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# ***Action at Asbury***



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## **Pastor's Ponderings**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The moment will soon be upon us as we gather to celebrate the greatest victory ever won. The victory of resurrection life snatched from death on a cross just three days prior. **Easter is coming!** And with it comes the story of new life, as Jesus Christ emerges from the tomb, alive yet again and forevermore.

But we celebrate even more than the resurrection of our Lord. We also celebrate the new life which our Savior brings to each of us – new life and new hope for today, and eternal life and eternal hope in the life yet to come.

Easter is about promises fulfilled. It offers testimony concerning God's love for all creation, God's promises that are never broken, God's covenant to be our God and we, God's people.

My prayer is that you will join us for worship throughout Holy Week. By participating in our worship opportunities, you will experience the emotional rollercoaster which Jesus rode.

It begins with **Palm Sunday** worship on March 24th at 10 a.m. Here you will hear of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah and Savior King.

The journey continues on **Maundy Thursday** as we gather on March 28th at 7p.m. We will hear the story of the Last Supper and Jesus' betrayal by Judas. We will also receive Holy Communion at the Communion rails.

We will then follow Jesus to the cross on **Good Friday**, March 29th at 7 p.m. This service of Tenebrae is my favorite worship experience with a passionate reading taking us from Jesus' arrest to his death on the cross. It is a powerful experience of our Lord's suffering and death.

We conclude with new life at our **Easter** services on March 31st at 7 a.m. and 10a.m. when we will sing God's praises for the resurrection of our Lord.

You are invited to experience it all as part of the Asbury Church family.

**Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!**

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Will





## March Worship Schedule and Themes

March 3	Third Sunday in Lent	10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
	Scripture: John 4: 5-26 & Romans 5: 1-11 Sermon: "Sir, Give Me This Water" When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, he looked into her sinful past and offered his mercy, forgiveness, and grace - he offered her his life giving water which leads to eternal life. The church needs to be an extension of what Jesus offered. Are we?	
March 6	Wednesday Evening Lenten Service	Church Meal: 6 p.m. Worship: 7 p.m.
March 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	10 a.m. Worship
	Scripture: John 3: 14-21 & Ephesians 2: 1-10 Sermon: "The Light Has Come" John 3: 16 is one of the most beloved passages of Scripture, for it is a message of salvation to all who believe. Jesus is the light of the world. What does it mean to live in the light?	
March 13	Wednesday Evening Lenten Service	Church Meal: 6 p.m. Worship: 7 p.m.
March 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10 a.m. Worship
	Scripture: John 12: 20-33 & Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Sermon: "A Troubled Soul" Jesus predicts his death in today's Gospel reading. He knows his fate and the cruel way in which he would die. He is troubled deeply, yet he accepts that which awaited him. We will explore the emotions Jesus felt as he faced his cross.	
March 20	Wednesday Evening Lenten Service	Church Meal: 6 p.m. Worship: 7 p.m.
March 24	Passion/Palm Sunday	10 a.m. Worship
	Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11 & Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Sermon: "Hosanna in the Highest" Today is a celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It marks his final week - holy week - which will lead to his suffering, death, and ultimately, his resurrection. We will revisit his story of salvation for each of us.	
March 28	Maundy Thursday	Worship: 7 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday	Worship: 7 p.m.
March 31	Easter Sunday	Worship: 7 a.m. & 10 a.m.



# Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

Free community event everyone welcome

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March 30, 2024  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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## Spring Salad Luncheon



When:  
Wednesday, March 20, 2023

Time:  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where:  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
1810 Kellogg Ave., Janesville  
608-752-7961

Adults: \$10.00 Kids: \$ 3.00



Inside the  
church



Let us walk  
and talk.

Come join the group for *in-door walking*. Yep, you heard me correct...if you enjoy walking, we have the group for you. We will walk inside the church. Great practice for the Crop Walk or to just get some exercise done inside.

**Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, from 9 to 11 a.m.**

**If you would rather walk at a different time, please call the office to set something up.**



**Monday**, March 25 – Movie Night

- 5:30 p.m. *The Passion of the Christ*

**Thursday**, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

- Service @ 7 p.m.

**Friday**, March 29 – Good Friday

- Service @ 7 p.m.

**Saturday**, March 30

- Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast 9-11 a.m.

**Sunday**, March 31 – Easter Day

- Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 a.m.
- Sunday Worship Service @ 10 a.m.



A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped out with the Touching Hearts Brunch this past Sunday. What a sweet time everyone had. The food was delicious, and the laughter and smiles blessed us all.

