



# The Asbury Connection



**February 2020**

## 2020 Pledges

Just a reminder if you're planning on submitting a pledge for 2020, now's the time to turn it in. There's a box in the narthex where you can submit your Estimate of Giving. Thank you!

The high school youth group will be preparing and serving a meal for the Beacon of Hope on February 12. Keep an eye on Quick Bits and the bulletin in coming weeks for ways you can help!

**Deadline** to submit info for the next Asbury newsletter is **Feb 21**

## Winter Weather Policy:

If WC schools dismiss early or close due to weather on a day Asbury has youth events, our events will be cancelled/postponed. Word will be spread on Quick Bits, Facebook, & local media when possible.



**Zone Locking** is enforced from 7:30am-4pm for the safety of the children entrusted to the Asbury preschool.

## No pastor yet!

I just thought I would say that before someone asked me: the Conference is still working on finding us our next pastor.

## Finances

Asbury finished the 2019 year at -\$5698. That is a little concerning to me but then as I reviewed the 2018 year we were \$20,000 to the good so we are doing alright money wise but need to stay aware of giving and expenses. We did pay all of our apportionments. If you haven't filled out your pledge drive card yet please do so to help us plan for the financial well-being of the church.

It's January 22<sup>nd</sup>; a snowy day with school having a late start and youth activities cancelled here at Asbury for the day. As I left to go home for lunch I couldn't help but notice the large piles of snow at the end of the parking lot. Just the sight of them takes me back to my youth and how the town plowed snow at the city garage where they kept all their big equipment. Living in the snow belt of New York we had big piles of snow. Everyday all the neighborhood kids gathered to play king of the mountain, and who ever could stand on top without anyone knocking them off was declared the king. Imagine getting knocked off a 20 foot pile of snow, getting bumps and bruises only to do it all over again.

Now in my 60s I wouldn't dream of doing such a thing. In fact when I played pickle ball at Fuller Hall this week Kristi Ahrens said, "you're going to hurt tomorrow." She was wrong because it only took about an hour before I was feeling the aches and pains. But all-in-all, with age I have become much more careful in life activities and in slippery conditions. With age comes wisdom.

I think our walk with God evolves as we live this life. We learn that our sins have possible repercussions on us and those around us; and on our journey of faith biblical wisdom guides our thoughts and actions helping us to live with fewer consequences for our actions. I also think when love for others permeates our very being we achieve an overall sense of well-being for ourselves.

Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott write: "Loving like Jesus is the best way to live. When we love like Him, we can step outside ourselves and clearly see our loved ones and their needs. We can shed layers of selfishness, resentment, anxiety, pettiness, and entitlement. Most of all, we can rise above our human imperfections and step into transcendent love." I think as followers of Christ that is our hope, how about joining me on the journey. Love you all, Pastor Jeff

**Fay Layne scholarship:** Current Asbury high school seniors and current college freshmen who received the scholarship for 2019-20 can apply. All required documents are due back to Asbury no later than **noon, Friday, March 6.**

Sorry: late applications and/or submissions with missing requirements will not be considered.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29 Asbury Wed. schedule below	30	31	<b>Feb 1</b>  6p: Worship
2 9a: Sun. Sch. 10a: Worship 11a: Fellowship 11:05a: Confirm.	3  5:30p:Worship mtg	4  4-7p: Tutoring 5:15p: Bells	5	6 9a-noon: Lent. Lunch planning mtg 6:30p: Missions mtg	7	8  6p: Worship
9 9a: Sun. Sch. 10a: Worship 11a: Fellowship 11:05a: Confirm.	10  3:30-5p: G. Scouts 6:30p:Trustee mtg	11 9:30a: Pastor @ Crestview 4-7p: Tutoring 5:15p: Bells	12 1:30p-ACE food pantry prep 3:30p-HS youth to Beacon of Hope	13 10a: Care Team 11a & 4p: ACE food pantry 6p: SPPRC mtg	14  8a-3:30p: district RIM mtg (parlor)	15  6p: Worship
16 9a: Sun. Sch 10a: Worship 11a: Fellowship 11:05a: Confirm. *Midwest Mission visit thru 21st	17	18 4-7p: Tutoring 5:15p: Bells 6:30p: Backpack packing @ Trinity 7p: Finance mtg	19	20 Jen in mtg all day 4p: Alzheimer support mtg (Rm 10)	21  Noon: Newsletter info due	22  6p: Worship
23 9a: Sun. Sch 10a: Worship 11a: Fellowship 11:05a: Confirm. 12-4p: rental	24  3:30-5p: G. Scouts	25 9:30a: Pastor @ Southfield 4-7p: Tutoring 5:15p: Bells	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> AM: newsletter mail 1:30p: food pantry prep 6:30p: Worship	27 10a: Care Team 11a & 4p: ACE food pantry	28	29  6p: Worship

