

**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: 101

Online: 35

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 384

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 4,315

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Bina West

**Chapel Service:** Lindsay Webb

**Participants:** Sue Beaman, Wayne Morris, Michelle & Ben Rudd, Sue Snell, Deb & Herb Van Houten and Rev. Leon VanWie



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
APRIL 7, 2023: 12:15 & 6:15 P.M.  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lindsay Webb is preaching

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

PRELUDE: "Savior, Your Dying Love" Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

Leader: We gather today before the cross in sorrow and in shame. We look for forgiveness, strength and mercy, though we deserve none.

**People: We gather to remember how it was the day that our Savior died, to remember, to mourn, and to try and understand what happened that day, the day that Jesus showed the depth of His love for us by suffering and dying in our place.**

Leader: Let us pray: Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of our crucified Lord... We watch with horror as we see Him hanging on the cross... We see the evil in the world around Him... We, too, Father, have denied our Lord... we have betrayed our Lord.

**People: He died for our sins. Forgive us Lord, and love us still. Amen.**

\*HYMN: "The Old Rugged Cross" #504  
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

Leader: Let us begin our journey.

STATION 1: Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die (Matthew 27: 11-14, 25, 26b)

Speaker:

Leader: We have been alone. We have been falsely accused, and no one has spoken for us. We have been treated unfairly by those who could have used their power for better purposes. We can understand some of your feelings as you stand silently before Pilate and watch him proclaim his own innocence as he condemns you, an innocent man.

**People: O Lord, forgive me for not always being who I should be.**

Leader: We find it easy to condemn the moral cowardice of Pilate. Have we ever given in to pressure from others to take the easy path rather than the right path? Have we ever chosen the easy path over the right path?

**People: Forgive us God.**

STATION 2: Jesus Accepts His Cross (Matthew 27: 27-31 & John 19:17)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, forgive us for forgetting that in our weakness we are driven to trust in you, and that in such trust our weakness becomes your strength. Forgive our attitudes of self-pity that make me more repulsive than loving. I do not ask for crosses to bear. But when they come, give me the strength to bear them as those who follow your example.

**People: O Lord, forgive us.**

STATION 3: Simon Helps Carry the Cross (Luke 23: 26)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, forgive us for becoming so preoccupied with ourselves that we have become deaf and blind to those around us. Carrying your cross compels us to reach out to a hurting world, struggling individuals, with your love, your grace. Jesus, may we always be willing to carry your cross to the world.

**People: O Lord, hear us. Make us people willing to carry the cross.**

STATION 4: Jesus Speaks to the Women (Luke 23: 27-31)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, forgive our unwillingness to repent, to confess all that we are before you. Help us go beyond the repentance mouthed in words of false piety, to sweep away all the facades of who we try so hard to be before others. Help us once again to stand before God with a bare and open heart, to be real before you in every way.

**People: O Lord, be merciful to us.**

STATION 5: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments (John 19: 23-25a)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, forgive us for wanting to take the path of comfort and reward. Forgive us for our selfishness that wants to serve you in easy ways and seeks the reward of others' praise. Lord, teach us the humility of spirit that replaces self-centeredness with a sacrificial spirit. Make us vulnerable so that we may follow your example.

**People: O Lord, change our hearts.**

\*HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #297  
(verses 1 & 2)

STATION 6: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross (Mark 15: 23-32)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, we cannot comprehend the depth and breadth of your love. There are not enough words in all the languages together to describe what your love means to us. May our love for you and all your children in some way reflect your love. Let this dark night become fertile soil for growth in your love and for our growth as a community of faith. May you use this night to teach us how to love you and to love others the way you have loved us. Remind us of the deathly cost of sin. Forgive us for those things we have done that are displeasing to you. Forgive us for not allowing you to deal with the darkness that we harbor in the hidden recesses of our hearts. O Lord, make us better than we are... transform us into what we can be by your grace.

**People: O Lord, forgive us for those things we have done and those things we have left undone. We long for newness, for hope, for renewal, for life, where there is now death. Out of this darkness bring to us the light of a new dawn. In your grace, be merciful to us.**

STATION 7: Jesus Cares for His Mother (John 19: 25b-27)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, make us whole so that we may love with the compassion with which you love. Redeem us and make us new. Through your strength and by your grace, make us a conduit of your love, not just to the lovable, but to any who need to be cared for and loved.

