

# THE ASBURY CIRCUIT RIDER

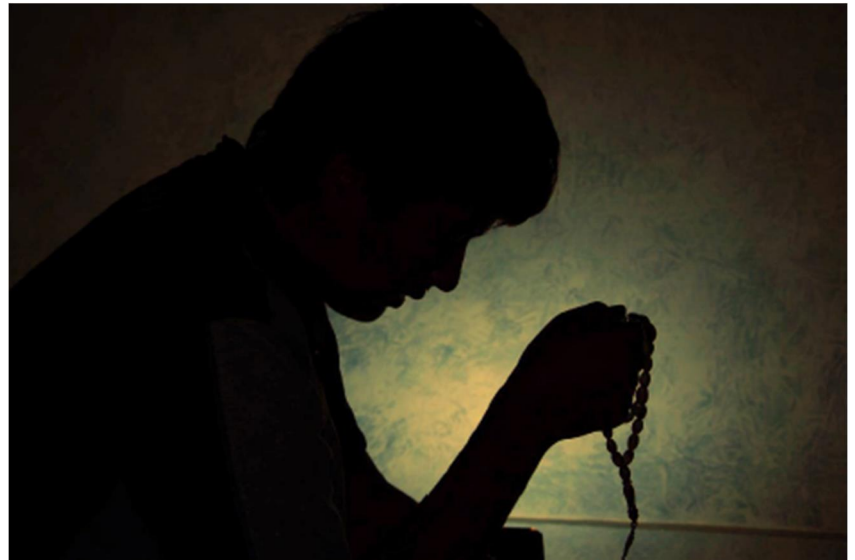
## Asbury Neighborhood Connection Delivering Water/Food

Our Community Center team serves thousands of families each month, but still hundreds of families are unable to come to us so we go to them. If you know of a family in need, whether it be food or water delivery or have any questions, you may call Kevin at 810-625-6115 or call Asbury Church at 810-235-0016.



## Volunteer Spotlight Corner

Our spotlight this edition is on Dorothy Longhouse. A long time Asbury member with a green thumb. For the past few years Dorothy beautifies the corner at Olive & Broadway with flowers. Dorothy is a member of UMW and has held numerous leadership roles in our church. Thank you Dorothy for your faithful service.



## Prayer

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

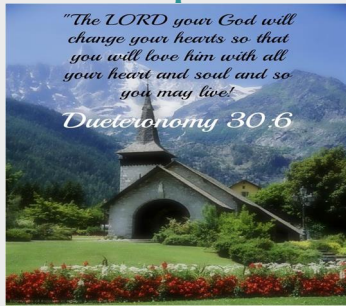
Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

The writer of Philippians tells us not to worry but to pray instead. This is basically what Jesus said according to the writer of Matthew: *That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear* (Matthew 6:25). When I wrote about God's Abundant Plan for Asbury in our last edition of this newsletter, I began with, "Really? Has God seen our neighborhood? What about the blight? The crime? The poverty? What is my advice? Pray!"

You want to know one of the most frequent confessions I hear? "I don't know what to pray for." This statement is packed full of insights about our situations. For example, the person may be saying that things are so bad they don't know where to start. Perhaps what lies behind the comment is that they are uncomfortable with how to begin a prayer. Another possibility is that they are unsure what topics are acceptable. Is it ok to pray for a new car or a refrigerator that works?

Like the numerous stories that lie behind an admission that we are uncomfortable with prayer, the topic of prayer is quite fascinating. Our youngest daughter, Gabriella, is seventeen. Yet she still recites a prayer her mom taught her as a child before meals. *God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food.*

## Worship Guide



Traditional Service

10:00 AM

WELCOME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

ANTHEM

READING OF SCRIPTURE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

TEACHING

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### Worship Service Times

Bible Study	10:00 am
Traditional Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Break	11:00 am
New Beginnings	11:30 am

### In Our Prayers

Curtis Young	Rachel Bastine
Norma Buzzard	Merle Supernaw
Barbara McIvor	Jonathon Misner
Nancy Elston	Austin & MarySuffle
Shirley Craig	Mary Armstrong
Sarah Tanner	Elizabeth Wright
Judy Tanner	Mary Lyons
Rebekah Britton	Nancy Auger

*FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO  
ARE HOMEBOUND OR IN  
NURSING CARE*

Sharon George	Elaine Lamoreaux
Mary Nations	Mary Russell
Shirley Moose	Charlayne Oram
Carmen Misner	Phyllis Roberts

*By His hand we must be fed, give us Lord our daily bread.* This is a really good prayer. It covers the bases well. This prayer recalls the greatness of God and that it is God who provides us with everything, and that we are totally dependent on God. It is also a prayer of thankfulness. This prayer doesn't cover everything we might want to cover in our prayers each day but it says a lot about the food that we are about to eat and our relationship to it.

Pastor Joyce Hollyday in her reflection on 1 Peter and God's vision of peace in our world as compared to what we experience in the world writes that:

*God's vision is peace, but our world is plagued with huffing and puffing; gale-force winds of war that sweep the globe; tornadoes of terrorism that strike and spin off in perpetual cycles of vengeance; hurricanes of hatred that divide person from person and nation from nation; untamed tempests unleashed by our grasping abuse of the planet.*<sup>1</sup>

Meanwhile, right here on Flint's Eastside we are plagued with some neighbors who simply do not seem to care what happens to our neighborhood. Crime is up again. Hope continues to be hard to hold onto. Peace is not the first word that comes to mind around here. Nevertheless, praying for peace never goes out of style, unfortunately. Neither is praying that our neighbor's dog doesn't get loose the next time we pass in front of their house. Praying whatever is on our heart and mind is what prayer is all about. I suspect that there are really no specific rules regarding prayer. But it does seem appropriate to think before we pray once in a while.

Has anyone ever said to you "Be careful what you pray for." This advice presumes that prayers are answered. But are all prayers answered? The obvious answer is no. Otherwise, we really would have chaos in the world without God determining how prayers are answered. If all of our prayers were answered with whatever we ask for we would all be gods. Instead, we pray with the faith that God can sort out which of our prayers should get a "yes" answer and which prayers require a "no" answer; or at least a "not yet" answer. To some extent this suggests that we really don't have to worry about what we pray for since God will sort it out. There is something very honest about this approach. I pray what's really on my mind and God knows what to do about it. Is prayer really this easy?

I think so. I find prayer to be really easy, at least at first. A big part of my job as a pastor is praying. My prayer list is quite long which is hampered by my weakness in remembering names. "You know who I mean" is oftentimes a part of my prayer rather than leave someone out who needs prayer just because I can't remember their name at the time. I am much better at remembering situations and stories so I usually have a situation in mind when I pray for someone. Praying for others is sometimes called by a rather strange word "intercessory" prayer. In other words we are praying on behalf of someone else either to add amplification to their needs presuming that they are praying for themselves or perhaps we are praying for someone who may not be praying for themselves. They may feel that they are good as they are but we may have a different opinion and ask God to get involved.

Prayer involves other people even if we are praying for something very personal. None of us live totally isolated from other people. We all breathe from a common pool of air. We are each connected even with strangers. Our prayers are like petitions. We cannot answer our own prayer so we ask God, or we petition God, to do whatever we hope that comes out of our prayer. We pray for sunshine for our day off and a farmer may be praying for rain. Knowing which prayers to answer is a job that only God can handle. Its too complex for any of us.

Pastor Tommy

<sup>1</sup> Joyce Hollyday, *The Upper Room Disciplines 2017*. Edited by Rita Collett. Upper Room Books.

## Book Club News



We are taking a short break from our video series to discuss the book *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel. Ask an usher for a copy.

In a couple of weeks we will return to watching and discussing the NOOMA films. These videos are created and produced by Flannel, a nonprofit organization. Flannel is a group of people committed to giving everyone a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus.

We begin each week by watching a video from this series in our Chapel Theater. We move to our meeting area downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall for lunch and discussion. Each video is based on Scripture and challenges us to consider how what we believe to be true about Jesus should show in how we live day to day.

