

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.

✿ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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" #593

✿ 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

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**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: 58  
Online: 55  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 381  
2024 Year-to-Date Total: 3,154

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Lynn Morgan  
**Chapel Service:** Jean Marshall

**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, Rev. Bill Palmer and his son Steven, Stacy and Kevin Teunissen, Dortha Brown, Sue, and Patty.

ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024; 8:15 A.M.

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



**The Lord came  
and stood there,  
calling as at the  
other times,  
“Samuel! Samuel!”  
Then Samuel said,  
“Speak, for your  
servant is listening.”**

**1 Samuel 3:10**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jean Marshall is preaching

( 🌿 - 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" #451

"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.

**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: I Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20

MESSAGE

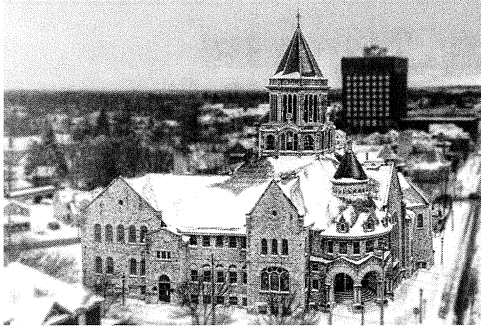
🌿 HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me" #463  
(v 1, 3, 4, 5)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

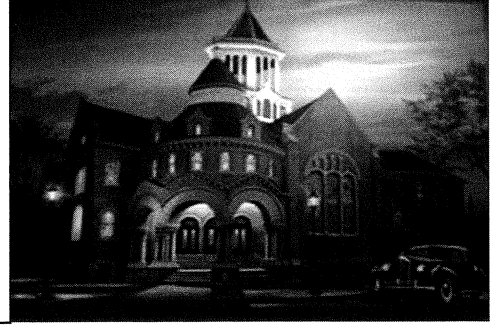
LORD'S PRAYER

**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**



## ASBURY UMC

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



### *This Week*

*February 25 - March 3, 2024*

#### Meetings

##### **Staff Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, February 26: 10:15 A.M.



#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



March 2 **Jean Gianfagna**

#### *Scripture of the Week*

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress.”

- Psalm 18:2 -

#### 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!

#### Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

Sundays, March 10, 17 & 24 are available to host for anyone interested!

#### Opportunities to Share

##### **Confirmation Class @ Parlor**

- TODAY, February 25: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

##### **Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Monday, February 26: 6:15 P.M.

##### **Lenten Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**

- Monday, February 26: 6:30 P.M.

##### **Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, February 28: 11:00 A.M.

##### **Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Wednesday, February 28: 4:00 P.M.

##### **Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Thursday, February 29: 6:15 P.M.

##### **Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library**

- Friday, March 1: 10:00 A.M.

##### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP**

- Saturday, March 2: 8:00 A.M.

##### **Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**

- Sunday, March 3: 9:15 A.M.

##### **Confirmation Class @ Parlor**

- Sunday, March 3: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

#### Youth Campership Pancake Breakfast!

TODAY after the 10:15 A.M. service, in Wesley Hall

Cost: \$6.00 per person

Serving: Pancakes with real maple syrup, bacon, fruit, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk.

Come support the youth who want to attend Summer Church Camp!

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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, March 3rd*

### 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**



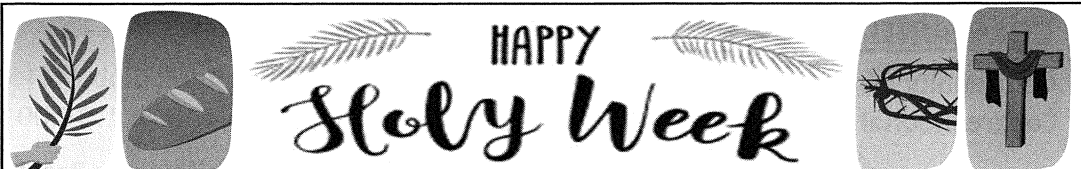
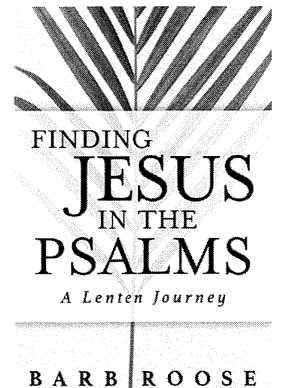
### Finding Jesus in the Psalms - Bible Study

Our Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Michael began on Monday, February 19th and will continue through Monday, 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.**



**Thursday, March 28th (Maundy Thursday) @ 6:00 P.M.:**  
Maundy Thursday Potluck & Communion @ Wesley Hall

**Friday, March 29th (Good Friday) @ 12:15 & 6:15 P.M.:**  
Good Friday Services @ Chapel

**Sunday, March 31st (EASTER) @ 6:46 A.M.:**  
Easter Sunrise Service @ Thompson Park Pinnacle

**Sunday, March 31st (EASTER) @ 8:15 A.M.:**  
Chapel Service @ Chapel

**Sunday, March 31st (EASTER) @ 10:15 A.M.:**  
Sanctuary Service @ Sanctuary