

\*HYMN: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402  
BENEDICTION  
SENDING FORTH Bina West, Organist

**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 Stacie Johnson

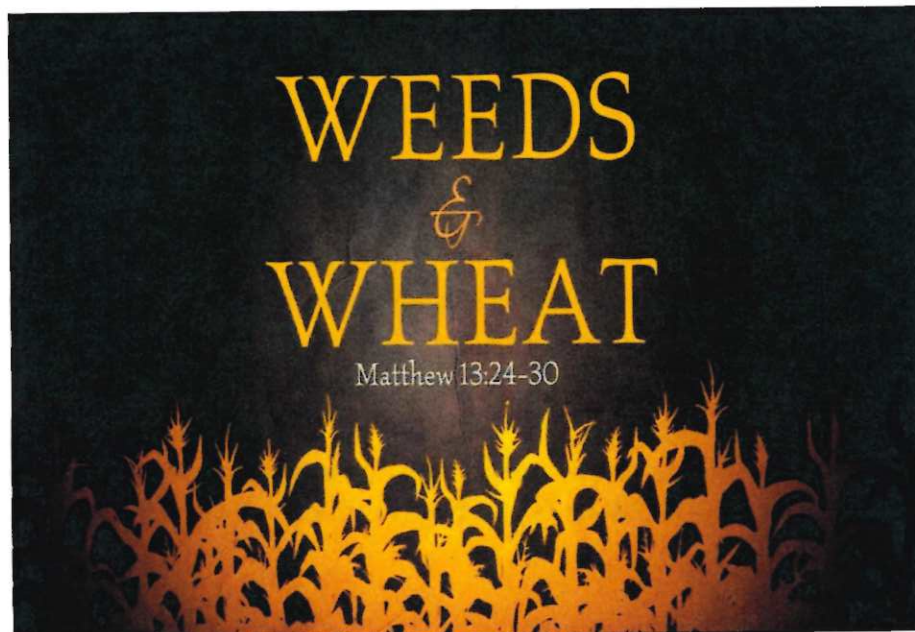
**WELCOME CENTER:** First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

**WEEKLY INFORMATION:**

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 100  
Online: 52  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 234  
2023 Year-to-Date Total: 8,507

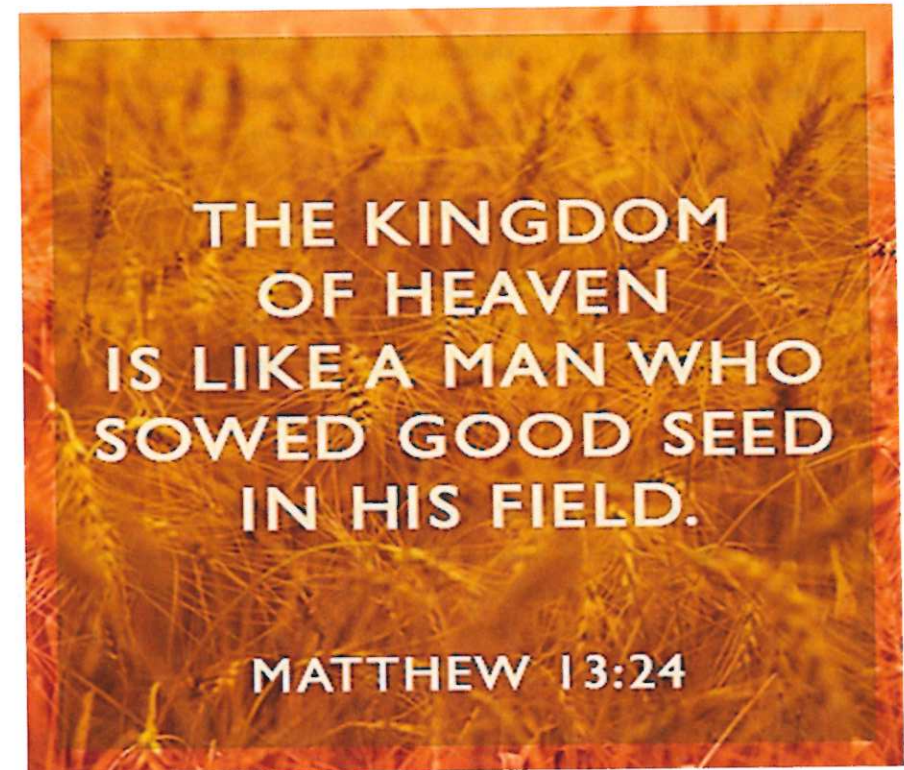
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

Organist: Bina West  
Chapel Service: Wayne Morris



ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
JULY 23, 2023; 8:15 A.M.

