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THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Make Disciples for
Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

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*To Inspire People of
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*No Matter Where You Are on
Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!*

Pastoral Letter: NEW BIBLE STUDY OFFERED THIS FALL

For 6 weeks this fall, beginning on Monday, September 12th, I will be leading a study by Susan Robb, "**Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice.**"

We will meet in the Parlor on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

We will be using a DVD prepared for this study and have discussion following the presentation. I have 11 books pre-ordered for those who would like to read the lesson ahead of time. The cost for the book is \$9.00. What follows is our schedule and topics:

September 12th: *Father Abraham*

September 19th: *Samuel*

September 26th: *Esther*

October 3rd: *Jonah*

October 10th: NO CLASS

(due to national holiday)

October 17th: *Mary Magdalene*

October 24th: *The Beloved Disciple*



I hope you will join me in this closer look into the lives of our Biblical heroes, and explore God's call in their lives.

Grace and peace,

Laura

This month's *BEACON* is sponsored by **Bill and Lisa Smith**.

Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to communicate with and keep our Asbury Family connected!

Thank you **Bill and Lisa** for being our "**BEACON ANGELS**" for September.

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Asbury



**Asbury Church Council will meet
in the Church Parlor on
Wednesday evening, September 7th at 6:30 pm.**

All members of Asbury are welcome to attend.
Hope to see you there.

Jim Rafferty, Chairperson
Asbury Church Council

Listed below are the Church Council members and their committee for 2022:

Rev. Laura Calos

Jim Rafferty
Michelle Rudd
Jean Marshall (Co-Chair)

Lindsay Webb (Co-Chair)

Paul Simmons
Dan Webb
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Orie Phillips
Lindsay Webb
Grace Burke
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Myrtie Schilling (Co-Chair)

Sue Snell (Co-Chair)

Glen Snell
Sue Snell
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Carol Plemons
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Chairperson, Church Council
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(formerly Membership & Evangelism)
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Finance
Financial Secretary
Financial Treasurer
Lay Leaders
Lay Member to Annual Conference
Memorials & Gifts
Missions
Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee
(PSPRC)
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Trustees
United Methodist Women
Worship & Music
Member-at-Large
Member-at-Large

Feel free to reach out and contact these members
with your ideas and concerns.



Friday, October 14

Saturday, October 15

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

NEEDED

Furniture, Christmas decorations, antiques, rugs, kitchen items, jewelry, small appliances

Baked Goods

Cookies, pies, breads, etc.

Please, NO CLOTHES or COMPUTER-RELATED ITEMS

LOVING STITCHES QUILT GROUP



The *Loving Stitches* quilt group at Asbury has been working for months enjoying creating many unique, useful, clever, and colorful things for our Bazaar **Saturday, November 5 from 9-2 in the Rotunda.** The profits from this will go to the operating budget. We will have snap bags, Christmas ornaments, casserole carriers, pot holders, table runners, placemats, aprons, small quilts, and a multitude of other things for sale. Come and browse and do some Christmas shopping or just pick up some neat things for yourself or gifts for others.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

How Does God Communicate With Us?

Up until a few years ago, I couldn't answer that question. I now believe that God communicates with each of us in a way that we will, as individuals, understand. One night a few years ago, I had a dream. My earthly father, who was and is deceased, appeared to me with a message: *Something is going to happen to you.* I began to cry, and I said, *Will I be ok?* He said, *You are going to be just fine. I want you to meet my father.* Then there was a flash of light and I woke up. When I told my sister a few days later, she said: *Dad wanted to introduce you to our grandfather (who was deceased before I was born).* Somehow I knew that was not the case. It is my belief that the Holy Spirit entered my heart that night and God began to work through me. He sent my father with the message because he knew I would trust him and not be afraid.

Many of you have heard my story about the painting of Asbury, but I will tell it again. I was sitting in my office at First Presbyterian Church on a Good Friday a little while after the above dream. I was the only one in the building. I was contemplating where I should attend worship on Easter Sunday. I heard footsteps coming down the hall. Suddenly, a man appeared in my doorway. He carried in front of him a large painting of Asbury. Light seemed to be shining out from the main doors and the windows in the painting. It took me by surprise, and I said to him, "Why do you have that painting here?" "That is my church." It was then that I heard God say, *Go home!* I knew that God knew Asbury was home for me and had been since I was a young child. He did however have a "but"; He said, *do not interfere with what Leon is doing.* I did not know what that meant at the time. So, I went and sat and listened and learned. I learned a lot from Rev. Leon VanWie's sermons, and I will always consider him the master at putting together a worship service. I always feel that God is speaking to me through Leon's sermons. It was God's way of telling me to listen.

