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THE VISION OF ASBURY

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Empowered by The Holy Spirit,
Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead
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We Remember...



On Memorial Day Sunday (May 25, 2025) Asbury members and friends remembered those loved ones we carry in our hearts. A flower was placed in the vase as we wrote down the names of those we remember, and a fish bowl was available if we wished to make a donation in their name to the Memorial Committee. After worship we shared a special cake in their memory.

The final bouquet of flowers represents the uniting of those we carry in our hearts - those who died fighting for our country, those who died fighting to save another life, those who played an important part in the people we are today, and those who played an important part in the church we are today and the community we have become.

Thank you to those who participated in this special remembrance, and a special thanks to Lisa Smith for putting this all together. Blessings to all of you and your loved ones!

In Loving Memory of:

Harold & Betty Grieco
Etta Barney Jim & Beverly Daily
Don L. Barney
Bugsy the Asbury cat
Donald & Mary Bowman
William & Peter Quinby
June + Wendell Plemons
Gerry, Peter, Martha, Priscilla McDonald
Duane Lehman and Leona Whitmore
Urla & Ken Raynor
Fay & Melville Wright
Bob Cornell Betty Beaman

May Lambert
Arlene Irish Glen
John & Mary Barbach
Natalie + Robert

Melaine Smith

Mom + Dad Alvin
Sister, Annie RUTBERG
+ Jim WEBB

Joyce (Bennett) Tucker

Family & Friends
Sandy Johnson

Melba & Anita Mills

Klaus Ebeling
De Witt Nichols

Twyla Charles
my Mom + Dad
Dorothy + Joseph Campbell

Marge Smith

Karen Jamieson
Milly Granfagan
Yvonne Cornell
William + Virginia Munte

Paul & Linda Smith
Shirley Sabatino
Terry Nichols (198)
Pam Human
Doris A. BLODGETT
Linda Johnston Tinney
Dana Brennan
Brian Shum
Bill Hickox
Ken Palmer
Ray Gregory
John + Doris Willey

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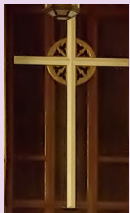
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FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees have been busy planning various projects that we hope will be finished soon.

The largest project is work on Parker Street. Capital Construction will be starting the first or second week of June to re-point some of the stone blocks which have deteriorated due to the freeze/thaw cycles. They will also establish vents to interact with the previous interior system which will help prevent the huge ice formations in the winter. A handrail will be installed at the red door. Capital Construction is going to scrape, prime, and paint the area of exposed wood between the top of the stone and the roofline (the cornice). Our Capital Improvement Funds will cover this cost.

The building security has been updated and improved with additional cameras within the church. Bill Smith has donated a mountain of time and expertise for this project. Our thanks to the Memorial Fund for providing this updated equipment.

Our Capital Improvement Fund is also covering the cost of the removal and installation of a new carpet in the Parlor. This is scheduled for early June. We also expect some updating of furniture. Many thanks go to our maintenance chief, William Noviski, for repairing the Parlor walls - spackling, priming & painting prior to the new carpet installation.

Asbury is fortunate to have the loyal support of the congregation which allows us to be able to pay for these projects. Thank you! See you in church!

Glen Snell, Trustee



ASBURY'S MISSIONS COMMITTEE

**voted at their May 2025
meeting to donate \$1,000 to
Hospice of Jefferson County.**

**In the picture to the left,
from left to right:**

**Kathy Arent, Director of the Foundation
Kerry Roberge, Chair of Asbury's
Missions Committee, and
Ana Paterson, Hospice Director**

The June 2025 **BEACON** is sponsored by *Jean Marshall*.

Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to
communicate with and keep our Asbury family connected!

Thank you **Jean** for being our "BEACON ANGEL" for June.

RUMMAGE, BAKE, AND PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!!



The annual spring sale featured homemade pies and baked goods which were a big hit with all the customers. Thanks to Melinda St. John for her delicious single serving pastries and to everyone who made a variety of luscious pies, cookies, and snacks. The bake sale profit was \$710 - a new record!!

The plant sale donations by Martha Jablonski, Glen Snell, and Gail Powers were sold out. These plants, started by cuttings, were nurtured inside over the winter in order to be ready for spring planting. Thank you for all the hard work it took to have them in such good shape for the sale. Thank you for all who took the time to clean, sort, and bring their treasures to the sale. We had over 1,000 items!

And finally, a huge thank you for the volunteers who made it all happen: the Men's Group for carrying boxes to the tables; the volunteers who sorted, marked, straightened, cashiered, sold jewelry, helped people buy and carry out items, and packed up the leftovers. We all had fun and a real sense of accomplishment when we raised \$3,356!!!

Congratulations to all for a job well done!! Special thanks to Sue Snell for her continued leadership in this fundraiser. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and connecting to our community.

Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center

On May 17th, we had a great work day at Aldersgate with a large turnout. Fortunately, the rain held off until we were enjoying lunch. We gather from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch being provided. There is 1 more work day - June 14th.

If you've not been to Aldersgate or haven't visited recently, you can see what a treasure we have for our youth and families to enjoy. Family Life Weekend is July 11-13. Ask Dave Daily about this popular family event.

In the fall there will be a men's retreat in September and a women's retreat in November. If you have any questions, please ask.

Lynn Morgan

A Video Study by Dr. David Jeremiah – 2025 “The Great Disappearance” (How To Be Rapture Ready)

Facilitated by Max Bovee

**Six Monday Evenings: 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. @ Asbury Parlor
June 2 – July 7**

Free handouts provided – Bring your Bible!

Questions or further information – Max Bovee: 315-232-4158

Out of the Darkness Comes Light!

