

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: 63

Online: 53

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 386

2024 Year-to-Date Total: 12,761

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Rosemary Denesha, Jean Sayers, and Ginger S.

Liturgist: Nathan Lehman

Organist: Laura Washburn

Chapel Service: Pastor Michael Terrell

Communion Servers: Sue Beaman, Frances Goutremout, Karen granger, and Lindsay Webb

Acolytes: Jaydon Ives, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd, and Ruzena Rudd

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Lorraine Irwin

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Wayne Morris

Orie Phillips

Bill Plemons

Dale Scott

Jeff Sero

Kathy Sero

Bill Smith

Lisa Smith

Glen Snell

Carol Stoodley

Darlene Town

Patrick Town

Leon VanWie

Dan Webb

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

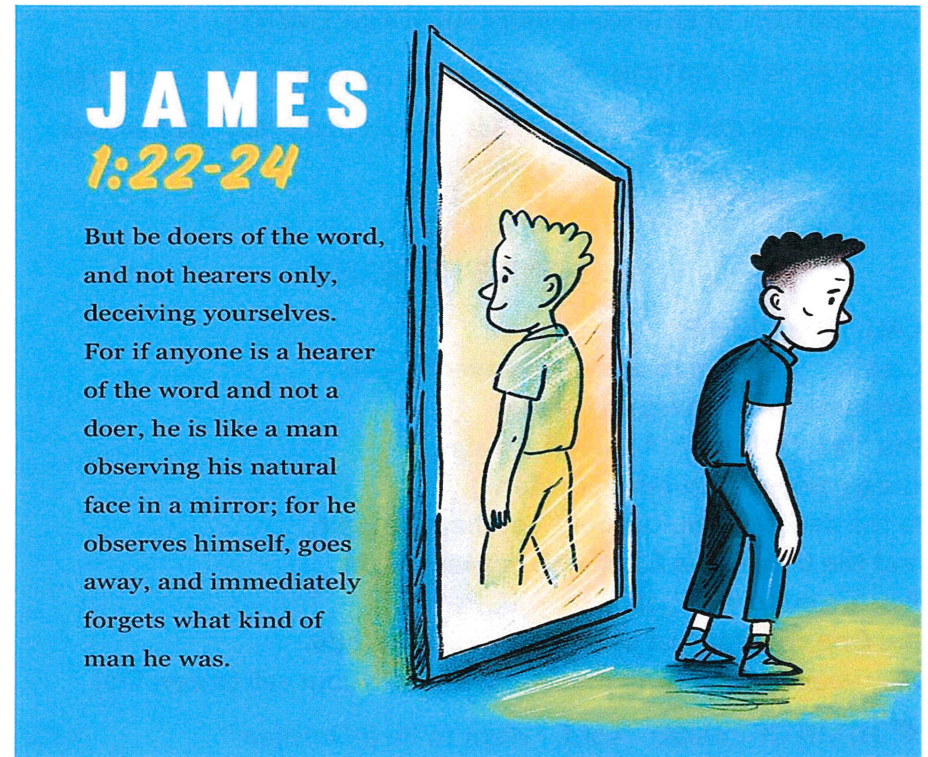
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

Others: Mike Hill, Keri Morris, Deb Der, Patty, Frank, Tom K., Melvin Terrell, Yvonne Cornell, Marilyn Davis, Hollie Ruthberg, Gordon, and the family of Jane Alteri.

ASBURY

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024; 10:15 A.M.**

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



Bulletins today are given by Bruce &

Lorraine Irwin.

Thank you, Bruce & Lorraine!

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Asbury Worship Celebration

MY HEART LONGS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU, O GOD. MAY MY
LIFE AND MY DEEDS HONOR YOU.

WE PREPARE

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

CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "People Need the Lord" arr. Hayes

*During this time, the Acolyte brings the light of the Holy Spirit into our
worship.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

WE UNITE IN PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights -

the moon that waxes and wanes,

the planets that whirl around the sun,

the galaxies that wink from afar.

In the darkness you call out, "Let there be light,"

and the universe is filled with heavenly light.


You are our creator, too,

the One who formed us and who forms us still.

May your word of truth ring out today with your call to new life!

