

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
RootsKids 8:30 or 10:30am
Element 412 6:30pm
Communion on May 5

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News



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Our Mission:

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

Eclipse

from darkness into light

On April 8 the sun and moon will put on a display that demonstrates the power and awesomeness of God's creation.

In worship during April we will be using that event as a backdrop for how God has always been bringing light to human beings.

Join us in worship as we seek God's light together!

April 7	Genesis 1:1-5	Let There Be Light
April 14	John 1:1-9	Jesus is the Light
April 21	John 3:16-21	Choose the Light
April 28	Matthew 5:13-16	You Are the Light

Congregational Discussion Regarding Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church 6:30pm, Monday, April 15

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church that was postponed in 2020 due the pandemic will meet in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 23 to May 3. One of the issues that will be addressed is the church's ministry with LGBTQ persons. In anticipation of that event our Leadership Team has developed a format to help us prepare for the future. They are offering a time to have a Congregational Discussion that seeks God's light in how to interpret and apply the teachings of the Bible to our life and times. Existing small groups have been invited to have this conversation, and the whole congregation is invited to an All Church Conversation on **Monday, April 15, beginning at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

The intent of the evening is to break up into smaller groups in order to give everyone a chance to respond to some common questions. This will not be a time to make any decisions. It will be a time to listen, to share, and to seek God's light in what is most important to us as followers of Jesus. We want to model how to best live together and to interpret and apply the Bible in our congregation in light of the teachings and example of Jesus.

get ready to

REFUEL

your soul

Sunday, April 7th 6-7pm

Worship Music led by:
**Caleb Swinney, Dave Meumann
& Becca Johnson**

REFUEL begins Sunday, April 7th from 6:00-7:00pm and will meet in the Asbury Cafe the first Sunday of each month. ReFuel is a new way to connect with each other and refuel your soul as we praise God in an informal, intimate setting. (Think small group meets worship....all with teens, young adults and families in mind!)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please bring a dish to share as we will enjoy a meal together.

We are looking for childcare for this one hour, once a month event. Please contact Carrie or call the church office if you have questions or would like to help!



Discipleship Pathway Moment.....**Celebration Time!!**



We have talked a lot about Spiritual Gifts lately.

If you have not yet taken the survey but are curious to know more, then join us for Asbury's Celebration of Spiritual Gifts!

When: Wednesday April 10, 2024 • Where: Asbury United Methodist Church • Time: 5:30 to 7:00pm

Join us for a meal and time to learn about the 9 gifts, their meaning, and how you can use them at Asbury.

Bring a friend! • All are welcome! • We look forward to seeing you on April 10!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...1 Peter 4:10

Jean Black and Vern Harvey, Discipleship Team Leaders



April 14 is Native American Ministries Sunday

Your gift to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering strengthens Native American ministries in annual conferences including Native American rural, urban, & reservation communities. This special offering also provides scholarships for Native American seminarians. You may use the enclosed envelope or give online at JesusIsTheBridge.org by selecting the Online Giving button and indicating Native American Sunday in the Missions field. To learn more about United Methodist Special Sundays or to give directly go to iaumc.org

HELP WANTED!

Are you trying to figure out where to use your Spiritual Gifts at Asbury?
Help is needed in the following areas:
**WORSHIP • FINANCE • TRUSTEES
FOUNDATION BOARD**

Contact Cheryl Ewert at 563-505-1477 for more information.



Stewards of Creation is sponsoring a Digital Art Show!

"Rejoice in Creation"

Join us in Fellowship Hall on

Sunday, April 14th and 21st

from 9:30-10:30am

to enjoy original artwork
by Asbury members & friends!



For More Info: contact Sue or Stewards of Creation Facebook page



Thought for the Week

You are holding a cup of coffee, and someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill your coffee? **“Because someone bumped into me!!!”** Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until something rattles you. So, we must ask ourselves... **“What's in my cup?”**

When life gets tough, what spills over? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions? Life provides the cup. **YOU** choose how to fill it.

Today, let's work toward filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.



Carol and Cheryl



April Foot Clinic times are filled. Foot Clinic in May is on Thursday, May 30th (the usual Monday date is Memorial Day). Plenty of open spots! Contact Cheryl to schedule.

Missions

AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) “DOING GOD’S WILL”



April



Mission of the Month

Support God's Creation with Stewards of Creation

Join us @ XSTREAM Cleanup

Wednesday, April 10th

SIGN UP!



Meet at City Hall Plaza
1609 State Street

Lunch Provided - 11:30am

Cleanup - 12:30-3:00pm

participants must fill out
the online liability waiver

xstreamcleanup.org/event/downtown-bettendorf-cleanup-april-10-2024



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Donate to King's Harvest Pet Rescue

Go to JesusisTheBridge.org /Online Giving/Mission & specify King's Harvest or make a check payable to Asbury UMC with King's Harvest in the memo. Pet item donations table is located by the stairwell in the main entrance.

- 1. Downtown Bettendorf Xstream Clean-up Event** – You are invited to participate in this “hands on” experience, putting our faith into action, as well as a time of fellowship on Wednesday, April 10th 11:30-3:00. Meet at City Hall Plaza for a free lunch together, material dispersion, and directions. For more info and to sign-up go to <https://xstreamcleanup.org/upcoming-events>
- 2. King's Harvest No Kill Pet Shelter in Davenport** - This is a 501C(3) non-profit serving the Quad Cities area. Their goal is take in homeless and surrendered pets and find them loving, forever homes. They have a pet food pantry and temporary pet placement for the homeless that reside in their shelter. While animals are not immediately thought of as “creation”, they are also part of creation! And, they are often left without basic food and shelter, including when extreme weather destroys homes. There will be a table outside of UFH to collect donated “wish list” items Sunday mornings in April. A jar for a monetary collection will also be available. Suggested supply donations can be viewed here: <https://kingsharvestpetrescue.org/donate/> and [amazon wish list](#) A current need is: Tidy Cats clumping litter and premium milk replacer powder for kittens.

- **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 **8:00am on Monday, April 15.**
- **Garden Ministry**...Asbury and our garden site host, Grace Evangelical Free Church, are partnering to construct a storage building that will house the tractor and sundry equipment. Help with financing is being sought from both congregations. Donations are much appreciated and may be submitted to the Asbury Church Office marked accordingly. Contact Dave Phillips for more information.
- **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.
- **Fun Opportunity!**...Your help is needed with **RootsKids** on Sundays at 10:30am in the TreeHouse. Come once a month or more! Contact Rebecca Erickson at 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 11:30am on April 9th for lunch at the Treehouse, 2239 Kimberly Rd., Bettendorf.** Everyone is welcome! Please join us for fun and conversation!
- **Rachel Circle**....We will meet at **6:30pm on Tuesday, April 9th** in Fellowship Hall. We will learn about the backpack program we support at Mark Twain Elementary. Hostesses are Teri Bishop and Jo Winegar. Please join us!! Everyone is welcome!
- **Card Ministry**...meets at 6:30pm 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 **7:45am 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 Berry for his gift to the Foundation in honor of his birthday. 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.**