



Asbury United Methodist Church

Asbury Trails

February 2021

A JOYFUL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM REV. JOE WHITLEY

Hello Friends. Last spring and summer, in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Asbury UMC established excellent health and safety protocols for everyone coming to our campus and using our facilities. In July, our church safely opened for Sunday worship, special worship services, and small group activities. In November, we wisely curtailed activities at Asbury to help deter the spread of the Coronavirus, which was spiking at that time and into the New Year.

Following careful research, tracking, and analysis of the Coronavirus, and responding to the downward trends of virus contraction, decreased hospitalizations, and the ongoing and successful efforts to vaccinate people against the virus, Asbury leaders have determined that a change in our operations is again merited. **Our Reunification Committee and Church Council have affirmed our health and safety protocols as church policy and have jointly agreed to reopen our church for small groups. That means that we can again safely gather at Asbury for Sunday school classes, Bible studies, fellowship groups, and ministry activities; it also means that our Youth Group will again meet.** We'll continue to refrain from serving food or beverage indoors until statewide restrictions on in-person dining in restaurants are modified.

ON FEBRUARY 14, WE WILL HAVE A NEW SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND WORSHIP BROADCASTS, AS FOLLOWS:

- 8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)
- 8:30 a.m. BROADCAST OF ACTS 2 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE (ASBURY UMC FACEBOOK PAGE)
- 9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
- 11 a.m. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (ACTS 2 WORSHIP CENTER)
- 11 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY) (SIMULTANEOUSLY BROADCAST ON ASBURY FACEBOOK PAGE)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN FEBRUARY 14.

New Sunday school classes, fellowship opportunities, spiritual growth studies, and ministry activities will soon be announced, so please stay tuned! God continues to provide a wonderful present- and has an exciting future planned- for our church. THANKS BE TO GOD!

I look forward to sharing with you in worship and in all of Asbury's ministries and activities *at the time YOU deem appropriate and with which you are comfortable.* Know that you all are in my and our staff's prayers and that we all remain your humble servants.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Rev. Joe Whitley

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NM Annual Conference
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Come Worship With Us!

(Schedule through February 7)

**TRADITIONAL SERVICES:
SUNDAY MORNINGS 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.**

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE:
SUNDAY MORNINGS 11:00 A.M.**

**FACEBOOK:
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00 & 10:30 A.M.**

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



Asbury United Methodist Women News Update

Pie for Valentine's: The Asbury Café kindly donated several freshly frozen pies to us for resale. Proceeds will support our Mission Giving. If you would like to purchase a pie, please call Marjorie Bahm at [\(505\) 332-8456](tel:5053328456). (She might even bake it for you)!

When Can We Meet Again?: We are planning a Zoom Unit meeting for Sunday, February 7, at 12:30 p.m. Vicki Kerley will present an overview of the UMW Reading Program. Please watch for emails concerning this meeting.

Circles in February: The Elizabeth Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 16, via Zoom! The Hannah Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 16, via Zoom! The Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, February 18, via Zoom! Please watch for additional emails.

Birthday's in February: Please wish Pat Campbell a Happy Birthday on the 13th, Vicki Kerley on the 20th, and Glenda Tennyson's birthday is on the 27th. Happy Birthday ladies!

Mission Giving (Pledges) for 2021: The pandemic is worldwide! It's something we have in common with everyone, in every community, everywhere. We are all hurting, scared, and tired of this. It is one thing that unites us all. Fortunately, we are richly blessed with our Father's grace and the promise of a vaccine within the next few months and the hope that we'll get back to normal soon. But others might not be as lucky and may need our help more than ever. With the ongoing economic insecurity this year, donations to our mission partners have suffered, and the lives of the women, youth, and children our pledges have supported in the past are also suffering. Can you afford to give a little more this year? If you have never given before, can you open your heart and give this year? Please make your check payable to Asbury UMW, and send it to Marjorie Bahm, 3437 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, ABQ, NM 87111. All donations are tax deductible.

response Magazine for Women in Mission: When you give \$100 or more to Mission Giving you will receive a year's subscription to the UMW response magazine. This reward winning magazine is filled with compelling articles about the hundreds of missions we support around the world and how we are changing lives through Christ. Please make your check payable to Asbury UMW, and send it to Marjorie Bahm, 3437 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, ABQ, NM 87111.

