



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News!



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



February Sunday Sermon Series “Prayer”

Please Join Us in Worship
8:30 Traditional Service ~ 11:00 Praise Service

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 (weather permitting)

“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

December 22.....	Worship—263
December 22.....	SS & Kid's Church—88
December 24.....	Worship—553
December 29.....	Worship—219
January 5	Worship—254
January 5	SS & Kid's Church—95
January 12	Worship—234
January 12	SS & Kid's Church—105
January 19	Worship—193
January 19	SS & Kid's Church—73

BY OUR GIFTS

December Income	\$86,560
December Expense	\$110,801
YTD 12/31 Income	\$723,218
YTD 12/31 Expense	\$711,905
Special Christmas Offering	\$2,044
Human Relations Day Offering	\$317

BY OUR SERVICE

Thank you for your recent contributions to the Churches United Food Pantry totaling \$20.

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!



Warming Station

The weather is now cold and winter is here! Preparations are underway to open our warming station at Asbury.

The freezer is plugged in and ready to receive food. Items needed include:

- ▶ Homemade breads, muffins, coffee cakes & cookies
- ▶ Soup: chicken noodle, vegetable beef and chili

Our prayers are that we will not need to open, BUT, if we do, we want to be ready to serve God by warming peoples' bodies and souls.

Thank you,
Asbury Parish Nurses

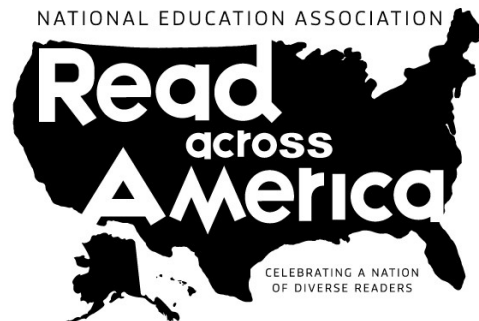
AIM - (Asbury In Mission) Prayer Group

Pastor Heather and Marie Bauer are organizing a short-term prayer group to seek God's Will on Missions at Asbury. Each prayer 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. The prayer group will meet in the chapel at **1:30 for six Monday afternoons in a row, starting on Monday, January 27, 2020 and ending on Monday, March 1, 2020.** If you feel called to participate in seeking His Will on Missions at Asbury, pray at home and join us for the prayer meetings.

Wednesday, March 4th

Asbury is coordinating a reading event with Mark Twain Elementary, similar to last year at Thomas Jefferson. Volunteers will be asked to read a book to students in individual classrooms. Times will be coordinated with classroom teachers. Please plan to join us in this important and fun Asbury outreach!

Look for further information and sign-up sheets coming soon!



Blessing Bags

Community Outreach



Asbury is 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 maybe 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!



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

8:00 AM on Monday, February 24
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.





Stewards of Creation

Prayer

We thank you for loving us and giving us the resources we need. As we are called to love each other, help us to protect, share and make responsible choices regarding all of your creation.

February Congregational Challenge

Offer a ride to a neighbor or nearby friend to show Christian love to people and the planet.

Recycling

If you are not sure if something can be recycled in your curbside bin, check out <http://www.wastecom.com/Content/Facilities/Scott-Area-Recycling-Center.aspx> for a list of acceptable and not acceptable items. For very specific information: Click the “residential” tab, click “communities”, enter your city, then click “this link”. It takes you to a page that asks “How do I dispose of this?” Click “List of materials”. Here is an alphabetical choice. Click on a letter to receive guidance about almost any item you could possibly think of to discard.

Terracycle

We will continue collecting cereal and chip bags. We have collected 249 bags so far! The collection bin is in our main floor west coat closet.

