

**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 July 2

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Good News**



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**Our Mission:**

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

**Worship in June ~ The Boomerang Principle: How to live with the truth that what you sow comes back to you.**  
**Sunday, June 18: Luke 6:27-38 The Hope † Sunday, June 25: Galatians 6:7-1 The Promise**

**2023 Iowa Annual Conference**

The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was held on June 4-6 at the Rec Plex in West Des Moines. The Conference met in a space that also serves as an ice arena. (But there was no ice during the Conference.) Pat and Pam Thornton attended as Lay Members from the Asbury Church along with Pastor Tom.

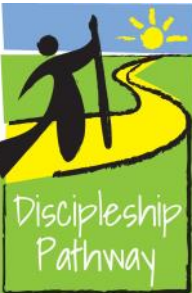
A significant event was the official disaffiliation of 83 congregations that had gone through a process to leave the United Methodist Church. The major issue has been different interpretations of the Gospel on how to live with LGBTQIA persons. This represented about 15% of the United Methodist congregations in Iowa. While there was grief and sadness over those leaving the denomination, there was also a sense of hope that all churches can move forward in representing Jesus to the people of their communities as they feel led by God.



Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai presided for the first time and brought her own style of grace, inspiration and humor to the body. The business of the Annual Conference included worship, prayer and actions that affect our combined ministries in Iowa.

The Thornton's and Pastor Tom will present their reflections from the Annual Conference at the Church Council meeting on June 26. They would also be glad to speak with anyone who would like to learn more about the Annual Conference.

**Discipleship Pathway Moment: SERVICE**



The Discipleship Team is hoping you are continuing to work on the Discipleship Pathway and continuing to Grow as a Disciple. The focus for June is **SERVICE**. One definition of service is “the action of helping or doing work for someone”.

Asbury offers many opportunities to serve both within and outside our walls. Have you considered helping to prepare or serve Communion? How about joining the Welcome Team? If you enjoy working with children, Roots Kids and Element 412 would love to have you join them! And now is a great time to get involved with the Garden Ministry! The Friendly Thrift Center is currently in need of volunteers and donations. These are just a few of the many opportunities we have. Where are you serving? How can we help you connect? Do you have a favorite cause that you support that Asbury can support also? Let us know!!

John Wesley said “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” The way you serve others will be like a boomerang. The kindness you send out will always return to you.

Jean Black and Kurt Streicher - Discipleship Team Leaders


**The next Foot Clinic is June 26.** Appointment times available. Contact Cheryl Ewert to schedule.  
**The next Blood Drive is August 7.** If you donate elsewhere after June 13, you will not be eligible for this date. You can sign up now for the August date online, or contact Cheryl for an appointment.

**Church Council**  
**Monday, June 26 at 6:30pm.**  
Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.  
Update on the Building Remodel Progress & Plans  
Report on Annual Conference

**\* \* \* Adult VBS Opportunity \* \* \***

Asbury’s Adult Ministry Team will offer a three-night study coinciding with this year’s Vacation Bible School on June 19, 20 and 21 in Rooms 302 & 303. The classes will begin at 6:15 and conclude at 7:15 to allow participants to be with their children for their opening and closing activities. Adult VBS will spend time reviewing the creation story of Genesis on Monday. On Tuesday, we will look at all the ways that God shares His love with us. Finally, on Wednesday we will review how we can share God’s love with others. These three themes follow the same topics the children will study each evening to help our adults be ready for their children’s questions and to build on their lessons. We look forward to seeing you on June 19, 20 and 21.

**Boomerang**  
**Adult Summer Small Group**  
**June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th**  
**9:35 am - 10:25am**  
**Rooms- 302-303**  
Join anytime!  
Contact Phil and Marian Paulson for more info



**Coffee & Connection**

The Sunday morning Coffee & Connection time requires volunteers to make it happen. Our current volunteers are taking a break for the summer. If you would be willing to serve on this team when they resume, please contact the church office.