### Wednesday Schedule:

**Man to Man** — 6:45am  
**W.O.W.** — 9:30am coffee/9:45am class  
**Middle school youth group** — 3:30-5pm  
**Meal** — 5-6pm  
**AWANA** — 5:30-7pm  
**Praise Team practice** — 5:30-6pm  
**High school youth group** — 6-7:30pm  
**Choir** — 6pm

### **February Worship Greeters:**

**2:** Tim & Kathy Anderson; Kathy Swon  
**9:** Kent & Lois Larson; Arlo & Claudia Van Diest  
**16:** Norma Nissen; Adra Ann Goettsch; Brett & Kristi Ahrens  
**23:** Billie Smid; Andy, Tami, Taylor & Landon Hejlik

Pat R has the pattern for a girl's bag with sewn feminine pads.  
 Donations appreciated of the following specific materials: heavy  
 duty towelling, water resistant material, polyester thread,  
*washed* and ironed flannel. See Pat if you have questions.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries:

**1**—Ken Bever, Joyce Ferrell, Amy Muller  
**2**—Kathy Swon, Dodie Wolfgram  
**4**—Mark Trueblood, Darleen King  
**5**—Brad Anderson, Cindy Farley, Zach Hassebrock, Brad Hayes, Glenn Tjaden  
**6**—Jessica Kantak, Scott Griswold  
**7**—Garret Johnson, Beth Van Diest  
**8**—Lauren Gray, Tara Leeper, Casey Kolbeck; **Wilbur & Eleanor Schumaker**  
**9**—Mary Hisler  
**10**—Daniel Ayers, Marilyn

Middleton, Nathan Moenck  
**11**—Karyl Bonjour, Lavern Cross, Janet Jansen, Shannon Swon, Misty Ayers, Drew Doolittle  
**15**—Caleb Crouthamel, Katie Greenfield, Leonard Rotschafer  
**16**—Dave Stoakes, Sydney Gelder, Reegan Rupiper  
**17**—Chris Mason, Wendi Strunk  
**18**—Sarah Elliott, Marvin Gordon  
**19**—Bernadine Bottorff—**Tim & Kathy Anderson**  
**20**—Stephen Mourlam, Steve Butler, Sue Heerema

**21**—Cindy Bailey, Amy Atchison  
**22**—Erin Anderson  
**24**—Landon Hejlik  
**25**—Rose Bennett; **Warren & Arline Snell\***; **Mary Ellen & Troy Draeger**  
**27**—Jesse Ahrens, Alys Kehoe, Pauline Ruppel, Peg White, Marilyn Bottorff  
**28**—Doug Bailey

\*Warren & Arline are celebrating their 80th anniversary this year! Our love and best wishes to them!!



An Ash Wednesday worship service will be held Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm.

All are welcome!

*Ladies Lenten Lunches* will be held at 12:00pm on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. RSVP by 11:30am each Monday. Different this year: churches will take turns hosting. Asbury hosts on March 3; Jennifer will lead devotions. Sign-up (by week) in the narthex, or call Asbury: 832-5369.

Our Lenten study this year will be Adam Hamilton's Simon Peter. In this 6wk study we will learn how a normal guy with faults like each of us, gave up everything to follow Jesus. In doing so, he discovered his spiritual gifts and went on to change the world. Join us on Tuesdays at 10 AM beginning March 3. Books are \$12. Contact Jennifer if you have any questions.