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



Marriage Enrichment Workshop

**Let’s talk about your marriage....
Do you think a couple hours together might benefit you both?**

Charles and Marie Bauer will be leading a fun time to reconnect with your spouse on **Saturday Afternoon, February 29 from 2:00-4:00pm.** Topics will include (1) Togetherness, (2) Discipleship and (3) Serving. These topics will be preceded by live music and followed by a renewal of vows. The event ends with a wedding reception. To couples that pre-register, a pamphlet to continue the conversation at home will be provided. Child care is available with pre-registration for children under 5 years for a cost of \$5 each. Reservations must be made by Thursday, February 20th, unless you don’t want the brochure or childcare. Join us at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1809 Mississippi Blvd in Bettendorf, Iowa. 563-355-5218



All Women are
Invited & Welcome!



Women’s Fellowship

Hannah Circle - Tuesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast at Stacks Pancake House
1661 Grant St., Bettendorf

Rachel Circle - Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Pam Duehr’s home—2537 Countryside Lane, Bettendorf
Hostesses—Pam Duehr & Cheryl Ewert
Program—Plus 60
Service Project—Please bring items for the Blessing Bags

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!

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 individually on Amazon or by contacting 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!





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 February 8th and 22nd

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, February 7th and 21st 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:

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 8 dates to fill this school year. Every Wednesday in March through May 6 is open, except for no meal on March 18 during Spring Break and April 15 is scheduled. 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 Bruhn & Jo Winegar

Upcoming Meals

January 29—Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups—Soup Bar

February 5—WINGS Group

February 12—Men's Group

February 19—Explorations Class & Trustees—Chili

February 26 (Ash Wednesday)—Church & Society

March 4, 11, 25; April 1, 8, 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, February 1st and 8th 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!!





March 4, 11, 18 and 25

Discover your **Spiritual Gifts** ("what" you're equipped to do to serve competently), **Personal Style** ("how" you can best serve to serve authentically), and **Ministry Passion** ("where" you're motivated to serve enthusiastically). This class is designed to help

guide you to a place of meaningful service in your local church and how to use your gifts to serve in his kingdom. Your gifts can change over time and this class will help you to know which ministry opportunities to say "yes" to and which ones to let others do. **Feel free to contact Pat Tank at pat_tank@yahoo.com or 563-508-0280 or the church office at pattys@asbury-bett.org or 563-355-5218 for more information or to sign up for the class.**

This class will meet for 4 Wednesdays:

**March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 6:00-7:00pm at the church.
Nursery available if needed.**



GRIEF SHARE

Classes Begin March 3, 2020

Our Grief Share Ministry Team will offer a class beginning Tuesday, March 3rd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Room #304 at Asbury. This is an eleven week program which is designed so that individuals may attend every week or only periodically, and, you may begin at any time.

This Grief Share is scripture based and will provide heartfelt support and encouragement. We will walk with you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You will be welcomed by a warm and caring team who want to help.

Please call the church at 355-5218 if you want to attend the class. If you have any questions, please call to visit with any one of us.

Brenda Sherrick, Carol Jackson and Cheryl Ewert

Thank You from Hope at the Brick House

Dear Asbury Church Family,

Thank you for the many ways you support the children and families at Hope at the Brick House. We are so grateful for the support to a family by the Rachel Circle and for the ongoing financial support by the church.

Thank you!

Joyce Klopp, Director of Hope at the Brick House



New Asbury Member
January 12, 2020



Mary Jo Flesher-Auliff - 510 Grant St., Bettendorf 52722 - (563) 499-5361 maryauliff@gmail.com

Mary Jo is co-owner and operator of Auliff's Trees 'n More. She enjoys showing and breeding Labrador Retrievers, Standard Poodles and Labradoodles. She is a fine gourmet cook with over 2,000 cookbooks, loves art & classical music, has sailed Lightening Sailboats and loves to travel. She is Area Director for Toastmaster, really enjoys speech competition and is a certified judge for Speech Constate. She has six grown sons. Mary Jo is transferring her membership from Colona United Methodist Church in Colona, Illinois.

Mary Jo brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Her faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to her!



Newcomer's Gathering
Sunday, January 26

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.



Jesus is the Bridge™



Greetings....from Pastor Tom

Jesus is the Bridge.

These are four simple words, but they are meant to be a clear, concise and compelling way to express the heart of who we are, what we believe and what we hope to accomplish as Asbury United Methodist Church.

