

**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: 83  
Online: N/A  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: N/A  
2024 Year-to-Date Total: N/A

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Linda Adams, Judy Cota, and Tamara Klock  
**Liturgist:** Bob Muntz  
**Organist:** Laura Washburn  
**Chapel Service:** Pastor Michael Terrell  
**Coffee Hour:** Covered Dish Luncheon  
**Communion Servers:** Ushers  
**Acolytes:** Jaydon Ives, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd, and Ruzena Rudd  
**Shepherds:** Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby  
**Ushers:** Max Bovee                      Lorraine Irwin                      Frank Massa  
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, Bill Lennon, and Joyce & Gerry Tucker.

**Others:** Mike Hill, Keri Morris, Deb Der, Patty, Frank, Tom K., Yvonne Cornell, Marilyn Davis, Tom Carlisle, Theresa Bierman, Gordon, David, Kevin, Gerry, Barbara G., Dawn Baum, Rick & Debbie, and Jerry & Dodie Bretsch.

*Today's bulletins are given by Bruce  
and Lorraine Irwin.*

*Thank you, Bruce and Lorraine!*

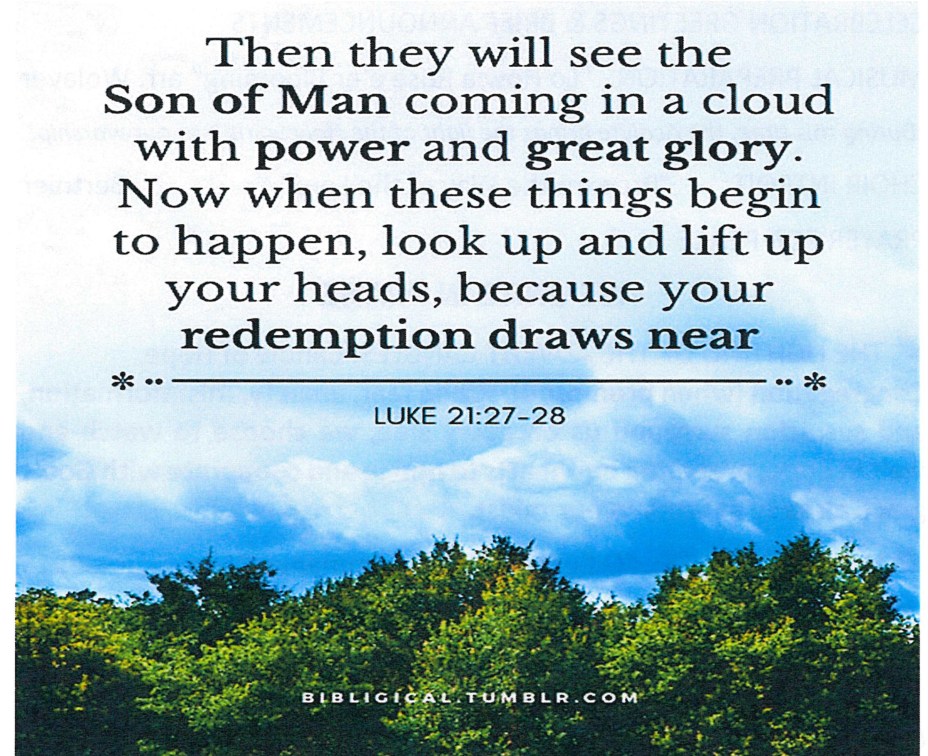
**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 1, 2024; 10:15 A.M.**

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

Then they will see the  
**Son of Man** coming in a cloud  
with **power and great glory.**  
Now when these things begin  
to happen, look up and lift up  
your heads, because your  
**redemption draws near**

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LUKE 21:27-28



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## Asbury Worship Celebration

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS CLOSE AT HAND. BE ALERT AND  
SEE THE SIGNS OF HOPE.

