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# Action at Asbury



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*“For I know the plan I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me with all your heart.”*  
Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Providing us with hope and a future! That is at the core of what our God is all about. When troubles weigh heavily upon us, it does us well to keep this simple truth in mind: That in God, there is found hope and a future.

Scripture, like life itself, contains story after story of ordinary people facing extraordinary challenges of life. Many of those challenges are no fault of their own, yet they exist as barriers before them, and they can lead to a sense of hopelessness and despair. Sometimes the challenges simply seem too great.

Yet the message of our God is that with God in our lives, hope is always present. With God, strength is found. With God, we have an ever-present advocate; One who listens to our prayers and raises us up in our time of trouble. This is at the core of the Good News!

Jesus Christ’s ministry focused on bringing people this very hope. By feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and forgiving the sinner, he changed the course of life for hurting people. He gave them reason to press on with confidence when faced with uncertainty about that which lies ahead. As followers of Jesus Christ – as his Church – it becomes our mission to bring that same sense of hope to those in need this very day.

I especially like the words chosen by St. Peter as he closes out his first epistle. He writes:

*“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.” 1 Peter 5: 10-11*

What might we say – what might we do – to bring to others this Good News?

Blessings,

Pastor Will



May  
4<sup>th</sup>

## *May Worship Schedule and Themes*

**May 7**      **Fifth Sunday of Easter**      **10am worship with Holy Communion**  
Rev. Stan Curtis will lead worship.

**May 14**      **Sixth Sunday of Easter**      **10am worship**      **Mother's Day**

Scripture: John 14: 15-21 & 1 Peter 3: 13-22

Sermon: "Come, Spirit, Come"

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to his disciples as he prepares to face his death. What might we expect to receive when we open our hearts and minds and souls to the Spirit? We will explore our potential when we live by the Spirit of truth.

**May 21**      **Ascension Sunday**      **10am worship**

Scripture: Luke 24: 44-53 & Acts 1: 1-11

Sermon: "Ascending with Jesus"

The ascension of Jesus into the clouds of heaven must have been a stunning event for his disciples to witness. What do we expect to experience when we ascend to heaven to be with our Lord? We will dream together about what lies ahead.

**May 28**      **Pentecost Sunday**      **10am worship**

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-21 & 1 Cor 12: 3b-13

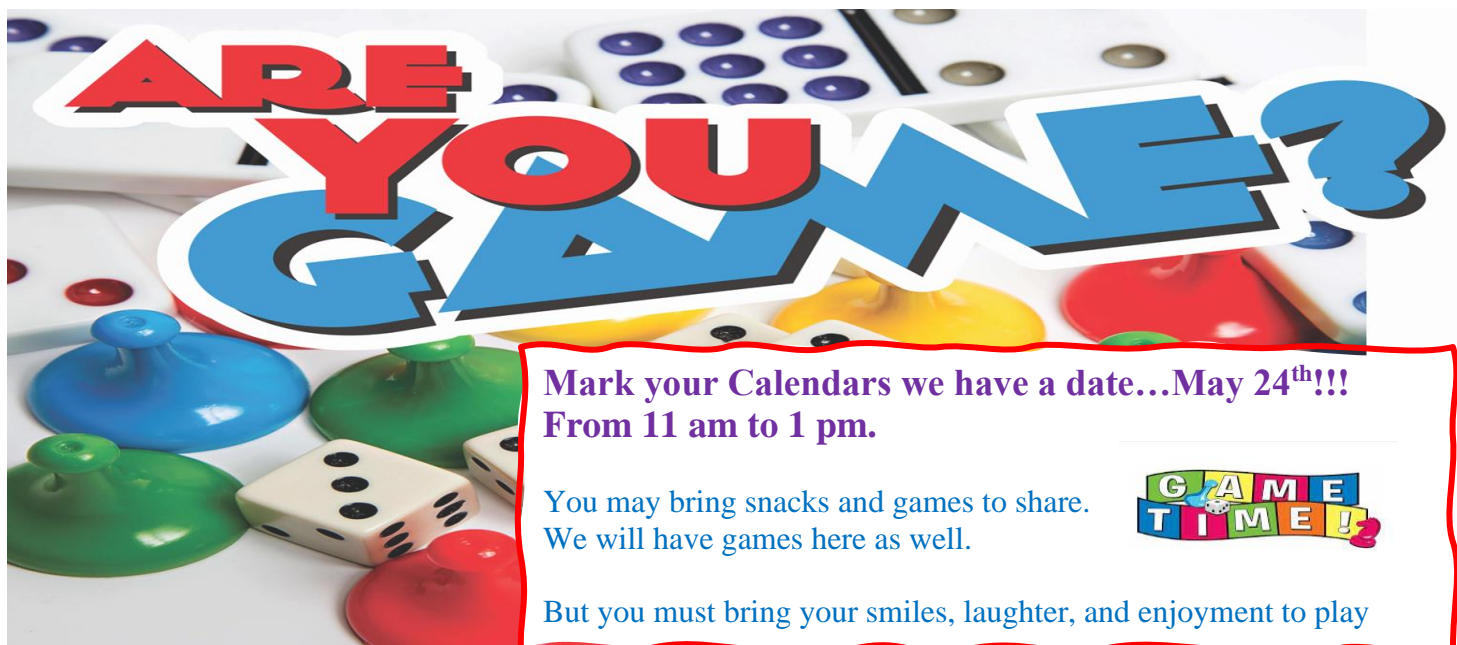
Sermon: "Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts"

