

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Traditional Service 8:30am  
 RootsKids 8:30  
 Adult Class 9:30am  
 Praise Service 10:30am  
 Communion on July 6

# Good News



## Our Mission:

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

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## In the Middle and at the Beginning

We are just days from July in the midst of what is the first heatwave of the summer. It is above 90 outside today, and I'm glad for the cool air in the church office!

As we move through the summer we have wrapped up an excellent Vacation Bible School. It was good to see children and adults having fun together. VBS gave us opportunities to meet some people who are new to our congregation, and to see our kids learning more about their faith.

We are almost to the Fourth of July holiday when our nation celebrates its founding. In July, we tend to think and talk about freedom. I particularly appreciate the freedom of faith that we have in the USA which is guaranteed to us by the US constitution. It is something we should never take for granted, as there are always those who believe they should be forcing their view of faith on the rest of us, not understanding that real freedom goes both ways.

For United Methodist pastors, July is also a beginning. It is the beginning of a new appointment year. Our usual practice is that we start our appointments at churches on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This allows us to start to get acclimated to a new church community with some time to plan and get ready for the upcoming fall activities. This July first will mark the end of my first year at Asbury UMC and the beginning of my second year of appointment. Both Michelle and I have felt very blessed to be with you in this last year. We have felt your warm welcome. We have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and to start to be a part of the Asbury family. I feel very blessed to be your pastor! And, I'm looking forward to all that we will do together in the coming year of ministry.

We are also in the middle of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and what fun it has been to celebrate together! Our District Superintendent, Brian Oliver, challenged us on our anniversary Sunday to think about and plan for the vision and ministry that will carry us into our next 75 years of ministry. The world continues to change and we continue to adapt, but the gospel of Jesus Christ is just as relevant as ever!

At Annual Conference we talked about the fact that, for the first time in our history as Methodists, there is no group of human beings that are excluded from any part of the ministries of our churches. We have a wonderful message of good news, welcome and inclusion to share with the world. We have the loving message of God's grace for us to share. As we plan together, how will we tell Bettendorf and the Quad Cities about God's love, and how will we grow our service to our communities? It is time for us to pray about, talk about, and with the help of God's Holy Spirit, begin to chart that course to the next 75 years of ministry!

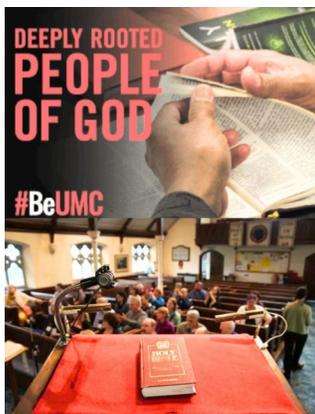
In Christ's Service Together,  
 Pastor Tim



In June, The United Methodist Church uses Peace with Justice Sunday to speak out for peace and justice. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in resolving conflict. Peace with Justice Sunday is a time for us to renew our commitment to transforming the world through justice and reconciliation.

Through your contributions, we support efforts to reduce violence, advocate for human rights, and create sustainable solutions for peace. Join us in making a difference through prayer and giving! 50% goes to the General Board of Church and Society for support of peace and justice ministries, and 50% is retained by the Iowa Annual Conference to support restorative justice initiatives and other peace and justice efforts. A special envelope is enclosed or you may use the "Online Giving" tab on our website [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and choosing the "Missions" field.

You can find more information at: [iaumc.org/special-sundays-and-special-offerings](http://iaumc.org/special-sundays-and-special-offerings)



## UMC Social Principles

Six Week Discussion  
 Led by Pastor Tim

Join Us on Sunday Mornings:  
**June 1st - July 13th**

9:30-10:30am  
 Room 302-303

Pick up a copy of the book  
 at either entrance.

There is still time to join the  
**Summer Reading Challenge!**  
**June 9-July 26**



Read through Romans, 1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians

To receive a daily email, go to our website at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org)  
 & click on "Summer Reading Challenge" or scan the QR Code above.



## Calling all Roots Kids!!



June 1 thru July 13<sup>th</sup> - PRAY Program @ 8:30am  
 Kindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> Grade - All Kids are Invited!



Roots Kids will start up again in September!

**BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

Pledges due by July 4th

Support Asbury Ministries!  
 Add/Choose #2269  
 as your charity recipient

Asbury will receive at least a  
 5% bonus for every gift given

Donation Forms available at each  
 entrance or scan the QR code or  
 go online @  
[BirdiesforCharity.com/donate](http://BirdiesforCharity.com/donate)



## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Loss of Spouse Grief Share



On **Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, we are offering a grief share opportunity for those whose spouses have died. It could have been recent, a short time ago or a while ago when the death occurred. At this meeting, we will introduce ourselves, watch a video and have a discussion. Those who join the group may speak about their experience or they may choose to just listen to others. There is no requirement to speak or share—just being present might provide some much-needed support.

**This is a one night only meeting beginning at 6:00 pm in Room 202.** We would wrap it up by 8:00 pm. Participating in this group might lead you to attend the extended Grief Share program which will begin in August. **Please contact Cheryl or Carol** if you are interested in attending. We hope that you will choose to find support in this way among other church members.

Carol and Cheryl



The next foot clinic is Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Cheryl to make an appointment. A few times are still available.



The next blood drive is Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of you who regularly make it a point to donate at our site. It is a very good thing that you are doing!!

### Missions

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

#### AIM MOM JULY Bettendorf Food Pantry



Please join us in supporting the **Bettendorf Food Pantry** as our Mission of the Month for July! Please bring non-perishable food items and personal care products to the church throughout the month. You may also direct financial gifts to the food pantry by marking your contribution accordingly or by giving online at [JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) and choosing the "Missions" field under Online Giving. A Mission of the Month envelope is also enclosed for your convenience. Thank you!

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

Thank you to LIFT and everyone who purchased diapers in support of Hiney Heroes Diaper Drive! To learn more about this important ministry go to: [hineyheroes.com](http://hineyheroes.com)

- **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 July 4.
- **Newsletter Deadline**...Items for the next Good News should be in the church office no later than **8:00am on Thursday, July 3.**
- **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 Missy and Shawn McKim & family on the death of Missy's mom on June 16. Patty Huth and family on the death of her husband, Tim, on June 23.
- **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 breakfast or lunch out on the second Tuesday of each month. Next gathering will be on **July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am for lunch at Tangled Wood** restaurant on Devils Glen Rd. Hopefully, we can enjoy the deck if the weather cooperates! If not, we have AC available! Join us for fun conversation and fellowship! Hope to see you there!
- **Rachel Circle** .... Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. We are going on a FIELD TRIP! ON **Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at the church to travel to see the beautiful wood carvings that Alinda Littrel's father makes. We will carpool to his house in LeClaire. He said he will make cookies! Meet at the church by 6:00pm. Please join us!
- **Stewards of Creation** .... A new "Interfaith Creation Care" group has been formed. Be sure to sign up for their monthly newsletter! The address you recently received in the Church Council email was not correct. Please use this gmail address to connect and receive creation care information, updates and opportunities: [interfaithcreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcreationcare@gmail.com).
- **Card Ministry WILL NOT meet in July**....Next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 13 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, July 19 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 Angie & Talbot Berry, Jan Coffenberry, Mitch Hill and Michelle Swinney 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.**