



# The Asbury Connection

February 2019

During Asbury preschool hours, **zone locking** is enforced.

**Deadline** to submit info for the next Asbury newsletter is Feb 22

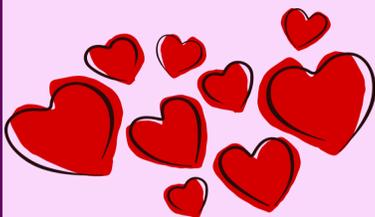
## Fay Layne Scholarship

Applications available in the narthex. See page 3 for more info.

**Complete applications due Feb 18.**



Our children and youth have been invited to sing with the adult Asbury Choir on February 24<sup>th</sup> during worship. Those interested will rehearse with Dan Corrow during the opening time of AWANA and Sunday School. There will be alternative activities for those who do not wish to sing in worship. Please talk to Jennifer or Dan if you have any questions.



I want to start this newsletter by saying thanks to everyone who supported the church in 2018. The end of year financial report shows us finishing the year \$20,478.00 to the good. That's great news so a big thanks to all.

You may have noticed all the new faces and young families in the church. Please make everyone feel at home because there are no strangers in God's house. With that being said we have put "join the church" documentation on the table outside the sanctuary. If you would like to join the church please fill one out so we can have contact information to send you newsletters and such.

### **Let love replace hate**

It's been many years since I started my Christian journey and I have changed in many ways. I am more of a giving person when I see others in need, more caring when I know others are suffering, and more understanding of the sinful nature of all people. I guess what I'm trying to say is that God has helped me see the world clearer and more through the eyes of Christ than my own.

If we hate someone it can be all-consuming to our thought process and take some of the joy from our life. Can you remember someone in your past, and hopefully not the present, you might hate? Think of the times that your thought process has been consumed by getting even or hoping something bad would happen to them. Wouldn't you rather be thinking of things that bring joy to your life?

I remember the man that ran over my dog years ago and his only reply was, "it probably wasn't a very good dog anyway." At the time my mind turned to the hate word, and thoughts that weren't very Christ like. Had that happened today, I would be in grief over losing my beloved dog, and I would wonder what that person had lived through to make them this hurtful.

The Christian journey leads us to love rather than hate. It calls us to see the brokenness or humanness of others and to forgive and love rather than hate. It causes us to wonder what others have lived through or been exposed to that makes them process life the way they do. When hate turns to understanding and love, we have progressed on our spiritual journey with Christ. Wouldn't you rather be consumed with thoughts on how God has blessed you than thoughts of hate that can consume our lives?

1 John 3:14-15: <sup>14</sup>We know that we have left our old dead way of life. And we have entered into new life. We know this because we love one another. Anyone who doesn't love still lives in their old condition.

<sup>15</sup>Anyone who hates their brother or sister is a murderer. And you know that no murderer has eternal life.

May your life be filled with love! Pastor Jeff

**Winter Weather Reminder:** If school is canceled due to bad weather on a day Asbury has youth activities, Asbury will also cancel. Word will be spread ASAP via Quick Bits, KQWC, KCCI, WHO, and the church answering machine. Be safe!

**Every SATURDAY:** Worship at 6pm. **Every SUNDAY:** Worship at 10am; Fellowship, 11am. All welcome!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Confirmation each Sun at 11:05am	28	29 Tutoring, 4-7pm each Tuesday	30 <b>Wednesday regular schedule below</b>	31	<b>Feb 1</b>	2
3	4 Girl Scouts, 3:30pm	5 Bells, 5:15pm	6	7 Missions, 6:30pm	8	9
10	11 Trustees, 6:30pm	12 *Pastor @ Crestview, 9:30am *Tutoring, 4-7pm *Bells, 5:15pm	13 ACE food pantry prep, 1:30pm	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> *Care Team, 10am *Food pantry, 11a & 4p *No SPPRC mtg	15	16
17	18 <b>President's Day</b> *Girl Scouts, 3:30pm *Scholarship apps due by 4:30pm	19 *Tutoring, 4-7pm *Bells, 5:15pm *No Finance mtg	20	21 Alzheimer support, 4pm	22 Newsletter info due	23
24 Youth sing with choir, 10am (see page 1 for info)	25	26 *Pastor @ Southfield, 9:30am *Backpack packing at Trinity Lutheran, 6:30pm	27 *Newsletter mailed *ACE food pantry prep, 1:30pm	28 *Care Team, 10am *Food pantry, 11a & 4p	<b>Mar 1</b>	2

