

**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 November 5

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Good News**

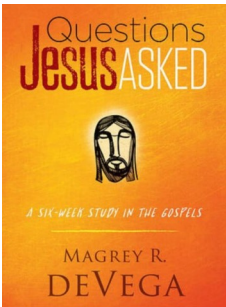


**Our Mission:**  
*To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

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**Worship in October:  
Sunday Sermon Study Series**  
**The upcoming questions are:**

**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 6:30 pm**

**Can't attend in person?  
Contact the Church Office for the Zoom Link**



**Discipleship Pathway Moment....PRESENCE**

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 exploring PRESENCE.

Is being present in worship important? Is it necessary? YES, for many reasons!

When we are together in worship we build relationships with others. Being active in the church is important to both our mental and physical health. God designed us to be social beings. It is wonderful to have the on-line service option, but it is essential that we gather on Sunday morning to worship together whenever possible. That is when we have fellowship with others and build connections.

Adam Hamilton writes in his book "The Walk", "There is something about singing and praying, listening and connecting with others in worship that our souls need, and through which the Holy Spirit works. Jesus is present in this kind of worship in a way that we don't experience anywhere else. Christ is with us always, but he comes to us in the music, in the preaching, in the praying, and in the other people around us when we gather with others for worship."

If you are not currently attending Sunday morning worship on a weekly basis, set a goal to keep increasing your attendance until you reach at least 90% of the Sundays in a year. Just imagine all the wonderful benefits of beginning your week gathering with others at Asbury worshiping and praising God!

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122 verse 1  
Jean Black and Vern Harvey, Discipleship Team Leaders



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, October 22.** We meet 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!



**Job Opening: Director of Children's Ministry**

Linda Carver began serving as our Director of Children's Ministries in the fall of 2021. What began as an interim position became a two year gift of service to our church.

She is now ready to conclude her time in that role so that she can prepare for the next chapter of her life. In order to make a smooth transition, we are looking for a new Director of Children's Ministries who could serve with Linda for a time and then take her place in leading our children.

Please contact the church office for a job description or speak with our Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson, Pat Thornton if you know of a good candidate.

**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!

**2023 Pumpkin Jam**  
gather, give thanks, enjoy music

**YOU'RE INVITED** **NOVEMBER 25** **SAVE THE DATE**

**4-6 PM**

**THE ASBURY CAFE**  
1809 MISSISSIPPI BLVD  
BETTENDORF, IA

**FREE ADMISSION**

**COME HEAR AREA MUSICIANS JAM!**



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



### IMPORTANT REMINDER: HOSPITAL VISITS

**We want 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.



**FOOT CLINIC**  
**October 23**  
**1:00 to 4:00 pm**

There are still appointment times available.  
Contact Cheryl to set up a time.



**November 13**  
**2:30 to 5:30 pm**

Contact Cheryl to schedule an appointment or go to the Impact Life website.

### 2-hour Supportive Holiday Event



For people who've lost a loved one, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. This event offers coping tools and support for grieving congregation members and people in our community.

We will present this stand-alone event on **Monday, November 13**. There will be two sessions to choose from: 4:00 to 5:45 or 6:00 to 7:45 pm. You may sign up by contacting the church office or by calling Cheryl Ewert. Please talk with Cheryl if you have questions.



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

### October Mission of the Month: Friendly Thrift Center



#### **AIM October Mission**

The **Friendly Thrift Center** offers assistance to those in need offering merchandise at affordable, low prices



Located inside "The Center"  
1411 Brady St. Davenport IA  
call: 563-324-2235

- Volunteers are needed!
  - Volunteer as often as you can
- Donate what you are able to
  - Drop off at the Friendly Thrift Center and see this great ministry in action!
  - Donation box in Asbury's lower level by the elevator.

The Friendly Thrift Center is located across from St John's UMC on Brady Street in Davenport and is organized for charitable and educational purposes. It provides assistance to those in need in our community by selling new & used clothing and merchandise at affordable, low prices. 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". Anyone and everyone may be of help and service! 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!**

Thanks to all of you who supported the **CROP Walk** financially. We raised \$800! Thank you to the following people who walked : Tom and Linda Carver, Phil and Marian Paulson, Bob and Carol Atkinson, James and Allison Mirell-Heaton (Joey, Owen and Carson), Kent and Emily Mattoon (Heidi and friend Nora), Dave LeFever & Patti Glass, Robin James, Sue Eby, Jenny Bloomquist, Jayne Burmeister, Sheryl Van Pelt, and Kevin Jones.

- **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 thoughts and prayers are with Fran Leamer on the death of her son, David, on October 4.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, October 23**.
- **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 [llcarver07@gmail.com](mailto:llcarver07@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! **Next meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Details to be announced in next Good News. You may contact Donna Stradt at [donna@jrs-realtor.com](mailto:donna@jrs-realtor.com) with any questions.
- **Rachel Circle** ....We will meet at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in Upper Fellowship Hall at Asbury**. More details in the next Good News. Everyone is welcome to join us!
- **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 November 8<sup>th</sup>**. 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 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 (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link. All men are welcome!
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Bob Impecoven, Linda Manning, and Talbot & Angie Berry 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.**





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Dear Friends,

One of the joys of my life has been to serve as pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church. I believe that a primary task of a pastor is to raise up leaders who can carry on after they are gone. That means that pastors should begin on day one with the expectation that someday they will move on to the next part of their journey.

That day will come for us next summer as I am planning to officially retire as of July 1, 2024. After 40 years of ministry, Linda and I are ready for our next chapter that will include moving closer to our grandchildren (and their parents) in central Iowa.

In order to prepare for this transition, our Staff Parish Relations Committee will work with our District Superintendent, Brian Oliver, and our Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai to find Asbury's next pastor. Around the end of November a statewide notice will be sent out listing all the United Methodist Churches in Iowa that will be needing a new pastor. Persons who believe that their gifts might fit here at Asbury will be able to inform their District Superintendent of their interest. Our Leadership Team is already planning on a process that will prepare for a smooth transition. We anticipate that after the holidays the congregation will be invited to participate in a CAT Survey (Congregational Assessment Tool) that will also provide helpful information.

Our theme for the coming year will be "Upwards!" The Asbury Church is moving in a very good direction, and it will be up to all of us to keep that positive energy going through to the next pastor and for generations to come. We can begin by praying for our SPRC, our Bishop Kennetha and Superintendent Brian and especially for the pastor who will come to join you on this exciting journey.

Every day is a gift and Linda and I intend to make the most of our time together with you. Thank you for loving and supporting us as part of your church family.

In Christ,  
Pastor Tom Carver

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