

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As God has so richly blessed us, let us return a portion of our blessings to God, asking that these gifts may be used in service to others through the ministries and mission of this church. Let us receive our morning 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

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. Amen.

✿ HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

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

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

Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Jane Eastham

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DECEMBER 31, 2023; 8:15 A.M.

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

ACT
justly
love
MERCY
WALK
humbly
with your god. micah 6:8

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jane Eastham is preaching

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace. For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

May God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; **May God give peace.**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends, and all who pray for their safe return;

May God give peace.

For civilian women, children, and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; **May God give peace.**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; **May God give peace.**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; **May God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honor the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens are bursting forth with God's glory!

People: God's mighty acts of power and love are sung by God's angels!

Leader: From the darkness of our night, God has brought us salvation!

People: We have not been forgotten!

Leader: Thanks be to God who, in a little child, has again reminded us of God's love.

People: Praise be to God who comes to save and lead us. Amen.

 HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Friends, let us prepare to enter the new year with hearts that have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another, first in silent prayer.


SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNAL PRAYER

God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance and grace: You know us well, better than we know ourselves. You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!" and you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "Use me, O God" and you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help. You know us, and you love us, and you forgive. Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around, make us more loving and courageous and hopeful." This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6: 6-8

MESSAGE: "New Beginnings"

 HYMN: "For the Healing of the Nations" #428

SHARING OUR 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

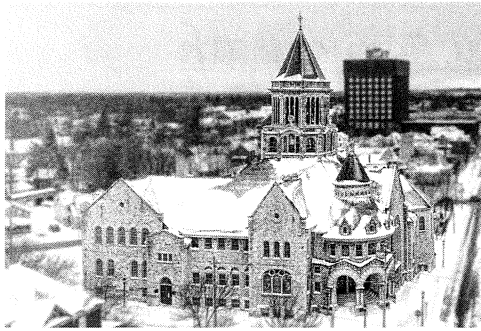
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

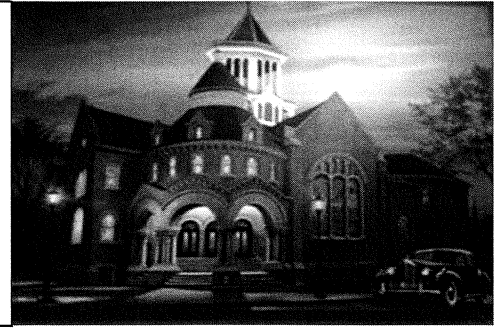
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

Amen.



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

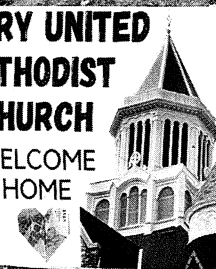
- Saturday, January 6: 8:00 A.M.

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
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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

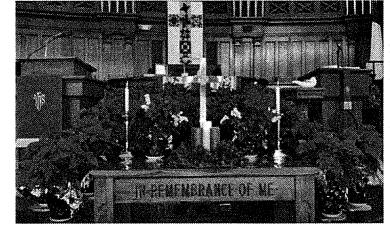
Worship Services:

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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