

# The Asbury Connection

July 2018

## Using Asbury:

Due to how busy we are, all events/meetings need to be scheduled in advance with the office. Also, please notify us if there is a change to a previously scheduled event.

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**All committees: 2019  
budgets are due by end  
of October!**



## Middle School Movie Day

We will be having a middle school movie day on Tuesday, July 17, from 1-3:30. We will be watching the movie "I Can Only Imagine." Any middle school student is invited to attend. Popcorn & drink will be provided.

**Deadline** to submit info for the next Asbury newsletter is July 20

## Things to celebrate!

As I write this newsletter I'm celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in the Iowa conference. It all started in the little town of Tingley, Iowa; population at that time was 190. As Lynne looked at the sign driving into the town I can still hear her saying, "what have you done?" I will always remember my first weekend of preaching there: I drove 10 hours up from Arkansas on Saturday, slept on an air mattress, preached, and drove 10 hours back to Arkansas to finish my last week of work.

I also want to celebrate the number of younger families that came to church on Father's day.

Surprisingly, that's becoming more of the norm here at Asbury. I'm thankful for the work of Jennifer with youth and young families and I can see the difference on many Sunday services.

And the last celebration is the fact that the end of May financial report shows us still in the black. Normally we would be way behind by now so I just want to say were not rich, but were getting healthier.

## Visual update for the sanctuary:

We have considered several possible updates and companies to work with. In short here is the goal we are considering:

- \* Replacing outdated projectors with laser projectors which have a much longer life.
- \* Replacing current cameras with high definition cameras.
- \* Computer upgrade with some control at the pulpit for the Saturday night worship. Yes, I will have control of cameras, computer, etc, right from the pulpit for the night service.

## Why would we upgrade?

There is a big difference in me telling you about children starving in Africa, and you seeing it on the screen. I could tell you of veterans living under a bridge in Kansas City, and you would see it on the screen. Each week I want the service to be the best it can be, but the reality of being limited on Saturday night limits what I can put together without writing two different services.

As I was talking to area clergy last week I heard one say that in 15 years his church may not even support a full time minister because of the aging congregation. Whether we do this upgrade of around \$100,000 is up to the church. It will make more work for me as I endeavor to provide a better service in a presentation style suited for younger generations. But one fact remains: if we don't endeavor to evolve to be all we can be, then we limit our ability to grow and be healthy.

If approved I expect the money to come from our capital improvement funds through the trustees.

Think of the possibilities: this could be the church with these upgrades, that people and churches would come to for all kinds of webcast and nationwide training because we have the technology. A Ford VP told me once that there are three kinds of people: those who watch things happen, those who wondered what happened, and those who make things happen. I think Asbury should make things happen.



Love you all, Pastor Jeff



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 1	2 Asbury helping @ summer food program on July 2, 3, 6	3	4 Independence Day Offices Closed	5 *Sidewalk Sunday School, 12:30pm (each Thurs) *Missions, 6:30pm	6	7
8	9 *VBS week, 1-4pm, Mon-Thurs *Trustees, 6:30pm	10 Pastor to Crestview, 9:30am	11 *Man to Man, 6:45am (each Wed) *Bible Black Belts, 1pm (each Wed) *ACE food pantry prep, 1pm	12 *Care Team, 10am *ACE food pantry, 11am & 5pm *SPPRC, 6pm	13 VBS, 1-4pm; VBS program, 5:30pm	14
15	16	17 *Parlor in use, 12-4pm *Finance, 7pm	18	19 *Mental Health 1st Aid, all day *Alzheimer support group, 4pm	20 Newsletter info due before noon	21
22	23 "I Love My Kitchen" work day, 9am-?	24 Pastor to Southfield, 9:30am	25 *ACE food pantry prep, 1pm *Newsletter mailed	26 *Care Team, 10am *ACE Food pantry, 11am & 5pm	27	28
29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4

**July Bulletin Delivery:**  
Terry & Marilyn Bottorff

**July UDMO Delivery:**  
Kathy Kolbeck

May Christ's loving arms surround family & friends of: Richard Nedved; Kenneth Tabor; Marcy Shehorn; Donald Rinehart (Mavis Nedved's brother); Norma Frakes (Kathy Kolbeck's mother); and Bobbie Ehrenfried (Sherry Lambi's mother)

**July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 1, Sandra & Tim Jondal
- 2, Sean Godfredsen; Mike & Chris Mason
- 3, Molly Buse, Gary Chamness, Jennifer Heerema
- 4, Amelia Christian
- 5, Linda Kidney; Cliff & Shirley Hanson
- 6, Cooper Chamness
- 7, Lauren Swon; Kaitlyn Lovelace
- 8, Shel Mourlam, Anna Atchison
- 9, Leah Hinderks, Jana Reints, Dennis Richardson; Steve & Lindsay Gelder
- 10, Blake Seiser
- 11, Cameron White, Christine Hutchison, Todd Bingham; Kayla & Heath Brock
- 12, Jay Bjerke, Chris Kehoe, Mary Tjaden, Nick Griswold; Geary & Denice Meyer
- 13, Tyler Patten; Harold & Miriam Martin
- 14, Kirk & Jody Klaver
- 15, Lindsey Pederson
- 16, Ryan Godfredsen, Andrew Vaughn; Dan & Lynn Corrow
- 17, Mike Jacobson, Pam White; Gary & Pam White
- 18, Ericha Parker

