



Sunday, October 31 The Past is Still With Us

250 years ago this month a 26-year-old man stepped off a ship in Philadelphia. He had just finished two months on that ship sailing across the Atlantic. Back in England he had been a metalworker's apprentice and became a Christian at the age of 15. He joined a small group of fellow believers and by the age of 21 became a traveling preacher. Now he had volunteered to come to the American continent to bring the good news of Jesus.

That young man's name was Francis Asbury. He would go on to be the main leader of the Methodist movement that would spread across the continent. On Sunday, October 31 in worship we will be inspired by the example of Francis Asbury to carry on his legacy.



On October 31 we will also be celebrating All Saints Sunday by remembering and honoring the saints of our church who have passed away since All Saints Sunday 2020.



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



a recipe for
A Taste Of Heaven
Sunday Sermon and Study Series
September 18—October 24

SERMON on
the MOUNT
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to the KINGDOM of HEAVEN

COVID Response

Due to the current threat of transmission of COVID, even among vaccinated people, our COVID response Team (the Parish Nurses, Church Council Chairs and Pastor Tom) have established these guidelines:

1. Face masks are to be worn by everyone attending worship and other large-group public gatherings.
2. Masks will be optional for small groups in the room where they meet. It is requested that if even one person in the small group requests masks to be worn, then all persons would honor that request.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we face this challenge together.
Our ongoing goal is to help people feel safe and welcomed.

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



Calling All RootsKids!!
(aka Sunday School)
Two Times to Choose From!
Sunday 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 is open from 8:00am-Noon for infants through 2 years.

YOUTH GROUP
Wednesday Nights 6pm - 7pm
6th-12th Grade in the Youth Center
October Schedule
October 6th - Youth Makeover/Takeover
October 13th - Mission Night
October 20th - Youth Makeover/Takeover 2
October 27th Setup for Fall-O-Ween
October 30th Fall-O-Ween-3:30-5:30pm

ASBURY IN MISSION

The Asbury in Mission (AIM) team has chosen to focus on the Churches United Meal Site at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport as our **Mission of the Month for November**. This meals site is held Monday through Friday every week, and Asbury prepares and serves on the first Wednesday of each month. Due to Covid, the meal is now served in carry-out sacks from 5:45 to 6:30 and we stand outside, at a table, to distribute them. We buy already-prepared foods and make sandwiches.

The WINGS Group has agreed to take the November 3rd meal. In the next few weeks we will be approaching other small groups in the church and asking them to take a month. Any group that wants to volunteer before we contact them would be much appreciated!

Please Contact Robin James, Jenny Bloomquist or Linda Carver

Message from Your Parish Nurse Team

October is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Our mental health is just as important as good physical health. Everyone has times when we feel down or stressed. Here are a few suggestions to move toward better mental health.

1. Track gratitude and achievements in a journal: include three things you were grateful for and give yourself a pat on the back for three things you accomplished.
2. Take time to laugh: hang out with a funny friend or watch a comedy.
3. Work your strengths: do something you are good at to build self-confidence.

We'll share a few more thoughts next time!

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 of the Month for October* is the **50th Annual Quad City Area CROP Hunger Walk**. Asbury participated in a very successful walk on October 3. We will continue to accept donations through the end of October for this important mission. 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.

Checks May Be Made to Asbury UMC with CROP on the Memo Line

For More Information:

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



Hope at the Brick House Annual Fundraiser Banquet will be held at the Rogalski Center at St. Ambrose University on Tuesday, October 26 from 6:30-8:00PM with doors open at 5:30. This is a fundraiser, and there will be an opportunity to donate to this important ministry. It costs nothing to attend the banquet. RSVP to 563-322-0382 or jklopp.hbh@gmail.com

The Friendly Thrift Center could use some helpers who want to work from home. We need volunteers that would sort greeting cards into bags for sale. We also need volunteers that would be willing to put tags on necklaces, earrings, pins, and bracelets.

The Friendly Thrift Center is also in DESPERATE need of men's clothing. All clothing including long and short sleeve shirts, sleep pants, pants, jeans, coats, and sweaters. We are open from 9- noon Wednesday through Saturday. All donations are appreciated.



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 25.**
- **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!
- **Churches United Meal**....Asbury has committed to providing the meal the first Wednesday of each month. For more information or to volunteer please contact Jenny Bloomquist, Linda Carver or Robin James. (This is the former Salvation Army Meal)
- **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 Tom Howard and Linda Manning 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.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**.... Our prayers are with the family and friends of Jane Isom, who passed away on September 28.
Our prayers are with the family and friends of Helena Shallean, who passed away on October 3.

Congregational Giving Comparison YTD through September

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.

	Sept. Year to Date 2020	Sept. Year to Date 2021	Change
Income	\$458,636	\$ 440,789	(\$17,847)

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.