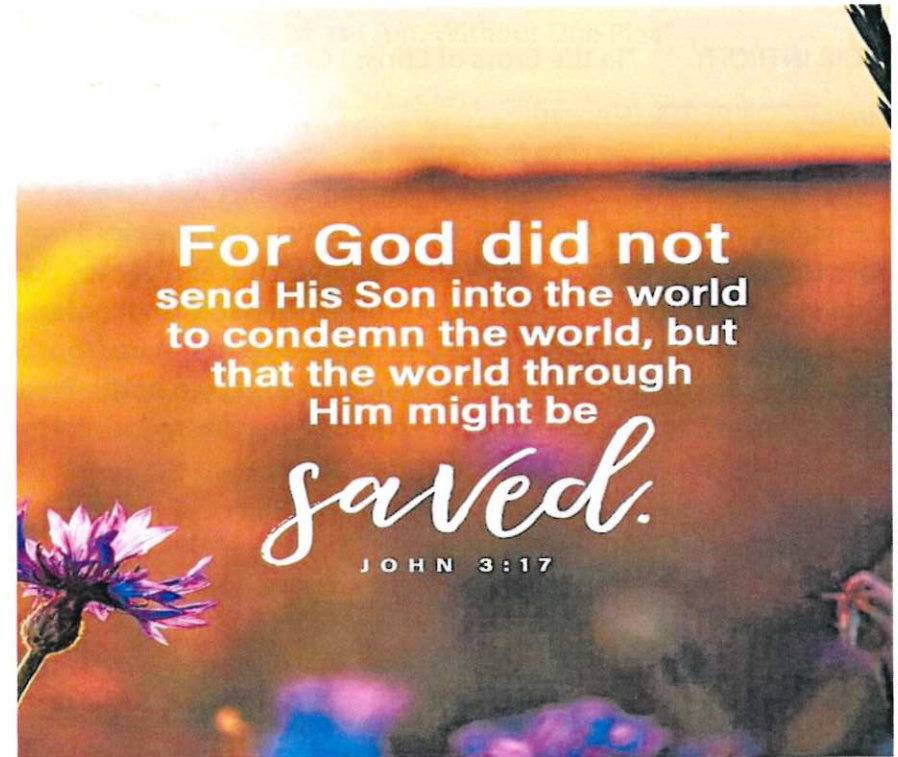


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling is preaching

(* Please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Were You There" arr. McChesney
Asbury Belles

CHOIR INTROIT: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Bowring/Conkey

PRAYER FOR PEACE (Unison)

Eternal God, You are the maker of Heaven and Earth, the ruler of the universe. In a world full of strife and conflict, we turn to You, our mighty and loving God. We know that You cause everything to work together for the good of those who love You, and yet we don't understand the evil and suffering we are witnessing and enduring. We know that everything on Earth is temporary, but You are everlasting. Human power is but a brief illusion, and a battle fought against You will be lost. We pray for an end to war, an end to violence in the world. We turn to You, our refuge and our strength, because we know You are always with us, even through the most violent storms. We trust You and Your perfect timing. Make us bold and courageous. Guide us to make the right choices, to take brave steps toward what we cannot see. Remove our fears and fill us with hope and confidence. Keep us focused on You. We offer this prayer in the name that is above all names, Your son and our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

P: **God's love meets us here.**

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also, with you.**

L: Let us greet one another in Christ's name.

*TIME OF GREETING (Please rise and greet your fellow worshippers.)

*HYMN: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #126

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Mind-boggling God, our best friend, we thank you that for all who walk by faith there is always light for those who truly want to see, and enough bread for those who hunger for goodness. In this wayside chapel, please stabilize our faith, and enlarge our love. May we who pause to worship you here in this quiet sanctuary, be happy in serving you out in the rough and rowdy world, as we encourage our fellow pilgrims on the long road ahead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!!

