



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News!



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



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

November 24 Worship—283
November 24 SS & Kid's Church—97
December 1 Worship—263
December 1 SS & Kid's Church—72
December 8 Worship—271
December 8 SS & Kid's Church—77
December 15 Worship—273
December 15 SS & Kid's Church—103

BY OUR GIFTS

November Income..... \$77,841
November Expense..... \$47,073
YTD 11/30 Income \$636,658
YTD 11/30 Expense \$601,104
*does not include \$19,279 of apportionment shortfall. Goal is to have apportionments paid in full by January 6th.

BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$60 & 36 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

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Christmas Eve at Asbury

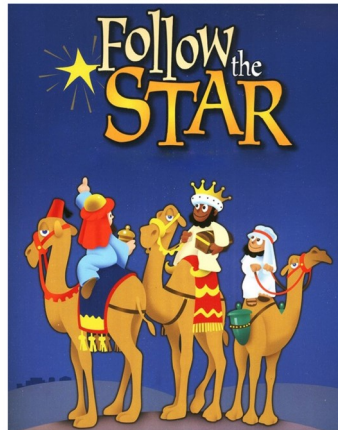


Tuesday, December 24
5:00 • 7:30 • 10:00 p.m.



The **5:00pm** service features a children's Christmas musical, ***Follow the Star***. Join us at **7:30pm** for ***Christmas Music with our Chancel Choir***. The **10:00pm** service will be a ***Traditional Communion Service***.

Please invite your family and friends to celebrate the birth of our savior at Asbury.
All are welcome!



All services will include singing Silent Night by candlelight.



Christmas Cantata
7:30 pm

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed December 24-26, & January 1 and closed at Noon on December 27 & 31. All staff will be working flexible hours during the holidays in order to spend more time with family. If you have an urgent need, please call & leave a voicemail or call a staff member at home.

Merry Christmas!



Volunteer Bell Ringers Needed! ***Ring a Bell...Help Change a Life***

There is still time to sign-up to help ring the Salvation Army Bell at K & K Hardware **through Noon on December 24th**. Sign-up sheets are in the West Narthex on Sundays or near the office during the week.

Please sign-up to Ring!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church, inside & out, and to all who purchased poinsettias. This all added to the beauty and spirit of the Christmas Season!
Asbury Worship Commission



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

8:00 AM on Monday, January 20
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.





Please Join Us in Worship

Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

8:30 - Traditional Service

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Kids Church

11:00 - Praise Service



Message from Pastor Heather...

Greetings and Happy January!

Some of you know that I love to crochet. A friend taught me in 2011 and when I got the hang of it (and after unraveling my first attempt, a very wavy scarf), I have been focused on the hobby ever since. I was amazed to discover just how much I was able to do by simply crocheting straight lines back and forth. I made hats, scarves, and lots of blankets. It is a tradition of mine to make a blanket for friends as a wedding gift. I also made two blankets for my son, Ben, and love that he sleeps under one of them every night.

From 2011-2018 I was able to accomplish so much crochet work with simple straight lines back and forth. When I would attempt new things, I would often get frustrated and return to what I knew and understood. But, somehow, I had a breakthrough in 2019. I decided that I wanted to learn how to make a granny square. A few online tutorials later and I was making granny squares like mad! I decided to take on a temperature blanket, which had me recording the temperature each day of the year and making stitches in a color that coordinated with a color chart. This pattern was corner-to-corner crochet. I couldn't believe how easy it was!

As the year went on, I made my very first cardigan (and then three others with the same pattern!), chunky pumpkins, and shooting star ornaments. It is amazing how one success has opened a world of possibilities. I feel like I can do so much more than I had ever imagined. If only I had been willing to try something new between 2011 and 2018.

As we stand on the verge of a new year and a new decade, you've likely established a lot of patterns that you are comfortable with. You know what you can do and what to expect. But I pray that you enter 2020 with the mindset that something new and different could become the greatest blessing of all. I pray that you don't sell yourself short or think that you can only do what you've done before. Like my journey with crochet, realizing that I can do more than I had thought, I've enjoyed crochet work even more this year than in the other eight years. I believed in myself and it has made all the difference.

2020 is a new year and a new decade. Believe that you can do amazing things with God's help, and that old, familiar patterns can be joined by new, exciting patterns that open your entire world.

Peace,

Pastor Heather Dorr

I RESOLVE TO

Advent is finally over and we have celebrated the birth of Jesus. Now what? What do we do while we wait for Easter? Will we have an Epiphany? If we made New Year's Resolutions, will we be able to keep them?

