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THE VISION OF ASBURY

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Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

Once again, members and friends of Asbury journeyed to Lancaster, PA to see a *Sight and Sound Theatre* production. This year's production was *Daniel*. This is only my 2nd year as part of the yearly trip. Max Bovee began these trips several years ago - Thank you Max! From talking to some who have been going for several years, I understand that every time a production is repeated, there are enhancements made which are dictated by our advancements in technology. When someone asked me which one of the two productions I had seen (Moses and Daniel) did I like better. I could not answer that. They were both so powerful in their own way. That being said, I wanted to try to share with all of you who are reading this what I experienced and learned from Daniel.

Daniel was a prophet, and God spoke to him through his dreams, visions, and messages brought from God by the arch angel, Gabriel. Gabriel helped Daniel to understand the dreams and visions. Daniel was then able to help kings understand their dreams and visions. No human can actually see God, but he speaks to us through our senses and the Holy Spirit which resides in our hearts. God spoke to Moses, Daniel, and other prophets through sights and sounds.

As I was looking through the program for the Daniel production, I noticed that one of the scriptures that the production was built around was: "I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11. This is the same scripture that I heard through a clock that played a different scripture every hour. The clock was placed in my office, but it did not play any scriptures for several weeks. Then one day when I was in my office and alone in the building at 2:00 in the afternoon, God spoke to me. From the clock I heard: "I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future." This scripture was repeated throughout the production of Daniel. It isn't just a message for Daniel; it is a message for all of us.

These trips take a lot of work and planning. Special thanks go out to Pastor Leon Van Wie, Margie Van Wie and Lindsay Webb for all their efforts in making this trip a wonderful experience. Also, I would like to thank the anonymous angel who made this trip possible for me. I thank you and I know God thanks you. My niece, Chris Bohling, was my traveling partner. I wanted to share an excerpt from a text she sent me the day after we returned:

"I just wanted to thank you again for inviting me to go with you. I had a great time and really enjoyed it all. The show was fabulous and all of the people were so friendly and kind...I see why your church community is so special to you."

Words cannot express what we saw and heard through the God-given gifts of those who put this show together - through the music, the acting, the colors, the costumes, the animals, and the props.

Listen and watch for the sights and sounds in your own daily life.
SHARE GOD'S MESSAGE WITH OTHERS!

Sue Beaman



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Mark your calendars and plan on joining us as we board the bus and travel to Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on Sept. 17, 2025 to experience the sights and sounds of "Noah."

Many thanks for everyone who contributed to the HUGE **Rummage & Bake Sale** last week.



Volunteer workers made this sale successful: Tamara Klock, Joanne Rhode, Sarah Lehman, Carol Plemons, Marianne and Dale Scott, Ken Nichols, Jim Baker, Sandy Johnson, Judy Cota, Karen granger, Carol Stoodley, Sue Snell, Cherrie Clark, Lorraine Irwin, Suzanne Wrenn, Darlene Chartrand, and Melinda St. John who organized the bake sale and sold \$444 of baked goods! Congratulations on a job well done!

The October **BEACON** is sponsored by *Karen granger*. Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to communicate with and keep our Asbury family connected!

Thank you **Karen** for being our "BEACON ANGEL" for October.

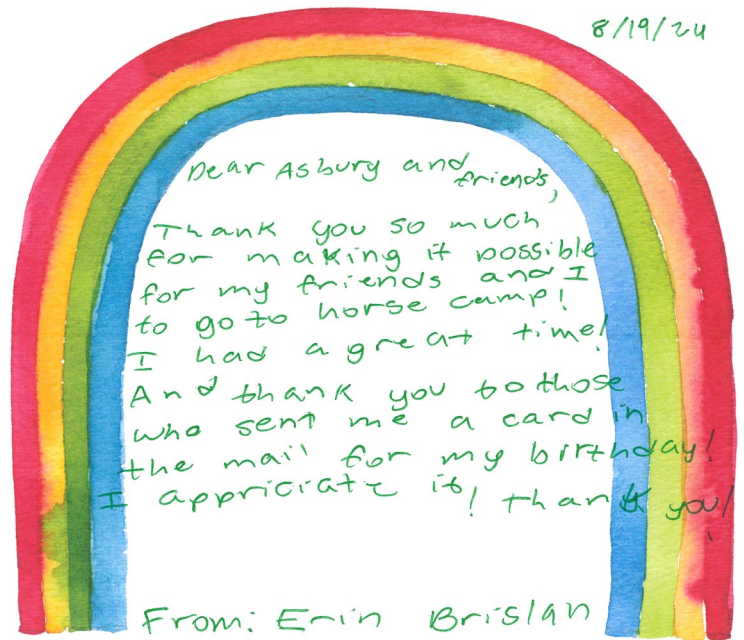
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Dear Asbury church-

Thank you so much for sponsoring my friend Rachel and I for horse camp at Camp Aldersgate. Being with the horses, learning how to care for them and ride them was wonderful. Swimming and learning about God was also great. Thank you for your generosity.



