



Asbury United Methodist Church

Asbury Trails

April 2020

The Church Is Not a Building

Please know that, even though we can't go to the church building at 10000 Candelaria NE, that the church and its staff are still here for you. Please send joys and concerns to church@asburyabq.org. We continue to have worship services—just not in person. Please join us on Facebook ([Asbury UMC](https://www.facebook.com/AsburyUMC)) at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Rev. Joe will also have his Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m.; see emails for information.

And please continue supporting Asbury financially in one of these ways:

1. Mail your check to Asbury UMC, 10,000 Candelaria Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112 (mail is being held at the post office and picked up and processed on a weekly basis).

2. You can contribute to Asbury via credit card or a PayPal account by going to the following link:

<http://asburyabq.org/giving/>

3. EFT transactions will continue to be processed as usual. Sharing your offering by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a very convenient way for you to give, for your gift to the church will automatically be sent from your account to Asbury's. To set this up, simply contact Ivory Conrad at: iconrad@asburyabq.org

Please stay home and stay safe. Email the church if you need anything! Pray for each other. Please try to stay in touch with other members. This time can bring us together even though we must stay apart. And let's pray for all of those who are working to keep us safe.



Holy Week - Facebook Live

Palm Sunday:
April 5

Traditional 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary: 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
April 12

Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m.

Traditional: 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary: 11:00 a.m.



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Come Worship With Us!

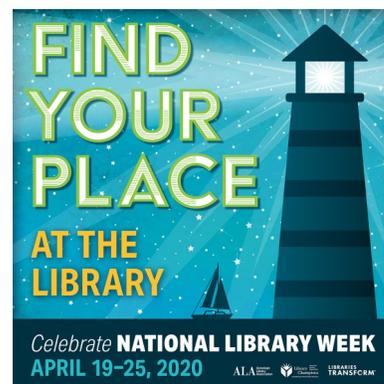
Traditional services
Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
In-person services will return ASAP!
Worship service:
Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m.

Asbury ~ a Great Family Church and a Great Church Family!

Library News

Since 1958, the American Library Association has celebrated National Library Week during the month of April. This year, April 19 - 25 is National Library week and the theme is "Find Your Place at the Library."

Unfortunately Asbury's library and all libraries the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County area are currently closed in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. If Asbury's library has not reopened by the end of April, you can still celebrate Library Week at home by visiting your own personal library. Read your Bible, a book, or a magazine and be thankful that the printed word can shine a light and take us, at least for a little while, to other places where life is more simple and less scary. Visit the Asbury after we reopen. We have lots of books to help you find your place.



New in the Asbury library:

Children's Non-fiction:

Finding Jesus by Winston Rowntree. Donated by Barbara Lewis

A Child's First Bible by Kenneth N. Taylor. Donated by Darla McGregor

You can search our online catalog from the computer in the library, your home computer, or your smart phone on the Asbury web site Library Page or go directly to www.asburyabq.org/AsburySearch.htm. Use the search function of your browser to find any combination of words, numbers or letters in any column. Books currently on the UMW Reading Program have UMW in the Subject column and are found on the wooden cart in the library. Contact the library by email at librarian@asburyabq.org.

Applications Being Accepted for Emily Sannebeck Scholarship

Asbury United Methodist Church is accepting applications for the Emily Sannebeck Scholarship. The scholarship is for \$2500 for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Applicants should be enrolled or applying for enrollment in a seminary, technical or vocational school, or a college. Preference shall be given to single women, but any needy student may apply. The scholarship fund was established in memory of Emily Sannebeck who was an active member of the Methodist Church for many years. She cared deeply for the development of Christian values and the opportunities for women to advance their careers. This year will be the 22nd year of awarding the scholarship.



Emily Sannebeck

Deadline for applications is May 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified of the award selection in June. For an application, please contact Asbury United Methodist Church, 10000 Candelaria, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112, or email church@asburyabq.org

Revised Lectionary Readings

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April 5, 2020	April 12, 2020	April 19, 2020	April 26, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Lent	Easter Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Phillippians 2:5-11 Matthew 27:11-54 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

Asbury United Methodist Women & Friends

Friends: As the coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives please remember to pray for each other each day. Please make a point to call at least one old or new friend each day and remember that the UMW is here to help you through this uncertain time. Please reach out to each other & your neighbor. Be Faith, Hope, and Love in Action. From the Executive Committee.



April's Unit Meeting: Our monthly Unit meeting scheduled for April 2 is cancelled. Our next Unit meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17. Please note this is a change from the date shown in the Yearbook.

April's Church Women United Meeting: The CWU meeting scheduled for April 3 at Asbury is cancelled.

Annual Albuquerque UMW District Meeting: The Albuquerque District UMW annual meeting scheduled for April 18 in Belen is cancelled.

