

J U N E 2 0 2 3

Action at Asbury



Asbury United Methodist Church, 1810 Kellogg Avenue, Janesville, WI 53546

Phone: 608-752-7961

Email: asburyumc@charter.net

Website: www.asburyumcjl.org

facebook.com/asburyumcjl

Pastor's Pondering

Who doesn't love summertime?

The warmth of the sun. A refreshing lemonade enjoyed in the shade of fully leaved trees. The crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd enjoying "America's Pastime." Fishing, camping, swimming, boating. There's golf to be played and miles and miles of trails for biking and hiking. The call of the "North-Woods" is especially strong this time of year. School is out! Vacations are scheduled. It's the perfect time to "get away" and that's okay! Summertime is the best time to recharge our batteries.

Yet there is one casualty which is the result of this favorite time of year – the communal life of just about every church. Weekend travel and vacations take us away from our church family. Most programming is suspended. Committee and small group gatherings are infrequent. So, what do we make of this reality? Do we put our Spiritual lives on hiatus for three months? I think there is a better way – a way that we can still participate, grow, and refresh our souls. If you find yourself away on a Sunday morning, you can still take time to meet with God and walk with Jesus. Consider the following:

Pray, pray, pray. You can pray anywhere! I find it especially rewarding to pray in nature. Your prayers don't have to be complex. Simply thank God for the blessings around you and the beauty of the earth. Pray that the Holy Spirit meets your spirit and guides you in your faith journey.

Read your Bible. How many of us have had good intentions about getting into a Bible reading habit, but never get around to it? Just do it! Even if it's just a bit at a time. It is possibly the **BEST WAY** to meet God and learn what God desires for you.

Visit. For those who can't get around so well anymore, there is nothing like a little visit with love and care.

These are just a few examples of how you can stay connected, stay spiritually nourished, and refresh your soul when summer takes you away. So, enjoy your summer and all that's ahead! Oh, and by the way, we are still **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** each Sunday morning with worship at 10AM. I do hope to see you there as often as possible!

Blessings,
Pastor Will

June Worship Schedule and Themes

June 4 Trinity Sunday 10AM worship with Holy Communion

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20 & 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Sermon: "Living the Great Commission"

The Great Commission is Jesus' final instructions for his followers.

It is a call to mission and instructions for living. We will explore what the Great Commission means to each of us and examine how we can make it a central part of our lives.

June 11 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10AM worship

Theme and Worship Leader TBD.

Pastor Will will be participating in the Annual Conference of the UM Church.

June 18 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10AM worship - Father's Day

Scripture: Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8 & Romans 5: 1-8

Sermon: "Freely Give"

Again, we see Jesus giving instructions to his disciples about proclaiming the message of the kingdom of heaven. How might we freely give of ourselves that his message might be heard among the people today? How does God empower us to engage in Christ's mission?

June 25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 10AM worship

Theme and Worship Leader TBD.

Pastor Will will be on vacation.



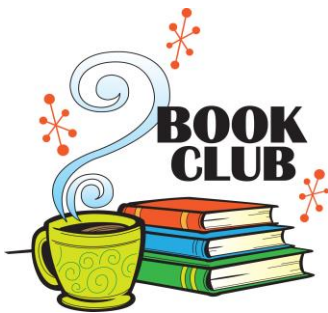
From June through August (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

- We will not have an online **Sunday sermon**. We will start up again on Sunday, September 10th, 2023.
- We will also not have **Sunday School**. We will start up again on Sunday, September 10th, 2023.
- We will not have **Bible Study** this summer. We will start up again in September 2023.
- **Stitching group** will not meet during the summer. It will return on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.

June 28th at 10 – 11 AM Memory Café will be held here at Asbury.
The topic for this meeting will be:
National Bingo Day – Bingo with Prizes.



Reading by the Brook



Asbury Book Club book choice for June is by the author T.J. Klune.
It is titled *The House by the Cerulean Sea*.

Its overview is as follows. *“A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret. Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in government-sanctioned orphanages. When Linus is unexpectedly summoned by “Extremely Upper Management” he’s given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside: a gnome, a sprite, a wyvern, and unidentifiable green blob, a were-Pomeranian, and the Antichrist. Linus must set aside his fears and determine whether or not they’re likely to bring about the end of days. An enhancing story masterfully told.”*

Book Reader’s that are interested in joining us are welcome! Our June book discussion will be at Asbury on June 19th at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623)
rkdahlke@yahoo.com



Anyone wishing to help stock the
food pantry is welcome.





CHURCH PICNIC!!!

COCKOUT!!

and

OUTDOOR GAME DAY!!!

Sunday, July 9th is the day to stay after church.

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and cups to keep your drinks cold.

Grab yourself a plate and fill it with a brat, hot dog, or burger and don't forget the yummy sides and dessert!

