

**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: 98  
Online: 25  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 226  
2023 Year-to-Date Total: 15,283

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Karen Boomhower, Jane Eastham, Frank Massa, and Susan Marino  
**Liturgist:** Orié Phillips  
**Organist:** Lisa Smith  
**Chapel Service:** Jean Marshall  
**Coffee Hour:** Sunday School Hot Cocoa Bar  
**Communion Servers:** Erin Brislan, Jaelah Liriano, Abigail Patrick and Willow Terrell  
**Acolytes:** Jaydon Ives, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd and Ruzena Rudd  
**Shepherds:** Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby  
**Ushers:** Lorraine Irwin Frank Massa Wayne Morris  
Orié 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:** Mike Hill

**December Birthdays!**

Dec. 1 Joanne Rhode  
Dec. 1 Paul Simmons  
Dec. 1 Lawrence Littell  
Dec. 12 Sarah Lehman  
Dec. 21 Olivia Lehman  
Dec. 21 Willow Terrell  
Dec. 22 Mary Smith

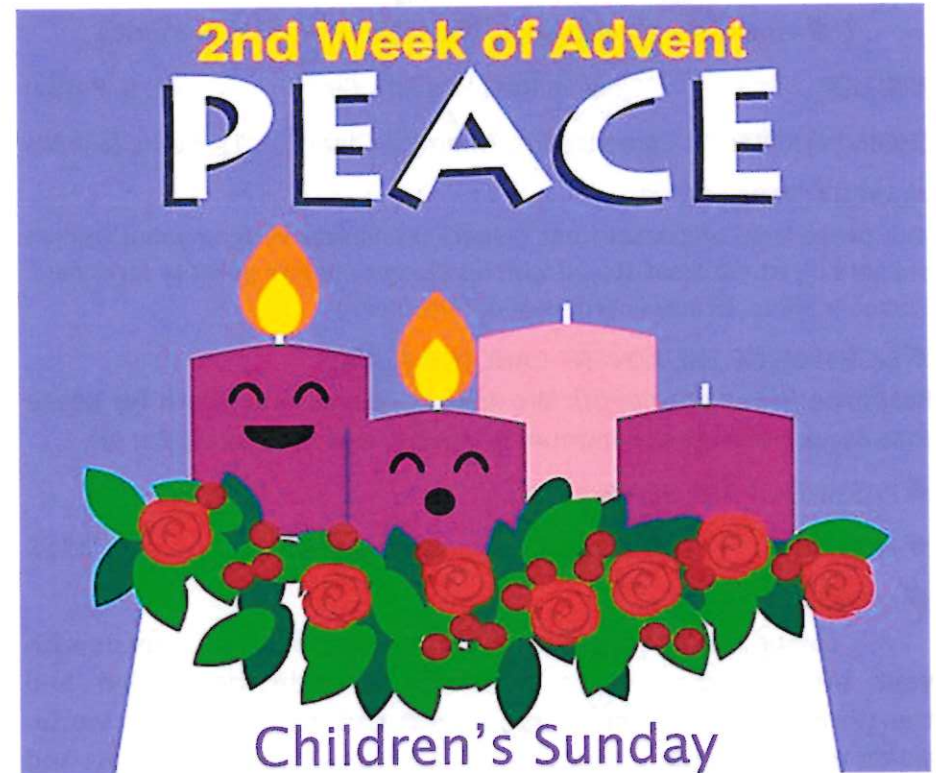
**December Anniversaries!**

Bill and Lisa Smith  
December 27, 1997  
Rev. Peter and Catherine Mowers  
December 29, 2001



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 10, 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:

IN THE WAITING, GOD CALLS. MAY STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS REST IN OUR SOULS. MAY JUSTICE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND PEACE GUIDE OUR STEPS AND DEFINE OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.**

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

PRELUDE: "Once in Royal David's City" arr. S. Pethel

CHOIR INTROIT: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (v. 1) Sears & Willis

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE

(Our peace lamp originates from Taybeh, the Biblical village named Ophrah or Ephraim, where Jesus stayed with his disciples before going to Jerusalem. Taybeh is about 15 miles north-east of Jerusalem.)

