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Action at Asbury



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Pastor's Ponderings



I can't believe that I am writing a reflection for the month of November!
Where did the summer (and much of the fall for that matter) go, so quickly?

In November, we transition from the end of the Christian year to the beginning of the next new year. And it is a packed and meaningful transition. Look at what awaits us each Sunday. November 6 is "All Saints Sunday." November 13 we will celebrate Holy Communion. November 20 is "Christ the King Sunday." And November 27 – are you sitting down – is the First Sunday of Advent! Wow, what an action-packed month! And amid all this, we take time with our families and friends on Thanksgiving Day to say "Thank You" to our God for the abundance of the blessings we receive.

All four of our November Sundays highlight an important aspect of the Church and the Life of Jesus Christ.

All Saints Sunday gives us the opportunity to remember those who have passed away; those who have offered so much, both to our personal lives as well as to the life of our church. We will light a candle and ring a bell in their memories and pause to give thanks and praise for being a saint – that is, being a follower of Jesus Christ.

We will shift **Holy Communion** to the second Sunday of the month due to the traditional length of the All Saints Sunday worship service. Of course, Holy Communion also gives us an opportunity to remember; in this case, the life and death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By partaking in his body and blood, we meet him in a "mystical" manner. Jesus invites ALL to come to his table to remember and meet him anew!

Christ the King Sunday wraps up our Christian year. It is a Sunday which reflects upon the life of Jesus and by doing such, explores what it means for Jesus to be the Lord of our lives as well as our King. And finally, the cycle is born anew with the **First Sunday of Advent** on November 27. We begin the watch for the Savior on this important day. We look forward to his triumphant return in the clouds – (Remember what we say when we celebrate Holy Communion? We say, "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again." This is the "come again" part.) But we also keep watch for the Star in the East and the birth of our Savior in a very short while.

Welcome to Asbury UMC throughout November! There will be many opportunities for you to meet Jesus Christ! Come and meet him and join in worship with your Asbury Church Family!

Blessings,

Pastor Will





November Worship Schedule and Themes

November 6 All Saint's Sunday

10am Worship

Scripture: Luke 20: 27-38 & 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Sermon: "To God, All Are Alive"

We will celebrate and honor the memories of loved ones who have passed on to Glory in the past year. This is a powerful worship opportunity with much congregational involvement.

November 13 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

10am Worship with Holy Communion

Scripture: Luke 21: 5-19 & Isaiah 65: 17-25

Sermon: "Stand Firm and Win Life"

We live in a day when we hear of wars and uprisings, nations rising against nations. We hear of earthquakes, hurricanes, wild-fires and other disasters and it sounds very much about what Jesus talked about with his disciples concerning the "end times." How should we react as we face these times? We will study Jesus' apocalyptic teachings and discover what they suggest for our living today.

November 20 Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

10am Worship

Scripture: Luke 23: 33-43 & Colossians 1: 15-20

Sermon: "The King's Ransom"

We will give thanks for our Lord and Savior, Master and King by remembering all that Jesus offered for our salvation. We will hear the story of the cross and contrast that with the supremacy of the Son of God. Jesus gave his all for each of us.

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

10am Worship

Scripture: Matthew 24: 36-44 & Isaiah 2: 1-5

Sermon: "Keep Watch"

We begin the season of Advent looking for the return of Jesus. Again, we hear an apocalyptic warning from the mouth of Jesus, heralding his return. How might we watch and anticipate the coming of our Lord?





All Saints Sunday is the 6th of November

On this special Sunday we will remember and celebrate all those departed saints who we hold dear to our hearts. As their names are read, we will light a candle and ring a bell for all those from our congregation who died in the past year.

Those we will remember include Shirley Lyth, Sandy Lewis, June Zeilinger, Sally Kruse, Marcy Gordon, Judy Campbell, Jean Farris, Denny Hanks, Marilyn Waldsmith, Hans Eggen, Roger Lewis, Karen S. Nelson, and Bonnie Nagler.



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NEEDS APPRECIATED

Kid's tennis shoes sizes, 2- 3-4. They also need new underwear

for girls and boys. Any help would greatly be appreciated.

Additional Wish List is available at

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2409LF6LL1TRP?ref_=wlshare



November 6th is Daylight Savings
So, please remember to turn your clocks back
one hour.





We give thanks for your monetary contribution in October to United Methodist Children's Services. Our November Ministry will focus on 'In Mission Giving Together'. This is a new category in the UMC Rainbow Covenant.

