

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Traditional Service 8:30 am
Adult Classes 9:30 am
Praise Service 10:30 am
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30 am
Element 412 6:30 pm
Communion on October 1

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Good News



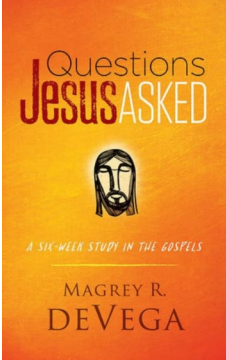
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Our Mission:

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

**Worship in October:
Sunday Sermon Study Series**
The questions for each week will be:

- October 1:** "Why are you anxious?" (Luke 12:25-31)
- October 8:** "What do you live for?" (Mark 8:34-38)
- October 15:** "Whom will you love?" (Luke 6:27-36)
- October 22:** "What are you looking for?" (John 1:35-38)



**Meet the Author
Magrey deVega**

During a LIVE Zoom Discussion

Join Us in Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 16 at 6:30pm
Can't attend in person?
Contact the Church Office for the Zoom Link




One of the strengths of our United Methodist Church is our connections. An example of that connection can be seen in Pastor Magrey deVega, the author of our current Sunday Sermon Study Series resource, "Questions Jesus Asked". In the spring of 2013, the town of Cherokee in Northwest Iowa experienced severe flooding. At that time Magrey was the pastor of St Paul's United Methodist Church in Cherokee. Under his leadership, the church organized work crews and distributed clean up supplies from the United Methodist Committee on Relief. As the District Superintendent in NW Iowa I was blessed to work with Magrey on one of those teams.

Magrey is now the senior pastor at Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Florida, but we are still working together in our common mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I invite you to join us in worship as we encounter the questions that Jesus asked. And I hope you'll join us for an evening with Magrey on October 16.

Pastor Tom

WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY



"Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread."
—1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, CEB

World Communion Sunday is October 1

On World Communion Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access. These funds are administered by the United Methodist General Boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You may also give online at JesusIsTheBridge.org by choosing the Missions option in Online Giving and designating World Communion Sunday.

† † † Confirmation Mentors Needed † † †

Pastor Tom and Meagan Moran are leading this year's confirmation class. It consists of nine 8th and 9th grade students who are preparing to confirm their baptism and become members of the church. We would like to connect each of the students with an adult mentor in the church. The basic job of the mentor is to get to know the student, participate in a few social activities and be a source of encouragement and support. If you are interested in making an impact in a young person's life as a confirmation mentor, please contact Pastor Tom or Meagan.

WE ARE FALL-O-WEEN JESUS!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH
4:00-6:00PM
TRUNK OR TREAT,
FOOD, GAMES, POPCORN,
DRINKS, CANDY, MAZE
1809 Mississippi Blvd. Asbury Church Corner Lot

FALL-O-WEEN
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH FROM 4:00-6:00PM
Candy Donations Needed
Drop Off Bags of Candy at the Church Office
Be Part of the Fun!
Adult & Teen Helpers needed for games, food, maze set up, and to bring decorated cars to hand out candy!

Roots Kids
All Children Pre-K - 5th Grade!
Join us downstairs in the Treehouse
Every Sunday at 8:30 or 10:30
Volunteers are needed for RootsKids on Sundays at 10:30. Help once a month or more! Contact Linda Carver at lcarver07@gmail.com for more information.

ELEMENT September Social
Families Welcome!
PRIDE OF THE WAPSI
September 30th, 10am-12pm
Cost: \$13.50 online \$15 at the gate
(Assistance available for ticket costs, contact Becca)
[Purchase Online Tickets @](https://www.prideofthewapsi.com/pumpkin-patch-corn-maze)
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TOMATOES: Yes, there are still plenty of them both red and green. If you have had your fill of them for now, give some thought to freezing them. It's easy! You can freeze them whole, sliced, chopped or sauced. I have used the whole and sliced method by washing them, coring and/or slicing them. Place them on a flat baking sheet; then to the freezer. Once solidly frozen, put them in a bag or other container and use as desired. No other prep necessary. I have also seen simple recipes for salsa verde which can use many green tomatoes quickly. It might be a nice change from the usual red salsa. And remember, no matter when you use tomatoes, they are good for you!!



On another, quite different note, we have all heard about cases of COVID occurring more frequently right now. Remember to do the same things we did before: wash your hands (more than you think is necessary) and stay home if you don't feel well, especially if you have a fever.

Get Four at-home COVID-19 Tests FREE this Fall at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home. Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)).

Before You Throw Out "Expired" Tests:

Check FDA's website to see if your COVID-19 tests' expiration dates have been extended.



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

October Mission of the Month: Friendly Thrift Center

The Asbury Mission of the Month for October is the Friendly Thrift Center. It is located across from St John's United Methodist Church on Brady Street in Davenport. The Friendly Thrift Center is organized for charitable and educational purposes. It provides assistance to those in need in our community by selling new and used clothing and merchandise at affordable, low prices. The Friendly Thrift Center also partners with 30 local agencies to give goods to families and individuals. These individuals have been identified as being in need of immediate help and are given a voucher which is turned in at the Friendly Thrift Center. The Friendly Thrift Center provides a warm, accepting place and an opportunity to be with others as well as a place for persons to donate property, money, time and talent to serve. From the sales of merchandise, the Friendly Thrift Center makes annual grants to partner organizations. Become a volunteer at the Friendly Thrift Center; all are welcome! There is a need for cashiers, sorters, and drivers for pick-up of goods, etc. Volunteers may give their time once a week, bi-weekly, monthly or "as needed". There are even some volunteer opportunities that may be accomplished at home. Volunteer Team Leaders provide guidance and help to all volunteers. Visit the Friendly Thrift Center and shop. Anyone and everyone may be of help and service! Asbury has a drop-off bin for donations that is located near the stairwell and back basement door on the lower level. If you have questions or wish to volunteer, please contact: Linda Miller 708-334-8620, Julie Moran 563-210-3472, or Gail Jackson 563-349-3652

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

▶▶▶ Remember that this Sunday, October 1 is the CROP Walk! ◀◀◀

Please let Robin James know if you would like to walk.

Registration is at 1:00 and we would like Asbury members to walk together. We have t-shirts to wear!

- 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.
- Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, October 9.**
- Needed at Friendly Thrift Center**....**The Thrift Center is in need of more volunteers, men's clothing, and travel-size soaps, shampoos/conditioners and toothpaste. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Julie Moran at 563-210-3472.**
- Fun Opportunity!**....Your help is needed 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! **Next meeting is October 10 at Flips Pancake House**, 4751 Progress Dr., Davenport at 9:30am. You may contact Donna Stradt at donna@jrs-realtor.com with any questions.
- Rachel Circle**We will meet at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 10th in Upper Fellowship Hall at Asbury.** Our presentation will be representatives from Humble Dwellings. All are invited to join us to learn about this valuable service to families in need. You may bring donations of any kitchen items (from towels to utensils to toasters); bath items (shower curtains, towels, mats); small appliances you no longer use; things that make a house a home!
- Card Ministry**....**meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 118 at the church. The next meeting is on October 11th.** 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 Edmund-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 the members of Bob & Pat Ryken's ARM Group given in loving memory of Bob Ryken, Talbot & Angie Berry and Pat Tulon 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. **This is a thoughtful way to honor your birthday or other occasion.**