

**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**

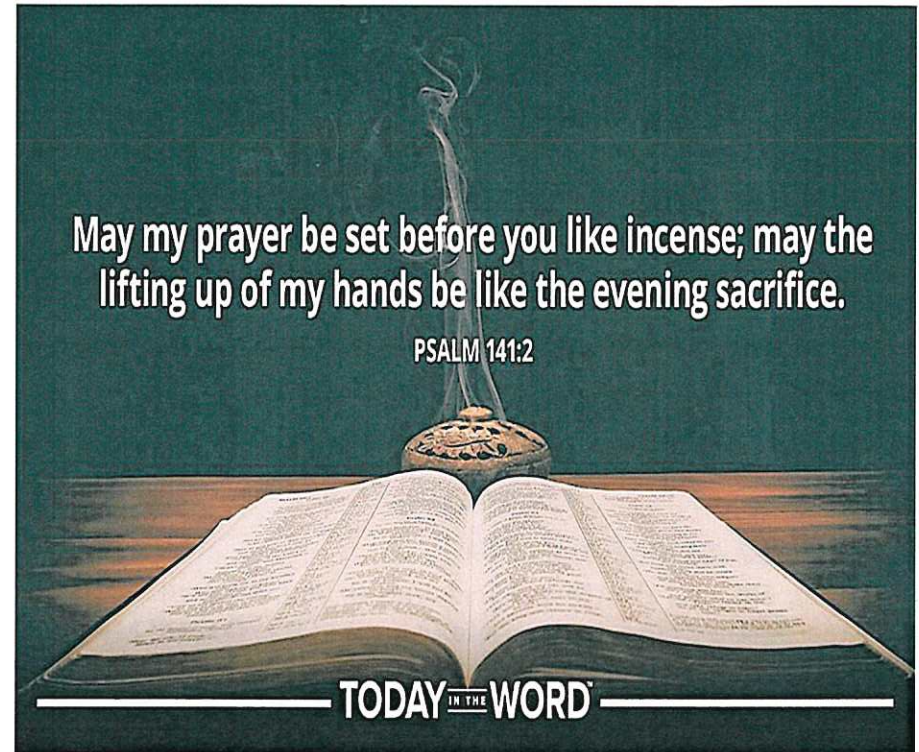
**Organist:** Bina West

**Chapel Service:** Jean Marshall

**But my eyes are fixed on you,  
Sovereign Lord;  
in you I take refuge—do not  
give me over to death.  
Keep me safe from the traps set  
by evildoers,  
from the snares they have  
laid for me.  
Let the wicked fall into their  
own nets,  
while I pass by in safety.  
Psalm 141 8:10**

**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 18, 2022; 8:15 A.M.**

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



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jean Marshall is preaching

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

PRELUDE Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133):

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

People: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

\*HYMN: "Seek Ye First" #405

\*OPENING PRAYER (from Psalm 143):

Our Father, I stretch out my hands to you. My soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails. Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. In the morning, let me hear of your steadfast love, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you, I lift up my soul. Amen.

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: Psalm 141  
Matthew 5: 1-12

MESSAGE: "Pure in Heart"

\*HYMN: "Breath on Me, Breath of God" #420

OUR OFFERING

\*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: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #404

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**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 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."*

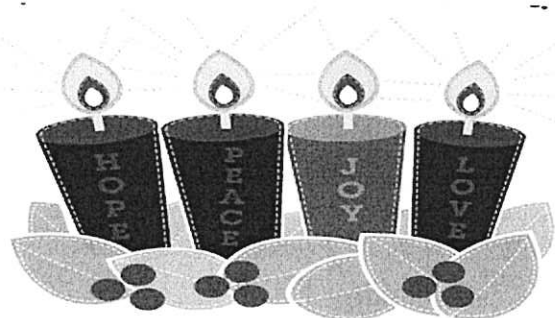
- 2 Peter 1:3 -

### 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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### 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 25th*

### Worship Services:

**4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary:**

**Rev. Laura Calos is preaching**

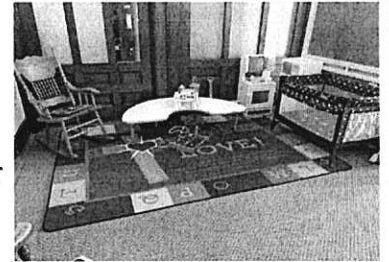
**Sermon: Luke 2: 22-38**

**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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### 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