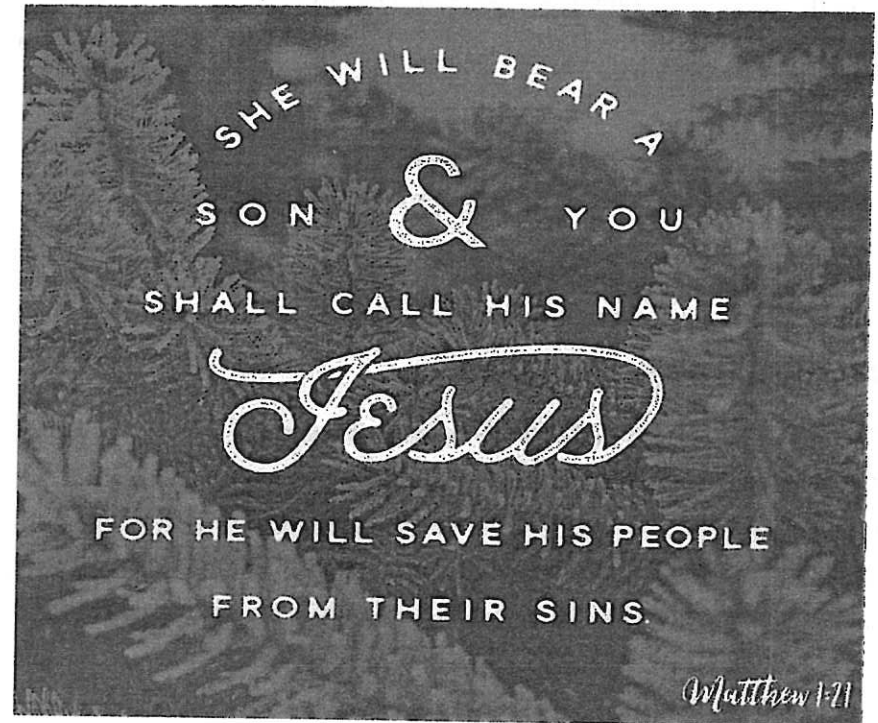


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DECEMBER 20, 2020; 10:15 A.M.

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for the transformation of the world*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRELUDE: "Once He Came in Blessing"
arr. By Michael Burkhardt

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(L)It is the light of the world, Emmanuel, God with us.

(P)Come to us Emmanuel!

(L)For we have seen your light and gather here

(P)Awaiting the day of your coming.

*HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

*OPENING PRAYER: O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue coming into our lives. You shatter reasoned expectations, give wonder and awe, and fulfill promises little understood. Watching and waiting, we pray, hasten the day! Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

MISSION MOMENT

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "It Wasn't His Child" T. Yearwood
Melanie Rafferty

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1: 18-25

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Lo How a Rose 'Er Blooming" #216

MESSAGE: "Fear Not! – Joseph"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "My Grown-up Christmas List"
A. Grant
Melanie Rafferty
And Lisa Smith

*DOXOLOGY.: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All) We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN: "What Child is This?" #219

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World"

The altar flowers are given by Terry & Mary MacAdam and Willy & Darlene Welbourn in loving memory of Tanner Welbourn, Mary Lambert and Chauncey Lambert.

238 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Christ whose birth the an-gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid, whom the choirs of an-gels praise;



and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heav-en-ly song?
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a,

in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo - - - - -

ri - a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, as those of old have
 mind; with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er
 air, dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness cv - cry -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 where. Truc man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

What Child Is This 219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Galatians 4:4

“When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son.”

Provided by Max Bovee

OUR UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION PRAYER LIST:

Our Bishop, Mark Webb/family, our United Methodist missionaries Dr. Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman (in Nepal), Rev. Michael Weeden (District Superintendent) and Rev. Laura Calos.

KNOWN DEPLOYED TROOPS AND SPOUSES:

Deployed: Jack and Ryan

Asbury places in the bulletin a list of deployed troops that are connected to Asbury, along with the names of their spouses. We will not publish the last name for security and privacy reasons. If we have missed any, please contact the office.

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our home bound and nursing home residents: Bill Lennon, Ellie Cerow, Doris Blodget, Marge Brauer, Lynn Brown, Norman/Joyce Kicherer, Jean Luttmann, Stevie Mider; Eleanor Pettit, Rev. Dora Schneider, Anne Walker. Others: Pam Quimby, Constance Benham, Linda Bennett, Jeff Blowers (a friend of Shirley Berry), Ben Cook’s improvement. Rev. Steve Deckard, David Forbes, Joliese Haynes, David Heasley, Julie, Alice Marino, Wayne Mosher, Dick Persons, Sarah Peyton, Jonda Ratigliano, Mike Roach, Michelle Scott, Tom Shannon, Sister Martha, Miyako Tanabe.

YOUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE THIS WEEK

12/21: 6:30 P.M. - Incarnation Advent Study with Rev. Laura via Zoom

There will be no Sunday School on December 27 and January 3. We will be offering Zoom Christmas Bingo at 1:30 P.M. on Dec. 20 for Sunday School kids to participate in. Questions? Contact Sarah Lehman: sundayschool@westelcom.com

We would like to use the poinsettia display for the Christmas Eve taping and next week's service. It would be appreciated if you could leave your plant until Dec. 27 remembering due to COVID concerns the church will not be delivering plants. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/3: 2:00 P.M. – Sunday School Planning Meeting via Zoom
- 1/5: 6:00 P.M. – Membership and Evangelism Meeting via Zoom
- 1/8: 9:30 A.M. – Asbury Book Club, Contact Joanne Rhode for information
- 1/9: 8:00 A.M. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel
- 1/12: 6:30 P.M. – Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- 1/13: 5:15 P.M. – PSPRC Meeting @ Wesley Hall
- 1/19: 3:00 P.M. – Finance Meeting via Zoom
- 1/20: NOON – New Day Board Meeting @ Wesley Hall

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance last Sunday: 82
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased last week: 402
2020 Year-to-date total: 17,405

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ASBURY’S WEEKLY MINISTRIES

- Sundays:
 - 8:30 A.M. – *The Wired Word* with Aaron Johnson via Zoom. Contact Aaron, 315-408-5654, for your invitation to Zoom.
 - 10:15 A.M. – Morning Service @ Sanctuary
- Tuesdays:
 - 10:15 A.M. – Staff Meeting @ Wesley Hall
- Wednesdays:
 - 11:00 A.M. – Prayer Circle @ Parlor. Masks are worn and sweet tea is served. If you have a prayer concern or would like to pray for others, please come.

TO ALL: We are happy you are here to worship with us today!

WELCOME CENTER: If this is your first time at Asbury, we have a gift for you at our Welcome Center. Please stop by for questions answered or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter and/or other brochures!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS

Age 3-K class: Teacher – Katie Jeurissen and rotating helpers

Grade 1-6 class: Teacher – Sarah Lehman and Susan Hirst

ASBURY UMC STAFF

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| Administrative Assistant | Faith Kirch |
| Asst. to the Pastor/Disciple Development: | Max Bovee |
| Broadcast Ministry: | Bob Kurtz |
| Child Care Workers: | Ashlee Weldon |
| Cleaning Services: | Frances Goutremout |
| Congregational Care Ministry: | Pamela Quimby; Darlene Welbourn |
| Faith Community Nurse: | Darlene Welbourn |
| Financial Secretary: | Dan Webb |
| Maintenance: | Gerald Holder |
| Music Program Leadership: | Catherine Mowers – Music Director |
| | Ghilyana Dordzhieva; Lynn Morgan; Melanie Rafferty; |
| | Michelle Rudd; Lisa Smith; Helen Timerman; Bina West; |
| | Jennifer Whitenack |
| Treasurer: | Deb VanHouten |

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters:
Sterling Street: Carol Stoodley, Darlene Town, Adrianna and Amanda Weldon, Sue Snell, Melanie Rafferty, and Erica Pettit

Advent Readers: Nikki Patrick and Family

Liturgist: Erica Pettit

Organist: Lynn Morgan

Acolytes: Hannah Johnson, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Michael Rudd, Ruzena Rudd, Madyson Smith

Shepherdess: Marie Jewson, Bonnie Peck, Pam Quimby

Shepherd: William Littell

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|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Ushers: John Cerow | Bill Hickox | Lorraine Irwin |
| Wayne Morris | Dick Persons | Orie Phillips |
| Bill Plemons | James Rafferty | Dale Scott |
| Bill Smith | Lisa Smith | Carol Stoodley |
| Darlene Town | Patrick Town | Leon VanWie |
| Dan Webb | Adrianna Weldon | Amanda Weldon |
| Kim Welt | Larry Welt | |

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

GIVEN BY

Gianfagna Family

GIVEN BY

Laura Calos

Mary DeYear

Gianfagna Family

Frances Goutremout & Bina West

Brenda Harris

Alvin Hasner

The Lennon Family

Bill & Maggie Palmer

Bonnie Peck

Pam Quimby

Jim & Melanie Rafferty

Frank & Joanne Rhode

David Simmons

Gerald Tucker

IN HONOR OF

Millie Gianfagna

IN MEMORY OF

Rev. Phillip Schaal

Rev. Stephen Calos

Francis Lunderman, SR

Loved Ones

David Corp

Ida & James Parker

William S. Harris Jr.