We know that without Easter, Christmas really doesn't matter, and without Christmas, Easter doesn't matter either. So, how do we move from Christmas to Easter in a way that deepens our walk and understanding of Jesus and become who He calls us to be? Perhaps the following will give us "food for thought".

I RESOLVE TO FIX

The leaky faucet
The broken doorknob
My neighbor's porch step

MY EYES ON JESUS

(2 Cor. 4:18)

I RESOLVE TO RUN

On my treadmill
Two miles a day
A marathon

THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR ME

(Hebrews 12:1)

I RESOLVE TO TAKE

Violin lessons
A vacation
An art class

UP MY CROSS DAILY

(Luke 9:23)

**THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO DO ALL THAT I DO
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**

Submitted by Linda Manning, Director of Adult Ministries
Taken from a New Year Focused on Jesus/Christian New Year's Video
<https://youtu.be/KYjOTrgD9bc>



Warming Station

The weather is now cold and winter is here! The preparations are underway to open a warming station. The freezer is plugged in and ready to receive food. Needed items include:

Homemade breads, muffins, coffecake & cookies
Soup—chicken noodle, vegetable beef & chili

Prayers are that we will not need to be open, But, if we do, we want to be ready to serve God by warming the bodies and souls of those in need.



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



Asbury will be supporting children at Neil Armstrong Elementary School by providing hygiene items. Did you know families can not use vouchers from government subsidies, such as SNAP and WIC, to purchase these necessities? Please help Asbury fill a need for these children in our community by donating items for the blessing bags. These items will be distributed through the food pantry at Neil Armstrong. Following is a list of the hygiene items they feel would be beneficial. Items may be dropped in the marked wooden box, in the Asbury Mission area, near the elevator.

Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Chapstick, Lotion, Soap, Floss, Kleenex, Adult Size Toothbrushes, Feminine Products, Band Aids, and Antibiotic Ointment

Thank you for helping us grow our relationship with this neighborhood school!

AIM - (Asbury In Mission)

We are called to serve others. Most recently the people of Asbury have organized that calling under the committees of Church & Society and Global Ministries. These committees have done much good. But, the leadership of these committees now feel it is time to re-organize, re-boot and re-engage our culture. God has a perfect plan. At this time, we don't yet know His Plan for mission work at Asbury.

Pastor Heather and Marie Bauer are organizing a short-term prayer group to seek His Will on this matter. Each meeting will begin with a minimum of discussion, a Scripture to ponder, a question to answer, a centering prayer, silent prayer then discussion of what we believe God revealed to us, and ending with a prayer for further discernment for the leaders involved. **The group will meet in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. for six Monday afternoons in a row, starting on Monday, January 27, 2020 and ending on Monday, March 2.** If you feel called to participate in seeking His Will on this, pray at home and join us for the meetings.



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

Kids Church 11:00-12:00 – PreK-5th Grade

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

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

Kids Church!

Kids are worshiping God in their own worship service every Sunday at 11:00 am in the TreeHouse!

The service is designed for ages PreK-5th Grade

Music, Bible Lessons, Games are all made to reinforce a scripture-based theme each month.

Come join us each Sunday!

KIDMIN APP

As a reminder if you have not registered your child with the KidMin App, please do so. If you need assistance with the app, please contact Carrie @ carriem@asbury-bett.org. Also, did you know you can use the Express Check-In to check-in your kids before you even arrive at church?

KidMin APP saves time and tickets are printed and waiting for you!

Sunday School Teacher Needed

We are looking for a 4/5th Grade Teacher for Sunday Mornings. Pat Tank will be happy to train you if you assist her this year; and will help you transition to take over for her in the Fall. Please contact Pat (563) 508-0280 or Carrie Meumann (563) 271-6723 if God is calling you to help in children's ministry.

Christmas Eve and Roots Kids!

On December 24th the celebration begins at 4:00-4:45pm with our 2nd annual NATIVITY PARTY in the TreeHouse!

Come see the live animals and have some hot chocolate!

At 5:00 pm, following the Nativity Party, join us in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service as Roots Kids presents the musical ***FOLLOW THE STAR***. The youth band will provide music for the congregation to sing along.



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

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm

We have activities planned 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!

