

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Traditional Service 8:30 am  
Adult Classes 9:30 am  
Praise Service 10:30 am  
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30  
Communion on Jan. 1

# Good News



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**Our Mission:**

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



**New Year's Day—ONE Sunday Worship at 10:00 am with Communion**

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule Resumes on January 8

## January Sermon Series *Thank you for being a friend*



Relationships are everything and most people will tell you that friends are some of the most important relationships that anyone can have. In January during worship we'll look to the scriptures for insights on how to be a friend and develop those relationships from new friends to good friends to best friends!

**January 1:** Companionship, Luke 22:14-23

**January 23:** Good Friends, Hebrews 10:19-25

**January 8:** The Heart of a Friend, Colossians 3:12-17

**January 30:** Best Friends, John 15:12-17

**January 15:** New Friends, John 1:43-51

## Church Conference Report

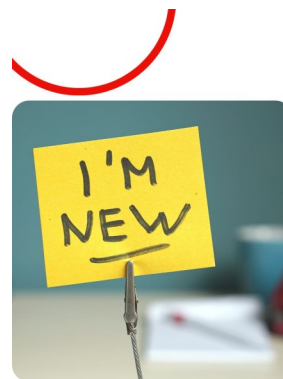
There was excellent attendance at the Church Conference on December 12 with 81 people present both in person and online. We received the annual report that celebrated the ministries of the Asbury Church and set the goals and direction of the church for the coming year. (That report can be found on the church website at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org).) The current division that is happening in the United Methodist Church was also discussed. Since there was no motion made to investigate the process of disaffiliation for Asbury, we will move into the future with a renewed connection to the United Methodist Church.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has made a financial Estimate of Giving for 2023. If you would like an Estimate of Giving card mailed to you contact the church office. You may also submit your estimate online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org). Please remember that to receive tax credit in 2022 your contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2022.



## 2023 Small-Group Opportunities for Adults

Every Group will be Offering New Studies  
See the Enclosed Flier or Linda Manning  
to Find the Best Fit for You!



## Newcomers Meeting

**Sunday, Jan. 22**  
**9:30-10:25**  
**ROOM 110**



### All Children Pre-K - 5th Grade!

Join us downstairs in the Treehouse  
Every Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30  
Adult Helpers Welcome!  
(No RootsKids on Jan. 1)



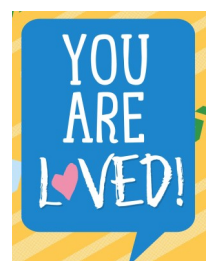
### JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

**GRADES 6-12 EVERY SUNDAY 6-7:30 PM**  
**(NO ELEMENT 412 ON JAN. 1 OR 8)**



## RootsKids Prayer Warriors

New Years is a great time to connect with the child that you are praying for!  
Cards of encouragement are available in the narthex if needed.







## A Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



### TIPS FOR SHOVELING SNOW

You may have noticed that winter is here. With this time of year, we will inevitably see that “white stuff” covering the sidewalks and driveways. Here are some things to consider:

- ✓ Dress warm and in layers. Wear a hat, gloves and snow boots.
- ✓ Cover your mouth and nose to limit the cold air you inhale
- ✓ Don't shovel large areas all at once. Clear small sections, one at a time, and take regular breaks.
- ✓ Push the snow using quick, short strokes instead of lifting it.
- ✓ If the snow is deep, clear it in layers to avoid fatigue.
- ✓ Take time to warm up your muscles before shoveling, just like you would before exercising.
- ✓ Use a snow blower, if possible, but still be careful not to overexert yourself.



**The best choice may be to give the job to a snow clearing service or a neighborhood kid!**

**Happy New Year from Carol & Cheryl, Your Parish Nurse Team**

## Missions

**AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) .... "DOING GOD'S WILL"**  
**Thank you for supporting our 2022 Missions!**



Hope at the Brick House



Zion Meal Site



Christmas Dinner at The Center



Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K&K



CROP Walk



Christmas Dinner at The Center



Santa for Seniors at Masonic Home



**Thank You....**to the Asbury Men's Group for serving 55 people at the Zion Meal Site in December.

**Stewards of Creation....**Be sure to see the latest updates on Asbury Stewards of Creation and **Terracycle** on our Facebook page!

**Card Ministry....**Join them on **January 11th at 6:30 p.m.** in Room 118 at the church. 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 warm men's coats & sleep pants, warm clothing for infants & children, and blankets. Items may be brought to Asbury for delivery to the Thrift Center. 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 office will be closed on January 2.

•**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 **8:00 am on Monday, January 9.**

•**Adult Helpers Needed for RootsKids....**Sundays at 10:30 am. 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 6:00-7:30 pm. 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 meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Join them in Upper Fellowship Hall on **January 10 at 6:30 pm. All 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 8:00 am 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!.