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for the transformation of the world.*



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Wayne Morris is preaching

(\* - Indicates please stand, if able.)

WELCOME

PRAYER FOR PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

**Creator God, Holy Gardener who sustains and nurtures all life, open us today to your life-giving grace and transformative love. As we notice our internal struggles, empower us to greet the wheat and the weeds in our own hearts with care and compassion. As we recognize the challenges and suffering in our community, inspire us to meet the weeds and the wheat in our neighbors with acceptance and hope. We know that you alone have the final say, and so we give ourselves over to you as instruments of hospitality and grace that we would tend our neighbors even as we are tended by you. Amen.**

\*HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God" (twice) #393

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. When we deprive others of that same opportunity,

**Forgive us.**

When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,

**Forgive us.**

When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,

**Forgive us.**

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,

**Forgive us.**

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,

**Forgive us.**

O God, you know us inside and out, through and through. You search us out and lay your hand upon us. You know what we are going to say even before we speak. So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast, and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others, and in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

\*HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #454

MESSAGE: "Living Together"

PRAYERS/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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GIFTS TO US

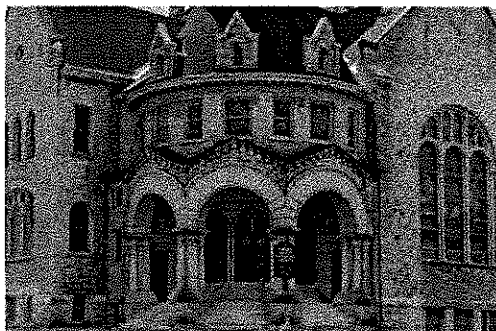
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

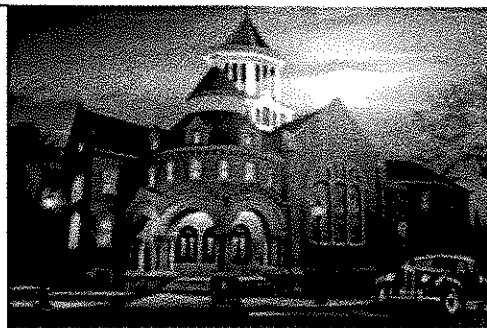
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**



## ASBURY UMC

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



### This Week

*July 23 - July 30, 2023*

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 24 Carol Stoodley  
July 24 Linda Adams  
July 24 Nancy Weislogel  
July 24 Emily Browne  
July 24 Tasha MacAdam  
July 26 Kimberly Little  
July 27 Quinn Sturge  
July 30 Sandra Johnson



#### Opportunities to Share

**Video Study w/ Max @ Parlor**

- Monday, July 24: 6:30 P.M.

**Church Picnic @ Thompson Park Pavilion**

- Tuesday, July 25: 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, July 26: 11:00 A.M.

#### Meetings

**Staff Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, July 24: 10:15 A.M.

#### Safe Sanctuaries Training

Asbury's church policy is that anyone working with our children, or vulnerable adults, must be Safe Sanctuaries trained.

**A basic Safe Sanctuaries class will be held via Zoom on Saturday, August 5th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Anyone working with VBS this August should plan to attend the Zoom event!

**Please contact Jean Gianfagna (315-771-4162) for instructions.**

#### TWEENS & TEENS POOL PARTY!

Ben and Michelle Rudd will be hosting a pool party with pizza for our Asbury "Tweens & Teens" (5th grade and up) **at their home on Monday, July 31st from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Please "RSVP" if possible! Bring swim gear and towels. Feel free to bring a friend!

