SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Traditional Service 8:30am
RootsKids 8:30 & 10:30am
Adult Classes 9:30am
Praise Service 10:30am
Element 412 Youth 10:30am
Communion on November 1

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Good News

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

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PURSUING OUR OPPORTUNITIES

This past Monday evening, Asbury UMC met in Church Conference and voted unanimously (30-0) to purchase the final property on Brown Street that we have been hoping to purchase to create a contiguous space behind the church for our own use.

Right now, the church has not decided the exact use for the property, although a number of excellent ideas are being explored. What we do know is that this final purchase gives Asbury the control of the property, the ability to maintain its appearance, and the opportunity for all of our visions and dreams for future development to happen.

If we had chosen to wait until we knew an exact use for the property, we would not likely have been able to acquire it at all, as houses come up for sale when they come up.

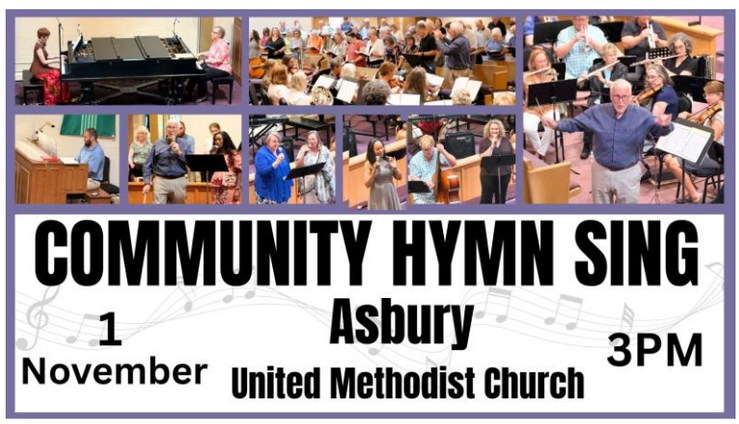
The vision of the Church Council and the Board of Trustees is that we avail ourselves of important opportunities to guarantee we can make ministry choices in the future and will not be impeded by the lack of space that we need.

Thank you for all your support as we have been working through this process. One of the things I so appreciate about Asbury is that this is a congregation that takes action. We do not just talk about ministries and vision, the church moves forward based on God's vision for us!

God is good all the time!
Pastor Tim

Asbury Charge Conference is Sunday, October 11 at 3:00pm

Asbury's Annual Charge Conference, led by our District Superintendent, Rev. Brian Oliver, will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church, 109 East 14th St. in Davenport. All are welcome to attend.



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

The focus this month is on Bullying Prevention. Bullying is when someone says or does things that hurt another person. It might be physical hurt or emotional hurt. If it happens once, it might be a mistake. If this hurt continues, it is bullying.

Some might call it 'just teasing' or 'just kidding'. It becomes bullying anytime it is an unwanted communication occurring in a negative manner. If this is happening to you:

- Talk to that person and ask them to stop and walk away.
- If it happens again, and the person is willing to talk with you, ask them why they are bullying you. Someone may be treating them the same way and maybe you could get help together.
- If the bullying behavior continues, talk with someone you trust—a close friend, a pastor, a parent. That person may be able to intervene or find other ways to help you.

The main thing is to not let it continue to happen. Make sure that another person is aware of what is happening. We all need to help each other in these situations, so don't be afraid to tell someone what is happening.

We all want to be treated with kindness, and as Christians, we should be striving to do this every day. We should always treat others as we would like to be treated.

Save the Date! No Cooking at Home Tuesday!
Tuesday, November 10th Spaghetti Dinner
● All are Invited ● Details to be Announced ●

Surviving the Holidays Cheryl will host a "Surviving the Holidays" session on **November 11th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 304.** This is designed for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. It offers coping tools and support for those who are grieving. You may register online at *griefshare.org* or contact Cheryl for information.

Missions

AIM (Asbury In Mission) …. "Doing God's Will"

The Friendly Thrift Center has served the Quad Cities community since 1970 when six Davenport and Bettendorf United Methodist Churches came together to form an organization of charitable, benevolent and educational purposes. Staffed completely by volunteers, the Friendly Thrift Center sells donated new & used clothing and household goods at very affordable prices to the public. In addition, items are given without charge to individuals and families who are unable to pay even nominal charges. Please keep them in mind when donating clothing and household items! **There is a collection bin in the lower level of Asbury near the elevator for your convenience.**

The Center, which is the location of The Friendly Thrift Center, recently had extensive vandalism to their HVAC system. Watch for details in the next Good News on how you can help!

Thank You to everyone who supported our September Mission of the Month by walking or donating to the Quad City CROP Walk on October 4. We raised $581 and collected 23 jars of peanut butter and 17 jars of jelly.
Thank You to Lorelei & John Pfautz, Bill & Lori Oten and Nancy Ommen for serving the Zion meal in October.

- **Office Hours** Asbury Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00-Noon and afternoons by request. Please contact a staff member at home 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, October 26th.**
- **Thoughts of Sympathy** Our prayers are with Jan Coffenberry on the death of her brother.
- **Community Hymn Sing November 1st from 3:00-4:00** Join us in Asbury Sanctuary for this popular musical event!
- **Chancel Choir** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining the Asbury Choir! Rehearsals are **every Wednesday at 7:15pm** and we sing every Sunday in the 8:30am worship service. All are welcome!
- **Friendly Thrift Center** Your donations are always appreciated! There is a bin on the lower level at Asbury near the elevator where you may leave your items. Everyone is invited to shop at the Thrift Store. Come and check us out!
- **Hannah Circle** Join us on **Tuesday, October 13th at 11:30 am at Jimmy's Pancake House on 18th St. in Bettendorf.** Feel free to bring your annual holiday Thrift Center donation, if you like. We are collecting adult or children's hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and men's underwear for delivery in November. Please join us for fun and friendly conversation. Hope to see you there!
- **Rachel Circle** will meet on **Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm.** Our speaker will be Elizabeth Estilow who is the founder and director of My G.E.A.R Outreach which is a nonprofit organization committed to bringing comfort and hope to children who are entering foster care. Please join us for fellowship and information.
- **Card Ministry** will meet on **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm.** To learn more, go to their Facebook page, the Asbury website or contact Alinda Littrel or Linda Dudgeon. Halloween cards and Hawkeye themed notecards are now available on the card rack in the church office for a small donation.
- **Loom Crafters Update** The next meeting is **Monday, October 12th at 6:30pm.** Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!
- **Craft & Chat** Next meeting of this drop-in gathering is **Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00-Noon in the Connections Café** at Asbury. Bring your own supplies and work on any craft project you like or use the loom. Contact Michelle Bonney. (Craft & Chat will not meet in November and December.)
- **LIFT - Ladies In Fellowship Together** Details can be found on their LIFT Facebook page. 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 Brimeyer's and Vicki Smith 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!**

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