



Please join us THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7

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: *The Journey*, Room 106

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

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

Monday, December 8

10:15 a.m. Small Group Mondays: *Awaiting the Arrival*, Room 106

6:30 p.m. Handbells, Room 106

Tuesday, December 9

Circuit Rider Deadline

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

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 a.m. Comforters, Room 005

6:00 p.m. Joysingers Choir, 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, Chapel

Thursday, December 11

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

4:00-6:00 p.m. Bring in and set up Nativity Sets, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 14

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

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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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Comforters: Wednesday, December 10, 9:30 a.m., Room 005. We will be cutting, putting together, sewing and tying small flannel baby quilts that will be sent to the Tree of Life in Mission, SD. We will meet again on January 14. Please join us. All are welcome. Questions, please call Marilyn at 605-370-7941.

Nativity Display: Sunday, December 14, Fellowship Hall. Our “Sign of the Season” on Sunday, December 14, is the Nativity Scene. Do you have a Nativity scene that you set up in your home? We are inviting everyone to share their Nativity sets next Sunday – all morning at Asbury. Bring them to SET-UP at Asbury on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 – anytime between 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will display them in the Fellowship Hall throughout Sunday morning. Pastor Kip and Barb will bring Christmas goodies to share. We hope you will bring your Nativity Scene to share!

Mat Weaving: Wednesday, December 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Room 005. Come make Plarn Sleeping Mats for Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). Plarn is plastic yarn made out of plastic grocery bags. The Sleeping Mats are sent internationally and locally. They are great for those who need a barrier between them and the hard ground. They have been sent for disaster relief, for the homeless, and for those who need temporary sleeping arrangements. Please sign up in the Mission Room (Room 005). Questions? Please contact Rennae at 605-261-2998.

Midweek Meal: Wednesday, December 17, 5:15-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Join us for a 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!

Asbury Kids Jingle Jam: Wednesday, December 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Hospitality Room. Let’s Jingle Jam in our Jingle Jammies! Kids are invited to wear their jammies for an unforgettable evening celebrating the greatest gift of all...JESUS! You won’t want to miss our annual Christmas celebration!

Asbury Youth Jingle Jam: Wednesday, December 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. It’s time to get in the holiday spirit and celebrate the Christmas season with the Asbury Youth Jingle Jam! Carrying on our tradition from last year, we’re getting cozy around the tree in our “Jingle Jammies.” So, join us at Youth Group and wear your holiday-inspired pajamas as we celebrate at our annual Christmas party.

No Caring Connections or Adult Small Group Room 106: Sundays, December 21 and 28

Christmas Eve Worship: Wednesday, December 24. Please join us for Christmas Eve services at 12:00, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. for candlelight worship. The 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve will also be live-streamed at sfasbury.online.church and the [Asbury Facebook page](#).

Office Closed: Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26

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

Gifts for Laura Wilder Elementary: Help us spread holiday cheer by purchasing requested items for staff and students. Items needed include sweatpants, underwear (sizes 6 and 8), boxes of facial tissues and disinfecting wipes. Please bring your gifts to church by December 14 and place under the tree in the Hospitality Room.

Gifts for Cayman Court Residents: Asbury continues our long-standing tradition of providing Christmas gifts for residents of Cayman Court Assisted Living Facility. Cayman Court provides permanent, supportive housing for individuals with severe mental illness and who are/were homeless. Services include on-site psychiatric and case

management services, housekeeping/laundry, transportation, planned activities and three meals each day. Pick up a gift slip at church or check out the SignUpGenius link at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CADA92AAAF85-60774977-cayman>. Please note the ID number next to each gift. Each gift should be wrapped and have a tag on the outside with the gift ID number along with your name. Place gifts under the tree in the Sanctuary by December 14.

Christmas Giving Center: The Mission Team has once again put together a Christmas gift catalog that is sure to please everyone on your Christmas shopping list. Our catalog describes 22 international, regional and local mission projects that Asbury supports throughout the year. Choose from international projects like Solar Oven Partners, UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee of Relief) or Midwest Mission Distribution Center. In the Dakotas you can make a difference for Tree of Life in Mission. In Sioux Falls projects include The Banquet, Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, Community Outreach, Feeding South Dakota, Project CAR and St Francis House. Here at Asbury, you can support camp scholarships or our signature ministry with Laura Wilder Elementary. Catalogs and shopping lists are available at sfasbury.org/announcements or at church. Fill out the shopping list, attach one check made out to Asbury and return to the Hospitality Room or the church office. You can also pick up special gift cards and inserts that describe each project.

We're Hiring! Director of Children's Ministries: Asbury UMC is seeking a passionate, creative leader to help kids experience God's love and grow in faith! The Director of Children's Ministries will guide our children's programs, support families, and lead amazing volunteers in creating fun, Christ-centered experiences – from Sunday mornings to engaging events. If you love building relationships, nurturing young hearts, and helping families grow together in faith, we'd love to meet you!

- Full-time, exempt position—30 hours per week
- Reports to Director of Next Generation Ministries
- Send statement of faith, resume and cover letter to info@sfasbury.org.

Learn more about Asbury's mission to create life-changing experiences with Jesus Christ by loving and accepting all, nurturing discipleship, and serving others. A full job description can be found at: sfasbury.org/announcements.

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.