Ministry Name: In Mission Giving Together

Ministry Location: Worldwide

Ministry Contact: Jeanie Kurka Reimer IMT Partnership Coordinator for Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia
jreimer@umcmission.org or 920-851-5485

Start Date: 2022

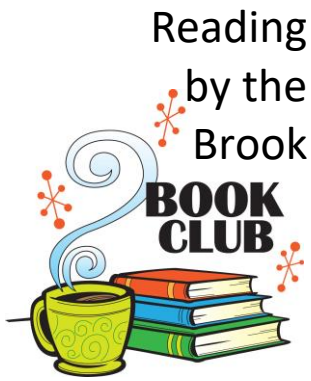
Ministry Purpose: 1. Involves long term relationship vs. short term projects - being the hands and feet of Christ. 2. Fosters empowerment vs. creating dependency 3. Identifies and builds upon the assets and strengths of both partners (assets-based vs. needs) 4. Embraces spiritual development and leadership for all.

Ministry Mission Statement: Global Ministries facilitates mission partnerships with churches and missionaries around the world through the In Mission Together (IMT) program and Covenant Relationships. The focus on partnerships steps away from the traditional approach to mission, which is often needs based and results in short-term relief, and instead embraces asset-based, long-term development. We believe that true partnership focuses on mutual respect, service, support, and prayer.

Ministry Needs: **LITHUANIA:** 1. **Advance #14715A** Pastors' Salary Support – First priority for 2020
2. **Advance #12168A** Lithuania In Mission Together 3. **Advance #13666A** Summer Camp for Lithuania Children and Youth **LATVIA** 4. **Advance #3020447** Hope Center **Advance #14706A** Pastors' Salary Support **Advance #00235A** Latvia In Mission Together 5. **Advance #14706A** Pastors' Salary Support 6. **Advance #00235A** Latvia In Mission Together 7. **Advance #15160N** Wesley Camp for Children and Youth **ESTONIA** 8. **Advance # 15021B** Baltic Methodist Theological Seminar

TRUSTEE UPDATE

NOTE: A few additional outside projects will be done yet this fall, time and weather permitting. It includes outside window washing, and pressure washing of house siding at the parsonage, as well as preparing and painting of the backyard deck area of the house.



Asbury Book Club is reading 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' for our discussion in November, the author is Gail Honeyman. Interested readers are welcome to join us for discussion on Tuesday November 15th at Asbury at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) rk Dahlke@yahoo.com

November meeting will be on the 23rd at 10 AM.
Memory Café will be doing some card making.

We are socially based and include fun learning activities, stories, and/or music. The focus is on what we can do, rather than what we can't do. This is a safe, social environment for people interested in keeping their brains healthy and those experiencing some memory loss.

Memory Café



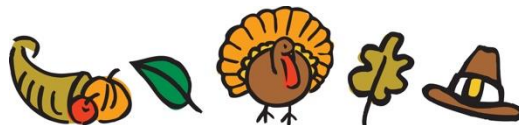
Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support in November

In November, Agrace is offering one-on-one grief support and a professionally led grief support group to anyone, even if the person who died did not have hospice care.



- **One-on-one grief support** is available in-person, by phone or video chat, by appointment only.
- **Bridges** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held every other Wednesday and pre-registration is required. In November, virtual meetings are November 9 and 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

There is no fee for these programs if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months; fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed. Call (608) 327-7110 with questions, to register or make an appointment.



SO MANY BLESSINGS



ECHO Report November 2022

Service Report September 2022:

220,283 Meals provided
 550 Hotel nights provided
 46 Homeless outreach contacts
 26 Months of rent provided
 44 Families received transportation assistance
 237 Pets received food

Pantry Needs: Cereal, hamburger helper, canned soups and stews, canned meat, mac n cheese, mashed potatoes, shampoo, conditioner, diapers (sizes 5-6)

Upcoming Events:

- *Sponsor a Family for Thanksgiving for \$30.*
 - o ECHO expects to assist over 600 families who are low- income this holiday season. Donations can be made through the church office, ECHO office or on-line at www.echojanesville.org.
- **November 24** – *Festival Foods Turkey Trot*, 8 am, start line at Janesville Boys & Girls Club (200 W Court Street, Janesville. 5-mile fun run, 2-mile fun run, 2-mile walk, dog jog
- **November 26** – *ECHO Community meal at Faith Lutheran Church*
- **December 3** - Jolly Jingle Parade 6pm Downtown Janesville
- **December 4** – ECHO Solar Panel Open House 11a – 1p
- **December 8, 9, 12** - Toy Distribution
- **December 25** - Christmas Dinner

Donations Needed: ECHO is requesting Monetary donations or gift cards from Blain's Farm n Fleet and Target for the Toy Distribution. Wrapping paper is also needed. Please Bring donations to the ECHO office, 65 S. High Street by December 9th. ECHO hours: 9a-12p, 1p-4p Monday – Thursday, 9a-12p Friday



Continuing Care List

Darlene and Richard Coulthard, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Virginia Scarborough, Ione Watson.



