

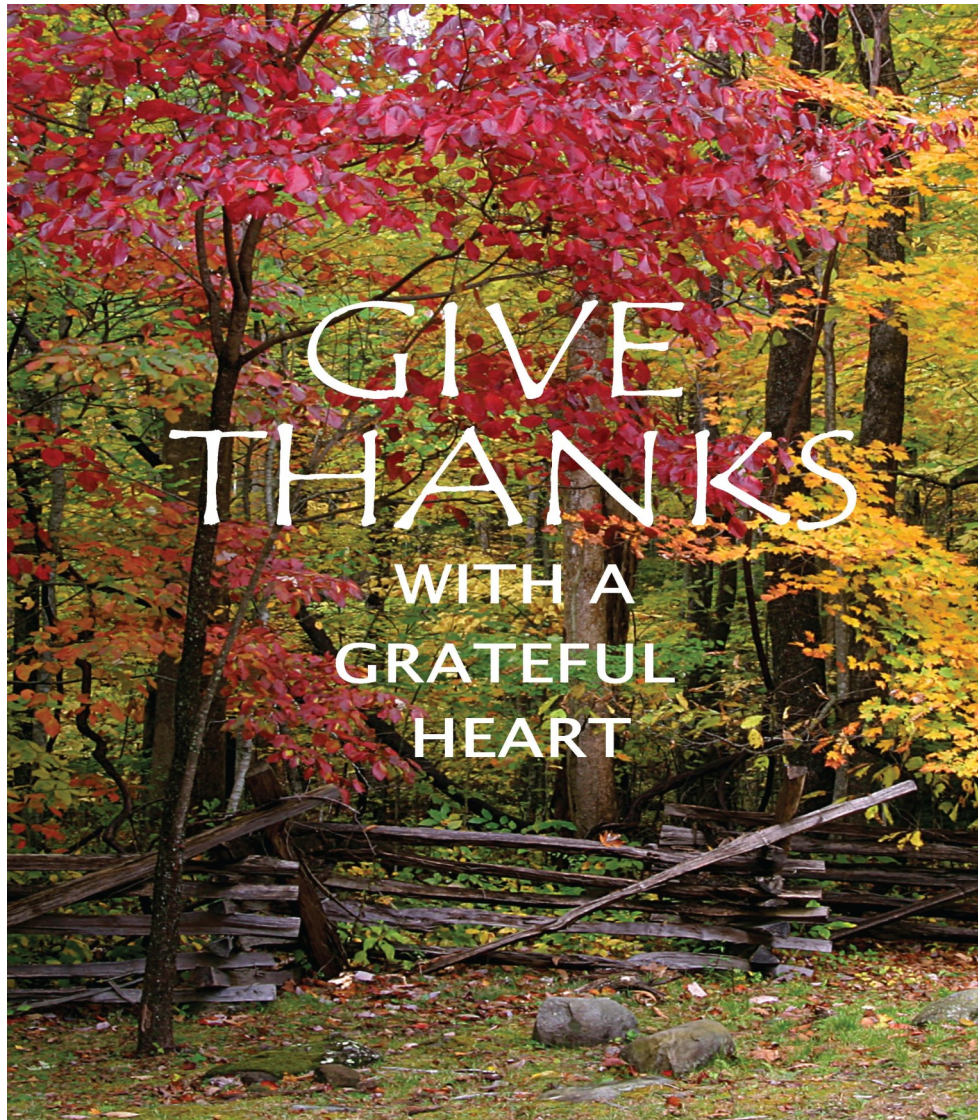


ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News!



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



GIVE
THANKS
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART

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

- Sept. 29Worship—277
- Sept.29SS & Kid's Church—105
- October 6Worship—232
- October 6SS & Kid's Church—114
- October 13Worship—218
- October 13SS & Kid's Church—99
- October 20Worship—221
- October 20SS & Kid's Church—95

BY OUR GIFTS

- September Income..... \$68,415
- September Expense \$63,281
- YTD 9/30 Income\$497,737
- YTD 9/30 Expense.....\$495,652
- *does not include \$44,307 of apportionment shortfall. Actual YTD deficit is \$42,222.
- Goal is to pay in-full by year end.
- CROP Walk \$1,602
- World Communion Offering \$372

BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$40 and 39 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

"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!



