



## Test Drive of New Worship Times BEGINNING JULY 11 The Church Council Has Approved Trying Out the Following NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- **8:30** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with adult small groups in other parts of the building
- **9:30** Fellowship in a Café Style atmosphere in the Fellowship Hall
- **10:00** Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary **and Online** with adult small groups in other parts of the building  
Beginning on September 12th, Children's Ministry will take place during the 10 AM worship  
More volunteers will be needed before we can add another hour of Children's Ministry during the 8:30 AM service.  
Please see Carrie Meumann if you want to volunteer.

### Why the change?

1. We are trying to make it more convenient for people to connect with God and other people on Sunday mornings.
2. The current 8:00 AM worship time is too early for many.
3. The pre-Covid worship time of 11:00 AM was too late for fellowship and families involved in other activities.
4. The main dilemma has been how to fit a Sunday School hour between worship services.

The new idea in this schedule is having worship and small groups happening at the same time.  
But...since we've never done it this way before, we want to try it out this summer to see if it works.

**Your feedback will be helpful as we explore new options!**

### From Pastor Tom: A Church on the Move

We are coming back to a new post-pandemic world that has changed from the world we left behind a year ago. But in reality, the world has been changing all the time. Sometimes quickly and dramatically and at other times slowly and gradually.

As a church we need to be sure of our mission, method and message so that we are grounded in the midst of changing times. Then we can make helpful adjustments while maintaining the core of what makes us the Asbury Church.

This summer we are continuing to lift up our method of Seeking God's Light, Sharing God's Love and Doing God's Will. In July we will look to the Bible to see what it takes to "Share God's Love."

Our attempt to find the most effective Sunday schedule is one of the ways we are a church on the move. Please join us in person or online (see the changing schedule above). To worship online, go to [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.

We will continue to evaluate and adjust in order to find the best ways to get our message out that Jesus is the bridge who connects people to God and one another!



### 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).



**AIM Mission of the Month for July...** The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen **Hope at the Brick House** in Davenport as Asbury's **Mission of the Month for July**. Who doesn't love to see happy children? We can all be a part of making that happen! During July we will be collecting monetary donations (only) and they will purchase needed school supplies and snacks for the boys and girls. We have supported this ministry for a number of years and the staff and children are so grateful for our help. If you write a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC with "school supplies" on the memo line. Should you prefer to donate online, please go to [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org), click on the "Give Plus" button, choose "Missions" and type Hope at the Brick House in the "Please Specify" box. You can find more information on Hope at the Brick House and their mission by going to [hopeatthebrickhouse.org](https://hopeatthebrickhouse.org).



### Roots Kids Family Fun Event - July

"The Professor Donut Experience" is coming to Roots Kids!! Mark your calendars for July 12,13,14 from 5:30-7:00 PM. 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!





**Message from Your Parish Nurse Team....**We are all grateful to be moving in a new direction after the challenges of the last year and a half. HOWEVER, think before you throw all caution to the wind! Keep washing your hands frequently. Consider your health, the health of those around you and your location (close quarters, lack of ventilation, lots of people). This will help you to determine if wearing a mask and/or avoiding certain situations is best for you and for others. And, of course, if you are ill: STAY HOME! By doing that, you are protecting yourself from picking up other illnesses and you will avoid infecting others.

Get outside! Have some fun! But plan ahead and protect yourself and others.  
Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



**Please Join Us for a Southeast Asia Presentation on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Pastor Tom's daughter, Katie & her husband, Jon and their family have spent 3 years in South East Asia. Come meet Jon & Katie at Asbury to hear of their work in South East Asia learning the culture and sharing the lives of the people there. It will be a fascinating insight into the everyday lives of people in that part of the world.

► **AIM Mission of the Month for June....**We will continue to collect needed items throughout June for **Winnie's Transitional Housing** (formerly Winnie's Place) which provides housing for women and children fleeing domestic violence. You may give monetary donations online at [www.cuqca.org/donate.php](http://www.cuqca.org/donate.php) or place requested items of laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning wipes, disinfecting spray, aluminum foil, batteries & postage stamps in the Caring Box located at Asbury's East front entrance. If you wish to volunteer for cleaning, painting or contributing your carpentry skills call Betsy Vanausdeln at Churches United 563-332-5002.

**Please consider one of these ways to support this vital ministry!**

► **Asbury Newcomers....**If you are interested in joining Asbury, the first step is to attend **NEWCOMER'S GATHERING** to be held on **Sunday, July 25 at 11:00 AM in the TreeHouse**. For more information please call the church office at 355-5218.



**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. **No class on July 4. Beginning July 11 class will meet at 10:00AM.**

**Congregational Giving Comparison YTD through April**

The Asbury Finance Team feels it is important to keep the congregation informed of the financial implications of the Pandemic. One way is to compare congregational giving shown here.

	May Year to Date 2020	May Year to Date 2021	Change
<b>Income</b>	\$265,797	\$248,778	(\$17,019)



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!**  
**Deadline is July 9, 2021**

**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, July 12.**
- **Your Help is Needed!....** Friendly Thrift Center is in need of volunteers. Please call Cheryl Ewert if you are able to help!
- **Thoughts of Sympathy....** Our prayers are with Vickie & Jerry Finley and family on the death of Vickie's father, Clarence Henson, on June 13 and Carol & Richard Jackson and family on the death of Carol's father, Raymond Newby, on June 17.
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together....** 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!
- **Asbury Card Ministry....** This group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome! Join them on **Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 PM** in Room 302-303. For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- **Stewards of Creation July Congregational Challenge....** Strive for sustainable fashion choices, clothing care and disposal. – Suggestions: Purchase durable, long lasting clothing. Choose fabrics made from natural fibers. Wash most clothes in full loads with cold water. When unneeded, repurpose or donate clothing to charity. (Fashion creates 8-10% of greenhouse gases and contributes to landfill waste.) **Terracycle** - For the month of July we will recycle any color unwearable denim jean pants/shirts (90% or more cotton) We continue to accept 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 Jayne Burmeister, Jane Isom and Jan 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.