



Please join us THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Worship - In-Person and Online

9:15 a.m. Worship - In-Person and Online

10:15 a.m. Adult Small Group: *Why? Because I Said So*, Room 106

10:15 a.m. Caring Connections (Women's Fellowship Group), Library

11:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship - In-Person and Online

Pastor Matt at Clergy Leadership Academy, September 15-17

Monday, September 15

10:15 a.m. Small Group Mondays: *Social Principles of The UMC*, Room 106

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Handbells, Room 106

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Coffee Group, Hospitality Room

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 17

9:30 a.m. Mat Weaving, Room 005

5:15 p.m. Midweek Meal, Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Joysingers Choir (K-5th Grade), Room 130

6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Room 001-004

6:00 p.m. Adult Small Group: *Upper Rooms Disciplines*, Library

6:45 p.m. sprouts (K-2nd Grade), Room 129

6:45 p.m. SpArK! (3rd-5th Grade), Room 128

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 18

Friday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Circuit Rider Mailing, Library

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Worship - In-Person and Online

9:00-11:30 a.m. Rice and Soy Blessing Bag Packing Event, Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free Family Photos, Hospitality Room

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WORSHIP AT ASBURY

In-Person Worship: Join us for In-Person Sunday Worship with traditional services at 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. and non-traditional service at 11:00 a.m.

Online Worship: If you cannot join us in-person for Sunday worship, we would love to see you online for traditional worship at 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. or non-traditional worship at 11:00 a.m. Share the invitation!

ONLINE: <https://sfasbury.online.church>
FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278047053749345>

Asbury's 75th Birthday Celebration—Join Us In September!

This September, Asbury will celebrate 75 years of ministry! We invite you to join us in thanking God for faithfulness, honoring those who helped found and form our church, and looking forward with joy and hope.

Each Sunday will feature worship, music, food, and fun activities as we reflect on our history and embrace our future. In addition, our Missions Team will collect 75 items each week for local charities—let's give generously!

September 7 – Kickoff Sunday

We will celebrate with birthday cake after each service. Inflatables for kids (and kids at heart) are on the north lawn from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We will collect **75 towels** for the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House.

September 14 – Family Fun

We will serve B&G Milky Way ice cream all morning. Mr. Twister will entertain us between services. We will collect **75 brown paper lunch bags** for the St. Francis House.

September 21 – Missions & Music

Donuts will be served between services. Join the Missions Team for a Rice and Soy Blessing Bags Event in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Julie Ashworth and the Children's Choir will sing at the 9:15 a.m. service. Former Genesis and Joysingers members are invited to sing along! Free family photos will be offered in the Hospitality Room from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The photos will be distributed digitally to families. We'll collect **75 combs and brushes** for the Union Gospel Mission.

September 28 – Celebration Finale

We'll wrap up with an all-church lunch at 12:15 p.m. featuring catered chicken, birthday cake, and drinks—please bring a side to share. (There will be NO oven space for warm sides. If you have a warm side it must be in a crock pot.) Boyd Bristow will lead the Entry Band at the 11:00 a.m. service. Inflatables return from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the north lawn. We will collect **75 cans of hearty soup** for Feeding South Dakota.

Please come share your memories and celebrate Asbury's impact in your life. Invite former members, neighbors, and friends—everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Morning Bible Study: Monday, September 15, 10:15-11:30 a.m., Room 106. Join us for six Mondays as we study the newly revised Social Principles of the United Methodist Church. We'll explore our church's stance on crucial topics facing our world today. Books are available in the office for \$10.00 (check or exact change, please).

Midweek Meal: Wednesday, September 17, 5:15-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Join us for our Wednesday night meal for the whole family to enjoy! For a free-will donation, let Asbury take meal planning off your plate and put it into our kitchen! Bring the kids and join us!

CALLING ALL: Former Kids' Choir Members! Join the Reunion Choir as they lead in worship on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at the 9:15 a.m. service. Julie Ashworth is looking forward to directing the choir as part of Asbury's 75th Birthday celebration! Practice with the Joysingers on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. and/or on Sunday, September 21, at 8:30 a.m. Invite other former members of Genesis or Joysingers to join the fun!

Rice and Soy Blessing Bag Packing Event: Sunday, September 21, 9:00-11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Join us as we pack a pallet of 1200 rice meal bags. These meals will be sent out as requests come in from around the world. Our event is from

9:00-11:30 a.m., join us anytime that morning. All ages are welcome to participate, and sit-down jobs are available. Each rice meal bag serves six people and costs \$2. Donations can be made online or during worship.

Third Grade Bible Sunday: Sunday, September 21, 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. To be in third grade is special at Asbury! This is when students are gifted a Bible from the congregation and together we promise to recommit ourselves to the study of God's Word; so that the seed planted in the hearts of the children will grow to bear fruit in the Kingdom of God. During the 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on September 21 we will present this year's third graders with their very own Bible! Please contact Michelle Baird, Director of Children's Ministries, at michelle@sfasbury.org or 605-332-8861 by September 14 to let her know which service your family will be attending.

