

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:

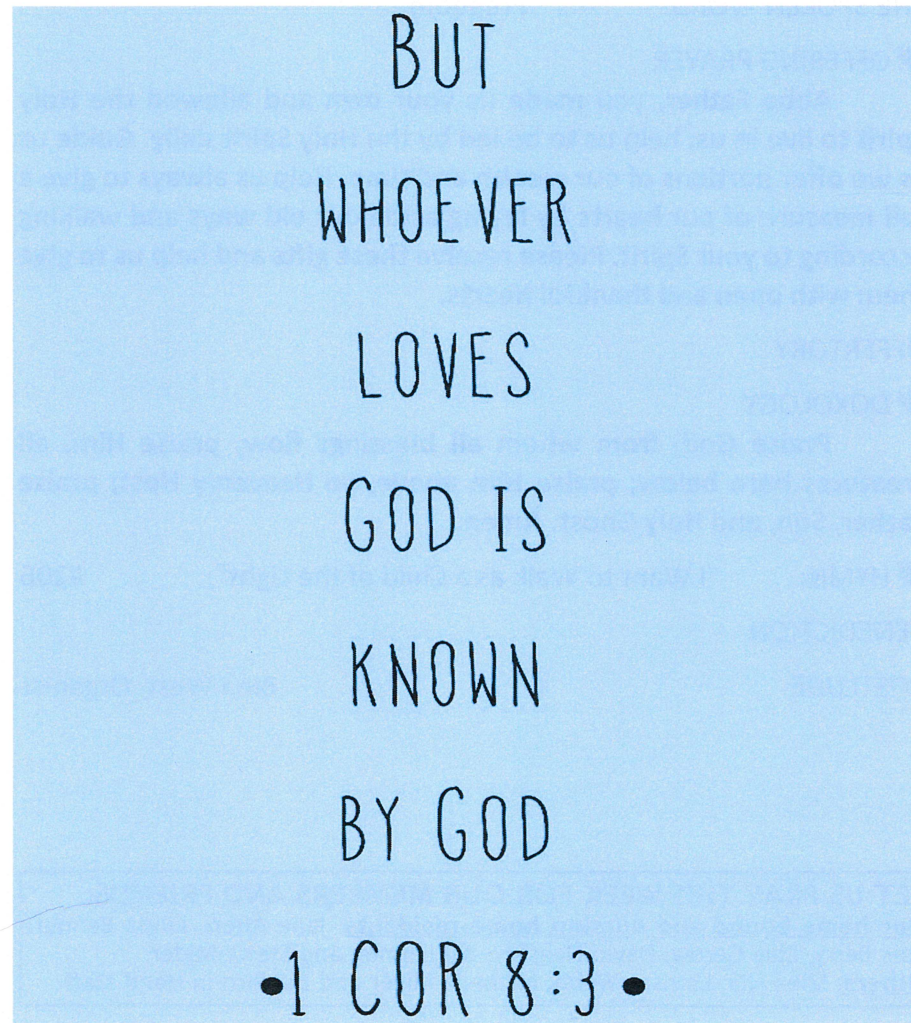
Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 77
Online: 50

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 547
2024 Year-to-Date Total: 1,357

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

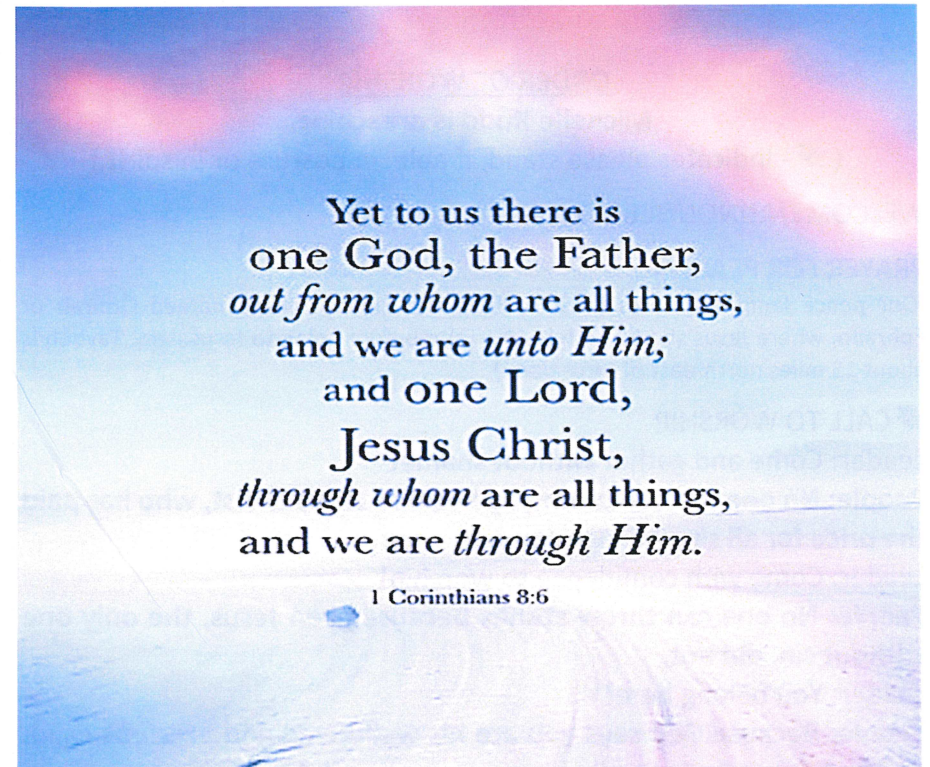
Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Michelle Rudd



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JANUARY 28, 2024; 8:15 A.M.**

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



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“You didn’t receive the Spirit of slavery, did you, to go back into a state of fear? But you received the Spirit of sonship, in whom we call out ‘Abba Father!’ When that happens, it is the Spirit itself supporting witness to what our own Spirit is saying, that we are God’s children.”

