



Our Fall Worship Schedule Begins September 5th!

Traditional at 8:30am - NEW TIME for Contemporary Worship at 10:30am

We have learned a lot during our test drive to determine the best times for worship, and as a result, we have determined that one change is needed for our contemporary service.

Effective Sunday, September 5th, the contemporary service will begin at 10:30am.

The Traditional Service Will Remain at 8:30am



Worship Online live at 10:30am by going to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org

We are working on making the traditional worship available online as well. Watch for more information coming soon!



2 Week Brief Sermon Series: "Balancing Work and Play"

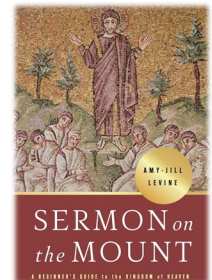
We all have to do it, but sometimes we might not do it well. The rhythm of our lives must include both work and play. We have to expend energy when we work, and we should receive emotional energy when we play. One takes it out of us, and the other puts it back into us. For the first two Sundays in September we'll look to the Bible for guidance on how to balance work and play in our lives.

This will be a great way to start the fall season by finding meaning in our work while honoring the importance of play.

September 5 (Labor Day Weekend) - The Meaning of Work
September 12 - The Importance of Play

Beginning September 19: "A Taste of Heaven" The Sunday Sermon Series will Tie Into the Study Series

This Sermon Series will follow the Fall Study Series materials for Small Groups... **The Sermon on the Mount, A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven**. Study books and a 40-day devotional are available now at each entrance and in the church office. Call the office to request to have a book delivered to you.



COVID Response

Due to the renewed threat of transmission of COVID, even among vaccinated people, our COVID Response Team of the Parish Nurses, Church Council Chairs and Pastor Tom are asking people to follow the CDC guidelines and wear face masks while in the building. The team will continue to meet and assess the situation on a regular basis.

**Thank You for Your Patience and Cooperation
as We Face This Challenge Together!**

Asbury Youth Group

Chaperones are needed

Contact Connor Morrison
connorm@asbury-bett.org

or

text 309-373-5316



RootsKids is Starting!!!

Beginning SEPTEMBER 12TH
RootsKids Will Have 2 Options:
9:30 AND 10:30



We will be asking our congregation to join us by helping 3-4 times during the year with OUR children in the TreeHouse. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and help our children learn to know God!



GivePlus Mobile App Upgraded to MyVanco

Converting is a simple process—simply install Vanco Mobile from either the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (depending on the type of phone you have). In your App or Play store, search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" and tap Install. Follow the screen prompts. When you open the application find Asbury in the "Search Organizations" screen. (Look for our Asbury bridge logo...there are several Asbury UM churches listed.) GivePlus will be an available option as well until September 30.

You may also give online by clicking on the new updated button for "Online Giving" on our website JesusIsTheBridge.org





Message from Your Parish Nurse Team

In the last newsletter, we talked about doing positive things. A great positive activity is to help others is by making donations of goods or of our time. The Friendly Thrift Center is looking for donations of both types. The things that will be most useful to help those less fortunate at this time of year are clothes that will be needed as the weather gets colder. Start now to look through your 'winter gear' and make some decisions about whether you will wear it again. Bring those fall/winter items to the big blue bin located at the foot of the stairs near Upper Fellowship Hall. Someone will pick them up and take them to the FTC. (We cannot take any summer clothing at this time, as we do not have space to store it over the winter.) **ALSO**, the Thrift Center is in need of volunteers to work to sort, price and/or cashier. The FTC is a clean, safe and friendly place to volunteer. Giving of your time is one of the best ways to keep boosting that positive attitude! Please contact Cheryl Ewert with questions or to find out more about volunteering.

In the Meantime...Be Well; Stay Safe; Stay Positive!!
Brenda, Carol, Cheryl



ADULT CLASSES that meet on Sunday will begin with a **"MEET AND GREET"** session on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**. We have groups that are meeting throughout the morning, so please see the enclosed flyer and enjoy the fellowship and learning that being in a group will provide! Looking forward to seeing everyone!

AIM Mission of the Month for September... 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.

THE CHURCHES UNITED MEAL (formerly known as the Salvation Army Meal) is getting a temporary new look. In order to follow guidelines, this meal will now be served as a sack dinner (sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, drink) and will be picked up tableside by clients outside of Zion Lutheran Church. Asbury is still scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, and our first dinner will be **October 6**. We are looking for helpers to provide food items, assemble meal bags, transport, and serve. If interested in any of these areas, please contact Jenny Bloomquist, Linda Carver, or Robin James.

Mark Your Calendar!....Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk will be on October 3, 2021. Watch for more information!



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.



Chancel Choir is Starting Up Again! We plan to start singing on September 12th and will practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 beginning September 8th. For now, we will wear masks and may experiment with locations in the sanctuary. Please contact Joe Buck at jfredbuck@gmail.com with any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the choir, or even better, to express your interest in joining us. **All are welcome!**



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 worship service. 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!**

- **Office Hours....**Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please feel free to contact a staff member if you need assistance after hours.
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, September 13**
- **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....**In September, we are making Thanksgiving Cards and Bookmarks. This group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome! Join them on **Wednesday, September 8th 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 September Congregational Challenge - "Power Down Electronics" & "Proper Disposal of E-Waste"....**Unplug your phone chargers and either turn off computers or put them in "sleep" mode when not in use (screen savers take up more electricity). See our Facebook **Stewards of Creation** page for more information. **Terracycle** – Accepting pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks (all brands), toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, cereal, and chip & 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 Valerie Maher for her gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of her 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.
- **Congratulations** to Pastor Tom and Linda Carver on the birth of a grandson, Vincent Carver Greiner, on August 23. Parents are Beth and Don Greiner.

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.