



The Asbury BEACON

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THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Make Disciples for
Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

THE MISSION OF ASBURY

*To inspire People of
All Generations to
Love, Learn and Lead Through
Worship, Education, and Service.*

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*No Matter Where You Are on
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Breakfast at the Parsonage!

Dear Asburian Friends,

I want to offer my home this summer as a meeting place for small groups to gather for breakfast on most Saturday mornings this summer. I will offer quiche, cinnamon rolls or muffins, coffee and juice. Breakfast will be "served" at 9:00 a.m., and we will conclude our time together by 10:00 a.m., so that folks can get on with their day.



I had wanted to do this last summer as a method for me to get to know members of my congregation as I started my appointment here in Watertown. The Pandemic put a crunch to my plans. But as I see it, a good idea is still a good idea, even if delayed.

There will be an easel in the Rotunda area of the Sanctuary, and folks may sign up for a given Saturday. I can seat 7 people at my table, so please don't hesitate to sign up. If you should find unfamiliar names on the Saturday that you want to come, consider it a good opportunity to meet others from church.

Grace and peace,
Laura

The Beacon may be going Digital

We send out 200 copies of our excellent newsletter with each printing, using a bulk mailing service. The Finance Committee, in an effort to discover cost-saving options, is looking into sending out the monthly newsletter digitally to those who would like to receive an email version of the newsletter instead of a hard copy. Gentle reader, (remember Miss Manners?) if you are open to receiving a digital copy, would you please let the church office know. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, would you also let the church office know.

We truly need to know what our readership wants before we can move forward with this proposed plan, so please let us know your feelings on this matter.

Thank you very much,
Laura

This month's *BEACON* is sponsored by *Jim and Melanie Rafferty*.

Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to communicate with and keep our Asbury Family connected!

Thank you *Jim and Melanie* for being our "BEACON ANGELS" for June.

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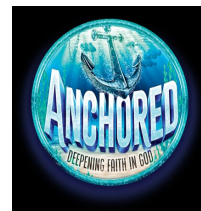


SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Last day of classes for the 2020-2021 school year will be Sunday, June 13th, which will be a child led worship service that day with an end-of-the year celebration following the service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS this year will be held Tuesday, July 27th thru Thursday, July 29th, 6 pm to 8pm each night for ages entering kindergarten thru 6th grade. Program is "Anchored: Deepening Faith in God" by Group Publishing. Registrations are due by 7/23/21. Completed forms can be scanned and emailed to sundayschool@westelcom.com or mailed/dropped off at the church office, 327 Franklin St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Mission project will be Marion Medical Mission's Shallow Well Program to ensure safe drinking water to help eliminate water borne/sanitation related diseases in Africa. For more information: their website is <https://www.mmmwater.org>.

If interested in helping out with VBS this summer, please contact Sarah Lehman, sundayschool@westelcom.com or call 315-767-2641.



June 1	Richard Little	June 18	Mary MacAdam
June 4	Frank Rhode	June 18	Nicolette Marshall
June 5	Sue Snell	June 18	Meredith Rhode
June 6	Anne-Marie Gianfagna	June 19	Deborah VanHouten
June 8	Helen Dundon	June 22	Diana Gamet
June 13	Susan Hirst	June 22	Krista Juczak
June 14	Jean LaSage	June 29	Karen Granger
June 17	Lindsay Bickel	June 29	Theresa Beirman
June 17	Miyako Schanely	June 29	Derrick Kicherer
June 17	Faith Kirch	June 30	Bruce Irwin
June 18	Trudy Hunkins		

SPECIAL ZOOM SPEAKER

Alicia Ruperd was the UMW guest speaker for May. She is the Mental Health Services Coordinator for Jefferson County. She told us about QPR training to deal with suspected suicidal individuals. QPR means: 1. Question the person. 2. Persuade the person to get help. 3. Respond with action. This technique definitely works. Once a person reveals that he/she is suicidal, do not leave that person alone. These are the local crisis services available in Jefferson County:

Crisis Response Program

- Local Number: 315-777-9719
- 24 hour hotline: 315-782-2327

Community School Liaison Program

- During Business Hours Cell: 315-405-7444

Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program

- Office: 315-777-9625
- 24 hour support: 315-955-9062

Jefferson County Dispatch

- Non Emergency Line: 315-788-1441

We hope that you will save these numbers. They could save a life!



JUNE 3, 4, 5
WESLEY HALL
8:30-1:30

Thank you all for donating your rummage. We have been receiving an exceptional variety of items since our September sale. Our goal is to raise \$2500!! If anyone would like to help on any day, please contact Susan Snell, 315-782-8235.

Melinda St. John will be in charge of the Bake Sale. She would appreciate any cookies, candy, pies, cakes, or breads that you would like to contribute.

