

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: -
Online: 52
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 374
2022 Year-to-Date Total: 18,548

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

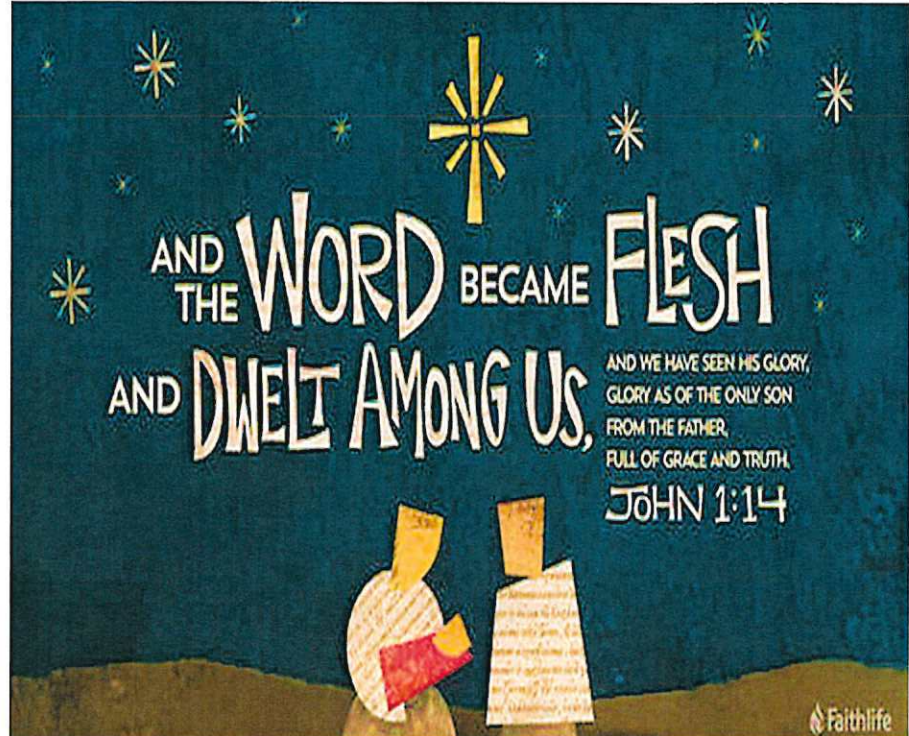
Greeters: -
Liturgist: Benjamin Rudd
Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva
Advent Readers: The Webb Family
Communion Servers: Jane Eastham, Frank Massa, Jaelah Liriano & Lindsay Webb
Acolytes: Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd
Shepherds: Bonnie Peck 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 25, 2022; 4:00 P.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: "Traditional Welsh Carol" arr. by R. Warner

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Leader: The Word became flesh and blood and lived among us to bring all people to the light.

People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Christ, our light, shines forth in glory.

People: Christ, our life, brings grace and truth.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another in Christian fellowship.

*TIME OF GREETING

*HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

*OPENING PRAYER

Incarnate One, we bow before you on this day to celebrate the coming of your presence among us. You are the fulfillment of God's ancient promises, a living testimony to God's faithfulness. With all creation, we rejoice at your coming to show us your grace and love. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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: Hymn Medley (People's Choice)

SCRIPTURE: John 1: 1-5, 10-14

MESSAGE: "The Word Became Flesh"

HOLY COMMUNION (Insert)

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "The Little Drummer Boy" Davis
Andy and Michelle Rudd (sopranos),
Mike Rudd (snare drum), John Novak (piano)

*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.

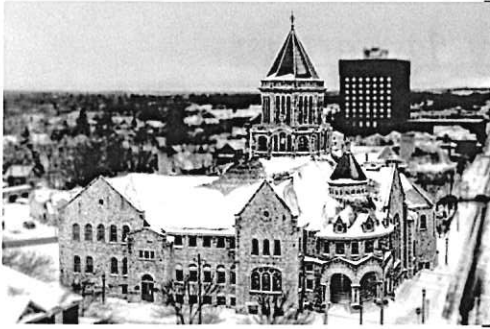
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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: "There's a Song in the Air" #249

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "From Heaven High to Earth I Come" by J. Pachelbel



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023

Opportunities to Share

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 28: 11:00 A.M.

Homeless Dinner Service @ Wesley Hall

- Wednesday, December 28: 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Praise Team Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 29: 1:00 P.M.

Praise Team Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Saturday, December 31: NOON

Kid's Music Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Saturday, December 31: 1:30 P.M.

Contemporary Worship Service @ Sanctuary

- Sunday, January 1: 10:15 A.M.

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!

Scripture of the Week

*"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to
Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb,
forever and ever."*

- Revelation 5:13 -

CHURCHWIDE BRUNCH LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

There will be a New Year's luncheon after the
main worship service on Sunday, January 1st.

We are going to try brunch for this luncheon!

You may bring items such as breakfast
casseroles, sweet bread treats, etc.

We hope you plan to join us!

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

William and Lisa Smith

December 27, 1997



Rev. Peter and Catherine Mowers

December 29, 2001

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan. 1 **Benjamin Rhode**

Jan. 1 **Ashley Cleveland**



MERRY
Christmas

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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, January 1st

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Joshua 24: 14-15

Sermon: "A Daily Choice"



Asbury Book Club

Next Discussion: Friday, January 6, 2023 @ Parlor

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."

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 is ready for use!



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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

Adult Baptism

For Susan Marie Marino and Tasha Marie McConnell

Dearly Beloved, the Church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time for the conduct of worship and sharing and proclamation of God's Word, the administration of the Sacraments, the nurture of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers and the redemption of the world. All of every age and station stand in the means of grace, which the community of Christian faith supplies.

Through the affirmation of our faith and the Sacrament of Baptism, we acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as Lord? **I do.**

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful Disciple of Jesus Christ, following his teachings and be a living witness of a life of service to others and with the grace given to you, will you see to bear good fruit, so that by your living example, others might come to know the grace of God available to them through Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Susan Marie Marino and Tasha Marie McConnell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit work within you that being born of water and the Spirit, you may live as a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Beloved of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

Go forth in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to what is good the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained
steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign
God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

In the fullness of time

you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
and at his birth the angels sang

glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem
and there found no room,

so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected.

As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,