Our goal is to continue to widen our circle and so we hope that you will join in on our discussion. We meet each Tuesday at Noon. Come join us for a light lunch, fellowship and discussion. Our food selections have been fantastic and we always have plenty to share. We are always on the lookout for our next book, video lesson or topic. Your participation and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

## Ways to get involved ...

**Donate** ó Your financial support is greatly appreciated. You can donate online at [FlintAsbury.org/donate](http://FlintAsbury.org/donate)

**Worship** helps us to connect with God through music, scripture, biblical teaching, prayer, reflection, adoration and fellowship.

**Video & Sound Support** ó We are looking for persons willing to support worship and other events by running our media control center. Training available.

**Music Ministry** ó Join the Asbury Choir or Praise Team. We are looking for vocalists and musicians.

**Community Gardening** ó The Asbury Center for Nutrition has several gardens, orchards and a hoop house that need your attention.

**Neighborhood Connect** is a ministry that assesses individual gifts and passions and looks for ways to bring people together in ways that improve relationships and our community.

**Food & Water Giveaway** ó Join us on Thursdays at 8:30 AM to help give away food and bottled water.

**Pantry** - We need food items, including meats, paper products; personal items diapers, and financial support.

**Social Media** allows us to tell others about the work that God is doing. All of us can help enhance our presence in the social media by posting on our Facebook and utilizing our website for blogging.

**Student Housing** - the Asbury House offers local college students a way to use their gifts and passions together with their faith in building a better neighborhood.

**Women's Circles** - The women of Asbury meet regularly in small groups.

**Pastor's Book Club** meets each Tuesday at 12Noon for fellowship, food and learning.

**Beginners Bible Study** – meets each Wednesday at 10:00am.

**Sunday Bible Study** meets each week at 10 am to review & discuss scripture.

**What’s coming up...?**

- June 4 Annual Conference  
David Leineke Preaching
- June 11 Annual Picnic  
Mabel Avenue  
between Olive & Iowa

**A New Worship Series**  
*Prayer*

*Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything. Tell  
God what you need, and thank him  
for all he has done.*

*Philippians 4:6*



Our worship series for the summer will focus on these questions and more. While we will cover a multitude of subjects, prayer will be a common thread. I hope that you will join us. Bring your questions, your struggles just as you are. Churches are spiritual hospitals and we are all in need of some spiritual doctoring. If you prefer a more traditional worship with hymns and more structure, come at 10 am. If you prefer informal worship with more current songs that have a drum beat and electric guitars, come at 11:30 am. Come join us for coffee in between services at eleven. I hope to see you and to hear what you are praying for and about.

- June 18 God  
Isaiah 56:1-8
- June 25 Let Go  
Matthew 6: 31-33

**May 28 - Notes & Reflections - Daring New Heights**

*They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."*

Mark 2:1-5

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**Coming up this week ...**

		Neighborhood Deliveries /water-food	
May 29	Mon		
May 30	Tues	12Noon	Pastor Book Club
May 31	Wed	10:00am	Beginners Bible Study
		4:00pm	Youth Recreation
June 1	Thur		
June 2	Fri		
June 3	Sat	12Noon	Youth Recreation
June 4	Sun	Picnic (one Service today only)	
		11:00 am	New Beginnings Worship
		(at Love Thy Neighbor Community Church on Mabel St)	

Look for announcements scrolling on our screen prior to the start of worship. Email announcements by the Friday before to [FlintAsburyUMC@gmail.com](mailto:FlintAsburyUMC@gmail.com)

**In our worship service**

Greeter	Christine
Children's Time	Jessica
Candle Lighting	Karen
Usher	Bob, Carolyn, Jim
Media Support	Bob
Nursery	Norma
Coffee Break	Norma, Christine
Worship Leader	Karen 10:00am

**Last Week for Worship**

Attendance 55 Offering \$ 9,584

**Coffee Break**

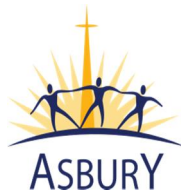
Plan to meet outside the sanctuary each Sunday after the first service for coffee, tea, snacks, conversation and so on. The music will start when it is time to wrap up and head in for *New Beginnings*.

**Asbury Staff**

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Jim Craig	Church Council Chair
	Asbury CDC Board Chair
Connie Portillo	Office Secretary
Kathy Howe	Choir Director
Rebekah Britton	Organist
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**WELCOME! - Bienvenidos!**

We are happy you are here to worship with us today. Please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate in order that we may be able to serve you further.

