

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News



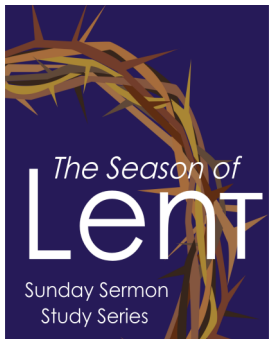
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Our Mission:

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

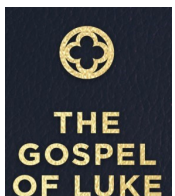
Traditional Service 8:30 am
Adult Classes 9:30 am
Praise Service 10:30 am
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30
Communion on March 5



This year we are putting into action our definition of discipleship which is: "Helping each other move toward a life daily centered on God." One of the best ways to do this is by being a part of a small group. The Season of Lent flier included with this Good News lists several options for connecting with a small group as a way to help seek God's light and share God's love. Linda Manning, our Director of Adult Ministries, will be happy to help you connect with any of these small groups.

Another effective way to daily center our lives on God is to read the Bible and spend time in prayer. Lent reminds us of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his life mission. Part of the story includes Jesus being tempted by the devil to reject God and take an easier path. With each temptation, Jesus used the words of Scripture for guidance. (Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13)

Some people in our church have been using the YouVersion Bible app to read the whole Bible in one year. "One Story that Leads to Jesus" is the name of the Bible reading plan created by The Bible Project. You can find it at by going to JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on "One Story That Leads to Jesus." If you are using this plan, please let Pastor Tom know so he can organize a time to share our insights with each other.



Another opportunity to read the Bible daily during Lent is to read through the Gospel of Luke. A great resource comes to us from the Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. You can go to <https://hpumc.org/reading-plans/luke-brp> to find a reading plan, brief daily videos and even some discussion questions and links to additional resources. A bookmark is enclosed with this Good News (and available at the church) that lists daily readings for each Monday through Friday during Lent.

I invite you to use this season of Lent to strengthen your connection to God and others through worship, small groups, reading the Bible and serving others.

Pastor Tom

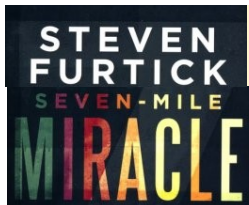
February 19 Fishers of Men Ministries

Please join us in worship on Sunday, February 19 to hear about Fishers of Men. Pastor Joshua Ngao will share their background as well as his incredible story about what God has called him to do in Kenya, Africa and how Asbury might be able to help with this important ministry!

February 22 Ash Wednesday Worship



Join us in Ash Wednesday worship on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm**. Drive-up imposition of Ashes will also be available throughout the day. **Come early for fellowship and potluck supper at 5:30 pm prior to the service.** Call Cheryl Ewert to sign-up for food or to help serve!



Beginning February 26 our Lenten Sunday Sermon Study Series will be the book SEVEN-MILE MIRACLE by Steve Furtick. The study is based on the seven short statements of forgiveness, salvation, relationship abandonment, distress, triumph, and reunion made by Jesus as he hung on the cross. Books are available in each narthex and a list of small group opportunities is enclosed!



How You Can Help

UMCOR is accepting donations for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria through Advance #982450. You can help by writing a check made to Asbury with UMCOR on the memo line, or by going online to JesusIsTheBridge.org and clicking on the "Giving" tab. After choosing "Missions & Special Giving" you are able to type in any designated mission of your choice.

For more information or to give directly go to iaumc.org

100% of all UMCOR donations always go directly to those in need.

Thank you!



