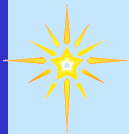


The Asbury Connection

January 2018

*Peace and blessings to
you and yours this
Christmas season!
Please drive carefully on
your holiday travels!*



**Christmas
Eve Worship
will be**

**Sunday, December
24 at 10:00am
and 5:00pm**

Church Office Holiday Closings:

Friday, Dec 22
Monday, Dec 25
Tuesday, Dec 26
Friday, Dec 29
Monday, Jan 1

Regular hours resume at
8am, Jan 2.

Deadline to submit info
for the next Asbury
newsletter:

January 26



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It's a week before Christmas as I write this report. The busyness of the season just added some more: Two services, two funerals and a blue Christmas to attend.

Sometimes I think, "Will it ever end?"

The pressure just builds day after day.

With the help of the Lord I can find things to say.
I'm sure on Christmas morning this body will rest.
With a coffee and couch, saying I have done my best.
I won't ask for much that day, a sandwich or two.
Most likely boloney, that tastes like an old shoe.
But I'll be thankful for the blessings of life.
Our kids, grandkids, church and my wife.

Finance report as of November 30, we are at -\$42,825. If you have been blessed this year with finances please help out.

Asbury needs to have someone take over Communion set up once a month. Please contact the church if you can help.

The stained glass window that faces Fuller Hall has been repaired and put in. The next project will be lighting upgrade to LED throughout the church. This will happen soon.

The new year is just around the corner...where has 2017 gone? It seems like it was a few short weeks ago that I sat to write my first newsletter article of the year. As Abby was reminding me that newsletter articles needed to be submitted (you really do need to thank her for staying on Jeff and me each month), I looked at her and said I don't have anything...I have sat and stared at a blank word document for quite awhile. My brain is still working through the things yet to come...Kid's Day Out, Christmas Eve service, Sunday School. And the timing of everything is a bit perplexing as well. You will be reading this before Christmas. See why this one is a bit tricky?

But then I realize that many of you are likely in the same boat. While you have not been busy planning Christmas programs, or youth and children events, or Christmas Eve services, you have been busy buying gifts for your families, coordinating schedules, and trying to stay afloat. You are looking forward to the day after Christmas as much as I, that day to relax. But should we?

I mean, we obviously need to recover and rest following the busy Christmas season. God instructs us to do so. But as we move away from the manger, let's not move away from God. From the extra effort we put forth during Advent. Celebrate Epiphany. Find a devotional to do year round—I would love to help if you need to know where to start looking! Find a new Christian artist to listen to.

As we move away from the manger let us continue the journey to the cross...and beyond. ~Jennifer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31 No Confirmation	Jan 1, 2018 Offices closed	2 *Tutoring, 4pm *Bells, 5:15pm	3 Wednesday after school activities resume	4 Missions, 6:30pm	5	6 Worship, 6pm
7	8 *Girl Scouts, 3:30pm *Trustees, 6:30pm	9 *Funeral team mtg, 1pm *Tutoring, 4pm *Bells, 5:15pm	10 ACE food pantry prep, 1pm	11 *Care Team, 11am *ACE food pantry, 11am & 5pm *SPPRC, 6:30pm	12	13 Worship, 6pm
14	15	16 *Tutoring, 4pm *Bells, 5:15pm	17	18 *Alzheimer mtg, 4pm	19	20 Worship, 6pm
21	22 *Girl Scouts, 3:30pm *Strengthening Families, 3:30-9pm	23 *Tutoring, 4-7pm *Bells, 5:15pm *Finance, 7pm	24 ACE food pantry prep, 1pm	25 *Care Team, 11am *ACE food pantry, 11am & 5pm *Parent Café, 6pm	26 Newsletter info due before noon	27 Worship, 6pm
28	29 Strengthening Families, 3:30-9pm	30 *Tutoring, 4pm *Bells, 5:15pm	31 Newsletter mailed	Feb 1	2	3 Worship, 6pm

WEDNESDAY Schedule:

Man to Man, quarter to 7:00am
 Women on the Walk (WOW), 9:30am
 Middle School youth group, 3:30-5pm
 Meal, (open to anyone) 5-6pm
 Praise Team practice, 5:15pm
 AWANA, (3 year old through 6th grade) 5:30-7pm
 High School youth group, 6-7:30pm
 Choir practice, 6:00pm

SUNDAY Schedule

Free Cereal Bar for kids, 8:30am
 Sun. School for all ages, 9am
 Worship, 10am
 Fellowship, 11am
 Confirmation, 11:10am-12:15pm



BIG changes coming to InGathering kits! More info will be forthcoming. Questions? Ask Pat