**OUR VISION – Nuestro Vision**

*We envision a community in love with God, one another and our neighbors, evidenced through the transformation of ourselves and our neighborhood*

**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS – Anuncios de la Semana**

**Detroit Annual Conference:** Rev. Tommy will be out of the office to attend Annual Conference in Grand Traverse from June 1-4.

**Dental Screenings for the Help Centers:** Exciting news was announced this week at the Resource Recovery Meeting in regards to dental screenings and referrals for the HELP Centers. Starting on Thursday March 30, 2017 at 10am-12noon, Hamilton Community Health Network will be providing dental screenings at the three locations, rotating sites each time. Please review the following schedule:

June 1	Asbury	June 8	Greater Holy Temple
June 15	Bethel	June 22	Asbury
June 29	Greater Holy Temple	July 6	Bethel
July 13	Asbury	July 20	Greater Holy Temple
July 27	Bethel		

An updated schedule will be completed after the summer. For any additional information or to offer appreciation, please reach out to Lakisha ó Lakisha Bah Stewart CHW MPA at Hamilton Community Health Network 2500 N Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48504

Email: [lbahstewart@hamiltonchn.org](mailto:lbahstewart@hamiltonchn.org) Phone: 810-275-8175

Thanks to all for your continued work in our community.

**Kara-Lyn D. Ross**, Vice President

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**Please put your cell phone on stun!**

**Por favor poner el teléfono en silencio!**

In order that we may be fully present in worship, please set your cell phone to silent mode. Tweets & Facebook posts are encouraged if they are relevant to our worship.

**JUNE 2017**

**Asbury UMC Monthly Planner**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Graduation ó Sunday Worship ó Picnic                      Service will be Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Love Thy Neighbor Community Church on Mabel St. (Picnic will start immediately following the <b>one</b> Worship Service at 11:00am)</p> </div>				<p>1 U of M 5-part Workshop (Innovation Incubator) 5-8:00pm</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Boy Scouts Picnic (grilling outside, basement for activities &amp; Chapel for movies) 10am-3pm  U of M 5 6part workshop (downstairs) 1-3:00pm</p>
<p>4 Bible Study 10am Traditional Worship 10am Coffee Break 11am New Beginnings 11:30am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Water Resource Workgroup 9am (at Food Bank) Pastor Book Club 12N Washington Neighborhood Assoc 6pm</p>	<p>7 Beginners Bible Study 10am Youth Rec 4pm</p>	<p>8 Water Response Coordination Mtg 3 pm  U of M 5-part Workshop (Innovation Incubator) 5-8:00pm</p>	<p>9 Fresh Produce Giveaway 10am-1pm</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 <b>Picnic</b> (One Service today only) <b>New Beginnings 11:00am</b> (at the Love Thy Neighbor Community Church on Mabel St)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Recovery Wkgroup at 1938 Howard Ave 9am Pastor Book Club 12N</p>	<p>14 Beginners Bible Study 10am Youth Rec 4pm</p>	<p>15 U of M 5-part Workshop (Innovation Incubator) 5-8:00pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <b>Happy Father's Day</b> Bible Study 10am Traditional Worship 10am Coffee Break 11am New Beginnings 11:30am</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Water Resource Workgroup 9am (at Food Bank) Pastor Book Club 12N</p>	<p>21 Beginners Bible Study 10am Youth Rec 4pm</p>	<p>22 Water Response Coordination Mtg 3 pm  U of M 5-part Workshop (Innovation Incubator) 5-8:00pm</p>	<p>23 Fresh Produce Giveaway 10am-1pm</p>	<p>24 Tony &amp; Miriam's Wedding 5:00pm (followed by reception in Fellowship Hall)</p>
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**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday and Wednesday - 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Friday - 9:00am to 12:00pm**

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**Worship Sunday:**

**Bible Study 10:00am**

**Traditional Worship 10:00am**

**Coffee Break 11:00am**

**New Beginnings Worship 11:30am**

**Pastor Book Club: Tuesdays 12:00Noon**

**Beginners Bible Study: Wednesdays 10:00am**

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