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Action at Asbury



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Pastor's Pondering

Dear Asbury friends-

There are some things that always stick in a person's mind. For example, I will always remember a November late afternoon, getting close to suppertime. The usual gang of fellows that played neighborhood football together was finishing up when a cold, stiff wind kicked up. In a few moments snow was flying. We started running home (yes, I could run pretty well back then) and didn't stop much until we got there.

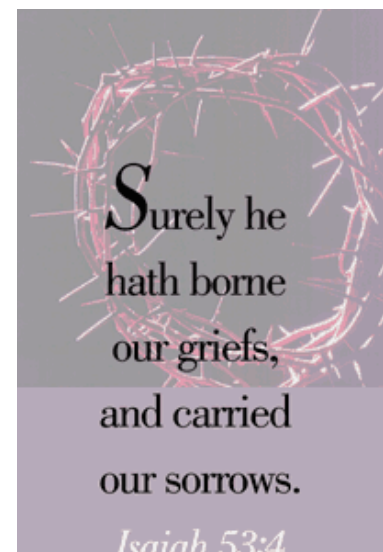
The memory of that late afternoon with my friends running came across my mind when I thought of the Resurrection on Easter morning. Someone once said that Easter morning is all about running feet. Like the breathless Mary Magdalene racing back to tell the apostles that Jesus Christ was no longer in the tomb. Or the younger John outrunning the older fisherman, Peter, to see for themselves if the story could be true. Or even the disciples in Emmaus leaving the unfinished meal and coming with haste through the night to share their good news and joy.

All these years later, can you and I still get excited about the Good News of Easter as a celebration of that hope. That each of us can run, in faith, the race God has called us to run to the best of our abilities.

Christ has risen! He as risen indeed!

May one and all have a blessed Easter!

Pastor Scott





April Worship Schedule and Themes

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10 a.m. Worship

Scriptures: Isaiah 43:16-21
John 12:1-8
“The Extravagance”

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40
“Who Comes in the Name of the Lord”

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Worship

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
“Reflections on Maundy Thursday”

April 18, 2025

Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Worship

Scripture: Matthew 27

April 20, 2025

Easter

10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12
“An Expansive Life”

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

10 a.m. Worship

Scripture: John 20:19-31
“Honest and Unflinching”



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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Date/Name

2 Mickey Abbott
4 Larry Abbott
4 Logan Dahlke
6 Grace Stewart

Date/Name

10 Melissa Hubbard
11 Darlene Coulthard
11 Zachery Cresswell
14 Alice Sprecher
19 Janet Luiting

Date/Name

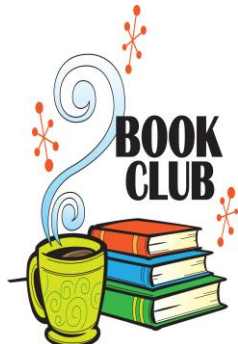
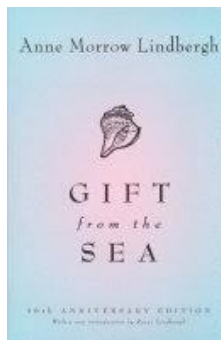
21 Vi DeRemer
21 Lucille Osborne
24 Shirley Martin
24 Elisabeth Parr
26 Tracy Reece
28 Dawn Cresswell Baker

Happy birthday!

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20 Julie & Troy Osborne



**READING BY THE BROOK
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
4:30 P.M.**

For the month of April, the Asbury Book Club will be reading *Gift from the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

50th ANNIVERSARY EDITION • With meditations on youth and age, love and marriage, peace, solitude, and contentment, here is an inimitable classic that guides us to find a space for contemplation and creativity in our own lives.

"*Gift from the Sea* is like a shell itself in its small and perfect form ... It tells of light and life and love and the security that lies at the heart." —*New York Times Book Review*

Readers that are interested in joining us are welcome!

They will now be held at 4:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact the church office.



2025 CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, April 27th

Arrive at 1 p.m.

Please help support the Asbury team of walkers this year as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far to 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 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Enter through the west door off the big parking lot.

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

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/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 Amy in the church office.

Thank you for walking and/or donating!



