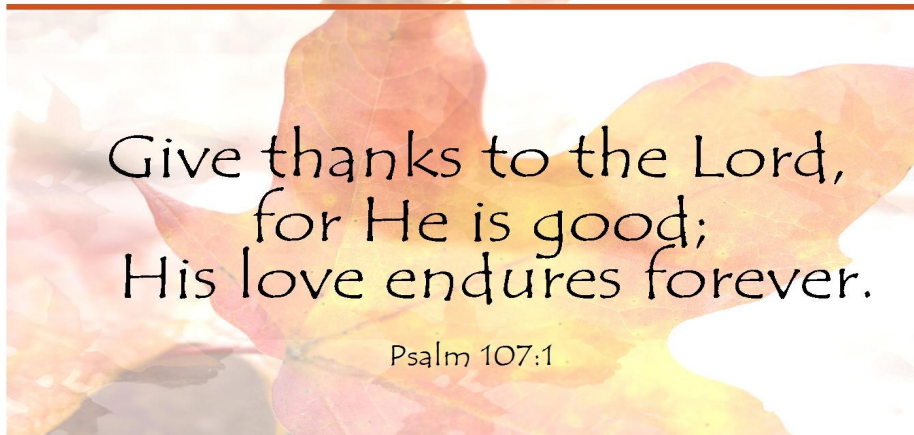


ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News!



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



Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
His love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

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

- September 1.....Worship—216
- September 8.....Worship—246
- September 8.....Sunday School—109
- September 15.....Worship—248
- September 15.....Sunday School—104
- September 22.....Worship—226
- September 22.....Sunday School—93

BY OUR GIFTS

August Income.....	\$43,678
August Expense	\$49,750
YTD 8/31 Income.....	\$429,321
YTD 8/31 Expense	\$427,536
*does not include \$39,476 of apportionment shortfall. Actual YTD deficit is \$37,691.	
Goal is to pay in-full by year end.	

BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$20 and 23 items.

Thank You!

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

“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!



**48th Annual Quad City Area
CROP Hunger Walk**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019
Freight House in Davenport**

**Registration begins at 1:00
Walk starts at 2:00**

Funds raised provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development across the globe.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in our community and is distributed to:

- Humility Homes & Services
- Christian Care, Rock Island
- River Bend Food Bank
- Meal Service of Scott County
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program

Please pray for the success of the CROP Hunger Walk!

Please sponsor an Asbury Walker or plan to participate by walking!

**Sign-Up Sheets to Sponsor or Walk Will Be in Each Narthex on
Sunday Mornings, September 29 and October 6**

Please Contact Barb Brethauer at 359-0285 If you have any questions.



Last year our Finance Team anticipated a shortfall in giving vs. the projected expenses of approximately \$50,000. A **Strike-a-Match** campaign was initiated in which several families donated seed money above-and-beyond their annual contributions. The entire congregation was then invited to follow their lead with matching giving. 57 families participated in this effort and donated \$40,245 which covered the shortfall for 2018.

Based on giving/pledge numbers so far in 2019 a similar shortfall was expected by the end of the year, so it was decided to do one more **Strike-a-Match** campaign. 29 families contributed over \$20,000 through birdies-for Charity! **It is not too late** to contribute to **Strike-a-Match**. We hope you will consider make a one-time donation above your current pledge to help us provide vital ministries that are building bridges for Jesus in our community. Simply indicate **Strike-a-Match** on your gift.

Thank You!

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



*United Methodist Church
Jesus is the Bridge to Life*



**Coming Soon!!
Global Ministries Pie Sale**



**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

**NewsLetter
DEADLine**

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

**8:00 AM on Monday, October 21
Thank you!**

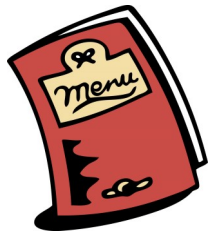
**Snapchat Fans!!
Share Your Pictures!**



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.





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 Hope at the Brick House.** 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.



The Silent Angel Network an Opportunity to Help Families in Our Community

The Silent Angel Network consists of anyone who is willing to assist Bettendorf Community School District families in need. By sharing your email address with the Outreach Coordinator for the school district, you will receive an occasional email looking for specific donations of household goods, clothing, services, anything a family might need, and sometimes for volunteers. There is never any expectation that a donor purchase new items, but we know folks may be downsizing, buying new furniture, have kids outgrow their clothes, or can offer a specific skill.