The Apostle Paul identifies many Spiritual gifts that God has given to the people. What gifts has God given you and how might you best express those gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God? We will explore God's work in our lives through the gifts we have been given.

### ***Congratulations to Asbury UMC!!!***

We received our 2022 Tag to add to the plaque showing we have paid our apportionments in full.

For all churches in Wisconsin Annual Conference combined, 76.0% of apportionments were paid. In addition to the apportionments of just over \$6 million, churches funded advances and special gifts for nearly \$1.6 million.



Hunger Crop Walk pictures and for our total in donations will be in Junes Newsletter.

Thank you in advance to everyone who walked and donated!!

To: Pastor Will, L. Sailing, UMC Care Team, and the Church Family.  
Thank you for the Easter Cross, Joy, and Blessings.

Betty Jo Clough



# Easter Weekend Activities



Pancake Breakfast





**Crafts in the Peace Room.**

**LADIES EASTER SUNDAY BONNETS**



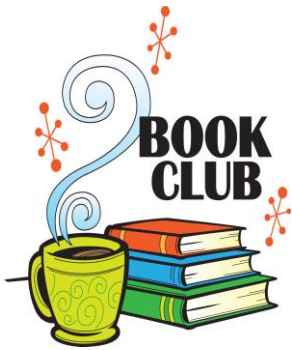
**EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**





Please submit newsletter articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month to Amy Powell at  
[asburyumc@charter.net](mailto:asburyumc@charter.net)  
Thank you!

## Reading by the Brook



Asbury Book Club book choice in May is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Rules of Civility*—a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

*A Gentleman in Moscow* immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin.

Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors.

Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him with a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

Readers that are interested are welcome to join us for a book discussion at Asbury on May 16th at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)



## Memory Café

Will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to 11 am.

They will be working on:

National Scavenger Hunt Day (Hunt and Ageless Grace)



## Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in May

In May, Agrace is offering **Bridges**, a professionally led, virtual grief support group. Bridges is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held online every other Wednesday via Zoom. In May, meetings are May 10 and 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

There is no fee for this program 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. Pre-registration is required for each session; call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.



**Ministry Name:** Midwest Mission Distribution Center

**Ministry Location:** 1022 New City Road, Chatham IL. 62629 Mailing Address: PO Box 56 Chatham, IL 62629

**Ministry Contact:** Phone 217-483-7911 Fax: 217-483-7981 Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

**Ministry Start Date:** Construction began in October of 1999 and opened for ministry in the year 2000.







**Ministry Purpose:** Our donors and volunteers make a global impact. We heavily rely on our volunteers and donors. Our volunteers process, revitalize, and assemble all our donations, and our only source of income comes from individuals and individual churches.

**Ministry Mission Statement:** The mission of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center is to compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally, and around the world and to offer a center to fulfill the call for service to our neighbors in Christ's name.

