

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



Summer is winding down so it would be good to enjoy it while we can.
And, nothing says summer like a trip to the ballpark!

In August, Pastor Tom will offer a two-part sermon series
based on lessons learned from baseball.

August 6: Home Run - Luke 15:11-32

The story of The Prodigal Son returning home includes a celebration that can be compared to the joy of hitting a home run. Just like in baseball, our goal as followers of Jesus is to get people home and into a relationship with God. There is always a celebration when that happens.

August 13: Batter Up! - Luke 5:1-11

The apostle Peter struck out several times as a follower of Jesus, but he continually received another chance to step up to the plate and try again. We are also invited to get into the game.

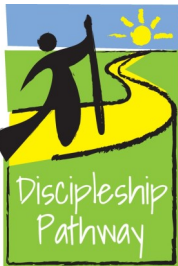
We will celebrate a new school year with a **"Blessing of the Backpacks"** at both worship services on August 13. Students, teachers and staff are invited to bring their backpacks, lunch boxes and notebooks to worship for a blessing to get the new school year off to a good start!

Also on August 13, anyone who would like to receive prayer for a new season in their life will have the opportunity to be anointed and prayed for during the worship services.

Special Musical Guests
Tewanta Lopez
with Edgar Crocket
Sunday August 6th
@ 10:30am only
JAZZ
SAVE THE DATE

August Small Group Study
Faith (August 6th)
Hope (August 13th)
Love (August 20th)
9:30 - 10:25am in Room 302-303
There will be a zoom link for anyone who prefers
Contact Phil Paulson for more details

Discipleship Pathway Moment: PLAY



The Discipleship Team is highlighting a different area of The Discipleship Pathway each month so we can all become better Disciples and help each other move toward a life that is daily centered on God. This month we are talking about PLAY.

What do you think about when you hear the word PLAY? Do you think of a baby and parent playing peek-a-boo, or children playing together at the park? Maybe a high school basketball team playing in a tournament or a group of adults playing a lively game of Pickleball? In Erik Thoennes's article, "Created To Play: Thoughts on Play, Sport, and the Christian Life", he says "Play is a unique God-given, universal human experience". We should play every day at all stages of life, even at church. He also says "Play is a vital part of most meaningful, healthy human relationships." Playing with others is something we learn at a young age and is necessary to building strong relationships. PLAY connects us, so let's get to know each other better at Asbury through PLAY.

What are some ways to PLAY at Asbury? How about enjoying a social outing with your small group? Get involved with an event such as Fall-o-ween or One Starry Night. Join the Garden Ministry and PLAY in the dirt with others from church. Can you think of an event or fun activity that others would also enjoy? Do you like to plan events? What fun and PLAYful event would you suggest for Asbury? If you want to share an idea contact Jean or Kurt.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." Even PLAYing!!
Jean Black and Kurt Streicher, Discipleship Team Leaders



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.

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!



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



We want to come to visit you if you are hospitalized. Previously, Genesis (and sometimes Trinity) would notify us if you indicated that Asbury was your church affiliation and you wanted us to be aware that you were there. **They have discontinued this practice.** So...if you or a family member is in the hospital, you will need to let us know by calling Pastor Tom, Carol, Cheryl or the church office. If you do not call us, we will not be aware that you are there and won't be able to visit you. We know that many of you want to have a visit from the church and we want to do that!! We appreciate your help in keeping us informed.

Coming Up!.....

August 7—Blood Drive, 2:30 to 6:00 pm, UFH (walk-ins are okay later in this time period if you haven't already scheduled)

August 13—Anointing Service specifically for teachers and students; however, all are welcome to participate at both services

August 22—Workshop on generational exposure to violence in the early years of growth—more details in the next Good News

August 28—Foot Clinic 1:00 to 4:00 pm, UFH, contact Cheryl to schedule

Missions

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

MOM (Mission of the Month): School Supplies for Hope at the Brick House

The Asbury in Mission (AIM) Team has chosen **Hope at the Brick House** in Davenport for our August Asbury Mission of the Month. Who doesn't love to see happy children? We can all be a part of making that happen! We will be collecting monetary donations (only) and Hope at the Brick House will purchase the needed school supplies and snacks for the boys and girls. We have supported this ministry for a number of years and the staff and children are so grateful for our help. If you write a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC with "school supplies" on the memo line. Should you prefer to donate online, please go to JesusIsTheBridge.org, click on the "Give Plus" button, choose "Missions" and type Hope at the Brick House in the "Please Specify" box. You can find more information on Hope at the Brick House and their mission by going to hopeatthebrickhouse.org

VOLUNTEER NEEDED....For the next several weeks, the Garden Ministry is seeking a volunteer or two to pick up produce from the Garden Ministry garden on Friday or Saturday to take to Asbury for families to pick up when they come to worship. Please contact Dave Phillips at (563) 340-6594 if you can help.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported Churches United's Thanksgiving in July, our Asbury MOM for July! We collected \$775 to help feed the hungry in our community.

STEWARDS OF CREATION August Congregational Challenge.....Participate in Meatless Mondays - Eating more plant-based meals is one of the most powerful ways to reduce our personal carbon footprints. Try new recipes with vegetables as the main attraction or plant-based meat substitutes.

Terracycle - We are accepting multi-pack candy bags (not wrappers), pens, highlighters, markers, glue sticks, toothpaste tubes (caps on), dental floss containers, cereal and 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.
- With Heartfelt Sympathy**....Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of Vierlyn Roskens, who passed away on July 21. The family and friends of Darvin Schroeder, who passed away on July 21. Meg Larson on the death of her mother, Dawn Larson, on July 22. Pastor Kerrin Kirkpatrick and family on the death of her husband, Carl, on July 31.
- Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, August 14.**
- 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 for more information.
- Hannah Circle** .All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! **Join us at 9:30 am on August 8 for breakfast at D'Lua** (5185 18th Street, Bettendorf). You may contact Donna Stradt at donna@jrs-realtor.com with any questions.
- Rachel Circle**We will meet at **5:30 pm on August 8th** at Devils Glen Park (first pavilion at the top of the hill). Bring your lawn chair and your own meal. We'll discuss what's coming up next!! Everyone is welcome. We'd love to have you join us!
- Card Ministry**....meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 118 at the church. **Card Ministry will not meet in August.** The next meeting is on **September 13.** They will make bookmarks and Garden Ministry Dinner invitations. 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!