



A View from the Other Side

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



Sunday Online Worship 10:00 a.m. through July 1

Go to Facebook Live to join Asbury family and friends celebrating worship together! You do not need to 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.

“Hello, from the Other Side”

Jesus has commanded us to love our neighbor. Neighbors are people who live on the other side of the outer walls of our home. People are divided in so many ways today. If we are to thrive as a community and in a diverse world, we must know how to connect with people on the other side.

Join us online in worship in June as we look to the Bible for guidance on how we listen to and connect with our neighbors on the other side.

We Are Still in a Pandemic....

Our building is closed while we wait out this pandemic. We have a small crew in the office from 8:00-Noon this summer. Please feel free to call or contact a staff member at home if a need arises.

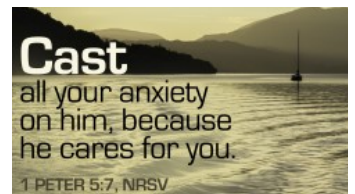
Asbury Church will be looking to our Bishop Laurie Haller and the Iowa Conference leadership for guidelines on how we will re-enter. They can be found at: <https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/iowa-annual-conference-of-the-united-methodist-church-crisis-response-re-entry-plan-13653399>

They state that even in the Yellow Cautionary Stage, congregations with an average attendance of 50 or more should still refrain from gathering in the building. Worship is different than walking through a store. Being in the same space for more than 30 minutes increases the risk of virus transmission. That is why we will be especially cautious. Because we love you.

Please check for the most up-to-date announcements regarding church activities on our website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://www.jesusisthebridge.org)

We look forward to having everyone back in the building as soon as safely possible.

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



DVD Ministry...Do you or someone you know NOT have access to the internet and are NOT able to watch Asbury's worship services? Contact Don Mitchem at dondmitch@aol.com or **563-528-2736**.

Message from Pastor Tom....

On Monday, May 18 the Asbury Church Council decided to continue to offer online worship only at least through July 1. We are following the guidelines offered by the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church that can be found at the link above in the previous article. **The safety of our people is our primary concern.**

We have always known that we provide an essential service. And the past several weeks have reinforced the fact that the church is not a building, the church is a people. We have never been closed, we have just continued to worship in our homes in a new way. We have continued to care for one another and serve our community. We have never stopped being an active, vital church. When we return to worshipping in our building, we will be prepared and we will be safe. That will require some changes that allow for social distancing. The quality of the worship experience will be one of the things we consider before we return to the building. For example, if we can't sing and we must wear masks, how much does that detract from the worship experience? We can't just go back to the way things were. We are also committed to offering online worship even when we are back in the building.

In the meantime, keep joining us for worship online on Sundays at 10:00am, keep caring for each other, keep sharing God's love and keep being the church in the community.

Pastor Tom

YOUTH SUMMERTIME FUN - The Youth Group Zoom Meetings will continue this summer. We are having too much fun to stop now, so join us each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Trivia Games such as GimKit are led by Carrie Meumann. Starting in June, monthly prizes will be awarded for attendance...so don't miss out!! Remember, you can Zoom on your Cell Phone or a desktop computer! Email Carrie Meumann for more details or to request the Zoom log-on code! carriem@asbury-bett.org



ROOTSKIDS ONLINE - Parents help your K-5th graders out and set a reminder to watch the weekly RootsKids videos. We just finished up *How To Train Your Emotions* with all the dragon fire! Each week you will find activities such as puzzles, coloring pages, word searches and the parent resource in the comments section. Coming this month, we will put on the scuba gear and "DIVE IN" to the books of the Bible!

ROOTSKIDS now has their own Facebook Page! Be sure to LIKE us! Filled with our weekly videos and kid challenges, this is a fun place to connect our kids in a new and creative way! Take and post your photos of each challenge and you just may be selected for a special prize drawing!



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

ASBURY'S COVID19
RESPONSE

Cheryl Ewert has agreed to coordinate our **Community Response to the COVID-19 Virus**. She and pastor Tom meet every Thursday with Bettendorf Mayor Bob Gallagher and leaders from area social service agencies and the other faith communities. As needs in the community are shared, Cheryl will coordinate how our church can help to meet those community needs. You can find the latest on our church website at JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the purple "Asbury's Covid 19 Response" button as shown here.

As part of the overall plan of the regional Emergency Management System, all congregations are also instructed to first take care of their own members. Go to the bottom of the website 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.

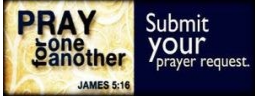
Need Assistance?: if you would like to request help for something.

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

Stay safe and God bless.....from Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



PRAYER MINISTRY UPDATE....Thank you to everyone who is joining us in our new Prayer Ministry efforts. We have begun receiving Prayer Requests and Praises though the new Home Page Link on our church website, JesusIsTheBridge.org. Besides receiving prayers and praises, several church members have volunteered to join our Prayer Ministry team, both as a **Prayer Servant**, who will pray for people and as a **Prayer Partner**, who will pray with people.



The purpose of our Prayer Ministry Team is to create opportunities & environments to build disciples through intimate communion with God, to learn & cooperate with His divine will, and to show compassion toward other believers & the world around us. Our Lay Leader, Pat Tank, along with Pat & Pam Thornton, invite church members to join this new ministry by getting in touch with them. Please continue to use the button shown above on our Home Page for prayers & praises. You may also contact the church office if you have a prayer concern or wish to learn more about or join the Prayer Ministry Team.

•**"Hymns We Love" Summer Class**...Asbury will hold a summer Sunday School class for adults and older youth called, "Hymns We Love." Each session will cover favorite hymns in our two hymn books (The United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing), telling each hymn's history and inviting attendees to discuss how those hymns have been meaningful. The class will be informal, with the hymns chosen by attendees. The class is planned for Sundays at 8:45 a.m., from June 7th through August 16th. The class will be held on **ZOOM** by using the same link as the Unafraid class. If you need the link or if you have questions about the class, please check the church's website, contact the church office, or contact the class coordinator, Don Mitchem (dondmitch@aol.com, 563-528-2736).

•**RECYCLED CANS PROGRAM ENDS**....Due to increased concerns over health and cleanliness, we will no longer accept recycled items at the church. We thank you for understanding.

•**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**.

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

•**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!

•**Global Ministries Seek & Find Sale**...**Global Ministries will not hold their annual Seek & Find Sale in 2020.**

•**May/June Upper Rooms are here**. Call the church at 355-5218 to have a copy mailed or delivered to you.

•**Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to those who gave a gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday...Mary Fanning, Sue Gallagher, and Nancy & Roger Moler.

•**Steward of Creation**...Visit our website for the **June Congregational Challenge—"Protect and Support Birds"**

•**Women at the Well Benefit Concert**....A virtual online concert will be held on **Friday, May 29**. Go to Women at the Well Facebook page for more information!

Giving Your Offering

You may go to our website at JesusIsTheBridge.org or download an app to your phone.

Both options take you to the same place. After creating a profile on your first visit, giving your offering is easy and convenient anytime day or night...even during worship!

If using the 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!

You have two options for your Online Giving:

- **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:** Make a one-time contribution or set up a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card. (*Card giving includes a 2.75% processing fee with an option for you to pay or the church will cover the cost.*)

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- **Automatic Deposit** - 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!

You may also mail your offering to the church.