

# Good News

Our Mission:

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



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**  
Traditional Service 8:30am  
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30  
Adult Classes 9:30am  
Praise Service 10:30am  
Communion on March 1



## Did You Say *Lint*? What is Lent All About?

I remember having a discussion with a Christian from another denominational background that had never experienced the celebration of Lent. They kept thinking I was saying, "lint." I proceeded to share some things about the Lenten season.

Lent is a season of forty days plus the Sundays. The Sundays are in Lent but are not a part of Lent. Why? Every Sunday (all year) is a little Easter. It is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, when we have the opportunity to have ashes put on our forehead or hand to symbolize our recognition that we are mortal. It is a time to remember that there is a God, and we aren't him! We depend on God for our lives and for our very existence. Without him we are nothing but dust.

On Ash Wednesday we also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion experiencing the presence of Christ as we remember that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

During the rest of the season we study Christ's ministry, and in particular, focus on Jesus' death and resurrection as we approach Easter.

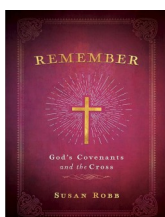
Lent allows us to look ahead to the cross and the empty tomb for more than just a Sunday or two. This is important because our life and eternal life is a result of Christ's victory on the cross.

During the Lenten Season we will be studying "Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross" by Rev. Susan Robb. Asbury provides the books for this study at no cost. We hope you'll join us!

When we get to the last week of Lent, this is known as "Holy Week." We celebrate Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We will again share Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. On Good Friday we will have special contemplative service with candlelight in the Connections Cafe at 6:30pm known as a Taize service.

I hope that you'll participate in as many opportunities as possible during the Lenten Season. It will give you a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your faith in Christ!

In Christ's Love, Pastor Tim



## Lenten Sunday Sermon Study Series

The Adult Ministry Team chose the book, *REMEMBER: God's Covenants and the Cross* by Susan Robb for our Lenten Sermon & Study Series to help us better understand God's covenants with people and His love for all humanity. Please find the enclosed flier for study opportunities to enhance your Lenten Worship experience. Books can be found in each Narthex.

**Join us**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18 at 6:30pm**  
*If you can't come to the service*  
*Pastor Tim and Carol Jackson*  
*will be available for drop-in*  
*imposition of ashes 8am - 3pm*  
*no appointment needed*

**Building Beloved Community**  
A 6-week Lenten Study  
with Bishop Kennetha at 7:00pm  
Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Through March 31<sup>st</sup>

Pastor Tim will host a meeting in Room 302-303 for those wanting to participate in this online opportunity together. A Zoom link will also be offered. Books are available for participants.

**WAYS YOU CAN SERVE**

## HELP WANTED!

### Are You Looking for a Way to Use Your Talents at Asbury?

Opportunities await for committee work, hospitality, greeting, communion serving, and scripture reading. There are so many ways to be of service!

Service is an important part of our Discipleship Pathway and the next Good News will include a *Discipleship Moment* exploring details of this area of the pathway.

**Please talk with Pastor Tim, Dave Stedwell, Pat Thornton, Sue Gallagher or Cheryl Ewert to find out about all of the many opportunities to choose from.**



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



### February is American Heart Month

**CARDIAC CALCIUM SCORING** can detect heart disease at its earliest, most treatable stage. The presence of calcium in the coronary arteries is a proven marker for atherosclerosis that leads to most heart attacks. A CT scan is used to detect calcium deposits in the arteries. CVM is offering this scan at a reduced rate of \$75 during the month of February. It takes about 15 minutes and is painless—no prep ahead of time either. You can call 563-888-0495 to schedule an appointment. There is additional information available on the Parish Nurse display wall. See Carol or Cheryl with questions.