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Lock-In

7:00pm Friday, January 17 through 8:00am Saturday at Asbury

Summer Games University

Summer Games University takes place July 13-17! It is my hope that we will have a large group going this year. If you need financial assistance, please speak to one of the pastors or Carrie Meumann. We will make certain that everyone who wants to go has the opportunity to be there. If you want to sponsor a youth to go, please talk to Carrie or one of the pastors as well. SGU is a summer camp for students who have "completed" grades 6-12. This is a one-week experience that helps kids build relationships with other Christian students and learn more about Jesus along the way. Cost of the camp is \$344 which includes lodging, crafts, worship and one of the most incredible camp experiences around.

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.

Jr and Sr High meet from 10:00am - 10:45am on Sunday mornings each week during the school year.

Come join us as we dive deeper in the Word of God!



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 January 11 and 25

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, January 3rd and 17th 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:

We hope everyone is looking forward to a Merry Christmas!

Please, please, please discuss preparing and serving a meal with your group, and let me know as soon as possible what date you will serve. I know many groups have already served, but we still have 13 dates to fill this school year. Every Wednesday in February through May 6 is open, except for no meal on March 18 during Spring Break. We GREATLY appreciate everyone's help!

No group is too small! We can help you find another small group to serve with or have helpers from the Hospitality Committee pitch in. We can also help you come up with a menu.

Please 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 church office, can help you get scheduled, too.

Thank you very much!
Cindy & Jo

Upcoming Meals

December 25 & January 1—No Meal
January 8—Morning Bells—Potato Bar
January 15—Optimists—Pulled Pork Sandwiches
January 22—Explorations Class & Trustees—Chili
January 29—Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups—Soup Bar

**Open Dates: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, 25;
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6**



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, January 4th and 11th 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

Prayer

We thank you for all of the ways you support and provide for us. Help us to be aware of the interconnected web of life and learn to be good stewards. May our actions honor your gift of Creation.

As we look toward setting goals for the New Year, may we keep Creation in mind: Calculate your plastic consumption and make a plan to reduce it.

<https://www.earthday.org/plastic-calculator/>

Did you know? You may drop off unwanted Christmas lights at the Davenport, Scott Area Recycling Center. There is no charge for this electronic waste item.

January Congregational Challenge Reassess To Use Less Energy

1. Turn down the thermostat a few degrees
2. Wash some loads of laundry in cold water
3. Make a household plan to turn off un-needed lights

Terracycle

We will continue collecting cereal and chip bags.

Thank you to everyone who has participated. We have collected 146 bags so far! The collection bin is in our main floor west coat closet. Terracycle recycles selected items that are not accepted in our city recycling program.

Green Church

New LED outdoor sconce lanterns have been installed at each entrance. Thank you Trustees!

"Stewardship is the wise and careful management of someone else's resources. Stewards are entrusted with something valuable, sometimes priceless, that belongs to another."



Hannah Circle - Tuesday, January 14 at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Foundry: 5055 Competition Dr., Bettendorf

Rachel Circle - Tuesday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m.
at Dress for Success—423 E. 32nd St., Davenport
Donations of gently-used handbags is appreciated.
Dinner will follow at a place to be announced.

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!

Food For Thought! *Nothing like a good bowl of soup to warm the soul. LIFT would like to stock the freezer with soup for Asbury's new warming center. If you enjoy cooking and spending time with friends, please join us on **January 11**, from 8am-11am, in the lower fellowship hall as we prep and prepare three different soups. Please RSVP, by Monday, January 6, to Stephanie Pim at pimfamily5@gmail.com. Another way that we can help the women that will be utilizing the Asbury warming center will be to stock gently used purses/small bags with commonly needed hygiene items. This will be based on what the local organization called Love Like Lorraine (created by Deb Bowen) does to help women all over the Quad City Area. You can visit the LLL Facebook page for a list of items. Please contact Jenny Bloomquist with any questions at 563.320.8632 or at jennyb48@gmail.com. More detailed information will be sent the week of the event.*

In **February**, we'll dive into a good book then meet for what should prove to be a lively discussion at a one-and-done book club style gathering on Thursday evening, February 20th at **Element Tea & Wine Lounge**, 5345 Belle Ct. #4, Davenport, from 6:30-8:30 pm. We'll be reading ***A Year of Biblical Womanhood: How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband 'Master'*** by Rachel Held Evans. This book will prove not only to be humorous and entertaining, but also insightful and instructional! This book can be ordered as part of our group order, which will be placed on January 13th, or can be ordered individually on Amazon. Please contact Marian Paulson at 309-507-1714 for more information and to RSVP for this event.

