

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: 91
Online: 35
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 334
2023 Year-to-Date Total: 1,808

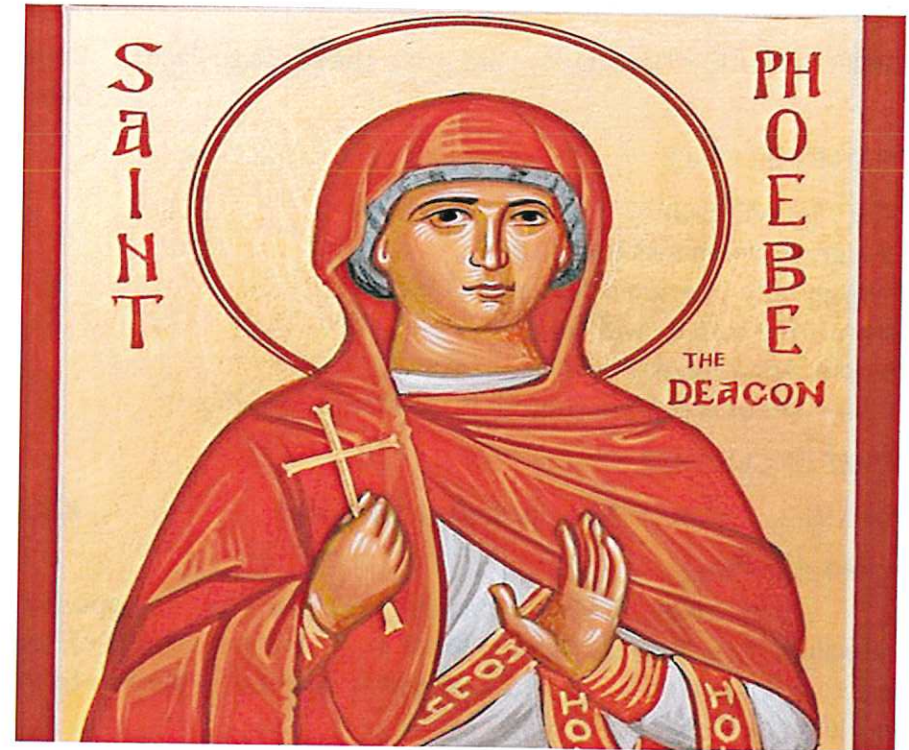
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Cherrie Clark, Michelle Mathieu and Carol Stoodley
Liturgist: Erin Brislan and Jean Gianfagna
Organist: Helen Timerman
Chapel Service: Rev. Laura Calos
Communion Servers: Judy Cota, Jane Eastham, Tamara Klock and Frank Massa
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

I COMMEND TO YOU OUR
SISTER PHOEBE, A
SERVANT OF THE CHURCH
IN CENCHREA.
- ROMANS 16:1

ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 5, 2023; 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: "I Love You, Lord" arr. McKlveen
Asbury Belles

CHOIR INTROIT: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" Bonar
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PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord!

People: Holy One, we praise you, O Lord!

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another in Christian fellowship.

*TIME OF GREETING

*HYMN: "In Unity We Lift Our Song" #2221

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Bread of the World" Palestrina

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: Romans 16: 1-2

*HYMN: "Walk with Me" #2242

MESSAGE: "A Powerful Woman: Phoebe"

HOLY COMMUNION #13

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by Palmer/Mason

*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 Summons" #2130

*BENEDICTION

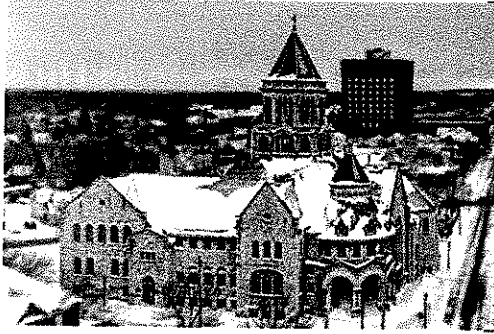
CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Gather Us In"

*POSTLUDE: "Finlandia" by Sibelius

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

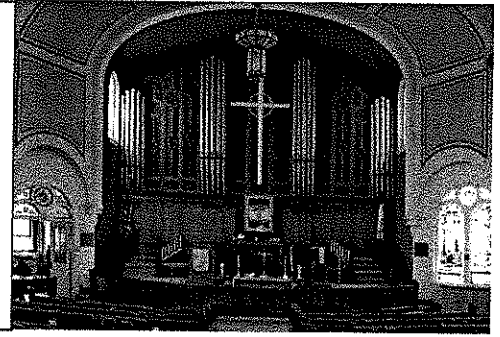
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

Others: David Forbes' Father, Kim Sevier and the Family of Richard Malone.



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

February 5 - February 12, 2023

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, February 6: 6:15 P.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, February 8: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, February 8: 4:00 P.M.

Homeless Dinner Service @ Wesley Hall

- Wednesday, February 8: 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, February 9: 5:30 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, February 9: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, February 9: 7:15 P.M.

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, February 6: 10:15 A.M.

Church Council Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, February 6: 4:30 P.M.

PSPRC Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, February 6: 7:00 P.M.

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, February 7: 6:00 P.M.

Church Conference @ Parlor

- Sunday, February 12: 11:30 A.M.

