



# The Asbury **BEACON**

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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.*

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

### Pastoral Letter: Trying It on for Size: Contemporary Worship Experience: October 30<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the worship service will be different. It will be a Contemporary Style Worship Service, which is significantly different from the Traditional Style Worship Service, which has been the format since I came and joined you at Asbury in July 2020.

I have, in these past 2 years, heard different opinions about the inclusion of contemporary music in the Traditional Worship Service. Some have expressed loving it and wanting more, while others have felt it jarring and disruptive. I remember one early summer Sunday, drums were used. The following week, I had no less than 6 people come see me to express dismay that such a noise would be allowed. The drums went away.

We have many beautiful components to our Traditional Service. The organ is a magnificent instrument and played very well by our organists. The piano is another fine instrument. The various bell choirs are truly inspiring and often “set the tone” for worship during the prelude. The choir, of which I am a member, also contributes well to the leading of a meaningful worship experience. Asbury is the only church I’ve served, where most of the congregation remains seated for the postlude. Clearly, there is a hunger being fed by the music this church offers each Sunday.

I do not ascribe to the notion of Hybrid Services, a blending of Contemporary and Traditional. I’ve served congregations that tried, and frankly, I don’t think it works well. Worship should be cohesive in design. One style or the other is better in my mind and practice.

After much consideration and conversation, I have come to the place where, as Pastor, I want to discover if there is a place at Asbury for Contemporary Worship. Will it meet the spiritual needs of enough people to justify its inclusion in our worship rotation? Is Asbury open to experiencing worship differently from time to time? My wish is that it will be supportive, but the decision is not mine alone to make. The word liturgy means, “work of the people.” You, the people must decide these matters in my opinion.

What makes a Contemporary Worship Experience different is many things. First and foremost, it maintains the basic components of a meaningful worship service. There will still be the reading of scripture, the delivery of a message, the sharing of prayers and the singing of songs of praise. What makes it different is that a Contemporary Worship Experience is more sensory in style. We participate with more of our senses, than primarily the head, and at times, the heart, of a Traditional Worship Service. The organ is not played. What is played are: guitars, keyboard, and percussion. The music volume will likely be louder. Instead of just listening to the songs of praise, the congregation is invited to sing along. We won’t be using the hymnals. There will be visuals used during the service. The flow of the service will feel more fluid. While we don’t have anyone prepared to offer sacred dance, such an offering would fit in well here. There is greater emphasis on the moving of the Holy Spirit. In this type of service, altar calls may from time to time happen as people are encouraged to rededicate themselves to Jesus Christ, for such responses rise historically from the 19<sup>th</sup> century camp meeting, the Contemporary Worship Experience of its day.

This style of worship is a trial run. Those attending worship, either in person or by streaming, will be invited to evaluate the experience. Evaluation forms will be made available. Your input is extremely important. I invite you to keep an open mind and an open heart. Allow God to speak to you in many ways.

Grace and peace, Laura

This month's **BEACON** is sponsored by **Glen and Sue Snell**.

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

Thank you **Glen and Sue** for being our "**BEACON ANGELS**" for October.

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

Rev. Laura Calos

Pastor

Chairperson, Church Council

Children/Youth/Sunday School

Christian Connections

(formerly Membership & Evangelism)

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Finance

Financial Secretary

Financial Treasurer

Lay Leader

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Memorials & Gifts

Missions

Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee  
(PSPRC)

Sue Snell (Co-Chair) Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee  
(PSPRC)

Glen Snell Trustees

Sue Snell United Methodist Women

Krista Juczak Worship & Music

Carol Plemons Member-at-Large

Bruce Irwin Member-at-Large

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

### **Imagine No Racism Program:**

**Sunday, October 23rd, at 6:00 pm in the Parlor**

**Documentary: "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America"**

In the United Methodist Church, every local congregation is encouraged to engage in the topic and struggle of racism. Some churches have offered workshops, done book studies, brought in guest speakers. We have come across a highly acclaimed documentary on this subject matter.

Interweaving lecture, personal anecdotes, interviews, criminal defense. Civil rights lawyer Jeffery Robinson draws a stark timeline of racism in the United States from slavery to the modern myth of a post-racial America.

