

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of great mercy, accept our offerings, given out of what is more precious than gold – our faith in you, giver of hope and life. And through these gifts, reveal the risen Christ in acts of mercy, love and joy. Amen.

*HYMN: "I Sought the Lord" #341

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

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

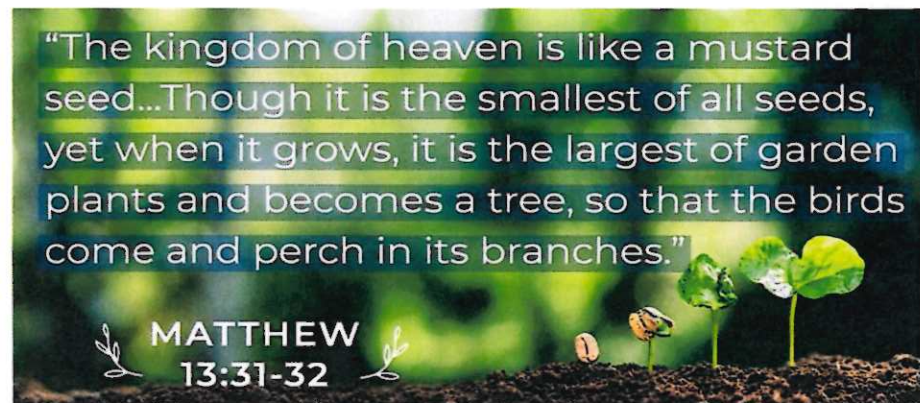
WELCOME CENTER: First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 94 Online: 71 Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 393 2023 Year-to-Date Total: 8,900

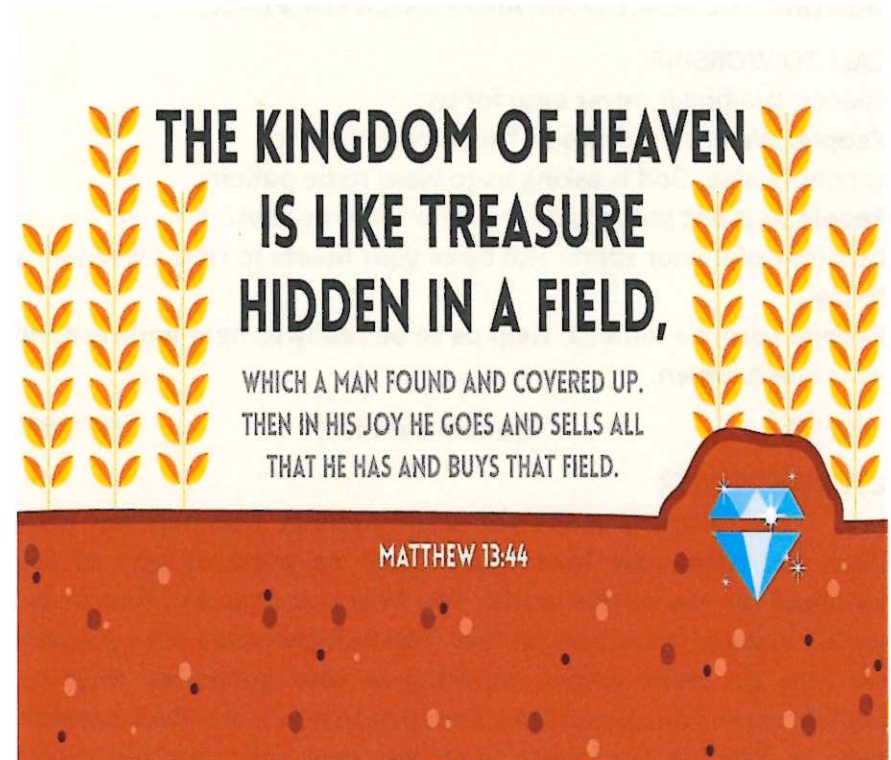
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Bina West Chapel Service: Jane Eastham



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 30, 2023; 8:15 A.M.

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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jane Eastham is preaching

(* - Indicates please stand, if able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Waiting is never easy for us.

People: We are a culture of “instant” response.

Leader: Today, God is asking us to wait; to be patient.

People: It is not going to be easy for us to do that.

Leader: Quiet your spirits and open your hearts to God’s word for you today.

People: Lord, be with us. Help us to be ready to hear and respond to your word. Amen.

*HYMN: “Great Is the Lord” TFWS #2022

OPENING PRAYER

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

MESSAGE: “Hidden in Plain Sight”

*HYMN: “You Are the Seed” #583

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God gives us the opportunity to share from our bounty for the ministries of our church that Christ’s redeeming love may be known to all people. Let us joyfully receive our morning offering.

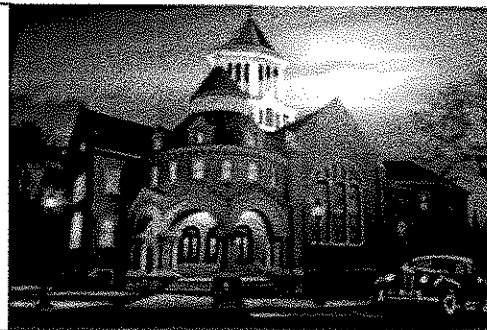
DOXOLOGY

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.



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

July 30 - August 6, 2023

Opportunities to Share

Video Study w/ Max @ Parlor

- Monday, July 31: 6:30 P.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, August 2: 11:00 A.M.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP

- Saturday, August 5: 8:00 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jul. 30 Sandra Johnson	Aug. 3 Kay Phillips
Aug. 2 Hannah Johnson	Aug. 3 Kenneth Forbes
Aug. 2 Robert LaSage	Aug. 4 Erin Brislan
Aug. 2 Angelo Gonzales	Aug. 4 Kathryn Sero
Aug. 3 William Smith	Aug. 5 Luke Marshall
Aug. 3 Nathan Lehman	



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



Steven and Jean Marshall

August 1, 1992



Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, July 31: 10:15 A.M.

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, August 1: 6:00 P.M.

Safe Sanctuaries Training via Zoom

- Saturday, August 5: 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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**

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.

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 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.

Scripture of the Week

"This my son was dead and he is alive again; he was lost and is found."

- Luke 15:24 -

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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, August 6th

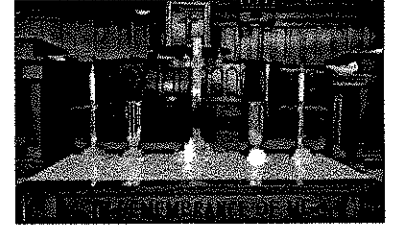
Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Michael Terrell is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Michael Terrell is preaching



Contemporary Service

The next Contemporary Service is on **Sunday, 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 since the music and style of the 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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

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

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

Would you like to help serve communion? See Frances Goutremout to sign up!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.- NOON

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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