

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: 97
Online: 40
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 288
2022 Year-to-Date Total: 18,174

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

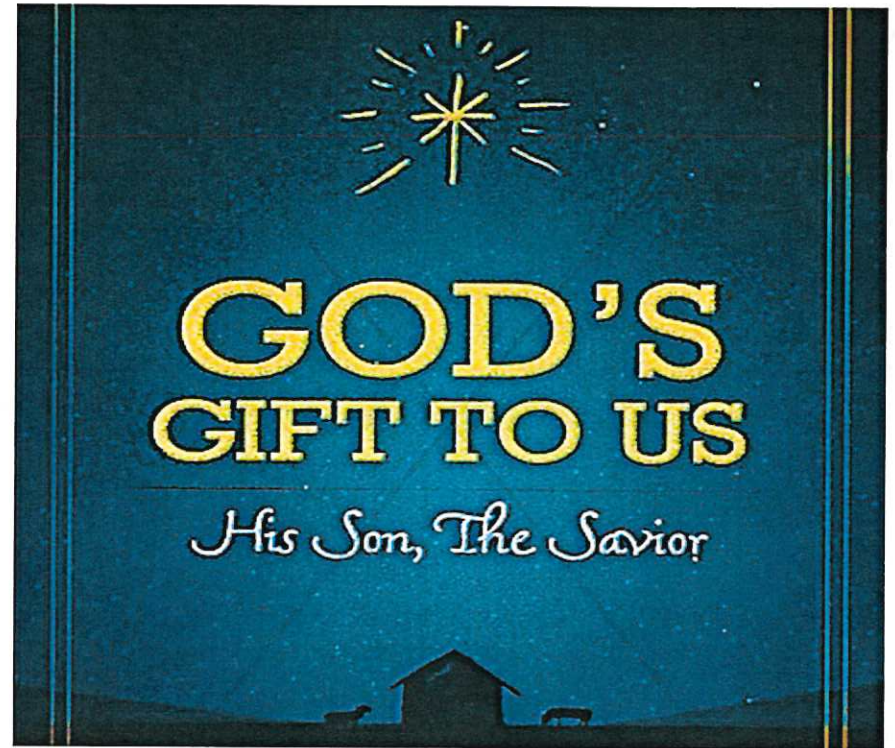
Greeters: Jean Marshall, Bonnie Peck and Carol Stoodley
Liturgist: Pam Quimby
Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva
Chapel Service: Jean Marshall
Coffee Hour: Sunday School
Advent Readers: The Lehman Family
Acolytes: Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd
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).



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 18, 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: "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" Junior Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "Lone and Wild the Prophet's Voice" Daw Jr./White

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What's happening?

People: A child is born.

Leader: Who is this Child?

People: This is Jesus, God's gift to us.

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: "He Is Born" #228

*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: "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" arr. Hobby

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.

*HYMN: "Love Came Down at Christmas" #242

MESSAGE: "God's Gift to Us"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Greensleeves" arr. by Dorothy Wells
Arthur Lukomyansky,
clarinet

*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: "The First Noel" #245

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Traditional

*POSTLUDE: "The Advent of God is Nigh" arr. Richard Warner



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 18 - December 25, 2022

Opportunities to Share

- Advent Study w/ Rev. Laura @ Parlor**
- Monday, December 19: 3:00 P.M.
- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Monday, December 19: 6:15 P.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**
- Wednesday, December 21: 11:00 A.M.
- Homeless Dinner Service @ Wesley Hall**
- Wednesday, December 21: 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room**
- Thursday, December 22: 5:30 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**
- Thursday, December 22: 7:15 P.M.
- Family Christmas Eve Service @ Sanctuary**
- Saturday, December 24: 5:00 P.M.
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ Sanctuary**
- Saturday, December 24: 7:30 P.M.
- Christmas Day Service @ Sanctuary**
- Sunday, December 25: 4:00 P.M.

Meetings

- Staff Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, December 19: 10:15 A.M.
- New Day Board Meeting @ Wesley Hall**
- Wednesday, December 21: NOON

Christmas Week Services

Saturday, December 24th: 5:00 P.M.

Family Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th: 7:30 P.M.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

***Sunday, December 25th: 4:00 P.M.**

Christmas Day Worship Service

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

Scripture of the Week

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life."

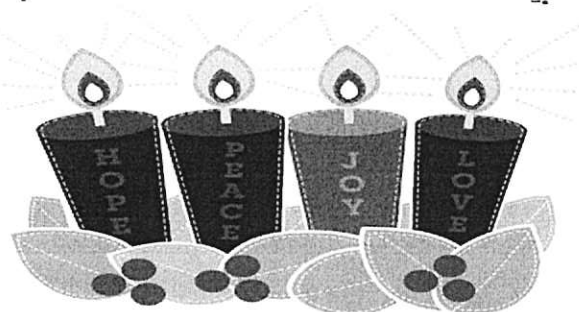
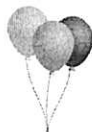
- 2 Peter 1:3 -

BAZAAR - TODAY AFTER CHURCH

Stop by the rotunda today after church and check out all of the bazaar items for sale! It is the perfect opportunity to get your stocking stuffers and some unique Christmas gifts!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Dec. 18 Patricia Burdick
- Dec. 21 Olivia Lehman
- Dec. 22 Andrew Van Houten
- Dec. 22 Mary Smith



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*To Make Disciples for
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*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 25th

Worship Services:

4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Sermon: Luke 2: 22-38

Scripture: "A Long Time Waiting"



The Nursery Is Back Open!

The new nursery has been set up and is located in the Sunday school/quilting room, by the Parker Street entrance, and will be ready for use during our Christmas Eve services!



A Contemporary Service will kick off 2023!

Join us New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1st

Service Theme: Recommitting Ourselves

Enjoy Laura's special message, children's music, and the Praise Team.

It's a great Sunday to invite a friend, neighbor or family member!

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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PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS

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