



Asbury Small Groups...

**Connecting • Empowering
Sharing • Caring • Reaching Out**

Has there been a time in your life when you had problems that seemed insurmountable? Have there been times when you rejoiced because things were going well? Have there been other times when you were needed—needed to be there in person or needed to pray for someone? If so, then an Adult Small Group is for you!

Asbury is unique because we offer many ways for you to connect. While the Adult Small Groups “study”, their main goal is to offer conversation, feedback, fellowship, encouragement, and support. As they meet, they help one another as they continue to hold each other up in prayer and experience personal discovery and spiritual growth that helps one cope with the many challenges of the present-day world. The Adult Small Groups offer the opportunity for each person to choose an area on the Discipleship Pathway and to seek ways to move forward toward a deeper walk with God so that one is living a life that is daily centered on God.

Some classes meet via ZOOM; others in person; and some offer both. Regardless, the groups are all about relationship with God and others. The Adult Small Groups also participate in service projects of their choosing throughout the year. All would be delighted to have you join in their group!

Please check out the Adult Small Groups and give prayerful consideration to joining one or more of these exciting groups! Remember, you will not only be blessed, but you will also be a blessing!

Blessings along your journey!



**We encourage you to participate in the
Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED
Groups Begin Week of September 11 and continue through October 22
The enclosed small groups would be thrilled for you to join them!**

**If you have questions or need help connecting with a group, please call:
Linda Manning 563-343-5319, Pam Thornton 563-676-5619,
the church office 563-355-5218, or the group leader.**

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNING

ADVENTURES IN FAITH

Contact: Pam Thornton 563-676-5619 psthornton@gmail.com

This group will look at the stories in the Bible. Maybe you are new to the Bible or have read or heard these stories before. There are exciting stories of God's creation, Noah and the flood, and what about Moses and the Israelites Exodus from Egypt? What were the sacrifices and what were the laws the Israelites lived by? The Old Testament has hundreds of stories that teach us about how God began everything—wars, blessings, travels, prophets, and the Nation of Israel. The New Testament tells us about Jesus, his disciples and how you can become one too. There are accounts of how the Church began and all that the Disciples, Paul, Timothy and others suffered in telling of Jesus and who He was. When you have a relationship with someone, you continue to grow your knowledge about them. Jesus wants to have a close relationship with you, and what better way to learn about Him than to read His stories?

This mixed group will begin the year on September 17 with the Sunday Sermon Study Series QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by deVega. They meet in Room 304 on the upper level of the church on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM. Come and join them for the exciting Adventures in Faith that reveal Jesus to you! All are welcome!!

AGAPE

Contact: Marian Edmund-Paulson 309-507-1714 marianedmund@yahoo.com
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The word AGAPE means a selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love; the highest of the four types of love described in the Bible. This class welcomes you and encourages you to join them as they seek to understand and reflect the Agape that Jesus had for His Father and for His Followers through study, fellowship, and action. They participate in the Sunday Sermon Study Series during the Fall, Advent, and Lenten seasons. At other times they offer a different study or participate in a service project. They will convene on September 10 for a Meet and Greet and begin the Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by deVega on September 17. This is a mixed class who would be delighted to have you join them at any time! They meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:25 AM in Rooms 302-303 on the upper level or via ZOOM. Please contact the leaders or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

EXPLORATIONS

Contact: Realff Ottesen 563-370-6923 rottesen741@gmail.com
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If you want to explore connections between the scriptures and the findings of historians and archaeologists, then this is the class for you! This mixed class will begin with the Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by deVega on Sunday, September 17 at 9:30-10:30 AM in Room 202 on the main level. Following that, they will be using HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE by Jean-Pierre Isbouts to learn more about scripture in the light of archaeological evidence. Everyone is welcome to join this group either in person or by ZOOM. Please contact Realff Ottesen or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Contact: Roberta Gimmy 563-940-2593 gimmy5@me.com

This group is open to anyone who is looking for a group that meets during the day! They meet on Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM at the Masonic Village (2500 Grant Street in Bettendorf) in Villa 116. They will begin on Tuesday, September 12 with the Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by deVega. This group would be happy to have you join them!