May the Lord's tender arms comfort friends and family of Bonnie Kitterman, who went home to heaven on January 16. Bonnie's celebration of life will be held on March 2, at Asbury.



**Wednesday Schedule:**

- Man to Man**, quarter to 7:00am
- Women on the Walk**, 9:30 coffee/9:45am class
- Middle School youth group**, 3:30-5pm
- Meal**, 5-6pm
- AWANA**, 5:30-7pm (3yrs thru 5th grade)
- Choir practice**, 6pm
- High School youth group**, 6-7:30pm

All are welcome, so bring a friend!

**February Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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| 1—Ken Bever, Joyce Ferrell, Amy Muller   | 9—Mary Hisler   | <b>Kathy Anderson</b>  |
| 2—Kathy Swon, Dodie Wolfram  | 10—Daniel Ayers, Marilyn Middleton, Nathan Moenck                                       | 20—Stephen Mourlam, Steve Butler, Sue Heerema                                    |
| 4—Mark Trueblood, Darleen King   | 11—Karyl Bonjour, Lavern Cross, Janet Jansen, Shannon Swon, Misty Ayers, Drew Doolittle | 21—Cindy Bailey, Amy Atchison  |
| 5—Brad Anderson, Cindy Farley, Zach Hassebrock, Brad Hayes, Glenn Tjaden         | 15—Caleb Crouthamel, Katie Greenfield, Leonard Rotschafer                               | 22—Erin Anderson   |
| 6—Jessica Kantak, Scott Griswold   | 16—Dave Stoakes, Sydney Gelder, Reegan Rupiper  | 24—Landon Hejlik   |
| 7—Garret Johnson, Beth Van Diest   | 17—Chris Mason, Wendi Strunk  | 25—Rose Bennett; <b>Warren &amp; Arline Snell; Mary Ellen &amp; Troy Draeger</b> |
| 8—Lauren Gray, Tara Leeper, Casey Kolbeck; <b>Wilbur &amp; Eleanor Schumaker</b> | 18—Sarah Elliott, Marvin Gordon   | 27—Jesse Ahrens, Alys Kehoe, Pauline Ruppel, Peg White, Marilyn Bottorff         |
|  | 19—Bernadine Bottorff— <b>Tim &amp;</b>   | 28—Doug Bailey   |

## Fay Layne Scholarship Applications — Due February 18

Fay Layne Scholarship applications are available to pick up in the narthex. College bound high school seniors—or current college freshman who received the scholarship last year—can apply.

Criteria for consideration include regular attendance and participation in Asbury activities. Completed forms and the required accompanying paperwork must be turned in to Jennifer or the AUMC office by 4:30pm on Monday, February 18.

**No late/incomplete exceptions will be considered. Extensions can not be granted.**

### THE LONELY EMBER

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday." Source: unknown.



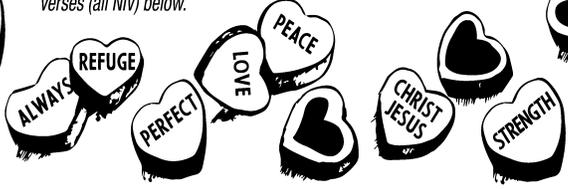
Bennett Dean—son of Sarah and Dustin Elliott—was baptized on Jan. 27, by his great-grandfather, Rev. John Hembry!



## WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18



Asbury will pack backpacks at Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday, February 26, at 6:30pm. These packs contain food that area children can take home over the weekend. Sign up in the narthex to help with this important mission!