Circles in April: We are praying that the Circles will meet in April. Please check your emails for more information by the 10th of the month.

Member Birthdays in April: Happy birthday to Sue Sais on the 7th, Mary Fontaine on the 23rd, and Fran McQueen on the 26th. Happy Birthday ladies!

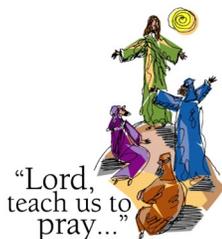
Please pray for each other & Asbury United Methodist church.

Send updates to marjoriebahl@gmail.com or call me at [\(505\) 332-8456](tel:5053328456).

Rotation Sunday School

April Theme—Palm Sunday, Lord's Prayer

- April 5 - Cooking
- April 12 - Easter
- April 19 - Movie
- April 26 - Games



Rotation Sunday School is for 1st-5th grades. We focus on one story for a month, so we can remember it well. Our year-long theme is *God's Love*.

Yes, Sunday School is continuing, albeit in a different format. Each week a short lesson specifically designed to be done at home is being emailed to the elementary kids and the entire church congregation. If you are not receiving it, please email church@asburyabq.org.

New Codes

The recent closure of Asbury provided us an opportune time to change our electronic door codes for security reasons. As of March 22 all of the previous door codes for either the Narthex or Breezeway doors will no longer unlock those doors. They have all been replaced by a new set of codes. If you have a need for a door code, please contact Ivory in the church office to review our building security policies and obtain a new code.



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AN ASBURY
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

Next Meal:
April 5, 2020
Participation will be limited

Cookies are needed. Contact Karen Espinosa either by calling/texting 280-6061 or email kespino@comcast.net

A Pretzel to Remind Us of Arms Crossed in Prayer Is a Lenten Treat for All to Share

Since Asbury is closed and all activities have been canceled until the fear of coronavirus has passed, you are encouraged to hold a "Do It Yourself Pretzel Day" for family and friends. **Thanks to Pat Phipps for these activities!**

Here is the soft pretzel recipe that has been used for Asbury's Pretzel Day for at least 35 years. I have also included some of the Lenten activities that we had planned to use as part of Pretzel Day.

2 cups warm water (105 - 115F)
 2 packages dry yeast
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons salt
 1/4 cup softened margarine
 1 egg
 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cups unsifted flour
 1 egg yolk
 2 Tablespoons water
 Coarse salt



Measure warm water into a large warm bowl. Sprinkle in the yeast and stir until dissolved. Add sugar, 2 teaspoons salt, margarine, egg and 3 cups flour. Beat until smooth. Add enough flour to make a stiff dough. Cover bowl tightly with foil or plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured board. Divide in half, cut each half into 16 equal pieces. Roll each piece into pencil shapes and form into pretzels pressing down the ends. Place on lightly greased baking sheets. Blend together egg yolk and water. Brush pretzels with egg yolk mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt. Let rise in a warm place about 25 minutes.

Bake at 375F for 10 to 15 minutes or until done. Watch carefully, they burn easily. Remove from baking sheets and cool on wire racks. Makes 32 pretzels. The recipe can be halved if you think 32 pretzels are more than you can eat.

Activity while pretzels are baking.

From Bible Message Make-n-Takes by Susan Lingo ©1998. Published by The Standard Publishing Company

EASTER STORYTELLING EGGS: Bible verse: Mark 16:6

For each storytelling egg you will need: a plastic pull apart Easter egg, a small twig, a shiny gold star, a small piece of cloth, a paper heart, and a pebble.

A question to ask as you start: Do you know what the happiest story in the world is? Give time for discussion and then say: The story of the first Easter is the happiest story ever - and it is a TRUE story. Let's make storytelling eggs to help remember this happy story.

Here is the story to tell as the symbols are put into the Easter egg. Give each participant an egg. Jesus came to love, heal and teach people about God. But there were people who didn't believe Jesus was God's Son. These people wanted to hurt Jesus. So they hung him on a wooden cross to die. Have everyone put a twig in the egg as a remembrance of the cross. Jesus died on the cross, but he died so our sins could be forgiven and we could be God's friends. Thank you Jesus. Then Jesus' friends wrapped his body in a soft cloth. Give everyone a small piece of cloth to put in the egg. They laid Jesus in a cave like tomb and sealed the tomb with a large stone. Let each one choose a pebble to put into the egg to represent the stone. After three days - on Easter morning - Jesus' friends came to the tomb and saw an angel brighter than the stars! Place a star in each egg. "Jesus is Alive!" said the angel. So the friends ran to tell everyone that Jesus is alive and that he loves us. Put the paper heart in each egg. Jesus was raised to life on Easter morning. Jesus overcame death so we can live forever with God. Jesus is alive! What a happy story of joy and love.

Please email pictures of you and your pretzels to trailseeditor@asburyabq.org.

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