Rejoice, Count Your Blessings and Be Thankful!

There are many reasons for us to be thankful. We can always be thankful to certain people who love or befriend us. But what about all the other blessings—the wonders of sky, sea, and land? What about life itself? The ability to say, “Thank You, Lord,” is among the most wonderful things about being a follower of Jesus.

We can enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. We can thank and praise Him because He is the God from whom all blessings flow.

With thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4)

Jesus-followers are the only people who can truly thank God for all His blessings, even when times are tough. The Lutheran minister Martin Rinkart wrote a hymn of thanksgiving to rally his village of Ellenburg, Saxony, during the ravages of the Thirty Years’ War. Rinkart was the only surviving pastor and he sometimes conducted as many as fifty funerals a day. Yet, he kept himself and his village sane by finding items of thanksgiving. He wrote the hymn:

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

How can we cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving like that? Remember the words of Paul: “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.”

(Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

In his book, *WORRY LESS, LIVE MORE*, Robert Morgan offers habits which help to develop an attitude of gratitude:

Keep a thanksgiving list. Begin your morning prayer time by listing something for which you are grateful.

Before you fall asleep at night, thank God for three things that happened during the day. I begin the day with one item of thanksgiving and end it with three. It puts my mind in a better place before I fall asleep.

Keep a thanksgiving journal. Just log two or three things each day for which you’re thankful.

Give thanks at meals.

Whenever you encounter a disappointment or disaster, try to specifically locate and list items for which you can be thankful, even in the midst of the problem. Write them in your journal, on your calendar, or in a text to yourself—whatever works to focus your mind on them. The Bible says, Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Express your gratitude to others. Let people at work (home, church, school) know that you’re grateful for their work. When we express our appreciation to coworkers it increases the overall effectiveness of the organization.

Read books on gratitude.

Sing thanksgiving songs and hymns like “Now Thank We All Our God.” Sing, sing, sing out loud. It will begin to lift your spirits.

Memorize some thanksgiving passages. Psalm 100 is a good place to begin.

Remember Philippians 4:6 and write out the verse where you can see it. Underline, capitalize or color the words WITH THANKSGIVING.

I’m sure that all of us can list many things regarding Asbury for which we can be thankful. As we move forward (with Reckless Love) and experience God’s work among us, may we remember to rejoice and be thankful!

Submitted by Linda Manning, Director of Adult Ministries
Taken from the book, *WORRY LESS, LIVE MORE* by Robert Morgan





UMCOR has set up Advance Specials for the 2019 flood disasters. If you would like to help, you may make your check to Asbury, indicating on the memo line your intent:

Iowa Disaster Response—#223
 Domestic United States—#901670
 International (Bahamas)—#982450



Thank you!



Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Commission will be “Hanging the Greens” on Saturday morning, November 30th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, we would very much appreciate your presence to carry, lift, hang and decorate our church as we transition to Advent. Contact the church office to sign-up.

Thank you!
 Asbury Worship Commission



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



The Church Office will be Closed:

Noon on Wednesday, November 27
 Thursday, November 28
 Friday, November 29

Happy Thanksgiving!



Place Your Thanksgiving Pie Order Today!

Order Form Enclosed

Order Deadline is November 19!

Proceeds Benefit Global Ministries Outreach Projects



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 December issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than:

8:00 AM on Monday, November 18
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.





Mitten Tree and Toy Box

Asbury's Church & Society Commission will again be collecting mittens, hats, gloves & toys to take to the Friendly Thrift Center. There the customers may purchase the items at a nominal cost. Please help us with this very worthwhile project. Your generosity is most appreciated. The Caring Box will be in the east entryway during November and December.

Thank you for your help!



