

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 March 3

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

Our Mission:

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



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IN WORSHIP DURING LENT:



A main topic of Jesus' teachings was the Kingdom of God. (He would also use the phrase, Kingdom of Heaven.) It is definitely a place where we all would want to be. During Lent in worship we will look at various aspects of the Kingdom of God and why everyone should wish to be there.

The Kingdom of Heaven...

... is Where You Want to Go.	February 18	Mark 1:9-15
... is Like a Seed.	February 25	Matthew 13:31-35
... is Like a Treasure.	March 3	Matthew 13:44-52
... is For Children.	March 10	Luke 18:15-27
... is Now.	March 17	Luke 17:11-21

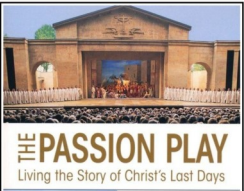
CAT Results - Congregational Assessment Tool

Earlier this year 164 people filled out the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT survey). On Sunday, February 18 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall you will have a chance to hear the results of that survey. Rev Ryan Christenson, Associate Director for Congregational Excellence of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church will present a summary of the report during the hour between worship services.

The purpose of the CAT was to get a sense of how we're doing as a church. This will be your chance to come learn about the progress we have made!

Lenten Study  
THE PASSION PLAY  
by Rob Fuquay

Begins Sunday February 18th



Join a small group and enjoy all the fun, fellowship, support, and encouragement they have each week.

Please see Linda Manning for more details.



A Message from the Discipleship Team

Jean Black and Vern Harvey

Lent is right around the corner. Here are some ideas to help you move along the Discipleship Pathway during Lent.

- Find a Spiritual Companion (See Insert)
- Take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory (See Insert)
- Join a Small Group for our Lenten study "The Passion Play" by Ron Fuquay
- Get involved with a new Ministry at Asbury
- Attend the Ash Wednesday Meal and Service on February 14

Watch future newsletters for information on a Celebration for everyone who has taken the Spiritual Gifts Inventory.

Questions? Connect with Jean Black or Vern Harvey



Welcome Rebecca Erickson!



Asbury SPRC is pleased to announce that Rebeca Erickson has accepted the position of Director of Children's Ministry effective February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please look for an opportunity to welcome her and introduce yourself!



February  
SOCIAL  
Mad Potter

2326 Spruce Hills Dr. Bettendorf, IA

Sunday, February 17th 11am-1pm

Participants select & pay for pottery to paint

(notify Becca if \$ assistance is needed, she will make sure everyone can participate!)

We have rented tables specifically for our group!

Bring a drink and snacks to share if you like

Families encouraged to participate!!



Pre-K - 5th Grade!  
Every Sunday  
8:30 or 10:30am



JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP  
GRADES 6-12  
EVERY SUNDAY 6:00-7:30pm

Want to be part of the  
Asbury Youth Ministry Team?

We are looking for adults who can:

- Help execute plans for our Monthly Social Events
- Have fun with us at Monthly Social Events
- Hang out with us during Youth Group

Each role has various time commitments. There is something for YOU!  
Interested? Contact Becca or call the church 563-355-5218.



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



Over the course of the next few newsletters, we will remind everyone of the services provided by our Parish Nurse program. We participate in many health-related activities. We are available to be a referral and advocacy liaison helping to coordinate a plan of care with hospitals and care centers and/or guide persons in using community resources. We make visits to homes, hospitals and care centers. We assist families in times of crisis. We are on call to stay with individuals during surgery if family is not available. We incorporate spiritual values into health education and communicate issues of concern to the pastor. We listen and keep information confidential unless we are asked to share it.

We also provide spiritual and emotional support. We serve on the Prayer Team by following up personally on requests. We provide quarterly anointing services (and when individually requested). We lead Grief Share groups. We take communion into homes. We send sympathy cards. Physical support is provided through four blood drives each year, monthly foot clinics and training in Hands Only CPR and use of the AED. We have monies available to assist those in need of food, shelter and travel aide.

We will continue with updates in the next Good News!

Carol and Cheryl



**THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE IS MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>.** If you are interested in donating on that date, you cannot have donated anywhere else after January 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are contacted by the blood center asking you to donate, you could ask them to add you to our drive date in March. **Contact Cheryl Ewert for more information.**



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



### Mission of the Month in February:

### LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

### World Relief of the Quad Cities and One-Eighty



**World Relief** has welcomed, advocated for, and helped integrate over 400,000 immigrants in vulnerable situations to communities all across our nation. For more information go to [worldrelief.org/quad-cities](http://worldrelief.org/quad-cities).

**One-Eighty**, located in Davenport, exists to bring hope, love and opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty, or addiction. They do this by helping people build a relationship with Jesus Christ and assisting local churches and organizations in connecting with their communities. For more information go to [oneeighty.org](http://oneeighty.org).

We as church people, and as individuals, want to be of help to others. Often we may not know the person by name, where they live, or anything about them, but we can still be of service to provide a safer and healthier life. New clean socks can make a true quality-of-life difference!

**You will find a table in the Narthex throughout the month of February. Items may be donated weekly or anytime in February!**

Week of February 4: New Socks and Underwear for kids and adults.

Week of February 11: Hygiene Items: toothpaste & brushes, toilet paper, soap, tissues, personal products, etc.

Week of February 18: Non-perishable food items: boxed food, canned food, coffee, ketchup, salad dressing, etc.

Week of February 25: Cleaning Supplies: sponges, paper towels, toilet cleaner, etc.

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

**THANK YOU** to January Zion Mealsite Volunteers Julie & Jim Spelhaug, Linda & Rich Noble, Julie & John Moran, Chris & Vern Harvey, and Cyndy Behrer & Gene Holst. February volunteers were Patti & Steve Sorensen, Diana & Chuck Mahoski and Teri & Jerry Bishop.

- **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 prayers are with the family and friends of Dick Collins. Dick passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Thank you** for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness meant so much. from Gayle Buxton.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, February 19.**
- **Needed at Friendly Thrift Center**....The Friendly Thrift Center needs volunteers. No training needed and one-time volunteers are welcome! Please contact the Thrift Center at 563-324-2235 or Julie Moran at 563-210-3472. We are still in need of men's coats, jeans & warm clothing. Blankets, travel-size items and jewelry are also welcome.
- **Fun Opportunity!**....Your help is needed with **RootsKids** on Sundays at 10:30 am in the TreeHouse. Come once a month or more! Contact Rebecca Erickson at [becka.erickson@gmail.com](mailto:becka.erickson@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month! **Join us at 11:30 on February 13<sup>th</sup> for lunch at Granite City.** 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, February 13<sup>th</sup>** in Upper Fellowship Hall at Asbury to hear from Karen Neder who is the director of the Regional Terracycle Program. Please join us!
- **Card Ministry**....meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 118 at the church. **Because the second Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, February Card Ministry has been moved to February 21.** To learn more about Card Ministry, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. You can help support Card Ministry expenses by purchasing our beautiful cards in the church office!
- **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 at 7:45 am on the second and fourth Saturdays** 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 Judy Gackle and Sara Wade 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 occasions.**