

**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: 84

Online: 40

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 388

2025 Year-to-Date Total: 4,737

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Linda Adams, Judy Cota, and Carol Plemons

**Liturgist:** Joanne Rhode

**Organist:** Laura Washburn

**Chapel Service:** Jane Eastham

**Coffee Hour:** Missions Committee

**Acolytes:** Nicholas Delair, 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

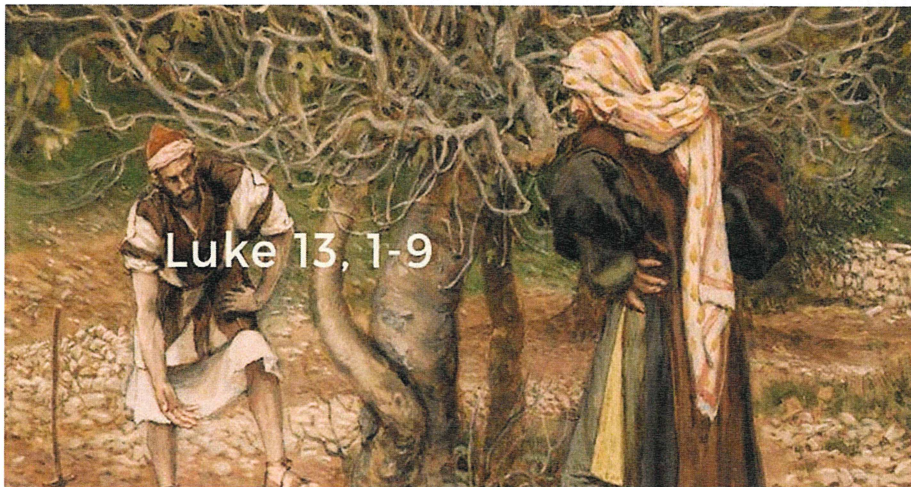
Leon VanWie

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, and Bill Lennon.

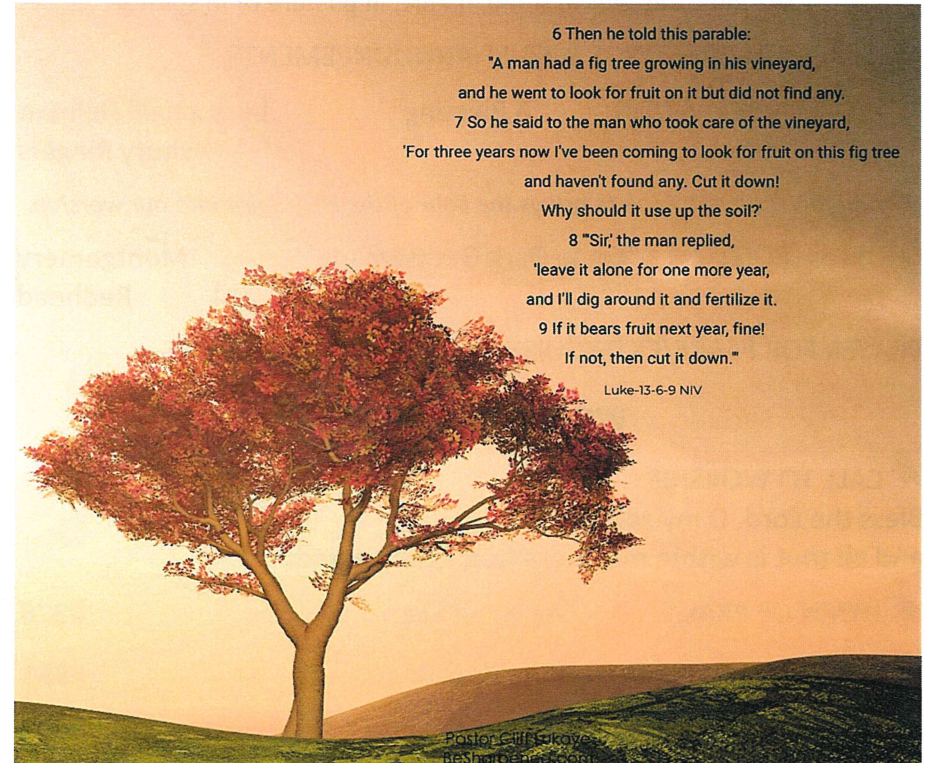
**Others:** Dawn Baum, Theresa Bierman, Max & Greeta Bovee, Frank C., Patty C., Tom Carlisle, Mike Hill, and Keri Morris.



Luke 13, 1-9

**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 23, 2025; 10:15 A.M.**

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



6 Then he told this parable:

"A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard,  
and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.

7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard,  
'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree  
and haven't found any. Cut it down!

Why should it use up the soil?"

8 "Sir," the man replied,

'leave it alone for one more year,  
and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.

