

**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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# Good News

**Our Mission:**

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



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## Victory out of Certain Defeat

The Apostle Paul said, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor 1:18.

What Jesus does in allowing himself to be sacrificed on the cross from any other perspective would look foolish, to not only die to make a point about self-sacrifice, but also to die in one of the most horrible ways known.

But what looks foolish on Good Friday is shown to be the ultimate victory on Easter Sunday. Jesus laid down his own life. He could have avoided the cross. But instead, he took steps to make sure he was in Jerusalem that day with his Disciples, in the Upper Room. He made those arguments about faith with the religious leadership in order that they would find excuses to have him executed. But Jesus knew what he was doing.

Jesus laid down his life so that God the Father could give it back to him in victory. He proved himself victor over death and hell, proving that he could also forgive all of us and bring us into a right relationship with God.

This coming week, known as Holy Week, is the holiest week of the Christian year. In this week, we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to shouts of hosanna! We sit with him in the Upper Room as he explains the sacrifice he is going to make and institutes the sacrament of Holy Communion.

On Good Friday, we go with him to the Garden of Gethsemane and hear him say, "Not my will but yours God." We witness his sacrifice on the cross.

On Easter Sunday, the day of resurrection, we hear again the account of witnesses who saw the stone rolled away, the angels declare Christ's resurrection, and the empty tomb.

Each step in what Christ did to give us salvation is important. Each step shows how much Jesus loves us. In this coming week, let's all walk with Jesus from certain defeat to amazing victory!

Join us for worship on Palm Sunday, on Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm, Good Friday at 6:30pm and Easter Sunday at our 8:30am or 10:30am services. I hope to see you at as many of these times of worship as you are able, as we walk with Jesus to victory!

In Christ's Service Together, Pastor Tim

## +++ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE +++

<b>MARCH 29</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30AM</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>6:30PM</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>
<b>APRIL 3</b>	<b>6:30PM</b> <b>Good Friday</b>
<b>APRIL 5</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 10:30AM</b> <b>Easter</b>

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



## Special Easter Offering † Asbury Backpack and Blessing Box Ministries



**MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY** - We are excited that Asbury's partnership with Mark Twain to provide backpacks filled with nutritious snacks for designated elementary students is going well. With the help of Jo Winegar, who is purchasing the snack items, and a few volunteers who are filling and delivering the backpacks each month, we continue to provide backpacks filled with snacks to 30 students in need through the end of the school year in May.

**BLESSING BOX** - Element 412 and Asbury Trustees have constructed a Blessing Box on the south side of the church. A Blessing Box is a community-based initiative in which we can donate non-perishable food, hygiene items, and other necessities, and those in need can take what they require, fostering a network of giving and support. Your donations will help us stock items. Monetary donations and items will be an ongoing opportunity for us to bless those in need around our church neighborhood!

An envelope is enclosed for your convenience, or you may give online at

[JesusIsTheBridge.org](http://JesusIsTheBridge.org) by choosing "Online Giving" and using the "Missions" option. Thank you!

**EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE CONNECTIONS CAFE  
**APRIL 5TH**  
**7:30-10:30AM**

Roots Kids will be on Spring Break Easter morning  
Kids are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt**  
immediately following Easter worship in the TreeHouse



**March is National Nutrition Month! Junk Food Facts:**

Junk food is high in fat, sugar, salt and calories. It most likely tastes good, but is not generally good for you - especially if you eat it often.

- Junk food is often loaded with FAT - there are “good” fats and “bad” fats. Some kinds are even good for your heart. But, most of the fat in junk food is “bad” - the saturated or trans fats. Limit cheeseburgers, French fries, chicken nuggets, cookies, pies and chips.
- Junk food can be full of SUGAR - the average American eats 17 teaspoons of sugar per day. Limit sweetened cereals, doughnuts, sodas and candy.
- Junk food has too much SALT - even foods that don't taste salty can have too much salt, which can cause high blood pressure, which may lead to an increased risk of heart attacks, strokes and kidney disease.

To live a healthy lifestyle, eat more nutritious foods. Choose plenty of fruits & veggies and whole grain cereals & breads. Eat lean meats such as chicken, turkey and fish. Consume more beans which are packed with protein and fiber. Drink milk or eat other high calcium foods.

**Missions**

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

**AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS STEWARDS OF CREATION FOR INOVATION AFRICA**



We will be collecting monetary donations throughout April for Innovation Africa's Solar Water Well. If you would like to donate, make your check payable to Asbury UMC, with “AIM/Africa Water” on the memo line or contribute online at Asbury's website “Online Giving” tab and choose the “Missions” field to designate “AIM/Africa Water”.

Last year, we donated to the Chitekwe Village, Malawi Africa solar well fund. The people had been reliant on open and contaminated sources of water and were suffering from severe and widespread cases of waterborne diseases. With the help of another donor and our contribution, Innovation Africa was able to drill a well and build a solar powered water pump/tower. They installed pipes to distribute water to 12 taps throughout the village. A remote monitoring system enables teams and donors to track the energy produced and water flow output. Last August, the 3,202 community members of Chitekwe Village received safe and clean water for the first time in their lives! Since then, educational opportunities have grown, economic momentum has been built, and the health of the villagers has seen significant improvements. It's been a joyful and transformative time for this community and they expressed sincere gratitude for our contribution. For more info <https://innoafrica.org/projects/>

A representative of Innovation Africa is currently selecting a new village for us to support. Last year, she kept us informed throughout the project with many updates, which will be available again on Asbury's Stewards of Creation Facebook page.

*Hey Kids, come wave palms and sing music led by Michelle Swinney on Palm Sunday - March 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 & 10:30am meet Rebecca in the Connections Cafe at 8:20 & 10:20 am*

**CHURCH COUNCIL** is rescheduled for **Monday, March 30 at 6:30pm in Connections Café**  
**All are Welcome!**

**ELEMENT**  
**BRING A FRIEND!**  
**6th - 12th Grade TEENS**  
Meets in Youth Center (Lower Level East side)  
Once a Month on the First Sunday **9:30-10:30 AM**  
**Bring a friend!**

- **Community Hymn Sing** Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm** for this fun community event that brings together folks from all denominations to lift our voices in praise and worship to our loving God. Talk to John Pfautz for details and watch for more information in the next Good News!
- **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, April 6.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center** is in need of boy's tops & bottoms, travel size shampoo, lotion, etc., bed pillows, queen sheets & sleeping bags.
- **Thoughts of Sympathy** Our prayers are with Dan & Terry Miller and family on the death of Dan's mother, Marjorie Miller, on March 14. Rich & Mary Coon on the death of Rich's brother, John, on March 18. Cheryl Ewert & Dave Stedwell and Bev & Rich Anderson and family on the death of Cheryl and Bev's mother, Joyce Ewert, on March 24.
- **Communion Volunteers Needed!** Please contact Meg Larson at [escribe1400@comcast.net](mailto:escribe1400@comcast.net) or the church at 563-355-5218 if you can help!
- **Hannah Circle** Join us for lunch, fun and conversation on **Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30 at Crane & Pelican**, 127 2nd St. South in LeClaire. We're looking forward to a spring day along the river! Please join us for fun and conversation. All women are welcome!
- **Rachel Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in Connections Café.** We will learn about The Third Place - a drop center for those who are homeless. Come join us!
- **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. **Currently, 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.