Any questions, please contact Michelle Rudd at: **315-777-6174 (text or call) or by email at: michelle.marie.rudd@gmail.com**

#### ASBURY FAMILY PICNIC AT THOMPSON PARK!

**On Tuesday, July 25th, from 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M., we will have the annual Asbury family picnic in the pavilion at Thompson Park.**

There will be free hot dogs and games for the kids, including water balloons and a corn hole toss. Just bring a dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage!

Our after supper entertainment will be something called "Thief Bingo"! Every adult should bring a wrapped item you would like to give away. You can buy something or bring a used item from home. This is not an auction as we have done before. You will be surprised!!

Come meet Pastor Michael, enjoy great food, and have a fun night!

#### Asbury's Annual Bus Trip!

**Wednesday, September 20th and Thursday, September 21st, 2023.**

We will be seeing "Moses" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in PA and we will also be taking a bus tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

**COST: \$325.00/person. Deposit of \$150.00 per person due ASAP.**

Checks made payable to "Asbury UMC" with "Lancaster Trip" in the memo line and must be given to Lindsay Webb or mailed to her at PO Box 27, Brownville, NY 13615; to be recorded and credited.

**Price will include:** Bus service/tip, Sight and Sound Tickets, overnight at Bird-in-Hand Resort (and tip), Wednesday supper, Thursday breakfast and a boxed lunch at the Gettysburg Battlefield.

**Singles:** You must have a traveling companion and roommate.

**Questions:** Call Margie VanWie at 315-771-9178, Lindsay Webb at 315-408-5099 or Rev. Leon VanWie at 315-771-9142.

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### THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Make Disciples of  
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, July 30th

### Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jane Eastham is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching

### Pastor Michael's First Contemporary Service

The next Contemporary Service is on **August 13th at 10:15 A.M.** It's the perfect time to invite a friend, neighbor, and/or family member to Asbury Church.

A Contemporary Service offers people, especially visitors, an opportunity to feel more at ease because the music and style of service is a bit more modern and casual. Naturally, it goes without saying that our regular services are wonderful. Isn't it special to have a mix?

This will be Pastor Michael's first Contemporary Worship Service. We're hoping it will be inspiration for all of you who attend. We hope to see you all there!

### United Methodist Family & Friends Night at the Ballpark!

United Methodist Family and Friends Night at the Ballpark is scheduled for **Thursday, August 17th, at 6:35 P.M.** Our Syracuse Mets will be playing the Columbus Clippers. There will be no tailgate party. Fans can enjoy \$1 Coca-Cola drinks, \$2 Hofmann Hot Dogs and Cones, plus, a \$1 souvenir in the team store.

We will have 200-level assigned seats (not 300-level benches), and we will gather on the field at 6:15 P.M. to sing the National Anthem from home plate, for those so musically inclined. Game tickets are \$15 each and can be ordered through Leon VanWie.

If the tickets need to be mailed to you – please add \$1 to the total price.

Any questions, please contact Leon at (315) 771-9142 or leonvanwie@gmail.com.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday, August 24th.**

The program will be "Pets Unleashed: Where Jesus Cares 'Fur' You" by Group Publishing. For ages 4 years old to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

The program will run from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. each night with dinner at 5:30 P.M.

**To register:** online link - <https://forms.gle/59RA7FJV8jV6nTKr8> **Register by August 13th**

Any questions, email Sarah Lehman at [sundayschool@westelcom.com](mailto:sundayschool@westelcom.com) or call the church office at 315-782-3240.

### Items Needed for VBS (to borrow):

- Stuffed toy dogs or cats (also looking for a hamster/guinea pig)
- Flameless pillar candles (6)
- Lantern flashlights (6)
- 5 gallon, clean commercial buckets (like Lowes/Home Depot) for a water play game (6)
- A heavy duty dog leash (6)
- A leash and collar (can be small - will be used on a stuffed animal)
- Fish bowls (4)
- Old, clean T-shirts (cotton/cotton blend - these will be cut up for a craft project)
- An old flat bedsheets (pink or red - will be cut up for a skit)
- An empty extra large dry dog food bag (using for a skit - the bigger the bag the better)

There is a drop off box in the back of the rotunda. You can also contact Sarah Lehman: 315-767-2641.

**We would like to have items in by Sunday, August 13th.**