

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: 84
 Online: 45
 Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 300
 2022 Year-to-Date Total: 17,886

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

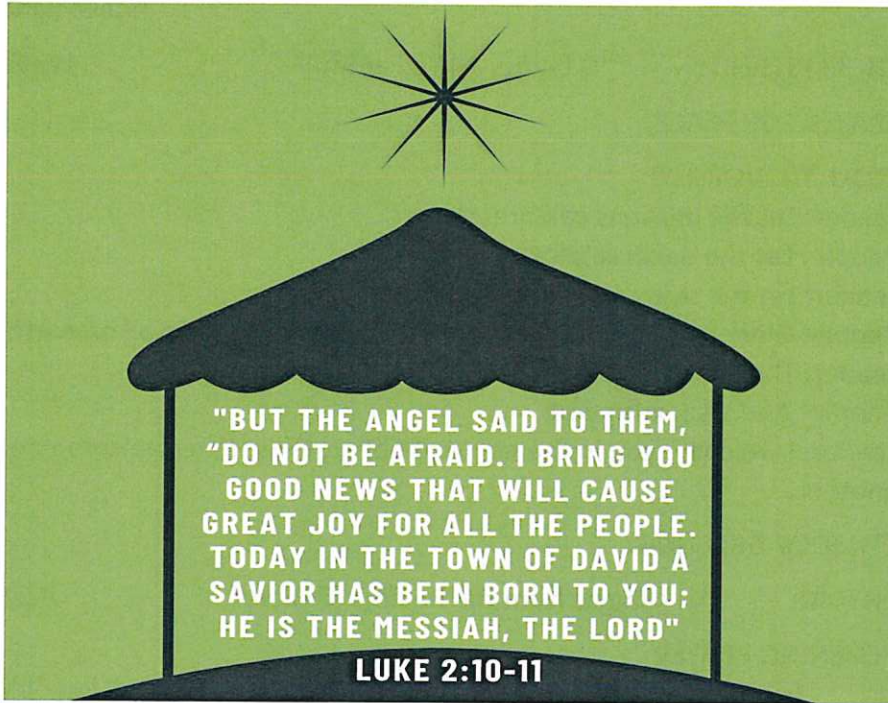
Greeters: Jean Marshall, Carol Stoodley & Herb Van Houten
Liturgist: Sue Snell
Organist: Lisa Smith
Chapel Service: Rev. Leon VanWie
Coffee Hour: Birthday Cake - Christian Connections Committee
Communion Servers: Erin Brislan, Anne Marie Gianfagna, Abigail Patrick & Nikki Patrick
Advent Readers: The Gianfagna family
Acolytes: Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd
Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby
Ushers: Lorraine Irwin Wayne Morris Orie Phillips
 Bill Plemons James Rafferty Dale Scott
 Bill Smith Lisa Smith Glen Snell
 Carol Stoodley Darlene Town Patrick Town
 Leon VanWie Dan Webb

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).

<u>December Birthdays</u>		<u>December Anniversaries</u>
Dec. 1 Joanne Rhode	Dec. 10 Mary Malone	William & Lisa Smith December 27, 1997
Dec. 1 Paul Simmons	Dec. 12 Sarah Lehman	
Dec. 1 Lawrence Littell	Dec. 12 Ernestina Owusuaa	Rev. Peter & Catherine Mowers December 29, 2001
Dec. 2 Carole Bowles	Dec. 12 Riley Jeurissen	
Dec. 2 Joseph Gianfagna	Dec. 18 Patricia Burdick	
Dec. 2 William Littell	Dec. 21 Olivia Lehman	
Dec. 5 William Van Houten	Dec. 22 Andrew Van Houten	
Dec. 7 Michael Hill	Dec. 22 Mary Smith	

**ASBURY
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 DECEMBER 11, 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: "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" arr. S. Pethel
Praise Band

CHOIR INTROIT: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the heavens celebrate!

People: Let the earth rejoice!

Leader: Let the seas roar with praise!

People: Glory to God in the highest heavens and peace to all on earth!