CHOIR ANTHEM: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" Kihlken

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

MISSION MOMENT

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: John 3:1-17

*HYMN: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" #142

MESSAGE: "How Can These Things Be?"

OUR OFFERING (The ushers will wait upon us for the offering.)

OFFERTORY: "In the Garden" by C. Austin Miles

*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

You trust us enough to place your blessings in us, so may we be as faithful in offering them back to you, so others might be kept in their loneliness, might be fed in their emptiness, might receive hope in their despair. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" #357

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and who seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow, as we pray together saying:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah. We look for an answer online, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, but not get in to transform our lives. Yet you continue to keep watch of us, Promise Giver, whether it is when we swagger through the sunshine of our lives, or in those shadowed moments of uncertainty in the night. You will not stumble as you continue to come to us, to lead us into your kingdom. You will always be our help, whether or not we recognize it or accept it, even as you remained faithful to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

TIME FOR SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Our hope, our help, our peace, our joy? All come from God, the One who loved us, and the world so much, that Jesus came to bring us salvation.

P: Keeper of our souls, be with us; Watcher of our days, lead us; Salvation of our lives, have mercy on us. Amen.

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join your unending hymn:

P: 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.

L: Blessed are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings" #143

THE SENDING OUT

L: Being here together has been a re-birthing place on the long journey of faith. Move on from here with your spirits renewed and your heads

held high. Exactly where this week will take us, each of us is uncertain.
The one thing certain is that we shall never travel alone.

All: Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Savior, the love of our Creator, and the fellowship of our Counsellor, will be with you now and always.

All: Amen!

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Bowring
Conkey

*POSTLUDE: “I’d Rather Have Jesus” by George Beverly
Shea

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.

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: 71

Online: 41

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 144

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 2,933

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Darlene Town, Patrick Town and Carol Stoodley

Liturgist: Katie Jeurissen

Organist: Helen Timerman

Chapel Service: Rev. Leon (“Toby”) Schilling

Coffee Hour: Churchwide Luncheon

Communion Servers: Sue Beaman, Mary DeYear, Frances Goutremout
and Patrick Town

Acolytes: Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail
Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

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Leon VanWie	Dan Webb	



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

March 5 - March 12, 2023

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

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

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

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

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

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

Homeless Dinner Service @ Wesley Hall

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

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

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

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

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

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

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

Meetings

Christian Connections Committee @ Parlor

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

United Women in Faith Meeting @ Parlor

- Saturday, March 11: 9:30 A.M.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The Asbury United Women in Faith will meet on **Saturday, March 11, at 9:30 A.M. in the 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!

Rummage Sale Donations Being Accepted!

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 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. or on Sundays. Thank you!

The Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will be held on May 12 and 13.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

It's a great time to sign up for Coffee Hour!

You can host with a group or individually!

A sign-up sheet with Coffee Hour instructions is on the Coffee Hour table in the Rotunda.

Sundays, March 19th and 26th are still available to host if anyone is interested!

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Patrick and Darlene Town

March 9, 2009



Scripture of the Week

*"Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you."*

- Psalm 63:3 -

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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, March 12th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Wayne Morris is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Wayne Morris is preaching



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 (placemats, napkins, silverware, salt/pepper, sugar/creamer)
- ◆ Food Prep (heat up food, set out desserts, make coffee, hot water for tea, fill cold water dispenser and set in dining room, fill plates as needed, clean up kitchen dishes, wipe down counters)
- ◆ Servers and Beverage Pourers (take plates of food to guests, offer refills, clear tables, scrape dishes, wipe off tables, set chairs on tables)
- ◆ Dishwasher (operate commercial dishwasher)
- ◆ Person at Parker Street Door to Direct People Downstairs
- ◆ Person at Franklin Street Door to Direct People to Parker Street Door (make sure outside door is locked by 5:30 P.M., then you can join us in Wesley Hall)



It is our joy to share with you 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. If you want to send him an email welcoming him, his email address is:

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