

M A R C H 2025



# Action at Asbury

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# Welcome

Hello,

As I come to Asbury United Methodist Church of Janesville, I am hoping to be an interim Pastor who guides and listens.

I am a native Wisconsinite as is my wife, Jane; both hailing from Wisconsin Rapids. (No, we did not know each other in school, though I knew most of her relatives). The last appointment I received before retirement was at Crossroads UMC in Waunakee. Prior to that have been appointments including Lodi, Reedsburg, Madison (Bashford), Footville & Orfordville, and Sheboygan (St. Luke). All told, that's 42 years of service at my retirement. I received my B.S. at UW-Stevens Point and my M.Div. at Boston University School of Theology.

Jane, my wife, is employed at TruState (formerly CUNA) in the area of IT security. Since my retirement in July 2022, she has become a member at First United Methodist Church in Madison and is helping to lead the Adult Education groups there. Jane's bachelor's degree is from the UW-Madison and masters from Edgewood.

As a pastor, I have an interest in making sure that a congregation also has a sense of being "Church Family." that provides an environment in which people can share in a spirit of trust, understanding that we live and grow as a church family because of our differences and not in spite of them.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you and the Asbury congregation. Please have patience with me if we don't remember your name right away. Because of the distance and other responsibilities, I will be at worship on Sundays and also plan on being there another (as of this moment, unspecified) day of the week. Please use the contact information above to get hold of me for any reason, including emergency pastoral needs.

Grace & peace,

Scott Walters

P.S. In case you are wondering, I answer most readily to being called, 'Scott' or 'Pastor Scott.' How you refer to me may just depend on your comfort or preference. I find that as a person gets to know me, they will simply use my name.

# March Worship Schedule

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b>	<b>10 a.m. Worship</b>
Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36		
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Scriptures: Psalm 51 & Matthew 6:1-6		
<b>March 9</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>10 a.m. Worship</b>
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Luke 4:1-13		
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>10 a.m. Worship</b>
Scripture: Luke 13:31-35		
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>10 a.m. Worship</b>
Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9 & Luke 13:1-9		
<b>March 26</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>10 a.m. Worship</b>
Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 & Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32		



Daylight Savings will be on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.



<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2: 8-10

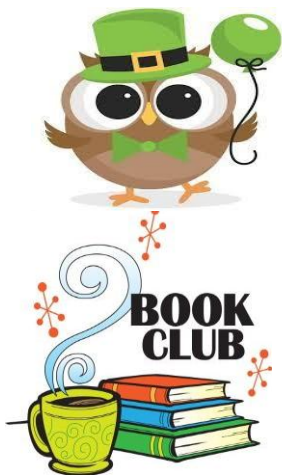
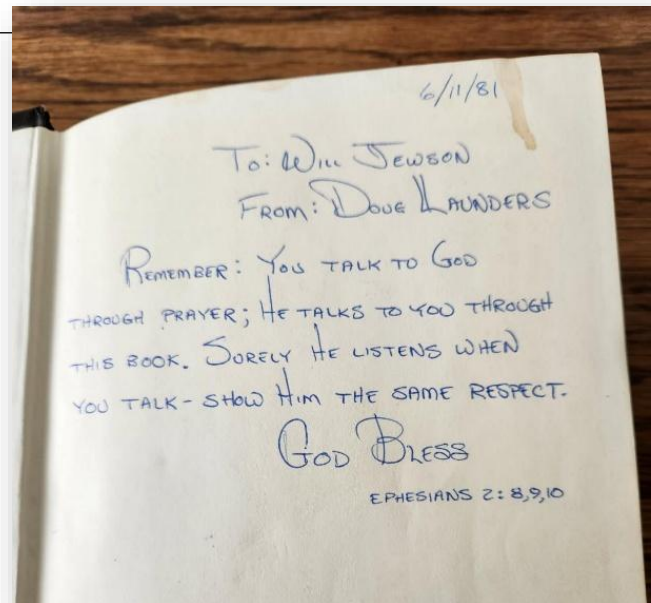
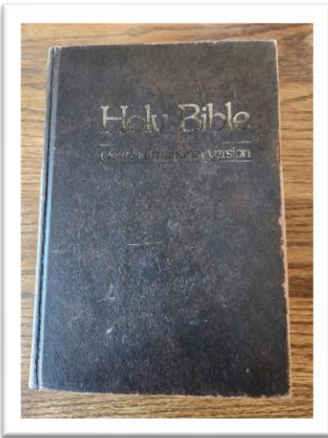
Back in June of 1981, I was gifted a Bible by my dear friend Doug Lauanders. (The Bible is pictured below.) I have used that Bible to this very day. The words Doug wrote inside the cover guided me throughout my college days as a Religious Studies major, throughout Seminary, and throughout my Ministerial career.

Prayer and Scripture is what it is all about. We pray, and God listens, and we meet God through the written word. I have always tried to communicate this through my efforts as a United Methodist Pastor serving Jesus Christ.

This is at the core of the Asbury Church Family. I hope it always will be. I gave it my all and will continue to be a disciple of my Lord.

Fairwell, my dear and beloved friends. I will never forget our ministry together.

Pastor Will



March Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, at 4:30 p.m. Location is TBD.

