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# ***Action at Asbury***



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## Pastor's Pondering

Resurrection is an unbelievable thing!

It defies logic.

It stands in opposition to that which we know as fact.

When folks die, that's it.

Even the first disciples felt this way.

The Gospel of John tells us that Simon Peter and one of the other disciples ran to the empty tomb on that first Easter morning, went inside and found the strips of linen lying where Jesus once lay. John tells us that they "saw and believed" but "they still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead." Resurrection was tough to grasp!

Yet as difficult to understand as resurrection may be, it is the truth – the promise – that is at the center of our faith. Resurrection is the climax of our story. It is the hope in which we place our trust.

Christianity offers an important moral philosophy to live by – that is the teaching to "love one another." But it goes even further than that. Christianity offers a message of new life today and eternal life tomorrow. It provides an assurance that the life that we live has an important eternal dimension.

I cannot imagine facing death without the promise of resurrection! Without resurrection, death would be terrifying. While I have no "death wish," I do live in excited anticipation of what our eternal destination will be like. I do think about heaven and living in the presence of our Lord – and I am certain that it is going to be GREAT! Reunion with our lost loved ones, in a place of no hurt, no ill-will, no sin or evil, but instead in the very loving presence of God promises to be beyond our greatest imagination!

Give thanks during this Easter season for the gift of life! Give thanks for the hope in which we live today and shall live tomorrow! For God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and promises the same for all who will simply believe the unbelievable!

Once again – Happy Easter!

Pastor Will





## April Worship Schedule and Themes

April 7      Second Sunday after Easter      10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Scripture: John 20: 19-31 & 1 John 1-2:2  
Sermon: "Seeing is Believing"

We revisit the well-known story of "Doubting Thomas." He would only believe in the resurrected Lord by seeing him and touching him. The lesson which Jesus offers is to believe by having faith in the power of God to grant restored life to Jesus and to us.

April 14      Third Sunday after Easter      10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Acts 4: 32-35 & Psalm 133  
Sermon: "Lessons in Sharing"

The book of Acts depicts an idealized state of living among the first followers of Jesus. We are told that the believers went out of their way to see to the needs of others. How far are we willing to go to do the same?

April 21      Fourth Sunday after Easter      10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: John 10: 11-18 & 1 John 3: 16-24  
Sermon: "Why Listen to Him?"

Jesus identifies himself as "The Good Shepherd" in today's Gospel account and demonstrates his loving and caring attitude toward the sheep of his pasture. Yet some were skeptical and asked, "Why listen to him?" What reasons might we have for listening to Jesus?

April 28      Fifth Sunday after Easter      10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-21 & John 15: 1-8  
Sermon: "The Courage to Love"

God's love for creation is a most powerful theme throughout 1 John. The writer stresses the importance of love of God and love of one another. What does it mean to love because God first loved us?



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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2 Mickey Abbott  
2 Ann McGrath  
4 Larry Abbott  
4 Logan Dahlke  
4 Heidi Jensen  
5 Bunny Miller  
6 Grace Stewart

10 William Abraham  
10 Melissa Hubbard  
11 Darlene Coulthard  
11 Zachery Cresswell  
14 Alice Sprecher  
15 Charles Linstrom  
19 Janet Luiting

19 Kristin Zeilinger  
21 Vi DeRemer  
21 Lucille Osborne  
24 Shirley Martin  
24 Elisabeth Parr  
26 Tracy Reece  
28 Dawn Cresswell

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!



20 Julie & Troy Osborne



**2024 CROP HUNGER WALK**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Arrive at 1 pm**

Please help support the Asbury team of walkers this year as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow!

- 25% of the funds raised will stay here locally to help with hunger concerns through ECHO.
- 75% is used by Church World Service for global relief and sustainable projects to help eliminate hunger. A portion of this year's proceeds will also help with the Ukraine relief.

Please register at Cargill UMC between 1 pm – 1:30 pm. Enter through the west door off the big parking lot. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Please register to walk and/or make your donation online at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/asbury-umc-janesville>

**\*\*A map of this year's CROP Walk can be found on our bulletin board by the office. \*\***

Checks can be made payable to "Asbury UMC"

Please write "Crop Walk" in the memo line.

Checks can be put into the offering plates on Sunday morning or can be mailed to:

1810 Kellogg Ave, Janesville, WI 53546

Questions? Please see Pastor Will.

Thank you for walking and/or donating!

### G.I.F.T.S Men's Shelter

On Wednesday, April 24, Asbury Church will be serving at GIFTS and Jeff needs help with either food contribution or help serving on this night.

If you would like to do either, please reach out to the church office or Jeff Quaerna.

Thank you in advance.







## Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support Group in April

In April, 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, April 10, 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) 327-7118 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.

Agrace will host volunteer orientation Tuesday, April 23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Agrace Janesville campus. **Pre-registration is required.** To register, call (608) 327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](http://Agrace.org/Volunteer) and fill out an application.



**We are selling Asbury clothing once again.**

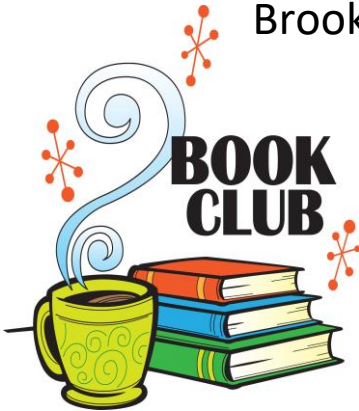
We have t-shirts, hoodies, aprons, tumblers, and long sleeve shirts.

