

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 April 5



Asbury Ministry Opportunities and Goals

While much of the focus on what we are doing at Asbury right now revolves around the Lenten Season, the Leadership Team and other ministry teams in the church are always working behind the scenes on what may come up in the future and what opportunities we have for ministry.

In the last quarter of 2025, the leadership of Asbury UMC was approached by the Iowa Annual Conference. They recognized from our previous CAT survey and contact with this congregation that we are a very healthy congregation which has a strong and active ministry presence in the Quad Cities.

The conference approached us about considering a ministry opportunity. Faith UMC in west Davenport closed as a church this past fall. After closing, the conference needed to decide how best to use or dispose of the Faith UMC property. They approached Asbury as a potential partner to start a new faith community or an extension of the Asbury community in the facility.

The Leadership Team examined the possible opportunities of helping start new ministry in that facility. There were some interesting possibilities. As we explored, we also acknowledged that Asbury UMC has a strong list of goals this year for our congregation here in Bettendorf. Several of these goals are of high importance to the continued growth of Asbury.

After careful consideration, it was determined it was not the best time to pursue helping start a new faith community elsewhere in the Quad Cities while also trying to move forward with our own ministry goals.

We appreciate the confidence of the Conference in our ability to do good and fruitful ministry! We suggested to the Conference leadership that they might consider some district collaboration on the use of the Faith church property.

⚪ ⚪ ⚪ 2026 Goals ⚪ ⚪ ⚪

- Strengthen, promote, and expand Children & Youth ministries.
- Grow membership, especially in the 35-50 age demographic.
- Develop next-generation lay leaders (committees, small groups).
- Engage members in acknowledging and supporting God's creation.
- Develop staff job descriptions and a self-evaluation/goal-setting process aligned with Church-wide goals.
- Refresh communications, branding, website redesign, Discipleship Pathway promotion.
- Establish an ad-hoc group to evaluate security processes and policies.
- Complete a "best use" study of Asbury land, buildings, and fixed assets.
- Evaluate the Newcomers/Next Step process for attracting and connecting new members.
- Update the Asbury Wedding Handbook and obtain Trustees approval.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 29	8:30 & 10:30AM Palm Sunday
APRIL 2	6:30PM Maundy Thursday
APRIL 3	6:30PM Good Friday
APRIL 5	8:30 & 10:30AM Easter

Can't make it in person? Watch live - Scan QR code



Asbury United Methodist
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**Everyone is Invited
and Welcome to Attend
Church Council Meeting
Monday, March 16
6:30pm in Connections Cafe**

Grief Share

begins Tuesday

April 21st 6-8pm

This group will meet
each Tuesday for 12 weeks.

Contact Cheryl Ewert
to learn more.



**Thank you to everyone who
donated blood on March 9!**

**Next Asbury Blood Drive
is June 8th**

**You will be eligible for a
donation if you do not donate
elsewhere after April 10th.**





March is National Nutrition Month! Let's begin with tips for healthy grocery shopping:

- **Make a plan.** Write a list & stick to it! Make choices including fruits & vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains & low-fat or fat-free dairy.
- **Don't shop hungry.** Have a healthy snack before you shop. If you are hungry, this may lead to unhealthy choices.
- **Shop outer aisles first.** This is where most of the unprocessed foods are located, which are always more healthy choices.
- **Spend most of your time in the produce section.** Each meal should include fruits & vegetables. Look for seasonal fruits & veggies.
- **Choose an assortment of proteins and grains.** Lean meats, seafood & poultry. Consider other protein sources: eggs, beans, nuts, lentils, tofu or other soy-based products. Grain choices should include whole wheat bread, brown rice, quinoa, oats, barley, whole-grain pasta.
- **Shop center aisles with care.** These are the aisles with mostly processed foods which may contain preservatives, added sugars & too much salt. Look for low-sodium options by reading the labels on the packaging. Buy healthy snacks such as whole-grain crackers, peanut butter, humus, low-fat cheese or yogurt, or unsalted nuts. Avoid the snacks with empty calories such as chips, cookies & candy.
- **Read labels.** Knowing about the nutrition facts can help you choose wisely. When possible, choose foods with higher amounts of fiber, vitamin D, calcium & potassium. Limit foods with added sugars & high levels of salt.
- **Shop around.** Your grocery store is not the only place to buy healthy food. There may be farmers' markets in your area offering local produce, meats or baked goods.

Missions

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

AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH IS GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Asbury provides support to Global Ministries primarily through monetary donations. These include:

Fishers of Men (Locally based ministry for education of children in Kenya) – We provide monthly support for Vincent Mutati Kimanzi. Our AIM monthly donation contributes to Vincent's education, both directly and to his teachers.

Every year, the world experiences devastating hurricanes, storms, wars, and other crises. As these events unfold and the number of those in need of help increases, the **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is there to help. UMCOR is one of six Special offerings designated by the General Conference and calls for United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. **Donations cover UMCOR's administrative/operation costs so that 100% of donations received in response to emergency appeals go directly to communities in need around the world.** UMCOR receives no apportionment dollars.

You may mail or bring your gifts for both **Fishers of Men and UMCOR** to the church (make checks to Asbury UMC) or you may use our "Online Giving" button on the Asbury website JesusIsTheBridge.org and typing the MOM(s) of your choice in the "Missions" option. Thank you!

Thank You for Your Service!

Thank you for helping to make Bettendorf Rotary Blanket Drive a success! Asbury collected 45 blankets and \$50.

ROOTS KIDS
EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT!
Please Donate Easter Candy
 You may place candy in the basket at the Main Entrance door or in the office.
Thank You!

Everyone is invited to our next
Element 412 & RootsKids Family Event
BINGO and Pizza
Sunday March 22nd
1:00-3:00pm
 Downstairs in the Treehouse
 Hosted by Element 412 and RootsKids

- **Lenten Study with Bishop Kennetha** continues on Tuesday Evenings through March 31 at 7:00pm in Room 302-303. All are welcome!
- **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 is closed on Good Friday, April 3.
- **Newsletter Deadline** Items for the next Good News should be in the office no later than **8:00am on Monday, March 23.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center** is in need of men's blue jeans & shorts, travel size shampoo, lotion, etc., bed pillows & sleeping bags. Thank you so very much for your continued support. Items for the Thrift Center can be left in the bin at the foot of the west stairs at Asbury.
- **Communion Volunteers Needed!** Please contact Meg Larson at escribe1400@comcast.net or the church at 563-355-5218 if you can help!
- **Hannah Circle** Next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 14.** Watch for details in the next Good News. All women are welcome!
- **Rachel Circle** Since we did not meet on March 10 as planned, we will meet on **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30pm in Connections Café** to put together the Easter treats. Hope to see you there!
- **Card Ministry** Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30pm.** To learn more, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon.
- **Loom Crafters Update** Thank you everyone for your generous donations of plastic bags for the sleeping mats. We have made 5 mats so far and are continuing to meet the second Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. **But we are running out of storage space so we are putting a PAUSE on collections for now.** We will let you know when we are ready for more donations.
- **Craft & Chat** Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, April 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! 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, Phil Paulson or the church office (563-355-5218) for more information or the **ZOOM** link.
- **Asbury Foundation** Thank you to Alex & Steph Brimeyer, Mitch Hill Jane Mohr and Katie 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.**