

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: 72

Online: 58

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 397

2024 Year-to-Date Total: 1,754

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Pastor Michael Terrell



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 4, 2024; 8:15 A.M.**

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



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CENTERING WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:

YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH. YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. JESUS SAYS SO. BE SALTY AND LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching

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

PRELUDE

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.)

🌿 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who worship the Lord and delight in God's precepts.

People: They rise before dawn as a light to the upright.

Leader: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

People: They shine their light before others for all the world to see.

Leader: They will never be moved.

People: Let this be our worship.

🌿 PASSING OF THE PEACE

🌿 HYMN: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

🌿 OPENING PRAYER

You do not desire a fast of sackcloth and ashes, but a fast of righteous. You ask us to loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke, and set the captives free. Train our hearts to do what is right, O God, not what is easy. May we live our days among the righteous, that we may never be moved, but dwell secure in your mercy and your grace. 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.

THE WRITTEN WORD: The Gospel According to Mark 1: 29-39

🌿 HYMN "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" #273

THE SPOKEN WORD: "Now You See Him, Now You Don't"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Insert)

GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

🌿 OFFERING PRAYER

Creator of heaven and earth, you shower the earth with rain, nourish the land with sunshine, and bless your people with goodness. Receive the gifts we bring before you this day, that they may touch the world with gladness and bring succor to those in need. Amen.

🌿 HYMN: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #2151

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

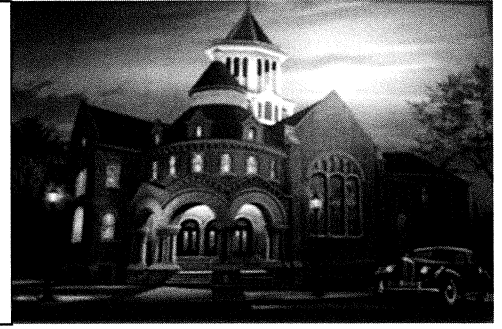
LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

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, Lindsay Webb, Michelle Miller and the Bird-In-Hand staff



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



This Week

February 4 - February 11, 2024

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, February 5: 10:15 A.M.

Church Council Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, February 5: 4:30 P.M.

Christian Connections Meeting via Zoom

- Tuesday, February 6: 6:00 P.M.

Opportunities to Share

Confirmation Class @ Parlor

- Sunday, February 4: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, February 5: 6:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, February 7: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, February 7: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, February 7: 4:00 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, February 8: 6:15 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, February 11: 9:15 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Feb. 5 **James Rafferty**

Feb. 5 **Deborah Simmons**

Feb. 9 **Karen Boomhower**



Scripture of the Week

“God said, ‘Ask! What shall I give you?’”

- 1 Kings 3:5 -

COMMUNITY DINNER: SIGN-UP TO HELP!

Community Dinners are served at the Emmanuel Congregational Church, UCC, 119 South Hamilton Street, Watertown.

Asbury will volunteer for the Tuesday dinners until the end of April.

A binder with sign-up sheets is in the Rotunda.

You can sign-up for:

Meal Prep (2 - 5 P.M.)

Set-Up and Serve (4 - 6 P.M.)

Clean-Up (6 - 8 P.M.)

Thank you for your help and for helping the people in need within our community!

Did You Know?

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 14th

The first Sunday of Lent is Sunday, February 18th!



Our SundaySchool is preparing a luncheon with tomato and chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and frosted football cookies.

Also, the children ask everyone to bring in cans of soup that Sunday for a literal "noisy can" collection!!!

Cans of soup will be donated to the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry



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*To Make Disciples of
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*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, February 11th

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jean Marshall is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



Finding Jesus in the Psalms - Bible Study

Our Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Michael will begin on Monday, February 19th through March 25th, from 7:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the parlor.

Journey with us for a meaningful encounter with the Psalms through the season of Lent. Combining an interpretation of the Psalms with real life stories, the study moves through the familiar words of Psalm 23 toward the painful cries of Psalm 22 uttered by Jesus on the cross. The study includes reflections on the life of King David and the original context of the writings, along with connections between the Psalms and the life and death of Jesus the Messiah.

"The Psalms provide a perfect framework for experiencing Lent through the verses that were Jesus's own scriptures, offering both him and us strength and wisdom in a painful and redemptive season. The Book of Psalms hums with the heartbeat of our humanity with divinely inspired words that find purchase in the tenderest places in our hearts when our human words or wisdom fails us." - from Author Barb Roose

You can order the study book online through Amazon or Cokesbury.



FINDING
JESUS
IN THE
PSALMS
A Lenten Journey

BARB ROOSE

On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers' foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus' death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. Reciting Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

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Ash Wednesday Service

*in the Chapman Chapel, 2/14 @
12:15 pm & 6:30 pm*