HANNAH CIRCLE

Contact: Donna Stradt 563-359-3110 donna@jrs-realtor.com

Hannah Circle is a socially oriented group of ladies that meets on the second Tuesday of the month for fun and fellowship over breakfast or lunch. They gather to share joys and concerns, catch up on the latest happenings, and share milestones with each other. All women are welcome to join them! Please contact Donna Stradt for the time and location.

LADIES ARM GROUP

Contact: Sharon Phillips 563-340-6595 phillips363@mchsi.com

This Ladies ARM group is a caring and sharing group of women whose primary focus is to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another. They meet every other Thursday from 7:00-9:00 PM via ZOOM. They will begin the Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by Magrey deVega on Thursday, September 7. Please contact the leader for the link to ZOOM.

All women are welcome!

L.I.F.T. (LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER)

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This Ladies Group welcomes all women! Meeting times and places vary depending on what they have planned. You may find more information on their various activities and studies on their LIFT Facebook page, in worship screen announcements, or by contacting one of the leaders.

RACHEL CIRCLE

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The goal of Rachel Circle is to support and encourage each other in their Christian journey. Members rotate responsibilities as hostesses and plan programs that could include a speaker who presents information on a relevant topic. Because their mission is to form relationships with community agencies and assist them either with a monetary donation or with goods and services, a service project is completed each month. Anyone is welcome to drop in and join the group at any time. They meet at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the church in Upper Fellowship Hall and via ZOOM. Please contact one of the leaders for the link to ZOOM or for any other needed information.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Contact: Chris Harvey 563-210-1888 chrisharvey4155@hotmail.com
Vern Harvey 563-332-6300 vernharvey@hotmail.com

This mixed group meets on Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM via ZOOM. They participate in the Fall, Advent, and Lenten Sunday Sermon Study Series and will begin with deVega's QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED on September 14. This group would be delighted to have you join them! Please contact Chris or Vern Harvey or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

UPPER ROOM MEN'S GROUP

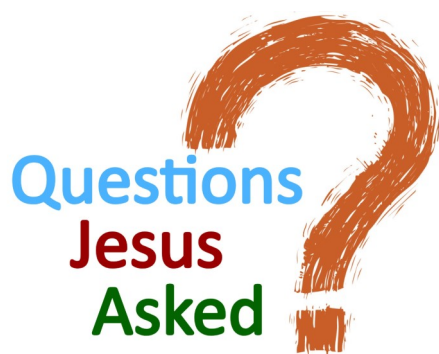
Contact: Cliff Pim 563-340-2722 cpim@hhsales.net
Phil Paulson 309-502-9236 paulsonphil2@gmail.com

The men's group meets at 8:00 AM on the second and fourth Saturday mornings at the church in Room 302-303 on the second level and via ZOOM. They watch a short video, have group discussion, study the Word and how it relates to everyday life as a Christian man, and enjoy one-on-one prayer partners, fun and fellowship. They have done several service projects and always have an "open chair", so they would be delighted to have any man join them. They will begin their fall study with the Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by Magrey deVega. Please contact the leaders or the church office for the link to ZOOM.

WINGS (WEDNESDAY INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT (OF) GROUP STUDY)

Contact: Jean Black 563-676-0120 jeaniniowa60@gmail.com
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WINGS is a group that is open to everyone. They gather to study the current Sunday Sermon Study Series in the Fall, during Advent, and Lent. At other times, they offer a different study, watch and discuss a movie, or participate in a service project. They meet at the church in Room 302-303 on the upper level or via ZOOM on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 PM. They will begin the year with a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, September 13 and then participate in the Sunday Sermon Study Series, QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by Magrey deVega on September 20. Please contact one of the leaders for the link to ZOOM. Everyone is welcome!



ASBURY FALL SUNDAY SERMON STUDY SERIES

September 17—October 22, 2023

**This study and video is the topic of the
Sunday Sermon Study Series preached by Pastor Tom**

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES ENCLOSED

Registration is Not Required. All are welcome!

