



Our August sermon series has been *Go Fish!* The theme comes from Jesus' invitation to his first disciples to "Follow me and I will make you fish for people" (Matthew 4:19 and Mark 1:17). Jesus' invitation to fish for people doesn't mean trying to force people to do something against their will. It means walking with other people, being a friend, and receiving the blessing of a relationship with another person that is a reflection of our relationship with God. We have a message to share that **Jesus is the bridge** to God and other people.

We are in the midst of a shift in our way of thinking from "how do we get other people into our church building" to "how do we get our people out to be with other people?" While we can always do that individually, we also want to work on this together as a church. We are developing the concept of Neighborhood Captains. The idea is that this would be a person who is willing, ready and prepared to connect with people in their area. This would include both current church members and also the neighbors that may not have a church home.

In the coming weeks we'll be developing descriptions of how a Neighborhood Captain could serve and then be asking for people to give it a try. There will be support and supervision along the way.

I hope you'll follow Jesus' invitation to *Go Fish*, on your own and together as the Asbury Church as we go out and fish for people.

Pastor Tom



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.

Online Worship Continues! **10:00am on Facebook Live**

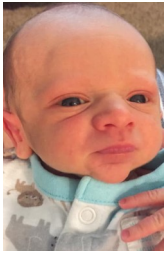
Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org
Click on the "Live Worship" button.
Taped worship is also online for viewing later in the day or week.

Coming August 30.... Communion will be served outside at 8:45 following 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.



♥ It's a Boy! ♥

Congratulations to Pastor Heather & Chris Dorr on the birth of a son, Emmett William, on August 6 and also to big brother Ben and grandparents, Kurt and Vickie Streicher.



Do-It-Yourself CROP Walk
Coming in September!
September 15 through October 15
More Information to Come in September Good News



Derecho Disaster Relief

The recent derecho storm has devastated more than 150 communities in Iowa. Financial donations are being accepted through the United Methodist Church Advance Special #223. ALL donations are used for supporting and helping Iowans affected by the storm. You may mail your check to the church office, made to Asbury UMC and marked accordingly. For information on how to give directly online, volunteer time, or donate needed physical items go to www.disaster.response@iaumc.org

Stewardship at a Glance

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$41,755	\$358,081
Expenses	59,138	369,424
-PPP *	-22,228	-84,012
Net Expenses	<u>36,910</u>	<u>285,412</u>
Inc. - Net Exp.	\$4,845	\$72,669
Unpaid apportionments	\$28,834	

*Special income from the government Payroll Protection Plan, a forgivable loan (grant) made available for pandemic relief. (fully utilized)



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

God encountered some of the heroes of our faith in the mountains of the Holy Land and still comes to us today in the High Places of our lives. Join us in this study as we learn how to better experience our own mountaintop moments!

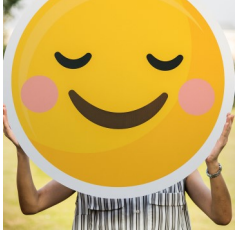
Books are available now and may be picked up at the church Monday-Friday 8-Noon or call the office to have a book delivered to you.

Watch for more information on Mountaintop Moments Small Group Study Opportunities on Zoom in the next Good News!



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

We've all heard that one of the constant things in life is change! We've all experienced more change in the past 6 months than we could have imagined. Change can be treated as a 'wake up call'; a time to look at our values and priorities. We can become clearer about what's truly important for living the days we're given on earth. How have you used this time of "change"? Have you increased your knowledge of others? Have you increased your concern, compassion and love of others? Let's use this time of change to make a fresh start, a new beginning. We can look to God for His support and love in our efforts.



Regarding Temp Taking... We know that all of you who are attending the 8:00 a.m. in-person service are being responsible as far as your health is concerned. Therefore, August 30th will be the final Sunday of temperature taking before entering the building. Beginning September 6th, you will enter the church directly after parking. You will not need to go to the lot across the street first.

Take Care!

Brenda, Carol and Cheryl

- **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.
- **Our building is closed while we wait out the pandemic. We continue to have a small crew in the office 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, September 7.**
- **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!
- **Virtual Celebration of Life...**A virtual celebration of life will be held for Jan Douglas on August 30 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. Please call the Asbury office for more information and the link.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy...**Our prayers are with Bert Murphy and family on the death of his wife, Pat, on August 17. Prayers for the family of Karen Ells who passed away on August 20.
- **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!
- **The Stewards of Creation September Congregational Challenge** is "**Conserve Water**". Saving water also saves energy as water is cleaned, transported, heated and processed.



Stewards of Creation

We invite you to "like" and "follow" our new "**Stewards of Creation**" Facebook page! Here you will find details about the monthly challenge, suggestions on how to support God's creation, related events and more!



ROOTSKIDS ONLINE - 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!



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 JesusIsTheBridge.org to give electronically.