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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!*

FROM THE UPPER NEW YORK AREA OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It is our joy to share with you today that Bishop Héctor A. Burgos-Núñez has appointed The Pastor Michael Terrell as the new pastor of our congregation. Pastor Michael will begin his new responsibilities on July 1st of this year. As a United Methodist congregation, we are a part of an itinerant appointment system. Our congregation's staff parish relations committee has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the skills needed in a pastor for our context. We have also met with Pastor Michael to get to know him and to ask questions.



Pastor Michael has been in ministry for 24 years, with 20 of those years as full time. Michael is a Licensed Local Pastor who graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary Course of Study in Washington, D.C. He entered ministry after working in the Broadcast Industry as an on-air radio personality and in TV production.

Michael has a lot of energy and a good sense of humor. Colleagues describe Pastor Michael as a pastor who relates to people of every age group, leads prayer and worship that is real and not sentimental but challenging. People experience the joy of the Spirit at worship with him. Pastor Michael also shows, creativity, courage, confidence and energy.

Comments from parishioners: "more kids attend" - "his spirit is unique and uplifting" - "a pastor that gives an excellent service every week" - "He is real" and "He brought me to this church and my life has changed for the better because of it."

Pastor Michael is very active in the UM connection by serving on Board of Ordained Ministry and as Chairman of the Mohawk District Committee on Ministry. Michael mentors other pastors and teaches Administration at UNY Licensing School. Michael is also a musician and a new children's author! Michael has two children, a dog, a cat and an African Tortoise.

We also want to thank our current pastor, Rev. Laura Calos for her time of service with us and wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life's journey.

Our new pastor will work with us and the conference so that we continue to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Bishop Burgos-Núñez, our district superintendent, and the Upper New York Conference leaders will work with us to continue growing as a congregation. I know you will join our bishop, our new pastor, and your PSPRC committee in helping to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please pray for him in this transition process. If you want to send him an email welcoming him, his email address is: **willnosdadd12@gmail.com**.

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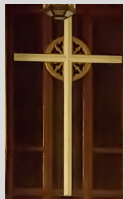
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Young Disciples

Sunday School would like to thank all those who donated boxes of cereal for our "Super Cereal Bowl Challenge" held on Sunday, February 12th (Super Bowl Sunday). For our lesson that day about kindness, we did a take off of the "cereal box domino challenge." The boxes of cereal were our "dominoes" in a demonstration about chain reactions - how kindness can spread like a chain reaction. 56 boxes of cereal were collected and were donated to the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry.



THE ASBURY KITCHEN ANGELS PERFORMED THEIR MAGIC AND THE KITCHEN IS SPARKLING

Thank you to those who gave up their Saturday morning on February 18th to scrub the stove, disinfect the counters and cabinets, climb ladders to dust, wipe down walls, clean refrigerators, and organize it all!! A big thank you to the *kitchen angels*, Lindsay Webb, Lisa Smith, Lorraine Irwin, Angelo and Quay Gonzales, Joanne Rhode, Judy Cota, Sue Snell, Jean Gianfagna, Brenda Harris, Carol Stoodley, and Karen Boomhower. A special thank you goes out to Pastor Laura for the delicious donuts and pastries. It was a fun time.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The *Asbury United Women in Faith* will meet on **Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.** We will be discussing future programs as well as our recent tour of the Watertown Urban Mission. All are welcome to come express their views on programs for women and children.

THE SPRING RUMMAGE AND PLANT SALE will be held on **May 12 and 13.**

Now is the time to start hoeing out! We accept everything except clothing and computers. Please clean your donations! Items can be taken downstairs to the room to the left of the stage Monday through Thursday from 10 to 2 or on Sundays. Thank you!

FROM THE TRUSTEES

We have been having Zoom meetings for the past two years, through Covid, and we continued on after because it was convenient for us. Our April meeting will be held in the parlor. We will be meeting with our RBC representative to review our investments.

We will continue with the Zoom meetings after April. We do not want to exclude anyone who would like to join the meetings. If you would like to join us, please let me know and I will have the link sent to you.

Thank you for your support,

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**Daylight Savings Time
begins March 12**



MARCH 20, 2023



FOLLOW JESUS!!





**Happy Birthday to those in our Church Family
who were born in FEBRUARY**



- March 2 Jean Gianfagna
- March 2 Jesse Dankwa
- March 3 Brendan Smith
- March 14 Sandra Queal
- March 16 Patrick Town
- March 16 Miles West
- March 17 Karen Doe
- March 18 Connor Lamica
- March 20 Christopher Jeurissen
- March 25 James Weldon
- March 26 Jane Eastham
- March 27 Thomas Carlisle
- March 28 Anthony Gianfagna
- March 28 Andrew Gianfagna
- March 28 Rosemary Denesha
- March 31 Anthony Patrick



SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

submitted by Max Bovee

March 5: Psalm 73:25

“There is none upon earth that I desire besides you.”

March 12: Psalm 102:27

“You are the same, and your years will have no end.”

March 19: Psalm 115:16

“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth He has given to mankind.”

March 26: Psalm 118:1

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His mercy endures forever.”

Patrick and Darlene Town
March 9, 2009

**Deadline for April Beacon
Articles is March 20, 2023.**

Please send articles in WORD
format as an attachment to
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Join us for
SUNDAY WORSHIP
at
8:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.



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*No Matter Where You Are on
Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!*



"The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?"
- Psalm 27:1

*We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
The busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to come,
Our hands quick to help, Our hearts ready to dare.*

- words taken from Hymn: "Together We Serve"
as printed in the Methodist Songbook, The Faith We Sing