**All Children
Pre-K - 5th Grade!**
Join us downstairs in the Treehouse
Every Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30



February Social
Elevate Trampoline Park
4800 Elmore Avenue, Davenport

Saturday February 18th
1:00-2:30 pm

Cost - \$16.99 (covers a 90 min jump pass)



Must have a waiver signed by parent & elevate socks to jump
Element 412 Parents - please drop off and pick up @ Elevate
Families welcome. Kids younger than Jr. High must be accompanied by a parent

ELEMENT 412 Drama Team meets Feb. 19 from 9:30-10:30am
No ELEMENT 412 YOUTH GROUP on February 19 and 26

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



A Message from Your Parish Nurse Team



During worship on Sunday, February 12th, an anointing service was offered to anyone interested in being anointed for healing of your body, mind, spirit and relationships. Our intent was for each of us to have the opportunity to ask for God's presence in our lives to make us whole. The healing focuses on God, and the wholeness focuses on the harmony of a person's body, mind, spirit and relationships. We wanted to provide a re-education of the significance, the importance, the necessity and the practice of intentional healing through anointing.

We all want to be healthy in our heart, soul and mind. The power of an anointing gives us the ability to move to this wholeness of health. This is one way we can each move individually toward our best selves. We will be offering anointing services periodically or you can request it anytime.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Pastor Tom, Carol, or Cheryl. If you want to share a testimonial of how the anointing was significant for you, we would love to hear from you!

Carol and Cheryl



March 27 - Blood Drive

You may begin to sign up now on the website at bloodcenter.org or give Cheryl a call to schedule a time! (Last date to donate & be eligible is January 30)



February 27 - Foot Clinic - 1:00-4:00

We still have openings! Contact Cheryl
Cost is \$35

Missions

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

Mission(s) of the Month for February

Our Mission of the Month for February is Fishers of Men (FOM) Ministries, Inc. FOM Ministries is a 501(C)(3) global ministry founded by Pastor Joshua Ngao, with international headquarters located at The Center in Davenport, IA. FOM is engaged in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and "sharing God's love", primarily in Kenya, by establishing churches for Kenyan communities; and establishing schools and housing for homeless orphans and children in need to receive education and homes. To date, FOM has established 11 churches, one dispensary; two K-8 primary schools and an orphanage; and has sunk 19 water wells. FOM has taken care of over 550 children in Kenya K-8 through college. In the past, Asbury Children's Ministry has sponsored a student (Vincent Kimanzi) and teacher in Kenya and Asbury will continue to do so again this year.

Pastor Ngao will speak to our congregation at our February 19th Sunday services.

Thank You for Your Service

- To the many Asburians who volunteered to "ring the bell" at K&K Hardware for Salvation Army.
- Those serving 65 meals on February 1 at Zion meal site.

Asbury Received a Thank-You from the Following Organizations for "Doing God's Will!"

- Churches United for our \$790 gift to support Winnie's Transitional Housing and stocking 22 food pantries.
- Family Resources for \$150 gift to support Domestic Violence Program
- Hope at the Brick House for the many ways Asbury supports their programs such as their after-school program.
- W.I.S.H. Ministries for "generous construction help (Men's Group) this past year."
- Iowa Masonic skilled nursing residents for the "Santa for Senior" gift bags received.

Stewards of Creation February Congregational Challenge.....Car pool or offer a ride to church, work, a meeting or the store.

Terracycle.....We are now accepting multi-pack candy bags (not wrappers), pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks, toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, and cereal & chip bags. All may be placed in the Asbury Terracycle bin near the elevator.

• **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.

• **Thoughts of Sympathy.....**Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with:

† Paul and Deborah DCamp & family on the death of Paul's father, Charles on January 25.

† Heather Dennis and family on the death of her husband, Richard, on February 3.

• **Newsletter Deadline.....**Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Mon., February 27.**

• **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 or the church office if you can help!

• **Rachel Circle**Rachel Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is March 14 at 6:30pm. **All are welcome!**

• **Card Ministry.....**Join them at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Room 118 at the church. For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.

• **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.....**Meets on the 2nd & 4th 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 more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!.

• **Foundation Gift Recognitions.....**Thank you to Cheryl Ewert, Bob Ryken, Tim Tulon and Craig Windmiller 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.