Wisconsin" Volunteer In Mission at Midwest Mission – March 2-7 25th year of ministry at Midwest Mission!!

A Wisconsin VIM team – made up of 18 participants ranging in age from 65 to 89 years old – labored for 422.5 hours at the Midwest Mission warehouse/ distribution center near Springfield Illinois. The group donated over \$800 to support the work done to bring assistance and caring nationally and throughout the world.

The first morning an assembly line was formed to prepare Blessing Kits (Rice meals). Throughout the week we sorted and packed: 468 UMCOR Cleaning Kits, 340 Student Kits, 450 Personal Dignity Kits, 240 Home Care Kits, 8 bed packs and 8 student desks (including sanding, polyurethane and wrapping.) Sorting donations that arrived while we were there was also an important task.

Asbury donated 95 baby sweaters, 51 one handle bags, 1 quilt, 5 sewing machines and 1 serger to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL.

The last day we blessed a shipment headed to North Carolina to help victims of the September 2024 hurricane and floods. It was so gratifying to know that what we had worked on was already on its way to help victims of a natural disaster. Earlier in the week we blessed a load of requested supplies headed for Guatemala.

Delicious meals were prepared by 2 team members. Everyone helped with dishes and led devotions after breakfast and supper. In the evening, folks read, worked puzzles, played card games or enjoyed conversation.

Everyone attended the Ash Wednesday service at Sugar Creek UMC.

The week of February 8-13 has been reserved for the 2026 VIM Journey to Midwest.



We are so proud to announce that on April 10 our daughter Melissa Spors Hubbard will be celebrating her 10th year anniversary for her business S&H Estate Sales & Service.

To celebrate she is having a customer appreciation event from 4-8 p.m. with a band, food trucks 'for purchase,' face painting, games, and swag bags for the first 100 families.

The event will take place in the parking lot at Asbury UMC.

A church info table will be set up advertising the church Spring Salad Luncheon & the Easter Extravaganza.

Melissa will also be turning '45' the same day!

Bring a lawn chair and come join us in the festivities.



CELEBRATE A LIFE WELL LIVED

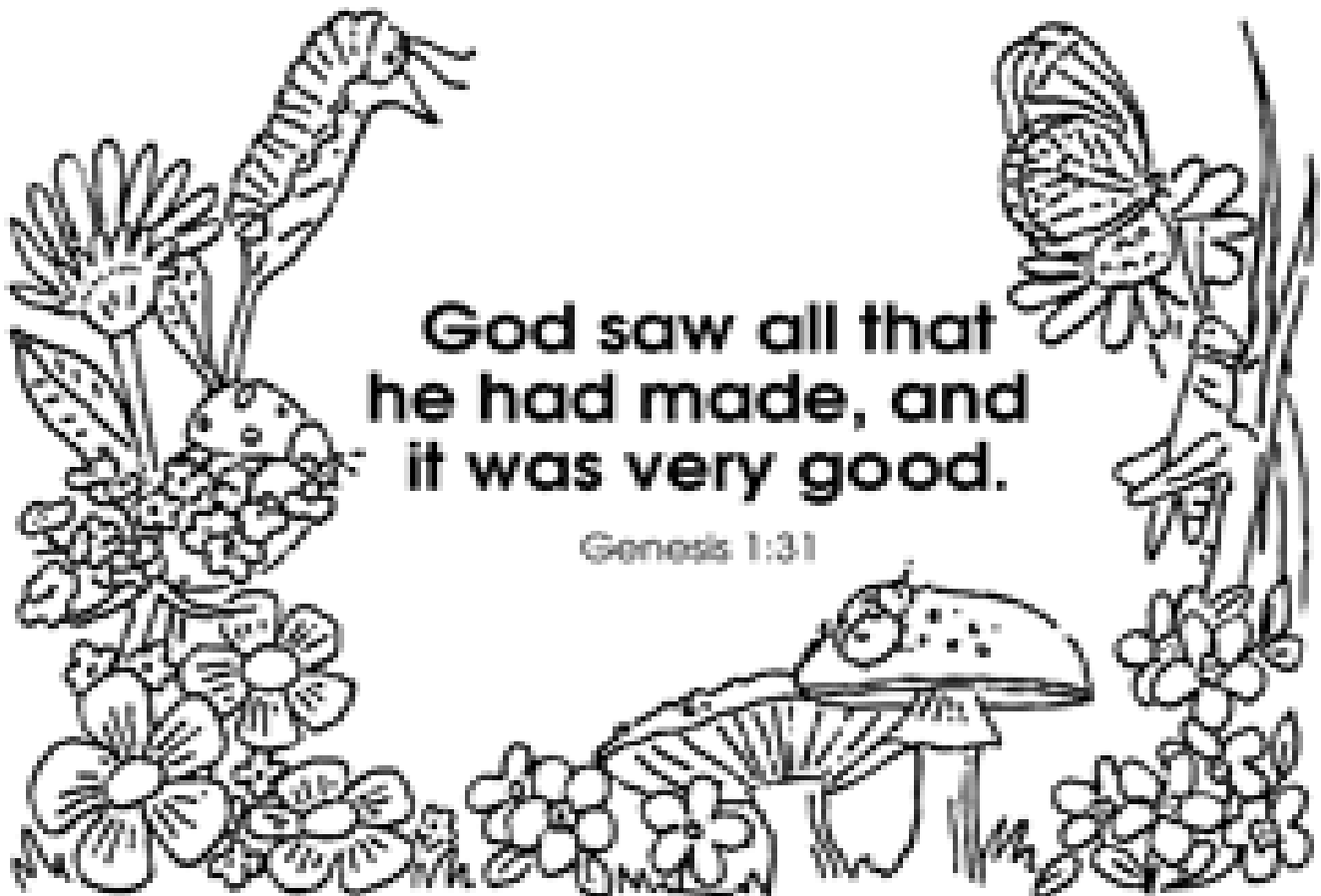
Remember the TV show “THIS IS YOUR LIFE?” A guest was surprised when persons from their past shared memories or tributes of their life.

