

**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 April 7

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# Good News

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

**Asbury**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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## Lenten Sermon Series

I have really enjoyed studying Jesus' teachings on the Kingdom of Heaven. I'm convinced that God does indeed want the very best for us and is constantly inviting us into a wonderful life with beautiful relationships. I'm excited to share these thoughts with you and invite you to consider them for yourself. I hope you'll join me in worship as we continue through this season on the way to sharing Palm Sunday and Holy Week together.

In Christ, Pastor Tom



## The Kingdom of Heaven...

- ... *is For Children.* March 10 Luke 18:15-27
- ... *is Now.* March 17 Luke 17:11-21
- ... *is Hope in the Darkness.* March 24 Mark 11:1-10 and 14:17-25  
PALM SUNDAY



### Join Us at Church Council

**March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall**  
**Everyone is invited and welcome!**

### HANDBELL CHOIR RINGERS NEEDED!

Join us at rehearsals on  
**Saturday, March 16, 23 and 30 at 9:00am**  
We will celebrate Easter Sunday with wonderful music!  
All Ringers and Former Ringers are Welcome



*Holy Week* **March 24-31**

Palm Sunday 3/24 @ 8:30am / 10:30am  
Maundy Thursday 3/28 @ 7pm  
Good Friday 3/29 @ 7pm  
Easter 3/31 @ 6:30am - 8:30am - 10:30am  
Continental Breakfast from 7:15am - 10:30am



### DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY MOMENT

Lent is here. Have you connected with a Spiritual Companion? We hope you have found someone to walk with on the Discipleship Pathway. Meeting regularly and having a spiritual conversation is a wonderful way to build lasting relationships.

Asbury recently participated in the CAT survey and the results showed that we are a church with high energy and high satisfaction. This is great information for Pastor Tim Bonny when he joins us in July. Let's also help him get to know us better by taking the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Knowing the scope of gifts we have to offer will help make his transition easier. It will also help you find the best way to connect at Asbury.

To celebrate all those who have taken the Spiritual Gifts inventory we will have a gathering on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meal together and you will have an opportunity to visit with others in our congregation that share your same gifts.

**Please complete the Spiritual Gifts Inventory by April 5<sup>th</sup> and join us to celebrate on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

The link to the survey can be found on our website or scan the QR code. Be sure to register your email so the list of your gifts will be sent to Asbury.



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*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV*  
*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...1 Peter 4:106*

Jean Black and Vern Harvey  
Discipleship Team Leaders



### Asbury Stewards of Creation Digital Art Show *"Rejoice in Creation"* April 14 and 21, 2024



### "CALL TO ENTER" ....Asbury Stewards of Creation Digital Art Show is coming in April!

Everyone in the Asbury congregation is invited to submit photos of their artwork. Adults and older youth are encouraged to participate by submitting several entries. Children with a special interest may also enter their art. The purpose of the show is to call attention to the beauty, resources and awe of God's creation, to help us appreciate all that has been provided and motivate us to care for creation in all possible ways. Any creation themed art is accepted. Think: Sunsets, flowers, trees, mountains, rivers, animals and people as subjects. Art medium examples: painting, drawing, stitchery, wood sculpture, photography, stained glass, quilt and paper art. All types of art are accepted as long as creation is the main focus. Old or new art is ok. Send an email with attached photos of your artwork (JPG file) to Susan Moseley [srmoseley@mchsi.com](mailto:srmoseley@mchsi.com) with "Asbury Art" on the subject line. Be sure to include your first and last name and your art medium. You will get a reply if it has been received. **All entries are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.** The digital show will take place between Sunday worship services from 9:30-10:30 in Fellowship Hall on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



### MILESTONES AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The mission of this agency is connecting individuals and caregivers to aging and disability resources in the community. It is the organization for assisting older lowans & adults with disabilities and their caregivers to help identify and access the services and resources needed to remain independent and self-sufficient. This is accomplished in the following ways:

1. Inform, Referral and Assistance — connection to community networks and resources.
2. Care Coordination/Options Counseling — short-term individual planning and implementation of long-term support.
3. Family Caregiver Program — support for those who provide care for adults who are over the age of 60.
4. Iowa Return to Community — facilitates the transition back to home/community after hospital stay or rehabilitation.
5. Senior Health Insurance Program — connects knowledgeable volunteers with individuals to provide guidance for Medicare and other health insurance programs.
6. Elder Abuse Prevention and Awareness — resources, information and proactive solutions.
7. Older Worker Employment Program — provides an array of employment and supportive services.

**Be Well Everyone! From 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.**

## Missions

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



#### Mission of the Month in March is Global Ministries



**Asbury provides support to Global Ministries primarily through monetary donations. These include:**

- **FISHERS OF MEN** (a locally based ministry for education of children in Kenya) – Asbury provides monthly support for Vincent Mutati Kimanzi, a student in Kenya for his education, both directly and to his teachers.
- **UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)** is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Working in more than 80 countries worldwide, UMCOR provides survivors with temporary relief and long-term education, training and support. **UMCOR Sunday** donations this year on **March 10<sup>th</sup>** cover UMCOR'S operation costs so that **100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals** go directly to communities in need.



#### Easter Candy Needed!

**Please bring wrapped candy to fit in plastic eggs for the children on Easter Sunday. Candy may be left in the basket in the narthex or in the church office. THANK YOU!**



- **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 on Good Friday, March 29.
- **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 of former member Greta Essner, who passed away on Feb. 23. Mary Jo Flesher-Auliff and Russell Auliff on the death of Mary Jo's son, David Alfred Issac Foland, on March 3. Gene Earp and family on the death of his wife, Mary, on March 4.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00 am on Monday, March 18.**
- **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 9:30am on March 12<sup>th</sup> for brunch at Village Inn on Elmore Ave.** Everyone is welcome! Join us for coffee and conversation!
- **Rachel Circle**....We will meet at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** in Upper Fellowship Hall to put together Easter treats. We will deliver them to Aspire in Pleasant Valley, Vista (formerly Masonic Home) and Bettendorf Health Care residents. Please join us!
- **Card Ministry**....meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month in Room 118 at the church. 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 Talbot & Angie Berry, Cheryl Ewert, Richard Jackson, Katie Nelson and Dave Scheib for their recent gifts to the Asbury 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.**