

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: N/A

Online: N/A

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 0

2022 Year-to-Date Total: 17,346

The Urban Mission Food Pantry is overflowing with donations this week for Thanksgiving and does not need more at this time!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Deb Van Houten, Barbara Simmons and Carol Stoodley

Liturgist: Erica Pettit

Organist: Helen Timerman

Chapel Service: Paul Simmons

Advent Readers: The Patrick Family

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

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

Ushers: Lorraine Irwin

Bill Plemons

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Darlene Town

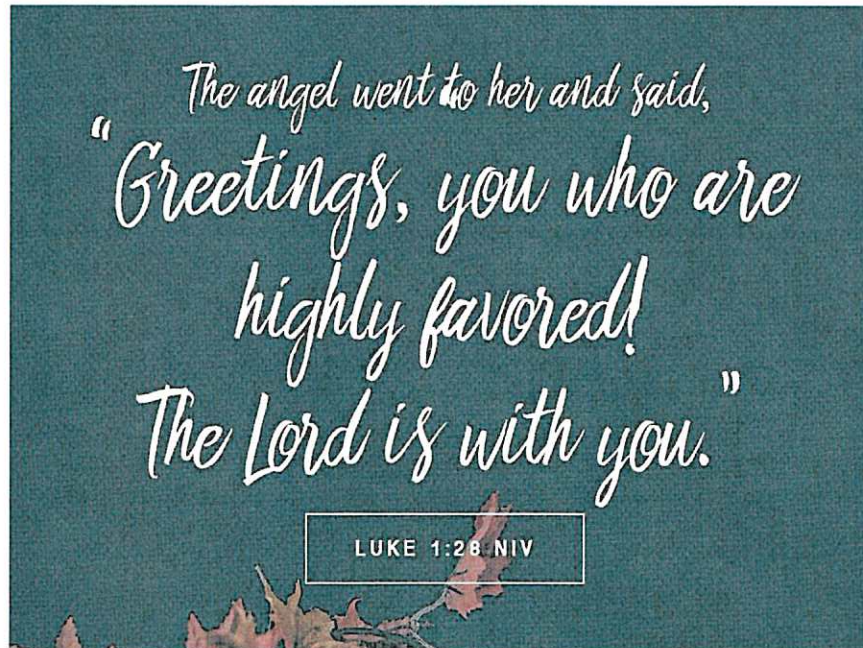
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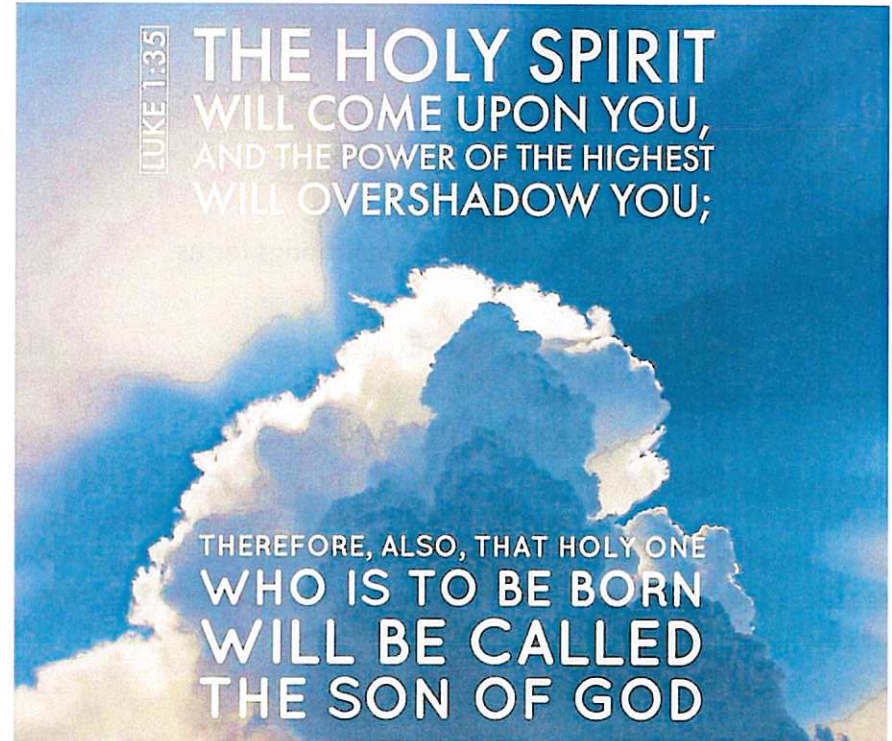
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**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 27, 2022; 10:15 A.M.**

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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

(* Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Carols of the Season

CHOIR INTROIT: "The Advent of Our God" Butler

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Magnify the Lord with hearts full of love.