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

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

Asbury Warming Station

We are concerned about the upcoming winter being very cold! The Farmer's Almanac states we are going to be colder than last year. In response, Asbury will be hosting a warming station when the wind chill is negative 30 or colder. Last winter there were five days that fit that criteria. We have been informed that currently there are no local warming stations that allow children.

Our purpose is:

1. To do God's work by providing warmth and offering food & Christian hospitality to the vulnerable.
2. Collaborate with surrounding churches to provide a warming station designed for families with children.

There is a great need for a warming center in our community. We will start the program by limiting our number to 25 this winter, although the Salvation believes we could accommodate 50.

- We will be open to the public from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- We have a committee that is setting the guidelines and rules.
- We will provide coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate throughout the day.
- We have two freezers in the basement that are empty. We would like volunteer donations from the congregation of cookies, bars, muffins, or coffee cakes that we can offer in the morning. We will freeze them ahead of time so they are available to serve whenever needed.
- We would also like to offer something hot to serve in the afternoon. Donations of chili, chicken noodle soup or vegetable beef soup to freeze (dated and with main ingredients listed in case of allergies) will be greatly appreciated. Please put your name on your donations so we can recognize everyone who participates.

It will take many to pull this off and there are many ways you can help with this outreach ministry. In addition to bringing food to be frozen, we will need volunteers to sign-up to help by coming in on these cold days to work 4-hour overlapping shifts. We feel there should be 7 to 8 people with specific assignments. Shifts will start at 7:30am to get the coffee going and the room set up. The last shift will be over at 5:30, with clean up of the building. There is something for everyone who wants to serve in this ministry.

Global Ministries has graciously allowed us to use the funds raised from their Thanksgiving Pie Sale to help purchase bread, cheese & sandwich meat for the noontime meal. The funds will also purchase coffee, hot chocolate and tea to be served all day. We want this ministry to be self-sufficient since it is not budgeted into any other area.

We have contacted the surrounding churches and there are currently four churches willing to assist as soon as we determine what we need. We are asking them to have someone that can call for help manning the warming station, and we have asked them to collect hats, gloves & socks for give away to people before they leave. Kids are always losing gloves and hats!

Please do what you can as we work together for the same purpose...

Working for God by Serving God Together!

Thank you!

Carol Jackson and Brenda Sherrick, Asbury Parish Nurses



Thinking About Becoming a Member?

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

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

The next **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING** is **Sunday, January 26, 2020. We meet between the services (9:45-10:45) in Lower Fellowship Hall.** This promises to be a time of fun and fellowship with refreshments! Children are welcome to attend, but childcare is provided.

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

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

Recital on Pleyel Double Grand Piano at Asbury UMC **Friday, January 24 at 7:30 pm ~ Free and Open to the Public** **Hosted by Mark Russell Smith, Conductor of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra**

Join Quad City music lovers for an evening of duo and solo piano music featuring "Masterworks IV: Love" soloists Michael and Kyung Kim. This husband and wife duo will perform on the very rare Pleyel double grand piano owned by the Federated Music Teachers Association of the Quad Cities, currently housed at Asbury.

Michael Kim

Michael Kim is a Canadian concert pianist, professor and administrator. He is currently Professor and Director of the University of Minnesota School of Music, Twin Cities. Previous positions include Dean of the School of Music at Brandon University (2008-2015) and Chair of the Keyboard Department, and Faculty Associate to the President at Lawrence University, WI.

Kyung Kim

Since making her professional debut at age 13 performing Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, Korean-American pianist Kyung Kim has performed widely to critical acclaim in concerto, recital and chamber music performances throughout Asia, North America, and Europe.



Asbury Cookie Ministry could use a few additional volunteers to deliver cookies to first-time visitors. Volunteers take turns and trade dates as needed. You may deliver anytime during the week that is convenient and would be scheduled only once every couple months. This is a very well received and appreciated reach-out ministry! If you can help please contact Patty at:
pattys@asbury-bett.org
Thank you!

Volunteers Needed Can You Help?

Help is needed for our neighborhood schools to move into their brand new building! High school and adult volunteers needed.

Monday, December 23 at 8am

- Load trailer at Mark Twain South (Former Jefferson—610 Holmes St.)
- Load trailer at Mark Twain North (Ross College—2119 Kimberly Rd.) (both happening simultaneously)

Thursday, December 26 at 8am

- Unload trailers at New Mark Twain (1620 Lincoln Rd.)