### WE PREPARE

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

CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS


MUSICAL PREPARATION: "Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming" arr. Wolaver

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

CHOIR INTROIT: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Berthier

PRAYER FOR PEACE

### WE UNITE IN PRAISE

 THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: Candle of Hope  
**Congregation (when prompted): While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed) #881

 GLORIA PATRI #70

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Will We Know Him?" Besig/Price

### ... IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, the day of Thanksgiving has come and gone. We offered you thanks. We set aside one day on which we reminded ourselves of how much we have received. We turned to you with prayers of gratefulness and songs of thanksgiving. A few days later, we have failed to see how much you have given to us. We have not turned to you with grateful hearts but instead have relied upon our abilities to get whatever we want. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for**

**taking so much for granted. Forgive us for failing to see you as the giver of every perfect gift. Come, Lord, and restore us once more. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER - WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LORD'S PRAYER #895

### ... IN SHARING

WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

MISSION MINUTE

PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/CHORAL RESPONSE

 ADVENT DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### ... IN LISTENING

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR TODAY: Luke 21: 25-36

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Guard Duty"

### ... IN SERVICE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Insert)

GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (in the pews today)

 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213

 BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" Kaan  
Traditional

POSTLUDE: "Bells Medley" arr. Wolaver

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

## Great Thanksgiving for the First Sunday of Advent, Asbury UMC

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



It is right.....we are the work of your hands; we are all  
your people.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we  
be saved.**

You, O Lord....we sinned before you.

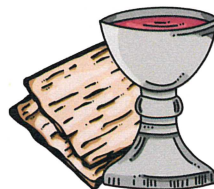
**Restore, us, O God; let your face shine, that we  
might be saved.**

Meet us, Holy One....and justice for your world.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we  
be saved.**

To you we pray, Source of Light and Life...one God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**





**All poinsettia orders are due by DECEMBER 4th.**

Therefore, if you wish to order a memorial poinsettia please complete the coupon below and send it with \$15.00 (for each plant) to the church office by **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. This coupon and payment may also be put in the Sunday offering.

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GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS: \_\_\_\_\_

BRINGING MY PLANT HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH: \_\_\_\_\_

# ASBURY MEMORIAL TREE

Again, this year a Memorial Tree will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary to give people the opportunity to remember a loved one(s) during Advent. For each memorial gift, one ornament will be placed on the tree.

**Please fill out the form below and return or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** with your check made out to “Asbury UMC – Memorial Tree”. Please give as you are able. Please do not include this in your regular weekly offering envelope. Thank you.

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

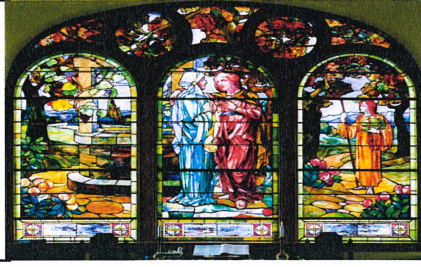


Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**



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



*This Week*

*December 1 - December 8 , 2024*

**Opportunities to Share**

- River Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- TODAY, December 1: NOON - 1:45 P.M.
- Northern Choral Society Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- TODAY, December 1: 2:00 P.M.
- Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**  
- TODAY, December 1: 6:30 P.M.
- NCS Organ Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, December 2: NOON - 2:00 P.M.
- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, December 2: 6:15 P.M.
- NCS Organ Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Tuesday, December 3: NOON - 2:00 P.M.
- Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room**  
- Wednesday, December 4: 9:00 A.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
- Wednesday, December 4: 10:30 A.M.
- Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Wednesday, December 4: 4:00 P.M.
- NCS Organ Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, December 5: NOON - 2:00 P.M.
- Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, December 5: 6:15 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, December 5: 7:15 P.M.
- Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library**  
- Friday, December 6: 10:00 A.M.
- Northern Choral Society Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Friday, December 6: 5:00 P.M.
- Northern Choral Society Concert @ Sanctuary**  
- Saturday, December 7: 3:00 P.M.  
- Sunday, December 8: 3:00 P.M.
- Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room**  
- Sunday, December 8: 9:30 A.M.