Order forms may be picked up by the clothing area. Please fill out and return with your check (Memo area should say Asbury clothing).

We will hold this open till Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and at that time we will place our first order.



## Reading by the Brook



### READING BY THE BROOK

For the month of April Asbury Book Club will be reading *A Death In Door County* by Annelise Ryan.

“A crackling good read. Annelise Ryan brings us to a fascinating location with a complex, edgy plot and an intelligent, fearless protagonist. Be prepared to read a Death in Door County in one sitting.”

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 4:30pm. on the third Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623)  
[rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)

## Memory Café



Memory Café provides social gatherings which are a fun way to come together in a relaxed, safe environment to connect with one another for about an hour. Staff from the ADRC (Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of Rock County) lead the group in a variety of interactive ways: conversations, games, sharing of stories, music, trivia, reminiscing, or guest speakers. The focus is always on what we can do, rather than what we can't do.

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



## Continuing Care List

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

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## April Spotlight is... Peggy Eggen

I was born in Hillsboro, Wisconsin. My parents farmed until moving to Janesville in 1961. I started my sophomore year at Craig, where I graduated.

Through-out my childhood my family attended the Church of Christ. I was baptized by total immersion in 1967 at the Church of Christ on Oakhill Ave in Janesville.

I began attending Asbury in the early 90's, became a member shortly, thereafter, joined the choir and the Praise Band.

Singing and playing piano has always been part of my upbringing. My sisters and I formed a quartet in our early years and did a lot of competitive singing. In 1958, we were on a Moby Dick Telethon in Rochester, Minnesota. That was fun.

Around 2012 I took the Discipleship Class that was offered by Pastor Wendee. Upon that completion, I knew I was being called to do more for the Lord and for the church. I took the Basic Lay Person class headed by Rev. Stan Curtis in Delavan. I've continued studies for Lay Speaking and still lead worship at least once a month at Plymouth Church and occasionally at Asbury. It brings me great satisfaction.

Around that same time, I began leading Home Bible Studies, which began with 4 ladies in attendance. Our study has grown to 10-11 people.

I began coordinating Funeral Luncheons in 2010 and later the Harvest Dinners, and other events. I also coordinated coffee hour and the communion sacraments. When my sister, Vicki, moved to Janesville in 2014, she started going to Asbury. At that time, she took over the coffee hour and began helping me with the communion sacraments, Funeral Luncheons, etc.

In 2013, I started Behavioral Covenant Breakfasts. This was an event for the ladies of the church to get to know each other better. Based out of "Holy Manners," this emphasized that the church is our Holy Gound and when we enter, we should do it with dignity and respect for those around us. It also motivated us to concentrate on positives and not negatives. No gossip was allowed. Lois McKinney helped in reserving restaurants for our event and later headed up the breakfasts.

My hobbies include cooking, baking, and crocheting.





**Ministry Matters Moments:** Thank you for your monetary support of the YWCA Women's Shelter in March. We will be supporting the local CROP Walk in the month of April.

**RETHINK CHURCH ASBURY UMC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

**Ministry Name:** CROP HUNGER WALK

**Categorized as:** Community Events, Fundraisers, Kids & Family, Run/Walk Donations accepted

**Ministry Location:** Cargill United Methodist Church - 2000 Wesley Ave Janesville, WI 53545

**Ministry Phone Number:** (608) 752-8117

**Ministry Current Date:** (4/28/24) 1:30 p.m.

**Ministry Mission:** Help CROP Hunger Walks to raise funds for local and worldwide hunger relief. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect donations to support the cause. Janesville's local food pantry, ECHO, will be the recipient of 25% of the funds raised from this year's event.

**CURRENT TRUSTEES PROJECTS**

At the time of the writing of the recent Asbury Trustee minutes, the contract for a new roof has been signed and dated as of the March 14, 2024, and given to Adams Roofing. The materials have been ordered and they hope to be able to start the project in early May, with about a week and a half to complete it. The next project to follow the new roofing will be our Asbury car port installation. Stay tuned for these exciting additions that have been long in the coming.

**Eat Out for Hunger**

*Important DATE!*

**Monday June 3**

**Dine out at these participating Janesville restaurants:**

- Basics Coffee & Deli
- Charlie's Place
- Citrus Café
- drafthouse
- GR's Sandwich Shoppe
- H&S Japanese Express
- Jeff's Kitchen— *Open Special*
- Knute's Bar & Grill
- The Looking Glass
- Luke's Deli
- Mac's Pizza Shack
- My Apartment Pub
- Riley's Sports Bar
- Sandee's Thai Fusion
- Whiskey Ranch

*Updated restaurant list.*

**ECHO**  
Everyone Cooperating to Help Others

**APRIL 2024 NEEDS**

**Tuna**  
**Pasta**  
**Cereal**  
**Macaroni & Cheese**  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

Personal Items  
**Ziploc** - gallon and quart size  
**Deodorant**  
**Toothbrushes**  
**Laundry Soap**  
**Shampoo & Conditioner**

**Eat Out for Hunger**  
*Reminder!*

A Fundraiser for:  
**Monday, June 3**



## Spring Salad Luncheon

Was held on March 20th from 11 am to 1 pm.  
We had around 58 people show up.  
We raised \$712.









2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service & Communion	8	9 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	10 8 a.m. Women's Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Peggy's	11 Pastor Will is out of the office	12 Pastor Will is out of the office	13 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice 10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
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