



Asbury United Methodist Church

Wellman, IA

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 2026

New Member Classes: Interested in becoming a member of Asbury United Methodist Church? Join us for New Member Classes! In this three-part series of classes you will have the opportunity to learn more about John Wesley, the founder of Methodism; the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church; and the mission and vision of our local church. While we learn more about the church, we will also have fun getting to know each other. Please plan to attend all three classes! Mark your calendar, and let Pastor Lisa or Maria Jebens know that you plan to attend!

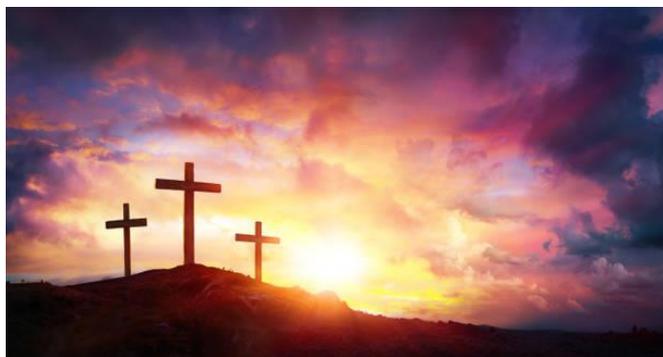
Sunday, March 1 - 3:00-4:30 p.m. - Part 1

Sunday, March 8 - 3:00-4:30 p.m - Part 2

Sunday, March 15 - 3:00-4:30 p.m - Part 3

Sunday, March 29 - Reception of New Members during Worship (10:30 a.m.)

Good Friday Cantata: Practices for the Good Friday Tenebrae service have just gotten started, so there's still plenty of time for you to join! Practice is each Wednesday night from 6 - 7 PM at Kalona.



ACTION trip: ACTION is a volunteer group that travels to Marquette, MI each summer to serve with Habitat for Humanity. This year's trip will take place from Saturday, June 13 to Saturday, June 20. This is a great service opportunity for teenagers and adults alike. If you're interested in learning more, please speak to Carol Hulseberg or email Russ Husted at russell-husted@uiowa.edu.

District Leadership Training: Southeast District Leadership Training will take place on Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM to noon at First UMC in North Liberty. The keynote event is **Critical Conversations and Conflict Transformation**: *"The truth is: conflict happens. "Conflict" simply is the presence of two or more ideas held by people that care about them. That's why it's essential to equip church leaders with the skills to engage in critical conversations and transform conflict. This 90-minute workshop will provide practical tools, teaching, and strategies you can take back to your congregation. Together we will: Explore the nature of conflict and why it matters. Review best practices for speaking and listening well. Reflect on personal tendencies in conflict situations. Consider actionable strategies for your local church."*

Additional workshop topics will include:

- Aye-Yi-AI - Artificial Intelligence's Ethics
- Missions in a Connectional System
- From Firefighting to Fruit-Tending: Spiritual Leadership for Church Boards

Please register at: <https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/SEDistrictTrainingforLocalChurch71>

UMCOR Sunday: On Sunday, March 15 we will take up a special offering during worship to benefit UMCOR—the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday play a vital role in enhancing the church's global humanitarian response because these funds cover UMCOR's administrative costs. This support ensures that 100% of donations given to UMCOR throughout the year can be directed toward on-the-ground relief and recovery efforts, allowing UMCOR to effectively respond to crises and provide assistance where it's needed most.

Spring Cleaning @ Asbury: Please join in our annual Spring Cleaning for our church building on Saturday, March 28 from 9:00-Noon. Feel free to bring cleaning supplies. If the weather is nice, we may knock out a couple outdoor tasks too. Many hands make light work!



Asbury Scholarships: Each year Asbury awards college scholarships to Asbury members and to the children and grandchildren of Asbury members. 2026 scholarship application information is now available on the church web page (<https://asbury-welman.com/pages/asbury-scholarships>). The application deadline is April 1.

Holy Week Schedule:

· **Maundy Thursday service** - Thursday, April 2nd, 6:00 pm @ Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall: On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples. As we celebrate this special night, we will gather around the tables in the Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall (basement) and break bread together as we recall the last night of Jesus' life. A meal will be provided. This service is family friendly!

· **Good Friday Cantata**- Friday, April 3rd, 7:00 pm @ Kalona UMC: Mark your calendars and join us for a powerful musical tenebrae service performed by our joint choir made up of members of Kalona UMC & Wellman Asbury UMC. Mark your calendars NOW and as always, invite friends, neighbors, cousins, people at the supermarket, the attendant at the car wash, whoever you want! This is a family friendly event!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!!

