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.

WE BRING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

#### **#** 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.

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We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

₩ HYMN:

"Here I Am, Lord"

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#### **BENEDICTION**

Go from this place ready to listen for God's voice and to follow the Spirit's lead as we answer the call to build God's beloved community of justice, peace, and flourishing for all in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our world. Amen.

#### **POSTLUDE**

<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>: 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: 63

Online: N/A

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: N/A

2024 Year-to-Date Total: N/A

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Lynn Morgan

Chapel Service: Lindsay Webb

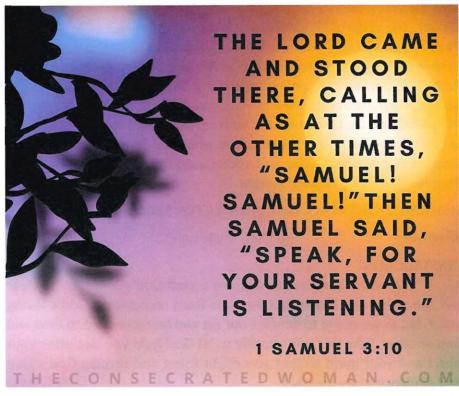
#### LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

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 JANUARY 14, 2024; 8:15 A.M.

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#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### **Lindsay Webb is preaching**

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

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Lynn Morgan, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Leader: The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

People: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

Leader: The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention?

People: Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention. Leader: The love of God asks us – are you ready to follow? People: Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose all-consuming love never

stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP/PRAYER FOR PEACE

**⊮** HYMN:

"Be Thou My Vision"

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#### "INSTRUCTION"

(When we confess our sins, we accept God's invitation to clear out the noise and chaos that keep us from recognizing God's loving voice. So, as we come to confess our sin and be reconciled to God and one another, take this opportunity to let God help you declutter your heart and your mind so that you might listen and receive God's love and guidance more clearly.)

### **#** OPENING PRAYER

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours...(pause)

People: Merciful God, we confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice.

Leader: You call us to enter the flow of your justice that rolls down like water, and instead, we inhibit the work of justice by choosing not to pay attention or believe the stories of suffering and need in our midst...(pause)

People: Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we avoid you. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call.

Leader: We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how letting your grace work in our lives might change us. So, we keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much of us...(pause)

People: Merciful God, we confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence...(pause)

Leader: Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation.

People: As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today...(pause)

Leader: Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us.

People: Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go. Call us, Lord, your servants will follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: | | Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20

MESSAGE: "Speak, Lord, for We Are Listening"

#HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me" #463

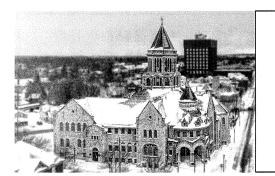
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PASTORAL PRAYER** 

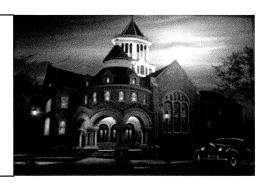
LORD'S PRAYER

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



## ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love for God and Each Other



# <u>This Week</u>

## January 14 - January 21, 2024

## **Meetings**

#### Staff Meeting @ Parlor

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

### Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, January 16: 2:00 P.M.

#### New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor

- Wednesday, January 17: NOON

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



Jan. 14 Frances Goutremout

Jan. 16 Jaelah Liriano

Jan. 17 Bonnie Peck

Jan. 17 Erica Pettit



#### **COMMUNITY DINNER: SIGN-UP TO HELP!**

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

The dinners will be every Tuesday, beginning in January, continuing to 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!

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

## **Opportunities to Share**

#### Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, January 15: 6:15 P.M.

#### Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, January 17: 9:00 A.M.

#### Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, January 17: 11:00 A.M.

#### Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, January 17: 4:00 P.M.

#### Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, January 18: 6:15 P.M.

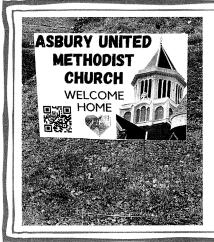
#### Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, January 21: 9:15 A.M.

## Scripture of the Week

"He shielded and cared for him like an eagle that hovers over its' young."

- Deuteronomy 32:10-11 -



## 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 21st

## **Worship Services:**

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel: Wayne Morris is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary: Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching



# Confirmation \ Class



If your child is in 7th-12th grade and would like to join our first 2024 confirmation class, please let Pastor Michael know by **Monday, January 15.** 

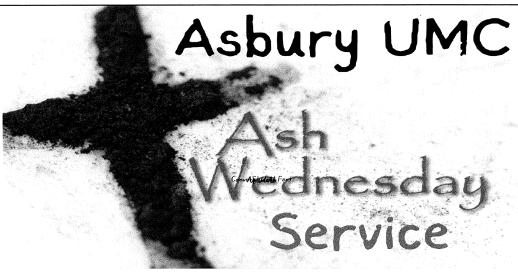
## Did You Know?

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

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



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."



in the Chapman Chapel, 2/14 @ 6:30 pm

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** 

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

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:** 

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