

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Traditional Service 8:30am
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Communion on May 4

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Good News

Our Mission:

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



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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 by April 25 to:

asbury@asbury-bett.org or 563-355-5218

✠ ✠ ✠ The Great Fifty Days! ✠ ✠ ✠

This past Sunday we joyfully celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ! But that is only the beginning.

Easter is not just a day. It is a season of fifty days in which we celebrate new life in Christ. We are reminded that from Easter Sunday to Pentecost there were numerous resurrection appearances. And that many people saw Jesus alive, talked with him, ate with him and celebrated with him.

During this Easter Season, we are also going to continue to celebrate with some very special worship opportunities. This Sunday, in our 8:30am worship, the Jenny Lind Ensemble will be with us. In our 10:30am service we will be having a service of confirmation for this year's confirmation class! Between the services we will have a time of food and fellowship recognizing our confirmands.

Then on May 4th, Asbury UMC will celebrate 75 years of ministry here in Bettendorf! We will have a single service at 9:30am. Our District Superintendent, Brian Oliver, will preach. We will share in a lot of great music and share together in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We are taking reservations for our anniversary meal being held at the Tanglewood Pavillion. There is no cost to you, but we do need your reservations. See above for RSVP details.

After our anniversary day, we will continue to celebrate Easter until the Day of Pentecost on June 8, the day we celebrate the birth of the Church around the world.

I hope you will join us for these special days as we celebrate Christ our savior!

He is Risen!

Pastor Tim

Welcoming our Newest Confirmands



Congratulations to Alex Crowder, Heidi Mattoon, Chloe Reiter, Luke Swinney, Lochlyn Waterman and Thomas Waterman on their confirmation. Please join us on April 27 for their celebration reception in the Café at 9:30am followed by worship with the Order of Confirmation at 10:30am.



Concerts at the PLEYEL DOUBLE GRAND PIANO



Presents the Unison Duo

April 26 — 7:00 PM

FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC

This concert is part of the Quad City Piano Ensemble Festival! Donations encouraged
Location: Asbury United Methodist Church
1809 Mississippi Boulevard Bettendorf, Iowa

LIFT is coordinating with Hiney Heroes for the World's Largest Diaper Drive!

The drop in "Baby Shower" takes place

May 5th - June 1st

simply drop off diapers on the designated
table located inside the Main Entrance

Any size baby diapers will be appreciated!

Contact Stephanie Pim, Marian Edmund-Paulson,
Julia Hensch or Jenny Bloomquist for more information
or go to the LIFT Facebook Page for details.



May 4 is Native American Ministries Sunday

One of our denomination's six special offerings, Native American Ministries Sunday, equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can

do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this annual conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Together, God's church is partnering to repair past harm, support programs and celebrate Native American ministries.

Please be part of reparation and celebration through your support of Native American Ministries Sunday. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience (checks made to Asbury UMC or you may give online at JesusIsTheBridge.org by choosing Online Giving and using the "Missions" option. Thank You!



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH



As we continue with National Donate Life Month, we want to remind you to pick up a bird from the Welcome Center, write your name on it and put it in the container located next to the birds there. Our goal is to have a “flock of birds” in the East narthex near the church office representing all of our donors. If you are a registered donor, THANK YOU!!! If you would like to register to be a donor, you may do so at [RegisterMe.org](https://www.registerme.org).

Another way of being a donor for life is by donating blood or platelets. If you participate in our blood drives or donate at the blood center, please put your name on a bird as well. Each blood donation can help up to three people!

- **There are appointment times available for the Foot Clinic on April 28th.** The Foot Clinic in May will be on Thursday, the 29th, since our usual day (Monday) is a holiday. Please contact Cheryl for an appointment for either of these dates.

- **The next Blood Drive is Monday, June 9th from 2:00 to 5:30.** Contact Cheryl to set up a time or register online at Impact Life website.

Missions

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

AIM Mission of the Month for May is Family Resources and Hospice Care

- **Family Resources** provide free, confidential services to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, human trafficking, homicide and other violent crimes. To learn more, go to famres.org.

- **Hospice Care** provides end-of-life care both in-home or at a skilled care facility. Learn more at genesishhealth.com/hospice.



Please **DONATE** if you can by going to:
JesusIsTheBridge.org and using Online Giving and choosing the “Missions” option
or make check payable to Asbury UMC with May MOM on the memo line.

Thank you!



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

Thank you for your support of our Mission of the Month in April by helping at XStream Downtown Bettendorf Cleanup and by your monetary donations that are helping to provide water solutions in rural Africa through *Innovation: Africa*. We continue to accept Easter offerings supporting Mark Twain Backpack Program and Asbury Element 412 Blessing Box.



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.

- **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, May 5.**

- **Friendly Thrift Center**.... Please consider recycling your unused clothing and household items. There is a bin near the elevator on the lower level of Asbury for you to place your items. 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. Our meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 pm** (note the earlier start time) in the Connections Cafe for our Potluck Meal Celebration. Please join us for good food, good conversation and good company!! You may bring some food to share or just bring yourself. All are 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, May 17 from 9:00-Noon** in the Connections Café at Asbury. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like, or come and help make a sleeping mat for those in need! 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 Kay Howard and Ken Jones 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.**