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by Magrey deVega

Have there been times in your life that you have asked God questions and really wanted answers? Some of our questions may have come in the midst of hardships and grief, while others such as “Lord, why did you make mosquitoes?” are more “light-hearted”.

However, have you ever thought about what questions Jesus might ask you? How would you answer?

In his latest book, *QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED*, Magrey deVega explores six of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others. Jesus didn’t give answers. He asked questions and often answered a question by asking the person another question. There are over 300 questions that Jesus asked recorded in the scriptures!

Answers to questions can inform, interpret, or be evaluative. Jesus asks the deepest questions as He doesn’t just seek “the right answer” but wants you to know what difference that answer makes in your life.

deVega points out that time plays a big factor in how we view God. While God doesn’t change, our relationship to Him does, and it is up to us to keep our relationship current.

deVega talks about fear and the fact that fear is universal. He explains that fear is tied up with grief (what we’ve lost or what we might lose in the future). The solution according to deVega is gratitude!

deVega also talks about free-will and forgiveness in conflict. He helps us see how the following six questions bring a fuller appreciation of the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives as we experience spiritual growth (and move along the Discipleship Pathway).

So, what are these six questions that Jesus asked?

1-Who Do You Say That I AM?

2-Why Are You Terrified?

3-Why Are You Anxious?

4-What Do You Live For?

5-Whom Will You Love?

6-What Are You Looking For?

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED by Magrey deVega is the Fall Sunday Sermon Study Series which begins Sunday, September 17, 2023. Pastor Tom will be preaching on each of the above questions and helping explore the meaning for us in today’s world. In order to gain even more insight, you are encouraged to join a small group, see the video, and enjoy the fellowship of others as you discuss these provocative questions.

This easy-to-read book is available without cost to you in either narthex. (Donations are always welcome). You are encouraged to take a flyer and decide which group you will join. Doing so will also help you move forward on the Discipleship Pathway toward a deeper walk with Jesus so that you are living a life that is daily centered on God!

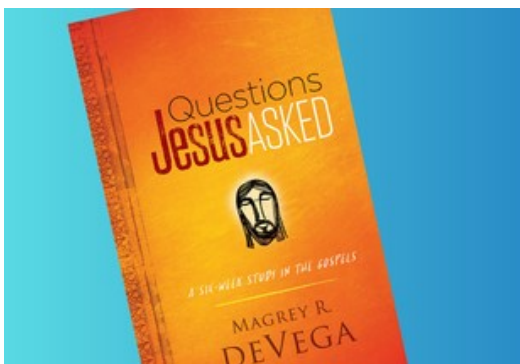
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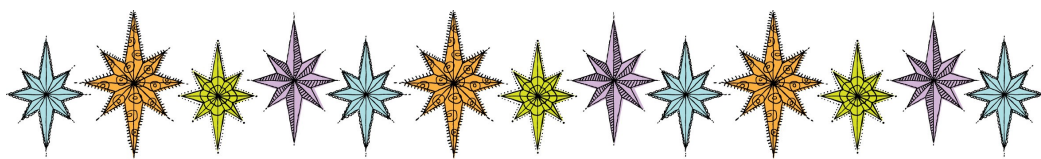


Exciting Opportunity!!

Visit with pastor Magrey R. deVega,
the author of our Sunday Sermon Study Series!

Pastor deVega has agreed to meet with us via Zoom!

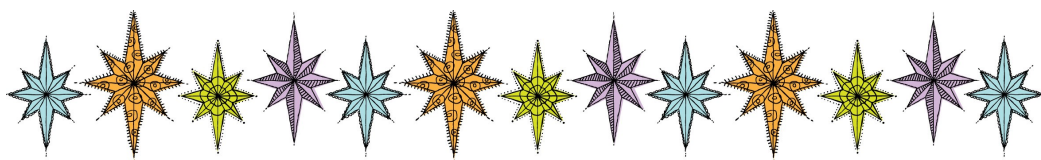
Watch for further updates with exact date and time.



Coming Soon!

Advent Study
Prepare the Way for the Lord
by Adam Hamilton

This study explores the Advent themes of John the Baptist's life and ministry and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts and lives for His coming.



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