**Ministry Vision:** Volunteers and donors are vital to the mission MMDC. MMDC is a non-profit organization and receives 100% of its funding from private donors. MMDC works solely on the kindness and generosity of individuals, families, churches, organizations, and communities. The work done at Midwest could not be done by the staff members alone. MMDC thrives because there is a constant stream of individuals and groups that want to be a part of this ministry and who choose to come and serve.

Rethink Church will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

We give thanks for the generous giving in support of our community CROP WALK in April. Our May Mission Matters focus will be the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Several folks from Asbury have traveled in the past with Milton United Methodist church members to help with their various needs.

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? 	2. I have 28 days in a month. Which month I am? 	3. I am the biggest alphabet, as I contain the most water in the world. Who am I? 
4. What has a bark, but no bite? 	5. What can honk without a horn? 	6. What does a cat have that no other animal has? 

1. Towel 2. Every month 3. C 4. Tree 5. A Goose 6. Kittens



2 Pat Spors	14 Amy Powell
5 Quenten Olson	15 Elizabeth Waite
6 Dakota Reece	15 Mike White
6 Bill Ruchti	16 Braxton Phillips
7 Makenzie DeWar	20 Jaicy Campbell
7 Bob Miller	22 Larry Burns
8 Kathy Dahlke	25 Don Isbell
8 Joyce Peters	25 Lois Symons
10 Brooke Thompson	26 Dale Clark
13 Ron Cresswell III	27 Lloyd Peterson
13 Owen Peters	30 Julie Polzin

- 6 Tina & Mark Bakken
- 11 Desiree & Jason Laufenberg
- 19 Diane & Steve Bundy
- 23 Shelly & Mark Wheaton
- 27 Deborah & Marc Shapiro
- 29 Sue & Robin Bent
- 29 Nonie & Skip Reed



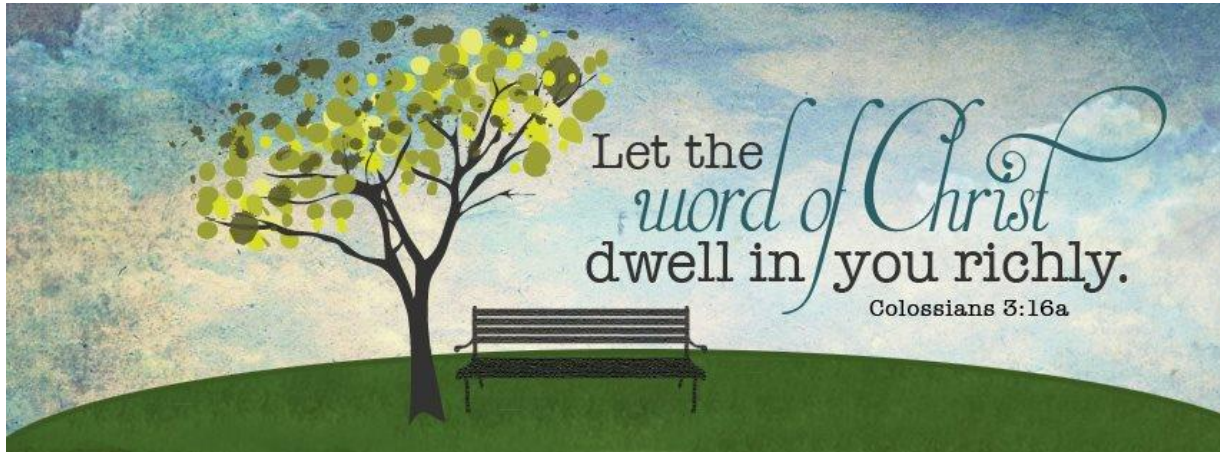
## Continuing Care List

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



# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Stitching Group 9-10:30 am	World Day of Prayer		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9 am  Worship Communion 10 am	RTC @ 5:30 PM	Men's Breakfast Eagle Inn @ 8:30 AM  GIFTS Night of Inspiration @ Glen Erin	Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn @ 8:30 AM  Stitching Group 9-10:30 am  Bible study @ 5:30 pm @ Peggy's			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY Sunday School 9 am  Worship 10 am			Stitching Group 9-10:30 am  Bible study @ 5:30 pm @ Peggy's			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9 am  Worship 10 am			Stitching Group 9-10:30 am  Memory Café 10 – 11 am  Game Day 11 am–1 pm  Bible study @ 5:30 pm @ Peggy's			
28	29	30	31			
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