

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: N/A

Online: 55

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 310

2024 Year-to-Date Total: 19,313

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

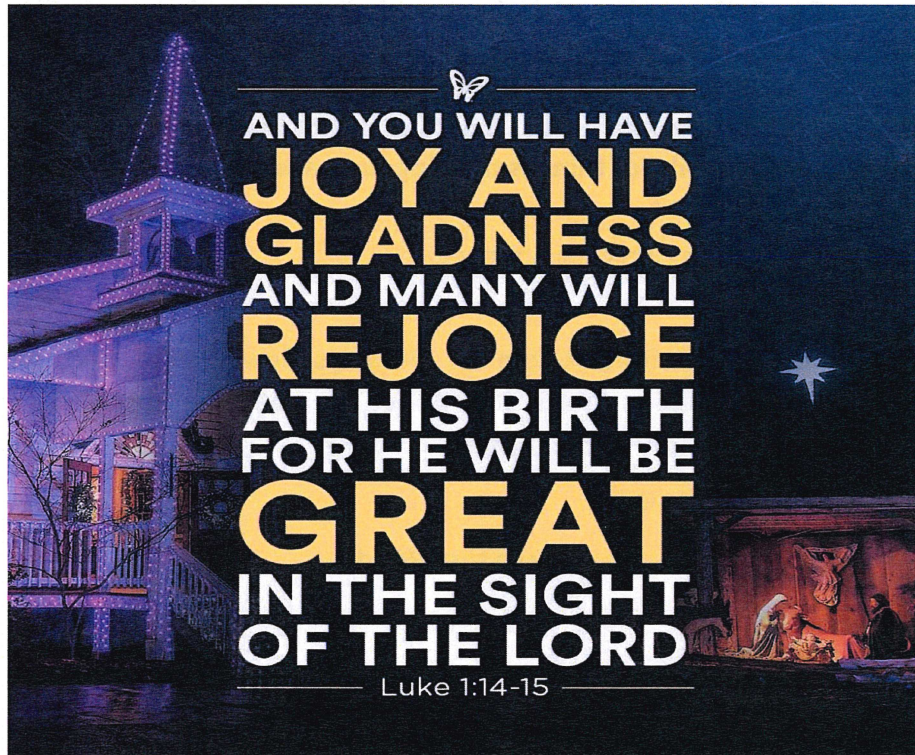
Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Lindsay Webb

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

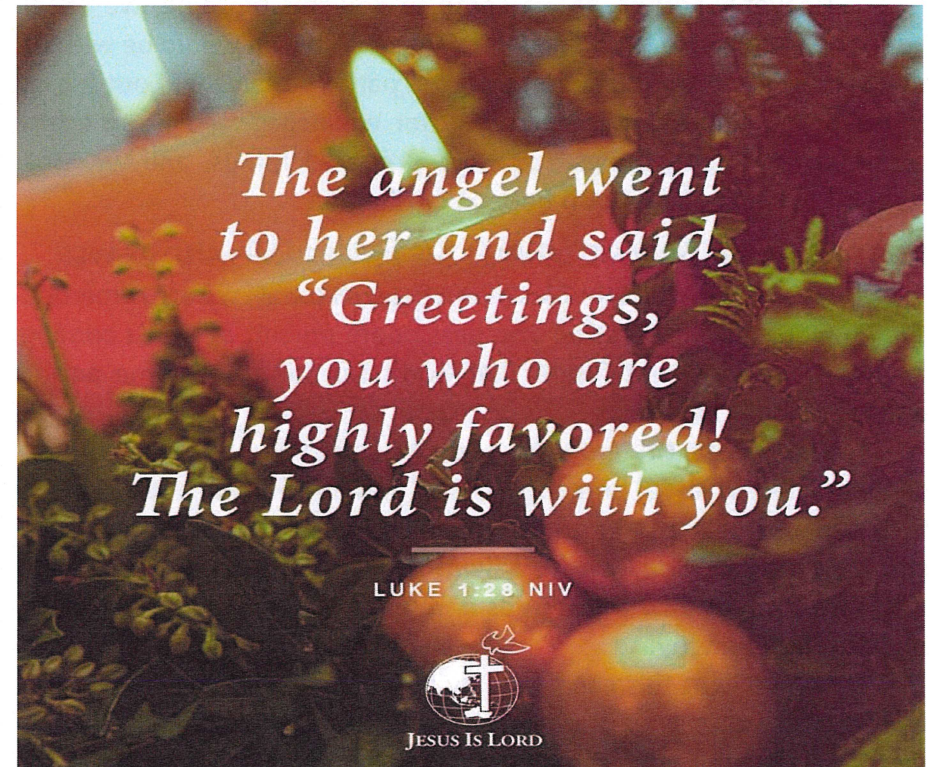
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