**Everyone is encouraged to attend.**

## **“How One Can Be Active in Church Support”**

by Thomas Carlisle and the spirit of Leah Mae Carlisle

- Giving is how we convey God’s message to many.
- We can attend church or stream on our computers or cell phone.
- We can usher or even lead the congregation by reading the scripture.
- Greeting people as they arrive for worship and talking during coffee hour helps our fellowship with one another.
- We come close to each other and God.
- Because many areas of church maintenance require dollars, it is important to pledge and/or send gifts.
- In worship we give and share with one another.
- In our offering we give to God.
- You gave my family and me a wonderful gift, the memorial service for Leah Mae Carlisle on July 22, 2022. Thank you to all, including you who attended or viewed the service.
- Remember Asbury United Methodist Church.

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

submitted by Max Bovee

#### **October 2: Romans 7:25**

*“Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

#### **October 9: Romans 8:2**

*“The law of the Spirit who gives life, has set you free from the law of sin and death.”*

#### **October 16: Romans 8:11**

*“He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies, because of His Spirit who lives in you.”*

#### **October 23: Romans 8:18**

*“What we are suffering now cannot compare with the glory that will be shown to us.”*

#### **October 30: Romans 13:14**

*“Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

# TAKEOUT DINNER SCALLOPED CHICKEN

WEDNESDAY

NOV

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**TO BENEFIT:**  
Malawi Early Literacy Team



[HTTP://MALAWIEARLYLITERACY.ORG](http://MALAWIEARLYLITERACY.ORG)

Malawi Early Literacy Team  
(M.E.L.T.)

Proceeds will provide books,  
teacher training, and the MELT1  
Mobile Library to remote villages in  
the Northern region of Malawi.



**First Presbyterian Church of Watertown**  
403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

**4:30PM - 6:30PM ~ \$12**

Take out scalloped chicken dinner. Includes scalloped chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll, cake.

**GROUP PRE-ORDERS AND QUESTIONS CALL  
HEATHER WHITE  
315-778-9867**



**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



Asbury's Quilting group, The "Loving Stitches," has been working on unique things for a Bazaar for months now. We've enjoyed making *pot holders, aprons, snap bags, table toppers and runners, Christmas ornaments, mug rugs, casserole carriers, placemats and a myriad of other things*. We will have the sale on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, IN THE ROTUNDA FROM 9-2 AND SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH**. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will go toward the operating budget. We'd love to see you there and share all these neat projects. Shop for Christmas gifts or unique things for your own home.

## **GIVING TO ASBURY AND GIVING TO GOD!**

**For me, these are two different things, but both equally important!**

Giving to Asbury, for me is supporting the body of Christ - sharing our gifts and talents is crucial to keeping the body functioning as one unit. The hands and feet need to work together to reach out and help others find their way to the circle. If the body does not function as one unit, it becomes weak and disjointed.

My plan is to give a monthly check to Asbury to support the programs, and the educational and worship opportunities that I so badly need right now. On Sunday mornings I will place cash in the offering plate. This I give to God with faith and trust that he will find a way for us to give to and help those in need, whatever that may be. I have a plan; I hope you have a plan. Help keep the body strong and functioning as one unit. Asbury needs you! God needs you!

Sue Beaman

## **ASBURY'S ANNUAL WREATH SALE**

The Finance Committee is again sponsoring the annual wreath sale which will begin on Sunday, October 16th . This is the 22nd year that we have held the wreath sale!

Hemlock Haven in Sandy Creek makes an excellent product that will last all winter long, and their creations are soooooo fragrant! Samples of some of the products will be on display, so you can see the high quality of their evergreen products.

This year we will again be selling the following:

### **Undecorated and Decorated Wreaths**



Hemlock Haven is again working with us to keep the prices down, since we have been such long-time customers, which is wonderful for all involved! Hemlock Haven is delighted that we will be selling their product again this year.

Wreath orders need to be placed by Sunday, November 20th, so that Hemlock Haven will have enough time to make the wreaths and sprays for delivery to Asbury on Tuesday, November 29th . Pick-up times will begin at 12:00 pm on Tuesday and continue into Wednesday, November 30th .

Michelle is again offering to make wreaths like she did last year. Since her husband is not able to do much work she is willing to make 150 wreaths for Asbury, which is 50 more than last year. We cannot exceed this number, so I will be monitoring the number sold. If you'd like to help sell wreaths, pick up a packet in the rotunda after each Sunday service.

With the onset of cooler weather, the Finance Committee hopes that the wreath sale will help with the escalating fuel costs. We deeply appreciate your support of this annual fundraiser! Thank you for your participation in this holiday project!

