

**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 August 6

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

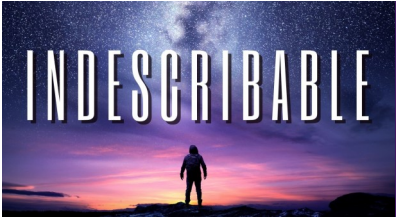
# Good News



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**Our Mission:**

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



**Worship with us in July and expect to have your life transformed.  
It will be awesome!**

Think of the times when you have felt awe. It is an emotion that comes about when we encounter something so vast or amazing that it challenges our current understanding of our lives and the world. And while God is so awesome as to be “indescribable,” we can describe what happens to us when we feel awe in the presence of God. People are usually humbled by awe, and begin to understand that they are part of something bigger than themselves.

Psalm 148 encouraged us to feel the awe of God as we contemplate the universe above, the world around us, and the people in whom God is working. In worship during the remainder of July we will continue to encounter the awe of God in these ways:

**July 16**  
In Science  
Colossians 1:15-20

**July 23**  
In People  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-60

**July 30**  
In Transformed Lives  
Acts 3:1-10

**Experiencing the indescribable awe of God transforms our lives. And when that happens, we have a story to tell (see below).**



**Discipleship Pathway Moment....WITNESS**

The Discipleship Pathway is a tool that allows each of us to grow in our faith. A Disciple is a follower of Jesus in all areas of life, and the focus for July is WITNESS.

Many of us would find it intimidating to go to a busy intersection, stand on a ladder, and shout about God’s grace. While this methodology may make a splash, it may not be the best method for all to witness for Christ.

As we have heard multiple times from Pastor Tom, “relationships are everything”. Relationships are a great way to witness. A less stressful word than witnessing may be chatting. We chat with people at work. We chat during small groups at church. We chat when we gather with friends and family. We chat when we are with people in our community. It also may be as simple as wearing an Asbury tee-shirt.

We may place self-imposed obstacles to chatting. If we look back on our lives, how many of the people that chatted with us knew all the Biblical details, could recite every chapter in the Methodist Book of Discipline, or were perfect?

However, we all have a story to tell. When we are truly interested in others, people are more likely to be open to our faith story. Finally, listen to the nudge of the Holy Spirit. The person that you are chatting with may be more receptive to your story and God’s grace than you can imagine.

Jean Black and Kurt Streicher, Discipleship Team Leaders

**Welcome New Members!**

On July 9 we were excited to welcome Meg Larson, Vanessa Pugh, and Corey & Krista Van Pelt to our church family. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to our newest members!

**Newcomers Gathering on July 23**

One of Asbury’s goals is to make everyone feel welcome and to help people become acquainted with our church. Four times a year, we offer a time for everyone to attend a **NEWCOMER’S GATHERING**. Our goal is to get to know you better and for you to get to know Asbury better. It’s a time to learn about our church, get to know people, receive information about Asbury, and to get connected with us and the many opportunities offered.

The next NEWCOMER’S GATHERING is Sunday, July 23. The gathering is between the services (9:30-10:25) in Room 110. Current Asbury members are encouraged to attend. It’s a great way to get to know new people and help them connect!

**TECH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you are looking for a way to serve God and have a love for video and music, but do not want to be up front, our Worship Tech Team may be just the place for you!

AV experience is a plus, but not required. Contact Carrie Meumann or the church office to find out if this is a fit for you!

**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.



**The next Blood Drive  
is August 7**

If you donate elsewhere between June 13 & August 6, you will not be eligible for this date. You can sign up now for the August date online, or contact Cheryl for an appointment.



**Jr & Sr High Youth Group  
Grades 6-12**

**Summer Events to be Announced**



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



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

### Air Quality/Climate Change/Health



We've heard a lot about air quality over the past couple of months. The heat, the forest fires and pollen all affect air quality. Some would attribute many of these issues to climate change. No matter what is causing these changes to occur, we must all be aware of how it affects our health. It is not only a concern for adults, particularly those with other health issues, but we must also consider how it is affecting children. While there are concerns, there is much that we can all do to be advocates for children's health as well as adult health. For example, children inherently spend more time outside which will increase their exposure to high temperatures and polluted air. They are dependent on adults to care for them so we must be cognizant of simple ways to make things better.

