



Asbury United Methodist Church

Vision: To Make Disciples and Share God's Love

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Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Daylight Savings Ends:

Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 3. Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night!

All Saints Observance: On Sunday, November 3rd, during our morning worship service, we will be remembering members of our congregation who have passed away since last November. During this special service, we will honor their memory along with all of the saints who have gone before us with the lighting of candles and holy communion.

Youth Group: Calling all 6th—12th Graders! Join us for a fun fall afternoon on Sunday, November 10 from 2-4 PM. We'll be heading out to Bob and Melanie Stutzman's pond for a hayride, fishing, snacks, and s'mores around the campfire! Their address is 3175 145th St, Wellman. Invite your friends, and see you there!

Sanctuary Decorating November 24:

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. One of Asbury's most beloved Christmas traditions is our big beautiful tree and all the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. It takes a lot of teamwork to set the stage for our Christmas celebration, and we need your help! Please stick around after church on Sunday, November 24 to hang some ornaments, tie some bows, and make our worship space look welcoming and festive.

United Methodist Student Day: On Sunday, November 24 we will take up a special offering for United Methodist Student Day during worship. On United Methodist Student Day, we partner with other congregations in a special offering to support the next generation of young disciples on their educational journeys. One of the denomination's six Special Sundays, United Methodist Student Day celebrates young adults and gives them a financial and spiritual boost. When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their wisdom and Wesleyan values into their schools and professions. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

Christmas Cantata Combined Worship Service + Potluck:

Mark your calendars today for this special combined worship service! We will have ONE combined worship service on Sunday, December 15th at 10:00 am at Kalona UMC, followed by a potluck! At this special service, our combined choir will perform the Christmas Cantata as the main message of the service. Please note: There will NOT be a worship at the regular time, and there will NOT be a service at Asbury that day. So, come to Kalona UMC and bring your family, friends, and food to this special service as we celebrate the coming of Christ together!

Ever wonder what it takes to help 80+ families in need? The picture below is what will be shared with our food pantry guests on 11/2. THANK YOU to all who serve and give to this critical ministry! Praise God for this abundance of food, money, time, and love!



Cookies and Helpers needed!!: Once again this year we would like to spread a little Christmas cheer by providing a plate of cookies for each family that comes to the Food Pantry on December 7th. This is always very appreciated by our guests and is a great way to share with them the Good News of Jesus' birth. We will need to prepare 70 plates of cookies and candy - a big job! We are asking for help from other local churches to meet this goal. If you can contribute and would like to bake your cookies in advance, we have space to freeze them at church. Please bring your treats to the church by Friday, December 6th. That night we'll gather to plate up the treats...this is always a fun time, so you should plan to come! Please contact Lori Reece with any questions about cookie donations. Thanks!

Scripture Readings for November

Scripture Readings Oct 28—Nov 3

Monday: Hebrews 8:7-13, Mark 11:27-33, Psalm 146
 Tuesday: Hebrews 9:1-14, Mark 12:1-12
 Wednesday: Hebrews 9:15-22, Mark 12:13-17
 Thursday: Ruth 1:1-18, Mark 12:18-27
 Friday: Ruth 1:19-22, Mark 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:35-37
 Sunday: Mark 12:28-34, Ruth 2:1-13

Scripture Readings for Nov 4-10

Monday: Ruth 2:14-23, Mark 12:35-37, Psalm 127
 Tuesday: Ruth 3:1-13, Mark 12:38-40
 Wednesday: Ruth 3:14-18, Mark 12:41-44
 Thursday: Ruth 4:1-12, Hebrews 9:15-22
 Friday: Ruth 4:13-22, Hebrews 9:23-28
 Saturday: Ecclesiastes 1, Hebrews 10:1-10
 Sunday: Ecclesiastes 2, 1 Samuel 1:1-20

Scripture Readings for Nov 11-17

Monday: Ecclesiastes 3, 1 Samuel 1:21-28, 2:1-10, Psalm 113
 Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 4, Hebrews 10:11-25
 Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 5, Hebrews 10:26-39
 Thursday: Ecclesiastes 6, Mark 13:1-13
 Friday: Ecclesiastes 7, Mark 13:14-23
 Saturday: Ecclesiastes 8, Hebrews 11:1-3
 Sunday: Ecclesiastes 9, Hebrews 11:4-22

