



# The Asbury BEACON

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## THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Make Disciples for  
Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World.*

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Asburians help the Easter Bunny by filling the eggs.



### Palm Sunday fun activities



The April BEACON is sponsored by **Sandra Johnson**  
Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to communicate with and keep our Asbury family connected!  
Thank you **Sandra** for being our "BEACON ANGEL" for April.

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## Stewart's Holiday Match



Asbury UMC recently received the notification that Stewart's Holiday Match donated \$250 to our campership program. Stewart's Shops has collected and matched donations from Thanksgiving until Christmas since 1986. Half of the check came from their generous customers and then Stewart's Shops doubles every donation.

This season, Stewart's Shops received 1,861 applications requesting over \$5 million in support, while they had just over \$2 million to donate. All Stewart's Holiday Matched funds support children under 18 years of age in the areas where the shops are located.

Our youth are most fortunate to have received the \$250 donation as part of the Stewart's Holiday Match Grant. The monies will be used to help send our 8 campers to Camp Aldersgate this summer.

Lynn Morgan, Camp Agent

Thank You!  
THANK YOU!

*A big thank you goes out to my church family for cards, phone calls, and even food after I had minor surgery Feb. 13. I was laid up, unable to 'move', according to my doctor! So many prayers kept working miracles in my leg/blood infection and the crater in my ankle! I'm almost out of the woods, thank God...at this point, I won't be needing a skin graft with a week in the hospital not moving again! Thank you, thank you, and thank you for all the prayers on my behalf. Truly I experienced miracles, even though we still don't know the cause of the infection. Lovingly thankful,*

*Lindsay Webb*



John and Eleanor Cerow  
April 3, 1976

Mark and Roxanne Robinson  
April 26, 1975

Dan and Darlene Chartrand  
April 27, 1961

April 2 James Baker  
April 3 Dr. Glen Snell  
April 4 Mark Smith  
April 10 Lisa Smith  
April 12 Lorraine Irwin  
April 16 Jeffrey Sero  
April 18 Dr. Alfred Gianfagna  
April 20 Dr. Grace Burke  
April 20 Rev. Leon VanWie  
April 24 Jane Alteri  
April 24 Rev. Peter Mowers  
April 27 Darlene Chartrand



*A Loss in  
Our Church Family*  
**Barbara H. Sargent**  
*May 18, 1930-March 1, 2024 (age 93)*



## Happy Easter, my wonderful friends at Asbury!



Rejoice!  
He Lives!

Life can be challenging, but God is always good!

We recently completed a Lenten Bible study called, "Finding Jesus in the Psalms" and I thought it was a great study; something different. It seems that each week we gathered, not only did we become more comfortable with each other, but we had more in-depth conversation. The one that stands out the most to me is from Psalm 69, written by King David because he shared the same human conditions we share at this moment. I invite you to read it when you get a chance.

I often hear people say they would like a little "peace and quiet." I think we can all say a hearty "amen" to that, especially with all that is taking place in our world right now. Yet, I wanted to take a few moments to encourage you today on this thought of "peace."

At times, we have wrongly concluded that peace is simply the absence of conflict of any kind, yet we forget that Jesus came into a world that was filled with political and moral turmoil. Yet, He was, and IS the Prince of Peace! As Jesus walked the dusty roads, followed by his disciples, everywhere he went benefitted from the peace he brought into the situation.

Political and religious leaders may have struggled with having a sense of peace because He came to restore hope and dignity to society's downtrodden and forgotten. As He did this, the religious leaders felt their control of the people slipping away. Yet, all this time, Jesus knew a day would come that He would be taken out of this world, and His mission would be left in the hands of the disciples.

He gave some comforting words to them at the time, and I believe these words still apply to us today. John 14:27 (GNT): *"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid."* The peace that the world gives is temporary and governed by the events surrounding us, yet the peace the Lord gives is one that comes from our innermost being because of His presence.

### Here is a beautiful story that illustrates the kind of peace Christ gives:

*Two painters were asked to paint a picture illustrating peace. The first painted a beautiful evening scene in the foreground of a lake, its surface calm and unruffled. Trees surrounded it; meadows stretched away to the distant cattle gently browsing; a little cottage, the setting sun - all spoke of perfect rest. The second painter drew a wild, stormy scene. Heavy black clouds hung overhead; in the center of the picture, an immense waterfall poured forth vast volumes of water covered with foam. One could almost hear its unceasing roar, yet perhaps the first thing to strike the eye was a small bird, perched in a cleft of a huge rock, absolutely sheltered from all danger, pouring forth its sweet notes of joy. It is the second painter who could describe the peace that passes all understanding, which is the Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God in the heart of the redeemed.*