Romans 8:15-16 KNT

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Michelle Rudd is preaching

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

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: Come and gather without shame!

People: No one can condemn you because Jesus Christ, who has paid the price for all sin, will not condemn you.

Leader: Come with confidence to worship!

People: No one can throw stones because even Jesus, the only one without sin, did not.

Leader: You belong here!

People: Because God says you are his well-loved and precious child. He has adopted you as his own.

🌿 HYMN: “Because He Lives” #364

🌿 OPENING PRAYER

Father God, who treats us with love and care, sometimes the miracle of your acceptance is too big for our minds to grasp. Please help us to make you the focus of our lives. Help us respond to your forgiveness with obedience so that we may learn to live by the Spirit.

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. 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: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

🌿 HYMN: “Grace Greater than Our Sin” #365

THE SPOKEN WORD: “Freedom”

🌿 OFFERING PRAYER

Abba Father, you made us your own and allowed the Holy Spirit to live in us; help us to be led by the Holy Spirit daily. Guide us as we offer portions of our wealth and time. Help us always to give a full measure of our hearts by laying aside our old ways and walking according to your Spirit. Please receive these gifts and help us to give them with open and thankful hearts.

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.

🌿 HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #206

BENEDICTION

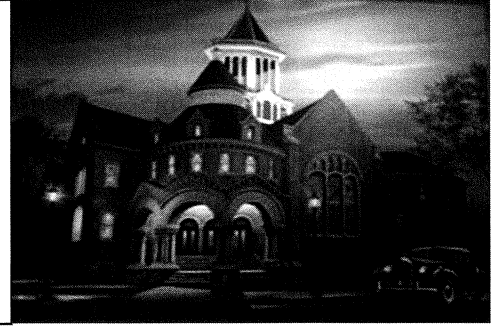
POSTLUDE Bina West, Organist

<p>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</p>



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

January 28 - February 4, 2024

Meetings

Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, January 29: 10:15 A.M.

Scripture of the Week

“I will praise you Lord, and I will honor you.”

- 2 Samuel 22:50 -

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Jan. 29 **Dan Webb**

Feb. 3 **James Wright**

Feb. 3 **David Witte**



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!

Opportunities to Share

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, January 29: 6:15 P.M.

Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, January 31: 9:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, January 31: 11:00 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, January 31: 4:00 P.M.

Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, February 1: 6:15 P.M.

Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library

- Friday, February 2: 10:00 A.M.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP

- Saturday, February 3: 8:00 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, February 4: 9:15 A.M.

Confirmation Class @ Parlor

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

“S-O-U-P-E-R” BOWL SUNDAY

On **Sunday, February 11th**, Sunday School is preparing a fellowship luncheon - tomato and chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, and frosted football cookies. Also, Sunday School is asking for people 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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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, February 4th

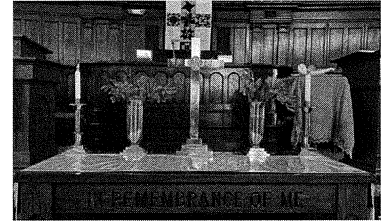
Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

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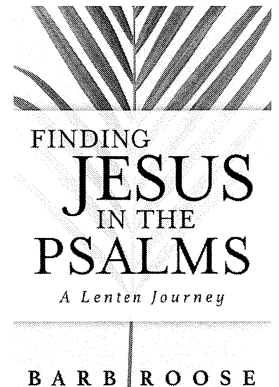
Finding Jesus in the Psalms - Bible Study

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.

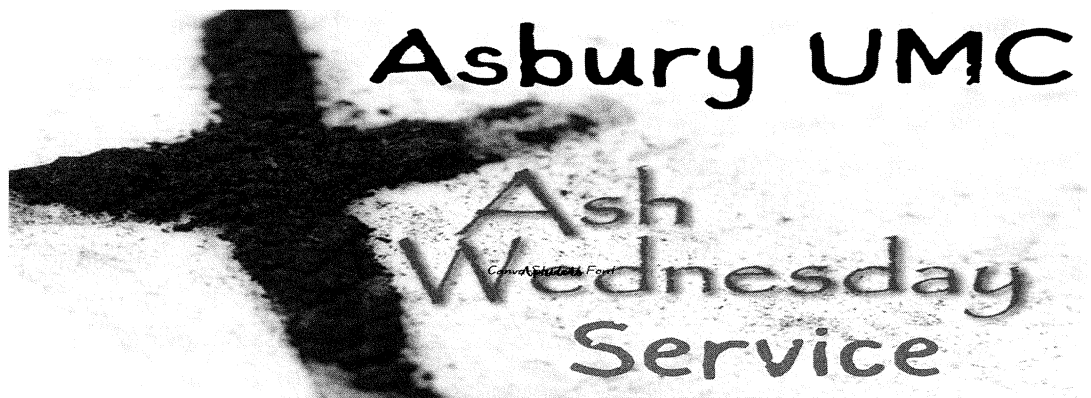
Journey with us for a meaningful encounter with the Psalms through the season of Lent. Combining an interpretation of the Psalms with real life stories, the study moves through the familiar words of Psalm 23 toward the painful cries of Psalm 22 uttered by Jesus on the cross. The study includes reflections 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 purpose 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.



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 @
12:15 pm & 6:30 pm*