9 If it bears fruit next year, fine!

If not, then cut it down."

Luke-13-6-9 NIV

Pastor Cliff Sukovec  
Reshaping Lives

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## Asbury Worship Celebration

SEEK GOD AND THIRST FOR THE LORD. FOR GOD'S STEADFAST  
LOVE IS SWEETER THAN HONEY AND MORE SATISFYING THAN  
THE FINEST BREAD.

### WE PREPARE

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

#### CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "A Blessing" by Michael Helman  
Asbury Ringers

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

CHOIR INTROIT: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" Montgomery  
Redhead

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE/EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

### WE UNITE IN PRAISE

 CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "Amazing Grace" #378

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed) #881

 GLORIA PATRI #70

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Jesus Paid It All" Foreman

### ... IN PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Mercy, we long to come when you call, yet often do not. When we are most alone, we fail to turn to you. When we are most afraid, we do not always think we can turn to you. When we are lost, hurting, and in pain, we fail to realize how much we suffer. We refuse to ask for help. We lash out at others. We numb our hearts. We hide. Forgive us. But you, O God, are faithful. You see us and know**

**us and love us as we are. In times of trial, you show us the way through. Receive us once more, and have mercy on us. As we seek your presence, help us place our trust in the grace of your heart, and help us begin again. 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

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (OFFERING)

OFFERTORY: "Morning in the Garden" by Wilson

 DOXOLOGY #95

 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### ... IN LISTENING

 HYMN OF PREPARATION: "We Walk by Faith" #2196

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR TODAY: Luke 13: 1-9

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Waiting"

### ... IN SERVICE

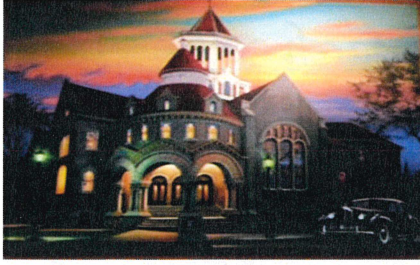
 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "I'll Fly Away" #2282

 BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Watts  
Mason

POSTLUDE: "Joysong" by Hayes

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



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



*This Week*  
**March 23 - March 30, 2025**

**Meetings**

- Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, March 24: 10:15 A.M.
- Worship Committee Meeting via Zoom**  
- Tuesday, March 25: 7:00 P.M.

**Opportunities to Share**

- Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**  
- TODAY, March 23: 6:30 P.M.
- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, March 24: 6:15 P.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
- Wednesday, March 26: 10:30 A.M.
- Junior Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Wednesday, March 26: 4:00 P.M.
- Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, March 27: 6:15 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**  
- Sunday, March 30: 9:30 A.M.
- UWIF Packing Party @ Parlor**  
- Sunday, March 30: After Worship
- Lenten Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**  
- Sunday, March 30: 6:30 P.M.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



- Mar. 26 **Jane Eastham**
- Mar. 27 **Tom Carlisle**
- Mar. 28 **Rosemary Denesha**



**Donations Needed for  
 Happy Period North Country**

A collection box is in the rotunda for donations of period pads and tampons. **Next 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 Country.

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

*Scripture of the Week*

“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.”

- Psalm 100:2 -

**Easter Egg Hunt - Candy Donations Needed**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 13th, following the 10:15 A.M. service.** If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy to help fill the eggs, there is a donation box in the back of the rotunda. We will collect candy until **Sunday, April 6th.** At this time, we do not need any plastic eggs. Any questions, please contact Sarah Lehman, 315-767-2641.

**COMMUNITY DINNER: SIGN-UP TO HELP!**

**Served at the Emmanuel Congregational Church, UCC, 119 South Hamilton Street, Watertown.**  
 Asbury will volunteer for the Wednesday dinners until the end of April. A binder with sign-up sheets is in the rotunda. Up to 6 people can sign up to volunteer each Wednesday.



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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 30th*

**Worship Services:**

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Sue Snell will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

*Scripture Text: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32*

*Message: "Redeeming Failure"*



**Gerald "Jerry" Bretsch**

Wednesday, May 7,

11 a.m. @ Asbury UMC

**Karen M. Jamieson**

Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.

@ Asbury UMC

**William "Bill" Henry Hickox**

Monday, June 16, 11 a.m.

@ Asbury UMC

*Sign Up for Coffee Hour!*

**Sunday, March 30th** is available to host! This involves setting up, bringing snacks, and cleaning up. A sign-up sheet is in the rotunda.

**Easter Preparations!**

If you would like to bring in Spring plants (daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, etc.) for the Easter altar, please bring them in on **Thursday, April 17th, before noon**. If they are to be in honor of a loved one, please let the church office know **before Tuesday, April 15th**. It would be helpful if you would please place your name on the plant. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Rhode.

**Plant Given in Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_