

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: 127

Online: 35

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 406

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 15,689

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Sue Beaman, Bruce Irwin, and Jean Marshall

Liturgist: Erdem Lukomyansky

Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Chapel Service: Sue Snell

Coffee Hour: PSPRC

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

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

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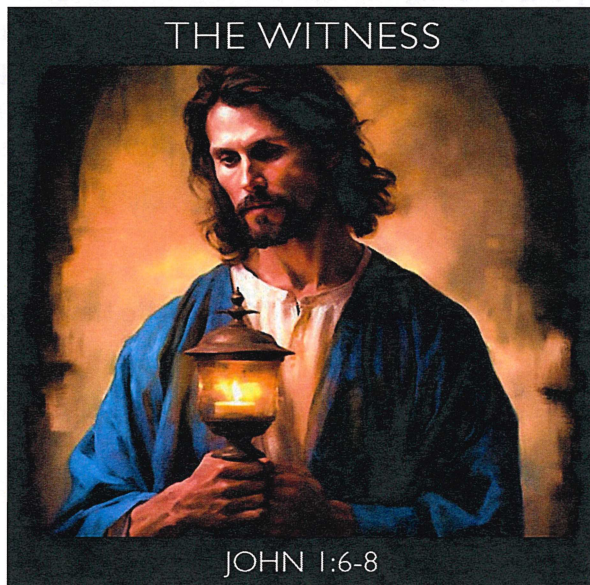
Leon VanWie

Dan Webb

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

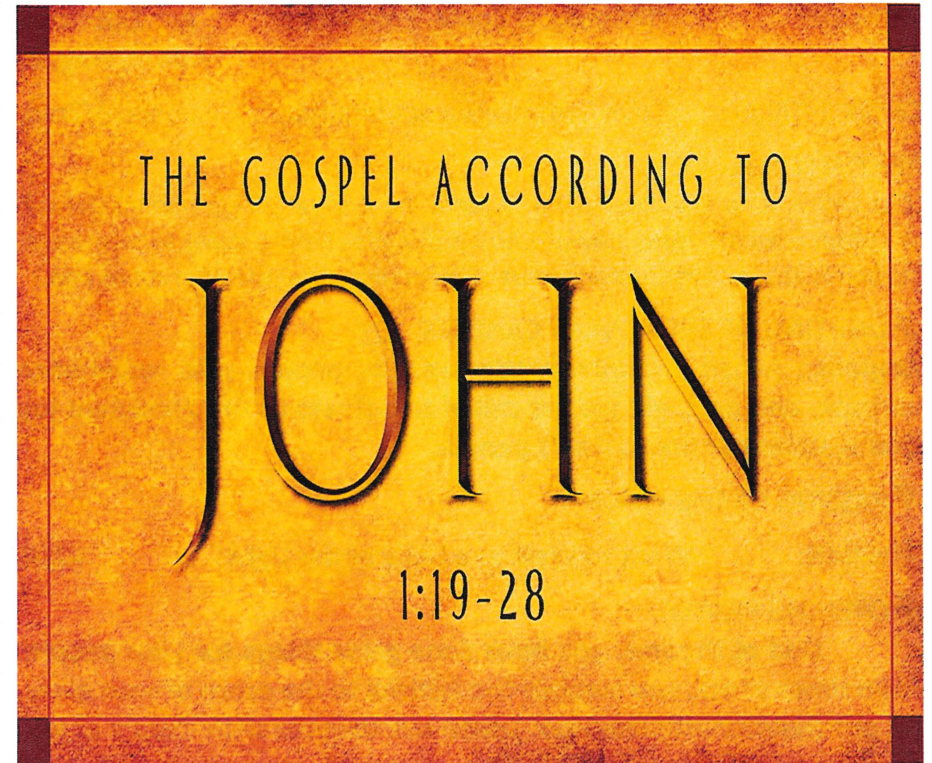
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

Others: Mike Hill



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 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:

GOD'S FAITHFUL LIVE AS OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. LET US
GROW STRONG AND TRUE THIS ADVENT SEASON.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

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

PRELUDE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Dobrinski
Asbury Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "Love Came Down at Christmas" Rossetti/Trad.


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. See insert for more info.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: JOY

Response (when prompted): We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

 HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206

OPENING PRAYER

God of Dreams, you have done great things for your people. From times of old, you awaken the faithful to the dawn of your glory. Fill our mouths with laughter. Loose our tongues with shouts of joy. Anoint us with the oil of gladness and make it known among all people that we will live as oaks of righteousness, the plantings of the Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Baby, What You Goin' to Be?" N. Sleeth

TEACHING THE CHILDREN: "The Legend of the Candy Cane"
by Lori Walburg

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.

THE WRITTEN WORD: The Gospel According to John 1: 6-8, 19-28

 HYMN: "Like a Child" #2092

THE SPOKEN WORD: "Are You a Witness?"

OUR OFFERING


OFFERTORY: "Invention in F-major" by J. S. Bach

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

God of Peace, you have restored our hope and sanctified our dreams. May this offering express the joy we feel for the gift of your salvation. May our gifts reflect our wonder and gratitude for being clothed in the garments of salvation and the robes of righteousness. May our tithes and our very lives help restore the dreams of the downhearted, and fill the hungry with good things. Amen.