Remember that the circumstances around you should not dictate your peace. **God is our peace!**

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, and snowbirds will be returning, it's my hope we can gather together and fill the sanctuary space at Asbury United Methodist Church. There are so many of you I have yet to meet, and now we have all Spring to do so. I hope to see you on Sunday morning. *Blessings in Christ,*

*Pastor Michael*





**WOMEN IN FAITH** met on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM for a wonderful presentation by Erika Flint re: *The Safe Schools Endeavor Program.*

The Safe Schools Endeavor mission is to “empower and support Jefferson and Lewis County students, parents, and faculty in creating the safest schools possible with a vision that every child is safe while at school.” The Program was started in 2018 by Ms. Flint in response to the ongoing news of school shootings nationwide. The group is all volunteer.

Since 2018, Safe Schools Endeavor has donated \$103,326, which has funded 56 school safety projects. These are “wish list” projects that are not covered within that school’s general school budget for that year. Examples of projects funded for the 2023-2024 school year are:

- Beaver River - Automated external defibrillator (AED) for pool area*
- Belleville Henderson - Sweethearts and Heroes anti-bullying program*
- Carthage - Classroom calming corner & therapy toolbox*
- Copenhagen - “Stop the Bleed” kits and emergency doorstops*
- General Brown - Emergency radios for nurses and essential staff*
- Indian River - High School therapy dog program*
- Jefferson Lewis BOCES - Cell phone signal boosters to improve service*
- LaFargeville - Surveillance cameras for playground and parking lot*
- Lowville - Elementary school calming corner, emergency radios for high school*
- Lyme - School crossing guard coverage and training*
- Sackets Harbor - Retrofit school windows with security glazing*
- South Lewis Central - Install protective film in entrance /vestibule windows*

The schools complete an application for their school specific items. The Safe School Endeavor committee then reviews the application. Then the approved application gets funded through the Safe Schools Endeavor account that is managed through [the Northern New York Community Foundation](https://nnycf.org). All donations go to the fund. Committee members have taken on the financial burden of things like stamps/mailings. All funds are through donations from individuals, groups, and corporations. They also have done quite a few bake sales and are always interested in people who like to bake to help make items for their bake sales.

Women in Faith will be making a \$1000 donation to Safe Schools Endeavor. If you would like to donate, you can go to the Northern New York Community Foundation website - <https://nnycf.org> to donate online: Scroll down to their donation section and click. This will take you to the donation page, then search for *Safe School Endeavor*. Checks can be made out to “Northern New York Community Foundation” and in the memo line indicate “Safe Schools Endeavor” and mail to 131 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601.





## Future Programs Sponsored by **WOMEN IN FAITH**

On Thursday, April 25, there will be a road trip to the Utica Neighborhood Center. We will meet at Asbury at 7:15 a.m. and leave at 7:30 a.m. Our tour begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. This Center has been a long-standing mission for Asbury Women and the Asbury Missions Committee. Anyone wishing to learn about the successful operation of this center and see the programs in action, please sign up at the table in the Rotunda. When you sign up, please indicate if you would be willing to drive. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, April 21. Men and women are welcome. Thank you!



On the May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Women in Faith meeting, Natasha Delaney from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be coming to do a presentation. CASA is one of the programs under the Resolution Center of Jefferson and Lewis Counties.

From their website - "CASA has provided advocacy services for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect in Jefferson County since 1986. These children are either currently in or at risk of entering the foster care system. CASA's best-interest advocacy helps ensure that children are safe with a permanent home and the opportunity to thrive. Our trained volunteers are appointed by the Jefferson County Family Court Judge and are expected to stay with their assigned case until the child(ren) reaches permanency. Through collaboration with legal and child welfare professionals and additional service providers, CASA ensures the judge has the needed information to make the most well-informed decision for each assigned child."



*THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY.*

*It's long past due for me to thank the Asburians and volunteers who rang bells for the benefit of the **Salvation Army Red Kettle Fund Drive**. Over the two days that we rang, about \$2,400 was collected.*

*Many thanks to the bell ringers, including: Jean Marshall, Al Gianfagna, Willow and Michael Terrell, Deb and Herb Van Houten, Angela and her friend, Preston, Lindsay and Dan Webb, Darlene Welbourn, Pam Quimby, Sarah, Nathan and Olivia Lehman, Martha Jablonski, and Lorraine Irwin.*

*My apologies if I forgot the name of anyone who rang.*

*Bruce Irwin*

**DONATE, BUY, VOLUNTEER**



**APRIL 26 & 27**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**WESLEY HALL**

**NEEDED:**

Furniture, toys, summer items, jewelry, books, puzzles, towels, games, antiques, etc.  
Pies, cookies, candy, cupcakes, snacks, etc.; plants and garden items.

