

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 June 2

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

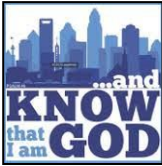
Our Mission:

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



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Summary of General Conference Actions-April 23 to May 3, 2024

The General Conference is the top lawmaking assembly of The United Methodist Church. It convenes every four years, with delegates from around the world.

Three Major Changes were Adopted - Referred to as the 3 R's:



Regionalization

Delegates approved legislation that would restructure the denomination to be more contextual in the different regions of the world (Africa, Europe, Asia and the United States). This would enable regional churches to adapt to a specific setting while remaining connected by a common mission and the essentials of the faith. Since this is a constitutional amendment it will require ratification by 2/3 of all annual conferences around the globe to go into effect.

Removal of Restrictive Language

The General Conference voted by overwhelming majorities to remove from the United Methodist Book of Discipline discriminatory language and bans related to ministry by, with, and for "self-avowed practicing" gay and lesbian people. The legislation enables pastors and local churches to decide whether or not to officiate at or host same sex weddings. These changes allow for differing opinions within The United Methodist Church by avoiding broad mandates.

Revisions of our Social Principles

Delegates approved the first overhaul of the denomination's Social Principles in nearly 50 years. The Social Principles address the importance of advocating for human dignity and combating racism, caring for creation and the environment, standing against social ills, and supporting healthy community in all its forms, including economic, social and political.

For a full summary of General Conference go to our website.

The Asbury Church welcomes all people to participate in the life of this congregation. We believe God's grace is available to everyone. Our Leadership Team & Church Council will be bringing a recommendation to the congregation of how these actions will affect Asbury.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!.....ONE SUNDAY ONLY: MAY 19 – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30AM


May 26th is
PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Donations support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action.

50% of your donation remains in the local Annual Conference

50% of your donation funds peacemaking ministries and grants

An envelope is enclosed or go to JesusIsTheBridge.org to give online

 **A Grief Share group will begin on Thursday, May 30** and will meet for 10 weeks. We will meet in Room 202 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm to share in the program which is designed for individuals to meet others who are grieving and share thoughts, stories and prayers. Those who have participated in the past have related that the time spent with those going through similar experiences is beneficial and healing. Those wishing to participate should contact Cheryl Ewert by calling her directly (563-505-1477) or by calling the church office.

DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT...Discipleship Pathway

May has arrived! The sun is shining and the flowers are blooming. GOD IS GOOD.



As we think of Spring and new growth let's think about our growth as Disciples of Jesus. A Disciple is a follower of Jesus in all areas of life. At Asbury we have a Discipleship Pathway to help all of us grow closer to Jesus. Asbury has identified 7 areas for us to focus on as we move along the Pathway.

• Prayer • Presence • Gifts • Service • Witness • Learn • Play •

In the coming months we will explore each area in more detail. In the meantime, copies of the Discipleship Pathway are available on our Information Wall. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37



Read a
Chapter a Day:
Summer Challenge

UNITED METHODIST DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES has announced a Summer Reading Challenge to read through the Book of Acts. Join the summer challenge to read ONE chapter of Acts a day, from May 28 through July 4. You will receive an email each day with the reading for the day. This challenge is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, wisdom, and community. We hope you will join others at Asbury in this faith filled challenge as we move UPWARD in our faith journey.

It's easy to sign up! Just go to our website and scroll down to the yellow button titled "Summer Reading Challenge" or go to: <https://newsletters.umcdiscipleship.org/read-a-chapter-a-day-signup>

Jean Black and Vern Harvey, Discipleship Team Leaders

Summer Adult Sunday School Class



Weekly sessions based on the mini-sermon series "The Meaning of Methodist" by Magrey de Vega will be our drop-in-as-you-can class on Sundays June 2-30 from 9:30-10:25am in Room 302-303. During this five session study we will be studying the video series that explores the characteristics of being a Methodist: One who Lives in Grace, Practices Daily, Connects with Others, Impacts the World and Lives in the Center. **Please join us for this insightful study!**

Fun Schedule for RootsKids this Summer!



RootsKids will be finishing out the year in June right up to VBS on Tuesday June 18-Thursday June 20th from 5:30-7:30pm with dinner at 5:30.

Following VBS, RootsKids will take a break on Sunday mornings until Sunday, July 14th with a Special Game Day at both services.

There will be a few more Special events to look forward to before we come back together again in the fall, starting on Sunday, September 1st. Parents and volunteers are always welcome!

We hope to see all of you through the summer at Asbury!!



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team



We know that those who give care to others often neglect to care for themselves. Therefore, we will offer a support group for caregivers called **Nourish** beginning in June. We will meet on the third Thursday of the month in Room 202 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. We will also have someone on hand to be with the person for whom you are caring so that you will not have to hire or ask someone to be with them while you are gone. It will provide a time for you to share with others who are in this same role. The Christ centered program taps into faith as a critical piece of caring for the human spirit. Contact Cheryl Ewert or the church office for more information. A flyer is available in the church office.



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



BLOOD DRIVE: Monday, June 10 from 2:00 to 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. You can sign up by contacting Cheryl Ewert or by going to the [ImpactLife.org](https://www.impactlife.org)

Happy 15th Anniversary!....The Asbury Card Ministry was initiated in May, 2009 and has flourished under the leadership of Alinda Littrel, Linda Dudgeon and Sharon Phillips, with the help of a talented and devoted group of volunteers. Its mission is to send cards to those in our congregation who need an encouraging word or just a reminder that someone is thinking of them. During the past fifteen years over 7500 hand-crafted greeting cards featuring 240 unique designs have been fashioned using stamping techniques. Over 1200 members of this congregation have been touched through this ministry! A variety of cards are available for purchase in the office with the proceeds used to fund the ministry. Thank you for your ongoing support.

AIM...Asbury in Mission

Zion Meal Schedule

Our AIM team is setting up the Zion Meal Schedule for the rest of 2024 and into 2025. If you are not on a Zion Meal team and would like to be, call Patty Schwegler (563-355-5218) or Sharon Johnson, our AIM Zion Meal Coordinator (563-340-5384) and we'll get you added to a team or create additional teams. Also, if you no longer want to or can't be part of a current Zion meal team let your current Team Captain know who will let Sharon know so we can make the changes. Thank you!



AIM Mission Of The Month for May

Family Resources & Genesis Hospice Care



► Family Resources provides free, confidential services to survivors of domestic & sexual abuse, human trafficking, homicide, and other violent crime.

To learn more, go to famres.org

► Genesis VNA Hospice Care program provides end-of-life care both in-home or at a skilled care facility.

Learn more at genesishhealth/a-z/hospice

Please DONATE if you can by going to:

JesusIsTheBridge.org /Online Giving/Mission

or make check payable to Asbury UMC with May MOM on the memo line



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

Thank you Matt & Kristi Berst, Greg & Judy Gackle and Cliff & Stephanie Pim for serving the Churches United meal at Zion Church in May.

- 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. **Office closed on Memorial Day, May 27.**
- 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 Dianne Homann and family on the death of her husband, Fritz, on May 4. Jan and Craig Windmiller & family on the death of Jan's mother, Arlene Allison, on May 8.
- 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, June 3.**
- 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!**
- Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for fun & fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month! **Look for June 11th details in next Good News.** Everyone is welcome! Please join us for fun and conversation!
- Rachel Circle**....meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Summer meetings and times will be updated soon. Watch this space for times and places!! 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 their 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 & Angie Berry, Susan Gallagher, Nancy Moler, Sylvia Sorensen and Ardath Wilbur 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.**