

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: 278

Online: 50

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 432

2023 Year-to-Date Total: 16,431

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Liturgist: Jim Juczak

Organist: Pastor Michael Terrell

Chapel Service: Jane Eastham

Coffee Hour: Cookies

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

Orie Phillips

Bill Plemons

James Rafferty

Dale Scott

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Lisa Smith

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Carol Stoodley

Darlene Town

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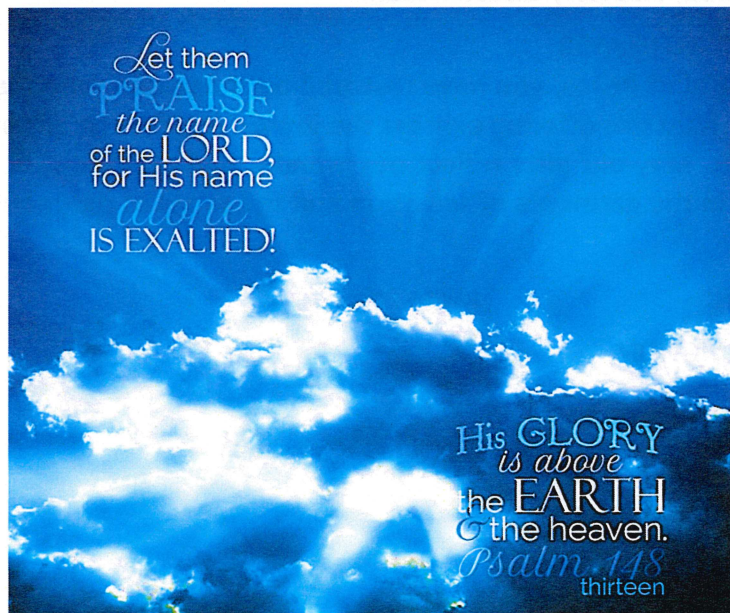
Leon VanWie

Dan Webb

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

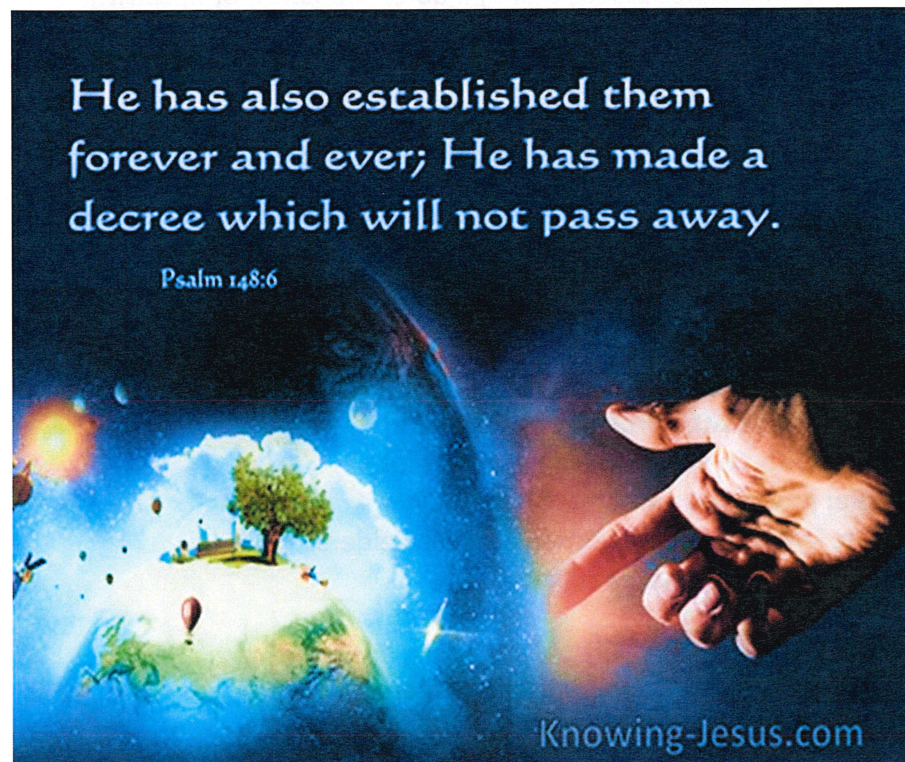
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon and Stevie Mider.

Others: Mike Hill, Lindsay Webb, Michelle Miller and the Bird-In-Hand staff



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 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:

HOW CAN YOU STAY SILENT IN THE JOY OF THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH? REJOICE AND SING GOD'S PRAISES, FOR THE LORD'S GLORY IS WITH YOU THIS DAY.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

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

PRELUDE

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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With mighty mountains and crashing seas,

People: praise the name of the lord.

Leader: With rolling valleys and lush forests,

People: praise the name of our God.


Leader: With tiny ants and majestic eagles,

People: praise the name of the Holy One.

Leader: With innocent children and wise elders,

People: praise the name of Love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

 HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory. On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought to our lives. Amen.

TEACHING THE CHILDREN

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 Psalm 148

 HYMN "The First Noel" #245

THE SPOKEN WORD: "God the Designer"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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. Amen.

 HYMN: "Joy to the World" #246

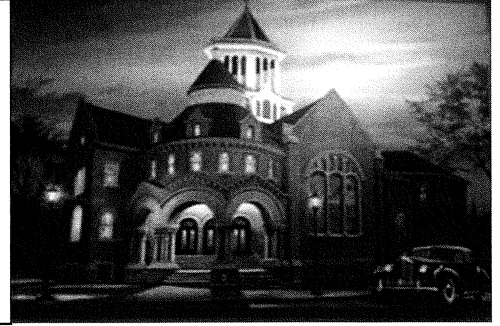
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

December 31, 2023 - January 7, 2024

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, January 1: 10:15 A.M.

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, January 2: 6:00 P.M.

Scripture of the Week

“Surely, I am coming quickly.”

- Revelation 22:20 -



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 2: **Kerry Roberge**



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



Opportunities to Share

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, January 3: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, January 3: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, January 3: 4:00 P.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, January 4: 5:30 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, January 4: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, January 4: 7:15 P.M.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP

- Saturday, January 6: 8:00 A.M.

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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME
HOME



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, January 7th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



2024 Asbury Sight & Sound Bus Trip

Dates: Thursday, September 19th and Friday, September 20th, 2024

Cost: \$350.00 per person

Price Includes: Bus service and driver tip, Sight and Sound tickets, overnight at Bird-In-Hand Resort (including small tip for maid), Thursday smorgasbord supper and Friday smorgasbord breakfast at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant (including tips). We regret needing to raise the price, however, prices have increased significantly.

Not included in price: Lunch on Thursday, lunch and dinner on Friday.

A deposit of \$150.00 per person is due ASAP.

Checks can be made payable to "Asbury UMC" with "Lancaster Trip" in the memo line and must be given to Lindsay Webb or mailed to her at PO Box 27, Brownville, NY 13615; to be recorded and credited.

Singles: You must have a traveling companion/roommate.

A waiting list will be established if necessary.

Reservations are limited on a first come basis.

Your reservation will be secured once your deposit is received.

DON'T WAIT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. THE BUS MAY FILL UP QUICKLY!

Questions: Call Margie VanWie at 315-771-9178, Lindsay Webb at 315-408-5099 or Rev. Leon VanWie at 315-771-9142.

2024 Sight & Sound Bus Trip letters are available in the church office.

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