Many thanks to all the walkers who gave of their time to walk in the CROP WALK this year. They were Bob & Carol Atkinson, Pastor Tom & Linda Carver, John Hale, Kevin Jones, Dave Lefever and Phil & Marian Paulson. Also thank you to all who gave so generously in sponsoring our walkers. Because of you we were able to raise \$1,602 for the Crop Walk!

Barb Brethauer, Asbury Church & Society



HEADS UP! The Fall Blood Drive is Earlier Than Usual!

The date to put on your calendar is **Monday, November 18th from 2:00 - 6:00**. You can make an appointment or just walk in, whichever suits your schedule. Signing up is easy, there are sign up sheets in both narthexes or you can call Jane Fergades at 563-232-1549.

At this season of thanks, please consider donating life saving blood to help others as thanks for your own good health

We hope to see you all there!

Jane Fergades and Katie Nelson
Church and Society Commission

Vision Casting Event

and Church Conference

Monday, November 11 at 6:30pm

After 16 months of working to earn trust, the next step for Pastor Tom as a leader is to cast a vision of God's preferred Future for our church.

The event will include:

- ▶ Pastor Tom sharing a vision for the future direction of our congregation.
- ▶ New District Superintendent Doug Cue will share the condition of our Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and insights on the future of our denomination.
- ▶ As an official annual Church Conference, we will review our past year as a church and set a course of action for the future including setting the salaries for our pastors and approving a Ministry Funding Plan for 2020.

If you want to be a part of what God is doing through Asbury Church, come and share your ideas as we prepare for a future with hope.

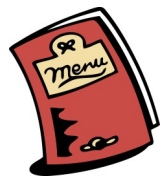
All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend!

Catch the Excitement!
Witness the Joy!
Shape the Vision!

~ **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!



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.



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! For more information contact Marie Bauer at: charlesbauer_2000@yahoo.com



**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!



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.



Mark Your Calendar Annual Cookie Walk!



Our Annual Asbury Cookie Walk (sponsored jointly by Asbury's Jr. High Youth Group and Church & Society Commission) will be held on **Sunday Morning December 15th**. You will be able to purchase a container to fill with your own hand-picked assortment of delicious holiday cookies! All proceeds will benefit Jr. High Youth Group and Church & Society outreach projects.

You need not be affiliated with either group to donate a batch or two of your favorite Christmas cookies. Members of the youth group will be calling bakers to help provide cookies. Cookies may be left at the church any time during the week of the Walk or brought to the Upper Fellowship Hall by 8:00 am on December 15th. Please label as to the type of cookie and if they contain nuts.

For more information please contact Kevin & Becky Carlson at: carlsons-zoo@juno.com or 332-1093

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

You have the convenience of reviewing the schedule and signing up yourself online. There is a direct link on our Asbury website:

Go to: www.asbury-bett.org and scroll to the very bottom of the home page to push on the blue "Photo Session Sign-Up" button. This takes you to the Lifetouch site where you simply push on the blue photo sign-up rectangular button. There are simple step-by-step instructions to choose your day and time based on how many are in your group. You may also call the church office at 355-5218 for assistance or Pat Tank at 563-508-0280.

Please take the opportunity to participate in our updated directory!
Thank you!



Financial Peace University Coming to Asbury

Asbury will host a free Livestream event to introduce Financial Peace University to the congregation and others in the community on **Wednesday, November 20 at 5:45 p.m.**

Dave Ramsey and Chris Hogan will highlight

the seven-step plan that has helped nearly 6 million people get out of debt, build wealth and retire with dignity. Sign up today at <https://www.fpu.com/1103187> or call the office for assistance. For more information contact Cliff Pim or Lance Van Deest.



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!**



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



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.

Thank You!



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

A Free Family Event to Experience the Christmas Story!

This is a church-wide Christmas event given for our community. 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!

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 TreeHouse.** 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 Infisher5@aol.com

Lonnie Fisher



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 November 9 and 23

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, November 1st and 15th at 8:15 a.m.** for coffee, fellowship and 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:

We hope everyone is having a great fall! 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 some great meals in October; we hope you've been able to join us! The Staff & Hospitality, Card Ministry, Children's Ministry, Ladies' ARM Group, and WINGS Bible Study all provided meals.

