

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: 87

Online: 25

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 302

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 11,376

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Bonnie Peck, Carol Plemons and Pam Quimby

Liturgist: Nicole Lamica

Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Chapel Service: Jean Marshall

Coffee Hour: Ice Cream Social in Wesley Hall – Sunday School

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

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

Ushers: Lorraine Irwin

Bill Plemons

Bill Smith

Carol Stoodley

Leon VanWie

Wayne Morris

James Rafferty

Lisa Smith

Darlene Town

Dan Webb

Orie Phillips

Dale Scott

Glen Snell

Patrick Town

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.

This Sunday's bulletin is sponsored by Karen Granger. The bulletin is an essential part of Sunday worship. Thank you, Karen, for your contribution.



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023; 10:15 A.M.**

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



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CENTERING WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

THE LOVE OF GOD BRINGS PEACE TO OUR LIVES. THE
JUDGMENT OF GOD BRINGS PEACE TO OUR WORLD.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

(☙ - Indicates please stand, if able, in posture or in spirit.)

PRE-PRELUDE MUSIC: "Draw Me Close" #28 Orange Book
"Arise, Shine" #10 Orange Book
Praise Team

PRELUDE: "Preludium in G-major" by M. Brosig

CHOIR INTROIT: "Praise the Name of Jesus" Hicks, Jr.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

☙ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A kind word opens a closed flower.

People: A soul-deep prayer lifts the clouds.

Leader: A generous gift loosens hardened hearts.

People: A quiet deed catches another's attention.

Leader: A heartfelt forgiveness releases new possibilities.

People: Each act of love, each measure of care,

Leader: weaves another strand in God's kingdom,

People: and causes the heart to sing.

☙ PASSING OF THE PEACE

☙ HYMN: "O How I Love Jesus" #170, Praise Team

☙ OPENING PRAYER

We sing to you, O God, for you have been our strength. You open the waters of suffering and lead us safely through. You uphold us in times of deep distress and we exalt your holy name. Receive our honor and thanks, mighty God. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "How Can I Keep from Singing" M.L. Lightfoot

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 18: 21-35

☙ HYMN: "Majesty" #176

MESSAGE: "What can a short-lived insect teach us about forgiveness?"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" S.A. Martin
Chantel Lockwood & Melanie Rafferty

☙ 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

Merciful God, transform this offering into hope and joy for a troubled world. Receive the blessings we return to you this day, and transform our ministries into instruments of your grace. Through our giving, may places of sorrow and mourning know the sound of love and laughter. Through our living, mold us into your people—a people of promise and hope and who live and die in the Lord.

☙ HYMN: "My Hope Is Built" #368

☙ BENEDICTION

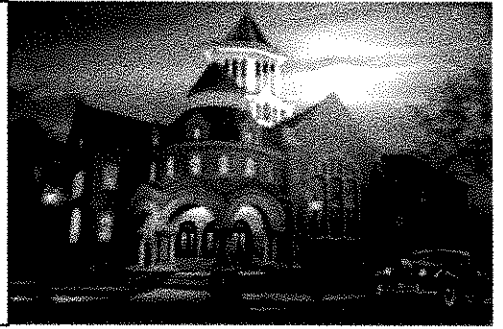
CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Alleluia" O'Carroll/Walker

POSTLUDE: "Break Forth, Ye Heaven" by E. Broughton



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

September 17 - September 24, 2023

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, September 18: 10:15 A.M.

Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, September 19: 2:00 P.M.

Church Council Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, September 19: 4:30 P.M.

PSPRC Meeting @ Parlor

- Wednesday, September 20: 6:00 P.M.

Opportunities to Share

Sunday School Ice Cream Social @ Wesley Hall

- TODAY, September 17: After Worship

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, September 18: 6:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, September 20: 9:00 A.M.

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.

October Newsletter/Beacon Deadline!

Wednesday, September 20th

Please send articles in "Microsoft Word" format to Sue Beaman at asburybeacon@gmail.com with cc: asbury@gisco.net. Please send pictures as an attachment. If you do not have the ability to type your article in "Microsoft Word", please bring them to the church office and Faith will type them.

"Escape from Sunday School" (Youth Group)

On Sunday, October 1st during the 10:15 A.M. 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 and a bicycle lock.

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

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 of the Rotunda 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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept. 21 Lisa Sullivan



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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 24th

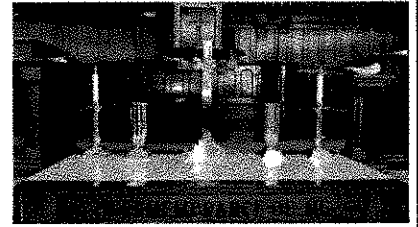
Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Sue Snell is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Michael Terrell is preaching



Scripture of the Week

“Your faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but rather in the power of God.”

- 1 Corinthians 2:5 -

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

Adopt-A-Platoon Update!

Thank you!! Thank you for your contributions (three large boxes) for our “Adopted 10th Mountain Platoon”, which were mailed on September 5th to three locations. Soldiers are deployed and everyone there is extremely busy.

**By Tuesday, October 10th,
please help provide:**

- Halloween Greeting Cards
- Cards with beautiful Autumn pictures.
- Any other personal items are still appreciated (Items listed on the box in the Rotunda).



Please place your items in the big box found in the Rotunda. We need 42 cards, with your own nice messages!

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.

Jim Rafferty
Asbury Lay Leader

Lindsay Webb & Jean Marshall
Co-Chairs, Christian Connections