



ASBURY CONNECTION

Hello, Church!

It's great to be back from my Renewal Leave. I feel more energy and more soul-strength to meet the needs of the congregation. Thank you to all who filled the pulpit, provided pastoral care, and kept Asbury going while I was gone.

The main thing I wish to say is we are God's much-loved children. Each one of us is gifted with the empowerment for good to make a positive impact in the world. That can be weaving plastic bag rugs, or packing meals, or visiting people, etc., all under the umbrella of learning more of God in our lives and in our community through God-given impulses.

We have a lot of things happening in September. Wednesday nights will be in full swing, choirs will be rehearsing, and I'll be leading studies to enable our continued growth in Christ.

Remember you are a gift from God, and do, as you're able, to reach out to others on the phone or by going next-door. It's what we're created to do in Jesus' name.

It's good to see you again!

Sincerely in Christ,

Phil Webb

September is here!! Which means school year ministries will be kicking off!

September 8th is Rally Day!! We will have Sunday School for kids beginning at 9 AM. We will practice the song we will be singing in worship and have some other activities planned. Be watching FB so your divers can help choose the song!!

September 11th is a big day!!

*WOW begins at 10 AM. We will be studying the book of Nehemiah. See the separate article on WOW for more details.

*Middle school youth group will meet right after school until 5 PM. Webster City Schools has moved early outs back to Wednesdays this year and we are so excited for it!! We will be bringing back service projects on those days!

* Meal for all ages will be served at 5 PM.

*Awana will meet from 5:30-6:30 for our foam party kick off!! All Awana families are invited to attend and bring friends! Middle school and high school families invited as well!

~Jennifer

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1: Connie Hidle, Christine Moss, Dan Sharar, Trenton Hoffmann
2: Don Anderson, Jennifer Rossing, Kyzer Stanley
3: Kent Larson, **Ellen & Mel Timm**
5: Stephanie Christian
6: Nick Erritt
7: Colleen Luiken, Darcy Swon
8: **Randy & Michelle Chalfant, George & Kathryn Gourley**
9: Danielle Bernard, Cody Seiser, Matt Ehn
11: Kendall Klaver
12: Amy Widick, Craig Lovelace
13: Alicia Crouthamel, Ethan Elliott, Kyle Swon
14: Thomas Austin, Taylor Hejlik
15: Brad White, Cindy Johnson
16: Wade Johnson, Leo Lambi, Parker Rossing
17: Peggy Anderson, Carl Day, Diana Hill, Landry Howard
18: LaVerne Crim, Tony Tempel; **Lance & Shelley Heikens**
19: Lacy Mortenson, **Brett & Kristi Ahrens**
20: Kathy Hildebrand, Sarah Lindstrom, Cindy Jessen; **William & Kristi Nelson**
21: Gene Gourley, Kathy Janson
22: Taylor Schnathorst, Ty Schnathorst
23: Sylvia Dapcic
25: Georgianna Gourley, Mavis Nedved, Jean Nicklasson, **Rod & Linda Bowers, Todd & Tiffany Bingham**
26: Kreg Kantak
27: Jody Klaver
30: Bill Olson



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SEPTEMBER

2nd — Labor Day. All offices closed
3rd — Bell practice, each Tues, 5:30pm
4th — 3yr old preschool starts — Choir practice, each Wed at 6pm
5th — basement in use, 5-9pm
8th — Rally Sunday! Sun. School starts, 9am. Asbury doing care center worship: Windsor Manor (1:15pm), Southfield (2pm), Crestview (2:45pm)
11th — Women on the Walk (WOW), 10am — Youth after school ministries begin (see next pg)
12th — SPRC, 5:30pm
14th — Rice meal packing at Ham. Co fairgrounds, 8am
17th — Finance/Stewardship mtg, 5:30pm — Missions mtg, 6:30pm
18th — High school youth group starts
19th — Ad Board, 5:30pm
20th — Newsletter info due
24th — Circuit mtg, 5:30pm (Dayton)
25th — Newsletter mailed — @ Midwest Missions, Disaster bucket assembly
29th — School kit assembly + pizza after church

**Deadline for the next newsletter:
September 20**

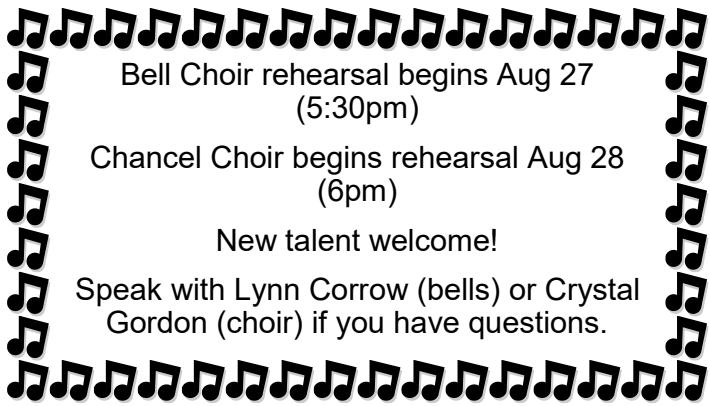
The Rice Meal Packing event for Midwest Mission is coming soon!