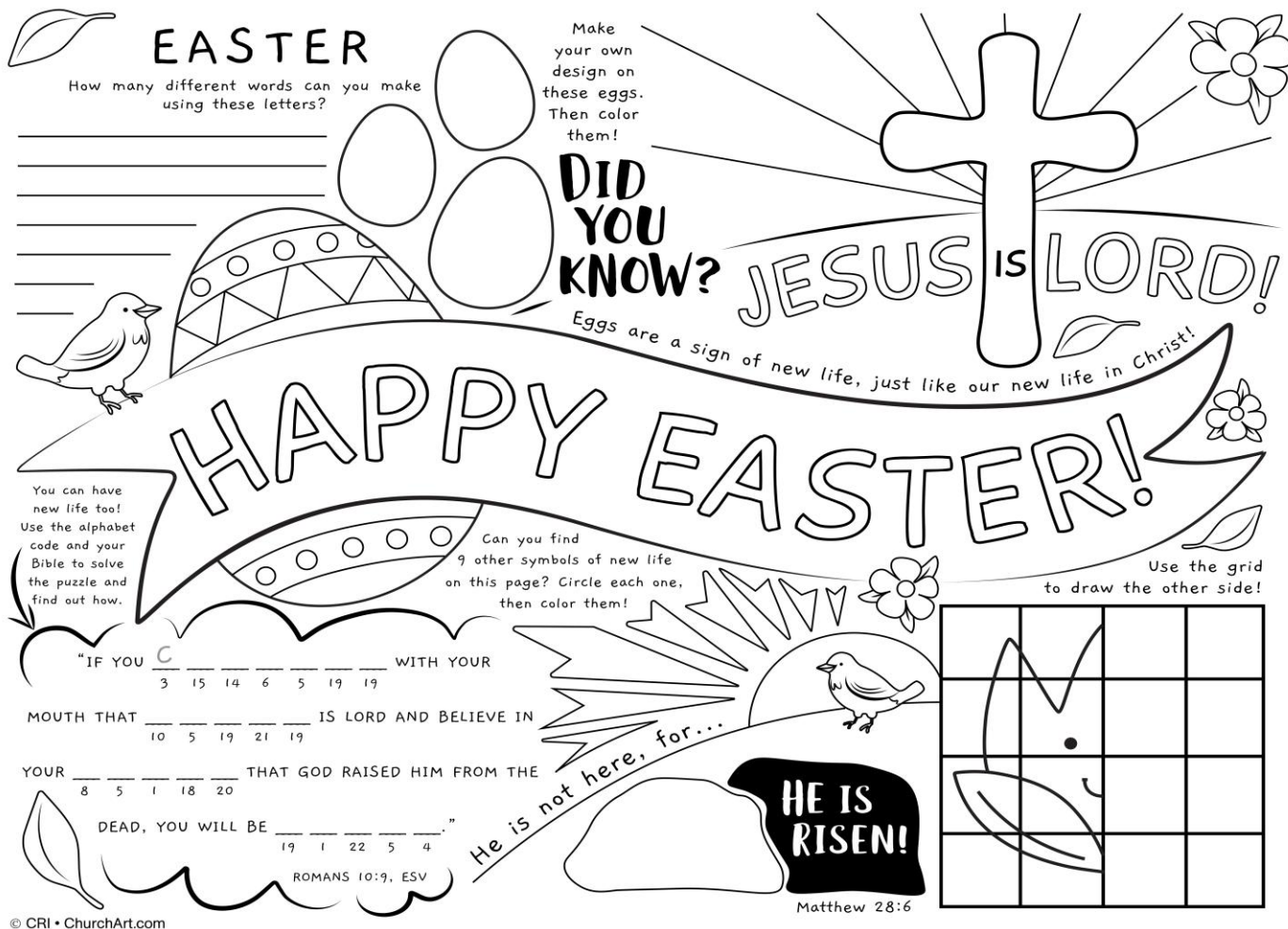
God has blessed us with life here on earth and promises New Life for us in Heaven. Our end of life is not something we want to think about or plan for. Lent is a time of reflection and soul care. This is a precious time to celebrate what is important to you, and how you would like to be remembered.

