



# The Asbury BEACON

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#### THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Form Disciples of Jesus Christ Who Empowered by The Holy Spirit, Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously in Local Communities and Worldwide Connections.*

#### THE MISSION OF ASBURY

*To Inspire People of all Generations to Love, Learn, and Lead Through Worship, Education, and Service.*

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*No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!*

**Dear Asbury Family,**

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As the season of Christmas approaches, my heart overflows with gratitude for each of you and the extraordinary gift we share in being part of the family of God. This letter brings you joy and thanksgiving, reflecting the many blessings we have experienced together throughout this year.

Christmas reminds us of God's incredible love, demonstrated in the gift of His Son. *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..."* (Isaiah 9:6). Through Jesus, we have been adopted into a spiritual family that spans generations and nations. What a privilege it is to call each other siblings in Christ, united by His grace and bound together by His love.

As I reflect on this past year, I am profoundly thankful for how our church family has embodied the love of Christ. Whether through acts of kindness, prayers lifted for one another, or the countless ways you have served within and beyond our congregation, your faithfulness has been a living testament to the unity and beauty of God's family. You have been Jesus' hands and feet to one another, and to our community, and for that, I give thanks.

This Christmas, let us cherish the gift of being part of God's family. In a world often marked by division and strife, we are called to be a light, a people of hope and peace. Let us celebrate not only the birth of our Savior but also the gift of fellowship that He has given us. Let us express our gratitude to one another, build each other up in love, and remind each other of the eternal hope we share in Christ.

As we gather with our families and loved ones this Christmas, may we also remember those who may feel alone or burdened during this season. Let us extend the warmth and love of our spiritual family to those in need, showing them the hope and joy that can only be found in Jesus. May our church continue to be a beacon of His light and a reflection of His heart.

On behalf of our church leadership, I want to thank each of you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your steadfast commitment to the mission God has given us. You are deeply loved and appreciated. It is my prayer that this Christmas season fills your hearts with peace, your homes with joy, and your lives with the assurance of God's unchanging love.

May we enter this new year with hearts full of gratitude, ready to serve and grow together as the family of God. Merry Christmas to each of you and your families. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

With love and thankfulness,

*Pastor Michael*

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

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December 1 Joanne Rhode  
December 1 Paul Simmons  
December 4 Michelle Mathieu  
December 5 William Van Houten  
December 5 Brittany Ives  
December 7 Michael Hill  
December 11 Nicholas Delair  
December 12 Sarah Lehman  
December 17 Tanner Syrotchen  
December 21 Olivia Lehman  
December 21 Willow Terrell  
December 21 Amanda Marino  
December 22 Andrew Van Houten  
December 22 Mary Smith  
December 28 Suzanne Wrenn  
December 29 Awanda Mills



Michael and Susan Marino  
December 1, 1979

William and Lisa Smith  
December 27, 1997

Rev. Peter and Catherine Mowers  
December 29, 2001

**Asburians ring the bell  
to help support  
The Salvation Army's  
Red Kettle Campaign**



January 2 Kerry Roberge  
January 4 Jaydon Ives  
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





Listen to stories from those who experienced them that special night.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st**  
**At the 10:15 Worship Service**

“Twas the night...” Those words are the beginning of a poem that we often hear during this time of year, as children anticipate the morning they gather around the Christmas tree to open gifts.

**We are thrilled to once again host our**  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**Dec. 24, at Asbury UMC, 7 p.m.**

**The theme of this year's service is "What Child Is This?"**

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Those of you who are parents most likely remember that exciting time when you welcomed a child into your own family. If you are like me, you want to do your best to get the word out as quickly as possible about the good news! It seems, though, nowadays the best way to get the news out quickly is to use Facebook or Instagram! Well, why not use these great tools to share the wonderful news of the Savior's birth and encourage people to attend with you!

During the service, there will be no question regarding the birth we are celebrating. Santa has his place in the lives of many people, but Santa won't be present at our Christmas Eve service. This evening is about Jesus Christ, and we will celebrate in song, word, and candlelight, together as families. **COME JOIN US!**

## SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

submitted by Max Bovee

**December 7:** 2 Peter 1:4

*"He has given us His very great and precious promises."*

**December 14:** 1 John 3:1

*"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are."*

**December 21:** 1 John 5:2

*"This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands."*

**December 28:** Revelation 4:2

*"There before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it."*

The **December 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 December!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP at  
8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**



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*Asbury United Methodist Church*

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**Join us Christmas Eve**

**7:00 p.m.**

**A diamond shines no brighter than that lovely Christmas Star.  
It shines in all its brilliance; it's seen from near or far.  
A symbol of the Christ child as He lay upon the hay,  
It tells to all the waiting world a King was born that day.**

**O Bethlehem Star keep shining - give us faith, hope and love.  
Keep our thoughts forever turning to the Savior up above.  
Give us strength, hope and courage to do our best by far,  
And never falter in our faith as we watch that Christmas Star.**

