



The Future is Now



The future is coming. In fact, it's already here now. When we try to see our lives from God's perspective, we can better see how what we do now will shape our lives in the future.

One of the most important things we can do is to imagine God's preferred future and make a plan on how to get there. This applies to our individual lives and to our church!

In worship this month we'll be making a connection between what we do today and our future that is coming:

November 7: *Make a Plan...* Genesis 41:25-36 We will kick off our Annual Stewardship Program to plan for the financial support of our church.

November 14: *Why We Plan...* 1 Samuel 3 - Youth Sunday Youth and Children are the future! Asbury's Director of Youth Ministries, Connor Morrison, will share the message.

November 21: *Work Your Plan...* Corinthians 15:58-16:4 - Commitment Sunday We will dedicate our 2022 individual Estimate of Giving plans. We will also be honoring Jan Coffenberry as an example of a long-time teacher in the church who has shaped the future of many lives.



**Communion
Sunday
November 7**

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
(If worshipping online on Nov. 7th plan ahead for Communion by preparing your elements of bread and juice.)

Asbury Charge Conference

6:30 PM • November 16

**St. John's UMC with Rev. Doug Cue, D.S.
& Other Area Churches**

**Please pray for our Church Council
as they set our plans for 2022.**

One Starry Night

December 5, 3:00-5:30

Actors Needed!

Sign up sheets are in
the church narthex! ✨



COVID Response

Our COVID Response Team members (the Parish Nurses, Church Council Co-Chairs & Pastor Tom) continue to monitor the situation and hope to make changes soon. For now, they ask that we continue with 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.

Hanging of the GREENS

The Worship Commission will be "Hanging the Greens" on **Sunday afternoon, November 21st at 1:00**. If you would like to volunteer, we would very much appreciate your help to carry, lift, hang and decorate our church as we transition to Advent! Contact the church office to sign-up.

**Thank you!
Asbury Worship Commission**



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.

**Hey 4th & 5th Graders
Come join us at**

Kids Club!

**FUN ACTIVITIES THE FIRST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING**

NOVEMBER 3RD 5:30PM - 7:00PM

LIGHT MEAL PROVIDED

RSVP LINDA @ 319-573-9687

IF YOU PLAN TO COME!



**JR & SR HIGH
YOUTH
GROUP**

**Every
Wednesday
Night
6-7 PM
Chaperones
Needed**

RootsKids will start practicing for the **Family Christmas Eve Service** with handbells, a Christmas skit and music! If your family has a talent to share, let us know! We would like to include it! **Contact Linda Carver or the Church Office.**

**For more information contact Connor Morrison
Director of Youth Ministries
connorm@asbury-bett.org or text 309-373-5316**



Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



Mental Health Thoughts continued...Go off the grid. Leave your smart phone at home for a day and disconnect from constant emails, alerts, and other interruptions. Spend time doing something with someone face-to-face. **Practice forgiveness**—even if it's just forgiving the person who cut you off while driving. People who forgive have reported being more satisfied with their lives. **Boost brainpower by treating yourself** to a couple of pieces of dark chocolate. The flavonoids, caffeine, and theobromine in chocolate work together to improve alertness and mental skills. **Show some love to someone in your life.** Close, quality relationships are key for a happy and healthy life!



Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Brenda, Carol, Cheryl

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE - November 15—2:00-6:00



Newcomers Gathering on November 7, 9:30-10:30, Lower Level Room #109

Interested in joining Asbury? The first step is to attend our upcoming NEWCOMER'S GATHERING on November 7. It will be held from 9:30-10:30 in Room 109 on the lower level. This is a time for us to get to know you better and to give you a packet of materials which will provide you with information regarding the exciting ministries and opportunities at Asbury. All are invited!

Questions? Call the church office or contact Linda Manning.



Christmas Outreach for Seniors



Our 2021 Christmas Outreach Project will be gifts for the residents at Generations of Rock Island, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing care center. We will be collecting **monetary donations only through November 28** which will be used for our ministry members to purchase body wash and special treats requested by them. **Please do not purchase these items on your own.** You may make your check to Asbury UMC and mark "Generations" on the memo line. **An offering envelope is enclosed in this Good News for your convenience.** Our gifts will be delivered to the residents on December 1. **THANK YOU!**

ASBURY IN MISSION

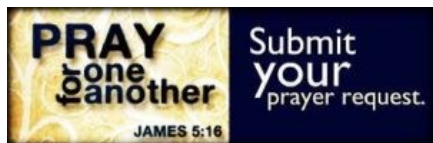
The Asbury in Mission (AIM) team has chosen to focus on the **Churches United Meal Site at Zion Lutheran Church** in Davenport as our **Mission of the Month for November**. This meal site is held Monday through Friday every week, and Asbury prepares and serves on the first Wednesday of each month. Due 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

THANK YOU....to everyone who participated in the **CROP Walk** by walking or sponsoring! Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$1,211 to help fight hunger.

THE FRIENDLY THRIFT CENTER is open from 9-12 Wednesday to Saturday. Please check out, like and follow us on Facebook. We are taking donations and still need men's items. We have great clothing for infants to size 18. Most kids items are a quarter. We hope you'll check us out!
<https://www.facebook.com/Friendly-Thrift-Center-111432707418265/>



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, November 8.**
- **Card Ministry....**In November, we are making Men's Birthday and Thinking of You cards. This group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome! Join them on **Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM in the Lower Level Room #118.** **(Please note the NEW room number.)** For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- **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 November Congregational Challenge....**Pray with thankfulness and for guidance as to how we can help protect Creation. What changes are we being asked to make? How is God calling us to respond to people and wildlife harmed by climate and environmental events? Prayers will be offered throughout the month at <https://www.facebook.com/AsburyStewardsOfCreation>
Terracycle – We are accepting pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks (all brands), toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, cereal and chip bags. Please remove all crumbs from bags before lying flat in the wood chest near the elevator.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to Donna Stradt, Al Sloss, Bev Trask and Pat Ryken 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 thoughts and prayers are with Lauren and Matt Delzell on the death of their father, Mark, on October 18.

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.