



Think of how much has changed since 1996. That's when the congregation made the major decision to remodel the church building and rotate seating in the sanctuary by 90°.

Now think of how much our world has changed in just the last four months. Due to the coronavirus, many things are kind of on hold. But what if we saw this time as an opportunity to make **a fresh start?**

As we prepare to come back into our building, I'm encouraging us to think as if we were starting a fresh church designed for today's new reality. Some things will stay the same but some things will need to change.

On June 29 our Church Council approved a working plan to return to our building that includes continuing our online worship at 10:00am and adds an in-person worship at 8:00 am beginning in August. The goal is not to just return to the ways things were, but to build toward a fresh start for this new day.

Ultimately we want to have a Sunday morning schedule that allows for: a second in-person worship that is early enough for fellowship afterwards; worship opportunities for children that are designed for them; and adult small groups that help people grow in their relationship with God and other people. Some will be in-person and some will be online. Overall it is becoming clearer that we need to change our thinking from a goal of getting people into our building to a mission of getting our people out into the community.

It is a challenging time, but it's also very exciting to think of a new thing that God may be doing through us. Please join us online in July as we prepare for a fresh start for our church and in our own lives.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Tom

July Worship is Online — 10:00am on Facebook Live
Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org and click on the "Live Worship" button.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey regarding our worship. If you would like to be part of a Sunday morning practice worship session with a limited number of people please contact the church office.

Before Sunday Worship... Zoom with friends from 8:45-9:50 through August 16 for "Hymns We Love", a fun, interesting summer class with Don Mitchem. To receive the Zoom link, or if you have questions, please check the church's website, contact the church office, or contact Don Mitchem (dondmitch@aol.com, 563-528-2736).



July 12 Outdoor Worship
8:30 a.m. on Mississippi Blvd. in front of the church
We will worship with social distancing 6-ft. apart. Please bring your own chair. Masks are required. You may also remain in your car and tune in on the radio.
9:30 a.m. Outdoor Reception to celebrate Patrick Mulloy's seminary graduation and Commissioning as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church
10:00 a.m. Worship online at Facebook Live



Praises and Requests for Prayer may be submitted on our website JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the "Prayers & Praise" button. If you would like to be part of Asbury's Prayer Team please contact Pat Tank, Pam & Pat Thornton, the pastors or parish nurses.

Birdies for Charity



Even though the John Deere Classic golf tournament has been cancelled this year, you can still make a donation to Asbury Church through Birdies for Charity.

Donations to Asbury through Birdies are guaranteed a 5% bonus match. You can use Birdies to make your regular offering, however special gifts above your normal offering would be greatly appreciated in this challenging economic time.

Call the church office to request a pledge form or you can go to <http://www.birdiesforcharity.com/donate> to make a donation. Type in the Asbury number **2269** or just "Asbury" and we pop right up!

Thank you!

Deadline: Mail to Birdies for Charity by July 10



Churches United is again sponsoring a community-wide food drive. Asbury will be participating by asking the congregation to make monetary donations to allow food pantries to buy bulk food at a reduced cost. **Please make checks payable to Asbury indicating "Thanksgiving in July" on the memo line.** All donations collected by Churches United will stay in the Quad Cities area and go directly to its 26 food pantries, 2 hot meal sites, and Winnie's Place Shelter. Donations will be collected throughout the month of July.

Due to the Covid-19 concerns with handling of food & essential non-food items, Asbury will participate in the Churches United drive through monetary donations only this year. This will allow food pantries to buy bulk food at a reduced cost.

Donations may also be made online at www.cuqca.org/donate.php or on Churches United's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchesUnitedoftheQuadCityArea>.

We look forward to the Asbury Congregation's generous giving during these challenging times with so many families in our community struggling to meet basic needs.

Thank you!
Asbury Church & Society Commission



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

Brenda, Carol and Cheryl

On June 18, a team at Asbury put together 80 bags of food for Bettendorf and PV families! We were so happy to partner with our school district and with the Korean United Methodist Church to do our part in feeding hungry families.



"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another" Charles Dickens

There are many opportunities these days to do what we can for others. What will you do for someone to brighten their day?

• **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.

• **Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, July 20th.**

• **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!

• **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to those who gave a gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday... Kay Hendershot and Carolyn Scheib.

• **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**.

• **Thoughts of Sympathy**...Our prayers are with Denise and Dave Rasing & family on the death of Denise's father, Richard, on June 19th. Former Asbury members Joe Douglas and family on the death of his wife, Jan, on June 21st in The Villages, FL. The family and friends of Lois Coppock. Lois, a long-time Asbury member passed away at her care center on June 29th.

• **Hope at the Brick House**...Please designate this important ministry as the recipient of your "My Heart Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program". When you buy a \$2.50 handy HyVee reusable tote bag, \$1.00 of the purchase will go directly to Hope at the Brick House!

• **Graduation Parade for Patrick Mulloy**...Join friends and family for a surprise graduation parade to salute Patrick before he goes to Cedar Falls for his commissioning as a Deacon in the UMC. **Saturday, July 11 at 9:00am** trumpets will sound and cars will gather in the south parking lot of Bettendorf High School, travel down Victoria St. to Tech Dr., salute Patrick and return to 18th St.

• **July/August Upper Rooms** are here. If you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office.

• **Friendly Thrift Center** treasures your prayers during this time of transition. We have a new email to connect with us: FriendlyThriftCenterQC@gmail.com



• **Stewards of Creation**...July Congregational Challenge is "**Buy Local Food**"...at your grocery store, farmer's market, farm stands and local food businesses. Less packaging & fossil fuels to transport is good for our planet!

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. 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. Each week you will find activities such as puzzles, coloring pages, word searches and the parent resource in the comments section. This month we are putting on the scuba gear and "DIVING IN" to the books of the Bible!

Summer Family Fun - Drive In

Our first ever Kids Drive in will take place @ the Asbury parking lot corner of 18th & Mississippi Blvd

Stay in cars or bring lawn chairs to sit by your cars to maintain social distance

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 13, 14, 15



5pm-Dinner
5:15-6pm Program

**GOD IS IN
CONTROLL!**

Registration Online Required
www.rootskids.org



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!



THANK YOU....to everyone who has continued to faithfully give your tithes and offerings while our building is closed. Gifts may be mailed to the church or go to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org to give electronically.