Scripture Readings for Nov 18-24

Monday: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Hebrews 11:23-40, Psalm 132:1-12
 Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 10, Revelation 1:4b-8
 Wednesday: Ecclesiastes 11, John 18:33-37
 Thursday: Ecclesiastes 12, Joel 2:21-27
 Friday: 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Matthew 6:25-33, Psalm 126
 Saturday: Hebrews 12:1-13, Hebrews 12:14-29
 Sunday: Hebrews 13:1-17, Hebrews 13:18-25

Scripture Readings for Nov 25-Dec 1

Monday: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Psalm 25:1-10
 Tuesday: Luke 21: 25-36, Isaiah 2:1-5
 Wednesday: Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44
 Thursday: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37
 Friday: Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Romans 10:8b-18
 Saturday: Matthew 4:18-22, John 1:35-42
 Sunday: Luke 21:25-36, Isaiah 64:1-9

Finance Summary

General Fund Offerings/Expenses

YTD Needs	60,731.00
YTD Gifts	(66,047.32)
Overall YTD shortfall	(5,316.32)

	Ushers	Coffee Servers
11/3	L&M Whetstine	Donna Palmer
11/10	E&S Whetstine	E&S Whetstine
11/17	Beans &	Beans
11/24	Lori Reece, Nelsons	Lori Reece, Kym Kral & Bert Walker

Date	Sound/PowerPoint Coverage					PowerPoint Prep				Song Leader					
	Lori	Anita	Maria	Mike	Donna	Lori	Anita	Donna	Mike	Lori	Maria	Mike	Pam	Melody	Shauna
11/3	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐
11/10	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
11/17	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
11/24	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Electing Faith

"The Lord of heavenly forces proclaims: Make just and faithful decisions; show kindness and compassion to each other! Don't oppress the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the poor; don't plan evil against each other!" -Zechariah 7:9-10

In 1774, John Wesley wrote about some wisdom he shared with fellow Christians before an election: *"I met with those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them 1. to vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy 2. to speak no evil of the person they voted against, and 3. to take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."*

What I have learned through my years on this earth, and especially through ministry, is that each person forms their political beliefs through their life experiences. Each experience we have in this life forms and shapes us into the person that we are today. Through the years, those life experiences make us passionate toward the things that we believe would make the world a better place, and we tend to vote for the candidates that support our views on those topics. When others criticize (or these days even demoralize) us for our point of view, what we hear is that our life experience doesn't matter, which in turn makes us frustrated, hurt, and angry. Somehow as a society we have allowed our political views to polarize us, which is the opposite of what scripture teaches us about being a disciple of Jesus.

I want to strongly encourage you to get out and vote, but to also do your homework and PRAY before casting your ballot. When deciding who to vote for, ask yourself how the candidates line up with your Christian beliefs and values and pray that God will give you wisdom from above. I have heard from people that they consider politics to be separate from their faith, but Jesus calls us to put our faith in God at the center of our lives and to order our lives around that faith. Jesus' central and recurring theme in the scriptures is to love God and love our neighbor, especially caring for those neighbors who society places on the margins. Consider how your vote will help to care for your neighbor.

No matter which candidates you vote for or who wins in the election, know that you are welcome at the table of thanksgiving. We belong to one another as a faith community, no matter our differences. Through the weeks in November leading up to Thanksgiving, we will be talking about what it means to be welcome at the Table of Thanksgiving. As we prepare to gather around the table with our loved ones for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will focus on how we are called to share the same spirit of hospitality that Jesus offers to each one of us. See you in worship!

"What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts." -James 3:17-18

Walking Alongside You,

Pastor Lisa



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!!

4	Evelyn Leigh, Bert Walker
5	Mike Swartzendruber
6	Duane Durst, Case Whetstine
10	Dan McVey, Shelley Palmer
14	Marc Pennington
18	Florence Dobson
19	Jessica Kinneer
25	Don & Anita Randol
26	Mike & Tracy McVey
30	Bill Kinneer, Judy Kinneer