Love,
Kate Lamica



Dear Asbury and friends,
Thank you so much for making it possible for my friends and I to go to horse camp! I had a great time! And thank you to those who sent me a card in the mail for my birthday! I appreciate it! thank you!

From: Erin Brislan

Dear Asbury,
thank you so much for sending me to horse camp! I had so much fun riding the horses!

From Jaelah



Thank you for sending me to camp! I really liked riding the horses on the trails. I also liked swimming!

From, Abi

THANKS for sending me to camp I had so much FUN.



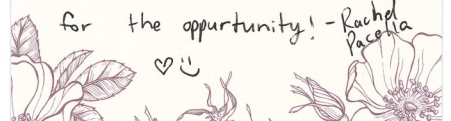
Love, Alex

A note from

Rachel

Dear Asbury church, thank you so much for the opportunity of going to camp! The horses were so fun to ride and go on trails with! It was a very fun experience, and thank you LOTS

for the opportunity! - Rachel Pacella



The Honorable Sam Chirwa, Director of M.E.L.T. Malawi

Sam was raised in the rural village of Mzimba, Malawi located in the Central Region. He was first born with 7 siblings. As is custom in Malawi, he was responsible for helping to support them. He raised the school fees for them to attend H.S. by performing gymnastics in various villages.



Post High School, Sam continued to raise funds for his education by driving a taxi.

He is the acting Director of the WOGWF and the Director of MELT, Malawi. MELT, Malawi is a registered Community Based Organization (CBO) in Mzuzu, Malawi. MELT, USA supports all operations - serving 21 schools with the MELT1 Book Mobile, the MELT Central Library building in Area 4 of Mzuzu, and continued professional development for the MELT teachers of the books and materials published by MELT.

The Honorable Sam Chirwa is a member of Parliament representing the Mzimba Region. His successes there include building a new school, a health center for mothers and young children, as well as the construction of several bridges.

We are blessed by Asbury United Methodist church and their support for the young children MELT serves. Most recently the *Women in Faith* have sponsored a new title - *Animal Alphabet* currently in draft. This is an exciting book as it was totally written during a teacher workshop in Malawi with **ALL** teachers participating. The information is in our hands and we are working to put the book together for publishing in the next few months. Publishing a new book is a one year process from start to finish. How wonderful to be involved in this process! We thank you and look forward to delivering a few copies of the book to Asbury once complete.

With humble thanks,

Heather F. White, MELT,USA chair



The Honorable Samuel Chirwa, Director of MELT (the Malawi Early Literacy Team, Inc) visited the United States and made a special stop to worship at Asbury UMC on Sunday, September 15. Heather White of MELT USA, introduced Honorable Samuel Chirwa who thanked Asbury UMC for their continued support of Malawi schools with donations of pencils, pens, glue, and other items children need for school in Malawi.





It's that time again -

The **Asbury Loving Stitches Bazaar!**

Stock up on Christmas gifts.

Find colorful handy things for your home.

Christmas decorations

Christmas tree ornaments

Bowl cozies

Pot holders

Placemats

and much, much more!!!

**When: Saturday, November 2nd
8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

Where: Asbury Rotunda

Proceeds to benefit Asbury's budget.



JUNIOR RINGERS

This fall, Junior Ringers will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Two of our ringers have soccer practice every week day, so it makes sense to start a bit later than usual. There are 6 enthusiastic youth who participate and who love to ring. Their excitement is contagious as we learn new music together.

They take great pride in their accomplishments and I look forward to another great year. If there are any other youth in the congregation who would like to join our bell choir, we invite you to participate. We practice each Wednesday, beginning in October, at 4 pm in the sanctuary. Generally, we play once a month during the church service. Contact Lynn Morgan at 315-493-2637 if you are interested.

AGAPE RINGERS

Agape Ringers began the year on September 26. This group of adult ringers consists of those who are beginning to intermediate in their ringing ability. We gather on Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. We do enjoy each other and have fun as we learn new techniques and new music.