- 19, Terry Bottorff, Gary White; Gene & Rita Gourley; John & Marilyn Middleton
- 20, Cole Nokes
- 21, Nancy Bailey; Mark & Sara Trueblood
- 22, Susan Griffith, Steve Kehoe, Mark Ryder, Kyle Hoover; Garry & Marguerite Staley; Todd & Michelle Lovelace
- 23, Stephen & Shel Mourlam
- 24, Thomas Hill, Chris Kastler, Bob Nissen, Ryan Toftee; Roberta & Gary Knutson; Tom & Diana Hill; Chad & Tara Leeper
- 25, Gary & Nicole Chamness; Scott & Cathi Griswold
- 26, Lee Ayers, Gary Gourley, Wyatt Vaughn, Joan Woodard, Mindy Dahlhauser, Bailey Tesdahl, Caroline Ehn
- 27, Rita Gourley, Richard Bahr
- 28, Kristi Ahrens, Ardys Bettis
- 29, Deb Kern, Carter Mickelson
- 30, Kathy Gourley, Roy Hildebrand, Ann Kennedy, Becky King, Joshua Lovelace, Bonnie Butler
- 31, Elizabeth Newman, Seth Godfredsen

Some of our adult programming will look a little different this fall, but it will still be happening. Jennifer will be leading the WOW (Women on the Walk) studies beginning this fall. And, though we are still looking for someone, there will still be Adult Sunday School (if you are interested in helping with this let Jennifer know). We are so incredibly grateful to Gayle Anderson and the leadership she has given these ministries in years past. We look forward to continue building on these ministries as we move forward.

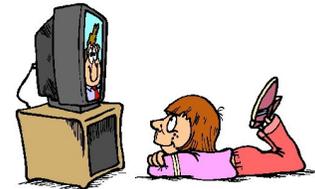
This fall we will be in need of someone, or someones, to plan and help prepare the Wednesday evening meals. The person who has been coordinating this will not be able to this coming fall. This job includes helping to plan meal as well as be here to help cook and serve on Wednesday evenings. This is how it has been done in the past. Moving forward we can split this up into multiple volunteer positions if needed. This is a vital ministry to our children, youth and families. Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to help.

The Asbury Connection newsletter is mailed out, e-mailed, & posted on Asbury's website at the end of every month. If you would like to change how you receive your news, please contact the church office by one of the following means:

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Can't make it to worship? Watch from home:

- ▶ Visit our website [www.asburywc.org](http://www.asburywc.org)
- ▶ On Sunday at 10am, watch live!
  - Click on the "Live Video Streaming" words to the right side of the home page. Then...
  - At 10am or a little after, click on the triangle in the center of the black box.

You can also view past services on our website:

- ▶ Hover your mouse over the word "Resources" on the home page. A drop-down menu will appear
- ▶ Move your mouse pointer straight down over the words "Video Library." Click once.
- ▶ A list will appear from which you can click on the date of the service you wish to watch.
- ▶ A black box will appear; click on the triangle in the box. The video should begin.

There's still time to get in on the fun to be had at a Methodist summer camp!

Talk to Jennifer if you have questions, or would like a Camp Catalogue. You can also register online.

Financial assistance is available for those who need help sending their children to camp. Just ask!



Asbury Methodist Church, thank you for allowing my students to play their spring recital in your facility, on the wonderful piano in your sanctuary. We appreciate your kind generosity; and the friendly ease with which our plan can be made and executed with your office staff. Sincerely, Joan Hopkins

There are several orphan boys in Bucharest, Romania, who would love to correspond with someone in the U.S; with or even without a computer or lap top. If you think you might be interested, know someone who might be interested, or want more information, contact David Pratt. E-mail: [dpratt@ccb.edu](mailto:dpratt@ccb.edu). Mailing address is: David Pratt, Costache Stamate 2 Blc 3c Apt 19, Bucharest, Romania 041206

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I am not a morning person...at all. I only start this article off this way because it will put this next part into better context. Last Saturday, I had to get in a 7 mile training run. That day was supposed to bring record heat so I decided to start my run off at 7 AM...on a Saturday. So my attitude was not the best heading into this run.

Even though I was beating the majority of the heat, the humidity was still a lot to deal with... and all of the gnats. Add in cars who were less than mindful of runners, there was little happening during that run to improve my mood. As my body began to thirst, my mind wandered to a Scripture. Let me guess—you are thinking of Psalm 42, as my soul pants for the water. And that would be a great guess. But an inaccurate one.

Instead my mind drifted to Isaiah 26:9: “My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you.” In my desire for a liquid to drink, the Holy Spirit took me to a place of Scripture that reminds me of what I should truly be “thirsting for.” As I continued my run, this became my prayer. That my soul would yearn for God in the morning, and my spirit long for him at night. I might not be there yet, but I am working on it.

How can we get there? How can we, as a congregation, truly connect our souls and spirits to the One who sustains us? This is a journey we are on together. I look forward to hearing your ideas! ~Jennifer

**Welcome new members Heath and Kayla Brock, who joined Asbury on June 3!**