

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



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Our Mission:

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

✚✚✚ **Unity—Looking Forward and Not Back!** ✚✚✚

I've been very pleased to see a growing unity of vision and purpose in the United Methodist Church since our last General Conference in May of 2024. In that General Conference, we made significant changes to the Book of Discipline allowing more choices to be available in the ministry of pastors and the local church to match the context of the ministry we are each called to.

We decided, after many years of debate, to leave decisions around marriage to pastors and congregations following the Holy Spirit as we seek to broaden our welcome to all people in God's Church. The changes received a very high level of support.

We also voted on major constitutional amendments, which allow for the regionalization of the United Methodist Church. These amendments allow different regions of the world to make their own best decisions on many areas of ministry in their own culture, language and context. For the first time since the founding of the UMC, our denomination is no long US centric. Each region of our denomination will have an equal say in mission and ministry. These amendments passed not only the General Conference vote but also passed Annual Conference member votes, each by more than 90%. What a great sign of unity!

Here at Asbury UMC, I'm pleased to see a unity in our ministries and our decisions together as we seek to chart our congregation's future course.

At a called Church Conference, the members of Asbury were invited to attend and vote on the purchase of property on Brown Street which gives us more options for future ministry. I was thrilled to see fifty-six (56) members of Asbury UMC present to vote. **It was a great turnout! I was even more pleased that our vote was so unified. The count of our written ballots was 55-1 in favor of the purchase of the property.**

While buying the property is an important ministry step, I was most pleased that you made this decision together. I sensed a strong excitement and a great sense of unanimity of spirit! Everyone got to vote as they felt, and we have moved forward on a decision that was a couple of years in the making. I know we cannot always be in as close an agreement as we were at that conference, but I'm thrilled that the leadership of Asbury is always looking to make sure everyone's opinions and ideas are included.

It is my hope that the United Methodist Church will only look forward and not look back, and that we as Asbury UMC will continue to move forward in unity of mission and purpose as we share God's love!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim

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!

LET US GIVE THANKS



November 27

Go to our website JesusIsTheBridge.org
to view a special Thanksgiving Message
from Pastor Tim

AIM Mission of the Month

Jerry's Jingers

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

November 28-December 24

at K & K Hardware, Bettendorf

**Scan the QR code to volunteer for
available time slots or go to JesusIsTheBridge.org**

Would you like to be included in the weekly

Jerry's Jingers email updates?

Contact Dave Nichols at djn4isu@gmail.com



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!

**Come together
for ONE Worship Service**
Dec. 28 and Jan. 4
at 9:00 AM WITH COMMUNION
REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES ON JAN. 11
8:30 AND 10:30 AM



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



Caregiving is not an easy job, but it can be very rewarding.

Here are some things to think about as you continue the work of being a caregiver.

Your Needs and Wishes are Important Too

- Taking care of yourself is as important as caring for your loved one.
- Be sure to eat well, get enough rest and exercise regularly.
- The healthier you are, the better care you will provide.
- Don't be afraid to say you need a break—no one can do it all the time.



If You are Balancing Work and Caregiving, Talk to Your Employer about Flexibility

- You may be able to take time off from work under the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- A social worker or nurse who assists people in finding care for an older adult is called a care or case manager.
- A care manager helps find services.
- Contact your county social services, local area agency on aging (Milestones) or senior center (CASI) to find out about services.
- If the person you are caring for has low or moderate income, you may be able to get financial assistance through the county or state.

All Caregivers Feel Overwhelmed at Times

- If you feel angry or often lose patience with the person you are caring for, or if you use alcohol, drugs or medications to cope, get help.
- If you are depressed, talk to a doctor, counselor or therapist.
- It is critical for caregivers to develop a support system.
- One of the best resources for caregivers is other caregivers.
- Caregiver support groups can help you connect with others who are going through similar experiences.

FOOT CLINIC is November 22. Appointment Times Available! Come and "Treat your Feet"!

Missions

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



Mission of the Month for December is The Center Holiday and Meal Delivery!



Several Asbury adult small groups (Asbury Men's Group, LIFT Women's Ministry, WINGS, Agape and Explorations Adult Sunday School) are combining efforts to provide a holiday meal, music, and an arts & craft experience for invited guests at The Center at 1411 North Brady Street, Davenport, IA on **Saturday, December 13th from 11:30am-1:00pm**. If you are willing to contribute to the effort either by attending the event or offering financial support, please contact Cliff Pim on his cell (563) 340-2722 or his email-cpim@hhsales.net. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who generously participated in our AIM Special Project in October.

We collected 110 boxes of cereal and 80 boxes of sugar for the Food Pantry in honor of Asbury's 75th Anniversary!

Thank you to all who support Asbury's Garden Ministry! A celebratory recap of the 2025 gardening season is enclosed.

- **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 November 26-28.**
- **Newsletter Deadline** Items for the next Good News should be in the office no later than **8:00am on Monday, December 1.**
- **90th Birthday Celebration** All are invited to Asbury Connections Café to honor Darlene Roseleaf. **December 7 from 11:30-2:30.**
- **Thoughts of Sympathy** Our thoughts and prayers are with Beth Kelly on the death of her brother, Walter Kelly, on November 4.
- **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, December 9 at 9:30 am for their Annual Christmas Potluck Brunch at Suzanne Yoder's home** (5692 Butterfield Ct., Bettendorf). Bring a dish to share and a favorite holiday memory. Everyone welcome!
- **Rachel Circle** We will meet **Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 in Connections Café**. You may bring personal hygiene items, toiletries and household cleaning supplies to be donated to Friendly House for their Christmas packages. (The list of items is in the notes from the meeting on November 4th). Treats will be furnished by Dot Crosby and Sherry VanPelt. Please join us—there may be singing of carols!
- **Card Ministry will NOT MEET in December** Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 14 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, December 8 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, December 20, 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 Angie & Talbot Berry, Mitch Hill and Don Nelson 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.**