



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.

I love being on top of high places and looking out at the view. When you are on an elevated place, you can see so much farther than when you are on a low or flat spot.

Here's a picture of me at Denali National Park in Alaska. The park has no marked trails which means people can just hike wherever they please. The view on this hilltop was amazing.

I'm excited about our next sermon series because it highlights Mountaintop Moments in the Bible. There is something about being able to see for a long way that can give us a fresh perspective on how God sees the world and our lives. We will look at several stories in the Bible where people felt especially close to God while on a mountaintop.

In addition to our weekly Sunday sermons, there are many opportunities to be part of a small group that will be studying these Bible stories as well. Talking with other people and trying to understand their perspective is another way of being able to see more than we could on our own.

Trying to see more from God's perspective is how we try to **seek God's light**. That will then enable us to **share God's love** and **do God's will**.

It's going to be an exciting walk. I hope you will come and enjoy the view.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom



Don't miss the enclosed flyer highlighting the many small group opportunities available for us to participate together in the Sunday Sermon Series "Mountaintop Moments". Books may be picked up in the office or call for delivery.



Asbury now has access to Amplify Media which we will be using to view videos during the pandemic, beginning with the Sunday Sermon Series "Mountaintop Moments". Please watch for an email from your group leader with information on how to set up your free user account & password with Asbury's access code. If you are not currently involved in a group, we hope you will consider joining one now, or you may also email the office for the link & code at: pattys@asbury-bett.org. Any video may be viewed at anytime & on almost any device. There are thousands available for every age which can also be used for inspiration and reflection in your own personal faith journey.

49th Annual Quad City Area CROP Hunger Walk



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Hunger Walk will be a "Do-it-Yourself" Walkathon! You may walk anytime and anywhere between September 15 and October 15. Participants may walk the usual CROP route, walk in your neighborhood, in a park or on a bike path!

Please use the envelope in this Good News for your contributions and either mail them to the church or bring it to the office. Checks may be made to Asbury UMC. You may also contribute directly by going online to:

<http://www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities>. As usual, funds raised will be used locally by the following organizations: River Bend Food Bank, Christian Care in Rock Island, Humility Homes & Services in Davenport, Meal Service of Scott County and Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program of Scott County.

We really need your help in fighting hunger, especially this year. Thank you!

Church and Society
Barb Brethauer, Coordinator

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





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

We wish to share with you knowledge we have received regarding contact tracing, as well as the signs and symptoms of Covid-19. We contacted both the Scott County and Rock Island County Health Departments of Infectious Disease and learned that both County Departments are notified when a person in that county has tested positive, and they handle the contact tracing. They begin by asking the infected individual names of those they have been in contact with as well as where they have been the 2-3 days before testing or 2-3 days before the symptoms started. The department then notifies any individuals that were in contact with the person who has tested positive, but they do not divulge the name. If the person testing positive has attended church, Scott County *does not* notify the church. Rock Island County will notify the church. **Therefore, we are asking that if you have tested positive, please let us know.** You can call the church or contact Carol Jackson.

As a reminder, the symptoms of Covid-19 include: Most Common: fever, dry cough, tiredness

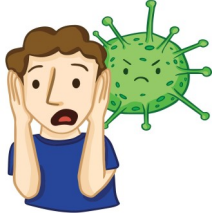
Less Common: aches and pains, sore throat, red eyes, loss of taste or smell, unusual headache, skin rash, discolored fingers or toes, unusual confusion

Serious Symptoms: Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, Chest pain or pressure, loss of speech

On average it takes 5-6 days from the date of infection for symptoms to show...however, it could take up to 14 days.

We suggest you cut these symptoms out for easy reference should symptoms occur or if you are exposed.

Your Parish Nurse Team: 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.
- **New Locks!**...As of September 15 the outside entrance locks will be changed. If you currently have a church key it will no longer work. Contact the church office for additional details if needed.
- **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 21.**
- **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!
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our prayers are with the family of friends of Bert and Pat Murphy. Pat passed away on August 17 and Bert on August 28.
- **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!
- **Church and Society Ministry** would like to thank everyone who so generously gave to both the Thanksgiving in July Food Drive and to Hope at the Brick House for school supplies for the children. Your caring continues to make an important difference to others in our community!
- **The Stewards of Creation September Congregational Challenge is "Conserve Water"**. Saving water also saves energy as water is cleaned, transported, heated and processed. **Be sure to follow our "Stewards of Creation" on Facebook!**



It's a Girl!!

Congratulations to Asbury's Nursery Attendant Becca Johnson and her husband, Doug, on the birth of a daughter, Bexley, on September 3rd. Bexley is welcomed by big brother, Ryker and grandparents, Carrie and Dave Meumann.

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!

Stewardship at a Glance

	August	YTD
Income	\$61,890	\$419,971
Expenses	49,734	419,421
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Net Expenses	49,734	335,409
Inc. - Net Exp.	\$12,156	\$84,562

Special Offerings:

Thanksgiving in July: \$1,260

Hope at the Brick House for School Supplies: \$600

Unpaid apportionments \$28,834

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

Thank You!

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.