New Address: Bobbie Oleson moved to Nebraska to be closer to her daughter. She loves her new apartment. It's bigger than the last one and has window views in two different directions. She did meet with some challenges. She caught Covid-19. She is over it now, but was very weak and easily fatigued. Due to her fatigue, she fell hurting her tail bone and her ankle. She is improving with physical therapy. She still seems happy and upbeat. She has a guest room and welcomes visitors. She misses her Albuquerque friends. New Address: Bobbie Oleson 6815 Giles Road # 412, Papillion, NE 68133, phone [\(402\) 999-8177](tel:4029998177).

New Yearbook: Please send any changes to the yearbook to Marjorie Bahm, email address is marjoriebahm@gmail.com or call or text to [\(505\) 332-8456](tel:5053328456). We hope to have the 2021 Yearbook out before the end of February.

Please pray for each other and our mission partners.

Send any updates or inquires to Marjorie Bahm at marjoriebahm@gmail.com or call me [\(505\) 332-8456](tel:5053328456)

Revised Lectionary Readings

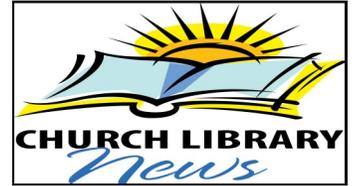
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February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	February 21, 2021 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany	February 28, 2021 Eighth Sunday After Epiphany
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:11-20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people." John Wesley

New Books Coming Soon

Yes, there will be more new books in the Asbury Library soon. The problem with the tax exempt status with one of our online book sellers has finally been resolved and 18 new books, 12 of them for the UMW Reading Program, were ordered on January 20. Most were shipped as of January 22 and should be arriving in about a week. See the March edition of Trails for the list of all the new books. If you can't wait that long, visit the library in person. They will be available for check out as soon as they arrive and are processed into the collection.



By Pat Phipps,
Asbury Librarian

Unfortunately it is still somewhat difficult to visit the library. Difficult, but definitely not impossible. The library is self-service and always open when the building is open. Just turn on the light and make yourself at home. If you are new to the library simply follow the instructions on the signs posted in the library. As I write this in late January the building is open on Sunday mornings during and between the services and on Monday mornings when Ivory is in the office. The Reunification Committee met recently to assess if or when the building should be open at other times. I have not heard their recommendations.

You may search our digital card 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.

Unfortunately, due to current building restrictions, regular staffing of the library is not guaranteed. I try to be there on Sunday mornings, but winter weather might make that difficult. As always, you may contact us by e-mail at librarian@asburyabq.org with any questions, suggestions, concerns, requests, to make an appointment with the librarian or to place a hold on a book.

Wednesdays with Whitley Is Back... On Tuesdays!

Beginning February 2 at 10:30 a.m., and each TUESDAY thereafter, anyone who wants to gather for a time of companionship, fellowship, joyful conversation (and hopefully in the near future, delicious food and fun group outings), should meet with Rev. Joe, initially in the Hospitality Room.

Conversations with Gil... On Wednesdays

Beginning Wednesday, February 3, Gil Flores will be conducting "Conversations with Gil", every Wednesday at 10 a.m.. This will be a weekly event at the church (room TBA), broadcast LIVE on Asbury's Facebook page, where Gil will interview folks from Asbury and beyond. You can even ask questions through the chat!



Video Bible Study with Rev. Joe... On Sundays

On February 14 during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Rev. Joe Whitley will begin leading a six-week book and video Bible study program by Adam Hamilton on the life of the Apostle Peter. **It is an all-age, intergenerational study**, so children and youth are invited and encouraged to participate with their family members (or on their own). Please let Rev. Joe know of your interest at revjoe@asburyabq.org.

Bible Study with Lynn... On Fridays

Study of 1st Corinthians
Fridays 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/903927869>

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