

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: N/A
Online: 31
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 384
2024 Year-to-Date Total: 384
2023 Grand Total: 16,431

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Bina West
Chapel Service: Pastor Michael Terrell

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 7, 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 GOD'S BELOVED CHILD. GOD IS PLEASED WITH YOU.

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: Listen for God's word...

People: calling forth creation.

Leader: Listen for God's word...

People: working with power and majesty.

Leader: Listen for God's word...

People: speaking blessings.

Leader: Listen for God's word...

People: in this moment.

 PASSING OF THE PEACE

 HYMN: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" #252

 OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, we rejoice in your presence on this holy day. Reveal your presence to us in word and sacrament, in fellowship and worship. Speak words of life, that we may sense your Spirit breathing new life into us each and every day. Speak your words of love, that we may rest in the knowledge that we are your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. 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: 4-11

 HYMN "Spirit Song" #347

THE SPOKEN WORD: "Affirmed by God"

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

God of strength and glory, you created all that is. You continue to sustain the world with the power of your love. You give us life and hope, and with grateful hearts, we bring these gifts to you. May they bring forth your realm of peace for all peoples. Amen.

 HYMN: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #251

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Holy Communion



The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of beginnings...and so, we join the great chorus of heaven and earth, praising you forever.

Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and strength!

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty!

Heaven and earth are filled with your splendor.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus, who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

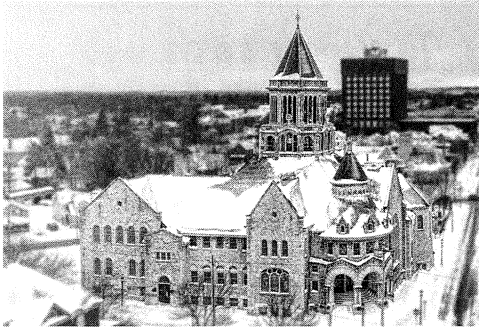
You spoke through the prophet, John the baptizer...

And so, as we remember Jesus and his ministry of love and forgiveness, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

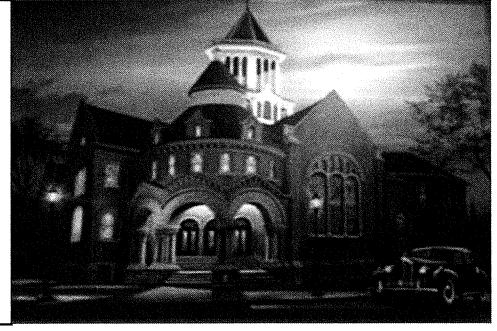
Christ was. Christ is. Christ will be.

It looked like the end of Jesus ministry....Holy Spirit in your Church, all glory and strength, power and majesty are yours, now and forevermore.

Amen.



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



This Week

January 7 - January 14, 2024

Meetings

- Staff Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, January 8: 10:15 A.M.
- Mission Committee Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, January 8: 6:30 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting via Zoom**
- Tuesday, January 9: 6:30 P.M.
- Women in Faith Meeting @ Parlor**
- Saturday, January 13: 9:30 A.M.

Opportunities to Share

- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Monday, January 8: 6:15 P.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**
- Wednesday, January 10: 11:00 A.M.
- Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Wednesday, January 10: 4:00 P.M.
- Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Thursday, January 11: 6:15 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**
- Sunday, January 14: 9:15 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



- Jan. 9 **Darrel Kicherer**
- Jan. 14 **Frances Goutremout**



Scripture of the Week

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done.”
 - Genesis 50:20 -

Birthday Celebration/Luncheon TODAY

Our annual birthday celebration/luncheon will be after the sanctuary service TODAY.
 There will be 12 tables set up and decorated for each month of the year, with the intent that you will each sit at your birth month table. Yes, families and couples will be split up. Only if you absolutely have to be together, please try to sit at your table.
Please bring a dish to pass. We will have a large January to December birthday cake for dessert.
 Please come and enjoy all of our birthdays!

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 helping the people in need within our community!



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



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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 14th

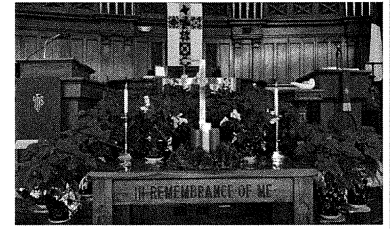
Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Lindsay Webb 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.**

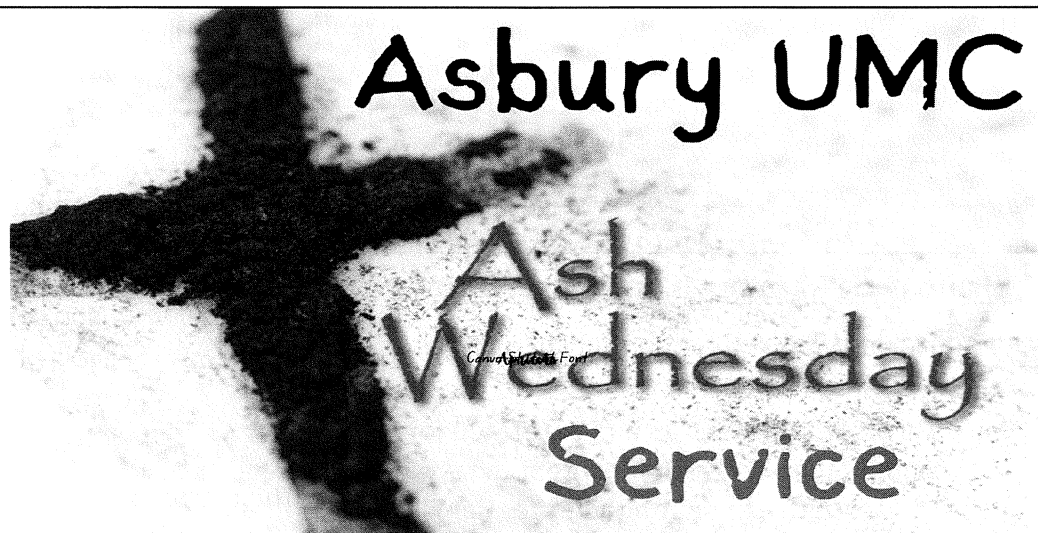
Did You Know?

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