September 14, at the Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds. One-hour shifts begin at 8am: a sign-up sheet is at Asbury in the narthex. Or, contact the church and let us know at which shift (s) you'd like to help.

If you can't be there physically, we hope you'll hold everyone in your prayers!

If you'd like to donate money, there are several ways: a quarter tube is in the narthex; envelopes to sponsor a box (\$80) are also available. Looking to sponsor a pallet of meals? One pallet is \$2400. Any and all contributions are appreciated!

Thank you to all who have donated so far, and helped plan this event; it will certainly benefit many people; even beyond those who receive the physical meals.



Bell Choir rehearsal begins Aug 27
(5:30pm)

Chancel Choir begins rehearsal Aug 28
(6pm)

New talent welcome!

Speak with Lynn Corrow (bells) or Crystal Gordon (choir) if you have questions.

Women on the Walk (WOW) will begin it's first study of the new season on Wed., Sept 11, at 10:00am. The book will be *Nehemiah*, by Kelly Miner. Cost is \$16, but don't let that deter you; if money is tight, talk to Jennifer. Questions? Jennifer can answer those, too!



Snacks Needed

Wednesday youth ministries will be starting up for the year on Sept 11, after school. Middle school youth will meet after school until 5pm; a meal will be offered for all ages at 5pm;

AWANA will be from 5:30-7pm.

All this activity means hungry kids! Donations of juice boxes, and single serve snacks like crackers, chips, fruit snacks, (etc) are very welcome, and save the church money. A donation box is in the narthex. Jen can answer questions. Thank you!

Another year of the Asbury Learning Center will launch in October! Does your K-4th grader need extra help with math or reading? The Learning Center may be able to help!

Applications will be going out to WC schools later in September. Slots fill quickly (first come, first served); speak with your child's teacher, or, call Learning Center director Cathi Griswold.

Learning Center services are free of charge, made possible by a generous bequest from Fay Layne.

School kit supplies:

- 3 notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x10 1/2"
- 1 ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 pencils - unsharpened
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 box 12 colored pencils
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 pair student scissors
- 1 one-handled cloth bag*

*the pattern can be found at:

<https://www.midwestmission.org/patterns>

Back-to-school sales are a great time to stock up! A box is in the narthex for donations. Thank you!

Cover Them with Love Quilts

The preferred size is now 42"x72" to fit a twin size bed. You may use any quilt pattern, but NO batting. There are patterns available.

The #1 requested kit from Midwest Missions—**Personal Dignity Kits** are the #1 requested kit from Midwest Missions. They are sent throughout the USA, and internationally. Kit items are:

- 1 hand towel (no kitchen towels)
- 1 sturdy washcloth (no dishcloths)
- 1 adult toothbrush (single pack)
- 1 bar soap (3-4oz)
- 1 shampoo (12-19oz)
- 1 deodorant (2-3oz. Stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 lotion (8-10oz)

Monetary donations for toothpaste and carrying bag (both provided by Midwest Missions), are also needed, in addition to 1-gal plastic zipper bags. Place in a pew envelope marked for "Missions," or by check with MM in the memo line. Donations can be placed in the narthex. Brett & Kristi Ahrens, Trudy Anderson, or Pat Rittscher can answer questions.



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Reegan Rupiper & Rusty Gaul recently attended Wesley Woods family summer camp, where they enjoyed many activities including, archery, canoeing, a pony ride, fishing, Gaga ball, swimming, & games. There were crafts, & a wagon ride tour of Wesley Woods where they saw Indian mounds, a swimming pond & a log cabin. They even got to hold new born puppies! They say the food was great & they learned some new table grace songs; the private rooms were comfortable. Their days started & ended with chapel time where "we actively participated in bible studies."

They were very thankful for the campership that made this great time possible!



We rejoice in the recent baptisms of:

* Isla Bailey (dau of Nicholas & Jessica)

* Callum & Case Nokes (sons of Cole & Taylor)

Stephen & Katie Chamness welcomed a son, Conrad, on Aug 20. Brothers are Cooper, Emmet, & Spencer. Asbury grandparents aunts/uncles are the Gray & Nicole Chamness family. Congratulations & blessings!