

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Traditional Service 8:30am
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Communion on December 7

Good News

Our Mission:

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

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Holy Days and Holy Seasons



I always get excited this time of year! As we have entered November we are only weeks away from Thanksgiving, followed by the Advent Season, and Christmas. There are so many opportunities to worship, share joy and share the love of Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving is always an important reminder that we should always be thankful for what God has given us. We should be thankful all the time, but it is good to have a day set aside for us to remember our blessings and thank God.

Advent is a season of preparation. In Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. And, sometimes in Advent we share about the future that God has for us in Christ second coming. Advent is not Christmas. but it can give us a taste of the special days coming.

It might surprise you to know that Christmas was not celebrated that much in early Christianity because the main focus was Easter and the resurrection. But, as the Church began to think about what it meant for Jesus to be born as the incarnate Son of God into this world, they realized that it was important to make a day and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Some of my favorite scriptures around Christmas are found in the gospel of Luke where the fullest stories of the birth of Jesus and the events surrounding it are told.

As we enter these holy days and seasons, I pray that you will take the time to worship God, be thankful, and celebrate what Christ has done for us.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim

Pastor Tim's Sermon Series WHO AM I?



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Please Join Us in Worship for the Upcoming Sermon Series:

November 9 - "Not Because of What I've Done"

November 16 - "But Because of Who You Are"

"Surviving the Holidays" Grief Share

**Tuesday, November 11th
6-8pm @ Asbury**

For people who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be bleak. This lay-led event offers coping tools and support. Open to the public.

To register contact the church office 563-355-5218 or call Cheryl Ewert.

TRIVIA NIGHT

November 15th

6:00pm

Connections Cafe

Emcee: Karl Crowder
sponsored by Element412

SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY OR
WITH TEAMS OF 6 PEOPLE
PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 TEAMS!

All are welcome!
Bring your own
snacks & beverage.



FREE ENTRY
with Non-perishable
Blessing Box Donation

Element 412 and Roots Kids and families

Sunday, November 23rd

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & COOKIE DECORATING

3:30PM - MEET AT ASBURY & CAR POOL TO THE VISTAS
4:00PM - SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS @ THE VISTAS
4:30PM - COOKIES & A MOVIE (JINGLE JANGLE) @ ASBURY
WE WILL DECORATE COOKIES THAT ARE DAIRY, PEANUT, AND EGG FREE
BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS JAMMIES FOR THE MOVIE & INVITE A FRIEND!
Wear Red & Green, festive & fun attire!
Change into Christmas jammies for the movie!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Monday, November 24 at 6:00PM

Volunteers Needed!

See Kent Mattoon for more info!



One Starry Night

a journey to bethlehem

Come experience actors telling the story of our Savior's birth! Enjoy live animals and a marketplace with food and crafts!

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 4pm-7pm

Contact Marian Edmund-Paulson to participate!

It's Cool To Be On The Tech Team!



See Carrie Meumann if you are interested!



Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team November is National Caregivers Month



As we think about caregivers this month, we want to give a shout out to everyone who cares for others in a specific or general way. Even though you are not often formally recognized as a caregiver, all that you do for another is vital to their wellbeing.

Caregiving can be challenging and rewarding. It is hard work at times. In this and the next newsletter, we will list some helpful hints and suggestions. First, we will share information about Respite Care:

Respite Care is temporary and specifically meant to provide a time of rest and relief for the caregiver. There are several types of respite care:

Home Care Aides can help with personal care, housework and cooking as a one-time only service or a weekly/daily service.

Adult Day Care offers activities, meals, exercise and the chance to be with others for the person who needs this assistance.

Overnight Stays may be offered by assisted living and other facilities for overnight help for a few days or for weeks.

Informal Respite Care can be provided by friends or family by staying with the person for a few hours or a weekend. Community organizations may also have individuals who volunteer for this type of care.

The main thing that a caregiver needs to remember is this: If you do not take care of yourself, you cannot care for another. Respite care may be just the thing to avoid burnout or illness. Do not hesitate to make time for yourself!

Please help yourself to the additional pieces of information on the wall display outside the church office.



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 ASBURY BLOOD DRIVE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 FROM 2:00-5:30

Please contact Cheryl by phone or text to sign up OR
register yourself on the ImpactLife website.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference for others!



Missions

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

Mission of the Month for November is Santa for Seniors and Salvation Army Bellringing!

Thank You for Your Service

Thank you to Julie & Jim Spelhaug, Julie & John Moran and Cyndy Behrer & Gene Holst
for serving the Asbury Zion meal on November 5.

- **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 17.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center** **WE ARE IN NEED OF MEN'S WINTER COATS.** Shoes and boots, along with all other men's items are also greatly needed. 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 at 11:30am** for lunch at Meli's Pancake House Café, 3260 Ridge Pt. Rd. Bettendorf (next to the Vibrant Coffeehouse on Middle/Belmont Rd.) The final collection for the holiday donation to the Thrift Center will be that day. Everyone welcome! Come enjoy some fun and conversation!
- **Rachel Circle** Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30pm** in the Connections Café. We will hear from the director of Café on Vine, Waunita Sullivan. Please join us to learn more about this important meal site!
- **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, November 15, 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 **first and third 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 January, the Men's group will resume meeting on the second and fourth Saturdays).
- **Asbury Foundation** Thank you to Mitch Hill, Carol Jackson, Darlene Roseleaf (in memory of her sister—Asbury Charter Member Betty Lee Roseleaf Anderson), Dave Stedwell, Donna Stradt and Bev Trask 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.**