This could not have happened without your special help – Thank you!!



## **Valet Parking is Being Offered**

We are offering Valet Parking on Sundays.

If interested in parking cars, please see Pastor Will.

Those volunteering would need to be at church on assigned Sunday mornings by 9:30 a.m. Details to follow when parking teams are established.

## **MARCH SPOTLIGHT IS PAIGE WAITE**

Paige Waite and her family joined the church in 2010 when she was five years old. Fourteen years later, Paige is an avid member of the community and has just graduated from High school.

Growing up in Asbury, Paige has been helping and participating wherever she can. She sings in both the Choir and the Praise Band, has recently learned to knit with the stitching group, and has even started taking leadership roles, having agreed to run this year's Spring Salad Luncheon.

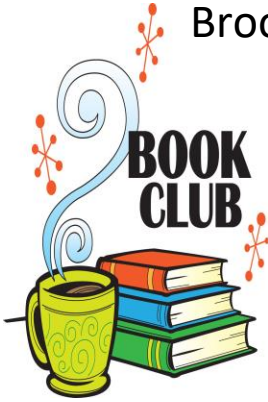
The same little girl who once ran through the halls will soon be walking the stage for her diploma. Oh, how the time has passed.







## Reading by the Brook



Asbury Book Club will be reading for the month of March,  
*Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter*  
by Author Mah, Adeline Yen.

*Chinese Cinderella: The true story of an unwanted daughter* is a non-fiction book  
by Chinese-Canadian physician and author Adeline Yen Mah describing her  
experiences growing up in China.

First published in 1999, *Chinese Cinderella* is a revised version of part of her  
1997 autobiography, *Falling Leaves*.

Her mother died after giving birth to her (of blood loss) and she is known to her  
family as the worst luck ever. Her father remarries a woman who stays at home  
and looks after the children for a living while treating Adeline and her  
stepsiblings harshly and spoiling her own children with many luxurious things.

Readers that are interested in joining us are welcome! Please note that we are  
changing the time of our meetings. They will now be held at **4:30 p.m.** on the  
third Tuesday of the month. For more information contact Kathy Dahlke at  
(608-295-7623) [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)

## Stitching Group – Prayer Shawl Ministry

You are invited to share in this caring ministry. Shawls can be created from any pattern, knitted, or  
crocheted, any shape, any color, and approximately 24 x 60 inches to wrap around a loved one. Yarn is  
available in a tote under the counter in the narthex. We ask that you please place a Prayer Shawl card with  
your name on your item before placing it in the Sanctuary. We have provided for you the cards and the  
small piece of yarn to attach it which you may find on the shelf in the Narthex.

Asbury's Prayer Shawls have been blessed and prayed over, then draped on the pews in the sanctuary.  
These are available for anyone to take and share with a friend or loved one who may need a soft, warm,  
shawl as a display of God's Love, His hope, His peace, and His comfort.

Come join our stitchery group and share in the joy of creating together every Wednesday 9 to 10:30 a.m.

We thank everyone for all the wonderfully-crafted, beautiful prayer shawls.



## Memory Café



### Memory Café

If you, a loved one, neighbor or friend would like to participate, please join us at **Asbury UMC on the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 10:00 a.m.** Coffee and refreshments are an added bonus.

### Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in March

In March, Agrace is offering “Bridges,” a professionally led, virtual grief support group for adults who are grieving the death of any loved one.

Bridges meets Wednesday, March 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.

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.

### Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Rock County

Agrace, a nonprofit community hospice serving Rock County, is seeking local volunteers. Volunteers are needed to make companionship visits to local hospice patients. No health care experience is needed. Schedules are flexible, and free training is provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Agrace at (608) 327-7163 or visit [agrace.org/volunteer](http://agrace.org/volunteer).

### Pack Up Pick Up Service Now Available in Rock County

The Agrace Thrift Store in Janesville opened in 2014 as a place to donate and purchase gently used items. Now people in Rock County have access to another new service: Agrace Thrift Pack Up Pick Up.

To make donating items easier, our free Pack Up Pick Up service team will come to your home, pack up the items you want to donate, then take them to one of the Agrace thrift stores for you. To learn more about this service, visit [AgraceThriftStore.org](http://AgraceThriftStore.org), or call and leave a message at (608) 640-0139.





# Touching Hearts Brunch

Feb. 18, 2024











Thank you for all the wonderful helpers, smiles, laughs, and food.

We hope to do this again someday.





## RETHINK CHURCH MINUTES

### Monday, February 5, 2024

**Ministry Matters Moments:** Thank you for your monetary support of the February Ministry Matters focus on HealthNet of Rock County. We will be supporting the YWCA Women's Shelter in the month of March.

