



FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES: FROM CONTACTS TO CONNECTIONS

Because of Facebook, the use of the word, “friends” has changed from someone that you know and care for to anyone who connects with you electronically. So on Facebook people can have hundreds of “friends” which includes people who they’ve never even met, let alone knowing anything about them.

A contact is a name and a number in our cell phone. A true connection happens when both people know each other, interact with each other and actually care about each other. Our relationship with God is like having the ultimate “friend” who knows everything about us and still loves us. When we develop that kind of a relationship with other people, we gain the greatest treasures we can imagine. That’s what we mean when we say that Jesus is the bridge who connects us to God and other people.

The sermon series in February will build on the Emotional Energy theme from last month and look at how we use that energy to develop meaningful connections with other people. Fulfilling our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world begins with developing meaningful connections. And making real friends along the way will be a blessing to everyone involved.



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!

Sunday Worship Schedule

Traditional Service at 8:30am • Praise Service at 10:30am • Communion on February 6
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!

Coffee Time Between Services - 9:30-10:30

Linger after 8:30 worship for fellowship with friends or come early for the 10:30 Praise Service to visit in the Café or grab a “to-go” cup to enjoy while worshipping!



ALL 4th-12th Graders
Ice Skating at Frozen Landing!
Wednesday, February 2
6:00-7:00pm

Meet at Frozen Landing at 6:00pm
Bring Your Friends!
Pizza and Skating Provided
Please contact Linda Carver or Connor Morrison
if you plan to attend.
lcarver07@gmail.com
connorm@asbury-bett.org



January 30 at 10:30 Worship

Five amazing young people have been a part of the Confirmation Class this year:

Grace Brand, Brandon Hu, Owen Hubbard, Clark Lechtenberg and Andrew Swinney

For the past year they have been meeting with Roberta Gimmy and Pastor Heather for the first half and Pastor Tom for the second half of the year. They are ready now to confirm the vows made by their families at their baptisms and be received as members into the Asbury Church. This will happen at the 10:30am Worship on Sunday, January 30.

As a church we can rejoice, welcome and encourage these young people as they continue their journey of life with Jesus.



RootsKids
NEW TIME Beginning February 6
8:30 and 10:30

Newcomers Gathering on January 23, 9:30-10:30, Lower Level Room #109

Interested in joining Asbury? The first step is to attend our upcoming NEWCOMER'S GATHERING on January 23. 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.

Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



We are offering a **Grief Share** support group **beginning February 15th, 2022**. With this program, you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. One participant said, "It's not an easy path, but you can make it through. I've been through Grief Share three times and every time ...I've healed more...I'm still healing."

The group will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm for six weeks at Asbury. Cheryl Ewert will be the facilitator. Please call any of us with questions and to sign up. You may also go to their website: www.griefshare.org

Also...we want to encourage everyone to continue to be aware of your surroundings with regard to COVID. Take care of yourself in the same way that you have these past couple of years to stay well.

Brenda, Carol and Cheryl

At the **Friendly Thrift Center** We are in dire need of men's winter coats! Donations can be left at the Center when we're open: Wednesday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Thank you for checking your closets for items you no longer wear!



In celebration of Chuck DCamp's 90th birthday on February 16th, his family is hosting a card shower in his honor. Please send cards to Chuck at: Ridgecrest Village Oakwood Place, 4126 NW Blvd. #202, Davenport, IA 52806

ASBURY IN MISSION - MISSION OF THE MONTH

The AIM **Mission of the Month for February** is United Way's African American Leadership Society (AALS). AALS seeks to foster the next generation of Black leaders and give every African American child in every Quad Cities neighborhood an equal opportunity to succeed. Asbury members can donate money or time to one of their three programs at Madison Elementary School in Davenport. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please contact Robin James (309-781-2540 or siu79@mchsi.com). You may also donate through the Asbury by going to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org, clicking on the V for Online Giving button and choosing "Missions".



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 the church office 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.
- **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.)
They are also seeking Communion Coordinators for 2022. Please call the church office at 355-5218 if you are able to help!
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, February 7.**
- **Kids Club....**Fun Activities for 4th & 5th Graders on the **First Wednesday of each month from 4:30-7:00pm.** Light meal provided. RSVP Linda at 319-573-9687 if you plan to come!
- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group....Resumes Jan. 26 on Wednesday Nights from 6:00-7:00pm.** If you would like a schedule please contact Connor Morrison, Director of Youth Ministries, at connorm@asbury-bett.org or text 309-373-5316.
- **Card Ministry....**This group has a lot of fun making cards and everyone is welcome! Join them on **the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in Room 118.** For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- **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....**This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings at 8:00am. 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 February Congregational Challenge....** 1) Observe the beauty and the abundant life going on in the natural world. Example: Even in the midst of the cold and snow of winter we can see animal tracks, green under snow etc. 2) Check cabinets for expired medicine and dispose of medicine and bottles properly. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/AsburyStewardsOfCreation> for details.
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:**
Former Asbury Pastor Dale Batcheler on the death of his wife, Patricia, on December 29.
Ed and Val Maher on the death of Ed's brother, James Maher, on December 31.
Ken Ferris and family on the death of his wife, Audrey, on January 10.
Carol and Bob Atkinson & family on the death of Carol's sister, Phyllis Seibert, on January 11.
Dan and Jessica Crippen & family on the death of Dan's aunt, Kathy Crippen, on January 12.
Pastor Heather and Chris Dorr on the death of Chris' father, Richard Dorr, on January 15.
- **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.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to Judy Gackle, Fritz Homann and Jerry Finley 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 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.

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 2022 ministries by mailing your card, going online to JesusIsTheBridge.org or calling the church office.

Thank you!



2022 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the West Narthex.