



Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00am.

Join us in person at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday.
We will be safely social distancing and in masks.

Online Worship at 10:00am on Facebook Live

Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org
Click on the "Live Worship" button.



Fall Sermon Series through October 25

Mountaintop Moments—those times when we experience the power, love, and grace of God in a way that's difficult to capture with words—those moments when we sense God's presence in our lives—those moments that often change our perspective of who God is and who we are—those moments that assure us that God is with us! Those are the Mountaintop Moments we trust we will discover as we experience the power of God's grace, love, and strength when we participate in this Sunday Sermon Series. Go to our website to learn more about the many Mountaintop Moments small group study opportunities.



Coming this Fall: Neighborhood Bridgebuilding

As a way to live out our belief that Jesus is the bridge, in the coming weeks we will be identifying the various neighborhoods where Asbury members live. Then we would like to have one or two people in each of those neighborhoods help to make connections with one another. If you feel called to be one of those neighborhood bridgebuilders, please contact the church office at 355-5218.

Pastor's Vacation Dates



Pastor Tom will be on vacation from September 28 through October 9. If a pastoral need arises during that time, please contact the church office or one of our parish nurses.

Since Pastor Heather is also off on maternity leave, Rev. Jeff Dadisman (St John's United Methodist Church) and Rev. James Parks (Christ United Methodist Church) will be available if there is a need for a pastor.



Introducing Our New Senior High Youth Leader

Hello Asbury family! For those of you that have not met me my name is Rob Gagnon. My wife Lesley and I have been married sixteen years and have three sons; William age 9, Alex age 11, and Curtis age 13. We have been members of Asbury for the past six years.

In the September 9th Newsletter Pastor Tom talked about perspective and mountaintop moments. It got me thinking about my personal mountaintop moments and what led me to volunteer to work with our High School youth.

A few years ago I was having coffee with Jerry Roskens. We were discussing spiritual gifts and sharing how we each felt we could best serve our Asbury family. I told him that I thought I should work with the high school youth, but I was hesitant. My excuse list for not serving was very lengthy. After I completed sharing, Jerry smiled and said "In Gods time. Just pray on it."

It reminded me of another moment when I was approached to help with high school youth and was told that I clearly had a gift for working with young people. When I reminded him my children were all under ten, leaving me with little experience, he responded by reminding me...true, they are, but you have mentored young people for almost three decades on four continents while in uniform. "Pray about it", he said, "you will know when the time is right".

The final mountaintop moment that comes to mind occurred just in recent months. It is the most significant one for me. Some of the high school youth asked me to lead the group. Their names shall remain anonymous but not the credit they deserve for me saying yes.

Am I out of my comfort zone taking on this ministry? Yes, I am. Will I make mistakes? Yes, I will. However, with the love and support of our Asbury Family, and most importantly your prayers, I am confident this undertaking will succeed.

Thank you in advance for your support, your prayers, and for allowing me to spend some time serving our church youth in this important ministry. As they say, "It Takes a Village", and I love ours.

Respectfully, Rob Gagnon

Train up a child in the way he should go; and even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

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.



Hope at the BRICK House Virtual Fall fundraiser!

Kickoff: Wednesday, October 28

Watch for further details or contact ptank.hbh@gmail.com

The Friendly Thrift Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. As we approach winter, here are suggestions for needed items: blankets of any kind, clothing for adults & children, especially winter needs including coats, scarves, gloves, mittens, winter hats, boots and snow pants. Items may be dropped off at the Center during hours of operation. Thank you for your help in this valuable service to our community!



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!

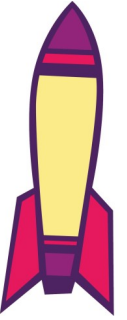
Checks may be made out to Asbury UMC and mailed to the church or go online to give at JesusIsTheBridge.org. You may also contribute directly to CROP by going online to: <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities>. As usual, all funds raised will be used locally. We really need your help in fighting hunger, especially this year. Thank you!

Asbury Church and Society
Barb Brethauer, Coordinator



Hello from your Parish Nurse Team!

A new opportunity to help our school friends has been presented to us. It's called the "Rocket Program". There are students at Neil Armstrong who remain in the building for several hours after school waiting for their parents. THEY NEED SNACKS!!!! We will collect monetary donations through the church office so they can purchase appropriate items for those young people. You may mail a donation to the church or drop it off between 8:00 a.m. to Noon during the week. Be sure to indicate that it is for the Rocket Program. **The deadline for accepting donations is October 7th.** Thank you for your thoughtfulness--those who receive the snacks will be grateful.



Brenda, Carol and Cheryl
Your Parish Nurse Team

- **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!**...The Trustees are changing the locks on the entrances to the church. If you need a replacement key please contact the church office.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, October 5.**
- **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 Bev Warner on the death of her daughter, Jackie Ernst, on August 31; Betty Houston & family on the death of her husband, Bill, on September 17; and the family and friends of Doris Miller, who passed away on September 19. **(You are invited to view Doris' memorial service which will be livestreamed on Saturday, October 10 at 10:30am by going to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the red "Facebook Live Worship" button.)**
- **To My Asbury Family**.... "A building is only a roof and walls; A church is not that at all, But the people in prayer, are the people who care!" Thank you so much for the outpouring of support during my recent major heart valve replacement. Ruth McMorrان
- **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!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Linda Jones and Pat Tulon for their gifts to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthday. For information on how you can guarantee a strong future for the life and ministry of Asbury through a gift to the Foundation please contact John Rabine or the church office.
- **Thank you**...Church & Society members would like to thank all who gave at the recent blood drive! Special thanks to Cheryl Ewert and Angie Reese for stepping up to coordinate and host this drive in the midst of the challenges of the pandemic.
- **Stewards of Creation October Congregational Challenge**....Let's seek a greater understanding of climate and environmental changes, and how these are affecting all of Creation. Let's make wise decisions that preserve the life, resources and the balanced ecosystem we have been given. Read a book, an article online, view the "Our Climate Our Future" virtual assembly in our previous Facebook post or listen to a speaker to learn more on this important subject. Please read more about this challenge on Facebook [@AsburyStewardsOfCreation](https://www.facebook.com/AsburyStewardsOfCreation)

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!



JR HIGH YOUTH BEGINS!

We will begin meetings for Jr High Youth (6,7,8 grade) as of September 23rd @ 6pm-6:30pm via Zoom online. We plan to discuss options to meet in person and determine activities for the coming weeks, weather permitting. We will also discuss what specific dates/times will work best for our weekly meet-ups.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP STARTING!

We are very excited to welcome Rob Gagnon to the Asbury Youth Group Team. Rob has graciously volunteered to be a leader for the high school group (9,10,11,12 grade) this year and has already had an informational meeting with them. If you have a high school student who would be interested in attending High School Youth Group this year, please contact Rob Gagnon at 563-362-8518, or Carrie Meumann 563-271-6723.

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 creates 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!