

Good News

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

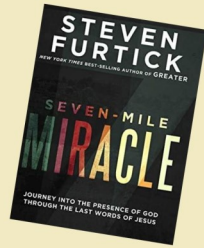
Our Mission:

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

Lenten Sermon Series & Book Study

Seven-Mile Miracle

It's not too late to enhance your worship experience by joining a small group! Books and a list of Small Groups are available in each narthex.



Throughout March in worship we will continue to seek inspiration from Jesus' last moments on the cross. It is often said that Jesus was dying on the cross. But another way to look at it is that Jesus was also still living on the cross.

His last words while on the cross give us insights into what was going on inside of him emotionally and spiritually. Even on the most difficult day of his life, Jesus shows us how to endure, trusting that God is with us and holding onto the hope that God is good and there is life on the other side of the cross and death.

Looking back from our perspective now, we know that Easter was coming and Jesus' suffering and death on the cross would lead to his resurrection and new life for the whole world. We know now that it would all have been worth it. But first he had to endure the horrible experience of living through those moments on the cross.

While we can't see the future details of what will happen in our lives, we know that there will surely be wonderful days of great joy along with other days that will be times of great pain and struggle. Just like with Jesus, our relationship with God may be the only thing that gets us through those times of suffering.

Join us in worship this month as we seek God's light in order to apply the same mindset that Jesus had to our lives today. We can learn to trust in God, hold on, persevere, keep the faith, endure and know that there is an Easter resurrection that is coming and it will all have been worth it!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom



**THE
GOSPEL
OF LUKE**

Join us as we continue to read the **Gospel of Luke** daily during Lent. Our resource comes to us from the Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. You can go to JesusIsTheBridge.org and click on the "Book of Luke Online Study" link to find a reading plan, brief daily videos and even some discussion questions and links to additional resources. A bookmark can be found in the narthex that lists daily readings for each Monday through Friday during Lent.



Welcome to Paul DCamp



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is very pleased to announce that long-time Asbury church member Paul DCamp is now our new Chancel Choir Director.

Paul is a graduate of St. Ambrose University with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. He held a music teaching job for a time before moving to Systems and Technology Engineering at EDS Corporation and later John Deere, retiring recently.

Paul and his wife, Deborah, have been very involved with Asbury church music as members of our church choir and praise bands for many years. Paul expressed a great deal of excitement about joining our church staff and leading the Chancel Choir. He believes that music is an important and inspirational part of our worship experience and wants to help it expand and grow stronger in the future.

Be sure to welcome Paul into this new role and better yet, tell him that you want to join the choir!

Mark Your Calendar!

**Church Council Meeting
All are Welcome!**

**Monday, March 20 at 6:30
In Person and on Zoom
Call the Church Office
for the Zoom Link**



Thank You Pastor Joshua!

We're grateful to Pastor Joshua Ngao for sharing his message of the Fishers of Men ministries in worship on February 19.

To learn more about how you can support Fishers of Men ministries go to:

<https://fomministries.org>



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

**Join us downstairs in the Treehouse
Every Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30**



**JR & SR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP**

GRADES 6-12 EVERY SUNDAY 6-7:30 PM



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



The next BLOOD DRIVE is Monday, March 27th from 2:00 to 6:00 in Upper Fellowship Hall. Please call Cheryl to make an appointment or you may schedule your own appointment online at Impactlife.org. If you donated elsewhere after January 30, you will not be eligible for this date. Let Cheryl know if you have any questions.

By popular demand, we are offering another FOOT CLINIC on Monday, March 27th from 1:00 to 4:00 in Upper Fellowship Hall. We had a request by some regulars to be able to participate in this "feel good" activity more frequently. The cost of \$35 can be paid in cash or by check made out to Unity Point Home Health. We will be offering this service every month on the fourth Monday. Please call Cheryl to make an appointment!

We have heard from several of you that you have an abundance of COVID home test kits, and you keep getting more in the mail even though you may not have asked for them. If the test has a "use by" date that is past, the testing product may not be as good as it was prior to that date. You should discard those tests which are past the "use by" date by putting them in the garbage. Unfortunately, there is not a way to recycle them that we know of currently. If we learn additional information, we will let you know.

Be well everyone!!
Carol and Cheryl

Missions

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

Mission of the Month for March

Our Mission of the Month for March is our monthly outreach project working with Churches United to prepare and serve a meal to homeless and those in need of an evening meal at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. Asbury has been preparing and serving a meal once a month to those in need for many years. Currently, we are serving approximately 60 meals each month.

In an effort to give more Asburians an opportunity to serve and participate in this important outreach mission, we are changing Asbury's process which has been in place since Covid times.

Effective with our May 3rd Meal Prep and Serve, we will be providing and serving a routine and fairly easy dinner menu at Zion. In March and April, we are asking Asbury members and families to sign-up to be on a team of 5 or 6 people that will be assigned no more than 2 months a year to prep the food, transport and serve the Wednesday night meal.

Look for more information in the coming weeks on how you can "Do God's Will" by participating in this important Asbury outreach mission!

Thank You for Your Service!

- Salvation Army Major Bob Doliber presented Asbury with the Salvation Army's Volunteer Organization of the Year for 2022 in recognizing Asbury's bell ringing efforts this past Holiday Season. Thanks again to Dave and Dana Nichols who organized Asbury's Holiday Bell Ringing efforts.
- Members of Agape Adult Sunday Small Group for serving the meal on March 1 at Zion Meal Site.



Stewards of Creation March Congregational Challenge..... Use less electricity for lighting by switching to LED light bulbs indoors and outside, installing dimmer switches and turning out lights when leaving a room.

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.

•**Thank you,** all, for your love, support and prayers during Richard's declining health and for when he passed away. Many of you, and especially my WINGS group and Carol Jackson held me up; and thank you to Pastor Tom and Cheryl for your guidance, support, and prayers in Richard's celebration service and luncheon. Much love from Heather, Matthew and Brian Dennis

•**Newsletter Deadline....**Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Mon., March 13.**

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

•**Fun Opportunity!....**Your help is needed with **RootsKids** on Sundays at 10:30 am in the TreeHouse. Come once a month or more! Sign-Up in either Narthex. Contact Linda Carver for more information.

•**Hannah Circle**All ladies are invited to lunch and fellowship at 11:30 am on March 14 at Granite City. **Please join us!** Call Donna Stradt for more information.

•**Rachel Circle**Rachel Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 pm in UFH. We will be putting together our Easter surprise treats for the residents of several of the elder care facilities. **Come join in the fun and fellowship!**

•**Card Ministry....**Join them at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Room 118 at the church. The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 8.** 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 Katie Nelson for her gift to the Asbury Foundation in honor of her recent birthday. 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.