**Meetings**

- Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, December 2: 10:15 A.M.
- Church Council Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, December 2: 4:30 P.M.
- Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Tuesday, December 3: 6:00 P.M.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



- Dec. 1 **Joanne Rhode**
- Dec. 1 **Paul Simmons**
- Dec. 1 **Lawrence Littell**
- Dec. 4 **Michelle Mathieu**
- Dec. 5 **Brittany Ives**
- Dec. 7 **Michael Hill**



**Church Council Meeting**

Church Council will meet on **Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 4:30 P.M. in the parlor** to discuss the 2025 budget.  
 All church members are invited to attend.  
 (This is a change from the original meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 1st.)

**Join Us for Christmas Caroling!**

- Sunday, December 8th:**
- 1:30 P.M. at Ives Hill Retirement Community
- 2:30 P.M. at Samaritan Summit Village
- Sunday, December 15th:**
- 1:00 P.M. at Centennial Apartments
- 2:00 P.M. at Samaritan Keep Home
- We will meet at Asbury and carpool.**
- Contact Lindsay Webb:** (315-408-5099) or  
 lindsaywebb1102@gmail.com

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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, December 8th*

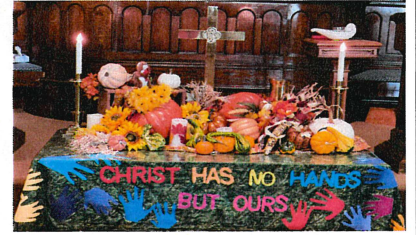
### Worship Services:

**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

**Jean Marshall will be preaching.**

**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

**Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.**



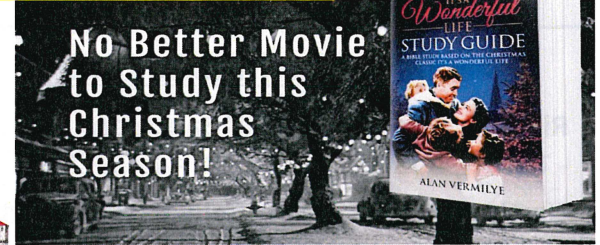
**Advent Bible Study, Sunday @ 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor**

**DECEMBER 1, 9, 15 & 22**

### *Scripture of the Week*

"All of you, be like-minded,  
be sympathetic, love one  
another, be compassionate  
and humble."

- 1 Peter 3:8 -



### Annual Memorial Tree Celebration

The back of the sanctuary will be adorned with a memorial tree, symbolizing the enduring spirit of our loved ones. You have the chance to make a meaningful contribution to the Memorial Committee in honor of someone dear to you.

#### How it works:

- *Make a donation to the Memorial Committee. Make your check out to "Asbury UMC - Memorial Tree"*
- *Fill out the form included in the Sunday bulletin and return it with your check to the church office by **Sunday, December 8th**. Please do not include it in your regular weekly offering envelope.*

In return, a beautiful ornament will be placed on the tree throughout the Advent season. Each ornament bears the name of the person you wish to honor, creating a lasting tribute in our sacred space.

For more information, please contact Lisa Smith at [ljsmith2100@gmail.com](mailto:ljsmith2100@gmail.com) or (315) 778-4173.

With love and gratitude, Asbury Memorial Committee  
Orie Phillips and Lisa Smith, Co-chairs



We are once again asking the angels of Asbury to consider bringing some joy to a child or youth this Christmas. In cooperation with the Salvation Army, we will be placing angels on a tree for any Asbury member or friend who wishes to take an angel, purchase a gift, and return the **unwrapped** gift to Asbury with the angel attached.

**The tree is set up in the parlor. Please place your name, telephone number, and the number on the bottom of the angel on the sheet next to the tree.**

**PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO ASBURY BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.**