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# Action at Asbury

Pastor's  
Thanksgiving  
Message



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## Pastor's Ponderings

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

Are you a "thankful" person?

Do you "give thanks in all circumstances?"

The Apostle Paul issues this challenge to all the followers of Jesus Christ. At times it is difficult to be thankful. Especially when life presents challenges. But amid these challenges, Paul reminds us to always "give thanks."

What are you most thankful for right now? I know that I am thankful for all of you who make up our Asbury Church Family.

Paul was very intentional about giving thanks often. In fact, almost every one of the Biblical letters attributed to Paul offer words of thanks, usually for the people of the church to whom he was writing. Paul knew that for ministry to happen, it takes a team of people working together to spread the Gospel and see to the needs of one another. And for that team he gives thanks.

Let's all be intentional in giving thanks – especially during this Thanksgiving month. Each of us has been blessed with much, for we have a most giving God – a God who loves us so much, that he gave us his Son, that we might have life and have it abundantly.

May we be reminded of the message of Psalm 100:

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

*<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

*<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his<sup>[a]</sup>;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations."*

Give Thanks....

Pastor Will





## **NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND THEMES**

<b>November 3</b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>All Saints' Sunday</b>
	Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3 & Matthew 5: 1-12 Sermon: "What Shall We Become" This Sunday we shall remember and honor all of our beloved Saints that passed in the year past as well as those we've lost before. A very special Sunday in the life of Asbury Church.	
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Holy Communion in Pews</b>
	Scripture: Mark 12: 41- 44 & Hebrews 9: 24-28 Sermon: "The Widow's Mite" Jesus teaches us that giving comes from the heart. It is an offering which is meaningful to each of us and to our God. Do we give in this manner? Our message today asks each of us to examine our heart when it comes to our generosity on behalf of others.	
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	
	Scripture: Mark 13: 1-8 & Hebrews 10: 11-14 Sermon: "When It Feels Like the End of the World" Jesus speaks to his disciples about the end of the world - the end of the age. How do we maintain hope for the future amid such divide among people?	
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday &amp; Thanksgiving Sunday</b>	
	Scripture: John 18: 33-37 & Revelation 1: 4b-8 Sermon: "The King of All Kings" Our Scripture readings today stress the Kingship of Jesus. What does it mean for him to be our King? What kind of King is he? With these thoughts, we conclude our Christian year.	

**\*\*All Sunday services are at 10 a.m.\*\***





**Ministry Matters Moments:** Thank you for your generous donations for October's Ministry Matters to UMCOR. Our November's Ministry Matters Moments will help support **Janesville's Shelters.**

**Ministry Name:** Janesville's Shelters

**Ministry Location:** Our local community shelters: Women's Shelter, Men's Shelter, YMCA, G.I.F.T.S., House of Mercy.

This month we will be collecting to help as many of our local shelters as we can. These are just a few of the ones we have gifted in the past with our charity. This is the time of season where shelters get fuller than normal and need more help in all areas. (Any little gift helps.)

Thank you in advance.



**It is time again!!**

To order Asbury Clothing!!!

Get your order forms and payments in by  
Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Every order will receive a FREE flashlight  
keychain.

**We need your help.**

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for help  
making 14 dozen cookie/bar desserts.

For the **ECHO Community Meal**  
which is planned for November 30<sup>th</sup>.

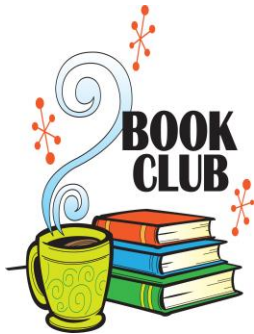
Friday, November 15, is the next time Jeff will be  
doing the dinner at GIFTS.

If you would like to help, please reach out to him.

Thank you, Jeff, for all your help.



## Reading by the Brook



We will meet for our November Book discussion on

**Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at Asbury.**

Book for November discussion is *It All Comes Back to you* by author Beth Duke.

This book takes place in Alabama, 1947. War's over, cherry-print dresses, parking above the city lights, swing dancing. Beautiful, seventeen-year-old Violet lives in a perfect world. Everybody loves her.