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



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

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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lindsay Webb is preaching.

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

PRE-WORSHIP MUSIC

Bina West, Organist

WELCOME AND CENTERING THOUGHTS

Heavenly Father, as we come to You this morning, we enter Your presence with a thankful heart. We ask that You would be with us throughout the day, and keep us on the path You have laid out for us to walk. You said eye has not seen, nor ear heard, and no one has conceived the good things You have prepared for us, and we look forward to those things with hope in our hearts.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE, THE PEACE LAMP, AND PRAYER

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, we are reminded that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming Kingdom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is already present among us.

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

So, we light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors so that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

(Prayer for peace)

 HYMN: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" #209

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE (Responsively)

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession:

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by unkindness...

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair all around us...


For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist...

We pray for the courage to admit our faults, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace brings to our hearts.

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are all included in that love. We know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1: 5-28

MESSAGE: "Fear Not"

 HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

 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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

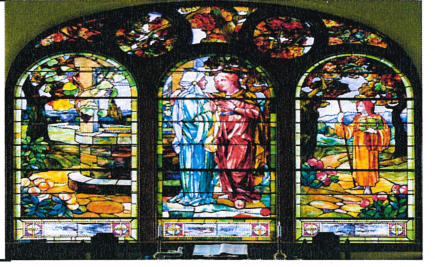
 HYMN: "Joy to the World" #246

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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



This Week

December 15 - December 22, 2024

Meetings

Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, December 16: 10:15 A.M.

Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, December 17: 2:00 P.M.

New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 18: NOON

Opportunities to Share

Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- TODAY, December 15: 6:30 P.M.

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, December 16: 6:15 P.M.

Kids Caroling w/ Lynn Morgan @ Sanctuary

- Tuesday, December 17: 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 18: 10:30 A.M.

Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, December 18: 4:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 19: 7:15 P.M.

Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room

- Sunday, December 22: 9:30 A.M.

Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- Sunday, December 22: 6:30 P.M.

Scripture of the Week

“God is love, and anyone who doesn’t love others has never known Him.”

- 1 John 4:8 -

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Dec. 21 **Olivia Lehman**

Dec. 21 **Willow Terrell**

Dec. 22 **Mary Smith**



Help Make Goodies for Christmas Eve!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the rotunda for anyone who would like to sign up to make goodies for our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 P.M.

We greatly appreciate any contributions!



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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 22nd

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:
Jane Eastham will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:
Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.



Bringing Bread to Communion for the Urban Mission Food Pantry!

Asbury received **100** loaves of bread on Communion Sunday to give to the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry! Our goal was 75 loaves - thank you! Lets try for 110 on Sunday, January 5th!



The Church Office will be closed:

**Wednesday, December 25th (Christmas Day) and
Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day).**



**Would you like to help
serve communion? See
Frances Goutremout to sign up!**



Sign-Up for Coffee Hour!

Sundays, Dec. 22 & 29 are available to host! The Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is in the rotunda!

The Third Sunday in Advent.

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