<u>WELCOME CENTER</u>: 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: 91

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 367 2025 Year-to-Date Total: 3.152

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

Organist: Lynn Morgan

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: Dawn Baum, Theresa Bierman, Max & Greeta Bovee, Frank C., Patty C., Tom Carlisle, Mike Hill, Keri Morris, and Glen Snell.



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FEBRUARY 23, 2025; 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** 

Lynn Morgan, Organist

WELCOME AND CENTERING THOUGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God."

People: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

People: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's Kingdom as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

People: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Leader: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

All: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, our neighborhoods, community, and our world!

**₩** HYMN:

"Jesus Call Us" (v. 1, 4, 5)

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### OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Merciful Lord, we pause to confess that sometimes we listen to the advice of the ungodly. We know better, but for some reason, we listen anyway. Forgive us... The lure of a quick fix, easy money or pleasure turn our heads away from you, Lord. Forgive us... We knew it was wrong as soon as we did it, but pride kept us from backing out of our decision. Forgive us... Teach us the joy of being righteous. Show us

how to delight in being holy. Remind us that new life in Christ means new thoughts, new ways, new decisions. Forgive us for failing to trust you in all things.

Oh God, our Father, thank you for loving us despite our faults and our failures... Thank you for not giving up on us... Thank you for the knowledge that one day we will live with you forever in your Kingdom... Keep us on the path that will lead us to you. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** 

Luke 6: 17-26

MESSAGE:

"Teach Us How to Live"

**₩** HYMN:

"Seek Ye First"

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SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

### 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 TITHES AND GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

🜿 HYMN:

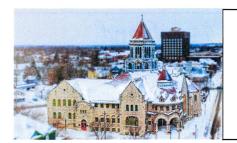
"Through It All"

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### BENEDICTION

Go today in the blessing of Christ, who calls you, equips you and accompanies you as you live out God's justice and joy wherever you go! Amen.

**POSTLUDE** 



## ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share
Our Love for God
and Each Other



## <u>This Week</u> February 23 - March 2, 2025

## **Meetings**

### **Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, February 24: 10:15 A.M.

### **New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor**

- Thursday, February 27: NOON

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Feb. 23 Kathy Ruhm

Feb. 24 Bina West

Feb. 24 Max Bovee



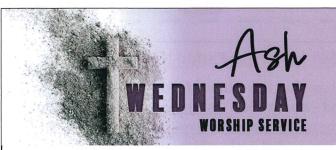
## Scripture of the Week

"In the Lord, I take refuge."

- Psalm 11:1 -

## **Church Council Meeting**

Church Council will meet on Monday, March 3rd @ 4:30 P.M. in the parlor.



Join us for Ash Wednesday, March 5th.

There will be two services:

12:00 P.M. (Noon) and 6:00 P.M.

### **Opportunities to Share**

### Confirmation Class @ Parlor

- TODAY, February 23: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

### **Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Monday, February 24: 3:00 P.M.

### **Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**

- Monday, February 24: 6:15 P.M.

### **Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, February 26: 10:30 A.M.

### Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, February 26: 4:00 P.M.

### Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, February 27: 6:15 P.M.

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP

- Saturday, March 1: 8:00 A.M.

### Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, March 2: 9:30 A.M.

# 2025 Asbury Confirmation Class

If there are youth interested in learning more about their faith and who would like to become a member of Asbury UMC through confirmation, please get in touch with the pastor.

The first class session will be on Sunday, February 23 from 2-4 pm in the parlor. There will be *pizza!* 

### **ASBURY'S STAFF**

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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, March 2nd

## **Worship Services:**

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

<u>Scripture Text</u>: Luke 9: 28-36, 37-43a Message: "Dream the Unimaginable"



## 2025 Lenten Study

How did Jesus teach the Greatest Commandment to his disciples?

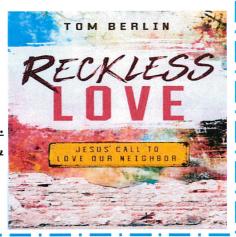
In his latest book Reckless Love, author and Pastor, Tom Berlin writes that Jesus taught them to love neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God. In his exploration of Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples, Berlin suggests that Jesus teaches us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor.

While many hope to learn to be better family, friends, leaders, and neighbors by finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God?

In Reckless Love, 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.

This six-week Lenten Bible Study begins on Sunday, March 9th at 6:30 P.M. in the parlor. Additional meetings: March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, and 13th.

We celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 20th, 2025! Mark your calendars now!!



### **Donations Needed for Happy Period North County**

A collection box will be in the back of the rotunda for donations of period pads and tampons from March 2nd - March 23rd. On Sunday, March 30th, following the 10:15 A.M. sanctuary service Women in Faith will host a "packing party" to assemble the donated items into period packs which will be distributed through Happy Period North County.

Contact Sarah Lehman, 315-767-2641, with any questions.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M.- NOON