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed) #881

 GLORIA PATRI (an expression of glory to the Triune God) #70

CHOIR ANTHEM (beginning Sept. 8)

... IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the beginning, Holy God, you labored with many skills to
bring creation to birth and sustain life. When you saw that your labor
was good, you took time for a day of rest. Forgive us for the times we**

**have used our skills for gain and cruelty. Give us work to do that
creates and sustains life. Forgive us for the times when our own
importance was so great to us that there was no time for rest, no time
for letting others lead, no time for other than our own sense of
perfection. Remind us to follow your example, call life "good" and
take time for rest.**

SILENT PRAYER – WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

... IN SHARING

WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES: Blessing of the Backpacks (Insert)

MISSION MINUTE

PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER

... IN LISTENING

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152


SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR TODAY: James 1: 17-27

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Practicing the Word of God"

... IN SERVICE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pg. 9

GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "Lord of the Dance" arr. Hayes

The Acolyte takes the light of Christ out into the world.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and commit themselves to studying and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask for your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

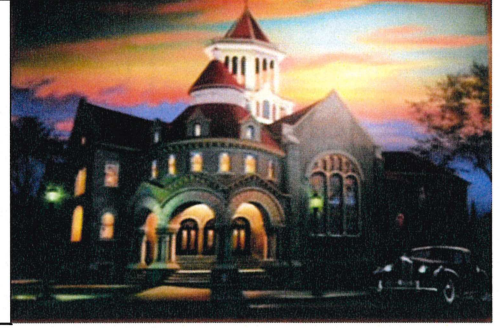
We pray as well for the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, nurses, coaches, teacher aides and support staff in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.



ASBURY UMC

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



This Week

September 1 - September 8, 2024

Meetings

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor
- Tuesday, September 3: 6:00 P.M.

Opportunities to Share

Prayer Circle @ Parlor
- Wednesday, September 4: 10:30 A.M.

Praise Band Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- Thursday, September 5: 5:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room
- Thursday, September 5: 7:15 P.M.

Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library
- Friday, September 6: 10:00 A.M.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP
- Saturday, September 7: 8:00 A.M.

Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room
- Sunday, September 8: 9:30 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept. 2 **William Lennon**

Scripture of the Week

"Now I commit you to God, and to the word of his grace, which can build you up."

- Acts 20:32 -

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

M.E.L.T. & WOGWF

Invite you to an afternoon with Sam Chirwa who will be visiting from Malawi, Africa.

Sunday, September 8, 2024: 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall:
403 Washington Street, Watertown**

There will be a brief update from each group followed by a Question & Answer time with Sam Chirwa.

Please RSVP - Heatherwhite4@gmail.com

Light refreshments will be served.

FALL Rummage Sale

**Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th
8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. @ Wesley Hall**

Items can be left in Wesley Hall from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Mon. - Thurs. or after church on Sundays.

NO CLOTHES, COMPUTERS, OR PRINTERS.

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

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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, September 8th!

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Wayne Morris will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.



Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin September 5th

After having the summer off, Asbury's Chancel Choir will start rehearsals for the 2024-2025 season on Thursday, September 5th. Rehearsals will be in the choir room from 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. on Thursday evenings (except September 19th, Asbury's trip to Sight and Sound Theater). Sunday morning warm-up is at 9:30 A.M. in the choir room.

If you love to sing, please consider joining choir! We love praising God in song, and would love to have you join us! We know that scheduling can be a problem, so please know that you do not have to come to every rehearsal, and you do not have to sing every Sunday. We are very flexible!

Please contact Catherine Mowers (315-778-5315, call or text) if you have any questions. The choir looks forward to having you join us! Thank you!

Asbury Praise Band to Try Something Different this Year

Asbury's Praise Band, made up of instruments found in a concert band, will play music for the 5th Sunday of the month this season. We will provide all the music for September 29th and March 30th, and (June 29th?), and will also play carols and the Prelude on Christmas Eve. We might play the Prelude (as we have done in the past) on a few other Sundays. Anyone who plays a concert band instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, baritone, trombone, tuba, electric or string bass, percussion, or any variation thereof) is welcome to join us. Our music is usually pretty easy to play, and we have a lot of fun making music for the Lord!

We will be meeting at 5:00 P.M. (time may change, stay tuned) for about 45 minutes in the choir room on September 5th, 12th, and 26th (no rehearsal on Thursday, September 19th, Asbury's trip to Sight and Sound Theater) to get ready to play for the Sunday, September 29th service.

If you would like to join us, or even if you can't on Thursdays, but would still like to play, please contact Catherine Mowers (315-778-5315, call or text), so she can prepare a folder of music for you. We hope to see you at rehearsal! Thank you!