We are currently seeking groups to prepare and serve meals on December 4 and January 15 and 22. There are also plenty of openings February – May. Feel free to email 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 church office, can help you get scheduled, too.

Thank you very much!

Cindy & Jo

Upcoming Meals

October 30—WINGS

November 6—Worship Commission—Soup Bar

November 13—4/5th Grade Youth Group—Breakfast

November 20—Finance Committee

November 27—NO MEAL—Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4—Host Needed!



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, November 2nd & 9th 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

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

November Congregational Challenge

Less Food Waste

Every year, Americans throw away about \$165 billion of food.
 594 million pounds of food enter Iowa landfills each year!
 More than 1/3 of all food that we raise or grow never makes it onto our plates.
 This means that some of the land, water, chemicals, and greenhouse gas emissions associated with
 food production aren't necessary.
 Explore "on line": 34 Ways to Waste Less Food and The Food Rescue Partnership

- Challenge:**
1. Only buy what you need.
 2. Use all fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy purchased.
 3. Be sure to eat leftovers from homemade meals and restaurants.
 4. Donate extra food (contact Churches United or Riverbend Food Bank)

Terracycle

Items will be collected in a bin located in our main floor west coat closet and in the under-the-stairs
 recycling area. These items will be donated to the Terracycle program located at Trinity Lutheran
 Church in Moline. Terracycle recycles items that are not accepted in our city recycling program.

We will begin by collecting:

- Plastic cereal bag liners from inside cereal boxes
- Chip snack bags - family or individual size, any brand (No candy bags please)

Green Church

New recycling bins have been added to both of our church kitchens. When preparing food at Asbury,
 please place clean tin cans, bottles, glass jars and any item that is normally collected by the
 Bettendorf/Davenport citywide recycling program into these bins.

We have set a goal to purchase paper plates, instead of Styrofoam, when there is a need for
 disposable plates for church gatherings.



Hannah Circle - Tuesday, November 12, 9:30 am
The Current for breakfast
215 North Main St., Davenport

Rachel Circle - Tuesday, November 12
Meeting at Friendly Thrift Center at 6:00pm (note time)
1411 Brady Street, Davenport
 Hostesses: Kay Parch & Jane Fergades
 Service Project: Friendly Thrift Center

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!

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! You may also contact the church
 office or Marian Paulson for more information.

We hope you can join us for some good fun and fellowship!



Warming Station

Asbury will be hosting a warming
 station during severe cold days
 this winter. Look for details in
 next month's Good News.

Carol Jackson & Brenda Sherrick
 Asbury Parish Nurses



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!



Reminder: K-5th Grade meet every Sunday at 11am for Kids Church in the TreeHouse!
(Jr High/Sr High & Adult Helpers Always Welcome)

Roots Kids Sunday School 9:45-10:45am – 2yrs to 5th Grade

Wednesday Night Kids 6:00–7:00pm – 3yrs to 3rd Grade

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

Christmas Program - December 15 at 9:45 – Preschool-5th Grade
 Roots Kids Christmas Program in the TreeHouse during Sunday School
 Watch for an information note for parents coming home soon with the details!

Christmas is Coming and So Are the Animals!

Be sure to join us on **Christmas Eve** as Roots Kids presents the 2nd annual Nativity Party in the TreeHouse! Come see the ANIMALS and enjoy hot chocolate from 4:00—4:45pm followed by the Kids Christmas Eve Service from 5:00-6:00pm. **Parent Volunteers Needed!** Please contact Carrie at carriem@asbury-bett.org or 563-271-6723 if you can help.



YOUTH News!

We Have a Year of Awesome Events for the Jr & Sr High Youth....

that will keep us all busy on **Wednesday nights!** In order to accomplish some of the activities, we will need **volunteer drivers** to get the kids to the off-site locations. Please let us know if you would be willing to be called upon from time to time. **You do not need to have a child in the youth program to volunteer!** If you are not receiving Youth Email Updates from Carrie Meumann, be sure to let her know at: carriem@asbury-bett.org so she can add you to the communication list!

