



**NEW  
SCHEDULE  
BEGINS**

## Worship Changes!

**Beginning on Sunday, November 29, the Online Worship  
Start Time Will Change from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM**



The reasons for the change are:

1. Allow more time for sanitizing the sanctuary between worship services.
2. Allow more time for discipleship groups to meet between the worship services.
3. Prepare for after the pandemic when a second worship service starting earlier than 11:00 AM, would be beneficial.

### Proposed In-Person "Studio Audience" for the 10:30 AM Worship Service

If things go well, the current plan is that up to 65 people will be allowed in the sanctuary during the 10:30am live-streamed worship service beginning on Sunday, November 29. The 8:00 AM in person worship will not change.

**In Order to Be Safe...** All worship services in the building will require masks and social distancing. We can accommodate a maximum of 65 people in the sanctuary. So far that hasn't been an issue at the 8:00 worship. If it becomes a problem at either worship, we will transition to some kind of pre-registration. Keep checking [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) or our Facebook page for the latest updates!

**2019**



**2020**



## Ready for Anything in 2021

We now live in a world that would have been unimaginable just one year ago. If the year 2020 has taught us anything, it is that *anything* can happen. As we look ahead to 2021, we want to be **Ready for Anything**. *That will be our sermon series for November and the theme for our annual stewardship campaign. Join us for worship at 8:00 AM in the sanctuary or 10:00 AM online as we seek God's light on how our families can be ready for anything.*

As a way to prepare our Church for 2021, we will be holding some congregational meetings. The content of these meetings will include a brief State of the Church recap by Pastor Tom, information about the future direction of the church, and time for questions and discussion. We'll include information about the financial goals for the church and how we can plan to financially help the church be *ready for anything* in 2021.

The meetings will be held online via Zoom at the following times:

- Monday, November 9 at 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 PM
- Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 PM

Contact the church office at [pattys@asbury-bett.org](mailto:pattys@asbury-bett.org) to receive the Zoom link if you would like to participate. If you don't have access to online technology and are interested in an in-person meeting, please call the office at 355-5218.

Join us in worship and participate in our congregational meetings so that no matter what happens in the days ahead, we will be **Ready for Anything!**

### Christmas Outreach for Seniors

This year, our **Christmas Outreach Project** will be gifts for the residents at Generations of Rock Island, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing care center. We will be collecting monetary donations only through November 13 which will be used for our ministry members to go shop for the needed items they are requesting; including body wash, blankets, socks, hats, sweats, etc. Please do not purchase these items on your own. You may make your check to Asbury UMC and mark "Generations" on the memo line. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Our gifts will be delivered to the residents before Thanksgiving.

**Thank you!**

**Asbury Church & Society**



### Mark Your Calendar to Give Blood and Save Lives!

The next blood drive will be held in the mobile blood unit in Asbury's parking lot on  
**Monday, November 16 from 1:30 to 6:30 PM**  
The cutoff date for previous donations is September 21.



**THANK YOU!** It is with a grateful heart that I would like to thank all of you who either walked and/or contributed to the Do-it-Yourself Crop Walk this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$2,310.00 to help fight hunger!

Barb Brethauer  
Church and Society

## Afghan Ministry

The Asbury Afghan Ministry has been very blessed to have so many volunteers who crochet or knit squares to be put together into afghans. At this time we now have a dozen of these kits assembled that only need to be whipped-stitched together to complete them. This finishing step is the easy part! You do not have to know how to crochet or knit to help. Please know you may take your time and when finished, simply return it to the church. If you need help I will be happy to show you how to whip-stitch. We are so proud to say that this winter we will be delivering 90 afghans to Hope at the Brick House, as well as several homeless shelters! The kits are in the church office and can be picked up during the week.

Thank you for all your help!  
Brenda



## Garden Ministry Update

Our Garden Ministry continues to be blessed with a harvest of about 34,500 lbs. of fresh vegetables that were distributed to 19 organizations that include food pantries, meal sites, home shelters, and senior living apartment complexes. In addition, some produce was distributed to individual families. Since its beginning in the spring of 2002, over 600,000 lbs. of fresh vegetables have been distributed. During the season, Tyler Brinegar, Producer/Director of Iowa PBS, did a story on our Ministry. It can be viewed on the following link: <http://www.iowapbs.org/gfi> The story will also be broadcast on Iowa PBS at the following times: 11/12/20 at 7:44 PM and 11/13/20 at 2:44 AM Sincere thanks to the volunteers whose involvement contributed to this successful gardening season!

- **Praises and Requests for Prayer** may be submitted on our website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://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 to outside groups while we wait out the pandemic.** Church-Related Groups of 10 or under may meet if desired. Masks & social distancing are required. Call the church to request a meeting time. **We continue to have a small crew in the office Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon.** Please feel free to call or contact a staff member at home after hours if a need arises.
- **New Locks!**....The Trustees have changed 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, November 23.**
- **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 our church family who have recently lost loved ones:  
Alinda Littrel on the death of her cousin, Becky  
Michelle & Rob Swinney and family on the death of Michelle's mother, Mary Proberts  
Linda Dudgeon & family on the death of her mother-in-law, Anna Dudgeon  
John & Jennifer Sprague and family on the death of John's mother, Rose Ann
- **Welcome Team**....We are in need of volunteers to serve on our Welcome Team at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM worship services. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or [vicstre@aol.com](mailto:vicstre@aol.com) if you are willing to help. Thank you!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Tom Howard, Kay Parch, Al Sloss, Pam & Pat Thornton, and Bev Trask 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.
- **Upper Room**...The November/December Upper Room devotional books are available to pick up at church. If you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office.



**Stewards of Creation November Congregational Challenge....**"Let's explore what various faiths believe about **Creation care.**" In November, Stewards of Creation will post many different faith statements and responses to preserve and protect Creation, on our Stewards of Creation Facebook page. Please choose @AsburyStewardsOfCreation as a "favorite" in your Facebook settings so you don't miss any posts!

• **Friendly Thrift Center....NEEDED!** Winter clothing items for men, women, children: coats, hats, gloves, boots, snow gear. Also, any bedding items especially blankets. We are still looking for volunteers. Come join this group of folks working to help others! Call Cheryl Ewert with questions.

**THANK YOU....to everyone who has continued to faithfully give your tithes and offerings during the pandemic. Gifts may be mailed to the church or go to our website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) to give electronically.**

### JR HIGH YOUTH

**Jr High Kids** have begun to meet weekly online Wednesdays at 6:00 PM We play games and have fun with each other, and everyone seems to enjoy it so I hope to see more of you there!

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**High School Youth Group** meets on Sundays from 1:00-2:30 PM. For more details, text Rob Gagnon (563-362-8515) or email him at [gagnonra5@gmail.com](mailto:gagnonra5@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.RootsKids.org) or the RootsKids Facebook page!



**ROOTSKIDS** have 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!