If you have any questions please, contact Paul Wolf, Pastor Tom, or Stephanie Pim. To become part of this giving network, simply submit your email address to:

mstone@bettendorf.k12.ia.us



FALL HARVEST PARTY

October 30 5:30-7:00 pm Family-Focused FUN Gathering for ALL!

Make plans now to attend a **FALL HARVEST PARTY!** This event will take place during our regular Wednesday night gathering on October 30th. Kids & adults are encouraged to come dressed up in your favorite costume (no weapons please). **HELPERS NEEDED:** adult helpers and Junior & Senior High kids will be needed to help run the games. There will be kid friendly games and yummy treats. Hope to see you and your friends there!

Candy Donations needed for the Fall Harvest Party!
Please drop off at the baskets by the nursery by **October 20th.**



Marriage
Enrichment
Class
February 29

Save the Date! Saturday, February 29, 2020

Plan to join us for an afternoon marriage enrichment event, followed by a renewing of vows ceremony and a wedding reception...complete with cake and punch!

This month's resource is a 20-minute test of how well you know each other:
<http://staymarriedblog.com/the-staymarried-podcast-the-seven-dos-and-four-donts-for-a-long-and-happy-marriage-exploring-love-maps/>



Teaching Kids to
"Rely On One True Savior!"

TreeHouse Dedication!

Roots Kids will have a dedication of the new TreeHouse (formerly known as Lower Fellowship Hall) on **Sunday October 27th**. The dedication takes place during both worship services. Our normal refreshments of coffee and donuts will also be re-located to the TreeHouse area for this one Sunday!



Roots Kids Fall Schedule

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.

Kids Church – Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm Kindergarten thru 5th Grade will meet in the TREEHOUSE (aka Lower Fellowship Hall).

Wednesday Night Kids 6:00–7:00pm – 3yrs to 3rd Grade (formerly Awana)

Kids Club – Wednesdays 6:00–7:00pm – 4th & 5th Grade

Youth Group – Wednesdays 6:00–7:00pm – Jr. & Sr. High Groups

We've Relocated Some Sunday School Classrooms

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

K-1st Grade – Room 106 / 2 & 3rd Grade – Room 109

4 & 5th Grade / Kids Club – Room 110

Confirmation Room 111 / Jr High – Room 112

High School – Youth Center 113-115

Wednesday Night Kids – TreeHouse (Lower Fellowship Hall)

Kids Church – TreeHouse (Lower Fellowship Hall)



Serving Others

On **October 2nd** our Jr & Senior High kids will be serving the meal for Churches United. Be at Asbury no later than 5:15 to help prepare and pack up the food to take to Zion Lutheran church and serve the meal, returning back no later than 7pm.

Sunday Morning Youth Meetings

Did you know High School Youth - 9th-12th grade are meeting on Sunday mornings from 10am - 10:45am in the Youth Center? Come open God's Word and grow in faith with us! Bring your friends!!

Coming in January!

Wednesday Night Worship is coming in January! We are making plans to start a Youth Worship Service promoted as an outreach to bring new youth in our community to know God. Please keep this ministry in your thoughts and prayers as Carrie and the Asbury youth work to create a worship hour that will have positive impact for their peers and bring more teens to know God. High School Youth and Adults wanting to be part of this ministry are encouraged to contact Carrie Meumann @ 563-271-6723.





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 October 12 and 26

Upcoming studies will be at Asbury & are planned for **2nd and 4th 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

Phil Paulson at 309-502-9236 paulsonphil2@gmail.com

Fellowship With Purpose Service Group

The Fellowship with Purpose group will meet on **Friday, October 4th & 18th at 8:15 a.m.** for coffee, fellowship and to help Dan prepare the building for Sunday worship. 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 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:

The school year is off to a great start! If you haven't already, 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!

We had a record-breaking meal attendance on kick-off night, September 4, with 106 at dinner and a spectacular performance of Godspell by the Center for Living Arts! Hospitality generously provided the first two meals of September with pulled chicken sandwiches and a soup buffet. The Men's Group served up a great potato bar on September 18, and the Chancel Choir treated us to delicious tacos on September 25!