Youth Worship Opportunities

MUSICIANS interested in being part of a band that will be perform at a weekly youth worship service and/or want to be part of the internship group for our youth program, please contact Carrie Meumann @ 563-271-6723.

Reminder:

Jr and Sr High meet from 9:45am -10:45am on Sunday mornings each week during the school year.
Come join us as we dive deeper in the Word of God!



Don't Miss the Fall Harvest Party for All Ages on October 30!
5:30-7:00pm ~ Youth Needed to Help with Games!



Please Keep in Your Prayers~

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

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)
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 Dave Stedwell, Pat Ryken, Linda Manning, Matt Berst and Tom Howard for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthday.

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



Prayers for our Military

Devon Booton—North Carolina
(Gavin & Shannon Wolever's son & Leanna DeWild's grandson)

Arkarris Bragg—Shaw AFB, SC
(Wynell Bragg's grandson)

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

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



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Ken and I would like to thank our Asbury Family for the cards that we received, also for the kind words expressing sympathy on the passing of our brother and brother-in-law, Jack Martin.

In Peace,
Linda and Ken Jones



New Arrival!

Congratulations to Alan and Heather Hartley on the birth of a son, Lucas Gregory on August 13. Emma and Alex love their baby brother!



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!!



Alert! **Blankets Needed**

As cold weather looms, the Friendly Thrift Center is in great need of blankets. Please check you closets for extras and help us help those who are in need.

Thank you!
Thiara Smith
563-320-7189



Asbury Card Ministry

Please join us at Asbury Card Ministry on Wednesday, **November 13th at 6:30** in Rooms 302 & 303 to make Christmas 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. This is one of our biggest mailings, so lots of helping hands are encouraged. 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
November 13th!***



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, **November 3.**

Please remember:
we do NOT take glass bottles.

Thank You!



New Location!

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 **November 13, 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to the congregation for supporting scouts by purchasing popcorn or giving a donation. Pack 129 is fully funded for our year of fun and educational programming.

We appreciate Asbury's on-going support and enthusiasm for this important ministry.

Sincerely,
Pack 129



Annual Take 'n Bake Thanksgiving Pie Sale!



Global Ministries will be making pies at Asbury just in time for Thanksgiving!
ALL PROCEEDS benefit the Thanksgiving Ingathering & other Global Ministries projects.
Your Choice of 3 Kinds: Cran-Apple-Pecan, Apple-Raisin-Pecan & Apple

We offer 3 choices of pies for \$12.00 each – and will once again offer the option of having your favorite made WITH SPLENDA!! (\$1 extra). This is a great option for those with diabetes or other health issues and “calorie counters”!! On Saturday, November 23rd we will gather in the kitchen and make pies, pies, and more pies! Place your order today so you will not miss out...we will only make 300 pies. Cut-off date for ordering is Tuesday, November 19th. This is a FIRM date; we will not take orders after November 19th. Please use the order form below (extra forms available in the narthex). Pies will be made fresh and **ABSOLUTELY MUST BE PICKED UP ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd BETWEEN 1:00-3:00 pm BY YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.** At the Global Ministries meeting a decision was made that all pies not picked up by 3:00 on November 23rd will be offered for sale at worship on Sunday morning. We DO NOT have room to freeze or store pies.

On Saturday, November 23rd we will need volunteers to help with the peeling of apples and assembling the pies. We can really use your help, please call Debbie Stelk at 355-2897 if you are able to help or have questions.

Thank You!!

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Please enclose check payable to Asbury UMC (with pie written on memo line) & place in offering or turn in at church office. **All proceeds go to Thanksgiving Ingathering & other Global Ministries projects.** Save top half of form as your reminder.

Fresh Fruit Pies	Quantity	Price	TOTAL \$
Cran-Apple-Pecan		12.00	
Cran-Apple-Pecan with Splenda		13.00	
Apple-Raisin-Pecan		12.00	
Apple-Raisin-Pecan with Splenda		13.00	
Apple		12.00	
Apple with Splenda		13.00	
Total			

Print NAME _____ Phone _____ Cell _____



The Worship Committee would like to give Asbury families the opportunity to purchase a red potted poinsettia plant to beautify the altar area with vivid color for the Advent season. Cost of the plants is \$10.00 each. Please attach a check or cash, and mail this form or drop it off in the church office by SUNDAY, November 24th.

