

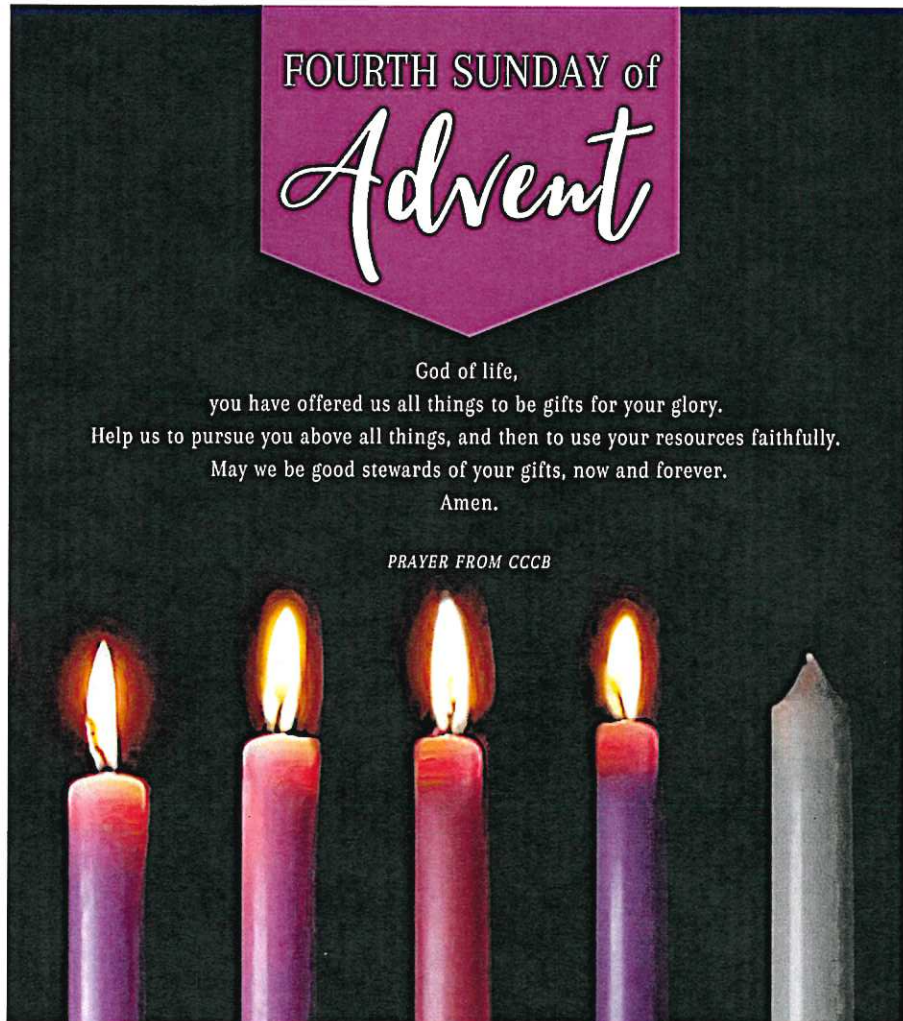
**WELCOME CENTER:** First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

**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

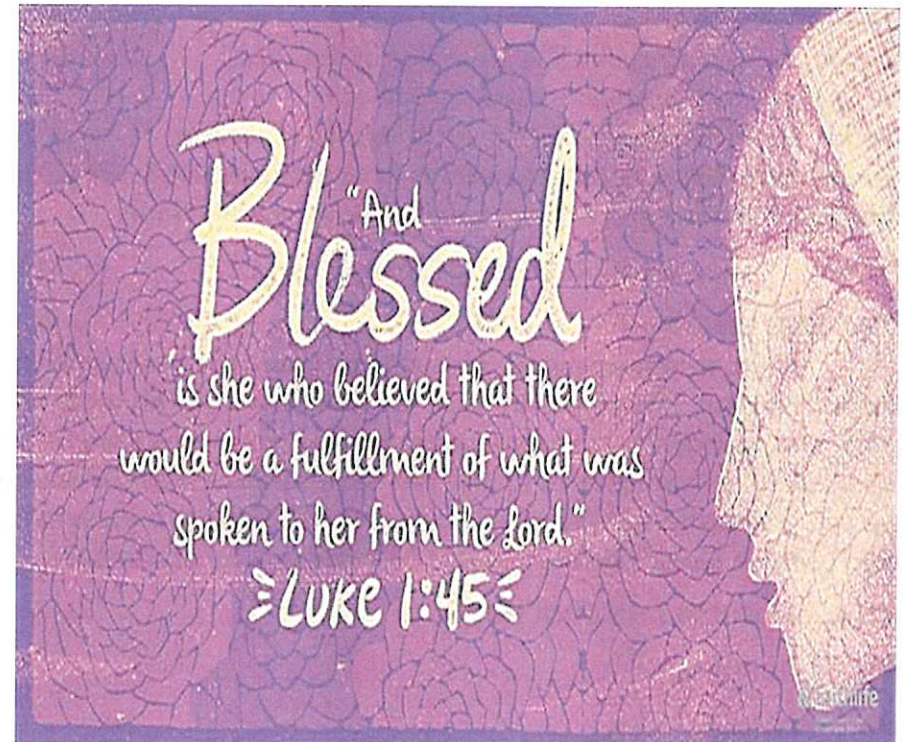
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Bina West  
**Chapel Service:** Michelle Rudd



