

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 May 7

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News



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Our Mission:

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



Seek God's Light



Share God's Love



Do God's Will

Enclosed with this Good News is a document called *The Discipleship Pathway—My Growth as a Disciple*. It is intended to be a tool for people to determine what next steps they could take in order to grow in their relationship with Jesus. In each of the categories of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness, Learn and Play there is a list of progression of behaviors that correspond with a deepening relationship with God.

The way to use this tool is to assess which of those behaviors might describe your current practices, and to then seek God's guidance for areas in which a change would be good. It may be more effective to concentrate on one or a few items rather than all areas at once.

It helps to make a specific plan for change and to share that plan with someone else. Another set of eyes can be very beneficial not only in identifying areas to change but also in providing the support and accountability for the change to happen. Just like the two men on the Road to Emmaus, it is good to journey with someone else who is also trying to seek God's light. But the amazing miracle is that Jesus is on this journey with us! The closer we become to him, the more we will experience God's peace, love and joy. It is a blessing to be on this journey with you.



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tom



Native American Ministries Sunday Celebration is April 23

This offering is collected the third Sunday of Easter and funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries and annual conference Native American ministries. If you would like to support this important UMC ministry, an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You can also go to JesusIsTheBridge.org and click on the purple "V" Online Giving button. There you can make a regular donation to the church or you can support Native American Sunday by choosing "Missions" and making a designation in the comment field. To learn more about Native American Ministries Sunday or to give directly go to UMC.org

Hiney Heroes



Diaper Drive

In the Quad Cities, one in three families struggle to afford an adequate supply of diapers for their babies. Our Asbury LIFT group will be coordinating with Hiney Heroes the week of April 30-May 7 as part of the World's Largest Diaper Drive! They will be hosting a "Baby Shower" in the West Narthex during this time where diapers can be dropped off. To learn more go to our LIFT Facebook page or HineyHeroes.com!

Any size baby diapers will be appreciated!



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



We want to offer a Grief Share support group this Spring/Summer. In this program, you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope. One participant said, "it's not an easy path, but you can make it through. I've been through Grief Share three times and every time, I've healed more...I'm still healing".

There are 10 group sessions (one per week) which last approximately 2 hours each. Each participant will have a workbook for their own use; we will watch videos with testimonials; we will have discussion (no one is required to share their story but may if they choose); we will support one another throughout. Grief Share is a spiritual based program although one does not need to have certain beliefs in order to participate.

We have not determined a time or day of the week. **Please contact Carol or Cheryl regarding your interest and let us know what would work best for you.** When we have received some feedback, a definite start date will be determined. We anticipate late April or early May as a start date.

FOOT CLINIC ON MONDAY, APRIL 24 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.... There are still time slots available for the Foot Clinic. Contact Chery Ewert to schedule your appointment!

Be Well Everyone, Carol and Cheryl

Missions

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

Mission of the Month for April † Asbury Garden Ministry

It will soon be time to play in the dirt again!

The Garden Ministry would not be the success it is without the dedicated support of the volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome! This is great opportunity to have fun and help others! **If you are interested, please call Dave Phillips at 340-6594.**



Thank You for Your Service! † Asbury Doing God's Will!

Thank you to all who have signed up to help prep and serve the Wednesday Meal at Zion Lutheran Church! We have had a great response so far. **It's not too late!** For more information or to volunteer, go online to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org, or contact the church office, Steve Sorensen or Robin James.

Stewards of Creation April Congregational Challenge..... 1. Pick up litter while walking. 2. Recycle your rechargeable batteries at the Waste Commission of Scott County "Electronics Recovery Center". (Batteries - Tape each end and seal in a plastic bag.) Recycle other electronic waste (cell phones, keyboards, T.V. etc.) there or curbside on recycling day in Bettendorf and Davenport.

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 prayers are with former member Lorraine Vander Hoek and family on the death of her husband, Mel, on April 11 in St. Charles, Missouri.
- Newsletter Deadline....**Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, April 24.**
- 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!
- 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 women invited for fun & fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! Call Donna Stradt for time and location.
- Rachel Circle**meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Asbury. The next meeting is May 9. **Everyone is welcome!**
- 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 on **Wednesday, May 10.** For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together....**Join LIFT for a special **Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 22nd.** Coffee, light breakfast and connection at 8:30 am in the UFH Coffee Hour area (rain or shine) followed by a walk to beautify our Asbury Neighborhood for trash cleanup. Please bring gloves and a small rake if you have one. Contact Stephanie Pim, Marian Edmund-Paulson, Julia Hensch or Jenny Bloomquist for more information or go to the LIFT Facebook page for more details
- 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 Becky Reiter for her gift to the 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.