In Loving Memory of: _____ from _____

In Honor of _____ from _____

To the Glory of God by _____

Other _____

Name _____



New Asbury Members



On September 29th we welcomed new members to our Asbury Church family. Each brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Their faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to them!

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

Talbot & Angie Berry

3889 53rd Ave. Bettendorf 52722

Talbot: 410-501-3162 ctberry6582@icloud.com

Angie: 314-775-6105 angelalambertberry@gmail.com

Talbot and Angie have one son, Daniel, 11 years old. Talbot is a Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service and Angie works remotely as QA Manager at Children's National Medical Center Clinical Research Program in Washington DC. Talbot's interests include woodworking, Boy Scouts, pickling, cooking, gardening and cycling. They transfer their membership from Community United Methodist Church in Crafton, MO.

Marilyn Birmingham

5754 Castlewood Dr., Bettendorf 52722

210-862-9781 mbirm75@gmail.com

Marilyn taught school for 40 years, and is now retired and in the Quad Cities to be near her grandchildren. She enjoys travel, stitching, reading and crafts. Marilyn is joining Asbury on Profession of Faith.

Marian Lee

2133 Meadowbrook Rd., Davenport 52807

646-498-8662 marianlee@hotmail.com

Marian has one son, Brandon Hu, who is in 8th grade. She is an Associate Professor at St. Ambrose University and enjoys performing piano, cycling and hiking. Marian is joining Asbury on Profession of Faith.

Edward and Valerie Maher

1736 Skyline Dr., Bettendorf

Ed: 563-343-5657

Valerie: 309-236-6824

Ed is retired from ARCONIC and enjoys coin collecting. Valerie is retired from the Resource Dept. at Willard Elementary School in Moline. She also has taught water fitness classes. Her other interests include gardening, ballroom dancing, estate sales & auctions, and providing child care for their grandchildren Ruby (3yrs) and Max (1yr) four days each week. Valerie transfers her membership from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Orion, IL and Edward is joining on Profession of Faith.

Roger and Nancy Moler

16 Musket Ct., LeClaire 52753

Roger: 563-349-2093 moler284@aol.com

Nancy: 563-349-9203 namoler@aol.com

Nancy is a retired elementary teacher. Roger, also retired, enjoys woodworking and music. Nancy's interests include gardening, photography and hiking. They join Asbury on Profession of Faith.

Helena Shallean

4502 Elmore Ave., Apt. #125, Davenport 52807

563-355-4045

Helena is a resident at Senior Star. She has many Asbury friends as neighbors and enjoys a Bible Study there, as well as worship at Asbury. Helena is joining Asbury on Profession of Faith.

Howard and Denise Tyler

2159 Hogan Ct. S., Bettendorf

Howard: 563-723-2564

howdevette@gmail.com

Denise: 309-721-4563

Howard and Denise have two grown children, Mary and Michael. Howard is retired from Tri-City Electric as a project Manager and Denise retired from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as Program Manager. They are transferring from Riverside United Methodist Church in Moline. Howard enjoys golfing, serves on their Home Association Board, and is a "Mr. Fix-It". Denise likes to read, travel, study genealogy and spend time with family.



Message from Pastor Heather...

A few weeks ago, my family spent time in Dubuque at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. We got a chance to see aquatic animals and to learn more about the mighty Mississippi River. One of the highlights of our afternoon was the chance to pet stingrays. We rolled up our sleeves to dip our hands deep into the stingray tank and wait for the animals to float near us so we could skim our fingers along their skin.

My three-year-old son, Ben, was eager to dunk his whole arm into the stingray's habitat, quickly soaking his long-sleeve t-shirt. For several minutes, the animals glided past him at the very bottom of the tank, much too deep for Ben's preschool arm to reach. Finally, as we were getting ready to move on to the next exhibit, the rays finally swam at a higher altitude where Ben could reach them. Unfortunately, as soon as the stingrays were within reach, Ben shrank away in fear, letting out the whimper of a child still learning how to "use his words."