For our next Book Club meeting, we will be reading *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

This instant New York Times bestseller is the unforgettable, funny, and charming story of a marvelous adventure and unexpected friendship. Margery Benson abandons her dead-end job, seeks an assistant, and sets out on an adventure-filled expedition!



#### **March 5 - Ash Wednesday**

1. Lenten Service at 1 p.m.
2. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **March 12**

1. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon
2. Lenten Service at 1 p.m.
3. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **March 19**

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3. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **March 26**

1. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon
2. Lenten Service at 1 p.m.
3. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **April 2**

1. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon
2. Lenten Service at 1 p.m.
3. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **April 9**

1. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon
2. Lenten Service at 1 p.m.
3. Lenten Study at 5:30 p.m.

#### **April 13 – Palm Sunday**

1. Service at 10 a.m.

#### **April 17 – Maundy Thursday**

1. Service at 6:30 p.m.

#### **April 18 – Good Friday**

1. Service at 6:30 p.m.

#### **April 20 – Easter Sunday**

1. Easter Service at 10 a.m.

## Lenten Study Group

Everyone is welcome to join us during lent for our Lenten Study group Starting on Ash Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary we will be discussing the *Short Stories by Jesus* from Author Amy-Jill Levine Editor of The Jewish Annotated New Testament.

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity and have often allowed anti-Semitism and misogyny to color their perspectives.

In this Bible study based on her *Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine analyzes these "problems with parables" taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

### EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



We will be decorating the sanctuary with Lilies, Mums, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths for Easter Sunday, April 20th.

If you would like to provide a plant, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate with the cost of the plant by Sunday, March 16.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Easter Lily plants (\$22) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Mum plants (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulip plants (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Daffodil plants (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hyacinth plants (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in your  
slips by Sunday,  
March 16<sup>th</sup> so I may  
place our order.

# Candy is needed for the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 19.

Drop off the candy (individually wrapped) in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



January saw income of \$13,760.03 and expenses of \$14,398.11  
Unrestricted Net Assets is at \$22,133.18

Missions

Parker High School Big Give \$600.00

Thank you for your generosity

Julie Polzin, Asbury Bookkeeper  
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## Continuing Care List



Ardis Bender, Winfred Bold, Jerriann & Larry Burns, Harriet Christopherson, Dale Clark, Lloyd Coulthard, Darlene and Richard Coulthard, La vita Fanta, Don Isbell, Russ Kuykendall, Janet Luiting, Shirley Martin, Shirley Nelson, Hjordis Olson, Lucille Osborne, Arlette Walker, and Lone Watson.



100 knit/crochet baby sweaters have been made since September by our wonderful Asbury members.



**FREE EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS**  
11AM - 1PM  
(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA)

**MALL BUSINESS EGG HUNT**  
(PICK UP YOUR PASSPORT AT THE BUNNY PHOTO AREA)

**DURING THE JANESVILLE FARMERS MARKET**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 5  
10AM-2PM**

UPTOWN JANESVILLE  
2500 MILTON AVE

A FUNDRAISER / COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT FOR ECHO



# Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast

Free community event everyone welcome

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**April 19, 2025**  
**9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**



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## Spring Salad Luncheon

When: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Adults-\$10.00 Kids 12 and Under-\$3.00

\*Carryout available at the same price.

2025  
January

# Service Snapshot



## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



**196,384 Meals Provided**

**602 Nights Provided at Motels**



**29 Homeless Outreach Contacts**

**57 Months of Rent Provided**



- 31 Homeless Personal Supply Boxes Provided
- 24 Baby Food and Formula

• **460 MONTHS OF RENT PAID TO KEEP FAMILIES HOUSED**

• **4,897 NIGHTS IN A LOCAL MOTEL FOR THE HOMELESS**

• **1,910 SENIORS RECEIVED A SENIOR STOCKBOX**

• **2,602,118 MEALS PROVIDED**

• **600 THANKSGIVING BASKETS PROVIDED**

• **675 CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS SERVED**

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



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## MARCH 2025 NEEDS



### Family Meal Kit

(Feeds a Family of Four)

\*Please avoid glass items and pack any items inside a sturdy bag.

2 cans of chicken  
can of mixed vegetables  
can of cream of chicken soup  
can of evaporated milk  
biscuit mix

### 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 April 4.



# MARCH

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Praise Band Practice 10 a.m.
2 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Community Time 9 a.m. Worship w/Communion 10 a.m.	3	4	5 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m. Lenten Service 1 p.m. Lenten Study 5:30 p.m.	6	7	8 Jazz Band Practice 9 a.m. Praise Band Practice 10 a.m.
9 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Community Time 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at Eagle Inn	12 Women's Covenant Guild 8:00 a.m. at Eagle Inn Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon Lenten Service 1 p.m. Lenten Study 5:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Community Time 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.  <u>Flower orders need to be turned in today.</u>	17	18 Book Club 4:30 p.m.	19 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon Lenten Service 1 p.m. Lenten Study 5:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Jazz Band Practice 9 a.m.  Praise Band Practice 10 a.m.
23 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Community Time 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.	24	25	26 Stitching Group 9-10:30 a.m. Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Noon Lenten Service 1 p.m. Lenten Study 5:30 p.m.	27 Church Historian Team Meeting 9 a.m.	28	29
30 Choir Practice 8:30 a.m. Community Time 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m. Chili Cookoff after worship in Fellowship Hall	31					



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