

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30
Communion on Sept. 11

Good News



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Our Mission:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

September 4 & 11 Sermon Series: Storytellers - God's Story in Our Lives



Everyone has a story to tell of how God has been working in their lives. 1 Peter 3:15-16 instructs us to always be ready to tell anyone who asks about the hope that God gives us.

The idea behind this occasional sermon series is that members of the congregation will have an opportunity to share their story with the congregation during worship. Michael Reese will go first on September 4 and then Pastor Tom will tell his story on September 11. Occasionally over time, other members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to share their stories of how God has made a difference in their lives. Come and hear a good story that may help you be prepared to tell your own story!

Please Note: Pastor Tom will be on vacation September 4. Communion has been rescheduled for September 11.



Marian Edmund-Paulson

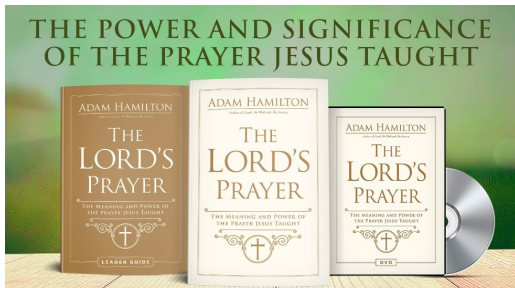
Please Join Us for a Meet and Greet!

Please join us on **August 28 from 9:30-10:30 and 11:30-Noon** as we welcome and visit with our newest staff members:

Marian Edmund-Paulson, Director of Engagement and
Becca Johnson, Director of Youth Ministries



Becca Johnson



Coming Soon!

Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series
September 18 - October 23

The Lord's Prayer, A Pathway to a Better Life with God

Beginning September 18 we will start a new Sunday Sermon Study Series based on the Lord's Prayer. It is the most important prayer Jesus taught us and it provides us with a pathway to a better life with God. The Sunday sermons will correspond with the chapters of the study resource by Adam Hamilton. It will be great time to join a small group and together journey down the pathway to a better life with God. Watch for more information and details of small group opportunities in your next issue of Good News!



Prayer Tree for ages 3 yrs-12th grade

Pull a name off the tree and become a prayer warrior for a child or teen

Please pray for our children and youth at Asbury! You will find the names of our 3-year-olds through 12th graders hanging on our Prayer Tree in the narthex. Members of the congregation can pull a child's name off the tree and become a prayer warrior for that student! The prayer warriors are encouraged to send the children cards or inspirations throughout the school year. This may be whatever you feel called to do to help make this child feel connected and stay encouraged throughout the year. This is not a secret prayer warrior, so be sure to let them know who you are and have fun with it!

Volunteer on a
Rotation Schedule



Starting
September 11th

BE A KIDS SMALL GROUP LEADER!
Adult & High School Volunteers Needed @ 10:30am
Teach Kids to Rely On One True Savior!

Sign up @ JesusIsTheBridge.org



YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

JR & SR HIGH
9-11-2022
6-7:30PM



INVITE A FRIEND!

Parents Open House from 6:00-6:30pm
Asbury Youth Center on September 11

View the room, talk with Becca and enjoy finger food & drinks!
Contact Becca at beccaj@asbury-bett.org for more information!

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech & conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12 NRSV



Message from Your Parish Nurse Team

**First of all, thank you to those who donated blood at our most recent blood drive!
We collected 18 units of blood. Your next opportunity to donate at Asbury will be November 14th.**

We are reminded almost daily, that COVID is still affecting our lives.

The CDC has posted their recommendations to follow if you have been exposed or have tested positive:

1. If you suspect that you may have COVID or may have been exposed, you should isolate if you test positive. If you test negative, no isolation is required.
2. After a positive test, if you have symptoms you should stay home and isolate as much as possible from family for five days.
3. After 5 days, you may end your isolation if you are fever free for 24 hours and your symptoms are improving. You should wear a mask when in public for another 5 days.
4. If there is no improvement and/or you still have a fever, continue to isolate. If your symptoms become worse, you should see your doctor. There are possible antibody treatments available.
5. If you have a positive test for COVID, it is always your option to contact your doctor immediately especially if you have other existing health issues.

If you want or need further information, please contact Brenda or Cheryl.

Message from SPRC....We are continuing to pray for Carol & Dick Jackson as they mourn the loss of their son, Jason. Carol will temporarily be unavailable for any Parish Nurse needs. Please call Pastor Tom, Brenda, Cheryl or the church office for assistance or questions.

Missions

AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) "DOING GOD'S WILL"

Mission of the Month for September

It's the start of another school year and we at Asbury are in the process of reconnecting with Bettendorf Schools to explore how our church can help support young students in our community. Pre-COVID, Asbury members had engaged with various elementary schools (Mark Twain, Jefferson, Armstrong) and Bettendorf Middle School providing reading partners, weekend backpacks, etc. to students needing specific support. Of course, COVID put a stop to all of that! We hope to, once again, be able to provide perhaps these and other mission related activities to support our students in our community. Stay tuned!

Thank You for Your Service!

- Rachel Circle prepared 92 meals (asked to prepare 85) and served 65 at the Churches United Zion Mealsite on August 3.
- 325 chip & cereal bags were collected for Terracycle recycling program.
- Asbury members have given \$4,445 through the special UMCOR Advance Specials for Ukraine and \$399 for the Iowa Tornado Relief.

Stewards of Creation September Congregational Challenge: Conserve Water

Terracycle - Accepting pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks, toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, cereal & chip bags.

Card Ministry.... On **September 14** Card Ministry will be making Garden Ministry invitations. 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.

Hope at the BRICK House is praying for volunteers who could give 1 to 1½ hours per week to help in their after school program reading and playing games with children K-3rd grades or assisting with programming in 4th-6th grades. If interested, contact Joyce Klopp at 563-322-0382.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Church Council on September 19 at 6:30pm will include a presentation from Pastor Tom and Dave Stedwell on the current situation of the United Methodist Church. For a long time people within the church have had different perspectives on human sexuality and gender. Some congregations are currently taking steps to leave the denomination over this issue. Information will be shared about how the denomination got here, the current situation in the Iowa Annual Conference and the implications for Asbury both now and in the future. This will not be a time for making any decisions. It will be a time for information sharing, discussion and seeking understanding. As with every Church Council meeting, the whole congregation is invited and welcomed to attend.

•**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.

•**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.

•**Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, September 5**.

•**Coming Soon - Family Photo Opportunity!**....Carrie Meumann will soon be making appointments for free family photos in the Asbury Studio. Stay tuned for more information!!

•**Adult Helpers Needed for RootsKids**....Sundays at 10:30am Come once a month or more! Sign-Up in either Narthex—See Linda Carver for more information.

•**Rachel Circle**Rachel Circle will meet on **Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30** in Cheryl Ewert's front yard. Bring a lawn chair. We'll have hotdogs for roasting and the fixings for 'smores. If you want to bring your meal, that's okay too. Dave Stedwell will tell us about Rock Creek Marina and Campground.

•**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 meeting date, time or **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!.

•**Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Connie Drexel, Valerie Maher and Dennis Winegar 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.