People: Sing to the Lord with souls full of joy.

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things for us.

People: Holy is God's name.

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

*OPENING PRAYER

God of grace and God of glory, pour your power on your people. We long for the strength and the courage to glorify your name in all that we say and in all that we do. Open our eyes to the promise of your salvation. Live in and through us this Christmas season, that we might be messengers of your grace and instruments of your peace. Amen.

*ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

ANTHEM: "Comfort Ye" Natalie Sleeth

YOUNG DISCIPLES 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: Luke 1: 26-35

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

MESSAGE: "Do Not Be Afraid, Mary"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Shining Stars" Saber
Ruzena & Michelle Rudd

*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: "People, Look East" #202

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "All Earth is Waiting" Taule

*POSTLUDE: Carols of the Season

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

Others: David Forbes' Father, Kim Sevier (Bruce & Lorraine Irwin's niece).

ASBURY MEMORIAL TREE

Again, this year a Memorial Tree will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary to give people the opportunity to remember loved ones during Advent. For each memorial gift, one ornament will be placed on the tree.

Please fill out the form below and return or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 4th. If you use a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC - Memorial Tree. Please give as you are able. Please do not include this in your regular weekly offering envelope. Thank you.

Given By _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

In Memory of

Amount Enclosed _____



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All poinsettia orders need to be received by DECEMBER 2.

Therefore, if you wish to order a memorial poinsettia please complete the coupon below and send it with \$15 to the church office by Friday, December 2. This coupon and payment may also be put in the Sunday offering.

Plan on taking your plant home following the service on December 25.

GIVEN BY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____

BRINGING MY PLANT HOME: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ CHECK: _____ CASH: _____



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

November 27 - December 4, 2022

Opportunities to Share

- River Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Sunday, November 27: NOON
- NCS Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Sunday, November 27: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- NCS Organ Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Monday, November 28: NOON - 2:00 P.M.
- Christmas Wreath Pick-Up @ Wesley Hall**
- Monday, November 28: NOON
- Advent Study w/ Rev. Laura @ Parlor**
- Monday, November 28: 3:00 P.M.
- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Monday, November 28: 6:15 P.M.
- Christmas Wreath Pick-Up @ Wesley Hall**
- Tuesday, November 29: NOON
- Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room**
- Wednesday, November 30: 9:30 A.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**
- Wednesday, November 30: 11:00 A.M.
- Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Wednesday, November 30: 4:00 P.M.
- NCS Organ Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Thursday, December 1: NOON - 2:00 P.M.
- Praise Band Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Thursday, December 1: 5:30 P.M.
- Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Thursday, December 1: 6:15 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**
- Thursday, December 1: 7:15 P.M.
- Asbury Book Club @ Parlor**
- Friday, December 2: 9:30 A.M.

Opportunities to Share

- NCS Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Friday, December 2: 4:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP**
- Saturday, December 3: 8:00 A.M.
- Asbury Women's Group @ Parlor**
- Saturday, December 3: 9:00 A.M.
- Northern Choral Society Concert @ Sanctuary**
- Saturday, December 3: 3:00 P.M.
- Sunday, December 4: 3:00 P.M.

Meetings

- Staff Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, November 28: 10:15 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Nov. 28 **Darlene Town**
- Dec. 1 **Joanne Rhode**
- Dec. 1 **Paul Simmons**
- Dec. 1 **Lawrence Littell**
- Dec. 2 **Carole Bowles**
- Dec. 2 **Joseph Gianfagna**
- Dec. 2 **William Littell**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Charles Mosley & Dr. Grace Burke
November 29, 1986



Scripture of the Week

"May you fully know what the Lord wants you to do, that you may do it completely."

