

## OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY** "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
#221 (Verse 4)

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"  
(TFWS) #2089

**\*SENDING FORTH**

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**December 11, 2022  
8:15 AM**

**Chapman Chapel  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
Watertown, New York**



**Rev. Leon I. VanWie, Worship Leader  
Lynn K. Morgan, Organist**

**(\*) - Indicates Please Stand, If Able**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

## OPENING THOUGHTS

Leader: A voice crying in the wilderness,

People: **A word needing to be heard:**

Leader: Prepare the way.

People: **Get ready all hearts,**

Leader: Create a quiet place.

People: **Listen. Listen deep.**

Leader: A voice shouting in the desert:

People: **Feed the hungry, shelter the  
homeless,**

Leader: Make ready the world.

People: **To receive the Good News that**

Leader: Christ is coming.

People: **Rejoice!**

## OPENING PRAYER

(In Unison)

O God, who loved the world so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to reveal the height, breadth, length and depth of your love, we come to worship you. Prepare our hearts for this special time of getting ready to receive your gift. Help us to hear your word this day. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Joy

Karen Boomhower and John Deal

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-18

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

## MESSAGE

"A Voice in the Wilderness"

## PRAYER CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

(Followed by the 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.





## 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**

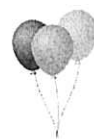
If you have taken any "angels" off of the Angel Tree please return unwrapped gifts under the tree **no later than TODAY, Sunday, December 11th.**

#### **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**

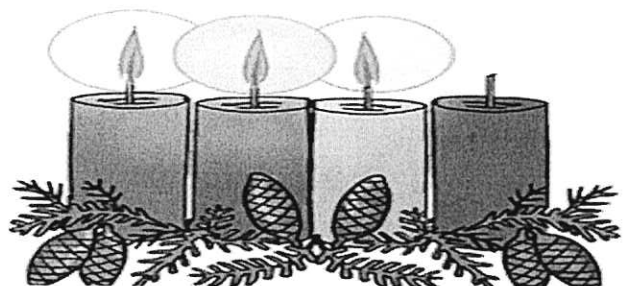


Dec. 12 Sarah Lehman

Dec. 12 Ernestina Owusuaa

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Dec. 18 Patricia Burdick



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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 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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### **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