



# Asbury United Methodist

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Adult School 8:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m.

## April 2018

**Prayer Workshop:** April 8, 2018 Asbury Basement 11 AM—Noon. Goal: each one belongs to a prayer group; 4-7 per group. You may invite your friend/s to be a part of your group.

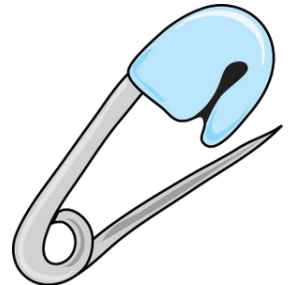
**Church Council Actions:** The Church Council announced on March 25 that beginning April 1, the Noisy Offering will be earmarked to support scholarships for camp fees. Additionally, they remind church committees to prepare written requests for funding for 2018 projects. These requests will be considered at the May 9 Council meeting.

**ACTION 2018:** The 2018 ACTION trip to work with Habitat for Humanity in Marquette, MI is scheduled for June 23rd through June 30th. If you are interested, please contact Russ Husted ([russell-husted@uiowa.edu](mailto:russell-husted@uiowa.edu))

### **Chicken & Biscuit Fundraiser:**

A chicken & biscuit fundraiser to support missions will be held Sunday, April 22nd from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Look for tickets on sale after church in the next few weeks. Also look for a sign-up sheet for helpers...many will be needed for this big event!

**Ingathering Layette Kits:** As a part of the annual Thanksgiving Ingathering project, we will be sending health, sewing, school, and layette kits to UMCOR to help with relief efforts around the world. Next month, in honor of Mother's Day, Asbury will be collecting layette kits that help provide basic necessities for newborns around the world. You can find a list of needed items for the kits at the back of the church.



## **CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**

*Fundraiser for Missions*



# **SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

## **11:00 to 1:00pm**

**Adults- \$8.00 5-12 yrs. old- \$5.00 Preschoolers free**  
*(with a paid adult)*

**For tickets call- 319-646-5474 or 319-646-2962**

**Calling All Campers!** It's springtime and it's time to begin to think about all of the camping opportunities available through our many Methodist camps!

There are half day camps, all day camps, single day camps or week long camps, just about any kind of camp that could possibly interest you is available. Please take a minute to look through one of our camping booklets located in the Narthex and select a camp for you, your child or your grandchild.



Asbury Noisy Offerings will be collected over the course of the next several months to offer campership aid to anyone that needs assistance with camp fees/tuition. Please contact the church office if you are seeking any assistance with camp funding. (319-646-2417)

**Finance Summary  
April 2018**

General Budget and Conference Claims	
<b>YTD Needs</b>	33,462.00
<b>YTD Gifts</b>	27,262.00
<b>Overall YTD shortfall</b>	(6,200.00)

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!!**

- 2 Lynette Hartsock, Kayla Hobbs
- 3 Bill Kinneer IV, Joe Stutzman, Elizabeth Curl
- 4 Jeremy Kral, Angie Greiner
- 7 Jim Roush
- 9 Shauna Dudley-Javoroski
- 11 Noah Fisher
- 15 Jim Millice
- 18 Larry Whetstine
- 20 Dakota Black
- 21 Kim Hobbs
- 26 Sue Kempf
- 28 Keegan Bauwens
- 30 Beth Ann Bitner



## **Pastor's Note**

### AND THE ULTIMATE WILL OF GOD IS

I have heard of several Christians who consider every detail of their lives with the will of God. One time I was in the MYF workshop on Love Courtship and Marriage. We prayed for the will of God in eying for our lifetime partner. One of my friends constantly poked me with his elbow every time he saw a beautiful girl and said to me, "there goes the will of God for me." We were juniors in college and ripe for exploring relationship. At first I didn't believe that God would participate in my quest but at that time I met a sophomore in my school who I thought would be God's will for me, and I couldn't believe became my bride eight years later. It made me believe that God participates in my major prayerful choices in life but as to whether I should ask between red or blue shirt would be too much detail.

The major will of God would come first to God's agenda of the day. For Bible readers it would be in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

The will of God for creating the world is to show the glory of God. Such glory is characterized by love and freedom. God is the Holy One with eternal might and power but has a need to relate with His precious creation in true love and freedom.


This world presents many ways of learning the love of God. The father and child relationship is learned naturally where the parent who loves the child is the provider while the child is the dependent. Dependence on God is a form of faith in God and is appreciated by God but not to the point of making God as a waiter or doormat. Every person is allowed by God to grow and stand alone because that's what love in true freedom requires.

Friendship with God would be ideal and has so many examples in the Bible, starting with Enoch, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Jesus, Peter, Paul and many others. For Jesus, it is worth dying for. Jesus said, "Greater love has no man than this; that a man would lay down his life for his friends."

I used to preach and say that all the intricacies of life such as problems, sickness and death are part of the circumstantial will of God, similar to the suffering and death of Jesus, and that the ultimate will of God for Jesus and all of us is the resurrection. Today I realize that such resurrection must be founded on the original goal of God's quest for authentic love. Jesus was resurrected by God precisely because he succeeded to earn God's love because he freely gave himself up and lovingly offered his life for the love of God and the world.

In Ephesians 2:8-9 we know that salvation is a gift. What do we know about gifts? It is given when love is happening. We celebrate the resurrection not only because we are hoping to be raised after we die but we are anticipating that we shall have earned the love of God by then and we are considered to be recipient of the gift of salvation.

Amen.



# FILL THE TRUCK

IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

JUNE 9-11, 2018

Supporting the work of Midwest Missions Distribution Center, Chatham, Ill  
"Working Together to bring hope in times of despair"

**SPECIAL NEED FOR THIS YEAR:** Receiving Blankets, Gowns (0-6 months) and Cloth Diapers.

Midwest Mission is a cooperating Depot with the UMCOR relief supply network. They partner in reaching out in times of crisis and in supporting many mission outreach programs. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing the basic necessities to people who lack access to these essential supplies.

Midwest Missions needs kits of all types and items to put into kits. ESPECIALLY items for Layette: Receiving Blankets, Gowns and Cloth Diapers. (MMDC is in relationship with mission projects and missionaries who still need layettes)

By donating complete kits, financial gifts or items to put into kits, YOU make a tangible difference in the lives of our sister and brothers. Clean-up, Health, Layette, Sewing and School Kits are all needed. In addition MMDC have projects and kits that are specific to this depot. MMDC also takes sewing machines and bikes that they refurbish and share.

Bring your gift and Kits to "The Truck" located in Vet's Auditorium the parking lot, during Annual Conference. Feel free to contact MMDC for more information and to participate in these and other mission opportunities. [www.midwestmissionsdc.org](http://www.midwestmissionsdc.org)

#### **KIT ASSEMBLY AND DONATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ALL items in kits and for kits must be NEW**

- Kits are carefully planned to make them usable in any number of situations
- Please **DO NOT** add extra items to kits.
- Financial donations to help with delivery costs are most welcome.
- **ALL** checks should be made to "MMDC" and turned in at the truck

For more information about "Fill The Truck" Please contact Pastor Catie Newman, IAUMC Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator. 712-899-4067 or [disaster.response@iaumc.org](mailto:disaster.response@iaumc.org)