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ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

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



Sunday Morning Worship will continue to be ONLINE ONLY at 10:30AM through February

Go to: JesusIsTheBridge.org and click on the red "Live Worship" button.

You may also use the website to view the recorded service later in the day or week or subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Planning Ahead for Worship

When we return to worship in the building on March 7 we will add an 8:00 AM service with masks and social distancing. That date may be delayed if the conditions require it necessary.

The 10:30 AM worship in March will continue online.

Our plan is to continue to offer an online option even after the pandemic is behind us.

Online worship at Asbury— Now on [You Tube Live](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9v33333333) in Addition to Facebook!

We are excited to announce that you now have *two* ways to join worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. You can watch worship from our Asbury YouTube channel, accessible via our website JesusIsTheBridge.org. Find the "YouTube Live" button on the main page. If you aren't a Facebook user or your smart tv has the YouTube app, this new method for worship might just be for you!

A Message from Pastor Tom... As we are about to begin the next season of Lent, think about all we have come through since our last journey through Lent.

If we knew then what we knew now, what would we have thought?

When Jesus started through his time in the wilderness, I wonder if he knew it was going to last for 40 days? When Moses was leading the Jewish slaves out of Egypt, I wonder if they knew it would take 40 years to get to the Promised Land?

Maybe sometimes it's better that we don't know how long and difficult the journey will be. But now looking back over the past year, we can see that we have endured things that we could not have imagined a year ago. God has brought us through a time of testing that is preparing us for whatever else lies ahead.

Who knows what next year will bring. But if we stay focused on the promise that God is with us through it all, we can endure our journey to a better place no matter how long it takes to get there.



Lent is Fast Approaching!

To mark this special season, Asbury is preparing Lent/Easter bags. These bags will have trinkets, greetings from your Asbury family, and items to help make Lent and Easter special. If you would like a bag for your household, you can come to the Main Entrance of the church on **Saturday, February 13th from 12-1:30pm**. Bags can be placed in your backseat or trunk, no need to exit the vehicle. Bags can also be picked up during office hours any time that week, or mailed or delivered by calling the office. No reservations are necessary. We hope you will get a bag for your household and consider who in your life might appreciate a bag to help connect them to Asbury during this special season in the church calendar.



February 17

Look for an online worship service on our Facebook and YouTube pages premiering that morning. You can watch on your own time throughout the day. Have with you your ash cross temporary tattoo (included in your Lent/Easter bag) to apply at the end of the service.

LENT SERMON SERIES
FEBRUARY-APRIL 2021

SIMON PETER

FLAWED
BUT FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

February 21 through March 28

Lenten Sunday Sermon & Study Series

This six-week Sunday Sermon and Study Series will begin on Sunday, February 21. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to joining one or more of the exciting study groups offered to enjoy seeing the DVD and participating in the fellowship! Books for this study are available at the church, or please call the office and we'll see that you get the materials.



Lent Bags for Kids

It is our hope that you have found the Lent Bags to be a new and creative way to connect to the season. It is our desire this will help you and your children understand the importance of Lent and the joy that follows at Easter.

Reminder to parents, the bags contain small parts. Items should be reviewed for age appropriateness before giving to children.

Winter Fun for the Whole Family!



ALL Asbury Families are invited to go Tubing at SnowStar! Kids must be accompanied by an adult. A waiver must be completed online at:

www.skisnowstar.com

February 27th 10:00am-Noon

Price: \$15 per person (Discount for 15 or more)
Go to JesusIsTheBridge.org for more information!

Jr High & High School

All Youth IN PERSON

Activities Are On PAUSE
due to covid19 concerns

youth leaders will communicate changes as they are able

Roots Kids lesson highlights are shown during Asbury's online worship service. There are also additional supplemental activities/videos on their Facebook page. Be sure to LIKE ROOTSKIDS and turn on your notifications to stay in the loop for the latest fun!





