



ARE WE THERE YET?

How many times have you heard that on a family vacation? How many times have you thought it yourself? I know I have. When our goal in life is to become like Jesus, then we have to admit that we are not there yet. We will always have more to learn and grow as we seek God's light in order to share God's love and do God's will. (Philippians 3:12-15 is a great reminder of how we must press on to reach our goal.)

This is true for our church as we are working toward the best way to seek God's light together in worship.

For now the test drive of our Sunday Morning Schedule will continue in August:

- **8:30** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with 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 small groups in other parts of the building. Children's ministry will begin again in September.



We are gaining valuable lessons from our test drive, one of which is that we're not quite there yet. You can expect one more change in our schedule in September. Based on our experiences, our program and music staff will make a recommendation to the Church Council on August 16 for a final decision.



Our Theme for Worship in August will be: Do God's Will

This will complete our summer series highlighting the three steps of our method to following Jesus: Seek God's Light, Share God's Love, and Do God's Will.

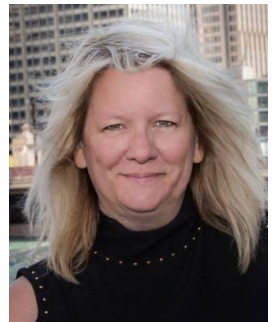
Doing God's will is what Jesus prayed for throughout his ministry and he taught us to do the same. We will look at what we mean when we say, "do God's will." We might not be there yet, but our hope is to keep changing and growing in order to get closer and closer every day.

Pastor Tom

Carrie Meumann to Fill New Roll: Producer of Creative Worship and Media

Another way that we are trying to improve our worship experiences is by the creation of a new staff position: **Producer of Creative Worship and Media.** The Staff Parish Relations Committee is very pleased to announce that Carrie Meumann has accepted this role. It expands work that she has already been doing with our worship media and online presence. It also adds the role of an overall producer for our worship services. She will have responsibility for the coordination of the many aspects necessary for the creation of inspiring worship experiences. This includes the whole process from the early planning stages to the actual directing of each worship experience in person and online.

Because of the time demands of this new position, Carrie will need to step down from her previous position of Director of Children's Ministry. (See job opening announcement below.)



Welcoming Connor Morrison, Director of Youth Ministries

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is also very excited to announce the hiring of Connor Morrison as our new Director of Youth Ministries. You are invited to a time to **Meet and Greet Connor and Courtney at Asbury on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall Café.**

Hello friends! I am extremely excited for the future in ministry and walk each day in hope with Jesus by my side. A little about me, I am 26 years old and currently I am a pastor and live in Hillsdale II. I have a beautiful wife named Courtney who has an in-home bakery and a cute puppy named Beau. For fun I spend time at the gym for powerlifting. I am currently a Grad Student at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. I hope to get to meet and know all of you at the **Meet and Greet** at Asbury on **Wednesday August 4th at 6:30PM.**

Blessings, Connor



JOB OPENING!

**For a Part-Time Director of children's Ministry
Contact the Asbury Church Office for More Information**



Roots Kids Lesson Highlights

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



Message from Your Parish Nurse Team

A while back, we talked about the pandemic as if it were a marathon. Even though we are tired of this 'race', it isn't over! We are exhausted by it! We want to do things the way we did before the pandemic. Oh how we want that! **BUT...it's not over!** We must remind ourselves to be careful as we are around people more frequently. Keep your distance—maybe 3 feet apart instead of 6? Maybe, we think twice about being in large groups. We would enjoy a concert or dinner theater experience but maybe not just yet? And, even though you are vaccinated, it might be wise to wear a mask when in large groups or even if you are in a group of people whom you do not know. Just be aware of your surroundings and remember that not much about how we do things is the way it used to be.



Here's a bit of cheer: August 4th is National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!
Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



BLOODCENTER.ORG

Blood Drive - August 9 - 2:00PM-6:00PM at Asbury

You May Sign-Up Online

or by Contacting the Church Office or Cheryl Ewert

• • • Exciting News...The egg salad sandwiches are back! • • •



Foot Clinic is August 23—1:00PM-4:00 PM

Call Cheryl Ewert or the Church Office for More Information or to Register

AIM Mission of the Month for August... The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen our neighborhood schools (Mark Twain and Neil Armstrong) as our next mission focus. The format for helping with this mission will be a bit different than the others, in that it will be an ongoing call for help, as they come across needs throughout the school year. This call will come through the form of an email list. Jenny Bloomquist will be the initial contact, and she will then forward to those who may be interested. Needs may be quick (example: supplying tissues for a classroom) or longer-term (example: working with a child as a reading buddy). More information will be given as we get closer to the school year.

Summer Sunday Class for Adults and Older Youth at 8:30 in August



Adults and older youth are invited to our Summer Sunday Class on Sunday mornings from **8:30-9:30AM**. 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.



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.



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

- **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, August 16.**
- **Your Help is Needed!....** Friendly Thrift Center is in need of volunteers. Please call Cheryl Ewert if you are able to help!
- **Card Shower....** Our dear mother, Barbara Ann Brethauer, will be celebrating her 90th birthday on **Sunday, August 8th.** Asbury has been her church home, where she has served faithfully since moving to Bettendorf 48 years ago. Please help us celebrate this milestone by sending her a birthday card. We hope to get 90 cards sent for her 90th birthday. Thank you for helping us reach this goal! Sincerely, Kaye Tilton
- **Rachel Circle....All women are invited** to Mo Brady's Steakhouse (4830 N. Brady St.) on **Tuesday, August 10th** at 6:30 PM. If you're interested in attending please call, text or e-mail Kay Parch before Friday, August 6th at 563-349-1566 or fkay60@gmail.com.
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together...** Detail of dates and events can be found on our LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Marian Paulson at marianedmund@yahoo.com. We invite all women to join us!
- **Asbury Men's Group....** This group meets on the 2nd & 4th 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!
- **Card Ministry** is not meeting in August. Join us on September 8th at 6:30 PM.
- **Stewards of Creation August Congregational Challenge... "Avoid Buying New"** Instead, consider these options: repair, reuse, repurpose, borrow, buy used at a thrift shop/garage sale or participate in a local "Buy Nothing", "Freecycle" or "Swap" group. Why?..... Manufacturing and transporting goods uses resources and energy and often pollutes. **Terracycle - New...** Now accepting: Pens, highlighters, markers & glue sticks (all brands), empty toothpaste tubes with caps on and empty dental floss containers. We continue to accept cereal, chip and salty snack bags. Please leave your items in the Terracycle wood chest at the Mission Drop-Off Site located near the elevator.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....** Thank you to Lisa Delzell, Janet Oelerich and Jo Winegar 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.

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.