Ellen S. and James Schaffer

Carol Hasner, Wife

Mr. and Mrs. George Hasner Sr.

George P. Hasner Jr., Brother

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Lennon

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Timerman

Evelyn Louise Timerman Lennon

Parents

Dale Peck

Clarence and Muriel Booth

Mary and Donald Bowman

Bill and Helen Quimby

Vincent and Flora Rafferty

Doug Stackel

Pam Shuman

Rev. Charles Martin (1938-1970)

The Tucker Family

2020 MEMORIAL TREE

GIVEN BY

Sharon Potter
Gill and Patrick Family

Susan and Glen Snell

Joyce McIntosh

Mary DeYear

Grace Burke

Margie and Leon VanWie

Bina West
Martha Peyser

IN MEMORY OF

Harry Potter
Cindy Gill
Areta Lacy
Urla and Ken Raynor
Dorothy Snell and Harold Lanning
Fayette and Melville Wright
Jean Lloyd, Edna Underwood, Leon
Underwood and Don McIntosh
Francis Lunderman Sr.
Ruth Lunderman
Sarah Louise Wheatley
Sylbourne Wheatley
George Gill
Marge and Bob VanWie
Mr. and Mrs. William N. West
Peter M. Peyser, Dad
Susan B. Peyser, Mom

December 27 – Wear Your Christmas Sweaters
and other Christmas Clothes!

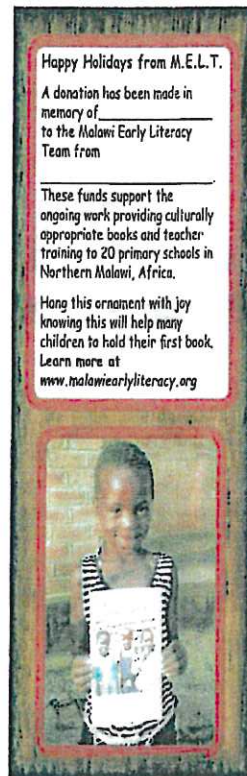
On December 27 during the 10:15 A.M. service.

We are encouraging everyone to wear your favorite Christmas sweater or any Christmas clothes to lift the Christmas spirit! Ugly Christmas sweaters are welcome as well! We hope to bring joy and laughter to you this Christmas season!



M.E.L.T. Holiday Ornaments

Help support M.E.L.T.'s ongoing work providing culturally appropriate books and teacher training to 20 primary schools in Northern Malawi, Africa by sending a MELT-themed ornament to a loved one. With a minimum donation of \$10, we will send a MELT ornament to a loved one in honor or in memory of a person of your choice. Use the paper form or go to m-e-l-t-holiday-ornament.cheddarup.com to place an order.



M.E.L.T. Holiday Ornament Form

\$10 minimum donation to give a loved one a MELT Ornament

Purchaser Information

Name _____
email _____
Phone _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip code _____

Receiver Information

In honor of _____
or In Memory of _____

Please mail this ornament gift and Holiday card to:

Name _____
Address _____
State _____
City _____ Zip code _____

Two Easy Ways to Order

1. Download - Complete form - mail by December 11 for Christmas delivery to:

Heather White, M.E.L.T. chair
424 Paddock Street
Watertown NY 13601

Checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church
Memo: MELT ornament

2. Order online: go to: m-e-l-t-holiday-ornament.cheddarup.com

Use one form per gifted ornament. Questions? info@m-e-l-t.org
Zikomo - Thank you!

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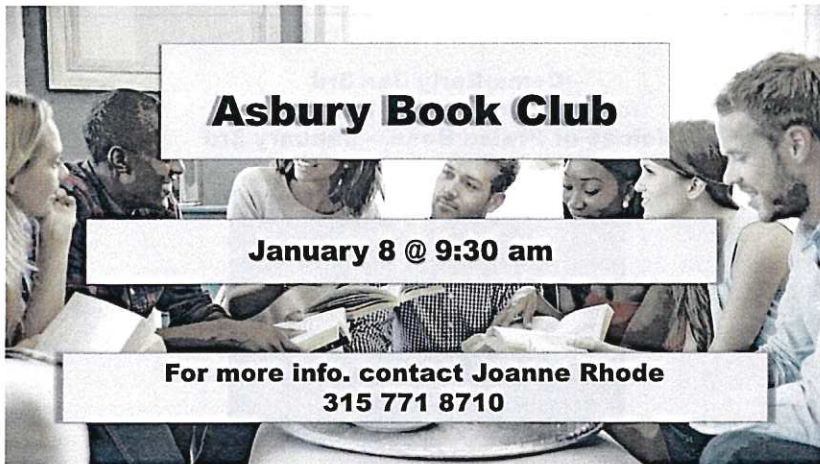
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