



## Masks No Longer Required

The next step in the church coming back from the COVID pandemic is that we will no longer be requiring masks. We will be following the CDC guidelines that state persons who are vaccinated are not required to wear masks.

For persons who are not vaccinated: Masks are encouraged to protect yourself and others who may not be vaccinated.

Social distancing will be maintained in the east half of the sanctuary (closest to the office).

Social distancing will not be required in the west half (closest to the Fellowship Hall).



**At Asbury Church we have identified three basic steps in how we follow Jesus:  
Seek God's Light • Share God's Love • Do God's Will**

All summer we will be examining each of these in more depth so that we know what we mean and how we try to accomplish each step. **For June our Sermon Series will be: "Seek God's Light"**. In July we will examine "Share God's Love" and in August "Do God's Will". Our goal is to strengthen our foundation as we move into a new future.

Be sure to join us IN PERSON at either our 8:00 traditional worship or our 10:30 contemporary worship. The 10:30 worship will also continue to be live online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and click either the blue "Facebook LIVE Worship" or the red "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 continue to offer an Online Worship option.

## Message from Pastor Heather...

Why do pastors write newsletter articles? Perhaps we aim to join the great epistolary writers who crafted the letters found in our New Testament. Letters allow us to connect when we are apart, share our stories, and express our dreams. Letters written by Paul, Peter, and others were so special to the early church that they became part of our religious canon. They reflect humanity's timeless need for connection with one another.

Today, I sit down to write my final letter to you, the Asbury United Methodist Church in Bettendorf. I feel overwhelmed by the task of expressing all my thoughts and feelings from four years into a small space. Perhaps I can begin by repeating Paul's opening words in his letter to the Philippians:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

I am leaving Asbury in a time when we are discerning how to best return from the pandemic, re-organize our building to make the best use of the space, and re-structure the staff and volunteers to best meet our needs. I feel as though I am leaving this church in the midst of a major visioning! God is doing something new and I will no longer be a part of the discerning and implementation of the new thing!

And yet, I trust that "the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion." I trust that God will continue to guide the people of the Asbury Church as you have been guided since 1950. I trust that the amazing leaders and the faithful workers will continue to dream new dreams, care for one another, and praise God in all that they do. I trust that God has this church in God's hands.

I will be praying for the Asbury Church as I go on to serve the First United Methodist Church in Jefferson, Iowa. Thank you for your patience, encouragement, bravery, and inspiration that give me confidence to move forward. These last four years have been precious to me and to my family and Asbury has been instrumental to that happiness.

I feel as though I can go on and on, and yet the space on this page is getting short. So I will end with Paul's closing words in his first letter to the Corinthians: "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." I could not have said it better myself.

Peace,  
Pastor Heather Dorr



We are hosting a Blood Drive on **World Blood Donor Day! Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** in Upper Fellowship Hall. **There is still time to sign up to donate!!**

We would like to add new people to our donation list so if you haven't donated before, now is the time to make a difference for someone needing blood products. It only takes about 30 minutes and you get to have some cookies when you're done.

Please call the church office or Cheryl Ewert. We will get you registered to donate! **YOU can be a lifesaver!**



## Farewell Reception for Pastor Heather



**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm**  
Large Pavilion at McManus Park  
12th Street & Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf

BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Cake & Bottled Water  
Bring your lawn chairs.

Pastor Heather's last Sunday in worship will be June 13.

If you would like to contribute to a monetary gift for Pastor Heather, you may mail your gift to the church office.



## Roots Kids Family Fun Event - July

"The Professor Donut Experience" is coming to Roots Kids!! Mark your calendars for July 12,13,14 from 5:30-7pm. This modern version of VBS is designed for families to attend together and will be fun for all ages. Watch Facebook for more details as the date draws closer!



## OPEN POSITION! DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Asbury is looking for a new Director of Youth Ministries. If you enjoy making a difference for youth, we need YOU! Contact the church office at 355-5218 for a job description. Please share this information!



The Parish Nurse Team will again offer a **FOOT CLINIC on June 28 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** You may call the church office if you want to sign up or if you have questions. The cost is \$30 to get a foot massage, your toenails cut and a general wellness check of your feet.



