SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Traditional Service 8:30am RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am Adult Classes 9:30am Praise Service 10:30am Communion on June 1

#### ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **Good News**



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Our Mission

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

# REMEMBERING OUR HEROES MEMORIAL DAY

### # # # Remembering # # #

In recent years, it seems like Memorial Day has become just another Monday off and maybe an opportunity to have an outdoor cookout. It is pretty easy to forget the roots of the day.

Of course, we know that Memorial Day is a day which we remember those who gave their

lives in service to our country. Its original name was "Decoration Day." I remember one time as a child being in the small town my parents were originally from. I think it must have been on Memorial Day. People gathered together and cleaned up and decorated graves in the local cemetery. At the time, I wondered what it was all about. But now I know people were showing their respect for the people whose lives ultimately effected all of us. It's easy to lose the significance of important days. Special days remind us of who we are, where we came from, and what others have done for us.

This year's anniversary of the founding of Asbury reminds me that many people in the last 75 years gave of their time, made contributions and sacrifices, and gave years of committed service so that today we have a vibrant and caring church. We always stand on the shoulders of others.

As we look ahead to Memorial Day, let us be thankful for those who gave their lives in service to their country. Let us also be thankful for the great cloud of witnesses that leave a legacy of caring and love for us to carry forward!

In Christ's Love, Tim







**Beginning JUNE 1**, Pastor Tim will begin the summer with a six week discussion on the **Social PRINCIPLES.** The United Methodist Church has completely rewritten them in a very readable format. Please pick up your copy at either entrance and join Tim from 9:30-10:30 in Room 302-303.





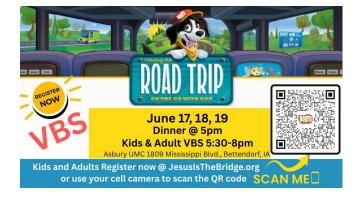






Everyone is invited to an Open House Celebrating Jan Coffenberry's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!
June 14th / 2:00-4:00pm

The Fountains Club House 3726 Thunder Ridge Rd. Bettendorf





#### **Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team** SUNFLOWER LANYARDS



What started in an airport in England has now become a globalized symbol. The Sunflower Lanyard Program was started in 2016 to ensure that individuals with hidden disabilities would be recognized and respected when traveling. The Hidden Disability Sunflower has become an internationally recognized symbol that indicates if a person has a disability, condition, or illness that may not be visible, including Alzheimer's, hearing impairment, or Autism Spectrum Disorder to name a few. These lanyards are most used when traveling, but may also be recognized in other settings as their popularity grows. There are over 265 airports in the United States that recognize the lanyard and will provide special assistance to travelers with hidden disabilities.

The Quad Cities International Airport has begun using these lanyards. Not only do these lanyards help to acknowledge an individual with a hidden disability, but they can also have an impact on caregivers! Please stop in to see Carol or Cheryl, we have lanyards that we would like to share with anyone who asks!

There are still a few appointments available for our Thursday, May 29th Foot Clinic. Please contact Cheryl Ewert to inquire.

Missions AIM (Asbury In Mission) .... "Doing God's Will"



June Mission of the Month - ASBURY GARDEN MINISTRY Responding to God's call to "feed my hungry" -Isaiah 58:10



Our Garden Ministry is entering its 24th year. Since its inception in the Spring of 2001, over 840,000 lbs. of vegetables have been harvested and distributed to local food pantries, meal sites, home shelters, low-income senior living complexes, and food-challenged individual families.

Recently, our Garden Ministry has come under the auspices of Tapestry Farms (tapestryfarms.org). This partnership will bode well for the long-term viability of our Ministry. The day-to-day operations of the Ministry will remain the same. The planting season is in full swing; i.e., onions, potatoes, and cabbage are planted, and, within the next two weeks, cucumber, green pepper, cantaloupe, and watermelon plants will be put in the ground.

Our Ministry welcomes new volunteers as we answer God's call in Isaiah 58:10 to "feed my hungry". If you want to be added to our volunteer email listing that is used to apprise volunteers of upcoming gardening opportunities, please email Dave Phillips at phillips363@mchsi.com or call 563-340-6594. Donations to help cover operating costs are always much appreciated.

Dave Phillips, Garden Ministry Coordinator

- 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.
- •Newsletter Deadline...Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than 8:00am on Monday, June 9.
- •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.
- •Thoughts of Sympathy....Our prayers are with Sally Burgmeier on the death of her husband, Mark, on May 8. Pastor Tom and Linda Carver on the death of Tom's father, Garland Carver, on May 8.
- •Mark Your Calendar....Join us at Church Council on June 16th at 6:30 pm in Connections Café. Everyone is invited & welcome.
- •Pleyel Concert....All are invited to a free Spring Fling concert by Joyce Templeman & Barb Nish of West Des Moines UMC on Wednesday, June 11 at 11:00am at Asbury.
- •Friendly Thrift Center.... is in need of travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. and men's shorts. 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 June 10th at Devils Glen Park's shelter (along the road into the park) for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite lunch with beverage. Tables are available in the shelter or bring your own lawn chair. Also, don't forget bug spray, sunglasses, sunscreen or anything else you might need! Looking forward to a lovely day outside! See you there! P.S. In the event of rain we'll gather at Donna Stradt's home, 1930 Burr Oak Place, just north of the park. Call Donna for more information
- •Rachel Circle .... Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30pm in the Asbury Connections Café. Everyone is welcome to join us to see what is planned!
- •Card Ministry....Next meeting is June 11th 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, June 21st 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.
- •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 Susan Gallagher, Mitch Hill, Nancy Moler, Rob Swinney, and Sherry VanPelt 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.