



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.

June 2018



Congratulations, **Ada!**

Asbury congratulates Ada Hulseberg on her graduation from Mid-Prairie. May God bless you in your future, Ada!

Scholarship Awards: On May 27th The Scholarship Committee awarded a total of \$5,427 in scholarship support to the following recipients:

Rugg/Goodwin Scholarship (for members of Asbury currently attending college):

- Sawyer Black (Northern Iowa)
- Lindsey Palmer (Iowa)
- Ryan Cortum (Iowa)

Goodwin Scholarship (for children and grandchildren of Asbury members):

- Kelby Yoder (Carl & Laverta Yoder)
- Kallie Yoder (Carl & Laverta Yoder)
- Katie Palmer (Terry & Ruth Palmer, Carl & Laverta Yoder)
- Amber Madigan (Larry & Millie Whetstine)
- Luella Yoder (Jerry & Pam Nelson)
- Brayden Bonnesen (Jerry & Pam Nelson)

Congratulations to all our 2018 recipients!

4th of July Fundraiser: The Trustees committee is coordinating a fundraiser for the Wellman 4th of July celebration. Volunteers are needed to work at the event and to provide food. Please see the signup sheet at the back of the church or contact a Trustee to help.

SAVE THE DATE – Asbury United Methodist Church invites all children to this summer's Vacation Bible School: **ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE—Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!** The fun will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m on July 23rd –25th (Mon-Wed). A light meal will be served each evening.

To volunteer or to register your child(ren), contact Melanie Stutzman, VBS Director, at 319-325-5552 (cell) or 319-646-2367 (home) or by e-mail: melanie-stutzman@uiowa.edu.



UMCORR Kits: Throughout the summer and fall, Asbury will be collecting School Kits and Health Kits for Thanksgiving Ingathering. These kits are distributed by UMCORR for relief efforts around the world. Please see the back page of this newsletter for instructions on how to make your own kits for Ingathering.

Wellman Summer Lunch Program: The summer free lunch program will be held at the skating rink from 12 to 1pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting June 11. Please contact Erin at wellmansummerlunch@gmail.com or call her at 646-3358 if you'd like to help. If you'd like to donate financially, please send a check to Wellman Menonite Church, PO Box 122, Wellman, IA 52356

Computer Helpers Needed: Can you press a spacebar or click a mouse button? Then you have the skills we need! We need additional volunteers to run the computer during the worship service. The slides are pre-loaded...all you need to do is follow along in the bulletin and advance to the next slide. Can you help us with this easy but important part of our worship service?

Finance Summary	
General Budget and Conference Claims	
YTD Needs	51,480.00
YTD Gifts	42,196.00
Overall YTD shortfall	(9,284.00)

An Asbury Tradition

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th. To honor and remember our fathers on this special day you are invited to make a contribution to the Asbury United Methodist Church Endowment Fund. Gifts received are placed in our permanent endowment fund. This means your gift will go on earning and giving year after year.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!!!

- 4 Max & Tracy Miller
- 8 Angie Smeltzer, Carol Roush,
Nora Pennington
- 10 Leah Kelley
- 12 Joe Semler, Jodee Seward, Reed Fisher
- 13 Marilyn Powell
- 14 Harriet Kisner
- 15 Janice Berger, Megan Adams
- 17 Katie McClellan
- 18 Alison Meade
- 21 Leah Parrott
- 22 Emily Pennington, Ron Cory
- 23 Jared & Becca Droll
- 24 Scott Hinz, Moody & Beth Colorado
- 26 Jerry Nelson, Liz Ulin
- 27 Phil Conaway
- 28 Becky Swartzendruber

Father's Day Gift to Asbury United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

Amount \$ _____

Given in honor of _____

Given in memory of _____

Given by _____

Please designate how you wish this gift applied. If no box is checked this gift will be applied to the Missions, Trustees, and Program Development.