Items can be left in Wesley Hall from 10-2 daily or after church service on Sundays.

**NO CLOTHES OR COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS.**

If you would like to work on the sale, contact Sue Snell, 315-782-8235.



# *A Bible Study of "The Acts of the Apostles"*

Summer of 2024

Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Asbury parlor

Facilitated by Max Bovee



<i>June 3</i>	<i>Introduction + Chapters 1-2</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<i>Chapters 3-4</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>Chapters 5-7</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Chapters 8-9</i>
<i>July 1</i>	<i>Chapters 10-11</i>
<i>July 8</i>	<i>Chapters 12-13</i>
<i>July 15</i>	<i>Chapters 14-15</i>
<i>July 22</i>	<i>Chapters 16-17</i>
<i>July 29</i>	<i>Chapters 18-19</i>
<i>August 5</i>	<i>Chapters 20-21</i>
<i>August 12</i>	<i>Chapters 22-24</i>
<i>August 19</i>	<i>Chapters 25-26</i>
<i>August 26</i>	<i>Chapters 27-28</i>

## **Synopsis**

The Book of Acts, written by Luke, chronicles the birth and early spread of the Christian church, highlighting some of its most influential leaders, such as Peter and Paul. Luke was determined to show that Christianity was for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. The gospel triumphs over paganism and persecution; and although it cost many their lives, ultimate victory is assured through Jesus our Lord.

In thirteen weeks this summer, explore with Max why "*The Acts of the Apostles*" is a key book in the New Testament. There is no cost for the study, and you need only to bring your favorite Bible. Handouts for further exploration will be provided.

**For further information and to register,  
please call Max at 315-232-4158.**

**Hope you can join us!**



## FINANCE COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

The ***Friends of God Band*** is coming to Asbury to entertain us on May, 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the band that plays at the Salvation Army Pancake Breakfast. The band will be playing from 1 to 3 p.m., downstairs in Wesley Hall. A dessert table and beverages will be available. A \$5 donation would be appreciated, but not required to attend.

**Come join us for a happy time of  
music and fellowship.**

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK FOR 2024

submitted by Max Bovee

### **April 7: Psalm 136:1**

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!"*

### **April 14: Psalm 144:3**

*"Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."*

### **April 21: Proverbs 6:9**

*"How long will you slumber, O sluggard?"*

### **April 28: Proverbs 10:28**

*"The prospect of the righteous is joy."*



# FROM THE TRUSTEES

## A SPRING PROJECT

The Trustees were asked last fall to trim back the overgrown “Burning Bush” plants that are in the garden around the church sign. On advice from Cornell Extension Center, the proper time for trimming would be late winter or early spring. With volunteers from the Men’s Breakfast Group and others, this was completed Sunday afternoon, March 3. Volunteers included Lynn Morgan, Frank Rhode, Dale Scott, Kerry Roberge, and Glen Snell. Special thanks to Dale Scott who allowed the group to pack his pickup truck with the clippings.

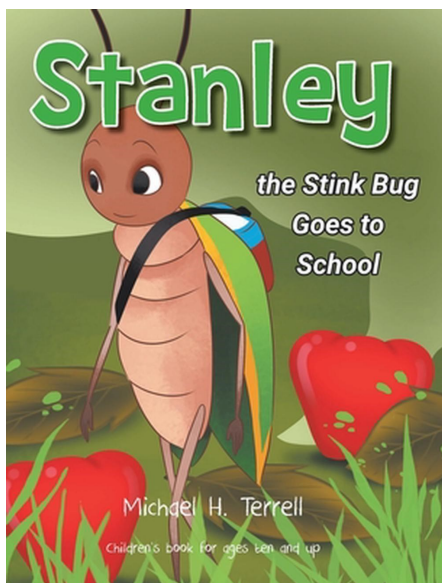
### The Trustees



**ASBURY’S BEACON** will be lit during the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. You will be able to see the bell tower shining in the darkness from Thompson Park and around the city!

*“The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
- John 1:5

A book written by  
Pastor Michael Terrell



Available online at Amazon, Walmart, and Thriftbooks and getting great reviews.



“I put in a jelly bean for pastor.”

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Join us for  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
at  
8:15 a.m.  
10:15 a.m.



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Asbury's  
website



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**COVERED DISH LUNCHEON**, in Wesley Hall  
April 14th, after worship

**RUMMAGE, PLANT & BAKE SALE**, in Wesley Hall  
April 26th & 27th, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**  
Presentation, May 4th, 9:30 a.m.

*"Friends of God" Band* playing in Wesley Hall,  
May 11th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.