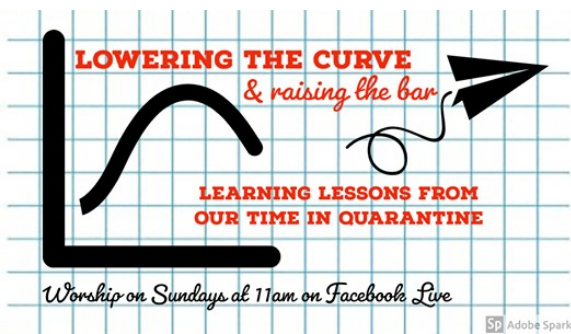


Our Mission ~ To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World



Join Us in Worship Online Sunday at 11:00

Go to Facebook Live to join Asbury family and friends celebrating worship together! You do not need have a Facebook account, simply go to the Asbury Website and click on the red "Live Worship" button. You may also access the recorded service later in the day or week.

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

[JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://www.jesusisthebridge.org)



Please Do Your Part and STAY HOME

Our building is closed while we wait out this pandemic. We have a small crew in the office trying hard to keep everyone connected. Please feel free to contact any of the church staff if a need arises.

Our situation is changing daily...please check for the most up-to-date announcements regarding church activities on our website.

We look forward to having everyone back in the building before too long...it's lonely here without you! Take Care!

We are a part of history as we have an opportunity to demonstrate how God can sustain us through the greatest of challenges.

Psalm 14:27 can be a source of strength as we trust in God:

***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."***



Message from Pastor Tom...We are all living through an unprecedented time in the history of our world. It amazes me to think that our daughter who lives on the other side of the world in Southeast Asia is being affected by the same corona virus that affects us. We can see so much more clearly now how our world is so interconnected.

Our theme in worship for the coming weeks will be **Lower the Curve and Raise the Bar**. That means we want to use this time to consider ways that we must change to become more healthy and more effective in our mission of caring for people and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Bible has many examples of bad situations that God turned around and used to bring about some good outcome. We are learning that we are capable of change that we would have thought unimaginable just a few months ago. By taking a prayerful look at our lives as individuals, a church, a community and a nation, we can ask for wisdom to discern what to change and power to make those changes for the better.

While the future may seem uncertain, the good news is that Jesus calls us to follow him into the new world. He will meet us there and that gives us hope. I look forward to making the journey with you.

How to be UNAFRAID in a Changing World...Let's face it. Our world has changed overnight. For some, this has brought a lot of uncertainty and worries. Some are struggling with fear & anxiety and wondering how they can adjust to this constantly changing situation.

Adam Hamilton has offered an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions and hope in a five-week study entitled **UNAFRAID**. This study can be video streamed online. **We are encouraging people to watch the video stream anytime during the week and then gather together by way of zoom on Sunday mornings beginning on April 26 at 10:00 AM.** Kurt Streicher and Pat Thornton will co-facilitate these sessions.

For those without access to video streaming or for those who would like to read the book, call the church office to pick up a book or request that a copy be delivered to you. We have a few DVD's that we can loan if you would like to watch that from home. (Sessions run from 15-18 minutes)

Please give serious thought to participating in this study as it offers an honest assessment about the danger of nurturing fears and the power of facing them down. It draws on Scripture and science as it offers a faith-filled guide to reclaiming our minds and our lives in this ever-changing world, and, by doing so, helps us find ways to lead lives of hope and courage. Please call the class facilitator or church office for the Zoom link.



Stewards of Creation...The April Congregational Challenge is to plant to support birds, bees & butterflies. As you purchase & grow plants, remember our precious pollinators. Go to the Asbury website, [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://www.jesusisthebridge.org) for a list of suggestions!



Roots Kids...We're online for you as well! Join us for our weekly video just for you! We'll have a lesson, songs and a game or two each week. Go to our website or Facebook page to watch!

Storytime...You'll also want to watch Story Time with Pastor Heather. Watch live on Facebook each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This is also recorded for later viewing.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth...Youth Group ZOOM Meeting every Wednesday at 6:00pm. Same link is used every week, which can be found in your parent's email. Need help connecting?...contact Carrie at carriem@asbury-bett.org.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael, Angie, Peyton & Nolan Reese on the death of Michael's father, Robert Reese, on April 4.

Diana & Chuck Mahoski on the death of Diana's father, Orvil Nelson, on April 11.

The family & friends of Ward Olson. Ward passed away on April 16.

Congratulations to Gale and John Hale on the birth of a grandson, Michael James, on April 15. Parents are Amanda & Jeff Irvin. Michael is welcomed by his big sister, Haley.

Prayer Concerns...One of the things we want to improve is our prayer life as a church. We are now changing the way we receive and process prayer concerns. Instead of a prayer list, we want to develop a culture of prayer in our church. The goals will be: developing the prayer life of all members of the church, team members who will be in touch with people who request prayer and to actually pray with them; a relationship that continues through the need until it is resolved, and sharing & celebrating answered prayers. Our Lay Leader, Pat Tank, along with Pat and Pam Thornton, have stepped up to give leadership to developing new ways to pray for and with people. For now, if you have a prayer concern, you can contact the church office.



Hello from your Parish Nurse Team...Our Response to Covid-19 Pandemic

As part of the overall plan of the regional Emergency Management System, all congregations are instructed to first take care of their own members. The goal is to match needs with resources as close to the need as possible. **Here is how we will do it at Asbury:**

If you have a need you may choose one of these options:

1. Call the church office. (563-355-5218).
2. Make a request on the church webpage: JesusIsTheBridge.org

Go to the bottom of the page and click on "**Congregational Care**". You will be taken to a page that gives you 3 options:

Visiting Form: to fill out if you have offered care to someone.

Need Assistance?: if you would like to request help for something.

Can you help?: if you are willing to help someone else who has a need.

Keep washin' your hands!....And, if you need a mask, let us know....we may be able to help.

Stay safe and God bless, Brenda, Carol and Cheryl

Would your small group like to meet online?...Call the church office at 355-5218 or email patty at: pattys@asbury-bett.org to reserve a meeting time on ZOOM.

Thank You Gale...On April 13 Gale Hale retired after 8 years of dedicated service to Asbury. We will recognize her faithful service when the church re-opens. Best wishes, Gale, for a happy and blessed future!

Foundation Gift Recognitions...Thank you to those who gave a gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday....Talbot Berry, Leanna DeWild, Bob Ryken, Becky Reiter, Darcy Johnson and Ken Jones.

Newsletter Deadline...Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, May 4th**. Thank you!

Ladies in Fellowship Together...Check the LIFT Facebook page for the latest news & words of inspiration.

Asbury Men's Group...Contact Cliff Pim (563-340-2722), Phil Paulson (309-502-9236) or the church office (355-5218) for the next Zoom meeting date, time and link. All men are welcome!

Asbury Newcomers Gathering scheduled for April 26 has been postponed. Newcomers 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. Our goal is to get to know you better and for you to get to know Asbury better. Tentative date is July 26—stay tuned for more information. All are welcome!

New on Staff...We welcome Cheryl DeCap as our part-time Financial Secretary. We're very excited to have Cheryl on board! She can be reached at CherylID@asbury-bett.org. We also welcome Amber Jerson, who is taking on the role of "Media Specialist." Her first assignment will be to prepare the media for our online worship.

Giving your offerings while worshipping online...**You may mail your offering to the church**, or simply go to our website at JesusIsTheBridge.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 JesusIsTheBridge.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.



For giving made easy, scan this QR code with your phone for easy access!

