



Who Doesn't Love the Taste of Freshly Baked Bread?

That will be our metaphor this fall in worship as we look at **The Sermon on the Mount**, perhaps the greatest message ever given. In it Jesus gives us a picture of what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like. The good news is that the kingdom of heaven isn't just for people after they die, a taste of that heaven is available to us now!

Join us in worship as the message each week will lift up from the Sermon on the Mount various ingredients that combine into a taste of heaven.

Then, be part of one the small groups that will look at the Sermon on the Mount in more depth and how to apply it to our daily lives.

Pastor Tom

Fall Worship Schedule

Traditional Service at 8:30am - Praise Service at 10:30am

Nursery for Infants through 2 Years 8:00am-Noon

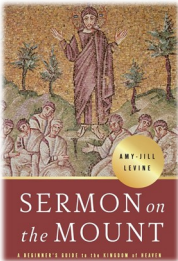
Worship Online Live at 10:30am by going to our website

JesusIsTheBridge.org

Recorded Online Service Also Available on the Website for Viewing Later in the Day or Week

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!**



Small Group Study Series

This Sermon Series "A Taste of Heaven" will follow our Fall Study Series 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 for a list of groups or to request to have a book delivered to you.

World Communion Sunday is October 3rd

On October 3rd We Will Come Together as Christians in Celebration of World Communion Sunday

On this Special Sunday of The United Methodist Church, not only do we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, but we also come together as United Methodists to lift up underserved students with a special offering. (An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Checks may be made to Asbury UMC.)

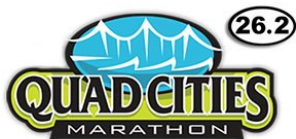
Our gifts help provide scholarships for racial and ethnic minority students, removing the financial obstacles for young men and women for whom education is difficult, if not impossible to access. Through our connectional giving, many first-generation students will be able to attend college.



Thank You, Joe Buck

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has received word from Joe Buck of his decision to retire as Choir Director position at this time.

We thank Joe for sharing his wonderful talent and 13 years of dedicated service! Watch for information coming soon on a celebration & recognition of Joe's service.



Please Remember!

The Quad City Marathon is Sunday, September 26. Those attending 8:30am worship will not have access across 18th Street and will need to find an alternate route.

Asbury Youth Group

Chaperones are needed

Contact Connor Morrison
connorm@asbury-bett.org

or

text 309-373-5316



All 6th through 12th Graders
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm
Join Connor in the Youth Center



RootsKids (aka Sunday School) Has Started Up!!!

Two Times to Choose From!

9:30-10:25am or 10:30-11:25am

Children 3 years up to 5th grade are welcome to come down to the **TreeHouse** and have fun learning how God can be part of their lives. We will be learning about the **Fruit of the Spirit** and how it changes our lives! Older children from 6th to 12th grade are welcome to help with the fun. **The nursery will be open from 8:00am-Noon for infants through 2years.**

• • • **Message from Your Parish Nurse Team** • • •
Upcoming Dates—Save the Date!!



Blood Drive

November 15, 2021

Last date to donate to be eligible is September 20, 2021.
 Cheryl will be making calls beginning early in November.



Foot Clinic

October 25, 2021

Contact Cheryl to Reserve a Spot!

AIM Mission of the Month for October... The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Mission for October is the **50th Annual Quad City Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3, 2021**. Walk begins at the Freight House in Davenport. Check-In is 12:30-2:00pm. With most of us vaccinated, we can finally be together again. Let's step up in a grand way to make a difference in the world with the biggest CROP Hunger Walk ever!

Ways to Participate: Walk the traditional riverfront route (when you check-in you can get started right away); walk a route around your neighborhood, park, bike trail, etc.; support a walker with a donation; promote the walk with others; or be a Spirit Walker and pray for the success of the CROP Hunger Walk. Funds raised provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development across the globe. 25% of money raised is distributed to hunger-fighting agencies in the Quad Cities.

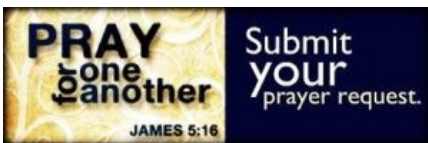
Look for Sign-Up Sheets in the Narthex on Sunday Mornings or Call the Church Office
Checks May Be Made to Asbury UMC with CROP on the Memo Line

For More Information:

www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities
<https://www.facebook.com/qccropwalk/>



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.



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 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 27**
- **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!
- **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 Pat Tulon 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.

Congregational Giving Comparison YTD through August

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.

	Aug. Year to Date 2020	Aug. Year to Date 2021	Change
Income	\$419,972	\$ 392,888	(\$27,084)

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.