

WELCOME CENTER: First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 88

Online: 30

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 412

2021 Year-to-Date Total: 19,321

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Carol Stoodley, Melanie Rafferty, Sue Snell, Erica Pettit, Lisa Smith, Lenora Forbes, Grace Burke, Jean Marshall, Max Bovee and Darlene Town

Liturgist: Max Bovee

Organist: Lisa Smith

Chapel Service: Max Bovee

Coffee Hour Host: Choir

Advent Candle/Readers: Jim and Melanie Rafferty

Acolytes: Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck, Pam Quimby and William Littell

Ushers: Bill Hickox

Lorraine Irwin

Wayne Morris

Orie Phillips

Bill Plemons

James Rafferty

Dale Scott

Bill Smith

Lisa Smith

Carol Stoodley

Darlene Town

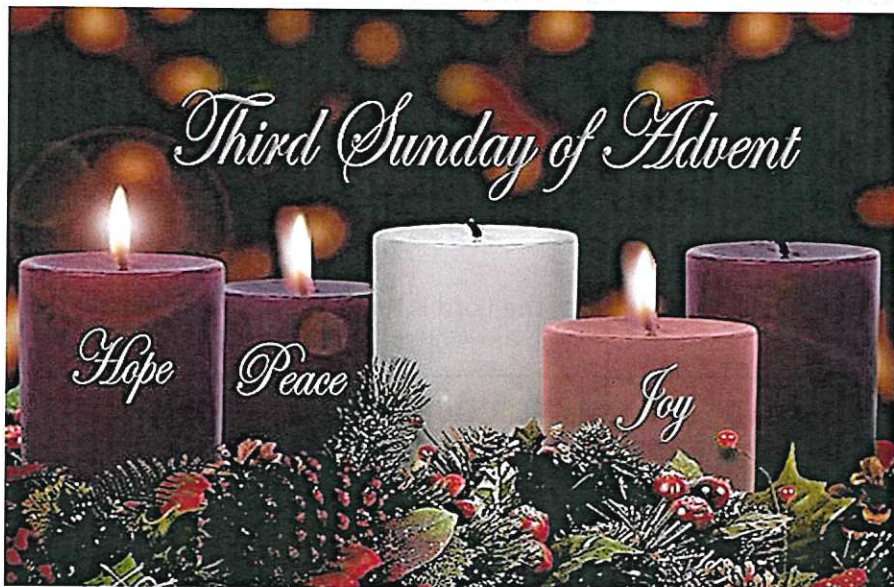
Patrick Town

Leon VanWie

Dan Webb

Amanda Weldon

Adrianna Weldon



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 12, 2021; 10:15 A.M.**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

**The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you
with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**

- Zephaniah 3:17 -



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(* Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Christmas Handbell Suite" Butler
Asbury Ringers
Narrator: Kerry Roberge

CHOIR INTROIT: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Weissel

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let all who love God rejoice.

People: Let all who thirst for justice draw water from the well of God's salvation.

Leader: Let all who long for Christ sing for joy.

People: Let all who hunger for righteousness return home to the living God.

*HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

*OPENING PRAYER:

God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the foundation of our joy. Be with us now and always. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM: "Murmurs in a Stable" Boersma/Courtney

YOUNG DISCIPLE 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

*HYMN: "Tell Out, My Soul" #200

MESSAGE: "It's Getting Better"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Mary, Did You Know" sung by Melanie Rafferty and Chantel Lockwood

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

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: "There's a Song in the Air" #249

*BENEDICTION

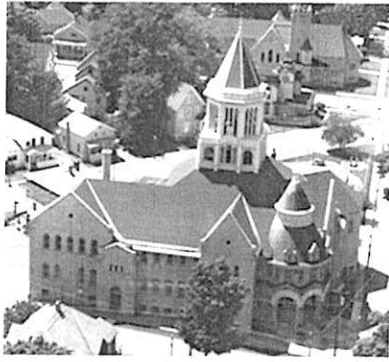
CHORAL BENEDICTION: "One Holy Night in Bethlehem" Keithahn Horman

POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Franklin Ritter

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our home bound and nursing home residents: Bill Lennon, Ellie Cerow, Jean Luttmann, Stevie Mider, Gertrude Ives and Anne Walker.

Others: Darrel Kicherer's sister, David Forbes father who has been diagnosed with cancer, Darrel Kicherer and family whose mother Joyce recently passed away.



ASBURY UMC

*Opportunities
to Share Our Love for God
and Each Other*



Highlights from Last Week

On Sunday, December 5, all December birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated with a cake during fellowship time/coffee hour. (photos)

On Monday, December 6th, a funeral service for Joyce Kicherer was held in the sanctuary. Many people attended to honor her and her loved ones.

On Friday, December 10, about 50 asburians enjoyed the Special Advent Gathering in Wesley Hall, organized by Max Bovee. Everyone enjoyed pizza and sundaes as well as Hymn and Carol singing together!



This Week

December 12 – December 19, 2021

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, December 13: 10:15 A.M.

Mission Committee Meeting @ Parsonage

- Monday, December 13: 7:00 P.M.

Trustees Meeting via Zoom

- Tuesday, December 14: 6:30 P.M.

New Day Board Meeting @ Wesley Hall

- Wednesday, December 15: NOON

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary

- Monday, December 13: 6:15 P.M.

Grief Support Group @ Parlor

- Tuesday, December 14: 11:00 A.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday school Room

- Wednesday, December 15: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 15: 11:00 A.M.

Agape Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 16: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Practice @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 16: 7:15 P.M.

Scripture of the Week

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

- 1 Peter 4: 8 -

ASBURY'S STAFF

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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.*

THE ASBURY MOTTO

*No Matter Where You Are
on Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!*

Join Us Next Sunday, December 19th 4th Sunday of Advent - LOVE

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M in the Chapel:

Michelle Rudd is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Sunday School students will
lead the worship service.



Cookies & Baked Goods for Christmas Eve

Having a nice reception after both Christmas Eve services is a long-standing Asbury tradition. It is also a lovely tradition that many of you volunteer to bring in cookies and other baked goods.

If you would like to bring cookies or baked goods, please add your name to the Sign-up Sheet in the Rotunda so we can keep track of how many volunteers there will be. You may bring your items before the 5:00 P.M. Family Service or before the 7:30 P.M. Main Service. We thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

Membership & Evangelism Committee

NEW - GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Rev. Laura Calos will be leading a Grief Support Group for 6 weeks for anyone who is interested. More information in this month's newsletter or contact Rev. Laura Calos.

The group will meet every **Tuesday** from December 7th to January 11th.
The group will meet in the **Parlor** from **11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Thanks to all the loving and caring people at Asbury, all 35 angels on the tree were chosen to receive gifts.

If you chose to buy gifts for one of the angels, please bring your gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 19th.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.