

**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*



Did you know that Christians did not regularly celebrate Christmas until around 336 AD? This is when we find evidence of the earliest Christmas celebrations. Early Christians celebrated Easter, Pentecost, and Epiphany regularly, however in the early church the celebration of birthdays was discouraged as being too self-centered.

In the beginning, Christmas was celebrated to emphasize the importance of the incarnation of Christ as both the son of human beings, as well as the son of God. It was also in opposition to the heresy of the theologian, Arius, who proposed the idea that Jesus was not the eternal son of God, but created by God the Father. The church condemned this theology; declaring that Jesus Christ, the Father, and the Spirit were all equally three-in-one and one-in-three.

Christmas celebrations were placed on December 25<sup>th</sup> in part because there were already community celebrations scheduled around this date and the winter solstice. This allowed Christians to use that as an opportunity to invite the whole community to celebrate in the birth of Christ.

As you prepare for Christmas during this Advent season, remember that Christ was born among us so that he could offer us everlasting life.

Celebrating Christ Together, Pastor Tim

## Jerry's Jingers

### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

**November 28 through December 24 at K & K Hardware**

**Scan the QR code to volunteer for available time slots  
or go to [JesusIsTheBridge.org](https://JesusIsTheBridge.org)**

**To be included in the weekly email update contact Dave Nichols.**



## 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**

Non Perishable Food Pantry Donations Appreciated!



**Let's celebrate the RootsKids Program**

**Sunday, December 14th**

**Stop by the Connections Cafe**

**From 7:30am to 10:30am**

**We will have pastries, fruit, yogurt, granola bars, christmas cookies, coffee and a variety of juices!**



**We're getting the BAND together**

## REFUEL

### Christmas Concert

**Friday, December 19th**

**6:00-7:30pm**

*bring Christmas cookies or treats to share*

**Asbury Church Connections Cafe**

**1809 Mississippi Blvd Bettendorf**

**Fellowship & LIVE Music**







## Bits and Pieces from Your Parish Nurse Team Carol Jackson and Cheryl Ewert



The holiday season always seems to be here before we know it. We wait all year to get to December and suddenly, it arrives in a whirlwind of activities, expectations, self-imposed obligations, and sometimes...a BIG pile of snow! In the spirit of the season, we'd like to propose the following:



*Let's give ourselves and each other permission to  
spend less, do less, and stress less throughout the holidays  
so we can enjoy the real gifts of the season.* Courtney Carver



### Suggestions of Some Things You Can Do to Feel Less Stressed!

- Be kind to yourself • More is not necessarily better • Keep expectations realistic •
- Remember that other people cannot read your mind or anticipate your needs •
- Plan sanity time-outs • Choose your battles • Do something silly! •

♥ -A **SHOUT OUT** to everyone who participated in a blood drive throughout this year. You made a difference by taking the time to donate - even if you were deferred. I appreciate your willingness to continue to make time for this important opportunity.♥  
**Thank you so much. I'll be in touch next year!**  
Cheryl

## 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](mailto:cpim@hhsales.net). Thank you!



**Terracycle** To recycle, bring your unusable holiday string lights directly to Terracycle at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline or to Asbury and we will deliver them for you! Just wind them in a circle and put them in the Asbury Terracycle bin next to the elevator.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Thank you to Kristi & Matt Berst, Stephanie & Cliff Pim and Judy & Greg Gackle for serving the Zion Meal in December.

- 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, December 15**.
- 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 prayers are with Wynell Bragg on the death of her sister, Kate.  
Judy and Don Seitz on the death of Judy's sister, Jane. Tom and Debbie Stelk on the death of Tom's brother, Jim.
- 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 Nov. 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 Mitch Hill, Dottie Olson and Bev Reed 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.**