

**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

**Our Mission:**

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



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## May Sermon Series



This May will be a very special month for worship. Each week will be a celebration of the different aspects of how God connects with us through generations of time and people. Through the generations of life, God provides a foundation from the past and guidance for the future. Join us and worship as we thank God for the generations that have gone before us and prepare for the generations yet to come.

**May 5**

**There is a Next**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**May 12**

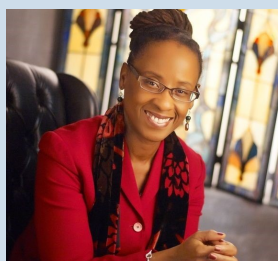
**Mothers Day**  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Teacher Appreciation  
Graduate Recognition

**May 19**

**Saved in Hope**  
Romans 8:22-27  
**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30**

**May 26**

**Precious Stones**  
Joshua 4:1-7  
Memorial Day Weekend



Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

## May 19 Special Worship! One Service Only at 9:30am

Join us in worship for Confirmation and a message from our Bishop.  
A time for fellowship will follow.



The UMC General Conference meets every four years. Originally scheduled for 2020, it has been postponed three times due to the coronavirus pandemic. It is now being held on April 23-May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. For information and livestream coverage, use these links:  
<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>  
[www.iaumc.org/gc2024](http://www.iaumc.org/gc2024)



Our Parish Nurse Team will offer a Grief Share Group beginning on Thursday, May 30. They will meet each week for 10 weeks from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 202. This is a program which offers those who are grieving a place to share and learn from others. The program begins with a video and discussion. A workbook is included for participants to think more deeply from week to week about their thoughts and how they would like to share at the meetings.

Please see Cheryl or Carol for details. This is a free program for anyone—church member or not. Invite others to join you.

**Newcomers Meeting**  
Sunday, April 28th  
9:30-10:25  
ROOM 110



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 **NEWCOMERS 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 **NEWCOMERS GATHERING is Sunday, April 28**. 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!

all are invited to  
**REFUEL** your soul  
May 5th 6-7:30pm  
ENCILADAS, RICE, CHIPS & SALSA provided by JAMES "SNOOP" RAMIREZ!



Food, Fellowship & LIVE Worship Music  
at the Asbury Cafe 1809 Mississippi Blvd Bettendorf

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, June 23rd 11:30am  
**Farewell Picnic**  
Pastor Tom & Linda Carver



Happy Retirement  
THANK YOU  
Veteran's Memorial Park  
1645 23rd St. Bettendorf ~ Lunch Provided



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH



This month features local and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as donors and consider a living donation, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation upon their death. Here are some facts to know:

- More than 100,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.
- More than 46,000 organ transplants from 23,000 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2023.
- More than 79,000 corneal transplants helped to restore sight in 2022.
- More than 2.5 million tissue transplants heal lives each year.
- More than 170 million people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

One Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor saves up to 8 lives, restores sight to 2 people, and heals the lives of more than 75 people. 86% of patients waiting need a kidney. Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient. 10% of patients waiting need a liver.

REGISTER YOUR DECISION TO BE A DONOR AT: [RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org)



Foot Clinic in May is on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of open spots! Contact Cheryl to schedule.

### Missions

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

#### ✠ ✠ ✠ Mission of the Month for May...Domestic Violence and Hospice Care ✠ ✠ ✠

- ▶ AIM provides monetary donations to Family Resources in order to help them provide free, confidential services to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, human trafficking, homicide, and other violent crime. To learn more about their mission go to [famres.org](https://famres.org).
- ▶ AIM also provides monetary donations to the Genesis VNA Hospice Care program, which provides end-of-life care both in-home or at a skilled care facility. Their website can be found at [genesishealth/a-z/hospice](https://genesishealth/a-z/hospice).

Please help us support these important ministries by using the enclosed envelope (checks made to Asbury UMC with M.O.M. noted on the memo line). You may also give online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org) by using the *Give Online* button and choosing the *Missions* tab. Thank you!



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

Thank you Louis Cervantes, Lisa Delzell, Sue Eby, Carolyn Keeney, Kay Parch, Pamela Rathe and Julie Wilkinson for serving the Churches United meal at Zion Church in April.

Thank you for your gifts to AIM April Mission of the Month:  
XStream Cleanup and King's Harvest Pet Rescue!

- **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 Lonnie and Nellie Fisher on the death of Lonnie's father, Jack Fisher, on April 6. Heather Dennis & family on the death of her Aunt Janice on April 11. Joey Arney and family on the death of her husband, Dean, on April 15.
- **A Graduation Celebration** for Kaelee Wolf will be held at Asbury on Saturday, May 18 from 3:00-6:00. All are invited.
- **Newsletter Deadline**....Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Monday, May 13**.
- **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 is in need of bath towels, sheets, blankets and pots & pans. Men's items, especially jeans and nice tennis shoes, are always needed as well. New volunteers are welcome (regular or one-time) and no training is needed. Please contact the Thrift Center at 563-324-2235 or Julie Moran at 563-210-3472 if you can help. **We are so thankful for the support we get from Asbury members!**
- **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](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 11:30am on May 14th for lunch at The Foundry**, 5055 Competition Drive, Bettendorf. Everyone is welcome! Please join us for fun and conversation!
- **Rachel Circle**....will meet at **6:30pm on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** in Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner. Please join us for conversation and a time of sharing. We will be making plans for our summer gatherings. 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 Ken Jones and Becky Reiter 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.**