Third Grade Bible Retreat: Friday, September 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m. All third graders are invited to spend some time exploring their new Bibles in fun ways at the Third Grade Bible Retreat. Kiddos, come hungry! We will have pizza ready for you in the Fellowship Hall when you arrive! Make sure to remember to bring your new Bible!

Financial Peace University: Sundays, September 28-November 23, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Library. If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end – starting today. Join my Financial Peace University (FPU) class and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money and build wealth. FPU includes your workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, an online tool kit to support your journey. Cost: \$79.99. There is a \$80 reward for those completing the course. Sign up on the table near Asbury's Hospitality Room. Leader: Bonnie Shinn.

For a complete calendar, please refer to our website sfasbury.org and click on Announcements. To receive the newsletter by email or mail, please contact Roxie at rpogany@sfasbury.org or 605-332-8861.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adopt A Teacher/Classroom: We are looking for 18 volunteers (individuals or families) to participate in our Laura Wilder Adopt a Teacher/Classroom project. Volunteers will be partnered with a LW teacher for this school year. Our hope is that volunteers will build a relationship with the teacher and students by praying for them, sending notes of support and encouragement, providing small gifts, etc. An optional activity would be to volunteer in the classroom. If you are interested or have questions, please text or email Cindy Nelson at 605-351-2818 or cynthianelson1@sio.midco.net.

Asbury Serves at Banquet West: Please join us as we serve at Banquet West, 710 North Marion Road, on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Five volunteers are needed at 2:00 p.m. to prepare the meal along with 12 volunteers at 5:15 p.m. to serve our guests. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CADA92AAAF85-58205082-banquet>.

Put Your Faith in Action: Twelve volunteers are invited to travel to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Jefferson, IA on October 5-7, leaving Sunday afternoon and returning Tuesday evening. Volunteer options include packing and verifying kits, sewing, cleaning medical equipment, sorting/organizing donations, weaving mats and repairing bikes and sewing machines. For more details, check out the information sheet on the ushers table or contact Cindy Nelson at cynthianelson1@sio.midco.net or 605-351-2818.

Farmer's Market Is Back!: The Missions Team is once again hosting a Farmer's Market on Sundays before and after worship through September. Gardeners are invited to bring their extra produce and others can stop by and pick up something to take home and enjoy. A freewill offering will benefit our upcoming Rice and Soy Blessing Bag Packing event with Midwest Missions Distribution Center. The packing event will be at Asbury on September 21.

Serve at Asbury!: There are a number of ways to experience life-change with Christ by serving others at Asbury by getting involved in one of Asbury's Ministry Teams! Opportunities involve hospitality ministries such as ushers and greeters, music ministries, discipleship ministries, digital ministries, online service hosts, and more. If you're curious about volunteer opportunities or would like to get involved, checkout our [online serve card](#) today!

Asbury Facebook Campus: Join us on the Asbury Facebook Campus to stay connected with Asbury all week long as we gather online for Asbury staff check-ins, volunteer resources, Bible studies, and much, much more. The Asbury Facebook Campus is our primary hub for online ministry and you are invited to join the conversation by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278047053749345> today!

Funeral Coordinator Needed: Responsibilities include: visiting with the family, the pastor and the funeral home to determine what the family wants for lunch after the funeral; finding workers; and calling volunteers to provide cakes, bars or cookies for the lunch. Questions? Please call Linda Maxwell (336-7137) or Linda Marquardt (334-5584). If interested, please contact the church office or Pastor Kip. This is a volunteer position.

HyVee Gift Cards at Asbury - Help Christ's Mission!: HyVee gift cards may be purchased on Sunday mornings in the Hospitality Room. See Scott Roberts. You can also stop by the church office to get gift cards or mail a check and gift cards will be mailed to you. 5% of all sales come back to Asbury. These funds are used to fund mission projects throughout the year. Thank you for supporting this program.

Sunday Worship By Phone: Each week, in addition to our online services, people will have the opportunity to hear our weekly sermons and announcements without needing any sort of login or special code by dialing Asbury's Sunday Worship by Phone number at 605-221-1769. Each week's recording will be available by Sunday evening and we hope that it will serve as a meaningful point of connection for those unable to join us for our online services.

Asbury Staff on Facebook Live: Join a member of the Asbury Staff Monday-Friday at 10:00 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278047053749345>.

Prayer Requests and Prayer Chain: To submit a prayer request or to become part of the prayer chain, please fill out a Connection Card located in the pew or contact Pastor Matt at matt@sfasbury.org or Pastor Kip at kip@sfasbury.org.

OUR PURPOSE:

To experience the life-changing love and grace of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION:

To be a community that is experiencing life-change and growth because of Jesus.

OUR MISSION:

To provide life-changing experiences with Christ by loving and accepting all, nurturing discipleship, and serving others.

Online Giving Available

Giving online is easy and allows you to make a one time contribution or set up automatic recurring contributions and view your online giving history. Simply follow these steps: Go to sfasbury.org and click on "[Give Now](#)" then Click on the "Create Profile." Follow the onscreen instructions. Questions? Contact accounting@sfasbury.org or 605-332-8861.