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Good News

Our Mission ~ To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

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World Communion Sunday



October 3rd



Sunday Sermon and Study Series

September 18—October 24

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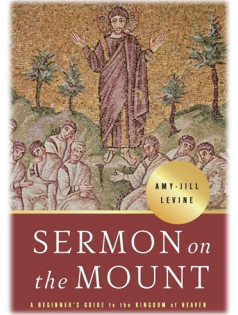
That's what Jesus was doing in The Sermon on the Mount. He was telling people what he saw about life from God's perspective. He described how people should treat each other and what it would look like for people to have relationships that reflect God's relationship with us.

If I'm to be a leader for this congregation, my responsibility is also to seek a higher perspective and tell you what I see. That's what I'm working on as we approach our annual meeting in November that sets the direction for our church into the future. More information will be coming in the next Good News.

A challenge for every church is to remain relevant to each new generation. We have to continually update our methods in order to share our message. It's an ongoing journey.

But if we can see the kingdom of heaven that Jesus describes, then we can experience a Taste of Heaven along the way.

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

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



Our Nursery is
OPEN
8am - 12 Noon
Sunday

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!

FALL-O-WEEN
OCTOBER 30TH - 3:30-5:30 PM
Volunteers needed!
Decorate and fill your car with candy for
"Trunk and Treat"
Food, Games, Popcorn, Drinks, CANDY, Maze, Music
Place: Asbury Church Parking Lot
If you can not be there in person, Candy donations would very much be appreciated!
Two candy drop off boxes will be located in the hallways of the church

ROOTS KIDS
is asking for donations of LEGOS!
(gently used or new)
Bring donations to the TreeHouse

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 2 years.**



Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



As summer comes to a close, so are gardens coming to the end of their productivity. Let's enjoy those vegetables until the very end of summer! You can really make an omelet extra beneficial by adding some tomatoes, squash, peppers and onions. Put it into a whole-wheat tortilla, top it with some sour cream and you've got a delicious soft shell breakfast taco! Roast some squash, potatoes, onions, peppers and tomatoes for a side dish with your baked chicken parmesan. Or, just keep some cut up colorful peppers in the fridge for a quick, crunchy snack—maybe with some Ranch dressing dip?!? You'll want to savor it now so that you can remember how good it all tasted when it's cold outside. **Yikes!**...did we really mention 'cold'?

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Brenda, Carol, Cheryl



FOOT CLINIC—October 25—Call Cheryl to Reserve Your Spot!

ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE—November 15—2:00-6:00



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! **Asbury Walkers will meet at the Freight House at 1:00pm to walk together. All are welcome!**

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.

Farewell to Carl and Rona Loweth... Carl and Rona will soon be making their home in Florida permanent. Dedicated Asbury members for 40 years, they will be dearly missed by many! While sad to see them move, we send them off with much gratitude and appreciation for their many years of faithful service. You may call the church office for their address.

Please go to our Asbury Facebook Page to see Carl and Rona's Farewell message.



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, October 11**.
- **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 October, we are making Christmas cards! This group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome! Join them on **Wednesday, October 13th 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 October Congregational Challenge...** Talk with or write to government, religious or business leaders about solutions to the environmental and climate crisis. Let them know of your concerns and ask for their help. Share ideas about legislation or business initiatives supporting creation, that you would like them to implement.
- **Terracycle** – Thank you! We have collected over 1,704 chip and cereal bags so far! Reminder: let's be sure to remove all crumbs before lying flat in the wood chest near the elevator. If you decide to rinse your bags, please make sure to let them dry thoroughly before flattening. We are also accepting pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks (all brands), toothpaste tubes (caps on) and dental floss containers.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions...** Thank you to Linda Jones and Donna Kuykendall 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 Asbury Card Ministry for all of the beautiful hand made cards I have received! I truly appreciate and enjoy every one! Betty Houston

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.