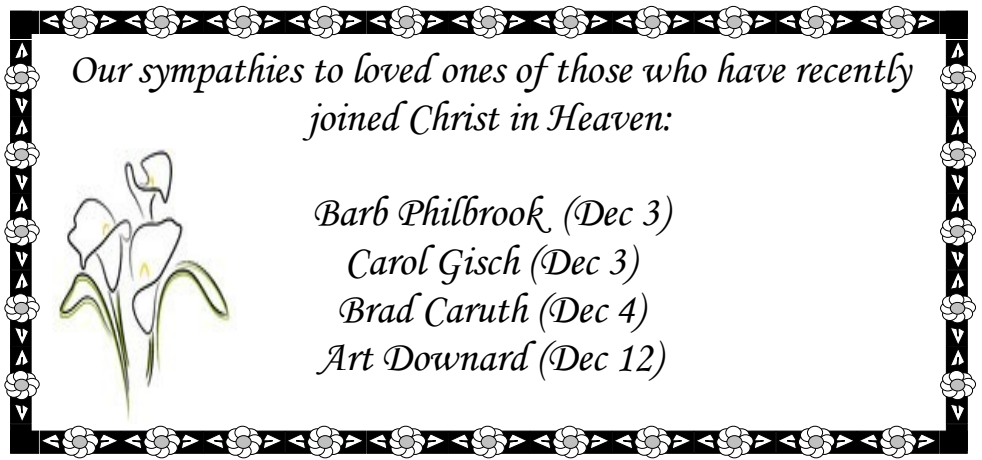
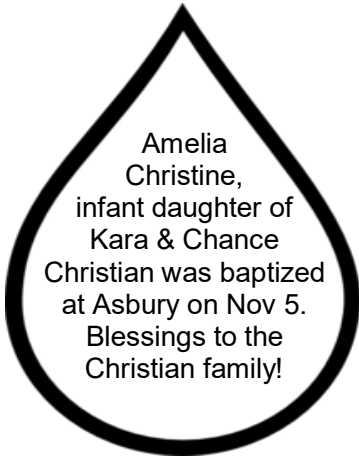
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Bulletin Delivery: Needed
UDMO Delivery: Kathy Kolbeck

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

2, Everett Asmus; **Steve & Alys Kehoe**
4, Betheny Crim, Mary Howe, Kermit Luiken
5, Luanne Baker, Alice Hayes, Marylyn Trees
6, Kelly Ayers
7, Pat Rittscher
8, Amber Sylvester; **Alan & Marcy Shehorn**
9, Breanna Signorin, Sara Redman
10, Brian Asmus, Harold Martin, Kelsie Moss; **Matt & Peggy Anderson**
11, Jean McDowell, Jim Heerema
12, Stephen Chamness, Joan Gelder, Marilyn Grubbe, Betsy Hoover, Cindy Lovelace, Darlene Binder
13, Claire Huffman
14, Carolyn Day, Holly Groves, Stephanie Ryder

15, Terry Austin, Ken Tabor, Trisha Rupiper; **Jeff & Diane Rollins**
16, Bill Beemer
17, Tiffanee Hokel, James Kolbeck, Shirley Lester, Tyler Moothart, Gage Rossing, Judy Hembry
18, Kristopher Anderson, Chelsea Clum, Sue Mishler
19, Diana Fielder, Trevor Moss, Colleen Rotschafer
20, Alexis Crim
24, Clark Middleton
26, Harry Smith, Warren Snell
28, Steve Foster
29, Dale Cline, Helen Cramer, Andrew Kantak
30, Erin Feltes, Brock Jacobson, Denice Meyer



Our Women on the Walk (WOW) Bible study will begin a new series on Wednesday, January 10!!

What does it mean to be a citizen of the kingdom of Heaven? The Sermon on the Mount articulates what the life of a Christ follower should look like, asking us the same questions it posed to its original hearers: How should a disciple relate to sin? To others? To the Law? How does a disciple think, speak, and act? In this 9-session study, examine the words of Jesus in-depth as He challenges us to think differently about repentance, salvation, and sanctification.

Please join us at 9:30 for fellowship and 10:00 for the Bible study on Wednesdays for "The Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin!!

Books will cost \$13.

Dear church family,

Thank you for your donations of hats and socks for my birthday request. With your and my family's help I was able to donate 64 stocking caps, 135 pairs of socks, and 12 pairs of gloves to the Beacon of Hope in Fort Dodge for the homeless. Additionally a \$30 gift card to Hy-Vee for milk was purchased.

Hebrews 6:10: *God is not unjust ; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

I plan on making this a tradition each year .

God bless and merry Christmas, Jamie Seiser

Winter Weather Reminder:
If school is canceled due to bad weather on a day when Asbury has activities for kids, Asbury activities will be canceled. Word will be spread ASAP via Quick Bits, Facebook, KQWC, KCCI, WHO-TV, & Asbury's answering machine message.
Be safe this winter!



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