

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: 81

Online: 63

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 519

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 10,689

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Darlene Chartrand, Rosemary Denesha, Susan Marino and Tahsha McConnell

Liturgist: Rev. Leon VanWie

Organist: Laura Washburn

Chapel Service: Michael Terrell

Communion Servers: Sue Beaman, Frances Goutremout, Bonnie Peck and Darlene Welbourn

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

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

Ushers: Lorraine Irwin

Wayne Morris

Orie Phillips

Bill Plemons

James Rafferty

Dale Scott

Bill Smith

Lisa Smith

Glen Snell

Carol Stoodley

Darlene Town

Patrick Town

Leon VanWie

Dan Webb

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.

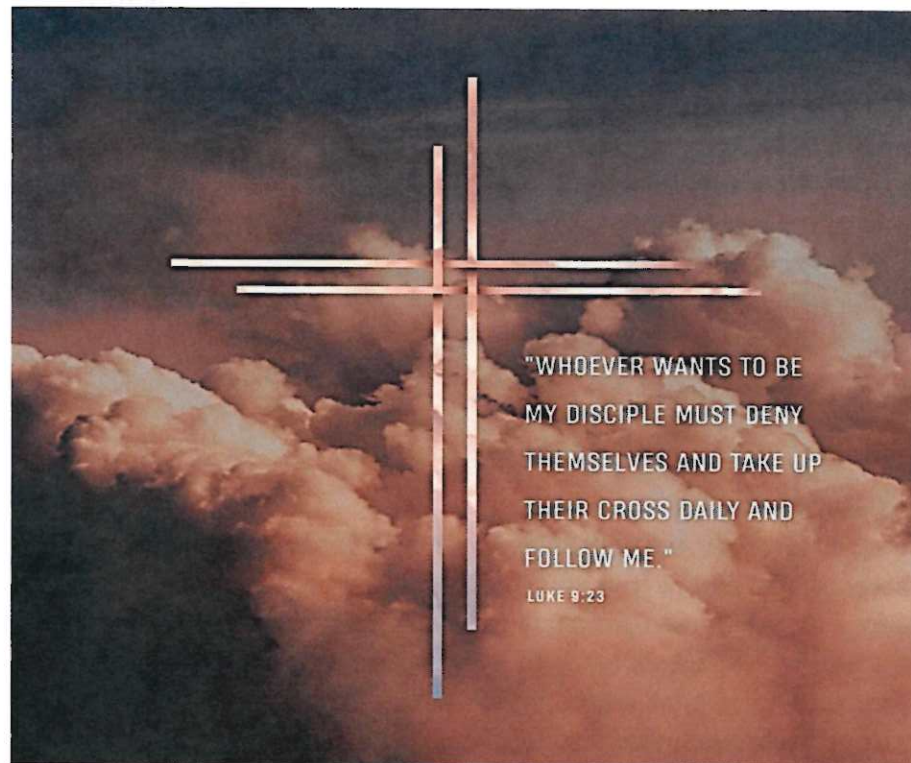
Others: Mary DeYear, Mike Hill, Orie Phillips and David Forbes' father.



**FOR THE SON OF MAN
WILL COME
in the glory of His Father
with His angels,
and then He will reward each
according to his works**

**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023; 10:15 A.M.**

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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

(* - Indicates please stand, if able.)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Prelude" in C-Minor by Bach
Erdem Lukomyansky

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy, holy, holy.

People: Holy God is here.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy.

People: Love has called us here.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy.

People: We gather to worship our Holy God.

*TIME OF GREETING

*HYMN: "I Am Thine, O Lord" #419

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come this day, into this sacred moment and this sacred space, aware that your holiness is always around us. As Moses before us, when we turn aside from our daily tasks and we listen for you holy voice, speak to us in holy mystery. Surround us with your wondrous love, that we might be wise enough to understand your call and be brave enough to follow your path. Amen.

PASTOR'S TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Blessing of the Backpacks

MISSION MOMENT

SHARING OF JOYS/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: The Gospel According to Matthew 16: 21-28

*HYMN: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #334

MESSAGE: "Ketchup Was Sold as Medicine?"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

As Jesus welcomed the thousands to share in a feast created from a few loaves and some fish, Christ welcomes us now to this abundant feast of holy communion, where we are fed with God's grace and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Insert)

GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Fugue" in C-Minor by Bach
Erdem Lukomyansky

*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

God of new beginnings, receive the gifts of our hands, that hospitality might be extended to those in need. Bless today's offering, that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty may be satisfied. May these gifts seal our commitment to do what is just and honorable in your sight. Amen.