**"*It All Comes Back to You* is one of those stories you need to savor. You want to put the book down so as to have more to read tomorrow, but you can't. It becomes attached to you, a part of you."**

**- Dan Brown, Author of *Reunion***

**Readers that are interested in joining us are welcome!**

**For more information contact:**

**Kathy Dahlke at (608-295-7623) [rkdahlke@yahoo.com](mailto:rkdahlke@yahoo.com)**



**All Saints Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 including Rev. David Harsh, Carol Isbell, Charles Linstrom, Willis 'Bill' D. Powell Jr., Ron Scobie, and George Stone.



On SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.  
Or you will be early for church.

September saw income of \$8,266.00 and expenses of \$14,264.84  
Unrestricted Net Assets is at \$24,441.85

Missions

Boys & Girls Club Capital & Endowment Campaign \$1,395.00

The end of the year is fast approaching. Please remember that to have your contributions counted for the 2024 year they need to be received by Sunday, December 29.

Thank you for your generosity.

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper

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### Poinsettia Order Form

The poinsettias are 6" inches wrapped in foil with a satin bow from K & W Greenery.

If you'd like one, please fill out this form with your check for

**\$20.00 made out to Asbury UMC.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle color of Poinsettia: Red    White    Pink    Marbled

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

or

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms with the check need to be returned to the church office or the counters no later than  
**Sunday, November 24.**

The poinsettias will be displayed Wednesday, December 18 through Christmas Eve.  
You may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.



## Hat And Mitten Tree

As the cold weather arrives let us once again share some warmth with our area elementary school children.

This year, as in the past, with the beginning of Advent, we will display the Mitten Tree in the narthex.

Please bring your donations of hats, gloves, and mittens to share with the children at Harrison, Jackson and Lincoln schools.



**ECHO  
Thanksgiving  
Sponsor a  
Family for \$30**

**ECHO expects to  
assist 600 families  
who are low-income.**



Sponsor a family by sending a check to the ECHO  
Office at 65 S. High St., Janesville, WI 53548, made  
out to: "ECHO Thanksgiving"

*Please help make a family's  
holiday a thankful one!*

65 S. High St., Janesville, WI 53548  
[www.echojanesville.org](http://www.echojanesville.org) - (608) 754-5333

**Upcoming Events:**

- 11/23 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- 11/28 Festival Foods Turkey Trot
- 12/6 S'mores and Hot Cocoa
- 12/25 Christmas Dinner

For more information about these events,  
visit [www.echojanesville.org](http://www.echojanesville.org)

**Christmas Toy Distribution**

This year, ECHO is requesting monetary donations  
or gift cards from Blain's Farm n Fleet and Target.  
Parents will receive a gift card(s) to purchase pre-  
sents along with a prepacked goodie bag full of  
stocking stuffers and holiday cheer for children in  
need in our community.

**NOVEMBER  
2024  
NEEDS**



**Additional items needed:**

Feminine Products, Dish Soap, Bar Soap/Body  
Wash, Laundry Soap, Toothbrushes and  
Toothpaste.

**Food Items Needed:**

Jelly, Boxed Meals (Hamburger/Tuna Helper),  
Canned Beans (Black, Pinto, Red), Pasta Sauce,  
Canned Soup/Chili



1 Ruth Davis

6 Leigh-Ann Waite

8 Betty Jo Clough

10 Judy Culb

11 Vicki Jo Barlass

11 Violet Rosburg

13 Brennan Abraham

14 Shirley Nelson



14 Paige Waite

15 Marj Banner

16 Deanna Sanwick

18 Gwendolyn Thompson

19 Pam Haas

26 Tina Bakken

26 Connie Nelson

29 John Brikowski



10 Tracy & Brian Reece II

10 Brenda & Steve Whitney



## Continuing Care List

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



We received ‘Thank You’ letters from some of our community organizations here in Janesville. I have done a short snip-it of them below; however, if you would like to read the full letter, you will find them hanging on the small board in the hallway.

Thank you from ECHO –

We would like to thank you for your September 23, 2024, donation of \$50.00 Your support has meant that people in need in our community have received help with the most basic of human needs: food, housing, transportation, and other general well-being services.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Locher – Executive Director

Thank you from Boys & Girls Club of Janesville –

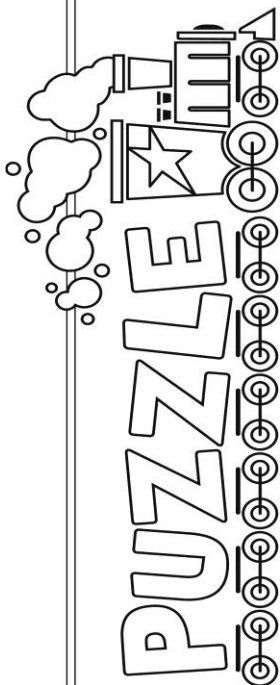
We appreciate your \$1,395 donation to the Club for our Capital & Endowment Campaign to “Build Better Futures for Our Youth & Community.”

