

The Asbury Connection

May 2019

Deadline to submit info for the next Asbury newsletter is May 17

Asbury Preschool 4yr old graduations:
May 23 (2pm)
May 24 (11am)

VBS at Asbury

Vacation Bible School will be July 15-19, from 1-4pm.

The theme this year is "Roar: Life is Wild; God is Good." More info soon, but make sure to put this event on your calendar!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the Seder Meal and the sunrise breakfast. Thanks to all who volunteer at the church!

Called to be God's hands to the world

1 Peter 4:10, NIV Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

A couple of weeks ago Southfield Care Center gave me an award for Volunteer of the Year. It was a nice gesture on their part but in reality serving people there warms the heart and I think I get more out of it than I put into it. Sadly as I looked around the room at our celebration luncheon there was only about a third of the number of volunteers of previous years. At the end of the event there was a request for help finding volunteers.

This week was the volunteer luncheon for Crestview Care Center. As I looked around the room it was the same situation, with just a few round tables of volunteers; nowhere near the number of volunteers that there used to be. Surprisingly, even hospice has told me they need help and don't have volunteers to sit with people nearing the end of life.

This feels like a wakeup call for sorts to remind God's people to help out where they can: to call bingo, just visit, color or do crafts with those who are in care facilities—or even homebound—and bring happiness to those God calls us to serve. I invite you to consider asking a care facility where you could be of help. As far as hospice, I plan on lining up a training session in May for those who want to help care for those nearing the end of life. The truth is that we all have life experiences that help us relate to others and if you think about it who better to sit with a Veteran than another Veteran, or someone who has gone thru cancer to sit with someone who has cancer. I guarantee that as you give of yourself you will find fulfillment in life.

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

~ Teresa of Ávila

Dear Lord, please give us hearts that are always ready to help! Please bless us abundantly, and help us to cheerfully, joyfully, and gratefully help others however we are able, as you continue to bless us. Help us to always be ready – emotionally, physically, financially, and otherwise, to meet the needs of others however you want us to. **May we always be your hands and feet!**

Love you all! Pastor Jeff

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Confirmation Sun	29	30 *Pastor to Southfield, 9:30am *Tutoring, 4-7pm	May 1 *Last AWANA *Praise team, 5:15	2 *National Day of Prayer *Missions mtg, 6:30pm	3	4
5	6 *Girl Scouts, 3:30pm *Worship mtg, 5:30pm	7 Last Tutoring	8 * ACE food pantry prep, 1:30pm *Last Youth Groups	9 *Care Team, 10am *Food pantry, 11a & 4p *SPPRC, 6pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Trustees, 6:30pm	14 *Pastor @ Crestview, 9:30am *Tutoring Open House, 3-6pm	15 Praise Team, 5:15pm	16 Alzheimer support, 4pm	17 *Newsletter info due by noon *Basement rented, 12:30-7pm	18
19	20 Girl Scouts, 3:30pm	21 Finance mtg, 7pm	22 *Newsletter mailed *ACE Food pantry prep, 1:30pm	23 *Care Team, 10am *Food pantry, 11a & 4p *4yr old graduation, 2pm	24 4yr old graduation, 11am	25
26 Pastor doing worship at: Windsor Manor—1:15; Crestview—2pm; Southfield—2:45	27 Church Offices Closed	28 Pastor @ Southfield, 9:30am	29	30	31	June 1

Congratulations to Kara and Chance Christian on the birth of a son: Brody Phillip came into the world on March 28, and joined older siblings Bryson and Amelia. Asbury grandparents are Troy and Christine Hassebrock; great-grands are Lewis and Sharon Hassebrock. Brody's middle name is in honor of Christine's father who passed in January.

 Congratulations to the family!

Prayers and comfort to family and friends of Bertha Takle, who passed on Mar. 29.

Every Wednesday:
Man to Man meets at 6:45am
Women on the Walk has coffee time at 9:30am; class begins at 9:45am

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1:** Vivian Kalton
- 2:** Chad Foster, Dustin Moothart, Abbie Thomason, Steve Gelder
- 3:** Sonya Carlson, Kai Griswold
- 4:** Karilyn Cupp, Kara Christian, Kirk Klaver
- 6:** Cathy Dayton, Angela Stanley; **Gerry & Teresa Gourley; Jerome & Barbara Hadley**
- 7:** Paige Bonjour, Stacey Conaway, Heather Ayers
- 8:** Roger Bottorff
- 9:** TJ Mortenson; **Jamie & Robin Seiser**
- 11:** David Haynes, Brandon Mason, Diane Rollins
- 12:** Linda Conaway, Gary Knutson
- 13:** Justine Trueblood; **Nathan & Emily Griswold**
- 14:** Tiffany Louk, Bob Hisler
- 15:** Mathew Meyer; **Bruce & Karla Caquelin**
- 16:** Alex Dinsdale; **Joel & Marcia Fritz; Mike & Susan Griffith; Chelsea & Luis Quinteros**
- 17:** Breanne Kastler
- 19:** Brett Ahrens; **Richard & Kelly Ayers**
- 20:** Suzanne Johnston
- 21:** Dave Kennedy, Logan Yates, Max Barrick
- 23:** Jon Luiken, Arlo Van Diest
- 24:** Lillian Chamness, Adison Kehoe, Truman Chamness
- 25:** Brian Hill, Miriam Martin, Emma Peck
- 26:** Christine Hassebrock
- 27:** Sawyer Higgins, Chelsea Quinteros
- 28:** Jill Thomason; **Ryan & Trisha Rupiper**
- 29:** Cody Jondal, Corbin Kehoe, Norma Nissen; **Steve & Sandy Krasean; Patrick & Jessi Olmstead**
- 30:** **Laverne & Sandy Crim**
- 31:** **Gary & Linda Moenck; Bill & Pearl Beemer**

Changes for the InGathering kits:

- ▶ No filler paper
- ▶ Need a box of 12 colored pencils beside the other things for the school kits.
- ▶ Personal hygiene kits will now include:
 - three-4 ounces of shampoo,
 - two-3 ounce deodorant,
 - a razor with guard,
 - toothpaste 2.5 ounce and up
 - ...as well as the things from last year.

Information, pictures and patterns are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Information can also be found on the Midwest Mission web site, www.midwestmissions.org

A meeting was held after the 2019 Ladies Lenten Lunches at which time it was decided the 2020 lunches would rotate weekly. Asbury will be the first week host with subsequent weeks being held at Faith UMC, St. Thomas, Trinity Lutheran, and Church of Christ. As week one host, Asbury will call a meeting of the churches before the first lunch (March 3) so menus can be shared. It was suggested that lunches go back to a 12:00 start time so that those who work can attend.

This information will be reprinted again in 2020 as a reminder.

Color and give to someone you love!



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As I sit here writing my newsletter article the Tuesday after Easter, I am reflecting back on Holy Week. We tried some new things—the stations of the cross, a Seder meal on Maundy Thursday, and joint Holy Week services with Faith UMC on Thursday and Friday. Things felt different which was the intent.

I think of how the disciples had to feel as they moved on after Easter. The game had changed. Things were not the same as they were a few days before. And the world would never be the same as everyone moved forward. How are we, both as individuals and as a church, going to move forward? How are we living our daily lives to show that we believe in the resurrected Savior?

One of the things I so appreciate in Asbury is its willingness to think outside of the box and try new ministries. I encourage us all to continue to do that. Where do you see us heading? What ministries would you not only like to see us have but what ministries are you willing to help spearhead?

Let's find new ways to make disciples in Webster City and the surrounding areas. I cannot wait to see where this takes us!!! ~Jennifer