*HYMN: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" #351

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "My Tribute" arr. Dino

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right.....,join their unending hymn.

**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!**

Holy are you.... in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will
come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit..... almighty God now
and forever.

Amen.

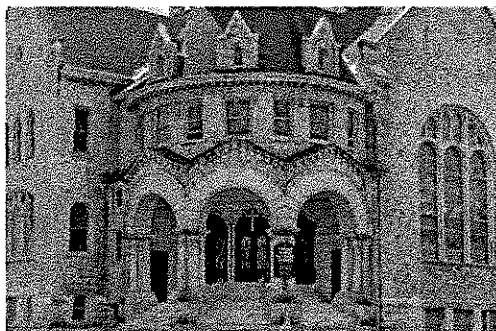


Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students. They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers, bus drivers, assistants, aides and administrators in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that Asbury United Methodist Church embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

September 3 - September 10, 2023

Opportunities to Share

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room
- Wednesday, September 6: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor
- Wednesday, September 6: 11:00 A.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary
- Thursday, September 7: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- Thursday, September 7: 7:15 P.M.

Asbury Book Club @ Parlor
- Friday, September 8: 9:30 A.M.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP
- Saturday, September 9: 8:00 A.M.

Meetings

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor
- Tuesday, September 5: 6:00 P.M.

Asbury Women in Faith Meeting @ Parlor
- Saturday, September 9: 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!

The Sunday School program is still in desperate need of adult helpers! If we do not find more people, we will not be able to run both Sunday School levels as we need two background checked, unrelated adults in each classroom every week.

This does not need to be an every week commitment.

Please sign up in the back or contact Michelle Rudd at (315) 777-6175 or michelle.marie.rudd@gmail.com for more information. A background check form can be obtained from Michelle or in the church office.

Get Ready for Sunday School!

Sunday School will begin on September 17th! Please see Michelle Rudd or check in the church office for registration forms, or register downstairs that day. We are excited to welcome Sunday School students ages 3 - 6th grade and youth helpers from 7th grade through high school.

Sunday School Ice Cream Social!

The Sunday School children, youth and leaders would like to invite everyone to join them for an Ice Cream Social in Wesley Hall following the 10:15 service on Sunday, September 17th!

Upcoming Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 19th, at 4:30 P.M. in the parlor.

Committee chairs should have reports ready to share. All are invited to attend.



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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, September 10th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Lindsay Webb is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Michael Terrell is preaching



Scripture of the Week

“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.”

- Romans 12:10 -

Youth Group Event - “Escape from Sunday School”

On Sunday, October 1st during the 10:15 AM church service, there will be an Escape Room set up in Wesley Hall in the age 3 - grade 2 classroom.

Looking to borrow: kid/toy purse, briefcase/small luggage with number lock system, locker combination padlock, small chest/box that can be padlocked, bicycle lock.

If you have any of these items, contact Sarah Lehman: 315-767-2641.

ANNUAL FALL RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th: 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Start your fall cleaning out now!

Needed: chairs, tables, bedding, tools, small working appliances, jewelry, area rugs, antique items, books, toys, puzzles and games, pots and pans, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations, sewing /quilting items, etc.

Bake and Pie Sale both days!

Don't miss this opportunity to help raise money to pay our upcoming winter gas and electric bills!

Sponsored by the Asbury Finance Committee

Adopt a Platoon

Asbury's adopted platoon from 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum is now deployed and Soldiers are performing duty in Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. Our plan is to mail a box of donated items to them after the last Sunday of each month. We have a box in the rotunda to place your donated items. Here are the current items that are requested:

- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hygiene basics
- Individual snack packs, e.g. trail mix
- Notes/letters from congregation
- Shaving cream (travel-size)
- Soap
- Toothpaste (small tubes)
- Writing paper/envelopes

Rather than a donation of items, you may send a check to the church office annotated with “Adopt a Platoon” and Christian Connections will purchase items.