- Colossians 4:12 -

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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 4th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

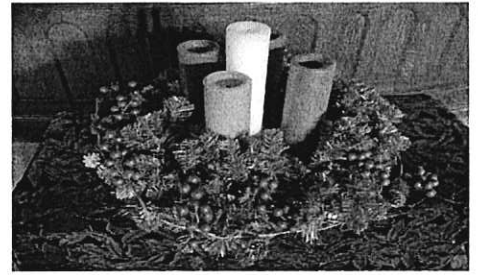
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10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon: "Joseph, Do Not Be Afraid"



4-Week Adult Advent Study: Beginning Monday, November 28th

Pastor Laura will be leading another study by author Susan Robb for the season of Lent. We will offer the study on Monday afternoons, beginning at 3:00 P.M. The study books are \$12 a piece and can be picked up in the church office.

Use of a study book is optional.

The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent, explores the four angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus with Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. In this study, the reader will explore the visits and dive deep into the history of the angel Gabriel, and other angels, in the Old Testament.

The Angels of Christmas uses four angelic appearances to discuss God's presence in history and our lives today. The messages of the angels hold meaning for listeners both then and now.

Please join us for learning and lively discussion this Advent. Please reach out to Pastor Laura with any questions.

Asbury Book Club

Next Discussion: Friday, December 2nd at 9:30 A.M. in the parlor.

The book we will be discussing is titled *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger (2013).

Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his 13th year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.

Women's Group

The Asbury Women's Group will be meeting for the first time for coffee and treats!

Saturday, December 3rd: 9:00 A.M. in the parlor

All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN

Saturday December 3rd from NOON - 6:00 P.M.

and Friday, December 9th from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

at Piggly Wiggly (across from Watertown High School)

Ringers are needed both days for two hour shifts.

Contact Bruce Irwin: 315 778-7457(call or text) if you would like to ring!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.- NOON

Pastoral Letter: "On Earth as In Heaven"

Every week, perhaps every day, Christians around the world pray what we know as The Lord's Prayer or Jesus' Prayer. We know it by heart, because we feel it in our mind and our heart. I would say that it is something we not only hold dear, but it is something we believe to be true. One particular sentence of the prayer is speaking very clearly to me at present: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

It means that we are asking for God's strength and purpose to bring the kingdom of God to earth until it matches its perfect image of heaven. A daunting task to be sure.

For many months, I have been hoping and praying for an opportunity for Asbury to demonstrate that purpose further than we currently do. Specifically, I've been praying for a "roll up the sleeves, hands on mission" that we could do here at home.

As you know from the news and personal observation, we have a growing homeless population in Watertown. We don't know their names. We don't know their situation. We don't know their history. We don't know a great deal. In many ways, they are for us strangers. But more importantly, THEY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS and, in many ways, they are what Jesus named, THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN.

An opportunity has come to us. The Missions Committee, with the support of the Board of Trustees, has agreed to provide supper on Wednesdays, during the coldest months. We have responded to a request from Urban Mission for churches to help in this regard, while Salvation Army offers temporary housing for some of the homeless.

These dinners will begin in a few weeks. I wish they were in place already, but there are details with Jefferson County that still need to be ironed out.

We need a team who will help with this dinner ministry. I believe we will let our guests into our Wesley Hall at 5:30 pm, and serve dinner until 7:30 pm. Not that it takes 2 hours to eat. It provides a warm place for them to stay at until they head to Salvation Army for overnight accommodations. I think we can play some family friendly movies with our television. Perhaps we should offer some board games. I don't know yet. What I do know, is that we can offer warm food for their stomachs, and compassion for their situation.

The weekly menu will be simple: Pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw, vegetable and dessert. It will be the same menu every week. Different churches will also pick a repeating menu for their night of service.

I would like to hold a planning meeting this Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00 pm in the Parlor. **All who feel God's Spirit tugging at your heart** should attend if able. If you can't get there in person, you may call or text me at the number below, or email me in order to get on board.

I truly believe this is an opportunity for Asbury to make a difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors. I hope you'll join me in this mission.

Grace and peace,

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