#### RETHINK CHURCH ASBURY UMC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**Ministry Name:** YWCA WOMENS SHELTER

**Ministry Location:** 1735 S. Washington St, Janesville, WI 53546

**Ministry Phone Number:** (608) 752-5445

**Ministry E-Mail:** [ywcarockcounty.org](mailto:ywcarockcounty.org)

**Ministry Start Date:** Established in 1922

**Ministry Mission:** YWCA IS ON A MISSION WHO WE SERVE: CARE House Child Advocacy, Alternatives to Violence, Emergency Center, Transitions, Housing and Assistance. Immigrant Outreach & Racial Justice, Child Care - Affordable care for families.

#### WHAT THEY HAVE DONE:

- Staff  
YWCA Rock County provides emergency shelter, domestic violence...
- Child Care  
In collaboration with the Janesville School District, YWCA ...
- Events  
Join YWCA Rock County and the Elite Ladies of Beloit ...
- Domestic Violence Resources  
If you need assistance leaving a dangerous, abusive situation, ...
- Racial Justice  
YWCA Rock County hosts an annual Racial Justice Conference...
- Immigrant Outreach  
Look no further than YWCA Immigrant Outreach! We empower...

We welcome your ideas and invite you to join our RTC meeting on February 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. Contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) or [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com) with your ideas, suggestions, or questions.







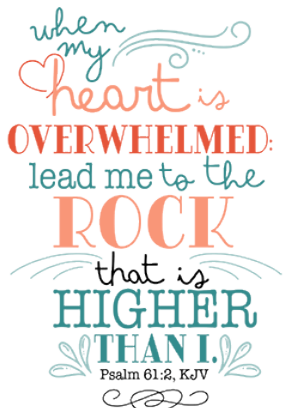
## Continuing Care List

Ardis Bender, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Darlene and Richard Coulthard, Claude Eakins, La Vita Fanta, Robert Geisler, Carol and Don Isbell, Diana Jewson, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Arlette Walker, and Ione Watson.



### Come and join us!

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
at  
5:30 p.m.  
for the showing of  
*The Passion of the Christ.*





## MARCH 2024 NEEDS



**Jelly**  
**Soups**  
**Pasta**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Cereal Bars and Cereal**

**Diapers (Sizes 5-6)**  
**Deodorant**  
**Shampoo**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Laundry Detergent**

### **Easter Baskets for Children**

ECHO will be packing and distributing Easter baskets to children who would otherwise go without during this most blessed holiday.

Items needed for the baskets are:

- ◆ Children's Easter baskets
- ◆ Individually-wrapped candy
- ◆ Plastic basket wrap

Items can be dropped off at the ECHO Office during regular business hours Monday-Friday 9am-Noon or Monday-Thursday 1-4pm or by appointment by calling 754-5333. Please drop off by March 22.



1 Brian Reece II  
 4 Maggie Bunderson  
 4 Keith Reed  
 6 Samuel McGrath  
 7 Darlene Flannery  
 9 Durrelle Brooks  
 12 Linda Stevenson  
 15 Kayla Zeilinger  
 15 Kyle Zeilinger

16 Carrie Ruchti  
 17 Desiree Laufenberg  
 17 Deborah Shapiro  
 21 Larry Markow  
 24 Marceline Glass  
 28 Sue Larson  
 29 Ardis Bender  
 30 Ron Scobie

HAPPY  
 BIRTHDAY



16 Diana & Brian Zeilinger



**March 10  
 move your  
 clocks forward  
 one hour.**



# MARCH

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Communion Worship Service	4 5:30 p.m. Rethink Church	5	6 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich 7 p.m. Lenten Service	7	8	9 9 a.m. Jazz Band Rehearsal 10 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Communion Worship Service 	11	12 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Eagle Inn	13 8:30 a.m. Women's Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich 7 p.m. Lenten Service	14	15	16
17 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 	18	19 4:30 p.m. Book Club 	20 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Spring Salad Luncheon 6 p.m. Soup & Sandwich 7 pm Lenten Service	21	22	23 9 a.m. Jazz Band Rehearsal 10 a.m. Praise Band Rehearsal
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 	25 5:30 p.m. Movie Night <i>Passion of the Christ</i>	26	27 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 10 a.m. Memory Café	28 7 p.m. Lenten Service	29 7 p.m. Good Friday Service 	30 9-11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
31 7 a.m. Sunrise Service 10 a.m. Easter Service 						

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



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