- 3 Ryan Sisson
- 5 Carl Yoder
- 12 Laurel Schlabaugh
- 17 Lucy Droll
- 19 Julie Swartzendruber
- 22 Tyler Seward
- 23 Chris Jirsa
- 24 Kym Kral
- 25 Jerry & Pam Nelson, Tom Javoroski
- 28 Pam Leyden
- 29 Dan Jirsa, Emma Droll

Finance Summary

Year-to-date offerings	10,218.84
Year-to-date expenses paid	(10,628.30)
Year-to-date overage/(shortfall)	(409.46)

Pastor's Note - Suiting up for the Team

As someone who is not an avid sports fan, I am sometimes surprised by how devoted people are to their favorite team. For example, I know people who I would consider followers of the sport of baseball, and others that I would consider fanatics. Those who fall into the category of followers will watch their team on television and cheer for them, unwavering in their loyalty. But those who are fanatics not only follow their team, they also believe in their team. They wear clothes adorned with their team's logo. They proudly display their team's flag on their flagpole. They spend a lot of time and money to see the games in person, instead of just on the television. They may even go to pre-season games or pre-season training! They know the names of every player on their team, and speak about them as if they are good friends. They will defend their team, and stand by their team through the roughest losing streaks; and be over-the-top excited when their team wins.

As I think about who we are in Christ, I wonder....are we followers, or fanatics? Do we only follow Christ by coming to worship on Sunday morning? Or do we put more of ourselves into it than that? When we become not only followers, but also believers, we invest ourselves in Christ. We get to know the names of all of the players on the team. The difference with this team is Jesus doesn't call us to just be a spectator. He's recruiting you to be on the team! He wants you to come to every practice, every game, wear the uniform and take your place on the field. He's giving you the signal to round third and wants you to arrive safely at home.

As we walk through this Season of Lent, we will look at Jesus' life through the eyes of the apostle John. The Gospel of John is a bit different from the Synoptic Gospels. Unlike the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke which call on us to follow Christ, the Gospel of John calls us to believe in Christ and abide in him. John presents Jesus as the source of life. Undoubtedly, both following and believing in Jesus are important dimensions of Christian discipleship. As we focus on the meaning-- the spiritual significance--of Jesus' life, I hope that you will feel compelled to boldly proclaim that you are not only a follower of Team Jesus; but as you suit up for the team, you are a true believer as well.

"Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:10-12 (NIV)

Walking Alongside You,
Pastor Lisa

Lenten Series - John: The Gospel of Light and Life

Our Lenten series this year is based on the book,
John: The Gospel of Light and Life, by Adam Hamilton
Join us in worship on Sundays as we explore Jesus' life through the eyes of John.

February 22nd: The Gospel of John

March 1st: The Word Made Flesh

March 8th: The Miraculous Signs of Jesus

March 15th: The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus

March 22nd: The Farewell Discourse

March 29th (Passion Sunday): The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King

April 5th (Easter Day): Eternal Life

Scripture Readings

Scripture Readings for March 2-8:

Monday: Exodus 20:1-6, Romans 5:1-11, Psalm 95
 Tuesday: Exodus 20:7-11, John 4:1-15
 Wednesday: Exodus 20:12, John 4:1-15
 Thursday: Exodus 20:13-14, John 4:27-30
 Friday: Exodus 20:15-16, John 4:31-38
 Saturday: Exodus 20:17, John 4:39-42
 Sunday: John 4:43-54, Ephesians 2:1-7

Scripture Readings for March 9-15:

Monday: Ephesians 2:8-10, Luke 15:1-7, Psalm 23
 Tuesday: Joshua 5:9-12, Luke 15:8-10
 Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:11-32
 Thursday: Luke 13:1-9, John 9:1-7
 Friday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 9:8-17
 Saturday: Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:18-34
 Sunday: John 9:35-41, Romans 7:15-25

Scripture Readings for March 16-22:

Monday: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, Psalm 130
 Tuesday: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 8:12-17
 Wednesday: Isaiah 43:16-21, Romans 8:18-25
 Thursday: Romans 8:26-27, John 11:1-16
 Friday: Roman 8:28-30, John 11:17-27
 Saturday: Romans 8:31-39, John 11:28-37
 Sunday: John 11:38-45, Philipians 2:5-11

Scripture Readings for March 23-29:

Monday: Matthew 21:1-11, Matthew 21:12-17, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Tuesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philipians 2:5-11, Psalm 31:9-16
 Wednesday: Matthew 26:3-5, 14-30, Matthew 26:31-46
 Thursday: Matthew 26:47-56, Matthew 26:57-75
 Friday: Matthew 27:1-10, Matthew 27:11-26
 Saturday: Matthew 27:27-37, Matthew 27:38-56
 Sunday: Matthew 27:57-66, John 12:12-19

Scripture Readings for March 30 – April 5 (Holy Week):

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9, Ps 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-1
 Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Ps 71:1-14, 1 Cor. 1:18-31, John 12:20-36
 Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Ps 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32
 Thursday: Ex 12:1-14, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Cor 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 Friday: Isaiah 52:13–53:12, Ps 22, Heb 10:16-25, John 18:1 - 19:42
 Saturday: Genesis 1:1–2:4a, Psalm 33, Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18; 9:8-13, Psalm 46, Genesis 22:1-18, Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18, Isaiah 55:1-11, Ezekiel 36:24-28, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 6:3-11, Psalm 114, Matthew 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18

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3/1	Lori Reece, Nelsons	Lori Reece & Kym Kral
3/8	Rowes	Rowes
3/15	Powells	Powells
3/22	L&M Whetstine	Donna Palmer
3/29	E&S Whetstine	E&S Whetstine