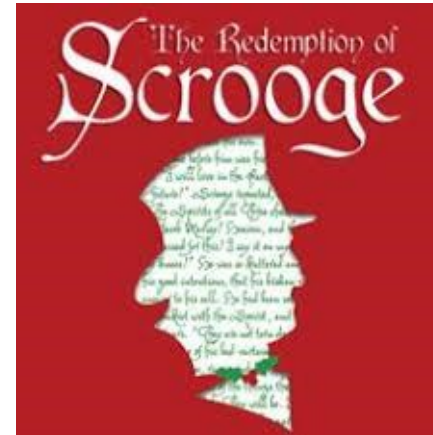
We tried holding on to Ben's hand to get him to touch the stingrays that were now dancing closer, but it was no good. Ben was frightened. And as soon as the stingrays moved past him to continue their loops around the tank, Ben would dip his hands into the water, eager to touch them again.

It was the behavior of a child that doesn't make much logical sense. He wanted so badly to be able to pet these strange and beautiful animals. But when the opportunity presented itself, he shrank back out of the fear of the uncertainty. We couldn't force his hand or logic him into holding still. Instead, it was an opportunity that will have to wait for another visit and his own maturity.

As I was considering this incident with Ben and the stingrays, it seemed to have powerful parallels to each of us and our journey of discipleship and mature Christianity. How often have you thought to yourself that you would like to have a better prayer life, that you want to be more generous with yourself and what you've been given, that you want to take another step of faith? And how often, when the opportunity presents itself, have you shrank back in fear? I think we are all caught up in an eternal paradox of wanting to be more like Christ, but not ever wanting to make changes to how we are already living.

Our next sermon series, "Following Jesus with Mister Rogers," begins October 27th and goes through November 24th. The series is about lessons that Mister Rogers can teach us, but also about deeper discipleship. I hope that you pick up a devotional booklet in the next few weeks at either entrance to the church. The sermons can be seen as "stingrays" that show us the beauty of devotion to God and deep Christian discipleship. The booklets can help you evaluate where you are leaning in and where you are drawing back out of fear. My prayer is that you take that step of faith, be willing to make changes and try new things, and that your relationship with God will grow ever deeper.

Peace,
Pastor Heather Dorr



Let Advent Transform
Your "Bah Humbug"
into
"God Bless Us Everyone"!

Advent Study, The Redemption of Scrooge By Matt Rawle

Do you remember reading or watching Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL? Probably, the first thing that comes to mind is Scrooge's famous words, "Bah, Humbug!" And then, there are the three ghosts - the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. And, of course, Tiny Tim.

Matt Rawle, the leading pastor of Asbury United Methodist church in Bossier City, Louisiana, loves to tell a familiar "pop" story in a new way. He contends that many of our well-known stories are based on Biblical principles. A CHRISTMAS CAROL is one of those stories that preaches the Gospel clearly. Rawley's goal and hope is that we'll begin to see spiritual truths in books, movies, TV, and the world around us.

In this study, the familiar Advent themes of Peace, Hope, Love and Joy are all present along with a lot of scripture references, questions for thought, hymns, and a reflection and prayer to end each week's reading.

The first sermon will be preached on December 1 - the first week of Advent with the fourth sermon on December 22. The following groups will be participating in this Advent Sunday Sermon Series:

- Adventures in Faith
- Agape
- Explorations
- PSP
- WINGS
- Bible Study on Thursday
- Ladies' ARM Group
- 4th & 5th Grade Sunday School Class

The books will be available November 17, and, as always, they are free of charge for you to enjoy. If you wish to make a donation, that is always helpful and very much appreciated.

Plan now to join a small group and enjoy this study, THE REDEMPTION OF SCROOGE by Matt Rawle. After all, if Scrooge can be redeemed, so can we!
The Adult Ministry Team

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



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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!