

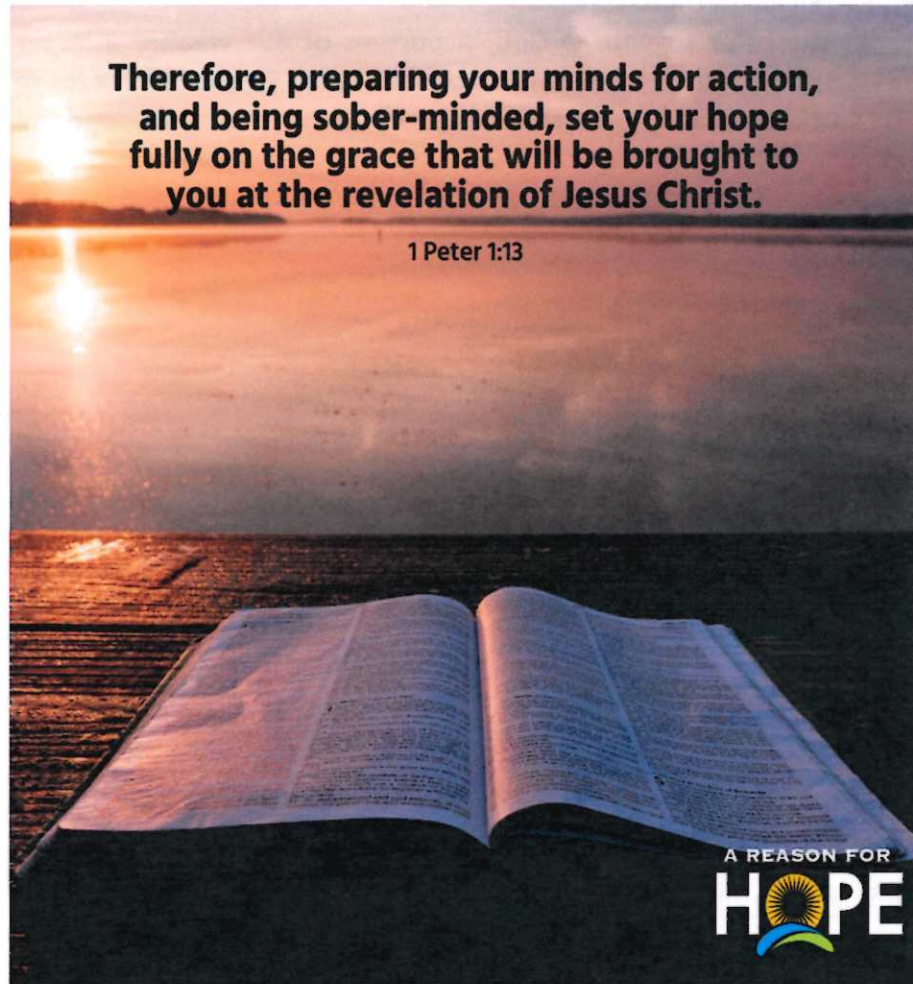
**WELCOME CENTER:** First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

**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

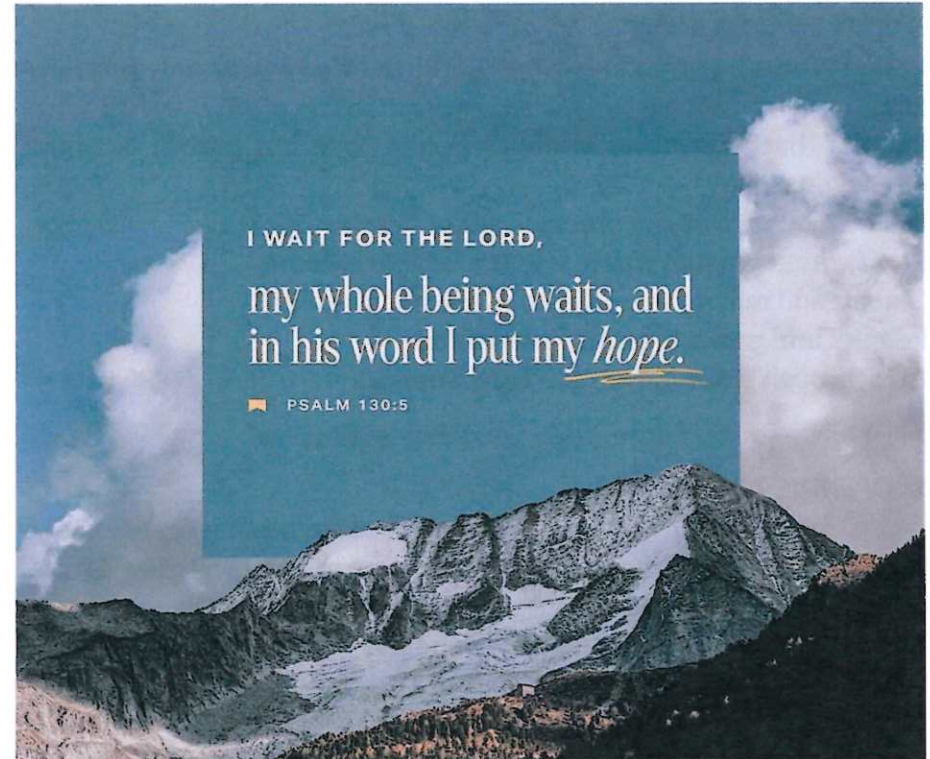
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Bina West  
**Chapel Service:** Jean Marshall



**ASBURY  
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DECEMBER 10, 2023; 8:15 A.M.**

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for the transformation of the world.*



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jean Marshall is preaching

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

PRELUDE Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

🌿 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son,

**People: that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Leader: Grant to us the precious gift of faith,

**People: that we may know the Son of God is come,**

Leader: and may have power to overcome the world,

**People: and gain a blessed immortality;**

**ALL: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

🌿 OPENING PRAYER:

**Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from the undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 130: 5-7; 1 Peter 1: 13-16  
**ALL: The word of God, for the people of God. Amen.**

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

MESSAGE: "Getting Ready"

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.**

🌿 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.**

🌿 HYMN: "This Little Light of Mine" #585

🌿 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 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 -



*Angel Tree*

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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Generations to Love, Learn  
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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

## 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:

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Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_



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