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Spreading Christmas Cheer

This Christmas season, our church family had the privilege of spreading joy through the gift of music and thoughtful surprises. A dedicated group of carolers visited four senior citizen housing facilities, filling their halls with the sounds of beloved Christmas carols. The warmth of their smiles and the twinkle in their eyes reminded us of the true spirit of the season.

To make the celebration even more special, we delivered **beautifully created gift baskets** to each facility. These baskets were brimming with treasures: activity books, puzzles, colored pencils, candy, and even an adorable little elf! The residents were delighted and deeply appreciated the care and thoughtfulness behind each item.

It was a heartwarming experience for everyone involved, bringing the love of Christ to our community in such a meaningful way. Thank you to all who participated and helped make this event so memorable!



One of the residents at one of the facilities commented, "I didn't know that Methodists were so much fun!"







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HAPPY NEW Y

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.



		JANU	JARY 2	2024		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	1
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	а
14	15	16	17	18	19	2
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	2
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			

20	20						
new	if	and	creation				
The seco	and Mar	nday					(
The second Monday							
The 16th							
One day	y before	the 20th					
The day	before t	he first F	riday	_			
The last weekday of the second week							
The adec of the state of 20th							



The day after the 20th The day after 18th _ _

The first day of the second weekend _ The last Sunday _ _ _ _

The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _



Answers: Therefore, it anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The January 2025 **BEACON** is sponsored by *Bruce and Lorraine Irwin*.

Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to communicate with and keep our Asbury family connected! Thank you Bruce and Lorraine for being our "BEACON ANGELS" for January.

Thank You for Making Our Memorial Tree Special

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this year's Memorial Tree. Your generosity and thoughtfulness have created a beautiful tribute to loved ones who hold a special place in our hearts.

The Memorial Tree, adorned with these meaningful ornaments, serves as a reminder of love, faith, and community during this Christmas season. A picture of the tree is included so we can share this special sight with all.

<u>A reminder for those who donated</u>: You are welcome to take your ornament home with you after Christmas. Thank you again for your participation and for helping us honor cherished memories together as a church family.

The Memorial Committee
Orie Phillips & Lisa Smith, Co-chairs

IN MEMORY OF	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Phyllis Sayers	Jean Sayers &

Virginia Syrotchen

Michael Sayers Jean Sayers & Virginia Syrotchen

Robert Syrotchen Jean Sayers & Virginia Syrotchen

Mary Lambert Darlene Welbourn & Mary MacAdam

Muriel Booth Bonnie Peck
DeWitt Nichols Tamara Klock

Donald and Mary Bowman Pam Quimby
Helen and William Quimby Pam Quimby

Gerald Hewitt Connie Hewitt

Family and Friends Glen and Susan Snell

Mary DeYear Mary MacAdam

Lawrence (Larry) Lyndaker Kathy Ruhm

Phyllis Sayers Frances Goutremout & Mary Smith

Michael Sayers Frances Goutremout & Mary Smith

Michelle Coutu Sykes Suzanne Wrenn

Parents of

Dale & Marianne Scott Dale & Marianne Scott



Thanks to our Asbury Angels, 35 children had a more joyous Christmas this year. A big thank you need Tree to those who took a name from the angel tree, bought a gift for that child or young person, and

returned the gift to the church. The gifts were taken to Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you for making a child's Christmas wishes come true!



A NOTE FROM NEW DAY CHILDREN'S CENTER

It's January at New Day Children's Center

Let's think about the importance of routine for children. As early childhood professionals we know that young children thrive in an atmosphere where they are both busy and have a routine to follow. We are very fortunate to have talented, creative, and dedicated staff here at New Day Children's Center. Our lead teachers work hard to plan and implement activities each day for children. All activities are reviewed by our administrative team and are intended to enhance children's development, knowledge, and creativity. We also help children learn how to positively socialize with both peers and adults. Each classroom adheres to a daily routine, which begins between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. each day. We don't just provide care for children. We teach them! Our days are filled with reading books, dramatic play, block play, creative art projects, active play both inside and outside, rest time, and breakfast, lunch, and snack. We also talk about things that we see in our world, what they do, and how they work. We talk with children all day long about things they are interested in, expanding their vocabulary, and letting them ask questions.

Working at New Day Children's Center is a great privilege that we should never take for granted. I look forward to coming to work each day. There are challenges, but being with the children and those who love them is a true gift.

Susan Gibson

Executive Director



SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

submitted by Max Bovee

January 5: Genesis 9:13

"My rainbow will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

January 12: Exodus 1:12

"The more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread."

January 19: Deuteronomy 31:8

"The Lord himself goes before you."

January 26: Ruth 4:14

"Praise be to the Lord."



January 2 Kerry Roberge

January 9 Darrel Kicherer

January 14 Frances Goutremout

January 16 Jaelah Liriano

January 17 Bonnie Peck

January 17 Erica Pettit

January 27 David Simmons

January 29 Dan Webb



Joyce Ann (Bennett) Tucker

July 2, 1935 - December 3, 2024 89 Years Old



COMING IN MARCH!

2025 Lenten Bible Study

begins March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples?

In his latest book <u>Reckless Love</u>, author and pastor, Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love their neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God.

In <u>Reckless Love</u>, you will consider life, and learn how loving the people around you will completely renew your faith and give you a new experience of loving god.

The deadline for articles for the February newsletter is **Thursday, January 23, 2025**. Please email articles and pictures to Sue Beaman at **asburybeacon@gmail.com** in WORD format or give them to Faith in the church office.

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