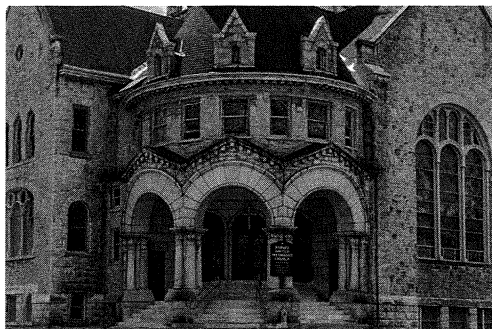
 HYMN: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Gloria from "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Barnes

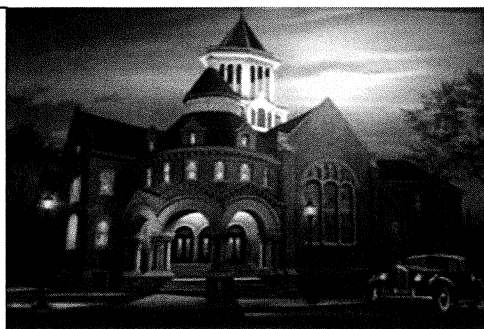
POSTLUDE: "Chimes at Yuletide" by J. Mansfield

*Bulletins today are given by Karen Granger.
Thank you, Karen!*



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 17 - December 24, 2023

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

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

Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor

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

New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 20: NOON

Annual Charge Conference @ Parlor

- Thursday, December 21: 11:00 A.M.

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

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

Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- Monday, December 18: 7:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

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

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 20: 11:00 A.M.

New Day Children's Carols w/ Lynn @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 21: 10:00 A.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 21: 5:30 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 21: 7:15 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ Sanctuary

- Sunday, December 24: 6:30 P.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Dec. 21 Olivia Lehman

Dec. 21 Willow Terrell

Dec. 22 Mary Smith



**Candlelight Christmas Eve
Service @ Sanctuary**

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

Scripture of the Week

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

- James 4:6 -

Annual Charge Conference

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 attend via Zoom.

All leaders, plan to attend as you are able.



**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 24th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Sue Snell 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!

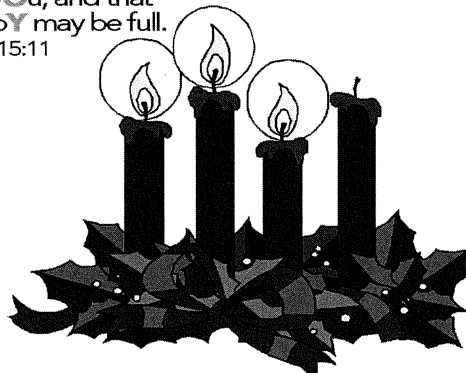
This Monday, 12/18, is session 4 of 4 sessions at 7:15 P.M. in the parlor.

More About Our Peace Lamp

"The Taybeh Peace Lamp Initiative" was launched in 2004. It started because of the terrible conflict that harmed the Holy Land. Israelis and Palestinians had tried all possible means of action to put an end to it, using both violence and non-violence, but with little success. As a last resort, they addressed a Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land to our Lord with a simple and symbolic idea to unite over 100,000 churches, through the lamps, in a common Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land. Thus, the lamp and the light, become a message of peace and a sign of solidarity towards the Holy Land from the churches all around the world.



These things I have spoken to you
that My Joy may remain
in you, and that
your Joy may be full.
John 15:11



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

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

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

2023 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

GIVEN BY

Rosemary G. Denesha

Mary A. DeYear

Jean and Al Gianfagna

Alvin J. Hasner

Jim and Krista Juczak

Sandra Johnson

Nathan, Sarah, and Olivia Lehman

Terry and Mary MacAdam, and

Willy and Darlene Welbourn

Bonnie Peck

Pamela Quimby

Frank and Joanne Rhode

Kathy Ruhm

Kathy and Jeff Sero

IN MEMORY OF

Harold and Doris Geer

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Brother George

Klaus Ebeling

Family and Friends

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Leland Whitmore

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Clarence and Muriel Booth

Dale Peck

Mary and Donald Bowman

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Pam Shuman

Lena Stephens

Norman Sero

Twyla and George Charles

2023 MEMORIAL TREE ORNAMENTS

GIVEN BY

Mary A. DeYear

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Mary Smith

Karen Granger

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Lorraine and Bruce Irwin

Sandra Johnson

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Terry and Mary MacAdam, and

Willy and Darlene Welbourn

Barbara B. Orobona

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Pamela Quimby

Kathy Ruhm

Dale and Marianne Scott

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Bina and Miles West

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Ruth Lunderman

Phyllis J. Sayers

Carole Foster

Dave Foster

John Granger

Earl Halback

Clarence Wilcox (Asbury member
and organist 50+ years ago)

Anna J. Burger

Linda S. Hutt

Kimberly C. Sevier

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Father and Grandfather

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