We are currently seeking to schedule December and January meals. Feel free to e-mail me (Cindy Bruhn - adesign@mchsi.com) or call or text (563-650-7963) to let me know when your group can serve. Patty, in the office, can help you get scheduled, too.

We hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful fall weather!

Cindy Bruhn & Jo Winegar

October Servers

October 2—Staff—Maid-Rites
October 9—Card Ministry
October 16—Children's Ministry—Walking Tacos
October 23—Ladies' ARM Group
October 30—WINGS



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!!

Rehearsals are on Saturday, October 5th & 12th, 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!!





Stewards of Creation

October Congregational Challenge

Use Less Plastic:

“Plastic waste is not a significant contributor to climate change ... but it has a terrible effect on marine ecosystems and species that are already stressed by a changing climate, and we don't even know yet what effect microplastics are having on our own bodies.” Scientist Katharine Hayhoe

Challenge: Do as many of these as possible.

- Refuse plastic straws. Bring a reusable or paper straw or go without.
- Use reusable containers instead of single-use plastic storage bags.
- Use a reusable bottle and stop purchasing bottled water.
- When available, choose paper milk/orange juice cartons instead of plastic containers.

The submitted “September Congregational Challenge” responses have been posted on the bulletin board near Upper Fellowship Hall.

Field Trip

Consider attending this Statewide Interfaith Gathering: “Called to Climate Action” Students are leading the state in faith-based solutions to the climate crisis. On Saturday, October 26th, Iowa Interfaith Power and Light will be hosting a statewide interfaith gathering in Hiawatha, Iowa. The event will be held at Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 1350 Lyndhurst Dr. Hiawatha, IA from 9:00am to 12:00. Free event. Registration suggested.

It will include:

- An Interfaith Prayer Service
- Keynote Speaker - Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, who is an atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech University and is also the director of the Climate Science Center and a self-identified evangelical Christian.

A Professional Panel will discuss where their faith calls them to climate action in their own career.

For more information and possible transportation ask Sue Moseley srmoseley@mchsi.com

Green Church

In October, members of the Stewards of Creation Planning Team will be talking with leaders of the church. We hope to set some goals to help Asbury become a “Green Church”.



Hannah Circle - Tuesday, October 8th at 11:30 AM
Lunch Out at Olive Garden - 330 W. Kimberly Rd., Davenport

Rachel Circle - Tuesday, October 8th—6:30 PM
Dinner Out at Ann Ottesen’s Home
11 Lighthouse Lane, Hampton, IL
Hostesses—Ann Ottesen and Patti Glass
Please bring a salad or appetizer to share.
RSVP Ann at aottesen2945@gmail.com or 563-370-6943
Service Project: Riverbend Food Pantry (monetary donation)

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!

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 53rd 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 (\$40 per student ages 13+), which includes a *Chick-fil-A* box lunch. Please contact Marian Paulson at 309-507-1714 or the Asbury office at 563-355-5218 for more information and to **RSVP by October 21!**

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!

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

2019-2020



Connecting * Equipping * Transforming

Worship together on Sunday morning is primarily focused on our vertical relationship with God. The small group gatherings have a greater horizontal dimension as they focus on people and our relationship with God and others. Small groups offer conversation, feedback, and support. We can experience personal discovery and spiritual growth which in turn helps us cope with the challenges the world presents. All of us can grow in our spiritual walk with Christ as we become connected with a small body of believers that can love, support, and know us. Small group gatherings also equip us so that we can better serve our church and the Church of the World.

Asbury offers many opportunities throughout the year for you to become involved in an Adult Group. Please avail yourself to one or more of these exciting groups!

If you have questions, please contact the leader of the group, Linda Manning (563-355-5218) lindam@asbury-bett.org or Bob Mattison (563-293-0002) Rmattison68@gmail.com

Blessings along your journey!

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAYS

ADVENTURES IN FAITH—Room 304

Contact Pam Thornton 563-332-4824 psthorton@1.com

Join this group as they explore how to handle every day problems with the wisdom of the Bible. They always welcome new members as they study a wide variety of topics and do service projects throughout the year.

They meet during the school year on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM in Room 304.