Sincerely,  
Nicole Rusch – Resource Development Director

**A card has been posted on our wall of Thank You’s from the Boys & Girls Club.**

**“Thank you for your generous contribution to the Boys and Girls Club of Janesville’s Capital Campaign...”**

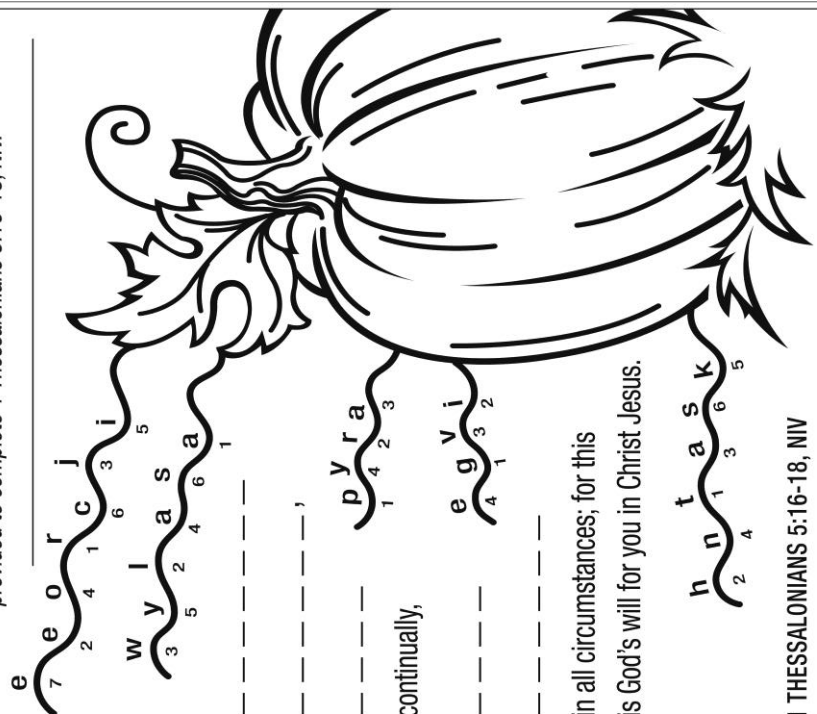
**Meredith Anderson – Board Member**



## GOD’S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

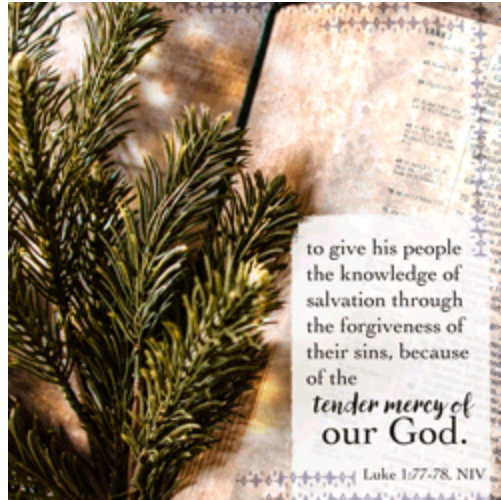
*Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.*



Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice
3 10 a.m. ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship Service 	4 3:30 p.m. RTC meeting	5	6 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group  5:30 p.m. Bible Study	7	8	9 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice  10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
10 10 a.m. Worship Service & Communion	11	12 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall	13 8 a.m. Women's Covenant Guild @ Eagle Inn  9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group  5:30 p.m. Bible Study	14	15 GIFTS Dinner	16
17 10 a.m. Worship Service	18	19 4:30 p.m. Book Club	20 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group  5:30 p.m. Bible Study	21	22	23 10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
24 10 a.m. Worship Service 	25	26	27 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group  No Bible Study	28  Happy Thanksgiving  Let us give thanks! 	29	30 ECHO COMMUNITY MEAL



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