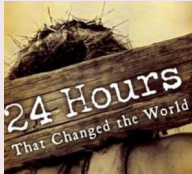


# Asbury Adult Small Group Opportunities



We greeted 2025 and are now coming upon Ash Wednesday, a time of reflection that reminds us that we are all mortal and will one day face death. As we receive the ashes, may we also remember that this is the beginning of a special time in the church year—the beginning of Lent!



This Lent, the Adult Ministry Team chose **24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** by Adam Hamilton as the Sunday Sermon Study Series during Lent. Please see the enclosed for more details regarding that study. Lent ends with the joyous celebration of Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and try to comprehend His love for us.

Beyond that, Asbury will continue celebrating as the following Sunday, we rejoice with our confirmands as they are confirmed!

May begins with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of Asbury United Methodist Church followed by Mother's Day, Newcomer's, and Memorial Day weekend.

Please pray and avail yourself of all these wonderful opportunities to worship, serve, and be in God's presence!

## ***Blessings along your journey in 2025!***

**Please check out the enclosed Adult Small Group Opportunities.**

**If you have questions or need help finding a group, please contact:**

**Linda Manning or Pam Thornton**



Many of us have experienced a day that changed our lives. It may have been a happy time - a graduation, marriage, the birth of a baby, or it may have been a sad time - some type of disaster or the death of a loved one. As we look back on that day that changed our life, we may discover that it also affected others.

Regardless of what we experienced, it can't begin to compare with what Jesus went through during the 24 Hours that He willingly endured so that we might know that He understands and is with us throughout our lives regardless of what events we encounter. His sacrifice offered salvation or eternal life with Him! Those 24 Hours changed the lives of all people from that time forward and still affects our lives today!

Our Sunday Sermon Study Series for Lent is **24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** by Adam Hamilton. The aim of 24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD is to help one better understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. It is truly amazing that Jesus managed to get to the cross, let alone endure the cross, and by so doing, offer each of us the opportunity to be with Him.

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Hamilton helps one experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward, yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion.

The first six sessions cover the events leading to Christ's crucifixion and discuss what it would have been like to be at the foot of the cross. Have you ever thought about what might have gone on in the mind of the Roman centurion? What about how Mary must have felt, and what about the disciples, especially John and Peter?

The seventh session, the final one which is after Easter, focuses on Jesus' victory over death and what happened prior to his appearance to the disciples. We will consider the incredible promise of Easter; the hope of life after death, and examine the theories of Atonement and what it might mean for our lives.

Some of you may remember this study when we did it in 2012. It is one that had a profound effect on some and the Adult Ministry Team decided that it would be prudent to repeat this study. Hamilton has expanded the book to include devotions for each chapter and travel notes from his trip to the Holy Lands. The first sermon will be on Sunday, March 9, 2025 (following Ash Wednesday). We encourage everyone to pick up the book and get involved with an Adult Small Group that will watch the video which accompanies this study. Discussion, fellowship, and support are offered as well! This is a study you don't want to miss! If you have questions, please contact Linda Manning.

## Adult Small Groups Participating in the Sunday Sermon Study Series

### 24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD by Adam Hamilton

**AGAPE** - A mixed group meeting on Sunday from 9:30-10:25am in Room 302-303 or via Zoom.  
Contact: Pat Thornton, Pam Thornton, Kurt Streicher or Phil Paulson

**GOOD NEIGHBORS** - A group meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Chapel at the Vistas (2500 Grant St., Bettendorf). Contact: Roberta Gimmy

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** - A mixed group that meets on Thursday Evenings from 7:00-9:00pm via Zoom. Contact: Chris and Vern Harvey

**WINGS (Wednesday Inspirational Night (of) Group Study)** - A group that meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm at the church in Room 302-303 or via Zoom.  
Contact: Jean Black or Heather Dennis

### Other Adult Study Groups Meeting Include:

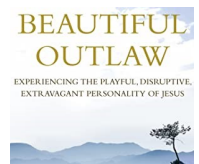
**ASBURY MEN'S GROUP** - A group of men that meets at 7:45am on the second and fourth Saturday mornings in Room 302-303 or via ZOOM. They offer a study, watch and discuss a video, have one-on-one prayer partners, fun, fellowship, and varied service projects. Their current study is HALF TRUTHS by Adam Hamilton.  
Contact: Cliff Pim or Phil Paulson



**EXPLORATIONS** - A mixed class meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:25am in Room 202. They are studying SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS by Jean-Pierre Isbouts. Contact: Realf Ottesen, Gary Hendershot or Vickie Streicher



**LADIES ARM GROUP** - This group of ladies meets every other Thursday from 7:00-9:00pm via ZOOM. They are studying BEAUTIFUL OUTLAW by John Eldredge.  
Contact: Sharon Phillips



### Fellowship and Connection Groups



**CARD MINISTRY** - This group has a lot of fun working together to make handmade greeting cards to send to Asbury members and friends for many different occasions, special events and holidays. They meet at 6:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Room 118. To learn more be sure to visit their Facebook page! Contact: Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon



**CRAFT & CHAT** - This group is open to anyone who is interested in crafts. They meet the third Saturday of every month in Connections Café from 9:00am-Noon. Bring your own craft, or come and help with a church-wide craft project! Contact: Michelle Bonney



**HANNAH CIRCLE** - A socially oriented group of ladies that meets at different locations on the second Tuesday of each month either for brunch or lunch. Contact: Donna Stradt



**L.I.F.T. (LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER)** - See their Facebook page for the latest information regarding activities, studies, and/or service projects!  
Contact: Stephanie Pim, Marian Edmund-Paulson, Julia Hensch or Jenny Bloomquist



Alone we can do so little;  
**TOGETHER**  
We can do so much!

**RACHEL CIRCLE** - A group of ladies that meets at 6:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the church. They not only support and encourage one another, and have a speaker each month, but also include a service project which helps support an organization within our community. Contact: Pam Duehr or Katie Nelson



**Beginning in June**, the Adult Ministry Team, facilitated by Phil Paulson, offers an Adult Small Group on Sundays from 9:30-10:25am. More information will follow as to the topics, but it is designed as a “come when you can” group. It always offers lively conversations, fun and fellowship as well as support and encouragement.