What are your wishes, favorite songs, scripture verses, special memories etc? Are these in writing? Have you shared your wishes with family?

During the weeks leading up to Easter, a table in the Peace Room will have resources available to offer ideas; so, you can begin to think about your wishes to share with family.

Color me and then hang me up on the church bulletin board by the church office with the Easter wreath on it. Or drop it off at the church office.





APRIL 2025 NEEDS

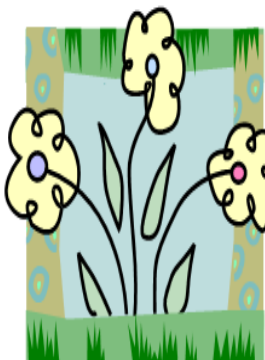
Family Meal Kit (Feeds a Family of Four)

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

(large can) chili beans
pinto beans
chili seasoning packet
(large can) diced tomatoes
tomato sauce
whole grain pasta

Personal Items

Deodorant **Toothbrushes**
Laundry Soap **Shampoo & Conditioner**



2025 Calendar of Events

4/5 Easter Bunny Event at Uptown Janesville
4/27 CROP Hunger Walk
6/2 Eat Out for Hunger All day at participating restaurants
10/18 Empty Bowls at Woodman's Sports & Convention Center
11/27 Festival Foods Turkey Trot in Downtown Janesville
12/5 S'More and Cocoa in Downtown Janesville

More info on all these events can be found at www.echojanesville.org

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.



Ministry Matters Moments: Thank you for your monetary support of the **Comfort Dogs** 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: (4/27/25) 1:00 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.

Link to Asbury UMC Crop Walk

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



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** Newsletter articles are submitted to Amy Powell at asburyumc@charter.net*



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group Noon - Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon followed by Lenten Service 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study	3	4	5 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice 10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
6 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service & Communion	7	8 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast	9 8 a.m. Women's Covenant Guild at Eagle Inn 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group Noon - Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon followed by Lenten Service 5:30 p.m. Lenten Study	10 4-8 p.m. S&H Estate & Service Event in the parking lot.	11	12 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice 10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
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20 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice  9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service	21 	22	23 9-10:30 a.m. Stitching Group 9-11 a.m. Spring Salad Luncheon	24 9 a.m. Historian Meeting	25	26 9 a.m. Jazz Band Practice 10 a.m. Praise Band Practice
27 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 1 p.m. CROP WALK	28	29	30			



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