

Good News

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30
Communion on Oct. 2

Our Mission:

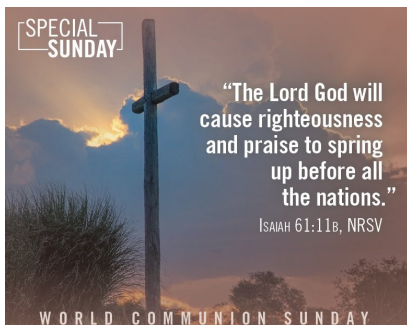
To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Living The Lord's Prayer

Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series † September 18 - October 23

The Lord's Prayer is the most important prayer that Jesus ever taught.

During October we will look at how the meaning of the Lord's Prayer can become power for living our daily lives. This sermon series will coincide with the resource book by Adam Hamilton that our small groups are using in their weekly meetings. Pastor Tom will also bring stories of his recent trip to Iceland as a way to illustrate how the meaning of the Lord's Prayer can guide our daily lives. This is a great time to join a small group and come to worship to seek God's light on how to live the most influential prayer of all time! Books and a list of small groups are available in each narthex or by calling the church office.



† † † World Communion Sunday † † †

On October 2 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Join us as we celebrate Holy Communion together and honor Jesus' instructions to remember him. Enclosed is a World Communion Sunday offering envelope to support scholarships for ethnic students, or you may give online by going to our website. Your gifts provide scholarships that help to recruit, train, and retain ethnically diverse United Methodists in leadership positions at all levels of the church and its ministries. The offering also provides graduate scholarships for domestic and international students and undergraduate scholarships for racial-ethnic students within the U.S. and abroad.

FREE Asbury Church Member Photos



Session times are available on October 14, 15, 16



Sign Up at JesusIsTheBridge.org

FALL-O-WEEN

SATURDAY OCT. 29 - 4:00-6:00

Trunk or Treat, Food, Games, Popcorn, Drinks, Candy, Maze, Music

Candy Donations Needed

bring to church by 10-21

Volunteers needed to help with games, food, to set up the maze and decorated cars to hand out candy!

1809 Mississippi Blvd. Asbury Church Corner Lot

Want to be part of our Liturgical Team?

We are looking for Adults & Teens to assist with our 8:30am worship service assisting with reading:

- Scripture
- The Unison Prayer

Contact Stephanie Pim or the Church Office

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

Questions? Contact Linda Carver

Prayer Tree

for ages 3 yrs-12th grade

Pull a name off the tree and become a prayer warrior for a child or teen. Names and details in the west narthex!

4th & 5th Grade Kids Club

Asbury Kids Club is Back!!!
First Wednesday of the Month

Social Time - We'll get to know each other and plan our upcoming events!

• GAMES • BONFIRE • FOOD • PUMPKIN CARVING •
AND SO MUCH FUN!!

October 5 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the church

Bring Your Friends!!!

Text Linda Carver at 319-573-9687 if you can come!



**JR & SR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP**
GRADES 6-12

6-7:30PM IN THE YOUTH CENTER

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

Brenda, Carol, and Cheryl



The following information is from an article published by the Illinois Extension/University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Our lives are bombarded with negativity, stress and countless threats to our emotional well-being, our work, and our closest relationships. When we experience happiness and positivity, it turns on all the learning centers in the brain and fuels positive outcomes in all aspects of our lives. When we are positive and happy, we are: 3 times more creative; 31% more productive; more energetic; and more intelligent!

There are Three Types of Happiness:

Pleasant Life: Our positive emotions, pleasures and fun things we enjoy.

Good Life: Using our virtues and strengths to find our flow and be a person of good character.

Meaningful Life: Contributing to something higher—something that gives purpose and meaning to life.

Over the next few editions of the Good News, we will explore some “Happy Hacks for More Positivity and Increased Well-Being”.

Stay tuned!...

***** Church Council Follow-Up *****

The Church Council met in September with a primary topic of sharing information about the current separation happening in the United Methodist denomination. The central issue for the division is differences in perspective on how to interpret scripture and represent Jesus to persons in the LGBTQIA community.

A new denomination called the Global Methodist Church (<https://globalmethodist.org/>) has formed and some United Methodist congregations are choosing to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination. The reason they are leaving at this time is that a special session of the General Conference held in 2019 provided a way for local congregations to leave the denomination and take their property and buildings with them. However, that provision only lasts until December 31 of 2023. That means that any congregation seeking to leave the United Methodist denomination with their property must go through the process to decide before that deadline.

The next quarterly meeting of the Church Council will be on Monday, December 19. It will be an all Church Conference that will celebrate our ministries and set goals for the coming year. It will include an opportunity to decide if there is enough interest to formally explore disaffiliation. The hope is that discussions will continue in our congregation to seek God's light on a way forward to our congregation. Pastor Tom and the Leadership Team will be providing more resources in the coming weeks to help us be informed. A good place to start is a Frequently Asked Questions webpage from the Central Texas Annual Conference at www.ctcumc.org/disaffiliation-FAQ



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

Mission of the Month for October



This year's **Annual CROP Walk** will take place on **October 2**. The route will be 2.5 miles over the new I-74 bridge from Moline to Bettendorf and back. You can support this important event by walking or with financial gifts made to Asbury and marked CROP. You may also give online at our website JesusIsTheBridge.org "Give Online" tab & choose the Missions tab. We will continue to accept donations throughout the month. Thank you!

Stewards of Creation October Congregational Challenge: Use Less Plastic and Avoid Plastic Packaging

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

Card Ministry.... On **October 12** Card Ministry will be making Thanksgiving cards. 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.

Friendly Thrift Center....is in need of winter clothing for boys and girls.

•**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.

•**Our Heartfelt Prayers are with**....*The family and friends of Daniel Howell. Dan died on September 15.*

Pastor Lorraine Hartman and family on the death of her husband, Pastor Ken Hartman, on September 18.

•**Newsletter Deadline**....Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, October 10**.

•**Family Photo Opportunity!**....Carrie Meumann is making appointments for free family photos in the Asbury Studio. Go to AsburyIsTheBridge.org to sign-up today!

•**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, October 11 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall at Asbury**. All women welcome!

•**LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Potluck at Devil's Glen Park on October 4 at 5:00 with dinner at 5:30. Details of all events can be found on our LIFT Facebook page. Contact Julia Hensch at julia.c.birmeyer@gmail.com or the church office. All women are invited!

•**Asbury Men's Group**....This group meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings at 8:00am at the church. 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 Bob Reiter, Vicki Smith and Pat Tulon 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.