AGAPE—Room 302-303

Contact Pat Thornton 563-332-4824 psthorton@g.com

or Kurt Streicher 563-508-7614 vicstre@aol.com

This is a mixed class which meets during the school year **from 9:45-10:45 AM on Sundays in Room 302-303**. AGAPE is a selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love; the highest of the four types of love described in the Bible. This class welcomes you to join them as they seek to understand and reflect the Agape that Jesus has for His Father and for His Followers, through study, fellowship, and action. They study a variety of topics written by Christian pastors, authors, and educators. You are invited to join them, as together they work through the tough topics of life, finding answers rooted firmly in a foundation of faith and assurance through Jesus Christ.

EXPLORATIONS—Lower Level Room 114

Contact: Realff Ottesen 563-370-6923 rottesen741@gmail.com

or Ann Brown 563-332-0841 dbhoms@msn.com

This mixed class always welcomes new members and meets during the school year downstairs in **Room 114 on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM**. Following the Sunday Sermon Series, they will begin a study of Who We Are as United Methodists and What Makes Us Methodist, both from a historical perspective and from a theological or spiritual perspective. The Methodist movement began with the birth of John Wesley and moved across the ocean to America to grow into one of the major religious movements in this new Nation. The people who were part of the movement along the way, the ministries they carried out and the things they came to believe all help make us who we are today. Come along on a more than 300-year journey of Methodist history and thought!

PSP (PARENTS SUPPORTING PARENTS)—Lower Level Room 118

Contact: Andy Erickson 563-508-9579 me@andyerickson.net

This class, which meets downstairs in **Room 118 on Sundays from 9:45-10:45 AM** during the school year, does a variety of studies looked at through the lens of a parent. They always welcome new members.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

BIBLE STUDY

Contact: Bob Mattison 563-332-9889 Rmattison68@gmail.com
or Jan Coffenberry 563-355-8564

This mixed group meets during the school year on **Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in Room 302-303**. Their main focus is studying the Bible. New members are always welcome!

HANNAH CIRCLE

Contact: Donna Stradt 563-359-3110 donna@jrs-realtor.com

Hannah Circle is a socially-oriented group of ladies that meets on the second Tuesday of the month from September through May. Gatherings rotate between breakfast and lunch outings in the community to share joys & concerns, catch up on the latest news, and share milestones with one another. Anyone is welcome to join the fun whenever their schedule permits.

LADIES ARM GROUP

Contact: Sharon Phillips 563-332-8462 phillips363@mchsi.com

The Ladies **ARM** Group is a caring and sharing group of women whose primary focus is to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another, build each other up in Christ, and help each other grow. This is accomplished through short-term Christian studies and occasional service projects. They meet on **Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM in members' homes (occasionally at Asbury) on a rotating basis**.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)

Contact: Marian Paulson 309-507-1714 marianedmund@yahoo.com
or Stephanie Pim 563-340-2738 pimfamily5@gmail.com

All women are invited to join this group as they gather to support those in need, grow in relationships within & beyond Asbury's walls, and serve the community spreading God's word! They meet monthly and each month is a new adventure, a new event guaranteed to provide fun and fellowship!

RACHEL CIRCLE

Contact: Sue Gallagher 563-359-1874 suegal@mchsi.com
or Katie Nelson (563) 508-4438 kadonelson@gmail.com
or Jo Winegar 563-332-4385 tagdirector@mchsi.com

Rachel Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month in Upper Fellowship Hall, usually beginning at 7:00 PM to support and encourage each other in their Christian journey. Members rotate responsibilities as hostesses and plan programs that could include a speaker who presents information on a relevant topic. A service project is also included each month. Their mission is to form relationships with community agencies and assist them either with a monetary donation or with goods & service. Anyone is welcome to drop in and join the group at any time.

UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP

Contact: Cliff Pim 563-340-2722 cpim@hhsales.net
or Phil Paulson 309-502-9236 paulsonphil2@gmail.com

This men's group meets on the **2nd and 4th Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:00 AM at the church in rooms 302-303**. Meetings begin with fellowship & conversation followed by some study and a video, and wrap up with Joys & Concerns. There is also an opportunity to meet outside the Saturday meetings with a specific prayer partner. All men are always welcome. This is a terrific way to get to know the men in the church and grow closer to each other!