Mother's Day can be a hard day for me. I am reminded how much I miss my 3 children and 3 grandchildren, as they are scattered across the country. I love my 2 sons and daughter equally and love that they have all brought something unique and special to my life. However, anyone who has 3 children probably knows that the middle child can be the one that often gets left behind as each child jockey for attention and their place in the family dynamics. My oldest child, Joshua, was the first grandchild born to my mother-in-law and father-in-law. He received a lot of attention from grandparents, aunts, and uncles, so when our second child, Dustin, came along, Joshua had to share that attention. Then along came our only daughter, Samantha. She was our youngest and only girl, which placed her at the center of attention. It became evident to me that Dustin would never have as much one on one time as the other two. Because my 2 boys were so different in personality and nature and Samantha was a girl, it was a challenge to balance my time and attention between the 3. Joshua and Samantha were much more verbal about their wants and needs. Dustin was much more laid back and even-tempered. I remember the times we would be going somewhere as a family and for whatever reason we would be taking 2 cars. Joshua and Samantha would immediately speak up, saying, "I am riding with Dad." Dustin would hang back and say very softly, "I will ride with you, Mom." All 3 of my children gave me fits as they went through the teen and young adult years. However, they all blossomed into adults that I have a great respect for. Three adults that I can go to and bounce ideas off of and ask for advice.

This year on Friday night before Mother's Day 2025, I received a call from Dustin. He sounded tired and a little down. He said it had been a busy couple of weeks for him, with a lot of travel, some hectic days at work, and some nights of little sleep. He said he probably would not come up until Memorial Day weekend. I was disappointed when he said he wasn't coming up, but I tried not to let it show. I said, ok, but I am sure the disappointment shown through. Since Dustin lives closer to me than my other 2 children, I think he feels it is his duty to take care of Mom. The next day Dustin called and asked what I was doing that day. I said nothing important. He said that he was in Clay, New York, which is only about an hour away. He said he wanted to come up and take me to dinner. He seemed much more relaxed and in a better mood. I knew that God had seen my disappointment and had blessed me with a special Mother's Day gift. We went to dinner and had some much cherished one-on-one time together.

I have been blessed with 3 very unique and wonderful gifts that have brought joy and light to my life, and I thank God for them every day.

I awoke on Mother's Day to sunshine and blue sky. It had been a rainy and dreary couple of weeks, and I felt compelled to get out and enjoy the sunshine. So, I went to Asbury's 8:15 a.m. Worship Service. Asbury has some very gifted Lay Servants and Pastors, and I often go to both services. I find it compelling to get different perspectives on the scriptures. On that day I was not disappointed. Both sermons were thought-provoking and helped me connect the dots. If you have not been to an 8:15 a.m. service, give it a try some time. You may be surprised at how fulfilling it is. God is both a shepherd and a teacher. He is forever trying to gather us and teach us to follow him. I don't believe I will ever be able to learn all that God has to teach, but I am going to enjoy trying. Out of disappointment, discouragement, and darkness come light and joy. I have gone through many dark periods, but always the light shines at the end - a little brighter each time. It is up to me to share the light and joy with others.

Sue Beaman

HELP US FEED THOSE IN NEED!

Purchase a loaf or two of bread and bring it to Asbury on Communion Sunday - the first Sunday of each month. The bread is taken to the Urban Mission Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.

**101 loaves of bread were received and taken to
the Urban Mission Food Pantry on June 1, 2025.**



June 4 Frank Rhode
 June 5 Susan Snell
 June 6 Anne Marie Gianfagna
 June 7 Noah Terrell
 June 8 Helen Dundon
 June 14 Jean LaSage
 June 14 Alexander Patrick
 June 17 Faith Kirch
 June 18 Mary MacAdam
 June 19 Deborah Van Houten
 June 20 Lawrence Woodruff
 June 22 Krista Juczak
 June 23 Kathleen Woodruff
 June 25 Frank Massa
 June 29 Karen granger
 June 29 Derrick Kicherer
 June 30 Bruce Irwin

July 3 Aaron Johnson
 July 3 Herbert Van Houten
 July 5 David Heasley
 July 5 Quay Gonzales
 July 6 Gerald Holder
 July 13 Benjamin Rudd
 July 13 Carol Wright
 July 14 John Deal
 July 14 Lenora Forbes
 July 16 Louis Dolloway
 July 17 Susan Beaman
 July 17 Pam Hughes
 July 21 Lilia Rudd
 July 22 David Forbes
 July 24 Carol Stoodley
 July 24 Linda Adams
 July 30 Sandra Johnson

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

submitted by Max Bovee

June 1: Ezekiel 37:6 *"I will put breath in you."*

June 8: Daniel 2:20 *"Wisdom and power are His."*

June 15: Amos 5:24 *"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream."*

June 22: Habakkuk 2:3 *"Though it linger, wait for it."*

June 29: Zephaniah 3:17 *"He will rejoice over you with singing."*

July 6: Matthew 5:42 *"Give to the one who asks you."*

July 13: Matthew 6:1 *"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them."*

July 20: Mark 4:39 *"Peace be still."*

July 27: Luke 17:3 *"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them."*



Mark and Susan Smith
 June 6, 1981

Rev. Leon and Margie VanWie
 June 6, 1986

David and Carol Stoodley
 June 7, 1980

Dr. Alfred and Jean Gianfagna
 June 12, 1977

Peter and Pam Quimby
 June 20, 1970



Paul and Deborah Simmons
 July 13, 1968

Jim and Krista Juczak
 July 16, 1983

Fred and Frances Goutremout
 July 22, 1967

The deadline for articles for the JULY newsletter is **Thursday, June 26, 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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JUNE 8, 2025

***"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, will teach you all things, and
remind you of all that I have said to you."***

- John 14:26