

Good News

Our Mission:

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

✠ ✠ ✠ A Great Cloud of Witnesses ✠ ✠ ✠

The first Sunday in November is our celebration of All Saints Day. All Saints is an ancient church practice of recognizing those in the Church who have died in the faith and are now with our Lord.

All Saints does have somewhat of a somber feel, as we remember the loss of those we love. But I also find All Saints to be a day that encourages me about the Church. It reminds me of how we are blessed by what those before us have done, and how we carry that spirit forward.

The Bible talks about the Saints as a great cloud of witnesses. They are like the crowd that cheers on contestants in a race. They are watching us run the race of faith that they have already won. They are there to encourage us to build on to what they have already built.

I think about All Saints as much like a relay race. Those who have gone before us have run their leg of the race. They built the church we worship in. They created many of the same ministries and programs that we still have today. They had a vision for the future. They planned for that future and have now passed the baton and left it in our hands.

As we get close to entering the 76th year of the ministry of Asbury UMC, those saints are cheering us on. They've passed the baton on to our generation. They are encouraging us to think ahead to the next years and decades of ministry at Asbury UMC.

For our 76th year the questions might be, "How can we be as visionary and as forward thinking as those who founded this church?" In this year, "How can we look to the future with vision and boldness?" In this year, "What new things will we try and how we will be experimental with our ministry to find our preferred future?"

I know we have all enjoyed an awesome anniversary year! Now it is time to roll up our sleeves, put on our thinking caps, and also pray to our loving God about where do we need to take this awesome church in the next seventy-five years?

In Christ's Service Together,
Pastor Tim

Asbury's Annual Charge Conference, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Brian Oliver, will be held in Connections Café on **Sunday, October 19 at 3:00**. All are welcome to attend.

Special Church CONFERENCE

An important special church conference will be held on **Monday, October 27 at 6:30pm** in Asbury Connections Café to vote on the purchase of the property located at 1810 Brown Street. **Only those present will be able to vote.** For more information contact Dave Stedwell or Kevin Jones.

Rhythms of Work & Rest

Exploring Sabbath in Today's World
with Dr. Michelle Crouch, Professor of Music, Augustana College



PRE-REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 3RD



Scan the QR code or go to JesusIsTheBridge.org

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025
Noon - 4 pm (lunch provided)

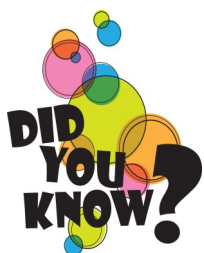
Asbury United Methodist Church
1809 Mississippi Blvd.
Bettendorf, IA



Looking for a Small Group Study between Thrive and Advent?

See the enclosed information card for studies beginning October 20 and continuing until our Advent Sunday Sermon Study Series, ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM, begins on November 30.

All groups will welcome you!



Trivia Night!

November 15 at 6:00pm
Help Start Our New Church Ministry
The Blessing Box!
Hosted by **Element 412**
Karl Crowder, Emcee

Join us in Connections Café - Sign Up as a Team of Six or Come Solo and We Will Pair You Up with a Team!
Entry Fee: Free-Will Donation for Our New Blessing Box Ministry
Popcorn and Refreshments Provided!

You may also bring your own snacks and drinks if you like.
Mulligans and Double Downs available for purchase.

All money collected will help fund the Blessing Box.

SOCKtober!



Throughout the month of October bring new socks for those in need to the **TREEHOUSE!!**

Questions?
See **Rebecca Erickson**

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



As we know, the death of a loved one is not easy to handle. Added to that is the thought of the holidays coming up which may cause more sadness and challenges.

This program will provide insights with regard to being present in the holidays as you remember your loved one.

Cheryl Ewert will host this program on **November 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. This is a one-evening offering for anyone—you do not have to have attended the full Grief Share course prior to this evening. Please join us as we explore how to navigate the holidays. For more information please contact Cheryl or the church office.



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Mental Health Awareness Week



The first week in October was **Mental Health Awareness Week**. Let us keep all those who are struggling in our prayers. Remember, God loves you and there are resources and hope to address your struggles.

The occurrence of mental illness of any kind is one in five individuals; for one in 20 it is chronic. If you or someone you know has experienced mental health challenges—you/they are not alone! In fact, it is important to acknowledge your experience and to talk about it with family, friends, and in some cases, seek professional help to manage it. It's not a weakness or due to lack of faith. Rather, it's a very human response to a difficult situation.

When people experience a mental health condition of any kind, they often do not know where to turn or how to get help or are reluctant to even tell anyone. As people of faith, we can help one another by being willing to listen to each other's stories. We can help each other find needed resources by supporting one another on their spiritual journey.

Information can be found at nami.org—the National Alliance on Mental Illness national website. If you or someone you know is in crises, the toll-free National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health lifeline at 988 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



November 16 is National Donor Sabbath We would like to honor those who have had family members who have donated either through death or are a Live Donor. Please contact the church office and let us know if you have a family member to be recognized. Thank you!



The next Blood Drive is Monday, November 10.



Missions

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

Special Project for the Month of October

In October, AIM will continue the celebration of the **75th Anniversary** of our church by challenging all of our congregation to bring a box of cereal or a 1-lb box of sugar to the church, which will be donated to the Bettendorf Food Pantry. It will be fun to watch our progress of cereal and sugar donations grow and to recognize Asbury's support for local outreach into our community — which has been part of our 75-year heritage from the outset! **Our goal is to collect 75 boxes of cereal and 75 boxes of sugar.**

We hope you will join us in this special project!

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

Thank you to everyone who supported CROP Walk 2025 by walking or sponsoring a walker.

We received \$825 to help fight hunger in the Quad Cities and around the world.

- **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 office no later than **8:00am on Monday, November 3**.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy** Our prayers are with the family and friends of former member, Wes Whiteside, who died on September 25 in Burnsville, MN. and the family and friends of Diane Ring, who died on October 3.
- **Newcomers** Would you like to learn more about Asbury and our ministries? Everyone is welcome to attend our quarterly Newcomer Gathering. The next gathering will be **Sunday, October 19 from 9:30-10:25am** in Room 110 on the lower level. Please join us!
- **Friendly Thrift Center** We are in need of men's winter coats, shoes and boots, along with all other men's items. As always, we accept travel-size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. There is a bin near the elevator on the lower level of Asbury for you to place your items. Thank you!
- **Hannah Circle** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month for fun, fellowship and breakfast or lunch out at a local restaurant. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, November 11**. Watch for details in the next Good News and please plan to join us!
- **Rachel Circle** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30pm** in the Connections Café. Watch for more information in the next Good News! All are welcome, please join us!
- **Card Ministry** Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 12 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 lovely cards in the church office!
- **Loom Crafters** There are several ways you can help in this new monthly service and fellowship opportunity of making sleeping mats for the homeless! Please join us on the second Monday of each month. Next Loom Crafters is **Monday, November 10 at 6:30pm** in Connections Café. Contact Jean Black or Pam Thornton for more information!
- **Craft & Chat** Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, October 18, 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! **In November and December the Men's group will meet on the first and third Saturdays.**
- **Asbury Foundation** Thank you to Mitch Hill, Linda Manning, Al Sloss and Pat Tulon 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 special occasions.**