Sue Moseley shared an article with us which is filled with helpful information on this issue and how we can all make a difference. I encourage everyone to read it. You can access it online by googling "how climate change harms children's health" **OR** if you are reading this online, you may access it by using the link below. Let's all make every effort to become more aware and to make any needed changes in our daily lives. Thank you, Sue, for bringing this to our attention.

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2023/06/how-climate-change-harms-childrens-health/>



**Next Foot Clinic is Monday, July 24 - Appointment Times Available! Contact Cheryl**



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

**MOM (Mission of the Month): Thanksgiving in July**

Thanksgiving in July is an annual event held throughout the month of July across the state of Iowa by several food collection agencies. In 2019, Churches United of the Quad City Area finished first in the state by collecting the most during its campaign. The Thanksgiving in July Quad Cities Food Drive provides food to the hungry, homeless, and working poor in the Quad City Area. All food and dollar donations collected fill the shelves and support 23 local food pantries and 2 hot meal sites in the QC Region. Please participate in this important mission to help feed the hungry by using the enclosed envelope (make your check payable to Asbury UMC & mark AIM on the memo line) or by giving online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and choosing the "Missions" tab under "Online Giving". For more information go to [cuqca.org](https://cuqca.org)

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

- Thank you to Pam Duehr for coordinating the June Mission of the Month (*Love Our Neighbor*) and to everyone who donated items! Items were distributed to One-Eighty and World Relief to support immigrants who have moved to the Quad City area.
- A BIG Shout-Out to the Men's Group members who constructed a ramp for an elderly chair-bound woman who has been unable to leave her home for months because she had no ramp entrance/exit to her home.
- Thank you to the Bishop's, Mahoski's, and Sorensen's for preparing and serving the Zion meal site in July. 50 meals were served.

**STEWARDS OF CREATION July Congregational Challenge.....**Buy local food at your grocery store, farmer's market and farm stands.

**GARDEN MINISTRY UPDATE...**Our Garden Ministry's 22nd harvest season will soon be underway; cabbage first and then cucumbers. Tomato picking will start around the end of July. Drip lines in all sections of the garden (except for the tomato patch where watering cans are used) have been a "God-send" this year with the drought. The garden is like an "Oasis in the Desert". **With a bountiful harvest expected, more volunteers are welcomed. If you would like to be involved in taking a "bite out of hunger" in our local community (either by helping with the harvesting or distributing the harvested vegetables), please call Dave Phillips, 340-6594.**

- **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.
- **With Heartfelt Sympathy....**our prayers are with the family of Estelle Polchow, who passed away on June 30. J.R. and Donna Stradt on the death of J.R.'s mother, Ellen Stradt, on July 3.
- **Newsletter Deadline....**Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, July 31.**
- **Christmas in July at FTC!!....**Come to the Friendly Thrift Center, 1411 North Brady St. to shop early for Christmas gifts and decorations! Monday-Saturday, 9:00 am-Noon.
- **Volunteers & Men's Clothing Needed at Friendly Thrift Center....****The Thrift Center is in need of men's clothing, specifically jeans, shorts, short-sleeve shirts and tee-shirts. 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 **August 8** contact Donna Stradt at [donna@jrs-realtor.com](mailto:donna@jrs-realtor.com).
- **Rachel Circle** ....We enjoyed dinner and fellowship at The Machine Shed on Tuesday. Our next meeting will be **August 8th**. Look for details here in the next Good News publication. We'd love to have you join us!
- **Card Ministry....****There will be NO Card Ministry in July** They meet at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 118 at the church. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, August 9**. 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 (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions....**Thank you to John & Kathy Cameron, Lisa Delzell, Dianne Homann, Mike Reed, and Jo Winegar 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. **A wonderful way to honor your birthday or other special occasion!**