

Mission Matters

Hello Asbury,

We strive to practice what we preach, to live in a way that shares the compassionate and active love of Christ. One of the ways we provide Christian outreach is through our missional events.

Thank you for supporting our Mission outreach through your Christmas giving to Heifer International and Asbury Church as a whole! We look forward to supporting the ministries of Heifer International through our Youth Mission Trip in June of this year!

Sincerely,

Dan Clevenger

Please join us for our upcoming projects:

Asbury Day of Caring | Feb. 3rd | Hager Hall | 1-3 pm

Join us for our Asbury Day of Caring Valentinesfest! We are partnering with Asbury United Methodist Women to host a valentine and cookie making party in Hager Hall. These goodies will go to hospitalized and homebound members and veterans of our Asbury family. We'd love for you and your family to be a part of this gift-filled day!

Asbury Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week | Feb. 25th

If you are available to volunteer at the end of February please sign up starting January 28th in the Welcome Center! You can contact Donetta Shaner or Linda Stinnett with any questions.

Donetta Shaner: donetta@kc.rr.com | 913.897.2488

Linda Stinnett: lgstinnett@kc.rr.com | 913.341.5763

Asbury UMC— Welcoming Statement

In the spirit of "All Means All," Asbury United Methodist Church affirms that all persons, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, marital status, family structure, and physical or mental ability, are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, and fellowship of this congregation.

Adopted by Asbury United Methodist Church and Members April 30, 2017

Memorial Garden Donations

Thank you for your continued support of the Memorial Garden!
All donations go towards maintenance and plantings to keep this garden in tip-top shape.

Asbury Staff

Rev. Gayla Rapp, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lee Johnson, Associate Pastor
Heather Jackson, Director of Family Ministry
Justin Elder, Director of Development
Kelly Arnold, Director of Connectional Ministries
Rachael Holloway, Director of Communications/Executive Assistant

Lindsey Lang, Director of Music
Kim Maddox, Business Administrator
Cortney Inbody, Office Coordinator & Financial Secretary
Dave Burton, Facilities Manager
Dave Rybolt, Finance Coordinator



Dear Asbury Friends,

More wonderful music this weekend in worship as we focus on the show "Sister Act Two - Back in the Habit". This story finds Las Vegas singer, Deloris Van Cartier, once again pretending to be a nun in order to help save a school in a poor New York City neighborhood. And how does she do this? She does it with music. She brings a group of young people together in a choir. And as they sing together they find themselves empowered to be all God created them to be which includes the power they have to make their lives and the world different.

We are still worshipping in Hager Hall as renovation work continues in the Sanctuary. I invite you to take a minute and peek into the Sanctuary and see how beautiful the new floor looks. We anticipate being back in the Sanctuary the second week of February.

Don't forget to come a little bit early and enjoy some bagels and treats before, during, and after worship. We've had fun sitting around tables and enjoying an extended fellowship time. We will be glad to see you this weekend in worship.

Blessings,
Rev. Gayla Rapp,
Senior Pastor



Upcoming Events

RSVP 913.432.5573

UMW Ubuntu Presentation

Jan. 21, 12:15 pm
Please RSVP to Church Office

Asbury Day of Caring | Feb. 3

1-3 pm in Hager Hall
Join UMW and Mission Team to make Valentines and cookies for members of our Asbury family!

Classes to Join:

Lunch Bunch | January 21

12:15 pm in the Parlor

"9 Essential Things" Study

With Rev. Gayla
January 28th | 10 am | Rm. 208

Young Adult Bible Study Kick Off

January 28th | 10 am | Rm. 363
Donuts and Brainstorming to develop a bible study that speaks to all 20s and 30s involved!

"Jesus and the Gospels" Study

With Ford Inbody
30 week study | 2/27-6/5
\$55.00 registration fee

If you would like to join these studies please feel free to email our Director of Connectional Ministries, Kelly Arnold at kellya@visitasbury.org

Financial Note: All 2017 contributions will be mailed by January 31.



Family Ministry



Hey Asbury!!

This week was an A-mazing week for our family ministry. Both the Children's Ministry Team and Youth Ministry Team met to reflect on the past and dreams for the future. There were several new and creative ideas shared and we look forward to being able to share the practical application of those ideas with you in the near future. We desire for our programs to build both faith and community and invite people of all ages to participate in these ministries. Could you or your small group provide a meal for youth or snacks for Children's Ministry? Are you gifted artistically or musically? We believe that each of us have gifts to be used in the ministries of Asbury. Would you pray about if your gifts could be used in Family Ministry? If you think your gifts could be used in Family Ministry let us know via email at heatherj@visitasbury.org or via office phone at 913.815.6685.

Our Family Ministry Team is dedicated to making sure your kids and youth have a fun and safe learning community. All adult participants in our family ministries have gone through background checks and Safe Gatherings (a biblically-based boundary awareness and abuse prevention program) training before they can participate in our Family Ministry programs.

