

**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

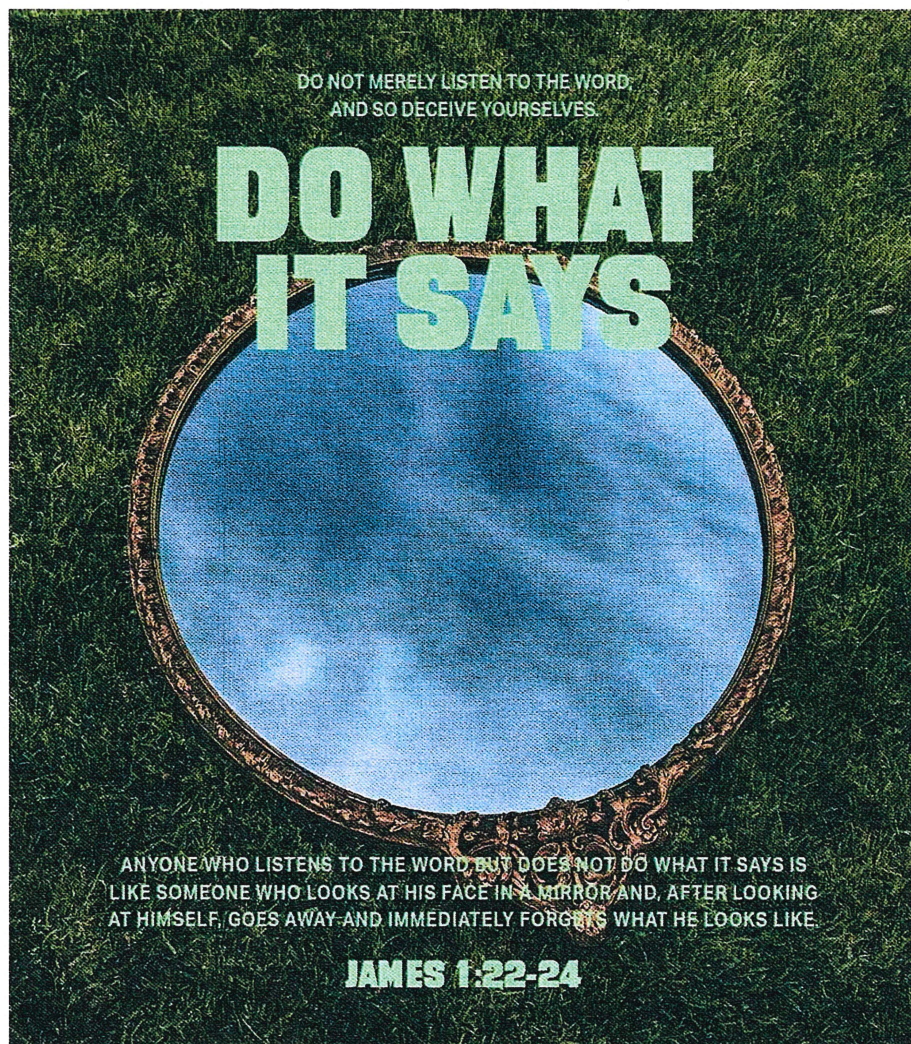
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 386

2024 Year-to-Date Total: 12,761

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

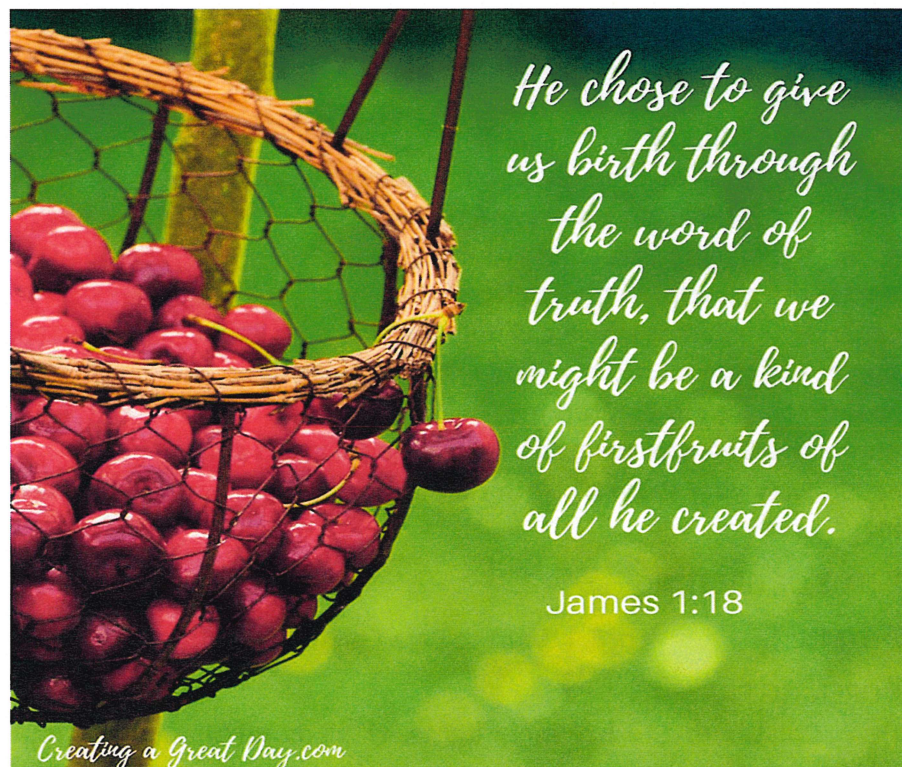
**Organist:** Bina West

**Chapel Service:** Pastor Michael Terrell



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024; 8:15 A.M.**

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for the transformation of the world.*



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**CENTERING WORDS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP:**

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.**

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

MUSICAL PREPARATION Bina West, Organist

PRAYER FOR PEACE

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creator, you bless us with the heavenly lights -

**People: the moon that waxes and wanes,**

Leader: the planets that whirl around the sun,

**People: the galaxies that wink from afar.**

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

**People: and the universe is filled with heavenly light.**

Leader: You are our creator, too,

**People: the One who formed us and who forms us still.**

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

 TIME OF GREETING

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

 OPENING PRAYER

**Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship you. Amen.**

PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE TEXT: James 1: 17-27

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Practicing the Word of 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.

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GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

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

 BENEDICTION

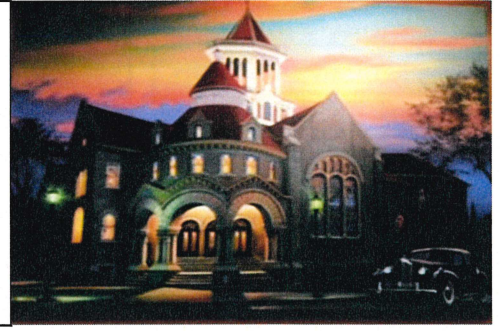
POSTLUDE

**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 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!