**People: O Lord, may it be so in our lives.**

STATION 8: Jesus Dies on the Cross (Mark 15: 35-39)

Speaker:

Leader: O Lord, I cannot comprehend the depth and breadth of your love. There are not enough words in all the languages together to describe what your love means to me. May my love for you and my love for all your children in some way reflect your love. Let this dark night become fertile soil for growth in your love and for our growth as a community of faith. May you use this night to teach us how to love you and to love others the way you have loved us. O Lord, we long for newness, for hope, for renewal, for life, where there is now death. Out

of this darkness bring to us the light of a new dawn. O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: O Lord, hear our prayers. We hope in you and trust in your mercy.**

\*HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #286

CLOSING THOUGHT

Leader: The cross that we so revere began not as an icon of faith or hope, but as an icon of shame, torture, humiliation and inescapable death. The reason it holds such importance to us is neither the gore, nor the glory that it has been known for throughout the ages, but *Who* was crucified there and for *whom* He was crucified.

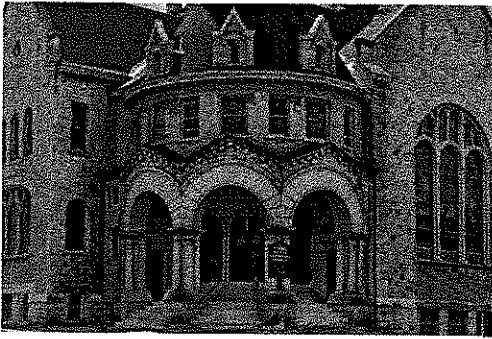
**People: May we never forget...and may God hold us close in the palm of His hand.**

**All: Amen.**

**LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

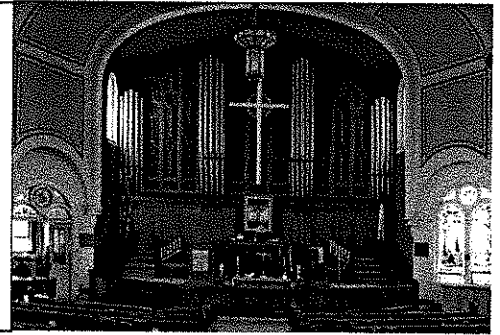
**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

**Others:** David Forbes' Father and Kim Sevier.



# ASBURY UMC

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



## *This Week*

*April 9 - April 16, 2023*

### **Opportunities to Share**

**Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, April 10: 6:15 P.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
- Wednesday, April 12: 11:00 A.M.

**Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, April 13: 5:30 P.M.

**Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, April 13: 6:15 P.M.

**Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, April 13: 7:15 P.M.

### **Meetings**

**Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, April 10: 10:15 A.M.

**Missions Committee Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, April 10: 6:30 P.M.

**Trustees Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Tuesday, April 11: 6:30 P.M.

### **April 30th - Contemporary Service**

**THEME: "Alleluia Anyway"**

Enjoy Laura's special message, the Praise Team leading you in worship, and some children's music!

What a great time to invite a friend, a neighbor or a family member!

The service is intended to be a bit more casual so it is the perfect time to invite someone new!

If you personally have any interest in singing or playing an instrument, please feel free to contact the Praise Team at: 315-783-1105.

We hope to see you there!

### **NURSERY NOW OPEN!**

The nursery is now open on Sundays during the Main Worship service! It is located near the Parker Street entrance in the Sunday School room. Your children will be taken care of by our Nursery Care Worker, Anne Marie Gianfagna, and an assistant.



### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



**April 9** Marilyn Brown

**April 10** Lisa Smith

**April 12** Lorraine Irwin

**April 16** Jeffrey Sero



### **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 and Coffee Hour instructions are on the Coffee Hour table in the Rotunda.

**Sunday, April 30th** is still available to host if anyone is interested!

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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, April 16th*

**Worship Services:**

**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

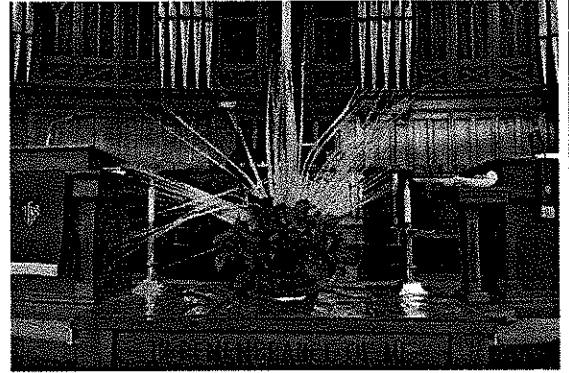
Jane Eastham is preaching

**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

Rev. Laura Calos is preaching

Scripture: John 20: 19-29

Sermon: "I Will Not Believe"



**Asbury Book Club**

Friday, May 5th at 9:30 A.M. in the Parlor

*The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman (2020)

"In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly finds themselves in the middle of their first live case. The friends might be septuagenarians, but they are cleverer than most. Can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer before it's too late?"

This book is available for purchase online if you are interested!

**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 Asbury Spring Rummage and Plant Sale will be held on May 12th and 13th.

**Scripture of the Week**

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower."

- Proverbs 18:10 -

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

**PASTOR LAURA'S OFFICE HOURS**

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