Sincerely,

Heather Jackson
Director of Family Ministry

Children's Ministry (East Side of Building)

- Nursery - Gloria Inbody teaches Bible Stories to the nursery kids every Sunday during the Sunday School hour.
- Children's Sunday School classes are in the new children's wing; and are open to all kids ages 4 years-5th grade. This is a place where kids can be kids and learn about God and Jesus in kid language.

Youth Sunday School (West Side of Building)

We have a Junior High Sunday School for grades 6-8 that meets in Room 353 with Pam Ottaway. High School Sunday School for grades 9-12 meets in the Youth Lounge (Room 355) with Lori Wilkerson.

Youth Group Schedule

January 21 @ 6-7:30pm : Youth Group Spring Semester Kick-off Dinner. We will meet at the church and then head to Pie Five. Make sure to bring money for your dinner!!

January 28 @ 5 or 6 pm (Time TBD): Youth Group (6-12th Grade) in the Youth Lounge.

February 4 @ 12:15 pm: Youth lunch and serving communion. Make sure to bring money for your lunch!

February 11 @ 5 or 6 pm (Time TBD): Youth Group (6-12 Grade) in the Youth Lounge

February 18 @ 12:15 pm: Institute Informational Lunch (open to youth and parents)

February 25 @ 5 or 6 pm (Time TBD): Youth Group Outing (Location TBD)

Save the Dates

June 11-15: VBS

June 24-29: Youth Mission Trip to Heifer International (please include PDF page)

July 16-21: Institute at Baker University (high school only) <https://campchippewa.org/institute/>

July 30-Aug 3: GodSquad

Family Ministry in Action

Feb. 3 @ 1pm: All kids, youth and their families are encouraged to join in Asbury's Day of Caring and Valentine Fest. We will be decorating cookies and making valentines for hospitalized and homebound members of our Asbury family and veterans.

Feb. 13 @ 5:30pm: Join your Asbury family for Fat Tuesday Food, Fun and Karaoke! All are invited to join in the fun and youth will be assisting kids in making Mardi Gras masks.

Asbury Advocates

Many of you may remember the Asbury Advocates program that Jerry Tubach started. It is a program in which individuals or couples leave a gift in their estate plan, trust, or life insurance to Asbury. It is a wonderful program that has been of great benefit to the church and we are pleased to announce that we will be reviving this program. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Justin Elder, Director of Development, by calling the church office or sending an email to justine@visitasbury.org.

Sincerely,

Justin Elder
Director of Development

Connectional Ministries Update

Kelly Arnold | Director of Connectional Ministries | kellya@visitasbury.org

Asbury 101

Asbury 101 is a two-hour class which covers Asbury basics, the history of the United Methodist Church, our basic beliefs, church structure, the meaning of membership. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet others who are seeking to know more about Methodism and Membership in this faith community!

New Member Sunday

If you are interested in joining Asbury UMC, we invite you to contact Kelly Arnold our Director of Connectional Ministries. She will provide you a new member form and will invite you to be recognized at our New Members Sunday.

Sunday School Classes To Join:

Lunch Bunch | January 21 | 12:15 pm | Parlor

This adult Sunday School class meets for food and faith-based fellowship once a month. Please contact Dawn Schnake for more information at dawnschnake@gmail.com

"9 Essential Things I've Learned" | Jan. 28 | 10 am | Rm 208

Join Rev. Gayla for a Sunday morning study on "Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life" from Harold Kushner. Sign ups will be in the Welcome Center, books can be purchased for \$10.00. Contact Kelly Arnold for more information at kellya@visitasbury.org.

Young Adult Bible Study Kick Off | January 28 | Room 363

Join our new bible study for 20s and 30s! This Kick Off event will include donuts and brainstorming about what three-week studies would benefit our group!

"Jesus in the Gospels" | 30 Week Study | 6:30-8:30 pm (Tues.) | 2/27-6/5

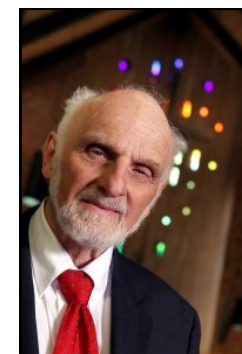
Join Ford Inbody for 2 15-week sessions of "Jesus In the Gospels". Materials are \$55.00. Register with Kelly Arnold.

Dr. Walter Brueggemann

April 6-8, 2018

Friday Evening: "Prayer as Covenantal Action"
Saturday Workshop: "Help, Thanks, Wow, Rats"
Sermon: " Dwelling in Solidarity"

****Times and details to come! Save the date!**



Financial Note:
All 2017 contributions will be mailed by January 31, 2018.

Article Deadline: Please submit articles by **December 20th** for the January Alive newsletter. All articles should be sent to rachaelh@visitasbury.org