

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:

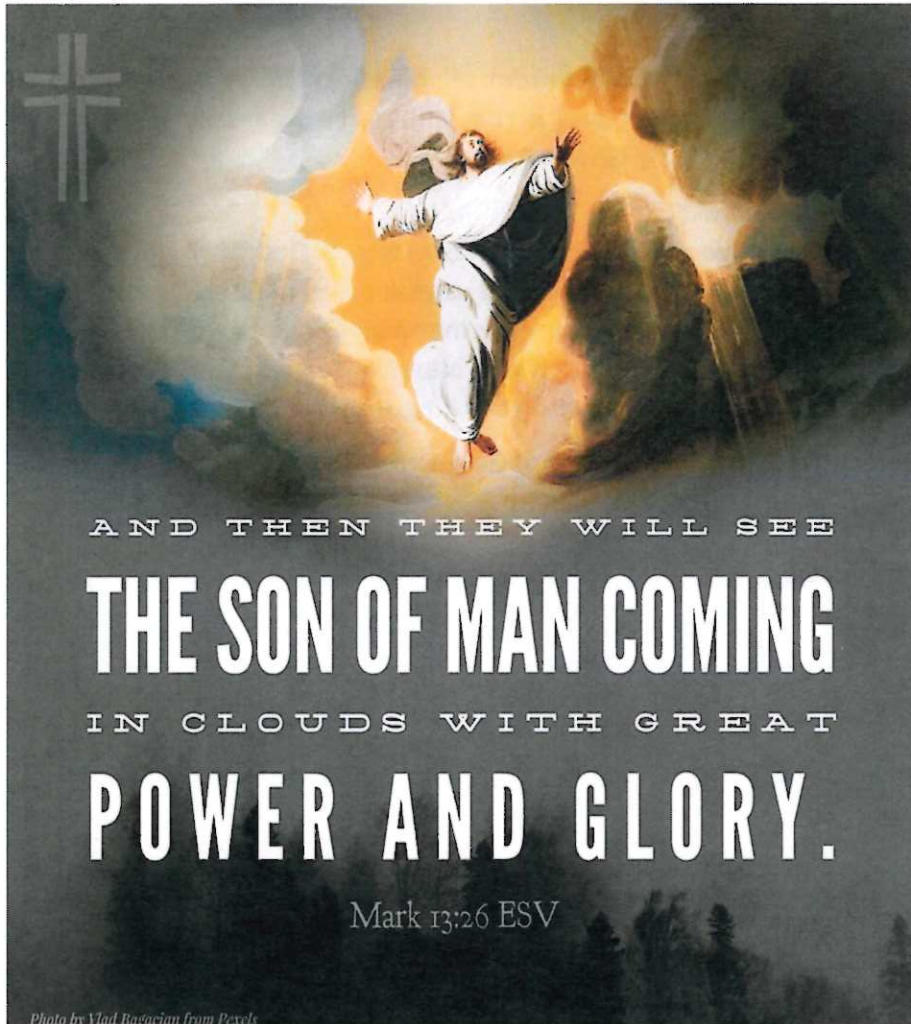
Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: N/A
Online: 20

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 341
2023 Year-to-Date Total: 15,057

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

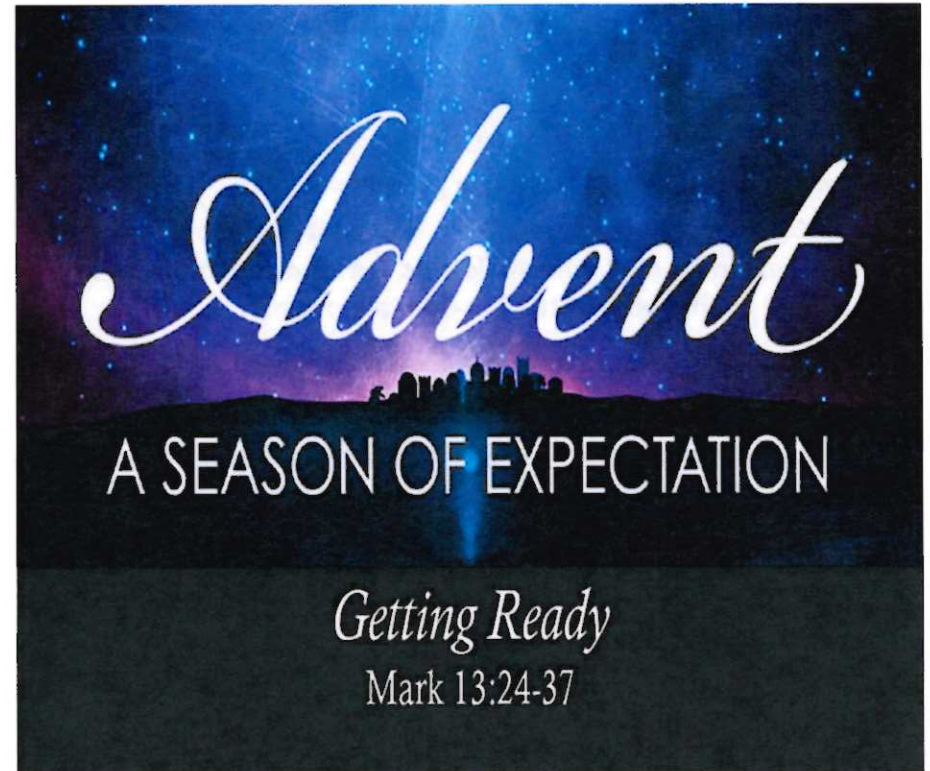
Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Pastor Michael Terrell