Last year we engaged the services of a professional coach to help us become healthier and more effective in our mission. The Rev. Dr. Phil Maynard has helped us to identify two areas of emphasis that can have the greatest positive impact. The first was developing a clear process for making disciples of Jesus Christ. The second was ministry with children in our community. The ministry strategy team formed two subgroups to address each area. Here's an update on what they are doing.

Regarding our ministry with children in the community, we have begun by establishing positive, trusting relationships. We continue to make connections with leaders from Mark Twain and Neil Armstrong Elementary schools. You'll see in this edition of the Good News information about helping with a reading day at Mark Twain Elementary. We also have been helping to make blessing bags with hygiene products available to school personnel to offer to families where they see a need. The important thing is that each person in our church is open to how God might want you to care for the children in our community through you. The team will continue to coordinate opportunities, but all of us can also be responsible to finding our individual ways to serve.

The other area is a clear process for making disciples of Jesus Christ. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That is our mission as Asbury as well. Unfortunately, over the years many churches have taken discipleship for granted and neglected to have in place a clear way for it to happen. Our strategy team is developing a process using "Jesus is the Bridge" as a guiding image.

The graphic on the opposite page uses that bridge theme and shows the five vows that United Methodists make when they join a local congregation. We commit to support the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. The team is developing guidelines to help all of us assess where we are in each of those five vows. The goal is to move from a beginning interest in a relationship with Jesus to becoming maturing disciples who are also helping others to grow as disciples of Jesus as well.

For our sermon series in February, we'll begin with the importance of prayer. We'll be using Jesus' teaching on the Lord's Prayer to explore the heart of prayer. There will be valuable insights on how we can move from occasional prayer to a powerful prayer life that is an expression of a deep relationship with Jesus.

We are on this journey together. There is a wonderful future that God has for us and Jesus is the bridge that will get us there.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom



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 and 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 will you assist her this year and 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.

Asbury Reaches Out to Kids at Hope at the Brick House

Snack Attack!!!

Asbury's Church & Society Ministry 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.

YOUTH News!

**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!

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 kid 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 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!

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

2020



Connecting * Equipping * Transforming
OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!
DON'T MISS OUT—JOIN A GROUP NOW!!

Studies by Adam Hamilton have always been popular. His latest offering, entitled THE WALK, delves into the five essential practices of a Christian life—prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This six week study is being offered by many of our groups who then plan to continue with the Lenten Study by Amy-Jill Levine, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS.

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS is a six week study which gives new insight and a different perspective into Lent by beginning with Christ's entry into Jerusalem (what we call Palm Sunday). It proceeds to The Temple scene where Jesus drives out the money changers, hence the title, Righteous Anger. The third week dwells on Teaching—Challenges of love God; love of neighbor; and the use of money. The First Dinner when a woman anoints Jesus is Lesson four. Lesson five covers The Last Supper (or Passover) Judas, and the details of Peter and his fear. Lesson six finds Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and deals with Temptation. Of course, the following Sunday will be Easter and the pastors will be proclaiming the good news of Christ's resurrection!

What a wonderful opportunity to deepen our walk with Jesus and with others and to enjoy the benefits that a small group offers. What a special gift to give yourself for Easter!

Please consider joining a group NOW!! The following will give you details as to what the groups are doing. If you have questions, please see Linda Manning.

The Adult Ministry Team

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAYS

ADVENTURES IN FAITH—Room 304

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

Join this group as they explore the Ten Commandments and how they apply to every day problems. They will follow this by Adam Hamilton's latest offering entitled THE WALK which will be a study on prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Beginning on March 1, they will join the Lenten Study, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine. Besides studying a wide variety of topics, they participate in service projects throughout the year. New members are always welcome!