Greetings from your Parish Nurse Team



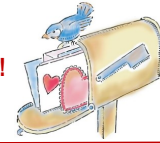
Here's something we can all do to show our gratitude. Moody Radio Quad Cities and Chick-fil-A are teaming up to collect thank you notes for frontline workers at Genesis and Unity Point hospitals. Their goal is to collect at least 2,000 thank you cards in the month of February. Here's how you can help:

1. Purchase a thank you card (or use one you already have at home) and write a message communicating your gratitude.
2. Mail the card to: Moody Radio Quad Cities, 18239 E. 200th St., Coal Valley, IL 61240

Suggested thought: Thank you so much for your work keeping our community healthy and safe. Your sacrifice and service truly benefit so many of us. You are appreciated. Thank you for all you do. God bless you!



**Take care everyone. Stay warm.
And remember, everyday is one day closer to Spring!!!
Brenda, Carol and Cheryl**



Congratulations Confirmands!....After twelve months studying the Christian tradition, ten of them in a global pandemic, three high school freshmen were confirmed in their faith on Sunday, January 31st. These new members all felt the difficulty of our transition to online classes, but were still excited and engaged. Although Confirmation Sunday looked different this year, the Holy Spirit was present as each of these young people knelt before the Lord and promised to give their lives to God. They took on the same vows as all members of the United Methodist Church, to support the church through their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness. It was an honor for Pastor Tom and myself to receive them into membership. We look forward to how they will be influencers for Jesus and share the Gospel alongside the other members of this church. I invite you to be in prayer for them as they take these next steps of faith and to reach out to their families with your own congratulations.

Pastor Heather Dorr



Reese Bailey
Son of Travis & Larissa Bailey



Dillon McKim
Son of Shawn & Missy McKim



Kaelee Wolf
Daughter of Paul & Joni Wolf



**Pastor Tom, Reese, Dillon,
Kaelee & Pastor Heather**



Welcome Team....We are taking names now of volunteers willing to serve on our Welcome Team at each service when we return to in-person worship. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or vicstre@aol.com if you will help. **THANK YOU!**

- **Upper Room...**The March/April 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.
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer** may be submitted on our website JesusIsTheBridge.org by 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.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy....**Our prayers are with the family and friends of Bev Warner. Bev passed away on January 28.
- **Our building is closed to outside groups while we wait out the pandemic.** 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.
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, February 22.**
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together...**Please join us for a Winter Walk on Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 am starting at 392Caffe (392Dport) in downtown Davenport. We will be supporting 392Caffe's Community Coat Rack program by donating coats/outerwear for their outdoor coat rack to help their neighbors in need. Dress warmly and get ready for some great fellowship as we walk our beautiful riverfront! RSVP on our Facebook page. If you are unable to join us but would still like to donate a coat/hat/gloves please drop your donations at the church office prior to February 26th and we will make sure they are delivered! Go to our LIFT Facebook page, where you will also find their latest news, words of inspiration and information on our March 23 One and Done book discussion. All women are welcome! We hope you'll join us.
- **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!
- **Friendly Thrift Center....**We need three things: MEN'S jeans; volunteers; customers. We are open for shoppers Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 to noon.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to Joyce Bateman, Cheryl Ewert, Bob Ryken and Dave Scheib 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.
- **Stewards of Creation February Congregational Challenge....**"**PARTICIPATE IN MEATLESS MONDAYS**" Eating more plant-based is one of the most powerful ways to reduce our personal carbon footprints. See AsburyStewardsOfCreation Facebook page for details on a fun way to participate and comment on this challenge. You may also comment and report your participation by emailing Susan Moseley and putting "Meatless Mondays" in the subject line. **Let's all work together on this one!**

**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 to give electronically.**

Thank you to all of you who have shared with the church their planned Estimate of Giving for 2021. We will face challenges in the coming year, but are confident that we will be able to meet those challenges. If you choose to give online, you may return your 2021 personal book of envelopes to the church office.

Thank you for your support in helping Asbury Church change lives with the message that **Jesus is the Bridge.**