Lynn Morgan

# FROM THE TRUSTEES

We are currently organizing the results of our walk through of the church building. We feel all of the bathrooms need to be updated with new paint and décor. We will be looking for volunteers to do this. Joanne Rhode will be the person to contact. I think there are 8 bathrooms including the four in the Franklin St. entrance. Two volunteers are already on board and will revamp the bathroom off the parlor.

We have other areas all around the church that also need painting, the doors and framework going from the sanctuary to the bell storage room and the ceiling under both balconies. Joanne Rhode can be reached by calling the church office, 315-782-3240, and leaving a message. Call her directly at 315-771-8710.

We have also found a number of chairs in many rooms that we do not need. Some of these will be added to the upcoming rummage sale, as well as some medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches.

There is some mildew and mold on the surfaces in the storage room off the dining room where we store the air conditioners. This causes a problem of air quality for the entire dining room. The storage room needs to be cleaned, walls washed, and then painted. Last week, we purchased a dehumidifier for the storage room.

There are a lot of items stored all over the church that need to be thrown out. Next spring we will likely rent a large dumpster and then invite everyone to a “cleaning out” party.

Outside, there are three issues: 1. We need some re-pointing in various areas of the stonework. Time and freeze/thaw conditions have created this problem. 2. The underside of the roof needs scraping and painting. 3. We have many broken cement slabs on our side walk. This is primarily on Parker St. and in front of our main entrance. Our insurance carrier strongly advised us to repair/replace this cement work. They are not only uneven to walk on, but also allow water to go through. We are currently seeking bids on the cost of replacing this cement work. There is some money in our Capital Improvement Fund to help pay for this cement work. Thank you for your donations to support this fund.

The projects outlined on our “walk through” are more extensive than what I have listed. We feel much can be accomplished with volunteer help. It will take several years to work on these items, but at least now there is a list to keep our church home in good shape and a safe place to worship in.

Sincerely,  
Glen Snell, Trustee



October 1      Gerald Tucker  
 October 3     Mark Robinson  
 October 3     William Palmer  
 October 6     Karen Hill  
 October 9     Marianne Scott  
 October 9     Cynthia Murphy  
 October 10    Eleanor Cerow  
 October 11    Greeta Bovee  
 October 12    Lawrence Welt  
 October 13    Myrtie Schilling  
 October 14    Orie Phillips  
 October 16    Meredith Forbes  
 October 17    William Graham  
 October 20    Michael Doe  
 October 20    Nancy Walters  
 October 23    Catherine Mowers  
 October 27    Abigail Patrick  
 October 28    Kimberly Welt  
 October 28    Kate Lamica  
 October 30    Alexandra Forbes

## **Jeffrey and Kathryn Sero**

October 6, 2007

## **Herbert and Deborah Van Houten**

October 12, 1985

## **Willy and Darlene Welbourn**

October 28, 1977

## **Louis and Nancy Dolloway**

October 30, 1971

## **James and Carol Wright**

October 30, 2009

## **A REASON TO CELEBRATE!**

Perry Kelts celebrated a birthday and Richard and Mary Malone celebrated an anniversary in September. A delicious cake was enjoyed by all. We will be celebrating our October birthdays and anniversaries on October 9th. Best wishes from the

**Christian Connections Committee**



## **To My Fellow Asburian Family,**

*Words are inadequate to express our deepest gratitude for all the love and support shown to us during the past months since Mike's tragic fall and injury in June. We have experienced several small miracles thus far for which we are grateful. The road ahead is uncertain and very long but your support has undergirded us thus far. We are truly blessed to have such a loving family that has anchored us against the storms which we have faced.*

*Your cards, gifts and prayers have been so appreciated. Pastor Laura has been so supportive and affirming of God's every present love. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful reflection of God's heart among us at Asbury.*

*The outpouring of Christian fellowship overwhelms us during this most difficult time. We love you all. Thank you for bolstering us for the journey we are on as without our faith, we would be lost in a desert of hopelessness. God bless each and every one of you!*

*Mike and Karen Hill*

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Address Service Requested



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



### Asbury United Methodist Church

**No Matter Where You Are on  
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*Give and it will be given to you.  
A good measure, pressed down,  
shaken together and running  
over, will be poured into your lap.  
For with the measure you use, it  
will be measured to you.*

- Luke 6:38