

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: 96

Online: 50

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 310

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 15,999

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Liturgist: Krista Juczak

Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Chapel Service: Sue Snell

Coffee Hour: Christmas Eve Cookies

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

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Frank Massa

Wayne Morris

Orie 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



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2023; 10:15 A.M.**

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

**"I AM THE
LORD'S
SERVANT. MAY
EVERYTHING
YOU HAVE
SAID ABOUT
ME COME TRUE."
LUKE 1:38**

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CENTERING WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

GLORIFY GOD THIS DAY. MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART. SING PRAISES TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE. GLORIFY THE LORD WITH GLADNESS.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

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

PRELUDE: Asbury Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "Once in Royal David's City" Alexander/Gauntlett

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: LOVE

Response (when prompted): We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

🌿 PASSING OF THE PEACE

🌿 HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234

🌿 OPENING PRAYER

Come to us, Promised One, in this season of waiting. Set our hearts ablaze with the glory of your salvation. Set our minds afire with richness of your word. Reveal to us the secret of your ways; for you alone are wise, you alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Wexford Carol" arr. E. Hagenberg

THE WORD THROUGH MUSIC: "Away in a Manger" John A. Murray
Andy, Lily, and Rose Rudd

TEACHING THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 Luke 1: 26-38

🌿 HYMN: "The Friendly Beasts" #227

THE SPOKEN WORD: "How Can This Be?"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Christmas Time" by V. Guaraldi & E. Baumgartner

🌿 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

Loving God, your goodness and mercy are without limit. With thankful hearts, we bring our offering before you this day. Use these gifts to lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and bring hope to all who call on your name. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

🌿 HYMN: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218

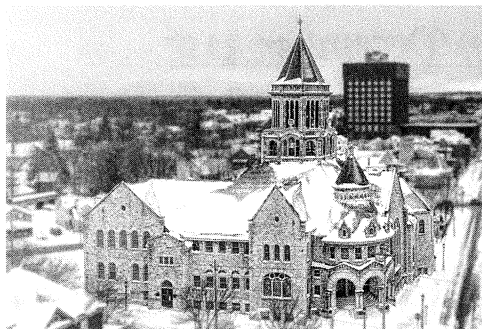
🌿 BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: refrain from "One Holy Night in Bethlehem"
Keithahn/Horman

POSTLUDE: "Carols of Joy and Gladness" by L. Smith

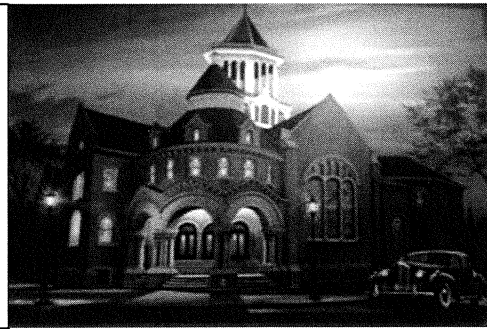
Bulletins today are given by Mary DeYear.

Thank you, Mary!



ASBURY UMC

Opportunities
to Share Our Love
for God
and Each Other



This Week

December 24 - December 31, 2023



Candlelight Christmas Eve
Service @ Sanctuary

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

Scripture of the Week

“If these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- 2 Peter 1:8 -

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Bill and Lisa Smith

December 27, 1997

Rev. Peter and Catherine Mowers

December 29, 2001



January Newsletter Deadline: Dec. 28th

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.




Would you like to help serve communion? See Frances Goutremout to sign up!



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.



Asbury UMC yard signs are for sale!

The sign pictured is what is available. Perfect to put outside of your home or business to help promote Asbury!

The signs are \$10.00 each. You can stop by the Church Office to purchase one (or many)!



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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 31st

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jane Eastham is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



Christmas Greetings!

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Gentle Christmas and to thank you for making the Terrell Family feel right at home. We are so pleased to be among you.

We often hear the words spoken or sung about being "home for Christmas." These words can bring great comfort to the heart as so many of us think of Christmas gatherings with friends and loved ones that were a great blessing. Yet, I want to take that further and invite you and your loved ones to attend your "Church Home" for Christmas Candlelight Service tonight at 6:30 pm. at Asbury UMC. I realize so many of you are already planning to join us, but perhaps some are considering other activities during this busy time of year.

We live in a world that has become far more busy than necessary, especially in times like this when the focus should be on the Lord and His family! Unfortunately, just like our own families, there is no perfect church family. But we need one another! Too many may have been hurt at some point by a relationship or even a situation at church. Yet, one of the most beautiful things we can do is forgive and move forward!

Jesus came to this earth to restore a relationship between the Father and Mankind that had been broken in that perfect place called the Garden of Eden. Think of it. God created a beautiful home for His new creation, yet fellowship was broken even in that place's perfection. Jesus came to restore and forgive!

This letter is general and goes out to all who have been part of our church family for at least over the past year. Most of you continue to attend your "Church Home," but for others, perhaps you're just waiting for an invitation. Here it is: Come Home for Christmas!

**Our Sunday, Dec. 24
morning worship is 10:15
a.m. and our Candlelight
Service for all is at 6:30
pm.**

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)
14 Therefore the Lord
Himself will give you a
sign: Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and bear a
Son, and shall call His
name Immanuel.

Blessings!
Pastor Michael
& children



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

Francis Lunderman, SR

Our Loved Ones

Mrs. Carol Hasner

Mr. and Mrs. George Hasner

Brother George

Klaus Ebeling

Family and Friends

Duane Lehman

Leland Whitmore

Mary Lambert

Clarence and Muriel Booth

Dale Peck

Mary and Donald Bowman

Helen and William Quimby

Pam Shuman

Lena Stephens

Norman Sero

Twyla and George Charles

2023 MEMORIAL TREE ORNAMENTS

GIVEN BY

Mary A. DeYear

Frances Goutremout, Jean Sayers, and

Mary Smith

Karen Granger

Ann Halback

Lorraine and Bruce Irwin

Sandra Johnson

Tamara Klock

Terry and Mary MacAdam, and

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Kathy Ruhm

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Kathy and Jeff Sero

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Phyllis J. Sayers

Carole Foster

Dave Foster

John Granger

Earl Halback

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

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Linda S. Hutt

Kimberly C. Sevier

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Mary Lambert

Father and Grandfather

Harry

Mary and Donald Bowman

Helen and William Quimby

Vincent and Flora Rafferty

Doug and Irene Stackel

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