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ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

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

Asbury
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JesusIsTheBridge.org



Please Join Us on December 5th
A Free Family Event to Experience
the Christmas Story!

Follow the Journey
of Mary and Joseph
on the First Christmas Night!

- Animals • Crafts • Food •
- Professional Photo Booth •
- Storytelling Stations •

One Starry Night is a Community Christmas Event for All Ages!

You will have a chance to experience what life was like in the town of Bethlehem when Jesus was born. Guides will be helping groups along through a number of stations as they learn about the journey Mary and Joseph took that special night. Afterward you will have a chance to visit Bethlehem to make crafts and have snacks! Invite your family and friends. You will not want to miss this **Special Christmas Event on December 5th from 3:00-5:30pm!**

To volunteer please contact Linda Carver or the church office.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Traditional Service at 8:30am • Praise Service at 10:30am • Communion on December 5th
Adult Classes 9:30-10:30 • Coffee & Refreshments 9:30-10:30 • 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

RootsKids (aka Sunday School) Two Times to Choose From! Sunday 9:30-10:25am or 10:30-11:25am
3 Year Olds—5th Grade • Older children welcome to help with the fun!

COVID Response

Our COVID Response Team members (the Parish Nurses, Church Council Co-Chairs & Pastor Tom) continue to monitor the situation and have updated the policy to **"Masks are Optional and Welcome"** while in the church. We hope you will join us in worship!



Advent Sunday Sermon and Study Series

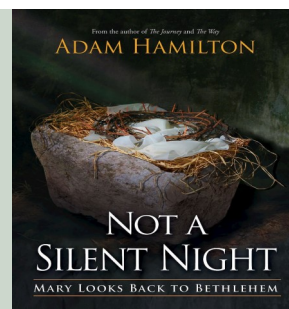
November 28 - December 26

Pastor Tom's Advent Sermons

will follow Adam Hamilton's Study: **"Not a Silent Night"**

Join a small study group to enhance
your worship experience during Advent.

Groups can be found on the website
or call the church office.



State of the Church and Special Church Conference

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 PM at Asbury

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Doug Cue, will be with us as we chart a course for 2022 and Pastor Tom will share a vision for our future. We'll also review our organizational changes, elect leaders and approve a funding plan.

All Church Members & Friends are Invited to Attend!



Coffee Time Between Services

9:30-10:30

Linger after 8:30 worship
for fellowship with friends!

Come early for the 10:30 Praise Service
to visit in the Café or
grab a "to-go" cup to enjoy while worshipping!

It is Bell Ringing Time Again!

Please sign-up to help ring the Salvation Army Bell at K & K Hardware from **Nov. 26th through December 24th**. You may sign up by going to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the link, or call the church office at 355-5218. **Please sign up to help! Asbury is responsible for approximately 250 volunteer hours at K & K.** (To give Asbury credit for your contribution to the Salvation Army please make your check to Davenport Salvation Army and leave it in the Kettle at K & K.) **Thank You!**



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**

Ring a bell...help change a life



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





Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



In all of the bustle and busy-ness of this time of year, have you ever thought that “giving” is a gift to the giver just as much as a gift to the receiver? Ponder that for a moment.

So...be a humble receiver of the gifts given to you. Your graceful reception of the gift is your gift to the giver.

‘Tis the season for giving, receiving, gathering, caring, sharing and love.



Happy Thanksgiving,
Brenda, Carol, Cheryl



Thank You, Mike Brand



Over the past few years our use of technology in worship had reached a level of complexity that was more than the average volunteer could handle. Asbury has been blessed to have Mike Brand serve as our first Worship Technology Coordinator staff position. He has been very instrumental in helping the church endure all of the challenges of the pandemic and adapting to weekly online worship. Mike is ready to step down from that staff position in order to have more freedom on Sundays for family time and personal worship. Asbury Church is grateful for how Mike has really helped us to upgrade our use of technology through a challenging time.

Caleb Swinney is now helping with technology in this time of transition as the Staff Parish Relations Committee seeks to cover our needs for the operation and maintenance of our worship sound technology. We are also developing a team of volunteer operators for both the sound system and the video components. Please contact Carrie Meumann if you would like to be part of our Worship Tech Team.



Mitten Tree

Asbury is once again collecting mittens, hats & gloves to take to the Friendly Thrift Center, where the customers may purchase the items at a very minimal cost. Please help us with this worthwhile project. **Thank you!**

ASBURY IN MISSION

The Asbury in Mission (AIM) team has chosen to focus on the **Bettendorf Food Pantry** for our **Mission of the Month for December**. Using the **Reverse Advent Calendar enclosed**, collect items for 25 days to fill up a box or bags. Please deliver to the church the week after Christmas.

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me’.” Matthew 25:40



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.
- **Welcome Back!**....As we celebrate being together in worship once again, the Worship Commission would like to remind you to please wear your Asbury nametag. If you would like to order a nametag you may call the church office. (No cost for Asbury members 8th grade and older.)
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 AM on Monday, December 13**.
- **Kids Club**....Fun Activities for 4th & 5th Graders on the **First Wednesday of each month from 4:30-7:00 PM**. Light meal provided. RSVP Linda at 319-573-9687 if you plan to come!
- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group**....**Every Wednesday Night from 6:00-7:00 PM**. For more information contact Connor Morrison, Director of Youth Ministries at connorm@asbury-bett.org or text 309-373-5316. Adult chaperones needed!
- **Card Ministry**....**Meets the second Wednesday of each month**. **THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER**. Contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon for more information!
- **Ladies in Fellowship Together**...Details 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**....**Holiday Schedule: Meeting Saturdays at 7:45am on December 4 & 18**. 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 December Congregational Challenge**....Share your spiritual gifts and talents honoring or supporting the wonder of Creation. Examples: Write a poem about your love for wildlife, sing a song about peaceful forests, sew a quilt telling the story of Creation, paint or take a picture with a nature theme, build a birdhouse or grow/pot a plant, then, give it to someone. 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.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy**....Our thoughts & prayers are with Linda Manning on the death of her best friend, Lenore Turkeltaub, on Nov. 17.
- **Praises and Requests for Prayer**....may be submitted on our website 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.



The Future is Now!....The Asbury Stewardship Team thanks everyone who has turned in their Estimate of Giving for 2022. You can help us make good financial plans for supporting next year's ministries by mailing your card, going online to JesusIsTheBridge.org or calling the church office. **Thank you!**

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.