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: I welcome you in the name of Christ. Now let us welcome one another.

*TIME OF GREETING

*HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come longing to hear your story of new life and hope. Speak your words of truth and power. May the gift of your love be born anew among us. Cast out our fears, that we may rejoice in your power and your goodness. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Prayer" Marshall

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 2: 8-16

*HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #218

MESSAGE: "Do Not Be Afraid, Shepherds"

HOLY COMMUNION #13

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Oh, Come, Little Children" arr. Dennis Robert
Agape Ringers

*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: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Helmore

*POSTLUDE: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" arr. Sally
DeFord



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 11 - December 18, 2022

Opportunities to Share

UWF Christmas Basket Making @ Parlor

- Monday, December 12: 10:00 A.M.

Advent Study w/ Rev. Laura @ Parlor

- Monday, December 12: 3:00 P.M.

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, December 12: 6:15 P.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 14: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, December 14: 4:00 P.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 15: 5:30 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 15: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 15: 7:15 P.M.

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Pastor's Office

- Monday, December 12: 10:15 A.M.

Trustees Meeting via Zoom

- Tuesday, December 13: 6:30 P.M.

United Women in Faith

Christmas Baskets

The United Women in Faith will be putting together Christmas baskets for shut-ins **tomorrow, Monday, December 12th at 10:00 A.M. in the parlor.**

If anyone would like to help, please come with small items we could use: ornaments, cookies, Kleenex, individually wrapped snacks, Clementine oranges, etc.

We will be making around 20 baskets.

Come join the fun and fellowship!!

Salvation Army Angel Tree

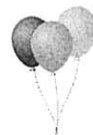
If you have taken any "angels" off of the Angel Tree please return unwrapped gifts under the tree **no later than TODAY, Sunday, December 11th.**

Narcan Training Offered TODAY

**12:30 P.M. in the Parlor
Today, Sunday, December 11th**

There will be a training workshop to learn how to administer Narcan to an overdosed person.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Dec. 12 Sarah Lehman

Dec. 12 Ernestina Owusuaa

Dec. 12 Riley Jeurissen

Dec. 18 Patricia Burdick



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*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 18th

Worship Services:

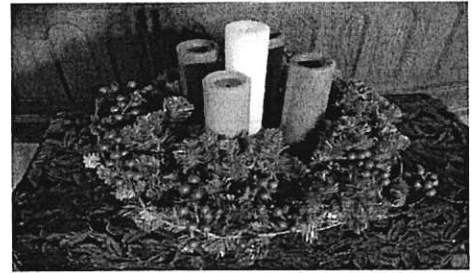
8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jean Marshall is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Sunday School will present the
message this day.



Christmas Week Services

Sunday, Dec. 18th: 10:15 A.M. - Sunday School will present the message this day.

Saturday, Dec. 24th: 5:00 P.M. - Family Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, Dec. 24th: 7:30 P.M. - Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Service

***Sunday, Dec. 25th: 4:00 P.M.** - *Christmas Day Worship Service*

(*Please note: There will be no services at 8:15 A.M. or 10:15 A.M. on Sunday,
December 25th. A combined service will be held at 4:00 P.M.)

Asbury Book Club

Next Discussion: Friday, January 6, 2023

We will be discussing: *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton (2018)

This book is available for purchase online if you would like to join the discussion!

"In the depths of a 19th century winter, a little girl is abandoned on the streets of Victorian London. She grows up to become a thief, an artist's muse, and a lover. In the summer of 1862, shortly after her 18th birthday, she travels with a group of artists to a beautiful house on a bend of the Upper Thames. Tensions simmer and one hot afternoon a gunshot rings out. A woman is killed, another disappears, and the truth of what happened slips through the cracks of time. It is not until over a century later, when another young woman is drawn to Birchwood Manor, that its secrets are finally revealed. Told by multiple voices across time, this is an intricately layered, richly atmospheric novel about art and passion, forgiveness and loss that shows us that sometimes the way forward is through the past."

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

PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS

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