ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News



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



If there is anything we have learned from the pandemic, it is that the church is not dependent upon a building. While it is wonderful to be together in person, technology is allowing us to be together online. But the very reason that we are together in the first place, is so that we can then go out and accomplish a mission.

That mission is given to us by Jesus and it is the same mission he gave to his first followers; "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in person or online at 10:00 a.m. as we continue to remember our call and think together about how we can follow Jesus today as we *Go Fish* for people.

Pastor Tom

Coming August 30....Communion will be served in the Sanctuary at 8:00 worship.

- Safe, individually-sealed packets of communion elements will be used.
- Drive-Up Communion Service will be held in the 18th Street parking lot at 11:00 a.m.
 - Please bring your own bread & juice and remain in your car. Pastor Tom will lead us in communion through your car radio.





Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00am.

Our commitment during this pandemic has been: "We'll be Back, We'll be Prepared, and We'll be Safe!"



After weeks of preparation and experimentation, we are back! Join us in person at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday. Go to our website: <u>JesusIsTheBridge.org</u> and click on the Smokey the Bear button shown here for an informative video on what to expect when you attend.

Online Worship Continues! — 10:00am on Facebook Live Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org

Click on the "Live Worship" button.

Taped worship is also online for viewing later in the day or week.





Asbury Garden Ministry will have vegetables from the garden available for purchase each Sunday morning. A table will be set up outside the Main Entrance starting at 7:30 a.m.

Don't miss the chance to get delicious home grown produce!





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 Pam & Pat Thornton, Pastor Tom, or the Parish Nurse Team.

Friendly Thrift Center is slowly resuming business. We are currently open Wed-Sat, 9 am to noon. We accept donations anytime we are open but prefer before 11 am. Donations must be in closed boxes or bags in order for us to properly quarantine them. We honor agency-issued vouchers from 9-11am. We would love to see you! Please visit us soon at 1411 Brady St, Davenport. We are upstairs on the west end of the building. Items especially needed at this time are: backpacks, jeans, athletic shoes, towels, blankets and new volunteers!



If you have questions, please email us at FriendlyThriftCenterQC@gmail.com



Coming in September—Fall Sunday Sermon Series "Mountaintop Moments" by Ed Robb September 20-October 25



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

So often we think that to be encouragers we have to produce great words of wisdom when, in fact, a few simple syllables of sympathy and an arm around the shoulder can often provide much needed comfort. - Florence Littauer

Since the "arm around the shoulder" can only be virtual these days, our <u>words</u> are even more valuable than we may realize. Choose them carefully in kindness and thoughtfulness always.



Be well. Stay safe. Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



Blood



Our Next Opportunity to Serve the Community

We will be hosting a blood drive in the MVRBC Mobile Unit on Monday, August 24, from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. Katie Nelson and Jane Fergades will be contacting those of you who have donated previously to see if you are available.

If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ewert at: 563-505-1477. If you would like to do your own registration, here is the link: login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/98247

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Donors Make the World a Better Place!

- <u>Our building is closed while we wait out the pandemic</u>. We will continue to only have a small crew in the office from 8:00-Noon. 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, August 24.
- Ladies in Fellowship Together...Check the LIFT Facebook page for the latest news & words of inspiration.
- <u>Asbury Men's Group</u>....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!
- <u>Foundation Gift Recognitions</u>....Thank you to those who gave a gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday: Angie Berry, Lisa Delzell, Connie Drexel, Mary Earp, Steve Hampton, Jane Isom, Bob Reiter, and Dennis Winegar
- <u>Thoughts of Sympathy</u>....Our prayers are with Denise, Mark, Amber & Chris Jerson on the death of Denise's mother, Lola Kamphuis, on July 27 and our prayers are also with Gus Potter on the death of his wife, Shirlee, on August 4.
- •Welcome Team....We are in need of volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team at the 8:00 a.m. worship service. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or vicstre@aol.com if you are willing to help. Thank you!



<u>Stewards of Creation</u>...August Congregational Challenge is "**Use Less Electricity for Lighting**" by switching to LED light bulbs indoors and outside, installing dimmer switches, turning out lights when leaving a room, only using one light per person in the room and using no more than two lights per room occupied.

<u>ROOTSKIDS ONLINE</u> - Parents help your K-5th graders by setting 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.





Roots Kids Moments

Carrie Meumann is now creating the children's message that is played during Asbury's Sunday morning services. Be sure to have your kids watch the weekly follow-up to that message on Wednesdays at www.RootsKids.org or the RootsKids Facebook page!

If your kids missed The Summer Family Drive Up event, God Is In ConTROLL, they can still enjoy it online at the RootsKids website where there are extra activity pages that go with each lesson. We also have craft supplies that go with the lessons. Please call the office or send an email to carriem@asbury-bett.org to get your crafts!





ROOTSKIDS 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 <u>JesusIsTheBridge.org</u> to give electronically.