MILITARY VETERANS

Contact: Lonnie Fisher 563-355-7825 lnfisher5@aol.com

This is a brand new small group recently started at Asbury. They plan to meet quarterly. Call Lonnie Fisher for the next meeting date and place. All veterans, men and women, are invited and welcome as plans are made for the future of this new Asbury small group!

WINGS (WEDNESDAY INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT (OF) GROUP STUDY)

Contact: Jean Black 563-676-0120 jeaniniowa60@gmail.com
or Heather Dennis 563-340-1748 rhdenfour@mchsi.com

WINGS is a group open to all. They gather during the school year to study a wide variety of topics, including any ongoing Sunday Sermon Series. **They meet on Wednesday Nights from 6:15-7:30 PM at the church in Room 111 on the Lower Level.**

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER

During the summer months a class for all adults, high school age and older, is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 AM. This class requires no prep work and is designed for people to just come when they can to enjoy the fellowship and spiritual growth. More details will be available in the May issue of the GOOD NEWS.



Altar Flowers

Thank you Leanna DeWild, Scot & Mary Hoscheid and Barb Brethauer & family for providing 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!



**Exercise Every Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-10:00 A.M. in Upper Fellowship Hall**

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



Looking for LOVE?!

We'd welcome your help at the Friendly Thrift Center with OPEN arms!! Any day would be a great day for you to volunteer.

Please join us soon!
Thiara Smith
563-320-7189



Asbury Card Ministry

Please join us at Asbury Card Ministry on Wednesday, **October 9th at 6:30 in Rooms 302 & 303** to make Thanksgiving and baby cards. Our group will also host the Asbury Wednesday Evening Meal before we meet at 6:30.

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 or
Alinda Littrel at:
galauctionservices@gmail.com

We hope to see you on October 9th!



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.



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, **October 6.**

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



New Locations!

Thank you for your continued support of the Bettendorf Food Pantry and Winnie's Place! The wood donation chests, previously located in the East Narthex, can now be found under the coat rack near the elevator on the main level.

Pop Can Drop and recyclable items now have a new home as well! Please leave your Middle School Pop Can contributions in the closet on the lower level near the kitchen door, across from the elevator. You will find cans for other recyclable items there as well!

Thank you for helping Asbury be a Green Church!!



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** 4097-18th Street, Bettendorf in the Vianney Room on the 2nd Wednesday of the month **October 9, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** Enter the north door and join Deb Morse
Office phone: 563-332-7910
health@sivbett.org

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

Pleyel Double Grand Piano News

Heartfelt thanks to Asbury for hosting soprano Lily Arbisser's recital on August 30. Her accompanist was Dr. Marian Lee, Associate Professor of Piano at St. Ambrose. The sanctuary was filled to capacity with 356 people in the audience. Nearly \$4,500 was donated to the local Red Cross Chapter for QC local flood relief!

Women at the Well

Added to our website each week are 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.

Visit: www.asbury-bett.org



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!

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.



Church and Society Commission has started a new ongoing year-round Children's Ministry! In place of the Thomas Jefferson Backpack Ministry we will be supporting the children's after school snack program at Hope at the Brick House. Over 40 children are provided with snacks after school each day as part of their program.

WE WILL NOT be collecting actual food items. We as a congregation can help by providing monetary donations so snack items can be purchased for these children who need our help. Checks may be made out to Asbury with "Hope at the Brick House Snacks" noted on the memo-line or envelope.

We thank everyone for their very faithful support of the Backpack Ministry. We are pleased to assure you that following the school merger, the children there will continue to be helped through the already established program at Mark Twain.

We hope you will help us with this new mission for children in our community!



SAVE THE DATE!

**YOU'RE INVITED!
Annual Banquet**

Hope at the BRICK House

Monday, Oct 28, 2019

6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Doors open: 5:30 pm

Rogalski Center, St Ambrose University, Davenport

**Theme: if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come;
the old has gone, the new is here!**
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Evening includes:

- Silent Auction & hors d'oeuvres - Complimentary Buffet
 - Testimonies & ministry updates - Opportunity to make a financial contribution
- RSVP to 563-322-0382 or ptank.hbh@gmail.com**



Transporters & Servers Needed!

Since 1982, Asbury has been part of the original group of churches in the Quad-City area who take turns providing dinners for the Churches United Meal Site. We have prepared, transported and served at the meal site for 37 years! We have been very faithful to the commitment made to this ministry.