They meet during the school year on Sundays from 9:45-1:45 AM in Room 304

AGAPE—Room 302-303

Contact Pat Thornton 563-332-4824 psthornton@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. Currently, they are enjoying Andy Stanley's study, ME AND MY BIG MOUTH. That will be followed by Adam Hamilton's, THE WALK (a study of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness). On March 1 they will participate in the Lenten offering, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine. 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 09:45-10:45 AM**. Following a study entitled ME AND MY BIG MOUTH by Andy Stanley, they will do the latest offering by Adam Hamilton entitled THE WALK which will discuss presence, prayers, gifts, service, and witness. Beginning March 1, they will begin the Lenten study, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine.

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 parents. They always welcome new members! PSP is currently involved in a study entitled PRESENT OVER PERFECT by Shauna Niequeist. It will be followed by JESUS OUTSIDE THE LINES: A WAY FORWARD FOR THOSE WHO ARE TIRED OF TAKING SIDES by Scott Sauls. They plan to finish the year with CHRISTIAN: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK by Andy Stanley.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Contact: Bob Mattison 563-332-9889 Rmattison68@gmail.com,

Tom Rizzolo 309-755-7766 trizzolo@yahoo.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!! They will begin THE WALK by Adam Hamilton on January 16. Following this study, they will participate in the Lenten offering, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine on February 27. Stay tuned for what the study will be to finish out the year.

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**. They will study ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine during Lent and end the season with THE ROCK, THE ROAD, AND THE RABBI by Kathie Lee Gifford.

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 and conversation followed by some study and a video, and wrap up with Joys and 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 congregation and grow closer to each other! At this time, they will be studying THE WALK by Adam Hamilton.

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)

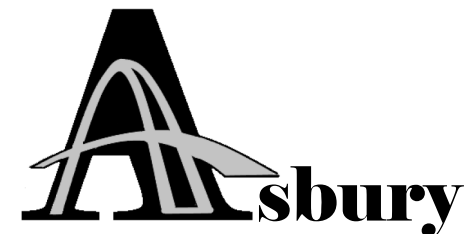
Contact: Jean Black 563-676-0120 jeaniniowa60@gmail.com

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 and to do some service projects along the way. **They meet on Wednesday Nights from 6:15-7:30 PM at the church in Room 111 on the Lower Level**. They are watching and discussing the movie, WAR ROOM. After that, they will serve the Wednesday Night Evening meal on February 3. They will participate in the study for Lent, ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS by Amy-Jill Levine.

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.



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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!



**Tuesday & Thursday
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 it's slate of officers in April. 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.



Asbury Card Ministry February 12 6:30 p.m.

Please join us at Asbury Card Ministry on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 in Rooms 302 & 303 to make ladies birthday cards and sympathy 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
February 12th!***



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.



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, **February 2nd**. **Only clean cans and no glass bottles please.**

Pop Cans may be left 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.)



Food Pantry

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. Monetary gifts (marked accordingly) may be left in the offering plate, cash lock boxes located in each narthex or in the church office.



Coping & Caring

Caregivers Support Group

February 12, 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. Visit www.asbury-bett.org

Bibles are also always needed as new inmates arrive. Many Bibles are available at a discount price through Cokesbury at www.cokesbury.com



Please Keep in Your Prayers~

**Mary Jo Flesher-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)
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)
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)
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.



If you have a birthday or other occasion in February 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.



The Asbury Veterans Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 18th at 8:00 a.m.** for breakfast at Jimmy's Pancake House, 2521 18th St. Bettendorf. All veterans are invited and welcome! For more information contact Lonnie Fisher at 355-7825.



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)

Veterans Group



New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Jon and Ellen Mulder on the birth of a daughter, Rori Mae, on December 16. She is welcomed by big brother, Everett; and grandmother, Robin James.

Jeff and Caron Kraft on the birth of two grandchildren - Carter Jeffrey on November 12, son of Kelsey & Bobby Allard of Marietta, GA.; and Sloan Vada on December 21, daughter of Mike & Kelsi Kraft of Denver, CO.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Doris and Bob Mattison & Family on the death of Doris' sister, Gail, on December 22.

Joann Jindresek and family on the death of her husband, Walter, on January 3.



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
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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!