A few weeks ago I was sitting at work struggling with some personal decisions I needed to make. My office adjoins a room where VBS had held Bible classes. There is a blackboard that covers the far wall of the room. As I opened the door between the two rooms, I saw written in large letters on the blackboard, "Trust God." I knew that message was for me. - a message from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

I have often seen God in someone's eyes or heard his words coming from someone's lips. It happens to me a lot, so I have become very attuned to it. Sometime after COVID broke out, I began to feel restless, like I was being pulled by something. I felt like I was being pushed to leave Watertown and move to Sackets Harbor. I didn't fully pay attention to it until the gentle push became a shove. Things happened that made me sit up and take notice. I began to explore the idea. One Saturday, my sister in law (who lives in Sackets) and my niece from Rome, NY said lets go to Sackets for lunch and drive and walk around the village. We were walking down the main street, when my sister in law and niece saw a shop they wanted to go in. I said, "you go ahead; I will just go down the street and sit on a bench while you are in there." I walked down and sat on the bench. A few minutes later, an elderly gentleman came along and sat on the bench next to me. He began to talk to me. He said, "Isn't this a wonderful place?" I said, "Yes, it is." He said, "We need to make sure it remains a special place." He continued talking about places he had lived. A while later my sister in law and niece came along and said let's go get ice cream. They didn't seem to pay too much attention to the man on the bench, but he kept shouting after us to get the maple ice cream. The funny and crazy thing was that this man reminded me of *Clarence* in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," and by the way, the ice cream stand did not have any maple ice cream. My decision was made that day, and I am now living in Sackets Harbor, New York. Was it an angel that was speaking to me? I don't know, and I don't know why God has led me to Sackets Harbor. I don't need to know. I will continue to listen and follow God's direction.

My heart not only hears and sees God's messages, but I also feel his sadness and disappointment and the joy and appreciation when I understand. I felt his anger only once and it wasn't directed at me, but was directed through me. I was the vehicle he used to communicate. I remember my fingers flying across the keyboard, writing words, going to websites and not knowing how I got there. What I wrote was a message to someone else.

God speaks to me in many ways and in many forms. He is speaking to me now as I write these words. It is up to me as a disciple of Jesus Christ to listen, try to understand, follow where he leads and share as he directs me.

How is God speaking to you? Are You Listening? Who are the people God has sent to show you the way?

Sue Beaman

"Dear God, thank you for walking alongside me and placing people in my life who helped to make me who I am today"

FROM THE TRUSTEES

It has been a busy summer. I would like to give you a summary of some of our projects. The roof on the parsonage garage has been replaced. This involved stripping off the old roofing, doing a few repairs and replacing with new shingles with a good ice and water barrier underneath.

The garden area along Franklin St. had become overgrown. Volunteers have worked on the ground area pulling weeds and maintaining flowers. Thanks to Jim Rafferty for trimming out tree branches and trimming bushes. The garden looks much better and our sign can be seen again on Franklin St.

The parking lot on Parker St. was improved by having Desormo Construction come in and level the stone. They also cut down the front of the lot so water can drain properly.

William, our custodian, has worked on an exit door from the chapel area so it can be opened for ventilation and for safe exit in case of fire. He also corrected the closing of the Parker St. door. There was a problem with this door not closing completely.

The painting and repair of the stairway leading up to the balcony near the main entrance will be completed this fall by Marty Patchen of All Side Painting. This is the group that painted and repaired the sanctuary and rotunda area.

Thank you for your continued support of the Capital Improvement Fund which pays for some of these projects.

Blessings,
Glen Snell, Trustee




I am sending out this message for different reasons. I hope all is well with you, your family, your life as a whole as well as your relationship with God. We are about to undertake our annual Stewardship campaign at Asbury. When you receive your Stewardship letter, please read it completely and put much prayer into it. I am giving you my email address so you may contact me should you have any ideas or suggestions. I will then take them back to the finance committee and work on next year's budget. We can continue to grow at Asbury with the help of everyone. Many hearts make lighter work as we spread the love of Jesus Christ. I look forward to hearing from you.

Paul Simmons
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- September 2 William Lennon
- September 2 Jackson Coles
- September 3 Sylvia George
- September 3 Sharon Satterlee
- September 4 Craig Gamet
- September 5 Corby Cleveland
- September 8 Martha Peyser
- September 11 Brynne Sturge
- September 12 Connie Kicherer
- September 12 Amanda Weldon
- September 13 Patricia Littell
- September 15 Kristen Willson
- September 19 Suzanne Wiley
- September 21 Lisa Sullivan
- September 23 Laura Mowers
- September 23 Wesley Adjaben
- September 26 Judith Cota
- September 27 Jean Marshall
- September 28 Perry Kelts
- September 28 Susan Smith
- September 28 Katie Jeurissen
- September 30 Steven Schaney

- Richard & Mary Malone**
September 5, 1960
- Michael & Karen Hill**
September 12, 1987
- Nathan & Sarah Lehman**
September 12, 2009
- Mark & Christine Sutton**
September 15, 1996
- Richard & Helen Dundon**
September 26, 2009
- David & Lenora Forbes**
September 27, 1997


Jean S. Luttmann
 February 14, 1928-August 10, 2022
 (age 94)

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Submitted by Max Bovee

September 4: John 16:13

*“When the Spirit of truth comes,
He will guide you into all the truth.”*

September 11: John 16:20

“You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.”

September 18: Romans 5:3

*“We also glory in tribulations,
knowing that tribulation produces perseverance.”*

September 25: Romans 6:11

*“Count yourselves dead to sin,
but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”*

The Church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time for the conduct of worship and sharing and proclamation of God’s Word, the administration of the Sacraments, the nurture of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world. All of every age and station stand in the means of grace, which the community of Christian faith supplies.

Adult Baptism

Lucas Allen Simmons was baptized on Sunday, August 25, 2022 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Watertown, NY, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit work within you that being born of water and the Spirit, you may live as a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Asbury Church family gives thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love.

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Join us for
SUNDAY WORSHIP
at
8:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.



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“For
I KNOW
the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“... plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

