

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 May 3



The Great Fifty Days!



This past Sunday was Easter Sunday, beginning the Easter Season for the Church. Sunday, we were blessed to have 395 in worship. It was great to see all of you, including many visitors to our church.

The Easter Season is a season of fifty days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. In these fifty days we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

During the Great Fifty Days this year at Asbury we have more exciting things happening. On three Sundays in the next five weeks, we will have services of baptism bringing four young people into the baptized faith of Jesus Christ. We will have Confirmation the last Sunday in April in our 10:30am worship, bringing three new young people into the professing faith of the United Methodist Church and Asbury UMC. We have the Jenny Lind Singers joining us on April 19th. And, this coming Sunday, I'll be preaching about the United Methodist Church's new Vision Statement and how it relates to the exciting ministries of Asbury.

Don't miss all the opportunities for worship and fellowship during these Great Fifty Days as we celebrate Christ's love for us!

Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor Tim



As followers of Christ, we are called to love, learn and uplift one another in faith. April 19 is Native American Ministries Sunday. This special UMC Conference Sunday offers us the opportunity to recognize and support the incredible contributions of Native American leaders, churches, and ministries within our United Methodist family.

This special offering helps fund Native American ministries, provide scholarships for Native American students pursuing ministry, and support impactful outreach programs. It is a tangible way for us to acknowledge and honor the sacred traditions, wisdom, and leadership of Indigenous peoples in our church and beyond. An envelope is enclosed or you may give online at JesusIsTheBridge.org by choosing "Online Giving" and using the "Missions" option.

For More Information, go to iaumc.org

All are invited!
Community Hymn Sing
April 12th @ 3pm
 A Non-Denominational Community Event
 Join us at Asbury to Praise God in Song!
 For More Information:
 See John Pfautz or call 563-355-5218

Come Learn More
About Asbury
NEWCOMERS GATHERING
Sunday, April 19
9:30-10:25am
Upper Level
Room
302-303

We Will Pray for You!

Fill out a Prayer Request Card at the Welcome Center

Turn in Before Service Begins

Choose "share publicly" and we will read it during worship.

Prayer Requests can also be submitted @ JesusIsTheBridge.org

Discipleship Pathway Moment - WITNESS



As we proceed through the year, we will explore the 7 areas of the Discipleship Pathway. This month we will explore the area of WITNESS.

The thought of witnessing your faith to someone can feel overwhelming and scary, but it doesn't have to be! You don't need to know all the "correct" Bible answers. Just tell your story. It doesn't have to be long or involved. Simply have a conversation with someone and share ways that you have experienced God's love. Share how He answered a prayer or provided something important just at the right time. Share how He has given you clarity when you needed to make a difficult decision.

Talk about Asbury and all it means to you. Invite them to an event at Asbury!

Being a witness also happens through our actions. People notice how we interact with others out in the community. Matthew 5:16: says "Let your light shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven." That is a powerful witness without saying a word. Who can you share your story with today?

Jean Black and Maggie Fioramonti Co-Leaders Discipleship Team

Welcome Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble



Asbury United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 19 at 8:30 Worship
 Dr. Michael Zemek, Director Gail Baldwin, Accompanist

Can't attend worship in person?
Worship online Sunday mornings
LIVE STREAM @ 8:30 or 10:30am
Broadcasting only on YouTube

go to JesusIsTheBridge.org and tap on the LiveStream button or scan the code




to our YouTube channel @ Asbury United Methodist

April is STRESS Awareness Month

Stress is a natural human reaction that happens to everyone. In fact, your body is designed to experience stress and react to it. When you experience changes or challenges (stressors), your body produces physical and mental responses. That's stress.

Your body's autonomic nervous system controls your heart rate, breathing, vision changes and more. Its build-in stress response—fight-or-flight response—helps your body face stressful situations. When you have long-term stress or continued activation of the stress response it causes wear and tear on your body. You may develop stress symptoms that are physical, psychological or behavioral.

Some physical symptoms of stress include aches and pains, chest pain, exhaustion or trouble sleeping, headaches, dizziness or shaking, high blood pressure, muscle tension or jaw clenching, stomach or digestive problems, and weakened immune system.

Psychological symptoms include anxiety or irritability, depression, panic attacks, and sadness.

Behavioral symptoms include alcohol use disorder, gambling disorder, overeating or developing an eating disorder, smoking, and substance use disorder.

In the next newsletter, we will discuss causes of chronic stress or acute stress.

Personal note from Cheryl—

My family and I extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has expressed condolences, comfort and support after our mother's death. So many of you have helped us - in ways you aren't even aware - at a time when so much is different than it was two weeks ago. Please know we have felt the power of your prayers on our behalf. We are thankful for our relationship with Asbury and everyone who is a part of it.




Missions

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

AIM MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS STEWARDS OF CREATION FOR INNOVATION AFRICA

AIM APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH - Stewards of Creation
Innovation Africa: Solar Water Well

Support with Monetary Donations
Scan the code or go to
JesusIsTheBridge.org
Be sure to note
"AIM/Africa Water"

National Faith & Climate Forum
Saturday April 25th

Stewards of Creation invites everyone to join them at

St Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

10:00am – 11:00 Local Group Sharing
11:00 – 4:30 pm National Forum

Register online
@ nationalfaithandclimateforum.org or scan the code

Questions? See Susan Moseley




- **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, April 20.**
- **Friendly Thrift Center** is in need of boy's tops & bottoms, travel size shampoo, lotion, etc., bed pillows, queen sheets & sleeping bags. Your donations are always appreciated! There is a bin on the lower level at Asbury near the elevator where you may leave your items.
- **Communion Volunteers Needed!** Please contact Meg Larson at 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. 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, May 13 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. The next meeting is **Monday, April 13 at 6:30pm** and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. **Please remember that we are currently 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** Please join us for our Game Night & Service Project for Mark Twain Elementary teachers on **Saturday, April 25 at 4:00 in Connections Café.** See our LIFT Facebook page for more information. 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 Berry's, Brimeyer's, Steve Gipple, Patti Glass 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.**

