

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Hymnal Page #13)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" #369

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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.

P: Amen!

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!

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 and the Family of Richard Malone.

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

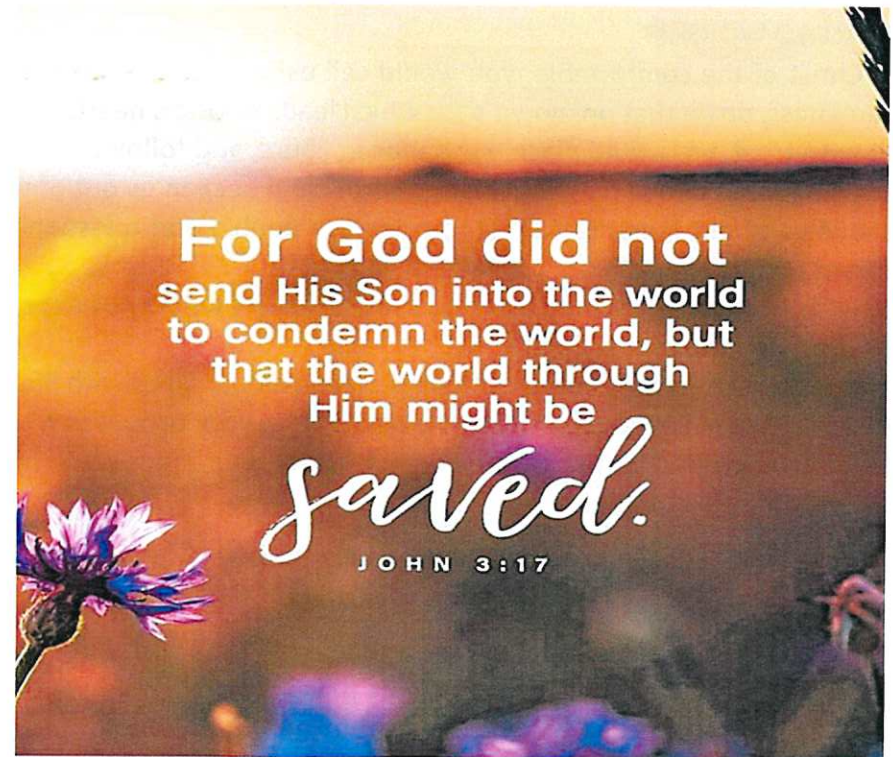
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling

ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 5, 2023; 8:15 A.M.

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for the transformation of the world.*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Leon ("Toby") Schilling is preaching

(* Please stand as you are able.)

PRELUDE

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Christ of the comfortable, you would call us from our security and sameness, down that unknown path which leads to God's heart:

P: with trust, we would place our hands in yours, and follow.

L: Companion of our sleepless nights, you would beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to bring our doubts and questioning hearts along:

P: with humility, we would listen to those answers we do not expect, or even understand.

L: Word which creates out of nothingness, you would fill us with life:

P: where we see only emptiness, you would keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground: we would let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.

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

*OPENING PRAYER

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!!

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: John 3:1-17

MESSAGE: "How Can These Things Be?"

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

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

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Christ you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

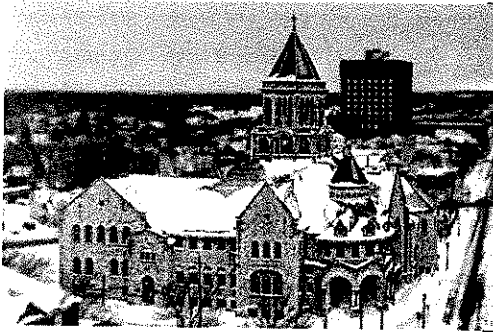
THE PEACE (Let us offer one another greetings of peace.)

OFFERING

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION/OFFERING

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.



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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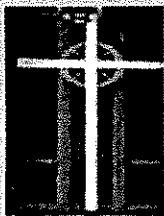
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*To Make Disciples for
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*To Inspire People of All
Generations to Love, Learn
and Lead Through Worship,
Education, and Service.*

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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