Friday, December 27 at 8am

- Unload trailers at New Mark Twain (1620 Lincoln Rd.)

Contact Curt Pratt:

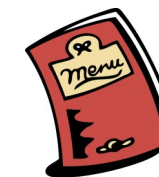
curtpratt@bettendorf.k12.ia.us
563-332-8600, ext. 6501



End of Year Giving Deadline

Please remember that federal law requires that donations for the 2019 tax year must be given to the church no later than 12/31/2019 or mailed to the church in an envelope postmarked no later than 12/31/2019.

2019 gifts received after December 31 will be tax deductible in 2020.



Great for Christmas Gift Giving! 2019-20 Dining Tour Coupon Books

The 2019-2020 Quad City Dining Tour Coupon books are 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 Workshop

How could this quote by Nora Roberts apply to your marriage?

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."

On **Saturday February 29th**, Charles and Marie Bauer will lead a free, light-hearted celebration of marriage followed by a renewal of vows with Doug Cue and host a wedding reception. The schedule is: Enrichment Event from 2:00-3:15 and Vow Renewal at 3:30 with reception following. Nursery will be available with pre-registration for children through age 11, at a fee of \$5 per child. Couples who pre-register will receive a booklet to continue the conversation at home.



SNACK ATTACK!!

Hope at the Brick House

Church and Society Commission is asking for your support for our ongoing year-round Children's Ministry for 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 ARE NOT 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.



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!



Asbury Card Ministry January 8 6:30 p.m.

Please join us at Asbury Card Ministry on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 in Rooms 302 & 303 to make Valentine cards.

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

Linda Dudgeon at:
lddudgeon@yahoo.com or

Alinda Littrel at:
galauctionservices@gmail.com

***We hope to see you on
January 8th!***



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, **January 5th**.

Please remember:
we do NOT take glass bottles.

Thank You!



New Location!

Thank you for your continued support of the Bettendorf Food Pantry. 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

Caregivers Support Group

January 8, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

St. John Vianney Parish
4097-18th Street, Bettendorf
in the Vianney Room
(North Entrance)

Office phone: 563-332-7910

health@sjvbett.org

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



Prayer Requests

Updated prayer requests are listed on our website each week from Rev. Lee Schott, Pastor at Women of the Well UMC located in the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. The website will allow you to view and pray for the concerns as your time allows. (If you would like to purchase a Bible for Women at the Well, Bibles are available at a discount price through Cokesbury.)

Visit: www.asbury-bett.org



No Exercise Class December 17 through January 2

Exercise will resume every Tuesday & Thursday on January 7 from 9:00-10:00 A.M. in Upper Fellowship Hall

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

S.O.S. Short on Solutions!

The Friendly Thrift Center will be losing its slate of officers in April of next year. That includes the manager and the display arranger. Ideally, two volunteers would share the management position and duties.

Please pray on our situation and contact Thiara Smith with help with our solution. The Thrift Center has been operating successfully for 50 years and we expect God will help provide the resources for an even greater future for this valuable mission.



Please Keep in Your Prayers~

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

Condillard (Wynell Bragg's friend)
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)
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)
Mandy (Terry & Kelly Miller's granddaughter's mother)
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!



Trinity Parish Nurse Program Anointing Service Sunday, January 26, 2:00 pm

The parish nurses at Asbury are pleased to be hosting the *Anointing Ceremony for Faith Community Health Advocates*. There were seven who completed the 40-hour program.

Our biggest joy is Cheryl Ewert will be anointed at this time. Please come celebrate with us in Cheryl's anointing. A reception will follow in Upper Fellowship Hall.

Mark your calendar!

Foundation Gift Recognitions

The Asbury Foundation Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank Carol Jackson, Ruth McMorran, Joyce Bateman and Earl Oelerich for their gift to the Asbury Foundation in celebration of their birthdays.

If you have a birthday or other occasion in January 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)



Hats, Mittens & Gloves!

Asbury's Church & Society Commission will continue to collect mittens, hats and gloves to take to the Friendly Thrift Center through the winter. 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 is located in the east entryway.

Thank you for your help!



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

Stewardship

Thank You!

Thank you to all who have returned their Estimate of Giving for Asbury's 2020 General Fund. If you have not yet committed and need another estimate of giving card, please call the church office at 355-5218 or email: pattys@asbury-bett.org.



First Name
Last Name

Asbury United Methodist Church

Asbury Nametags

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



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.

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!