**Supporting the United Methodist Camps:** Each year the available support from the conference declines due to budget short falls. With the stress of trying to make ends meet with less funding, camp Pictured Rocks was sold a year ago leaving the two remaining camps to serve the camping needs of the state's youth. This year the Board of Camps started a fund drive to help support the camps & give youth a spiritual experience that is important to their spiritual growth. The actual cost of a week at camp is \$700 which means the family & church come up with about \$450, & the conference has been supporting the rest. If you would like to help support the 2000 kids the camps serve each summer, your financial gift would be appreciated. \$140 pays for one day of camp, \$350 pays for half a week, \$700 pays for a week & for a \$1000 donation your name will be put on a plaque at a camp of your choice. Won't you join me in helping children grow in Christ? ~Pastor Jeff

Box Tops for Education coupons will no longer appear on boxes. You will now need to scan your receipt within 2wks & indicate Red Bird Mission in KY. Visit [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) for info. If you find the clip-able coupon, please bring it to the collection box in the narthex. They are still accepted. Each one collected offers ten cents to the mission.

### 2020 Leadership Committees:

**Ad Council Chair:** Leonard Rotschafer

**Ad Council Members at Large:** Tom Rittscher, Arlo Van Diest, Kathy Hildebrand

**Trustees:** Marv Gordon, Tom Hill, Sandy Crim, Tom Rittscher, Ryan Rupiper, Gary White, Matt Ehn, Jerry Widick, Ann Kennedy

**Finance Committee:** Tim Anderson, Kay Klaver, Kyle Swon, Lewis Hassebrock, Pam White

**Endowment:** Gerry Gourley, Dean Bowden

**Memorial Committee:** Sharon Hassebrock, Butch Klaver, Shirley Hillyer, Linda Kidney, Adra Ann Goettsch, Sheryl Asmus, Lois Olson, Georgianna Gourley

**Staff-Parish Relations:** Glenn Tjaden, Brett Ahrens, Roberta Knutson, Ann Crosby, Billie Smid, Christine Hassebrock, Heidi Barrick, Bill Olson

**Missions:** Brett Ahrens, Arlo Van Diest, Ruth Poland, Nancy Bailey, Bonnie Butler, Trudy Anderson, Todd Bingham

**InGathering Chairs:** Tami and Andy Hejlik

**Worship Committee:** Marilyn Grubbe, Dan Corrow, Kristi Ahrens, Doug Bailey, musicians

**Fellowship Committee:** Cindy Farley, Ruth Poland, Kathy Kolbeck, Leah Hinderks

**Education Committee:** Jennifer Sullivan, Heidi Barrick, Trisha Rupiper, Kelly Johnson, teachers

**Preschool Board:** Britney Clausen, Kathy Theobald, Patty Tempel, Jean Kayser

**Learning Center Board:** Cathi Griswold, Linda Moenck, Kathy Kolbeck, Linda Kidney, Kathy Theobald, Trudy Anderson, Susan Griffith

If you have questions, corrections, or wish to help, please speak with a staff member!

### **Bulletin Delivery — Can you help?**

Care Team is making a change to bulletin delivery. The sign-up list has been divided up. Instead of delivering all the bulletins, we encourage you to sign up for an individual center. This will make the job much easier for you as a volunteer. Please consider helping; our members at these centers really look forward to receiving their bulletins and seeing your smiling face. Questions: call Peggy (297-2906).



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Winter is here! And while I know that most will not share my joyful sentiment for the beautiful piles of white snow I see when I look out the window, I am sure that everyone will agree that winter is their favorite season, right? Wait a second...not everyone agrees with me? 😊

Okay, I will get serious here. In the past three weeks I have had a chance to meet with several people for either coffee or lunch. I am actually going to be meeting another friend for breakfast on Saturday. All three of the people are ones whom I dearly wish to stay connected to. We leave our meeting with the good intentions of seeing each other again soon only to find ourselves six or seven months down the road finally meeting again. Why does that happen? Well, life happens. It is so easy to get caught up with the busyness of life. We never intend to let so much time go between visits. We vow to do better this next time. And then, six months later, we repeat the same words. Does this sound familiar?

I wish I could say that does not happen between me and God, but it does. Every week I intend to do a day of my Bible study each day. And then on Monday (or some times later) I realize I have an entire week to do in one or two days. I get it done...most of the time. Now, this does not happen every week. But it does happen. And then it seems my time with God is rushed.

What if this Lent we decided to set aside time with God every single day. Write the time on our calendar and keep that appointment like we would for a meeting for work or a doctor's appointment. What if we actually started treating our relationship with God like it truly was the most important relationship in our lives? Do you think we would see a difference?

~Jennifer