

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Traditional Service 8:30am
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Communion on April 17 & 20

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

Our Mission:

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



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We are nearing the end of the long road of Lent! Have you ever noticed that on cold winter days it is often coldest just as the sun is rising? Sometimes, in the celebration of Lent, the last few days or weeks feel longer than the first.

There are a lot of situations in life where waiting seems to make time move slower. Maybe you are waiting for a conversation with someone that you know is going to be hard. Maybe you are waiting for that job evaluation or report card. Maybe you are waiting in anticipation for a special birthday or anniversary, and the time drags!

But then, finally, the blessed day comes! The day we have longed for; the day we have waited for. Soon, we will again celebrate the risen Christ. We will sing loud songs of praise. We will go to the empty tomb and meet our Lord.

Holy Week begins this Sunday. Join us for the celebration of Christ's victory!

In Christ's Victory, Pastor Tim

+++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

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| APRIL 13TH | 8:30 & 10:30AM Palm Sunday |
| APRIL 17TH | 6:30PM Maundy Thursday |
| APRIL 18TH | 6:30PM Good Friday |
| APRIL 20TH | 8:30 & 10:30AM Easter |

Can't make it in person?
Watch live - Scan QR code

LIVE STREAM

Special Good Friday Worship Opportunity...Bishop Kennetha will be leading the Good Friday NOON service at Christ UMC, 3801 7th St., East Moline. ALL ARE INVITED!

Special Easter Offering † Asbury Backpack and Blessing Box Ministries

Mark Twain Elementary School Backpack Ministry - We are excited that Asbury's partnership with Mark Twain to provide backpacks filled with nutritious snacks for designated elementary students is going well. With the help of Jo Winegar, who is purchasing the snack items, and a few volunteers who are filling and delivering the backpacks each month, we continue to provide backpacks filled with snacks to 36 students in need through the end of the school year in May.

Blessing Box - Element 412 has suggested Asbury have a "Blessing Box" constructed on the church property. A Blessing Box is a community-based initiative where people can donate non-perishable food, hygiene items, and other necessities, and those in need can take what they require, fostering a network of giving and support. Your donations will help construct the box and help us initially stock items. Donations will be an ongoing opportunity for members to bless those in need around our church neighborhood.

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience or you may give online at

JesusIsTheBridge.org by choosing Online Giving and using the "Missions" option. Thank you!

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

STOP BY THE CONNECTIONS CAFE BETWEEN WORSHIP

APRIL 20TH
7:45-10:30AM

Roots Kids will be on Spring Break Easter morning
Kids are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt

immediately following Easter worship in the TreeHouse



Additional Communion Volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday and upcoming special services. If you are available to help, please reach out to Stephanie Pim, Jill Vogt, or the church office. THANK YOU!



JOIN US ON MAY 4 FOR A SPECIAL 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30AM
Banquet at Tanglewood Hills Pavilion at 11:30AM
4250 Middle Rd, Bettendorf
RSVP with number attending complimentary banquet before April 25 to:
asbury@asbury-bett.org or 563-355-5218



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH



April is National Donate Life Month. The theme in 2025 is *Let Life Sing!* Birds are known across many cultures as one of the most welcomed and visible signs of spring. They represent both new beginnings and visits from loved ones who have passed away.

The need is great! More than 100,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant. More than 46,000 organ transplants from 23,000 donors brought new life to patients and their families last year.

For those of you who are registered organ donors, we would like for you to take a bird from the Welcome Center, write your name on it and put it in the container located next to the birds. We will be placing the named birds on the wall at the east entrance near the office. Watch our number of birds grow each week as others sign their bird. Our goal is to have a flock of birds in this area and to watch our flock grow!!

If you are not a registered donor, please consider doing so by registering at [RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org) and join us in helping to save and heal lives.

Carol and Cheryl



Next Foot Clinic is April 28... Contact Cheryl for an appointment!

Missions

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

AIM Mission of the Month - APRIL STEWARDS OF CREATION



XStream Downtown Bettendorf

"light duty" Cleanup

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - 11:30-3:00



Scan this QR code
to REGISTER for
XStream Cleanup



Innovation: Africa

provides water solutions through
solar technology to rural Africa

Scan this QR code
& designate your
donation to:
AIM/MOM Water



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

- Thank you to Julie & Jim Spelhaug, Julie & John Moran, Cyndy Behrer & Gene Holst and Chris & Vern Harvey for serving the Asbury Zion Meal on April 2.
- Thank you for your support of our Mission of the Month in March, Fishers of Men and UMCOR.



Help support Asbury Ministries by choosing **Birdie #2269** as your Birdies for Charity recipient! We will receive a 5% bonus from Birdies for Charity for every gift given. Give directly at BirdiesForCharity.com/donate or look for a form in each narthex. Deadline is July 4. Checks should be written to and sent to Birdies for Charity. 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, April 18.**
- **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 Tim 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 21.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... **is in need of men's jeans.** Please clean out your closets! Thank you!
- **Hannah Circle**....All women are invited for lunch out and fun conversation on the second Tuesday of each month. Next gathering will be on **May 13 at D'Lua on the River, 1201 East River Dr. Davenport.** Hopefully we can enjoy lunch on the deck by the river! Contact Donna Stradt for more information. *"Friendship is God's special way of loving us through someone else."* Proverbs 17:17
- **Rachel Circle** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Please come and join us on **May 13 at 6:30pm** in the Asbury Connections Café. Everyone is welcome!
- **Card Ministry**....Next meeting is **May 14th at 6:30pm.** To learn more 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 cards in the church office!
- **Craft & Chat**....Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, April 19 from 9:00-Noon** in the RootsKids TreeHouse. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like. Connect and have fun with fellow crafters! Contact Michelle Bonney for more information.
- **You are Invited** to a free concert at Asbury on the Pleyel Double Grand Piano on **Saturday, April 26 at 7:00pm.** Dr. Xiao Hu and Dr. Du Huang are tenured faculty at Luther College, and will perform music from Debussy, Brahms & Ravel.
- **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together**...Details of dates and events can be found on their 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**....Join us in person at the church on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of the month at **7:45am.** 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!
- **Asbury Foundation**....Thank you to Talbot Berry, Mitch Hill, Sharon Jones, Tony Morales 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.**