Upcoming Church Council Meeting

**Church Council will meet on Monday,
February 6th, at 4:30 P.M. in the parlor.**

Committee chairs should have reports ready to share. All are invited to attend.

Upcoming Church Conference

There will be a Church Conference on
Sunday, February 12th at 11:30 A.M. in the Parlor.

Agenda:

1. Decision to sell a 0.14 acre lot off the Sterling Street parking lot.
2. Elect Tamara Klock as a Trustee.

Donations Appreciated! Sunday School

Super Bowl Sunday

February 12th, the Sunday School is hosting a "Super Cereal Bowl Challenge". Donations of cereal boxes are needed for the lesson that day. The lesson will be incorporating the "Cereal Box Domino Challenge". Cereal boxes will then be donated to the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry. A collection container for the donation of cereal boxes is located in the back of the Rotunda. Thank you for your support!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 5 **James Rafferty**

Feb. 5 **Sue Gamet**

Feb. 5 **Deborah Simmons**

Feb. 9 **Karen Boomhower**

Feb. 11 **Paul Tyo**

Feb. 12 **Jean Sayers**

Feb. 12 **Adrianna Weldon**



ASBURY'S STAFF

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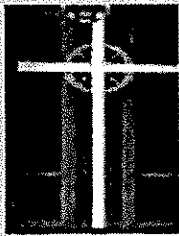
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*To Make Disciples for
Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

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, February 12th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Rev. Leon VanWie is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: Acts 9: 36-42

Sermon: "A Powerful Woman: Dorcas"



Sign Up to Help with the Homeless Dinner Services!

Set-up for the dinner will begin at 4:30 P.M. in Wesley Hall every Wednesday during the Winter. Service will begin at 5:30 P.M. and end at 7:00 P.M.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Rotunda for each Wednesday for anyone who would like to help! You do not have to sign up for every week.

You can sign up to:

- ◆ Bring Dessert (individually wrapped cookies/brownies, 2 dozen)
- ◆ Set Up the Dining Room (set out placemats, silverware, glasses)
- ◆ Food Prep (heat up pork and sides, set out dessert, fill plates, make coffee)
- ◆ Servers (take food to guests, offer refills, clear tables)
- ◆ Beverage Pourer
- ◆ Dishwasher (operate commercial dishwasher)
- ◆ Person at Parker Street Door to Direct People
- ◆ Clean Up (wipe tables, set chairs on tables)

CALLING ALL CLEANERS!

Our church kitchen is in need of some love and care!

On Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Please come with a bucket and sponge in hand and help us deep clean our wonderful church kitchen. It has been more than 2 years since we regularly used our kitchen; and now that the outreach dinners are occurring every week, we notice that a thorough cleaning is needed. Many hands make light work!

Scripture of the Week

*"Lord, how they have increased
who trouble me."*

- Psalm 3:1 -

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 22nd

12:15 P.M. in the Chapel

6:15 P.M. in the Chapel

PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.- NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

A Brief History of the Ordination of Women

- **1815:** Clarissa Danforth was ordained in New England. She was the first woman ordained by the Free Will Baptist denomination.
- **1861:** Mary A. Will was the first woman ordained in the Wesleyan Methodist Connection by the Illinois Conference in the United States. The Wesleyan Methodist Connection eventually became the Wesleyan Church.
- **1865:** The Salvation Army was founded, which in the English Methodist tradition always ordained both men and women. However, there were initially rules that prohibited a woman from marrying a man who had a lower rank.
- **1880:** Anna Howard Shaw was the first woman ordained in the Methodist Protestant Church, an American church which later merged with other denominations to form the United Methodist Church.
- **1889:** Ella Niswonger was the first woman ordained in the American United Brethren Church, which later merged with other denominations to form the American United Methodist Church, which has ordained women with full clergy rights and conference membership since 1956.
- **1892:** Anna Hanscombe is believed to be the first woman ordained by the parent bodies which formed the Church of the Nazarene in 1919.
- **1894:** Julia A. J. Foote was the first woman to be ordained as a deacon by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.
- **1914:** The Assemblies of God was founded and ordained its first woman pastors in 1914.
- **1930:** The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America ordained its first woman elder, Sarah E. Dickson.
- **1956:** The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America ordained its first female minister, Margaret Towner.
- **1958:** Women ministers in the Church of the Brethren were given full ordination with the same status as men.
- **1964:** Addie Elizabeth Davis became the first Southern Baptist woman to be ordained. However, the Southern Baptist Convention stopped ordaining women in 2000, although existing female pastors are allowed to continue their jobs.
- **1965:** Rachel Henderlite became the first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church in the United States; she was ordained by the Hanover Presbytery in Virginia.

- **1970:** On November 22, 1970, Elizabeth Alvina Platz became the first woman ordained by the Lutheran Church in America, and as such was the first woman ordained by any Lutheran denomination in America. The first woman ordained by the American Lutheran Church, Barbara Andrews, was ordained in December 1970. On January 1, 1988 the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches merged to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which continues to ordain women. (The first woman ordained by the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Janith Otte, was ordained in 1977.)
- **1976:** Episcopal Church laws were changed to permit women's ordination on September 16, 1976.
- **1977:** On January 1, 1977, Jacqueline Means became the first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church.
- **1979:** The Reformed Church in America started ordaining women as ministers. Women had been admitted to the offices of deacon and elder in 1972.
- **1984:** The Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution opposing women's ordination in 1984.