

**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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**November Worship  
at Asbury**

**November 5:** The Goal, Matthew 5:43-48  
**November 12:** Healthy Rivals, Mark 10:35-45

**November 19:** Make a Plan, Luke 10:1-12  
**November 26:** Go and Do, Luke 10:25-37

November 26 is a special worship service which will include a dedication of blankets to be given to people in need, the dedication of our Financial Pledges for 2024 and an opportunity to be anointed as a sign of God's love and power.

**Spiritual Gifts....**One of the resources we can return to God is our spiritual gifts. During November everyone in the congregation will be encouraged to take a Spiritual Gifts inventory. This offers a chance to appreciate what God has given you and seek God's light on how to use that gift to serve others. Watch for more information coming soon on how you can participate!

Jesus also expressed a great vote of confidence in his followers by giving us such a lofty goal, because he would not have said it if he didn't think we could do it. And, while we may never be fully perfect, we can always be moving **UPWARD** in that direction. Join us all month as we seek God's light on how we can all move **UPWARD** together!  
Pastor Tom



On October 15 we welcomed new members Phil and Allison Cathoir (Reid & Ruby), Nels and Elizabeth Hanson (Ruby & Max), and Pamela Rathe into our church family. Each brings a certain joy and energy to our congregation. Their faith promises to be a special blessing to us as we serve the Lord together. Please look for an opportunity to introduce yourself to them!

**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

**All Saints' Day**  
**October 29**  
**8:30 and 10:30 am**



**Grief & Share**  
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS  
**Monday, November 13th**  
**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
2 sessions to choose from  
**4:00 to 5:45 pm or 6:00 to 7:45 pm**  
Call 563-355-5218 Questions?  
to reserve your seat Speak with Cheryl Ewert

Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak for those who have lost a loved one. This event offers coping tools and support for those who are grieving.

**Happy**  
**THANKSGIVING!**  
**Asbury Office**  
**Closed**  
**Nov. 22-24**



**2023 Pumpkin Jam**  
gather, give thanks, enjoy music  
**YOU'RE INVITED**  
**NOVEMBER 25**  
**3:00-5:00PM**  
**AT THE ASBURY CAFE**  
**1809 MISSISSIPPI BLVD**  
**BETTENDORF, IA**  
**FREE ADMISSION**  
**COME HEAR AREA MUSICIANS JAM!**



**JOB OPENING!**



**DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
Call us today @ 563-355-5218 to inquire!  
JesusIsTheBridge.org 1809 Mississippi Blvd. Bettendorf, IA



▶ ▶ ▶ **Mark Your Calendar!** ◀ ◀ ◀  
**Volunteers Needed!** Please join us at 5:00 on Thursday, Nov. 30 to decorate the church for Advent.



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. While we await the family gatherings and the great (and plentiful) food, let's each take some time each day to write down what we are grateful for in our lives. It's a good practice to be reminded of all that we have! You might also consider finding ways to share with those less fortunate. Look for volunteer opportunities—Friendly Thrift Center, Café on Vine, food pantries, etc. Where are donations of money or goods needed? These are excellent ways to share God's love in the season for giving.

**Blood Drive: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 5:30**

Call Cheryl for an appointment or schedule yourself at [Impact.org](http://Impact.org)

**Foot Clinic: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 4:00**

Appointments Available • Call Cheryl to Schedule

**November 26:** Everyone is welcome to participate in an Anointing Service we will offer at both worship services. We will also dedicate the beautiful Afghans made by our Afghan Ministry before distributing them in the community to those in need.



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

### Two Important Missions of the Month in November: Santa for Seniors and Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K & K Hardware



**Salvation Army Bell Ringing at K & K** – Asbury will once again be ringing the bells for Salvation Army Red Kettle donations starting Thanksgiving Friday through Christmas Eve day. Last year, our ever-growing list of "Jerry's Jingers" plus other Asbury family and friends collected nearly **\$10,000** at our K & K hardware site (one of the largest volunteer staffed Kettle sites in all of the QC.) Dave and Dana Nichols are once again coordinating our Church's efforts. Stay tuned for more information on how to volunteer for available time slots on the easy-to-use online sign-up application.



**Santa for Seniors** – Asburians will once again be spreading some Christmas Cheer this Holiday Season to seniors residing at the Iowa Masonic Health Facilities skilled nursing unit. We are asking church members to donate dollars for items to include in Christmas gift bags for these seniors. Patti Sorensen, Diana Mahoski, and Teri Bishop will be coordinating this traditional mission activity at Asbury. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience or you may give online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) by using the Online Giving option and choosing the "Missions" tab. Again, stay tuned as to how you can help brighten up the Holidays for seniors residing in the skilled nursing unit at Iowa Masonic Village. Last year a group of 8 Asburians delivered 75 individual gift bags to the very appreciative residents. If you are interested in helping prepare and deliver the gift bags to residents, contact Patti Sorensen at 563-343-7351.

#### Thank You for Your Service!

Thank you to **Stephanie & Cliff Pim, Judy & Greg Gackle and Steve & Cindy Gipple** for preparing and serving 50 meals for the Zion Mealsite on October 4.



#### Asbury Doing God's Will!

Thank you to the members of the **Asbury Men's Group** who assisted the Visual Identity Team with installation of the new slat wall in the Welcome Center!

- **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. **The office will be closed November 22-24.**
- **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, November 27.**
- **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](mailto: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 November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.** Meet for lunch at Olive Garden. Everyone is welcome! 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. Our program will be presented by Linda Mahn. She will talk to us about The NEST Café (Nourishing Everyone Sustainably Together) in Rock Island. Please 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**...**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - join LIFT to prepare and serve the Sunday evening meal for our Youth group, Element 412. Please contact Marian Edmund-Paulson at 309-507-1714, Stephanie Pim at 563-340-2738 or the LIFT Facebook page for more details. **November 18<sup>th</sup>** - Knit for the Neighborhood! We will again be knitting scarves for our neighbors at Cafe 392 to share with their neighborhood. Please join LIFT for breakfast, a quick CPR class provided by our Parish Nurse Carol Jackson and some fun honing our knitting skills! For more information, please contact Jenny Bloomquist at 563-320-8632, Julia Hensch at 563-543-7643 or the LIFT Facebook page. All women are invited!
- **Asbury Men's Group**....**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE! Beginning on October 21, meetings will be changed to 8:00 am on the first and third Saturday** 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! Regular schedule will resume in January.
- **Foundation Gift Recognitions**....Thank you to Phyllis Herzberg, John Paul, Al Sloss, Dave Stedwell, Donna Stradt, and Bev Trask 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.**