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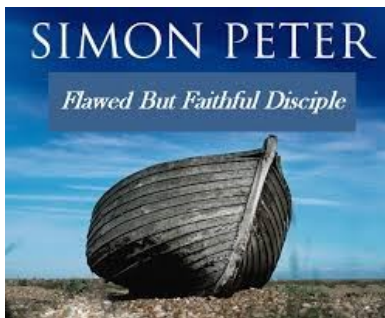
## 8:00 AM In-Person Worship

### We are Returning to Worship in the Building in Phases:

- ▶ We now have an 8:00 AM service with masks and social distancing.
- ▶ The 10:30 AM service will continue to be online-only through March.
- ▶ Beginning on April 11 we will welcome people in the building for both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM worship services.

To worship online go to: [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and click either the red "Live Worship" or "YouTube Live" button.

You may also use the website to view the recorded service later in the day or week. As we plan for the future, we will always offer an Online Worship option.



## February 21 - March 28 Worship

Please join us in worship as we continue our Lenten Sermon & Study Series...

## SIMON PETER Flawed But Faithful Disciple



† PALM SUNDAY • March 28 • 8AM In-Person • 10:30AM Online

† MAUNDY THURSDAY • April 1 • At Home Worship Experience  
Take † Bless † Break † Give  
Details in your Lenten Bag or on our website

† GOOD FRIDAY • April 2 • 6AM Online Premiere Video  
7PM In-Person Video Showing in the Sanctuary



## The Blood Drive is back!!

Please Consider Signing Up to Participate  
**Monday, March 29**  
**2:00 to 6:00 PM**  
**Upper Fellowship Hall**



An appointment is required. You can register online at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) or call Cheryl Ewert at 563-505-1477.

### BONUS:

All donors receive SOCKS or a GIFT CARD!

## Greetings from Pastor Tom....

Every winter I get so used to the shorter days and the colder temperatures that it feels like they are never going to end. But then the days get longer and the temperature gets warmer and it feels so great to be outside again. It gives me a renewed appreciation for how good life really is.

This seems even more true this year as we are also coming out of the darkness of a pandemic. We are beginning to worship in person again and it feels really, really good.

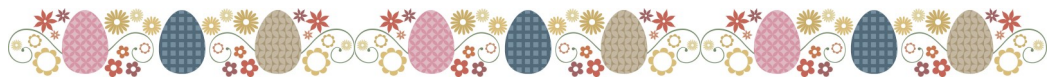
Every dark night is followed by the beautiful light of another morning. Hold on, Easter is coming again, just like it does every year. Life is good! Thank you, Jesus!

We have so many wonderful reasons to celebrate. I invite you to join us for worship as we proclaim, "He is risen!"



Saturday March 27th  
10am - 12 Noon

## EGG-A-PALOOZA



**Egg-A-Palooza** is a FREE City-Wide Egg Hunt sponsored by Asbury, Christ, St. John's and Eldridge United Methodist Churches. **You must sign up** to participate via the link on the kids website: [rootskids.org](http://rootskids.org). Asbury will provide the Easter candy. **Please consider donating bags of Easter Candy no later than Monday, March 15th. Contact Carrie Meumann with questions.**

**We are hoping to gift 3500 people!**



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



All this talk about the pandemic has been mostly toward the pessimistic side of things. What if we could turn this into a **POSITIVE PANDEMIC**? The definition of pandemic (adjective) is: *something occurring over a wide geographic area (countries/continents) and typically affecting a significant proportion of the population.*

Maybe we can turn this pandemic upside down by thinking in a positive way and begin to spread good and helpful things and/or ideas. Here are some suggestions:

Spread Connection: Just let people know you're thinking of them and they are meaningful to you.

Spread Help: Offer help where you can and ask for it if you need it.

Spread Gratitude: Say thanks. And really *feel* it.

Spread Optimism: If the cost of being wrong is low, let yourself believe things will turn out right.

**Let's give it a try. Take care. God bless you. Stay safe. Be well!**



Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



### Staffing Update

It has previously been announced that Pastor Heather has been appointed to serve the First United Methodist Church of Jefferson, Iowa beginning on July 1.

In preparation for that change, our district superintendent has given Asbury three options:

1. Receive another full-time associate pastor.
2. Eliminate the associate pastor position.
3. Leave the associate pastor position in place but not fill it at this time. This option would allow the church to experiment with filling our leadership needs with a combination of specialized part-time staff.

The church council and Staff Parish Relations Committee have decided to pursue option number three. This option has the potential to provide some cost benefits as well as enabling us to seek staff with specialized skills.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is currently discerning our staffing needs and developing a plan to put in place this summer. Please be in prayer for this group as they define the job descriptions and begin the process of seeking qualified candidates.



**High School Youth are meeting once again and being led by Rebecca Ericson. We are looking for more leaders to help with High School and Jr. High Youth. Please contact Carrie Meumann if interested! [carriem@asbury-bett.org](mailto:carriem@asbury-bett.org)**



**Welcome Team....** We are taking names of volunteers willing to serve on our Welcome Team to greet people as they arrive and to assist them in finding a seat at each service as we return to in-person worship. Please contact Kurt Streicher at (563) 508-7614 or [vicstre@aol.com](mailto:vicstre@aol.com) if you will help. **THANK YOU!**

- **Thank You** to John and Kathy Cameron for providing altar flowers on March 7.
- **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](http://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 JR and Donna Stradt on the death of JR's father, William Stradt, on February 28. Arlene Allison on the death of her husband & Jan Windmiller's step-father, Bill Allison, on March 9.
- **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, March 22.**
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together...** We will be gathering by Zoom on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM for a One-and-Done book discussion of the book **Recipes for a Sacred Life: True Stories and a Few Miracles** by Rivvy Neshama. We are asking each participant to obtain their own book if possible. Please contact Marian Paulson (309-507-1714) for more information or for assistance in locating a book. Check out the LIFT and Asbury Facebook pages for more details and to **RSVP** for this event! All women are welcome! We hope you'll join us.
- **Asbury Men's Group....** This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM. 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....Spring is coming!!** Ladies, come on in and spruce up your wardrobe. In March, we'll have special prices on beautiful spring dresses, dress slacks, jackets and blouses. Then, choose new jewelry too! We have an abundance of merchandise at always low prices. **Store hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 to noon. See you soon!**
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....** Thank you to Charles DCamp, Ann Ottesen and Craig Windmiller for their gifts to the Asbury Foundation in honor of their recent birthdays. 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 March Congregational Challenge..."Avoid Plastic Packaging"** - Whenever possible, choose products that are not packaged in plastic. Instead, look for glass or paper alternatives that can be recycled. Also, choose unpackaged items that can be transported in a reusable bag. See our Facebook site for more details.

**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.**