Our Grief Share class will begin on **June 21 at 1:00 p.m.** If you are interested in being a part of the class or if you have questions, please call Cheryl Ewert or Carol Jackson for details and additional information.

**Asbury Neighborhood Bridgebuilders....**Have you been contacted by a Neighborhood Bridgebuilder Captain yet? If not, don't worry. We are busy reaching out, and we might not have a Captain for your neighborhood yet. Would you be interested in being a Captain? If so, please contact Patty at the office or Cindy Bruhn at 563-650-7963. We would love to share our maps & tools and other Captains' experiences with you to help get you started. We have a great support team, too!

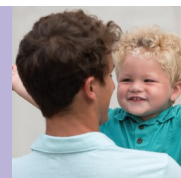
We believe relationships are everything and the relationships we have with the people in our neighborhood have a major impact on our quality of life. Being a good neighbor can transform our community, and you can make a difference. It all begins with the God given desire to want to know and care for our neighbors. Thank you!

**AIM Mission of the Month for June....**The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen Winnie's Transitional Housing (formerly Winnie's Place) as our Mission of the Month for June. Winnie's is a project of Churches United. They have a new collaboration with Project Now and provide housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. They are in need of monetary donations which can be given online at [www.cugca.org/donate.php](http://www.cugca.org/donate.php). Please indicate Winnie's in the "use this donation for" box. They also are in need of donations of the following items: laundry detergent, dryer sheets, disinfectant spray, cleaning wipes, aluminum foil, batteries and postage stamps. A collection box will be by the church office through June 27. They are also in need of volunteers for cleaning, painting and/or contributing carpentry skills. If you wish to volunteer, call Betsy Vanausdeln at 563-332-5002. Please consider one of these ways to support this vital ministry!

**Churches United Thanksgiving in July....**You can support Churches United and our local food pantries, meal sites and the shelter by participating in their annual **Thanksgiving in July**. Go to [www.cugca.org](http://www.cugca.org) for more information!

### Sunday Morning Family Room

A Family Room is now available in the former children's library for parents and their kids who need a quiet place where they can relax and take a short break from worship on Sunday mornings.



### **Summer Sunday Class for Adults and Older Youth**

Adults and older youth are invited to our Summer Sunday Class on Sunday mornings from **9:15-10:15AM**. People may attend in person in classroom #302-303 or online (contact the church office to get the ZOOM link). The series uses studies from "The Bible Project" and does not require any outside reading. Coordinators are Phil Paulson, Marian Edmund-Paulson, and Don Mitchem.



Please support Asbury Ministries by choosing our **Birdie #2269** as your 2021 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity recipient. You may call the church office for a form or go online to [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com) **Thank you!**

**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.**



**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) or Denise Tyler at (309)721-4563 or [howdevette@gmail.com](mailto:howdevette@gmail.com) if you will help. **THANK YOU!**

- **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.
- **Summer Office Hours....** Summer Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next issue of Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, June 21.**
- **Your Help is Needed!....**Friendly Thrift Center is in need of volunteers. Please call Cheryl Ewert if you are able to help!
- **You Are Invited....**to join in a party celebrating Carter Wolf's graduation from BHS on Saturday, June 12 from 4:00-6:30PM at Asbury.
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together....**LIFT will be joining with other groups from Asbury to help with the clean-up at Pastor Heather's house on **Wednesday, June 23rd from 6-8 p.m.** Many hands make light work! Join LIFT on **Saturday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m.** for a trip to Miss Effie's Country Flowers in Donahue, Iowa! Come enjoy fellowship and pick a few flowers to share with our Asbury homebound members. More details can be found for each event on our LIFT Facebook page! You may also contact Marian Paulson at [marianedmund@yahoo.com](mailto:marianedmund@yahoo.com) We hope you will 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!
- **Stewards of Creation June Congregational Challenge....**"Share Your Appreciation for Creation With a Child" Suggestions: Share a story or movie that shows how to care for Creation, take a nature hike, recycle together, talk about pollinators while planting flowers and how children can be good stewards. **Terracycle** - We are accepting cereal, chip and salty snack bags. Please leave in the Terracycle wood chest at the Mission Drop-Off Site located near the elevator.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to Jan Coffenberry and Dean Drexel 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.