

Predicting the Future

Brothers and sisters, I greet you in the name of the one True God who was made fully known to us in Jesus Christ and whose power comes to us in the Holy Spirit. My joy has been multiplied thousands of times over because of you and your love for God. Like me, you are not perfect in your actions or attitudes or words, but together we experience the perfect love of God.

I write this newsletter article with part of me wishing I could predict the future. If I could see into the future I would be able to lay out the year 2010 – we're taking time this month to look that direction. If I could predict the future I might be able to give you a glimpse of the great things God has in store for us, and I do believe he does. However, God does not give that ability. We cannot see the future. However, we can see God, and that is enough.

Asbury is moving into a new phase of ministry. We are not being called to be different, but we are being called to grow and to become mature in our faith and in our ministry. We cannot see the future, but we can make some plans for the possibilities.

If you have not already received a "Serving God's Purpose Together" commitment packet you soon will. This packet gives some information about where God is calling us to go and what we believe it will take to get us there. Please prayerfully consider your commitments. They are simple commitments, but they are not easy. They are general commitments which require you to find the specific ways to fulfill those commitments.

As you pray for your commitment, please pray for the church. Pray for 2010. Pray for our faithfulness. November 8th will be the Sunday we bring those back to the church and celebrate the future.

Peace to you,



Pastor Mike Lindstrom

Growing, Leading, Serving...

Saturday, October 10th
8:00 am

Pumpkin Delivery

11:30 - 1:30 am

*Outback Steakhouse
Fundraiser*

Saturday, Oct 17th & 31st

*Rebuilding Together
Houston Mission Project*

Saturday, October 24th

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

UMW Fall Bazaar

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Fall Family Fun Day

Saturday night, Oct. 31st

Set your clocks back 1 hr
*Daylight Saving Time
ends!*

Our Church Office hours are:

9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday

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www.asbury-umc.com

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<http://mikeatasbury.wordpress.com>

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Pastor: Rev. Mike Lindstrom



Asbury's Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkin delivery is Saturday, October 10th, at 8:00 a.m. The sale of the pumpkins will be from Sunday, October 11th, through Saturday, October 31st. The patch will be open Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to dark, and 12:00 p.m. to dark on Sundays.

Help is needed daily with the sale of pumpkins. If you can come and "babysit" the pumpkins at any time during the week or weekend please let us know. A sign up sheet is in the Main Hall, or call the church office (281-484-4814) or email andrea@asbury-umc.com.

Thank you for supporting our Missions!



Asbury's Fall Family Fun Day!

Events include the Annual Bazaar sponsored by the United Methodist Women, our annual Pumpkin Patch, Hot Dogs provided by the United Methodist Men, plus games for the kids!

Activities begin at 9am. Come join us for this fun filled day!

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!

Flu and Pneumonia Shots!

Flu and Pneumonia Vaccinations will be offered at Asbury UMC in October:

- Saturday, October 24, 2009 from 10am - 2pm.
- Cost: \$20 for Flu--\$50 for Pneumonia
- Medicare Recipients--will need to bring their Medicare "B" Card

Medicare HMO immunizations will not be covered. Payment will need to be made at the time of immunization.



Thank You...

*Dear Friends at Asbury UMC,
Thank you for your wonderful donation of school supplies and hand sanitizers. It really makes a difference to our students that otherwise could not afford these items. We are truly blessed by your support and appreciate all your efforts on behalf of our school.*

*Marty Emmons, Principal
Dabbs Elementary, Deer Park*

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Ladies,

Thank you so much for all the food - It was all so good and we really enjoyed it. It was the first time we had a death in our family and we didn't know what to expect. Thanks again so much.

Louise Ruff

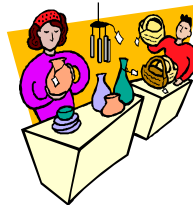
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Our Asbury family

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support these last few weeks. All of you mean so much to us, and we couldn't have gotten through this as well as we did without our church family. We know Carrie's quick recovery is a result of your love and prayers.

Thank you so much!

Sommerfield & Knapp families



The United Methodist Women's annual Bazaar will be on October 24th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. There will be an assortment of handmade items for sale as well as a fabulous Bake sale. There will also be a display of stainless steel knives for sale.

You are invited to come and support the

U.M.W. on this fundraiser. The proceeds are used in many ways throughout the U.M.W. and the church.



An acronym for **B**elieving In **G**od and **H**elping **O**thers **U**nderstand through **S**ervice **E**verywhere. *It is for Jr. High youth (completed 6th - 8th grade).* Work projects for BIG HOUSE include painting churches, doing landscaping, handrail repair, preparing meals, stocking food at a food pantry, etc.

Contact Laurel Waller for more information, or see the website bighousetx.org

We seek to honor our covenant through our prayers, our presence, our giving, and our serving...

PRAYERS . . .