🌿 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: PEACE

**Response (when prompted): We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

🌿 PASSING OF THE PEACE

🌿 HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

🌿 OPENING PRAYER

**Loving Shepherd, gather us in your arms of love. Cover us with your mercy and grace, that injustices might be healed and transformed into righteousness, justice and peace for your world. Guide us to your path, that we may be people who both await and who create your path of peace, justice, and love. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: "On Christmas Night" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson  
Junior Ringers

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAY: The Good News Flash (insert)

MISSION MINUTE

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.**

### OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Songs of Christmas" arr. Stephenson  
Asbury Belles

🌿 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

**Shepherd of love, all you have given us is good: love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope. May the gifts we now give back to you become gifts of love and justice, peace and righteousness, faith and hope. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The shepherd invites us to join the flock of God. At the shepherd's table, all are fed with love, all are fed with grace and all are welcome. This is the table where steadfast love and faithfulness meet, where justice, righteousness, and peace dance, and where the world is invited to do the same.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Insert)

### GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

🌿 HYMN: "There's a Song in the Air" #249

🌿 BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Sears &  
(v. 4) Willis

POSTLUDE: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Sy Miller and  
Jill Jackson



# ASBURY UMC

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



## This Week

*December 10 - December 17, 2023*

### Meetings

#### **Staff Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, December 11: 10:15 A.M.

#### **Mission Committee Meeting @ Wesley Hall**

- Monday, December 11: 6:30 P.M.

#### **Trustees Meeting via Zoom**

- Tuesday, December 12: 6:30 P.M.

### Opportunities to Share

#### **Basket Making for Homebound @ S.S. Room**

- TODAY, December 10: 11:30 A.M.

#### **Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Monday, December 11: 6:15 P.M.

#### **Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**

- Monday, December 11: 7:15 P.M.

#### **Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, December 13: 11:00 A.M.

#### **Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Wednesday, December 13: 4:00 P.M.

#### **Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room**

- Thursday, December 14: 5:30 P.M.

#### **Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Thursday, December 14: 6:15 P.M.

#### **Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**

- Thursday, December 14: 7:15 P.M.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dec. 12 Sarah Lehman

### Scripture of the Week

*"The wisdom that is from above is first pure,  
then peaceable."*

- James 3:17 -



If you picked up an angel, please bring the unwrapped gifts back to the Angel Tree, located in the Parlor, by TODAY, December 10th, so we can get the gifts to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Thank you for caring & sharing!

### Annual Memorial Tree Celebration

Fill out the form included in the Sunday bulletin and return it with your check to the church office by TODAY, 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.

For more information, please contact Lisa Smith at [ljsmith2100@gmail.com](mailto:ljsmith2100@gmail.com) or (315) 778-4173.



Would you like to help serve communion?



See Frances Goutremout to sign up!

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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

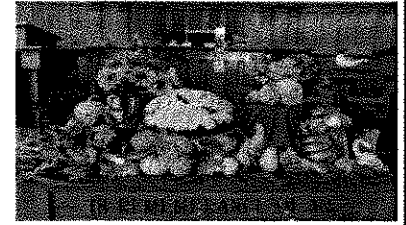
*No Matter Where You Are  
on Life's Journey,  
You Are Welcome Here!*

## Join Us Next Sunday, December 17th

### Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:  
Lindsay Webb 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 Monday, 12/11, is session 3 of 4 sessions at 7:15 P.M. in the parlor.  
The last session is Monday, 12/18.

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

### Annual Charge Conference Rescheduled

Our Annual Charge Conference will be on **Thursday, December 21st at 11:00 A.M. in the parlor** and via Zoom. Everyone will need to gather in the parlor during this time, for voting reasons, and for sign-in. D.S. Weeden will be attending via Zoom.  
All leaders, plan to attend as you are able.

### Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

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



### **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service @ Sanctuary**

**Sunday, December 24th**  
**6:30 P.M.**



**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 Good News Flash

*A Christmas Play by David C. Cook presented to you by...*

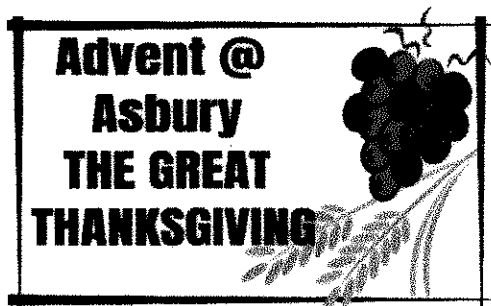
*Asbury's Sunday School Program*

*Please use your imagination as we have taken some liberties  
with the past and present to share the best news of all!*

*Jesus is born! Merry Christmas!*

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<b>Costume Help</b>	<i>Lynn Morgan</i>
<b>Hot Chocolate Bar</b>	<i>Sarah Lehman</i>

*Dear parents, teachers, and helpers of every kind, you are  
appreciated! Thank you sincerely for making this special  
childhood experience a reality!*



The Holy One be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

**We open our hearts to you, O God.**

Let us give thanks to God-with-us

**To the One who took on flesh, we give our thanks and praise.**

Creator is all that is.....therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heavens, singing praise to you

**Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo!**

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In our longing for your presence with us.....we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ was born among us.**

**Christ died among us.**

**Christ rises among us.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts...prayers of your people in this aching world. Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

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# 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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