There are several positions open in our ringing formation, if anyone is interested in trying to ring handbells. Generally, we play once a month during the church service and occasionally visit facilities, like nursing homes or senior citizen communities to share our music. Contact Lynn Morgan at 315-493-2637 if you are interested.



Sights and Sounds of Asbury

The sounds of **Asbury's Praise Band** rang out loud and clear, as they played all the music for the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 29th (including the hymns, as the congregation sang along!)

FROM THE TRUSTEES

It has been a busy summer and now fall is upon us. We would like to share with everyone what we are working on and challenges in our future.

Support was requested from the Finance Committee in order to keep Asbury's bills paid. Therefore, we are contributing \$4000 a month to our unified budget. This money comes from investment income in our Endowment Fund.

We have been working to improve our sound system in the sanctuary. We have received feedback from church members that they are pleased with the results.

For security purposes, we are working on installing more cameras in the building and installing a monitoring screen in the office.

The elevator has had some problems and that has now been adjusted and repaired.

We are having new crash bars installed on the doors at the Franklin St. entrance. This is expected to cost \$1300.

The largest project was the replacement of the Parker St. entrance. A handrail is still needed to be installed on the outside for safety purposes. This project was about \$13,000.

With the steady continued support of the Capital Improvement Fund, we have been able to pay in full the ongoing work listed to date.

We have two projects we would like to accomplish before winter. We continue to try to prevent the dangerous ice buildup on the roof edge along Parker St. We have consulted with a number of contractors about this problem. There is unified agreement that the best approach is using blown-in foam to cover the area between the rafters in the attic. This involves covering about 15 feet above the edge of the roof. We have met with 3 different contractors who do this work. We do not have an agreement with a specific contractor, but anticipate a price of between \$2000-\$5000.

The other project is locating a contractor to do some re-pointing of certain areas of the exterior stone along Parker St. We have needed to do this for a number of years. Over 100 years of rain, snow & ice has worn out some of the cement between the large blocks of stone. It is generally in good condition, but we need to pay attention to the areas that need attention. This is slow tedious work and a scissors lift will be needed to accomplish this re-pointing. Estimated cost is \$15,000.

We have currently about \$8000 in the Capital Improvement Fund. We would prefer not to use funds from our Endowment Fund or seek a bank loan. Our request is to seek additional contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund. We would like to get both projects done by November 1-15. This added support would be greatly appreciated by the Trustees. Any donations should be labeled "**Capital Improvement Fund**".

We thank you for helping to maintain our church home.

Glen Snell, Trustee

Asbury will be helping Zoo NY at Thompson Park with their "Boo at the Zoo" fundraising event on Saturday, Oct. 19th and Saturday, Oct. 26th from 10 AM until 3 PM. We will be sponsoring a table - running our "mutant" fishing game and handing out candy. Women in Faith will also be helping to sponsor our Sunday School children and youth to attend the event. There are 2 ways you can help out.

The first way of helping out - donations of candy are needed. The zoo estimates 800 kids each day of the event. We are asking for individually wrapped fun size plain Hershey chocolate bars and for individually wrapped fun size packets of Swedish Fish and Sour Patch Kids. The candy choices symbolize the following: chocolate bars - wood for a cross; Swedish fish - Jesus fish; and Sour Patch Kids - children. There is a collection box for candy donations in the back of the rotunda.

The Second way of helping out - we need volunteers to help run the table. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the rotunda for 1 hour blocks of time. Looking for up to 4 people/block.

Please contact Sarah Lehman 315-767-2641 for any questions.



October 1 Gerald Tucker
October 3 Mark Robinson
October 6 Karen Hill
October 9 Marianne Scott
October 10 Eleanor Cerow
October 10 Michael Rudd
October 11 Greta Bovee
October 13 Myrtie Schilling
October 14 Ora Phillips
October 14 Pam Quimby
October 14 Cherrie Clark
October 23 Catherine Mowers
October 27 Abigail Patrick
October 27 Andrew Rudd
October 28 Kate Lamica
October 29 Michelle Rudd



Jeffrey and Kathryn Sero
October 6, 2007
Herbert and Deborah Van Houten
October 12, 1985
Chris and Cherrie Clark
October 14, 2007
Willie and Darlene Welbourn
October 28, 1977
Louis and Nancy Dolloway
October 30, 1971
James and Carol Wright
October 30, 2009

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK FOR 2024

submitted by Max Bovee

October 6: 2 Corinthians 4:16

"We do not lose heart."

October 13: Galatians 5:25

"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep step with the Spirit."

