



February Sermon Series: From Contacts to Connections



While cleaning out old files, I came across notes from a visioning process the church went through in 2001. The notes included an email from Jim Logue in which he wrote, "...the strength of Asbury has been in its relational ministry." I believe this is still true, but a lot has changed since 2001. Technology and a world pandemic have shaped our world in profound ways. We now have instant access to more people and information than ever before in the history of humanity. But developing actual friendships and connections is more challenging now than in 2001 because of all of the distractions and demands upon our time. If we are not intentional about developing healthy relationships they will not happen.

At the heart of all strong relationships are conversations. It is when we share our inner thoughts and feelings that friendships are formed and deep connections are made. Many times those conversations happen over a table or an activity that people share together. In worship this month we will look to the scriptures for insights on making real connections with other people that reflect our connection with God.

In addition to developing our capacity for meaningful conversations, we also want to provide places where they can happen. A Facilities Study Team has been working on ideas to make the room we've called the Upper Fellowship Hall a place to **relax, connect** and **inspire**. They are preparing to share these ideas with the congregation in the coming weeks. These ideas include finding a name for the room that will better describes its purpose. We are excited about the change and renewal happening in our church so that we can maintain a strong relational ministry....because *Jesus is the bridge who connects us to God and to other people.*

Pastor Tom

INTRODUCING OUR 2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM: Lay Leaders of Asbury Ministry Areas

Please be in prayer for our new Leadership Team, made up of the Co-leaders of each of the five ministry areas plus our Church Council Chairperson, Dave Stedwell. The purpose of this group is to seek God's vision for the future of our church and then strategize & coordinate all of the ways we share God's love and do God's will in our community. Their first time to meet will be Monday, February 21, and they will then report to the Church Council on their work.



Back Row: Steve Sorensen, Pat Thornton, Dave Stedwell, Cliff Pim, Kurt Streicher, Jenny Bloomquist
Front Row: Cheryl Ewert, Peggy Hamilton, Marian Paulson, Cindy Bruhn, Stephanie Pim

Church Council Chair	Dave Stedwell
Worship	Peggy Hamilton & Stephanie Pim
Discipleship	Marian Paulson & Kurt Streicher
Welcome and Care	Cindy Bruhn & Cheryl Ewert
Asbury in Mission	Jenny Bloomquist & Steve Sorensen
Mission Support (Administration) ...	Cliff Pim & Pat Thornton



† † † Sunday Worship Schedule † † †

Masks Optional & Welcome • Traditional Service at 8:30am • Praise Service at 10:30am • Communion on March 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 8:30-9:25am 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 10:30 worship to visit in the Café or grab a "to-go" cup to enjoy while worshipping!



Join our Friends at Christ UMC for a Virtual Screening of PURPLE
Sunday, February 20, 1:00-3:00-PM
2330 West 41st St., Davenport



At a time of immense division, the film PURPLE tells the story of Americans with opposing viewpoints confronting their political disagreements head-on and discovering the concerns and humanity that lie behind each other's positions. The film presents a rare conversation that uplifts, provokes and inspires while going toward the heat of passionate political differences. Filmed in rural Wisconsin and Iowa, PURPLE models what healthy public debate on fault-line issues can look like. For more information or to reserve a seat go to: christchurchdavenport.org/purple



Sweets for the Sweet!
Sunday, February 13
UMC Camping Fundraiser



Many of us have fond memories of going to church camp!
We want to continue those special times for our children at Asbury. As a fundraiser for camp scholarships, our **Asbury Youth & RootsKids** will be serving Homemade Valentine Cinnamon Rolls during the Fellowship Time at 9:30 and 11:30 (free-will donation) on February 13th.

Please join us for a delicious roll on Sunday morning!



Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



A **GRIEF SHARE support group** is to begin **February 15th**. The meetings will be Tuesday and Thursday for six weeks at Asbury from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Through this program, you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. Please call the church office with questions or to sign up. You may also go to their website: griefshare.org

The **FOOT CLINIC** is **February 28th**; all time slots are filled. The next clinic is scheduled for April 25th. Contact Cheryl with questions. Our **BLOOD DRIVE** is **March 28th**. You may go the Impact Life website to sign up or you may contact Cheryl. If you have donated elsewhere after January 28, 2022, you will not be eligible for this blood drive. Asbury will be hosting our next blood drive in June.

As always, please stay in touch with us by calling us individually or through the church office.



Take care everyone. Stay safe!
Brenda, Carol and Cheryl



Stewards of Creation: Asbury Animal Art Exhibit



Children and youth (Preschool - High School) are invited to express their appreciation of animals and their habitats through art. This is to coordinate with our April Challenge: *"Appreciate and Support Animals and their Habitats"*. Create art or poetry at home in February and March. **Art work is due in the church office by March 27th**. Please turn in your art earlier, if completed. Art work will be displayed later in April at Asbury, including a special exhibit day Sunday, April 24th. Each artwork will be featured on our Facebook Stewards of Creation page. Participants may submit 1 to 3 works of art featuring: Birds & Insects, Land Animals, and Ocean/River Life. A page sharing more information about Who, Why, When, Where, What and How is available through the church office, our Asbury youth leaders and on our Stewards of Creation Facebook page. Please spread the word and encourage our children and youth to participate!



Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday Worship Service
March 2 at 6:30pm In-Person and Online

Friendly Thrift Center

We are in need of men's winter coats!
Donations can be left at the Center or at Asbury.

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 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 21.**
- **Kids Club....**Fun Activities for 4th & 5th Graders on the **First Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm.** Light meal provided. RSVP Linda at 319-573-9687 if you plan to come!
- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group....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!
- **Thoughts of Sympathy.....Our thoughts & prayers are with:**
The family & friends of former Asbury member, Eloise Cowen, on January 6 in Florida.
Reena Vijayan on the death of her father, Vijayan Daniel, on January 21 in India.
Laurie and Nathan Skjerseth on the death of Laurie's mother, Rosemarie Perschau, on January 25 in Bettendorf.
- **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 Bob Ryken, Heather Dennis and Cheryl Ewert 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.

2022 offering envelopes may be picked up in 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.