We have had some questions regarding phone scams. Here is a brief explanation and a quick safety reminder for our church family. There has been an increase in phone scams where callers pose as trusted businesses, organizations or “tech support” and try to create urgency by claiming there is a problem with your computer or accounts. Their goal is to convince you to give them remote access to your computer, which can put your personal and financial information at risk. Please remember that legitimate organizations will never ask for this over the phone. If you receive a call like this, hang up and call the business or organization using a trusted phone number. If you’re unsure, reach out to a family member or fellow church member for help. (Thanks to Michelle Swinney for this note.)

## Missions

## AIM (ASBURY IN MISSION) .... “DOING GOD’S WILL”



**AIM Mission of the Month for February is *Love Our Neighbors***  
**Please Help Support World Relief of the Quad Cities and One-Eighty!**



**World Relief** has welcomed, advocated for, and helped integrate over 400,000 immigrants in vulnerable situations to communities all across our nation. For more information go to [worldrelief.org/quad-cities](http://worldrelief.org/quad-cities). **One-Eighty**, located in Davenport, exists to bring hope, love and opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty, or addiction. They do this by helping people build a relationship with Jesus Christ and assisting local churches and organizations in connecting with their communities. For more information go to [oneeighty.org](http://oneeighty.org).

We, as church people, and as individuals, want to be of help to others. Often we may not know the person by name, where they live, or anything about them, but we can still be of service to provide a safer and healthier life. New clean socks can make a true quality-of-life difference!

**You will find a table in the West Narthex throughout the month of February. Suggested items include rice, dried beans, peanut butter, flour, sugar, socks, underwear, hygiene products, cleaning products, coloring books, crayons & puzzle books.**

### Thank You for Your Service!

Thank you to Sue Eby, Lisa Delzell & Louis Cervantes, Sara Wade and Jane Fergades for serving the Zion Meal in January!

- **Garden Ministry** As the calendar turns to February, it's a pleasure to say that the gardening season will start **next** month. For those church members who don't know, Wallace's Garden Center has been a Awesome supporter of our Garden Ministry for many years by supplying vegetable transplants. For the upcoming season, the following will be donated: 504 green pepper plants; 960 cabbage plants; 384 Crimson Sweet watermelon plants; and 600 tomato plants. In addition, they will provide 800 lbs. of seed potatoes at their cost. If you shop at Wallace's, please mention how much their support is appreciated. The Garden Ministry offers many opportunities to get involved (some of which are not labor-intensive). If interested, please contact Dave Phillips. email: [phillips363@mchsi.com](mailto:phillips363@mchsi.com); cell: 563-340-6594.
- **2026 Faith & Climate Forum** **Saturday, April 25 from 11:00-4:30 with a Connection Time opportunity beforehand from 10:00-11:00** This year's theme is **The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow**. Go to **Asbury Stewards of Creation** Facebook page for all updates and important information happening with this outreach ministry, including a registration link for the upcoming Faith & Climate Forum on April 25 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport. Six Asbury members attended in 2025 and we hope to see **you** there this year! Please email [interfaithcreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcreationcare@gmail.com) to sign up for the Interfaith Creation Care of the Quad Cities monthly newsletter. There are references to Asbury and many ways to acknowledge and support God's creation.
- **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, February 23**.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy** Our prayers are with Linda Ashby on the death of her sister, Marsha, on January 21.  
Tom & Tracy Waterman and family on the death of Tom's brother James on January 26 and his mother Belva on January 31.  
Rob & Melanie Wolfe and family on the death of Rob's mother, Rheta Allen, on February 2.
- **Hannah Circle** Next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 10**. Watch for more information in the next Good News
- **Rachel Circle** Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 in Connections Café**. We will be putting together the Easter favors that we distribute to several senior facilities in the area. Please come and join us for this fun activity!
- **Card Ministry** Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30pm**. To learn more, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- **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, March 9 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, March 21, 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! Contact Michelle Bonney.
- **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.
- **Asbury Foundation** Thank you to Alex & Steph Brimeyer, Judy Gackle and Mitch Hill 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.**