October 20: Ephesians 6:18

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."

October 27: Philippians 4:12

"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation."

Sock Collection! Socks Needed!

I will be collecting socks from now until Saturday, Oct. 26th. There will be a collection basket in the rotunda. All size socks are needed. The socks that are donated will be given to the unhoused and less fortunate at the Community Dinners that are held at Emmanuel Congregational Church. If you would like to donate monies to purchase socks, see Karen granger on any Sunday. Thank you to all for your help!

Karen

AUTUMN EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR



**World
Communion Sunday**

October 6, 2024

Don't forget your loaf of bread!



- ALL-CHURCH LUNCHEON**
Sunday, Oct. 6th, after worship, Wesley Hall
- JOINT YOUTH GROUP MEETS**
Sunday, October 20th, 4:00 p.m., Wesley Hall
- JUNIOR RINGERS REHEARSALS**
begin Wednesday, October 23rd, 4:00 p.m.
- CHURCH BAZAAR** - Saturday, Nov. 2nd,
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Asbury Rotunda

The deadline for articles for the November newsletter is Thursday, October 24th. Please email articles and pictures to Sue Beaman at asburybeacon@gmail.com in WORD format or give them to Faith in the church office. Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
November 3rd.
Set your clocks back 1 hour



Thank you so much from
Lewis' Canadian Family
of Huskinsons for your
spiritual care of our
Sister.

The rolls & homemade
bread were delicious

Her sister

Gene (Huskinson) Grey



To Pam and ~~Harriet~~

For you're among
the nicest people
I have ever known,
And you'll never be forgotten
for the thoughtfulness
you've shown.



Thanks for Everything

Sincerely,

Lois B.

Annual Church CHARGE CONFERENCE



Sat., Nov. 23
1:00 p.m.



Asbury
UMC



Joint Youth Ministry
between
Asbury UMC
Trinity Episcopal Church
&
First UMC



Sunday, October 20 @ 4 p.m.
in Wesley Hall, Asbury

All tweens and teens invited!

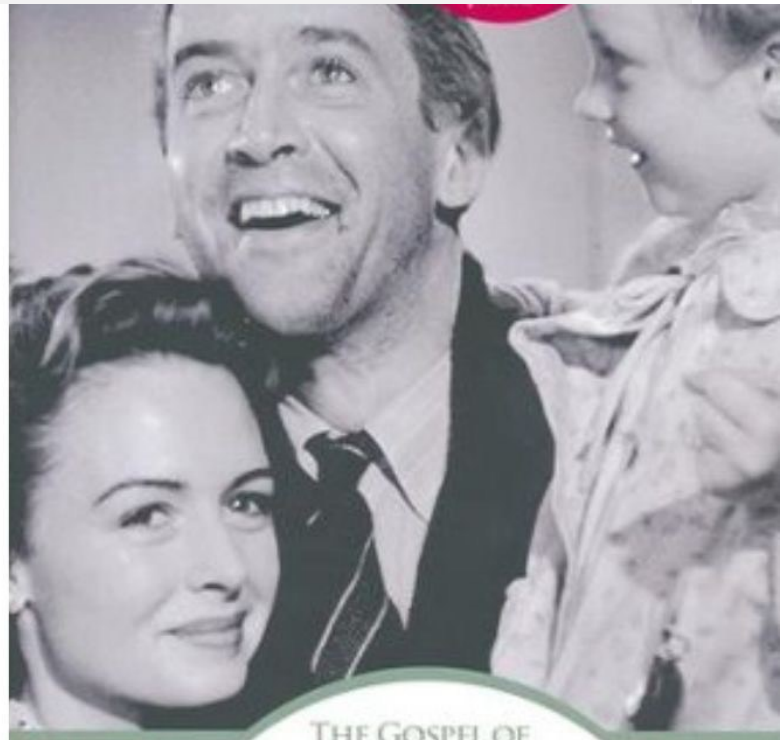
Coming in December!

ADVENT Bible Study

Sunday
6:30-8 pm

Dec. 1, 8, 15
& 21 in
parlor

- Lesson 1: "Be Good, Do Good"
- Lesson 2: "A Bridge to God"
- Lesson 3: "Wings and Prayers"
- Lesson 4: "Ordinary Miracles"



THE GOSPEL OF

It's A Wonderful Life

BIBLE STUDY

STUDY GUIDE

Stephen
Skelton

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at
8:15 a.m.
10:15 a.m.



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Great service this morning!



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AND enjoy the "SIGHTS AND SOUNDS" that are Asbury UMC