Asbury hosting GIFTS November 13-20

Jeff is looking for volunteers during the Asbury's hosting week.
 If you are willing to make a meal that would be wonderful – he is hoping to get
 volunteers/meals for 3 to 4 nights for the week.
 Please feel free to call Jeff Quaerna @ 608-201-5631 if you have any questions.



10 Tracy & Brian Reece

10 Brenda & Steve Whitney



24 Ronda & Wade Cass

1 Ruth Davis

6 Leigh-Ann Waite

7 Max McGrath

8 Betty Jo Clough

10 Judy Culb

11 Vicki Jo Barlass

11 Violet Rosburg

13 Brennan Abraham



14 Shirley Nelson

14 Rhianna Waite

15 Marj Banner

16 Deanna Sanwick

18 Virginia Scarborough

19 Pam Haas

26 Tina Bakken

26 Connie Nelson

29 John Brikowski



*Please submit newsletter articles by the 15th of every month
 to Amy Powell at Asburyumc@charter.net Thank you!*



Marley (17) is a new resident at Project 16:49's girls' transitional living home. She had been staying with a teacher since her father passed away about a month ago. Her mother does not live in the area and has not been part of Marley's life for quite some time. Marley currently attends Rock River Charter School, where staff referred her to 16:49. She is looking forward to graduating early, and wants to get a full-time job and save money to be able to live on her own. Our staff currently is working with her to track down her place of birth in order to obtain her birth certificate and social security card - necessities for both employment and enrolling in state Foodshare and health insurance benefits. She moved in with all of her possessions in just 3 plastic grocery bags. We've gotten her set-up with immediate needs, but she still could use additional basic items. We are very excited to have Marley with us, to provide her the love and support she so desperately needs and deserves at this difficult time, and to be part of her support network as she works toward independent living.

How you can help:

- Sweatshirts size M & L (black, gray, brown, neutral colors)
- Long sleeve t-shirts and shirts size M (black, gray, brown, neutral colors)
- Leggings (black, size M)
- Black ankle socks
- Croc shoes (white, size 7)
- Walmart gift card so she can pick out 'shoe charms' for the Crocs
- Cantu or Shea Moisture hair care products
- iPhone XR phone case
- Grief journal
- Fuzzy slippers
- Bath & Body Works Wallflower (or similar plug-in style air freshener) with citrus scent
- Monetary support for out-of-state birth certificate (\$75) and driver's learning permit (\$35)



Faith In Stitches

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 3:30 – 7:30 pm.

. Machines will be available if you do not have one.

Participants can come and go as they wish.

Those who stay the entire time can bring their own supper snack.

We hope to encourage our youth to join us and learn the art and joy of sewing.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Stitching Group @ 9-10:30 AM	3 Faith in Stitches @ 3:30 – 7:30 PM	4	5
6 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Sunday Service All Saint Sunday Daylight Savings	7 6 pm ReThink Church	8 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM @ Eagle Inn	9 Women's Covent Guild 8 AM @ Eagle Inn Stitching Group @ 9-10:30 AM Bible Study @ 5:30 pm	10	11 	12 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 AM Praise Band Practice @ 10 AM
13 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Sunday Service & Communion	14 Bible Study @ 5:30 pm	15 Book Club @ 5:30 pm	16 Stitching Group @ 9-10:30 AM	17 Faith in Stitches @ 3:30 – 7:30 PM	18	19
20 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Sunday Service	21 Bible Study @ 5:30 pm	22	23 Stitching Group @ 9-10:30 AM	24 	25	26 Jazz Band Practice @ 9 AM Praise Band Practice @ 10 AM
27 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Sunday Service  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	28 Bible Study @ 5:30 pm	29	30 Stitching Group @ 9-10:30 AM Asbury Charge Conference 6:30 PM			



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