

**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: 114  
Online: 41

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 409  
2021 Year-to-Date Total: 19,730

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

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

**Liturgist:** Melanie Rafferty

**Organist:** Ghilyana Dordzhieva

**Chapel Service:** Michelle Rudd

**Coffee Hour Host:** Melanie Rafferty

**Advent Candle/Readers:** The Sayers Family

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

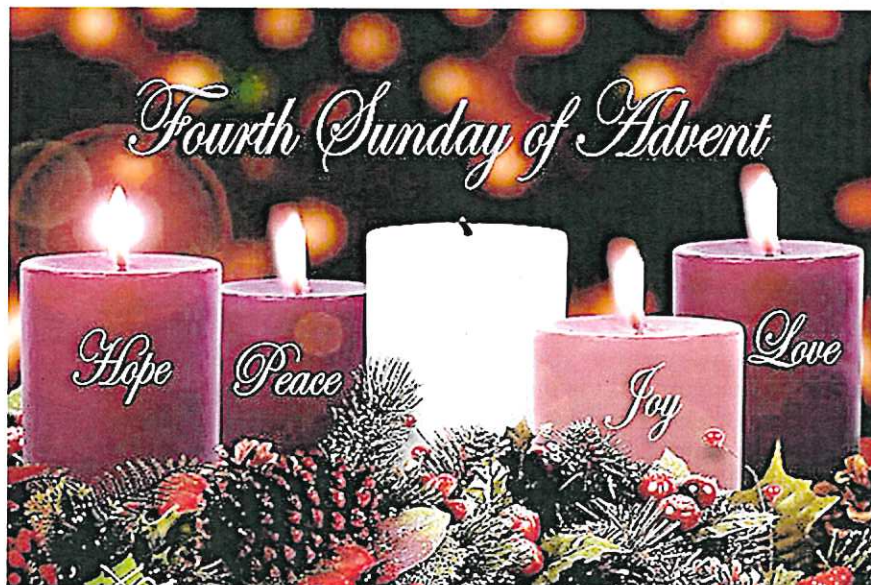
**Shepherds:** Bonnie Peck, Pam Quimby and William Littell

<b>Ushers:</b> 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 19, 2021; 10:15 A.M.**

**Children's Sunday**

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



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Children's Sunday  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Caroling Medley" arr. by Sharon Rogers  
Agape Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "Sing We Now of Christmas" Traditional

PRAYER FOR PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

**People: God's love has come to earth to dwell with us.**

Leader: Sing for joy with the angels.

**People: The birth of love has changed us forever.**

Leader: Sing for joy with the angels.

\*HYMN: "Sing We Now of Christmas" #237

\*OPENING PRAYER:

**God of joyous expectation, come to us this day. May the miracles in our lives fill us with wonder. May an encounter with your goodness and grace cause our hearts to leap within us. Receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may feel you near us and rest secure in your many blessings. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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.**

\*HYMN: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

The Sunday School and Agape Ringers Present:

"Mary, Joseph and the Baby" by Tammy Waldrop  
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OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland" by D. Buxtehude  
("Now Come, Savior of the Gentiles")

\*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: "What Child Is This" #219

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Gloria from "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Barnes

\*POSTLUDE: "Jubilate Deo Omnis Terra" by D.P. Benoit

**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.

Sunday School Christmas Program with the Agape Ringers

**“Mary, Joseph and the Baby”  
by Tammy Waldrop (rung by Agape Ringers)**

**Narrators:** Rev. Laura Calos (sheep)  
Rev. Leon VanWie (donkey)

**Our Nativity:** Mary – Riley  
Joseph – Jackson  
Shepherds- Anthony, Andy, Mike  
Angels – Dana Lee, Jaelah, Kate  
Sheep – Eliana, Harrison, Abi, Rose, Erin  
Chicken – William  
Puppy – Alex  
Star of Bethlehem – Lily

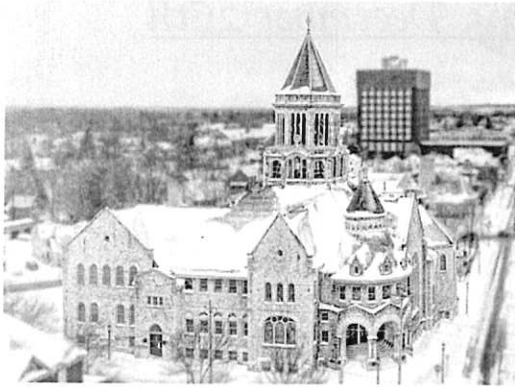
**Our Soloists:** Olivia – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Brooks)  
Rose – “What Child Is This” (Dix)  
Andy – “Gospel Bells” (Traditional)  
Kate – “Go Tell It On The Mountain” (Work)