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 19, 2021; 8:15 A.M.**

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



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Michelle Rudd is preaching**  
(\* Please stand as you are able.)

PRELUDE Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

**People: My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

Leader: For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**People: From this day, all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**\*HYMN:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

**\*OPENING PRAYER:**

**Christ, whom we await, help us to embrace our journey to the stable this year, knowing that your great love and faithfulness will guide our journey. Please help us to know that whether we are full of joy or our lives have given us pain, you have come to meet us where we are. Help us to see the mercies you send to us daily and, in turn, help us to be Christ's hands and feet to those around us. Amen.**

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: Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE: "His Mercy for Your Calling"

OUR OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*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:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

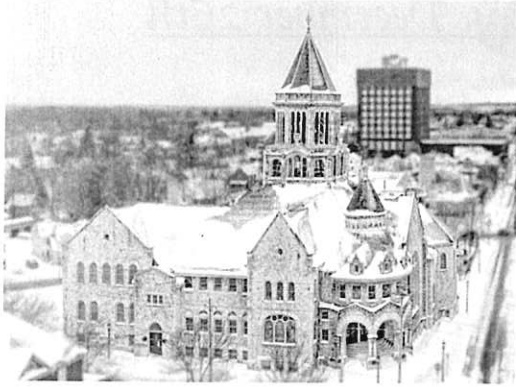
**\*BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**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 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**



**ASBURY'S STAFF**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

FAITH KIRCH

**BROADCAST MINISTRY**

BOB KURTZ

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**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.

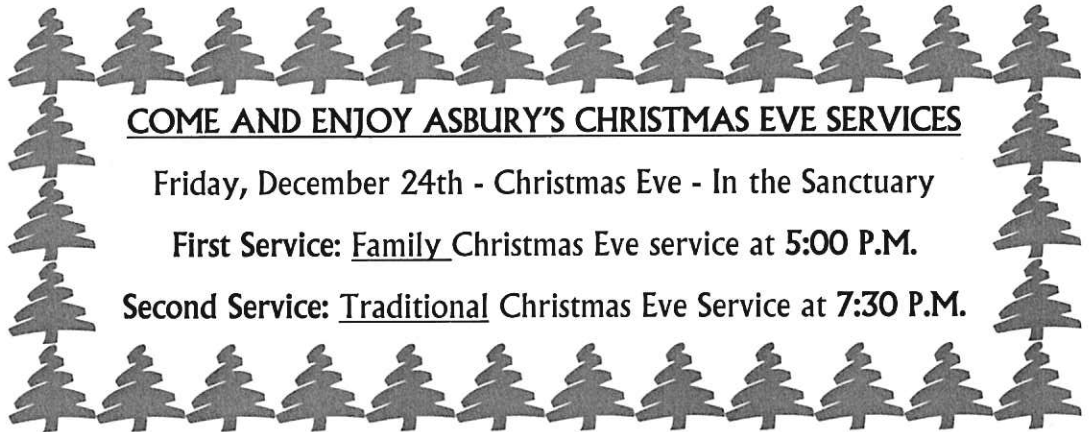
Therefore, we will no longer need volunteers to bring cookies for either service. Thank you for your compliance and understanding.

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.