**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**  
**SUMMER EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED**



At Rachel Circle this week, we listened to a presentation by Amy Gutknecht (she is a senior living consultant at Quartet) about Dementia Friends Iowa. This is the group in our state which is part of the Dementia Friendly America Initiative. This is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom and is now underway in the United States. This Iowa initiative supports the growth of the Dementia Friends movement in Iowa. The goal is to help everyone in a community understand five key messages about dementia, how it affects people, and how we each can make a difference in the lives of people living with the disease. The five key messages about dementia are:

- Dementia is not a normal part of aging. Not everyone who grows old will develop dementia.
- Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain. The most common is Alzheimer's.
- Dementia is not just about having memory problems. It can affect thinking, communication and doing everyday tasks.
- It is possible to have a good quality of life with dementia.

There's more to the person than the dementia. People with dementia are a valuable part of the community. If your group would like to hear this presentation, please let Cheryl know and we can see about asking Amy to come back!

Be Well Everyone, Carol and Cheryl



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

### Mission of the Month for June † Love Our Neighbors World Relief of the Quad Cities and One-Eighty

**World Relief** has welcomed, advocated for, and helped integrate over 400,000 immigrants in vulnerable situations to communities all across our nation. For more information go to [worldrelief.org/quad-cities](http://worldrelief.org/quad-cities). **One-Eighty**, located in Davenport, exists to bring hope, love and opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty, or addiction. They do this by helping people build a relationship with Jesus Christ and assisting local churches and organizations in connecting with their communities. For more information go to [oneeighty.org](http://oneeighty.org).

We as church people, and as individuals, want to be of help to others. Often we may not know the person by name, where they live, or anything about them, but we can still be of service to provide a safer and healthier life. New clean socks can make a true quality-of-life difference!

You will find a table in the West Narthex throughout the month of June. Items may be donated weekly or anytime in June!

<u>Week of June 4:</u>	New Socks and Underwear for kids and adults.
<u>Week of June 11:</u>	Hygiene Items: toothpaste & brushes, toilet paper, soap, tissues, personal products, etc.
<u>Week of June 18:</u>	Non-perishable food items: boxed food, canned food, coffee, ketchup, salad dressing, etc.
<u>Week of June 25:</u>	Cleaning Supplies: sponges, paper towels, toilet cleaner, etc.
<u>Any Week!</u>	Activities: puzzles, coloring books, crayons, word searches, etc. for all ages.

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

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to AIM Mission of the Month! We sent \$100 each to Terracycle and Canopy Project. Thank you WINGS Group for serving the Churches United Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in June and to Carrie Meumann for the terrific video of their prep work. Go to Asbury's Facebook page to view the video!

**Stewards of Creation June Congregational Challenge.....**Less Food Waste - Only buy what is needed. Use all fresh foods purchased and be sure to eat leftovers. When food is wasted, so is the land, water, labor and energy used to produce it. According to the EPA, food is the most common material in U.S. landfills. Let's do our part to change this!

**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 Nancy Kintz on the death of her son, Mark, on June 7.

A Celebration of Life and Luncheon for Rev. Fred Pierce will be held at 11:30 am on Saturday July 8 at Grace UMC in Brooklyn, IA. Please RSVP Suzann at [mbdbmom@gmail.com](mailto:mbdbmom@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

•**Newsletter Deadline....**Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, June 26.**

•**Help is Needed at Friendly Thrift Center....**For more information or to volunteer, contact Julie Moran at 563-210-3472.

•**Fun Opportunity!....**Your help is needed this summer with **RootsKids** on Sundays at 10:30 am in the TreeHouse. Come once a month or more! Contact Linda Carver at [lcarver07@gmail.com](mailto:lcarver07@gmail.com) for more information.

•**Hannah Circle** All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! For details on time and location on **July 11** contact Donna Stradt at [donna@jrs-realtor.com](mailto:donna@jrs-realtor.com).

•**Rachel Circle ....Next meeting is July 11.** Details will be in the next edition of the Good News.

•**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, July 12.** For more information go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.

•**LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together...Saturday, June 17, 8:30-10:30 am** at Dunn Brother's Coffee at Duck Creek. One & Done Book Discussion of "*The Good Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness*". Details can be found on our LIFT Facebook page. You may also contact Jenny Bloomquist, Julia Hensch, Marian Paulson or Stephanie Pim. All women invited!

•**Asbury Men's 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 more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!

•**Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to Talbot & Angie Berry, Jayne Burmeister, Jan Coffenberry, Heather Dennis, and Dean Drexel for their recent gifts to the Foundation. 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.