- Scholarship Endowment
- Music Endowment
- Missions, Trustees, and Program Development Endowment

Pastor's Note

Church Bone Structure Continued

A discipleship pathway pledge: "I pledge to strive to replicate the New Testament Church Experience of Worship, Fellowship, Prayer and Breaking of Bread." (See Acts 2).

Who is in?

There is a growing number of church goers today that are missing out on the whole essence of the NT church. In the Old Testament practice the people were going to the temple for worship and prayer. For fellowship they had a lot of festivals lined up. In the New Testament Jesus said to the Samaritan woman that a time is coming when people need not go to the temple nor the holy mountain to worship God because God is a Spirit. The monopoly of the Jerusalem Temple as the only place of worship is challenged. The synagogues were not the place to offer sacrificial worship. The synagogues served as a community center for learning and fellowship. But change is coming.

The New Testament Church that developed did not start in the temple. The Holy Spirit came down powerfully on Pentecost in a gathering place of the Disciples. Through Jesus' words the time has come that a space where God's Spirit is present can also become a worship place.

As a student pastor I was assigned in a village wherein the place of worship was the garage of a member of a large Methodist church. It started as a Prayer Fellowship Group. The juice and cookies served by the host grew into a Sunday potluck gathering. My appointment to that budding church made the worship official, with sermon and church hymns. The fellowship was so contagious that they grew rapidly and decided to get organized and build a place designated for their gathering. Everyone including the children were all excited. A church was born.

Methodist Churches grew because of the wholesome Christian fellowship experience in the Spirit. Visitation and potluck was popular and we even joked that the symbol of the Methodist church is the casserole. But there comes a time in the life of church wherein the Prayer Fellowship that happened at the start becomes secondary to the grandeur of worship and preaching. While the worship is treasured by the elders it seemed to be an imposition to the new generation. As the society allowed more youth freedom the church excitement settled to the elderlies. As the elderly population declined so did the church membership. There are churches that are declining now because when the group became so large the fellowship aspect became a daunting task.

As the missional church it needs to grow large and as the discipling church it needs to grow smaller. That's what Jesus did. Jesus had as many as 72 disciples that he sent out to do mission work out of town but he maintained only 12 for his constant fellowship group to develop them individually. Aside from Judas the disciples grew spiritually to have a group of their own. The church as one is large as a whole and is necessary to accomplish great mission tasks around the world. But the church needs to have small prayer fellowship groups for the Holy Spirit to develop each individual.

(To be continued.)

UMCOR Health Kits

Each health kit should contain:

- 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger)
- 1 large, sturdy comb (not pocket sized)
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 new washcloth
- 6 band aids (3/4")

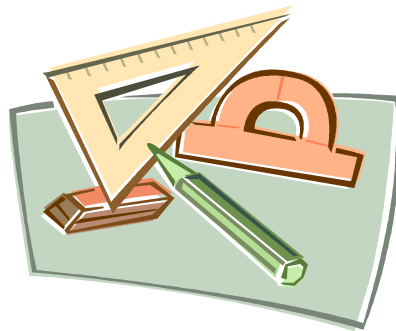


Lay out hand towel and lay washcloth flat in center. Place rest of items on top of washcloth. Fold sides of towel to cover items. Fold 1 end of towel so it covers all items. Grasp bundle of items and roll over rest of towel tightly. Place tightly rolled bundle in zip lock bag.

UMCOR School Kits

Each school kit should contain:

- * 3 wide-ruled notebooks (spiral or bound: 210 to 250 pages total).
- * 1 30 cm metric ruler
- * 1 box of 24 crayons (ONLY 24)
- * 1 2.5" eraser
- * 1 blunt scissors (metal)
- * 1 hand pencil sharpener
- * 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers



All items are placed inside a sturdy cloth bag (14" wide by 16" long, finished size) with 22" long handles. Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into bag. Fold over top of bag so loose items don't slide out. Do not put loose items in Ziploc bags. Empty school bags are also needed.