We now need a few more volunteers to transport and serve in order to continue our service.

Please sign up to help a few times each year!

Asbury's day is the first Wednesday of each month. Volunteers are assigned a food item and the recipe is provided for you. You will be assigned one of the following: 5-lb. ham, baked beans (6 small cans), a 5-lb bag tossed salad, 2 cakes or 2 gallons of 2% milk. You will only be on the six-month schedule 2 times and the food items are rotated. If you are willing to help with this important project, please fill out the form below and drop it in the offering, leave it at the church office, or call Vierlyn Roskens at 355-8759 or Ann Lawson at 332-2091 **by Monday, October 14th**.

Thanks So Much!

I would like to help with Asbury's day at the Churches United Meal site held at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport.

Prepare Food Transport & Serve Substitute

Name _____ Phone _____



**Be Happy, Be Thankful!
Live a Life Filled With Love!**

One day a professor handed out a surprise test. He asked the students to turn over their paper and to write about what they saw. To their surprise, there were no questions—just a black dot in the center of the paper.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the papers and began reading each of them out loud. Without exception, all the students defined and talked about the black dot.

The professor explained that he wasn't going to grade this test, but that he just wanted to give them something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot. The same thing happens in our lives. We focus only on the black dot—the health issues, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with family, the disappointment with a friend, etc. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds.

The professor suggested to the students that they needed to take their eyes away from the black dots in their lives and enjoy each one of their blessings. He encouraged them to learn to be thankful for each moment that life gave them—to be happy and live a life filled with love!

*Submitted by Linda Manning, Director of Adult Ministries
Taken from a blog by Guthrie Chamberlain; published in Thoughts From The Farm, March 18, 2019.*

**~ Blessing Bags ~
A New Mission is Beginning at Asbury!**

Did you know families can not use vouchers from government subsidies, such as SNAP and WIC, to purchase necessities such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper?

In partnership with Neil Armstrong Elementary School, please help Asbury fill a need for children in our community by donating hygiene items for the Blessing Bags. Further information and a list of items will be coming soon!



Garden Ministry Update

Notwithstanding the abnormally wet spring and an extended dry period during the summer, this year's harvest is coming along very well. As of September 22nd, a total of over 24,000 lbs. of vegetables have been harvested and distributed to many food pantries, meal sites, home shelters, and senior living apartments in our local community. While harvesting of some parts of the garden has been completed, harvesting of tomatoes and green peppers is ongoing and the sweet potatoes will be dug in mid-October.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for those individuals who have given of their time this year to enable our Ministry to touch the lives of thousands in our local community and, heartfelt gratitude to the Grace Evangelical Free Church for allowing our Ministry to utilize about an acre of their property for our garden plot.

Last week, Dave Link, an elder at the Grace Church, and I discussed having a joint picnic to celebrate the partnership that has existed between our two churches for over 10 years. I am excited to announce that it has been scheduled for Sunday, October 13th, at their church's shelter starting at 4 p.m. Members of both churches are invited. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. Their church will provide the plates, cup, napkins, etc. Our church will provide water, lemonade, and Whitey's ice cream. Their church has a volleyball court and other fun lawn games (bags, croquet) will be available. Fun time to be had by all. :-) Dave and I believe this is a great opportunity for our respective memberships to socialize and to celebrate the positive impact that the Garden Ministry is having on the needy in our community.

Yours in Feeding the Hungry,
Dave Phillips, Coordinator
Asbury Ecumenical Garden Ministry



Greetings...from Pastor Tom



For the past three years I have been blessed to serve on the Board of Directors at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. I have learned that small colleges are facing major challenges that include: fewer students from a smaller population, disruptive technological changes, and a decline in the wider culture's value placed on higher education. Each of these are significant in themselves, but colleges are facing all of them at the same time. The same could be said for local churches. It has been so informative for me to see the many parallels between what colleges are facing and the challenges that local churches are facing, including Asbury.

The good news is that Morningside College is managing these challenging times and becoming stronger in the process. I would like to offer three reasons why the college is able to adapt that can be lessons for the church.

