



Asbury United Methodist Church

Vision: To Make Disciples and Share God's Love

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

November 2018



Daylight Savings Ends: Daylight savings ends on Sunday, November 4. Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night!

All Saints Sunday: On November 4, Asbury will observe All Saints Sunday. We will light candles in honor of those that passed away this year. If you have loved ones you would like to remember, please inform Pastor Moody prior to the service.

Next Fellowship Sunday November 11: We will be holding our second Fellowship Sunday celebration on Sunday, November 11 following the worship service. Please join us at 9:45 a.m. for worship, followed by fellowship at 10:45 and a potluck at 11:45. Bring a friend or neighbor and a dish to share...Table service and beverages will be provided by Asbury.

Youth Group Leadership Change: At the September church council meeting, Carol Hulseberg and Shauna Dudley-Javoroski announced that they would be stepping down from leadership of the youth group.

If interested adults at Asbury would like to continue organizing youth group events, their contribution would be welcome, and they should speak to Pastor Moody about participating. Alternately, youth from Asbury can attend the youth group at Kalona United Methodist.

Operation Christmas Child Change: There will be a new regional donation site for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes: Faith Baptist Church in Washington. Asbury will no longer be serving as a regional collection center. You may drop off your completed shoeboxes at Faith Baptist between November 12 and 19.

Cookies and Helpers needed!: Once again this year the Missions committee would like to spread a little Christmas cheer by providing a plate of cookies for each family that comes to the Food Pantry on December 1st. This is always very appreciated by our guests and is a great way to share with them the Good News of Jesus' birth. We will need to prepare 60 plates of cookies and candy - a big job! We are asking for help from other local churches to meet this goal. If you can contribute and would like to bake your cookies in advance, we have space to freeze them at church.

Please bring your treats to the church by Friday, November 30th. That night we'll gather to plate up the treats...this is always a fun time, so you should plan to come! Please contact Lori Reece with any questions about cookie donations. Thanks!



Charge Conference: Church Council members should plan to attend this year's Charge Conference on Sunday, November 18, 3:00 PM at West Chester UMC. The Charge Conference is the main organizational meeting for the District and is presided by the District Superintendent or her designated Elder Presider.

Thanksgiving Ingathering: Asbury recently showed their support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in two ways. First, thanks to everyone who put together school, layette, sewing, or hygiene kits. These were delivered to the regional collection center at Washington UMC on November 3rd. Second, thanks to all who contributed to the Blanket Sunday offering on October 28. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send \$205 to support UMCOR's disaster recovery partnership with Church World Service.

Finance Summary

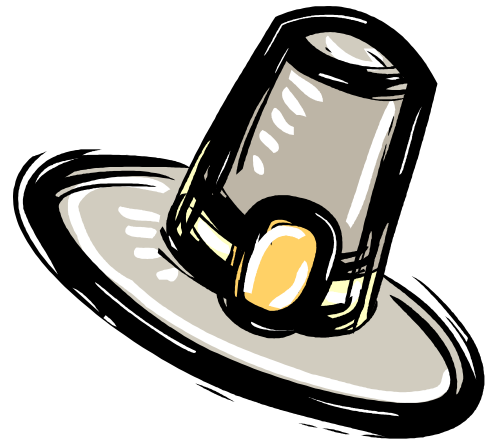
General Budget and Conference Claims

YTD Needs	91,686.00
YTD Gifts	<u>86,535.00</u>
Overall YTD shortfall	(5,151.00)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!!

- 4 Evelyn Leigh, Bert Walker
- 5 Mike Swartzendruber, Danny Moss
- 6 Seth & Joleen Thiele, Ashley Cory & Reed Fisher
- 7 Greg Ulin, Bob Goodrich, Nicole Adams
- 9 Ann B Doyle
- 10 Dan McVey, Shelly Palmer
- 12 Devin Millice, Kolton Hobbs, Brittany Kinsinger
- 14 Brenda Murphy, Marc Pennington
- 15 Brody Hitzemann
- 18 Caitlin Hinz, Florence Dobson
- 19 Jessica Kinneer
- 20 Sam Bailey
- 21 Max Miller
- 25 Rachel Miller, Don & Anita Randol
- 26 Albion J. Young, Mike & Tracy McVey
- 30 Bill Kinneer, Judy Kinneer



Pastor's Note

Forming Disciples in our Local Church

What is your vision for your church?

What is the mission of your church?

What are your ministry goals?

That's right, its charge conference time again and we need to review the vision and mission of our churches.

I. The Iowa Annual Conference has the following Mission statements:

VISION: God's hope for the world made real through faithful leaders, fruitful, communities and fire filled people.

MISSION: Inspire, equip, and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples.

WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL: Every church in the Iowa Annual Conference will develop a process for intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ by year 2020.

II. The Southeast District has the following Mission Statements:

VISION: All churches in the Southeast District are actively involved in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

MISSION: Supporting congregations to work together on their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: (shortened) 1. Rekindled Prayer 2. Telling of Faith Stories 3. Every church has Lay Servant/Lay Speaker 4. Expanding Hospitality 5. Multiple Learning events 6. All churches supporting ministries through the District Askings.

III. It's the Local Church's turn to describe a new set of Vision/Mission/WIG for 2019. As

for me I have taken the Fellowship Sunday as my vision based on the practice of the first church in Acts 2. The believers worshipped, prayed, fellowshiped and broke bread together. Then God added new believers unto them. My Mission statements:

VISION: To see the local church become enjoyable through the introduction of the Fellowship Sunday composed of Fellowship Games, Bible Games, Fellowship Songs, a worship filled with praise music and a potluck attended by guests in the local area.

MISSION: Inspire all members to intentionally participate and invite guests to the Fellowship Sunday to be able to relate with all church families and community.

WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL: All members intentionally invite guests to the potluck and eventually to the fellowship and worship. To develop messengers who will deliver the message in the absence of the pastor.

I hope this is one set of new vision where everyone can join in and help the church grow in the fun way. Amen.