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 3, 2023; 8:15 A.M.**

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



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CENTERING WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

GOD IS THE POTTER; WE ARE THE CLAY. MAY GOD
FASHION US INTO VESSELS OF BEAUTY AND PURPOSE
THIS ADVENT SEASON.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching

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

PRELUDE Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

🌿 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: HOPE

Response (when prompted): We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

🌿 HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

🌿 OPENING PRAYER

God of glory, your power darkens the skies and causes the moon to grow dim. When we scatter to the four winds, gather us from the ends of the earth and restore us as your people. Awaken us from slumber, that we may be found ready when the master of the house returns. Amen.

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

THE WRITTEN WORD: The Gospel According to Mark 13: 24-37

🌿 HYMN: "Change My Heart, O God" #2152

THE SPOKEN WORD: "How Do We Prepare for Advent?"

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

🌿 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.

🌿 OFFERING PRAYER

You have enriched us in every way, O God, through our faith in Christ Jesus. You have granted us grace and blessed us with every spiritual gift. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer our tithes and offerings this day. Enrich and bless these gifts, that they may go into the world and help build your kingdom. Amen.

🌿 HYMN: "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" #730

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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: Mike Hill



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 3 - December 10, 2023

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, December 4: 10:15 A.M.

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, December 5: 6:00 P.M.

Scripture of the Week

"Do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward."

- Hebrews 10:35 -

Opportunities to Share

Northern Choral Society Concert @ Sanctuary

- TODAY, December 3: 3:00 P.M.

River Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, December 4: 1:00 P.M.

Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- Monday, December 4: 7:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, December 6: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 6: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, December 6: 4:00 P.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 7: 5:30 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 7: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 7: 7:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 7 Michael Hill

In cooperation with the Salvation Army, Asbury is reaching out and sharing the spirit of Christmas with 25 young boys and girls. There is an ANGEL TREE set up in the parlor.



All the angels have been taken! If you picked up an angel, please bring the gifts back to the tree unwrapped by Sunday, December 10th, so we can get the gifts to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Thank you for caring & sharing!

Holy Communion will be celebrated on December

3rd for the Chapel Service at 8:15 a.m. and December 10th for the Sanctuary Service at 10:15 a.m. due to the Northern Choral Society Concert. Thank you for your understanding.

Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

Sunday, December 31st is still available to host for anyone interested!

Would you like to help serve communion?



See Frances Goutremout to sign up!



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*To Make Disciples of
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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, December 10th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jean Marshall is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



"The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" Advent Study

Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith with a DVD/Advent Study called "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle, finding faith in the story of the Grinch!

This study will be led by Pastor Michael on Mondays Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18 at 7:15 P.M. in the parlor.

You can search online for the study book, but it is not required.

Annual Memorial Tree Celebration

We invite you to join us in a cherished tradition that holds a special place in our hearts - the Annual Memorial Tree. The back of the sanctuary will be adorned with a memorial tree, symbolizing the enduring spirit of our loved ones. You have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the Memorial Committee in honor of someone dear to you.

How it works:

Fill out the form included in the Sunday bulletin and return it with your check to the church office by **Sunday, December 10th**. Please do not include it in your regular weekly offering envelope. In return, a beautiful ornament will be placed on the tree throughout the Advent season. Each ornament bears the name of the person you wish to honor, creating a lasting tribute in our sacred space.

This act not only illuminates the beauty of remembrance, but also contributes to the meaningful work of our Memorial Committee. Your participation in this tradition helps us create a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, and the enduring spirit of those we hold dear.

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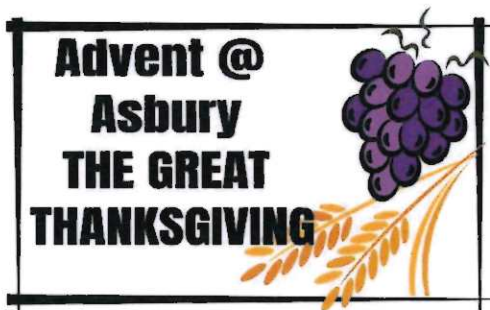
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

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



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, and a good we praise your name and 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you..... as a holy and living sacrifice, 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 on us....through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forevermore.

Amen.

ASBURY MEMORIAL TREE

Again, this year a Memorial Tree will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary to give people the opportunity to remember loved ones during Advent. For each memorial gift, one ornament will be placed on the tree.

Please fill out the form below and return or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 10th. If you use a check, please make it out to Asbury UMC - Memorial Tree. Please give as you are able. Please do not include this in your regular weekly offering envelope. Thank you.

Given By: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

In Memory of:

Amount Enclosed: _____



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