The money from the bake sale will help kids go to camp this summer. The bake sale will run all 3 days. Fresh baked goods will be needed each day. Come to the biggest sale in Watertown! **Masks will be required.**

THANK YOU FROM THE RAFFERTYS:

With the death of Melanie's mother, Irene Stackel, on March 30th we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of Asbury love. We thank you for your cards, messages, calls, hugs, conversation, and Memorial Gifts toward a new Asbury sound system.



*We love you and thank you.
Jim and Melanie Rafferty*

FROM THE MISSION TEAM

VAC 100 Campaign

VAC stands for Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County, Inc. Our Asbury Mission Team has agreed to be a part of their 100 Campaign. We are one of 100 supporters who have pledged to raise \$1,000 each for VAC by November. Because of COVID, VAC cancelled its two special annual fundraising events in 2020, leaving them underfunded for 2021. During 2020, the Center continued to deliver services by technology. They served 7,500 community members, including almost 2,000 children. The agency's hotline saw a 100% increase in calls.

SOME SERVICES THEY PROVIDE

Child Advocacy Center of NNY

Provides direct services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and non-offending family, using a multi-disciplinary team approach at a single point of contact. Services are provided by law enforcement, District Attorney's office, Victims Assistance Center, Child Protective Services, and local medical facilities.

Volunteer Program

Volunteers provide emergency assistance, crisis intervention, community education, and on-call duty. Volunteers must complete an approved NYS Department of Health 40-hour training for certification as Rape Crisis Counselors.

Student Intern Program

Field placements for Associate and Bachelor level students to learn about the agency, its services and mission.

URBAN MISSION FOOD PANTRY

David Stoodley and Bruce Irwin are our Food Pantry Team Leaders. They collect \$5 a month from Asbury families who want to take part. Every Tuesday David calls Urban Mission to ask what they need that week. He and Bruce then go to Aldi's and buy those items in bulk and take them to the Urban Mission Food Pantry. During the winter months, Bruce was unable to help David. David's stepson, Corey Keefer, jumped in to help. He purchased the food items from his own pocket on 10 different occasions, for a total of \$1,795.23. A big THANK YOU to Corey for following his heart! So far this year, Asbury has given 8097 items to the Urban Mission Food Pantry. See David if you would like to support or be a part of the *Asbury Food Pantry Team!*

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

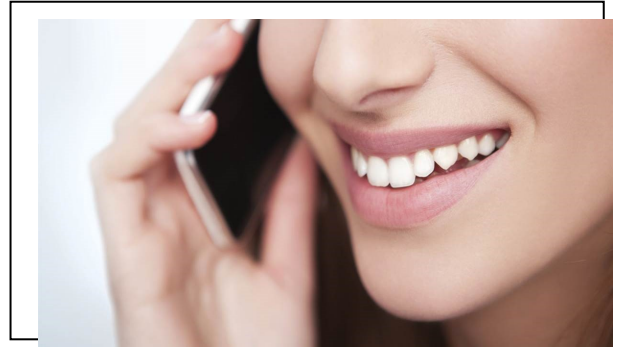
- John Wesley

Asbury's Shepherding Program

At Asbury, we have a wonderful cadre of folks who have agreed to be shepherds! Shepherding is a way to make sure that no person is without contact or friendship. Shepherding is a way for us to stay in touch and show we care. This is indeed an important Asbury mission.

Pastor Laura provided excellent training in December to everyone who was interested in becoming a shepherd. Laura is conducting a follow-up session on **June 1st at 6:30** in the Sanctuary. Say **thank you** to the Asbury Shepherds who make connections with members of our church family:

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| -Karen Boomhower | - Max Bovee |
| -LeahMae & Tom Carlisle | -Grace Burke |
| -Jane Eastham | -Lenora Forbes |
| -Sandra Johnson | -Jean LaSage |
| -Karen Hill | -Susan Hirst |
| -Krista Juzak | -Jean Marshall |
| -Erica Pettit | -Martha Peyser |
| -Carol Plemons | -Melanie Rafferty |
| -Toby Schilling | -Marianne Scott |
| -Glen & Sue Snell | -Lisa Smith |
| -Carol Stoodley | -Lindsay Webb |



Anyone can be a shepherd. If you have a caring spirit, you care about the Asbury Church Family, and you are interested in providing a connection with others, then you too can be a shepherd. Please feel free to give us a call if this is something you might want to explore.

Melanie Rafferty
315-783-1105

Lisa Smith
315-778-4173

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK - Submitted by Max Bovee

June 6: Daniel 10:12

"Your words were heard and I have come in response to them."

June 13: Hosea 6:3

"He will come to us like the Spring rains that water the earth."

June 20: Matthew 6:34

"Do not worry about tomorrow."

June 27: Isaiah 43:4

"You are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you."

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*We invite you to open this
newsletter and meet the People of
Asbury United Methodist Church.*



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