Why not join in all the outdoor games!!



We have:

Darts
Lawn Dice
Bags
Croquet

and much, much, much more!



Volunteers needed:

Grilling
Set-up and clean-up

Sign-up sheet will be posted for a Potluck of sides!





Monday May 8, 2023



We give thanks to everyone who gave their support for our May Asbury UMC Highlight of Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. We as well thank Pat Spors for gathering and dropping off Asbury's recent donations to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center collection point in Randolph WI. Our June focus is on our local **GIFT'S MEN SHELTER**.

Ministry Name: GIFTS Men's Shelter

Ministry Location: 1025 N Washington Street, Janesville, WI

Ministry Contact: 1-608-728-4941 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Ministry Start Date: Providing Hope to Unsheltered Men Since 2007

Ministry Purpose: **GIFTS Men's Shelter** provides food, shelter, and life recovery services to **men from Rock County, Wisconsin**. If you or someone you care about is hungry, homeless, or struggling with difficult life circumstances – we can help.

Ministry Mission Statement:

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM.

ROMANS 15:13

Ministry Vision: Our event is an opportunity for us to share the impact being made in the lives of homeless men in Rock County. Through this celebration of hope, we will inspire partnership in our vision to transform and restore lives, one man at a time.

Our next RTC meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th at 5:30 pm. in the Peace Room.

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NEEDS APPRECIATED

Lincoln School still needs:

Kid's tennis shoes:

Size 2

Size 3

Size 4

They also need new socks and underwear. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

In Memory of Virginia Scarborough
Asbury is having a
Shoes Drive for Lincoln Elementary School!!

If you would like to donate funds, we ask that you put 'Virginia's Memorial' on the memo line, so we know where the funds should go.





Midwest Mission items

Going to the Ingathering at the Annual Conference for the Midwest Mission:

- 4 – Walker Bags
- 75 - Baby Sweaters
- 3 - homeless Mats
- 16 – Quilts
- 4 – Clothing Protectors

FAITH IN STITCHES

We will be meeting once per month this summer.

Please join us from 3-6 PM:

June 7

July 19

August 16

If you do not have a sewing machine, we would love to have someone iron, cut material, or use your expertise in finding material that goes together.



*We raised \$3,785 in this year's CROP Walk!
Thank you to the participants and those who donated!*



JUNE 2023 NEEDS

Rice
Oatmeal
Cereal
Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Whole Grain Pasta
Can Openers

Personal Items

- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Feminine Pads
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers (Size 5-6)



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Das Boot Run 10/14/23
Empty Bowls 10/21/23
Girls Night Out 11/15/23
More details to come at www.echojanesville.org



Are you a friend of ECHO?
www.facebook.com/ECHOJanesville

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation now to keep food on the tables and a roof over the heads of our neighbors who are struggling.

ECHO, Inc.—65 S. High St., Janesville, WI 53548
office@echojanesville.org
www.echojanesville.org
(608) 754-5333

2023
APRIL

Service Snapshot



192,026 Meals Provided

430 Nights Provided at Motels



59 Homeless Outreach Contacts

18 Months of Rent Provided



United Way
Blackhawk Region
Funded Partner

Thank you for helping ECHO's mission of meeting housing, food and other basic human needs and addressing the barriers to self-sufficiency.

Extra Easter Pictures that came in after the May Newsletter went out.



Asbury UMC Continuing Care Team Needs Volunteers

The loneliness epidemic in the United States: How do we at Asbury UMC address this issue?

By cultivating a culture of connection! Social connections matter for our health and happiness. Asbury UMC has had a "care team" making home visits, phone calls and sending cards to those members who are shut ins. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, home visits were discontinued for safety reasons. It is now time for caring visits to safely begin again. We plan to send 2 care team members together to visit folks in their homes but currently we only have 3 people on the care team.

Please say "YES" to joining the care team.

As a quote from Pastor Will's recent sermon suggests: Christians are called to care, share, listen and love. Please call the church office if you will join the team. 608-752-7961

Volunteer's Needed!

Asbury needs some volunteers to help water the urns out front a couple of days a week.

Contact someone in the office with your name & phone number & we will get back to them.



Summer solace

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God.

Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature.

As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.



—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in June

In June, 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 every other Wednesday via Zoom. In June, meetings are June 14 and 28, 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 please, call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.

Get Expert Customized Grief Support—by Text

Agrace offers thoughtful, customized text messages from a service called Help Texts. It's free and you can sign up even if you are also receiving grief support individually or in a group. To sign up or learn more, visit HelpTexts.com/Agrace.

Hospice Volunteers Needed in Rock County

Volunteers are needed to assist customers, operate the cash register and sort donations at the Agrace Thrift Store in Janesville, or make companionship visits to local Agrace hospice patients.

Agrace will host volunteer orientation **Tuesday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, at its Janesville office. Pre-registration is required. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer to fill out an application.



THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES—Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



OUTDOORS GARDEN LOVERS: PLEASE CONTACT KATHY DAHLKE, 1-608-295-7623,
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH OUTSIDE LANDSCAPING CARE DURING THE GROWING SEASON, MAY-
OCTOBER.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.



4 Mike Spors

4 Shelly Wheaton

7 Erin Osborne

10 Charles Culb

10 Mark Polzin

11 Ryan Sarabia

13 Phil Zumstein

16 Rick Plach

16 Diana Zeilinger

17 Marilyn Flippin

22 Abbi Christman

22 Justin Phillips

25 Charles Campbell

26 Jacob Wobig

28 Jim Hinkle

30 Connie Fleming

30 Darrell Nelson

30 Julie Osborne



1 Chelsea & Justin Phillips

2 Ann & Andrew McGrath

5 Joyce & Owen Peters

12 Sandy & Roger Lewis

15 Sherry & Mike Wilkerson

17 Linda & Dennis Sailing

18 Alexis & Darrell Nelson

20 Cheryl & Mike Woods

25 Debra & Jeff North

27 Diana & Will Jewson

28 Renee & Jim Hinkle



Continuing Care List



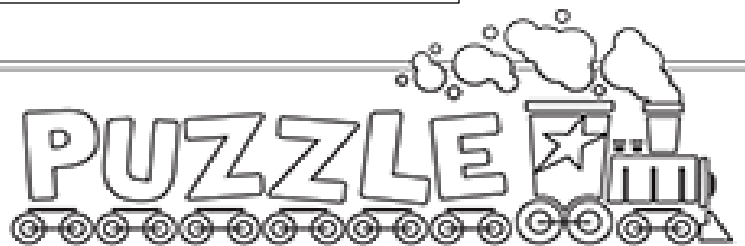
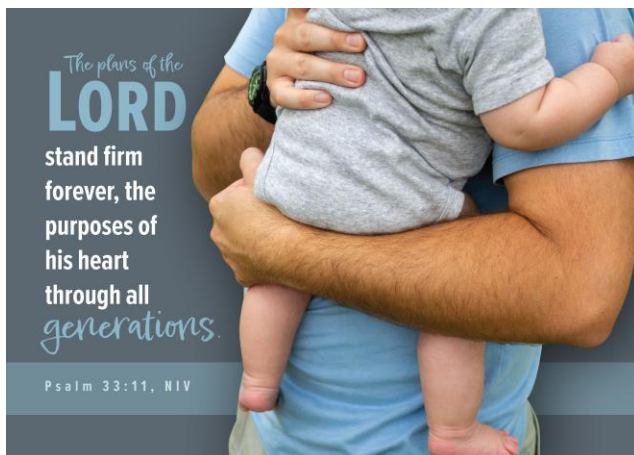
Darlene and Richard Coulthard, Claude Eakins, LaVita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Ione Watson

What does God compare to rain “watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the Sower and bread for the eater”?

- A. The Justice of the Nations
- B. The work of God’s people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God’s word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)

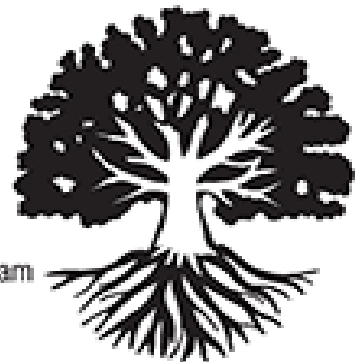


JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.

- T. Uziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



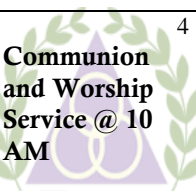



How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Answer: FOURTEEN



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
 <p>Communion and Worship Service @ 10 AM</p> <p>Beloit Sky Carp vs. Great Lakes Loons</p>	<p>Rethink Church @ 5:30 PM</p>		<p>Faith-In-Stitches 3-6 pm</p>			
<p>Worship Service @ 10 AM</p>		<p>Men's Breakfast @ Eagle Inn @ 8:30 AM</p>	<p>Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn @ 8 AM</p> 			
<p>Worship Service @ 10 AM</p> 	<p>Book Club @ 6:30 pm</p>					
<p>Worship Service @ 10 AM</p>			<p>Memory Café @ 10-11 AM</p>			

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



In the fear of
the LORD
is STRONG
CONFIDENCE:
& his children
shall have a
place of refuge.

Proverbs 14:26, KJV

Asbury United Methodist Church
1810 Kellogg Avenue
Janesville, WI 53546

Email: asburyumc@charter.net
Phone: 608-752-7961

We are on the Web!
Find us at
www.asburyumcjvl.org

Join us on Facebook at:
facebook.com/asburyumcjvl



God is our refuge
and strength.
Psalm 46:1

June 2023