First, there is a high level of trust in the leadership. The president has been there for several years and has a proven track record of leading the college through previously difficult times. A second factor is a clear mission and vision that is guiding the work of the college. They have recently become even more focused by the phrase, "experience matters." They are moving toward integrating experiential learning into every aspect of their work. A third factor is a recognition and willingness to make changes necessary to keep up with the changing environment around them. This has not been easy, but it has been essential for the college to remain strong.

The parallels with the local church are many. Earning trust continues to be my highest priority as I realize that it takes time and must be a continuous effort. In the coming months I also plan to help the church refine our core values, mission and vision so that we can all be working in the same direction. Having a logo with a consistent reminder that Jesus is the bridge to life is a small part of that effort. And finally, we all must be willing to try new things and make the changes necessary to keep up with the changing world around us.

The good news is that just like colleges, the churches that are able to navigate through these very challenging times will be stronger and more prepared to continue their mission into the future. So for the road ahead, I invite you hold on, have faith, be open to change, and trust that God will be working through us to help the Quad Cities know that Jesus is the bridge to life.

In Christ,
Pastor Tom



**One Starry Night:
A Journey to Bethlehem....Coming to Asbury!
Sunday, December 8th from 4:00-7:00 pm**

This is a church-wide Christmas event given for our community. This program is an outreach event to reach the unchurched who don't attend Asbury. They will have a chance to experience what life was like in the town of Bethlehem when Jesus was born. Guides will be helping groups along through a number of stations as they learn of the journey Mary and Joseph took that special night. Afterwards they will have a chance to visit Bethlehem to make crafts and have snacks. We need your help...we need actors/actresses, guides, photographers, craft stall managers, decorators, and a publicity team. This special event will not work without your help and prayers. We need you, the whole church, to make an impact this Christmas. This is a time to make a difference in our community and share God's love with them. There will be tables out in the hallways after services to sign-up and ask questions.



Advent Readers Needed

Please help us share the Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace of Advent. Would your family, friends, or small group members be willing to share a reading during this coming season of Advent? The Worship Commission is seeking readers for the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Please contact Patty, in the office at 55-5218 or pattys@asbury-bett.org, if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer.

**Me and My Big Mouth!
Wednesdays Beginning October 30**

Did you miss the Me and My Big Mouth Study by Andy Stanley during VBS in July? The study had great reviews so WINGS has decided to offer the study again. We have all said something we wish we could take back. Sometimes words can cost us jobs, relationships or even our reputations. Conversations don't come with a backspace button, so Andy Stanley will share some secrets about how to prevent our big mouths from getting us into trouble! The study will begin on October 30 and run for 4 weeks. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 in room 114 on the lower level. Please join us! If you have any questions please contact Jean Black at 563-676-0120 or Heather Dennis at 563-340-1748.



*Thinking About
Becoming a Member?*

Fall has arrived and hopefully everyone is enjoying the change of seasons and the beautiful colored leaves. It is also a time when we are hoping that you are thinking about becoming a member of Asbury.

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

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

The next **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING** is **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**. We meet **between the services (9:45-10:45) in Lower Fellowship Hall, now called The Tree House**. This promises to be a time of fun and fellowship with refreshments! Children are welcome to attend, but childcare is provided and there are classes for children ages 2 and up.

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

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



Asbury Military Veterans

Attention! We are starting a new 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 on **November 11, Veteran's Day**. We will meet at HyVee in Bettendorf at 7:00 a.m. for free Veterans' Breakfast. Please plan to join us and help plan for our future as an Asbury group. If you are interested in attending you may contact me at 563-355-4825 or lfisher5@aol.com

Lonnie Fisher



Please Keep in Your Prayers~

Mary Jo Auliff, 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)
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 Thiara Smith, Pat Tulon and Linda Jones for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthday.

If you have a birthday or other occasion in October 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)



Our thoughts and prayers are with Marian and Phil Paulson on the death of Marian's mother, Susan Edmond on September 7th.



New Babies

Congratulations to Andy and Erica Caswell on the birth of a son, Henry Grant on August 8th. Big sister is Amalia and Grandparents are Pat and Pam Thornton.

Congratulations x 2 to Jerry and Teri Bishop on the birth of twin grandchildren, Declan Tate and Karis LeeAnne on September 2. Parents are Brad and Kristen Bishop of LeClaire and their brothers are Dayton and Colton.

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

Pastor Heather Dorr can be reached at: 563-528-2244. Her email address is: 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 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 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!