**Our Teachers:** Susan Hirst  
Katie Jeurissen  
Ben Rudd  
Michelle Rudd

**Pageant Helpers/Costumes:** Connor Lamica  
Nicole Lamica  
Lynn Morgan

**Other Sunday School Committee Members:** Rev. Laura Calos  
Sarah Lehman

I want to offer a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in facilitating this program, but especially to Sue, Katie, and Ben, who work tirelessly to give Asbury’s kids the best Sunday School program possible. Your efforts bless the children and me beyond words!  
(Michelle Rudd)



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



*Highlights from Last Sunday, December 12th*



During the December 12th service everyone attended to say farewell to Max Bovee on his last day serving as Assistant to the Pastor. After giving 20 years to Asbury we are all sad to see him go. During the service he was honored with a crown. Attached to each bulletin was a small jewel that people were able to stick on Max's crown if they felt he had touched their lives in any way.

Also during the December 12th service, each child was given a Christmas ornament and welcomed by Pastor Laura to hang the ornaments from the tree in the front of the Sanctuary.



*This Week*

*December 19 - December 26, 2021*

**Meetings**

**Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
 - Monday, December 20: 10:15 A.M.

*Scripture of the Week*

*"This is love; not that we loved God, but rather that he loved us."*

- 1 John 4: 10 -

**Opportunities to Share**

**Asbury Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**  
 - Monday, December 20: 6:15 P.M.

**Grief Support Group @ Parlor**  
 - Tuesday, December 21: 11:00 A.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
 - Wednesday, December 22: 11:00 A.M.

**Choir Practice @ Choir Room**  
 - Thursday, December 23: 7:15 P.M.

**Family Christmas Eve Service @ Sanctuary**  
 - Friday, December 24: 5:00 P.M.

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service @ Sanctuary**  
 - Friday, December 24: 7:30 P.M.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



**Dec. 22 Mary Smith**  
**Dec. 24 Richard Fioretto**



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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 26th*

### Worship Services:

**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

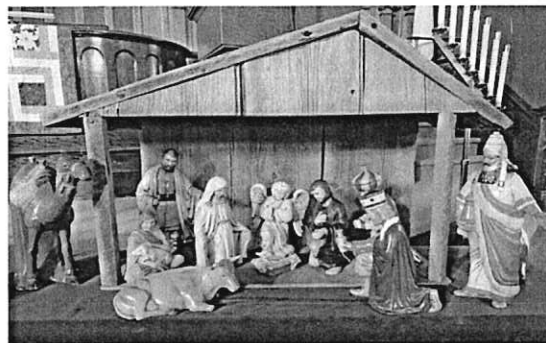
Lindsay Webb is preaching

**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 12-20

Sermon: "The Gospel According  
to Grinch"



### Christmas Eve - After Worship Receptions Have Been Canceled

Unfortunately, due to a high spike in Covid-19 rates in our area we will be cancelling the reception after both Christmas Eve services.

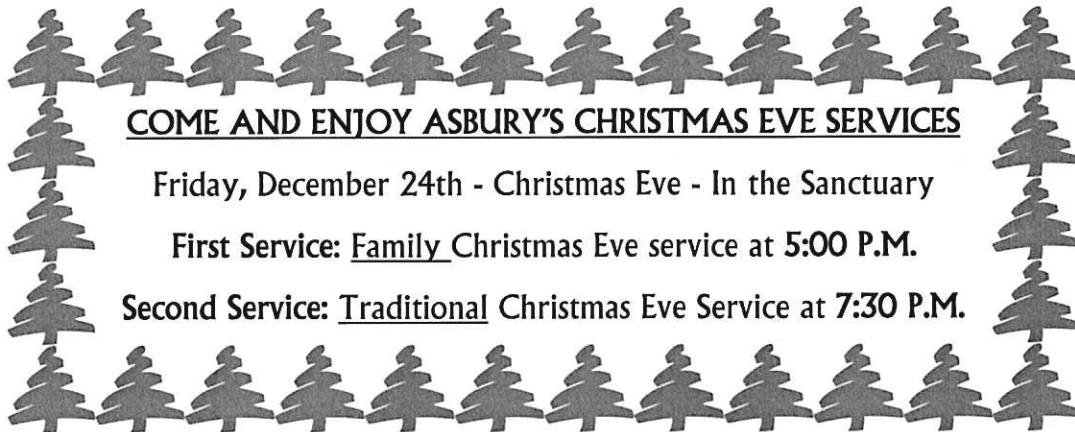
Therefore, we will no longer need volunteers to bring cookies for either service. Thank you for your compliance and understanding.

Membership and Evangelism Committee

### Salvation Army Angel Tree - GIFTS NEEDED TODAY

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 Today, December 19th.



### COME AND ENJOY ASBURY'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve - In the Sanctuary

First Service: Family Christmas Eve service at 5:00 P.M.

Second Service: Traditional Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 P.M.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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