Don Airhart, Lisa Bolch's father, knee surgery
Bill Alsobrook, Ernie & Linda Alsobrook's son, health concerns
Ross & Bea Bissonnet, health concerns
Edna Bebinger, Pam Murray's mother, Heritage House
Debbie Bliese, Dawn Elliott's nephews wife, terminal cancer
Johnny Bonds, Naomi Lines' friend, renal cancer
Doug Brown, cancer
Johanna Campbell, friend of Cheryl Sorenson, health concerns
R. C. Campbell, Sue Janda's brother in law, heart problems
Leola Calhoun, Jackie Williams' mother, Park Manor rehab
Betty Carter, former Asbury member, melanoma in the eye
Joe Childers, Patient's Hospital
Ralph Champion, colon cancer
Ona Mae Cook, health concerns
Donna Cooper, Deanna Loven's sister, lung cancer
Norman Corgey, Jenny Fincher's father, health problems
Don Custer, former Asbury member, health concerns
JoAnn Dee, Leon Dee's mother, health concerns
Leon Dee, recovering from back surgery
Helen Domeika, Gayle Guinon's sister, stroke
Mary Ellen Dussouy, Cindy Evans' relative, breast cancer
Patrick Eaves, kidney dialysis
Willis Evans, recovering from pneumonia
Norma Jean Ethredge, Wallace & Joetta Ethredge's daughter-in-law, cancer
Mary Farrell, Sue Bolch's co-worker, fighting cancer
Jack Fink, health concerns
Lynn Fisk, friend of Mona Davis, cancer
Hortencia Galvan, Olga Galvan's mother, heart concerns
Joe Godail, health concerns
Christina Gordon, recovering from car accident 9/22
Caroline Green, Michelle Glover's niece, leukemia
Millie Harper, Mel Hutchinson's sister, incurable bone cancer
Robert Heath, Pat Godail's neighbor, diagnosed with cancer
Earl Hester, Ronny Bolch's cousin, heart problems
Tom Higgins, Joetta Ethredge's brother-in-law, cancer
Jerry Hyatt, Shelia Guettler's uncle, cancer
Aidan Immroth, Olga Galvan friend, brain tumor/cancer
Isabella Johnson, Jeff Jordon's grandmother, fractured hip
Family of **Rev. Joe James** recent loss
Jeff Jordon, Joe and Pat Godail's son in law, medical issues
Aunt Joy, Glenna Tolley's aunt, hospice
Carrie Knapp, recovery from brain surgery
Maurine Liles, hospitalized at Bayshore Hosp.
Noah Melcher, Diane Peppo's student, brain tumor
Jean Milburn, recovering from pneumonia

Corey Monzingo, Dixie McAdams' family friend, age 20, cancer
Jim & Betty Moore, Christina Gordon's parents, health concerns
Penny Parker, Mary Majumdar's sister, Crohn's disease
Michael Parrish, autoimmune disease
Preston Freeman, Letha Bissonnet's cousin, brain cancer
Warren Pfender, Debbie Heckman's friend, cancer
Justin Pitchford, Sheila Guettler's cousin son, leukemia
Chris Romero, traveling with work
Carol Rose, Lisa Deen's mother, recovery from serious illness
Rollin Rosser, Kelsey Voss' grandfather
Louise Ruff, recent loss of husband, Frank 9/20
David Scarcella, former Asbury member, health concerns
Jack & Billie Schmidt, health concerns
Harriet Setrella, Darlene Pettit's mother, health concerns
Larry Singleton, Clyde & Lorene Singleton's son, surgery
Tiffany Smith, unable to walk
Gerald Soulier, Molly Browning's father, recovering from a stroke
Family of **Sara Sullivan**, sudden loss of wife/mother, Sara
Connie Temple, health concerns
Lillian Thompson, Carol Halliday's sister, multiple myeloma
Laura Tyler, Glenna Tolley's stepsister, cancer
Jose Valdez, health concerns
Melissa Voss, Kelsey Voss sister, guidance
Bessie Wigley, Billie Schmidt's mother, Courtyard long-term care
Georgia Wisby, health concerns
Miriam Williams, Jackie Williams' mother-in-law, broken hip, recovering from surgery

Our pastor, staff & church

Prayer requests will be printed for a period of 30 days unless an update is received in the church office.

Asbury remembers...

Frank Ruff
Member since April 1953

Please pray for those serving our nation, especially:

Michael Chopcinski, Jeremy Cauley, Corey Ellis, John Ethredge, Doug Goecke, Christopher Grantham, Derek Greer, Damon Gregory, Jessica Hamilton, Drew Hargus, Drake Inkster, Jeremy Jernigan, Jason Kelly, Todd Lockhart, Sean Lowe, Johnny Lozano, Carl Mann, Donald Meyer, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, Jason Williams, national & world leaders.

PRESENCE . . .

Sunday, September 27, 2009

8:45 a.m. Worship Service	86
Sunday Small Groups	145
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	145
Sunday Evening Activities	49

Sunday, October 4, 2009

8:45 a.m. Worship Service	70
Sunday Small Groups	138
10:45 a.m. Worship Service	148
Sunday Evening Activities	56



Sermon Series

October 11th - November 8th

Come join us!

Our next edition...Asbury's next Circuit Rider along with the November calendar will be published Friday, October 23rd. Please submit articles or information to the church office or via email at asbury@asbury-umc.com by Tuesday, October 20th.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DBSA



***Depression & Bipolar
Disorder Group...***

DBSA Greater Houston, the Gulf Coast area's largest provider of mental health support groups, is pleased to announce the opening of its newest support group in Pasadena on October 14, 2009. As with all of our support groups, the group in Pasadena will be open to the public at no cost and is completely confidential for those who attend.

This group is open to all adults experiencing the symptoms of Depression or Bipolar Disorder as well as family members and friends of those that are affected by either illness.

Participants will meet in a supportive environment to explore coping and recovery strategies for depression and bipolar disorder diagnosis. A licensed clinician will be present to facilitate the group, address concerns or answer any questions. Informative literature about either illness will be made available as well.

The group will meet here at Asbury every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Community Room.

Please contact DBSA Greater Houston at (713) 600-1131 for more information on mood disorders, this specific group, other group locations or directions. Visit our web-site at: www.dbsahouston.org

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