

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Traditional Service 8:30am  
Adult Classes 9:30am  
Praise Service 10:30am  
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30  
Communion on Nov. 6

**Our Mission:**

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



**Worship in November: A Life Centered on God**

There is nothing more important than my relationship with God.... Is that a statement you can honestly make? The truth is that while many of us might want to say that, our daily lives too often fall short of living as if that were true. A man once asked Jesus what he needed to do to receive eternal life, and Jesus told him to simply love God with every part of his life and to love his neighbor as himself. Another way of saying this is to make God the center of your life. When we do that, everything else in our lives will fall into place. Even if we're not there yet, the good news is that we can move in that direction.

*In November during worship we'll be looking at how to love God with all of our mind, heart and strength!*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES**

- ▶ **BLOOD DRIVE** is Monday, November 14 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. To schedule call/text Cheryl Ewert at 563-505-1477 OR go online to [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) Thank you for volunteering to help others in this way!
- ▶ **Charge Conference** is Monday, November, 14 at 6:30 pm.. The whole congregation needs to be aware of this meeting and are welcome to attend, but it will involve our Church Council and be conducted by a representative of our District Superintendent, Rev. Doug Cue. The main item of business will be to set the pastor's salary for the coming year.
- ▶ **Hanging of the Greens!....Volunteers Needed!** Please join us at 1:00 on Sunday, Nov. 20 to decorate the church for Advent.
- ▶ **All Church Conference** is Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Tom will share a "State of the Church" report that will include a celebration of our progress this year and a look at our direction and goals for 2023. There will also be an opportunity to address the current separation happening in the United Methodist Church. Some United Methodist congregations are taking steps to leave the denomination through a process called "disaffiliation." Many of those congregations are joining a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church. This meeting will provide an opportunity for a vote on whether or not Asbury Church needs to have an official vote on disaffiliation in 2023. A resource guide with more information can be found on our website at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org).



**All Saints Day** is a time to remember, honor and give thanks for the people who have been saints for us and especially those who have died since the last All Saints Day. **On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** at both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services we will be honoring the members, and those affiliated with Asbury United Methodist Church, who have died since the last All Saints Day. Please join us for this time of remembrance.

**Adult Groups to Begin New Studies**



As our Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series comes to an end, the adult groups will have a few weeks of different opportunities for study before most begin the Advent Sermon Study Series on November 27.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS SEE THE ENCLOSED ADVENT FLYER!

Please consider enhancing your worship experience by joining a small group!



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

**EVERY SUNDAY 6-7:30PM IN THE YOUTH CENTER (NO YOUTH GROUP ON NOVEMBER 13 AND 20)**

*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

**Calling ALL Kids!** We are busy preparing for our RootsKids Christmas Program:

**A Very Mixed Up Christmas Pageant: A Christmas Nativity Play** which will be held on **December 11th at the 10:30am worship service.** If your child is 4-years-old through 5th grade and interested in participating, we will be practicing every Sunday at RootsKids (8:30 or 10:30). We will also be learning handbells which makes our practice very important!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



**Support Hurricane Relief**



UMCOR Advance #901670

We invite you to actively support and pray for the survivors of those affected by Hurricane Ian. **By giving through UMCOR Advance, 100% of your donation always reaches your chosen mission project or ministry.** You may give by going directly to [www.iaumc.org](http://www.iaumc.org), through our Asbury website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org), or by making a check to Asbury (marked UMCOR).

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

For more information on how to help visit: [iaumc.org/disasterministries](http://iaumc.org/disasterministries)



**We are more creative, more productive, more energetic and more intelligent when we are positive and happy!**

**Being positive must be practiced daily. Here are some ideas to help with that:**

**Give Thanks or Practice Gratitude....**Try journaling or just start your day by thinking of three things for which you are grateful.

**Smile More....**It's contagious and makes you feel good. When you are within 10 feet of someone, you smile. When you are within five feet, say hello. Try it and see what happens!

**Get Moving....**Proper exercise, diet and sleep are good for us and can decrease stress and anxiety.

**Practice Kindness.....**Several studies show that pursuing happiness for others brings more personal happiness than pursuing it for yourself. Send a text to two people before each day just to say 'hello' or "I'm thinking of you."

**Drop Grudges....** Holding a grudge is not healthy! It's a big obstacle to happiness. Forgiveness is an act of choosing to let go of the pain and hurt.

**Cherish Your Friends....**Social integration or socialization is vital for a long life. Always make a point of staying in touch with family & friends.

**Your Parish Nurse Team,  
Brenda, Carol and Cheryl**

Our prayers continue to be with Brenda as she recovers from a back injury. She will be taking an extended period of time off to heal. If you have a need from the Parish Nurse Team please contact Carol Jackson, Cheryl Ewert or the church office. Thank you.

## **Missions**

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

### **Mission of the Month for November**

**We have two important "Missions of the Month" for November!**

#### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K & K**

Asbury will once again be ringing the bell for Salvation Army Red Kettle donations from the last week of November through Christmas Eve day. Last year "Jerry's Jingle" plus other Asbury family and friends collected **\$10,300** at our K & K hardware site. Dave and Dana Nichols are once again coordinating our church's efforts, so stay tuned for more information on how to get engaged.

#### **Santa for Seniors**

Asburians will once again be spreading some Christmas Cheer to seniors residing in a skilled nursing facility... this year at the Iowa Masonic Village skilled nursing unit. We will be asking church members to donate dollars for items to include in Christmas gift bags for these seniors. Patti Sorensen and Diana Mahoski will be coordinating this traditional mission activity at Asbury. Again, stay tuned as to how you can help brighten up the Holidays for seniors residing in the skilled nursing unit at Iowa Masonic Village.

### **Thank You for Your Service!**

- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Agape prepared and served 85 meals for the Churches United Zion Church meal site.
- Asbury collected \$795 for CROP Walk and has collected \$650 for UMCOR to date for Hurricane Ian relief.
- Garden Ministry held its Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Asbury at which Dave Phillips recognized Garden Ministry sponsors, volunteers, Grace Evangelical Free Church, as well as harvest recipients. The Garden Ministry harvested over 60,000 lbs of produce this year....a record year! Thanks to everyone involved in this important mission ministry at Asbury.

**Stewards of Creation November Congregational Challenge:** As we give thanks, let's show love to future generations. This includes protecting the environment: land, water and air on which our children, grandchildren and future generations will depend. A few organizations that actively plan for the future and you may consider supporting are: Nahant Marsh, Partners of Scott Co. Watersheds, Sustainable Iowa Land Trust, Iowa Interfaith Power & Light and Creation Justice Ministries. For details go to Facebook "Stewards of Creation".

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

**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**. On **November 9th** they will be making Christmas cards. 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....**Thelma Roberts and family on the death of her husband, Billy, on October 10.

• **Newsletter Deadline....**Articles for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, November 14**.

• **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.

• **Adult Helpers Needed for Element 412....**Grades 6-12 Youth Group on Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30pm. Please contact Becca Johnson at [beccaj@asbury-bett.org](mailto:beccaj@asbury-bett.org) or the church office if you can help!

• **Rachel Circle ....**Rachel Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 8**. Angie Sharp will speak on the transition from TV News Anchor to Community Engagement Manager for the city of Bettendorf. All women are welcome!

• **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together...**Details of dates and events can be found on our LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women are invited!

• **Asbury Men's Group....**This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Tom Howard, John Paul and Bev Trask 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.