

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "There's a Song in the Air"

Holland  
Harrington

POSTLUDE: "Medley of the Bells"

arr. Wolaver

**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: 78  
Online: 61

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: N/A  
2025 Year-to-Date Total: 18,536

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Judy Cota, Sandy Johnson, and Awanda Mills

**Liturgist:** Willow Terrell

**Organist:** Laura Washburn

**Chapel Service:** Jean Marshall

**Communion Servers:** Ginger Syrotchen, Tanner Syrotchen, Lindsay Webb,  
and Jaelah Liriano

**Acolytes:** Nicholas Delair, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick,  
Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd, and Ruzena Rudd

**Shepherds:** Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

<b>Ushers:</b> Max Bovee	Orie Phillips(emeritus)	Glen Snell
Jane Eastham	Bill Plemons	Carol Stoodley
Lorraine Irwin	Kerry Roberge	Darlene Town
Frank Massa	Dale Scott	Patrick Town
Wayne Morris	Bill Smith	Leon VanWie
Bob Muntz	Lisa Smith	Dan Webb

**LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

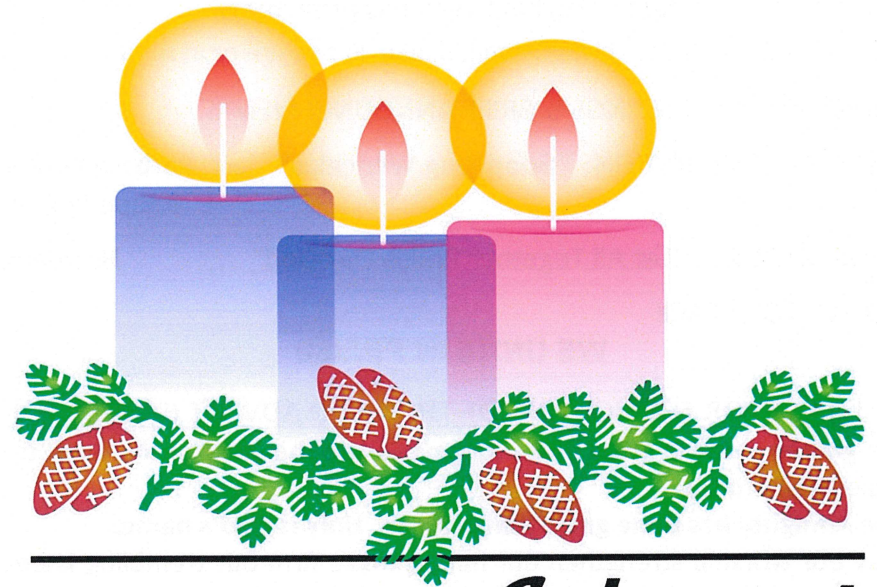
**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, Jim Coutu, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

**Others:** Theresa Bierman, Deb and Rick Brandt, Patty C., Tom Carlisle, Rev. Bruce Chapman and wife, Connie Hewitt, Mike Hill, Colleen M., Keri Morris, Kathy Ruhm, Gerald Tucker, and William Van Houten.



ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 14, 2025; 10:15 A.M.

*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.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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## Asbury Worship Celebration

WAIT TOGETHER FOR GOD, TRUSTING THE ADVENT JOURNEY. WALK THIS HOLY WAY, TRUSTING THE ONE WHO PROMISES US JOY, THE ONE WHO KEEPS US FROM GOING ASTRAY.

### WE PREPARE

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

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


#### CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "Good King Wencelas" arr. Barbara Kinyon  
Agape Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "Let All Together Praise Our God" Hermann

PRAYER FOR PEACE

### WE UNITE IN PRAISE

 LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY  
We gather today in great hope, longing to see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

**The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

May our worship strengthen our hands, make firm our trembling knees, and unburden our fearful hearts.

**The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times and with one another.

**The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

To all who ask about our hope, let us tell the good news of what we have seen and heard.

**The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.**

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #218

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) #881

 GLORIA PATRI #70

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Advent Song" Russell Nagy

### ... IN PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND INSPIRATION

Advent God, we yearn to rejoice, as we tell of Jesus coming into our world. We long to see your promise of mercy, justice, and restoration, fulfilled for all people everywhere. In our yearning, we discover that our hands are weak, our knees are feeble, and our hearts are full of fear. Stuck in old stories and remembered glories, we grow critical of one another and of ourselves. We even wonder whether Jesus is near. Then our desire to rejoice sputters in frustration and impatience. Restore us, yearned-for God, for your joy is not our accomplishment, but your gift. Set us on the Holy Way of Advent, forgiven, strengthened, and healed, rejoicing in you glory and majesty. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER - WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LORD'S PRAYER

#895

### ... IN SHARING

WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

MISSION MINUTE

GOD MOMENT/PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/CHORAL RESPONSE

### ... IN LISTENING

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Matthew 11: 2-11

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Authenticity"

### ... IN SERVICE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 15

HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

 BLESSING



# ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love  
for God and Each Other



## This Week: December 14 - December 21, 2025

### Meetings

#### Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor

- Monday, December 15: 10:15 A.M.

#### Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor

- Tuesday, December 16: 2:00 P.M.

#### New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 17: NOON

### Opportunities to Share

#### Covered Dish Luncheon @ Wesley Hall

- TODAY, December 14: After Sanctuary Service

#### Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- TODAY, December 14: 6:30 P.M.

#### Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Monday, December 15: 6:15 P.M.

#### Quilting Ministry @ Sunday School Room

- Wednesday, December 17: 9:00 A.M.

#### Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, December 17: 10:30 A.M.

#### Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Wednesday, December 17: 3:00 P.M.

#### New Day Carols w/ Lynn @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 18: 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

#### Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary

- Thursday, December 18: 6:15 P.M.

#### Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, December 18: 7:15 P.M.

#### Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room

- Sunday, December 21: 9:30 A.M.

#### Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor

- Sunday, December 21: 6:30 P.M.

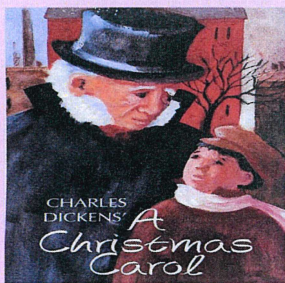
### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 17 Tanner Syrotchen

### *Scripture of the Week*

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

- 1 John 3:1-



### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Sunday, Dec. 14  
Sunday, Dec. 21  
6:30 p.m. in Parlor.



## Sunday, Dec. 21

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

★ Children's ★  
Christmas Program 10:15 a.m.

### Join Us for Caroling! - TODAY, December 14

We will go to the Lodge at Ives Hill at 2:00 P.M.  
and to Centennial Apartments at 2:45 P.M.

Everyone is welcome! The words will be printed on  
paper for everyone to sing, in case we forget the  
words! The folks at the apartments really enjoy  
seeing us come! Join us!!

Any questions: ask Lisa Smith, Lindsay Webb,  
Sue Snell, or Suzanne Wrenn.

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Who, Empowered by The Holy  
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**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, December 21*

**Worship Services:**

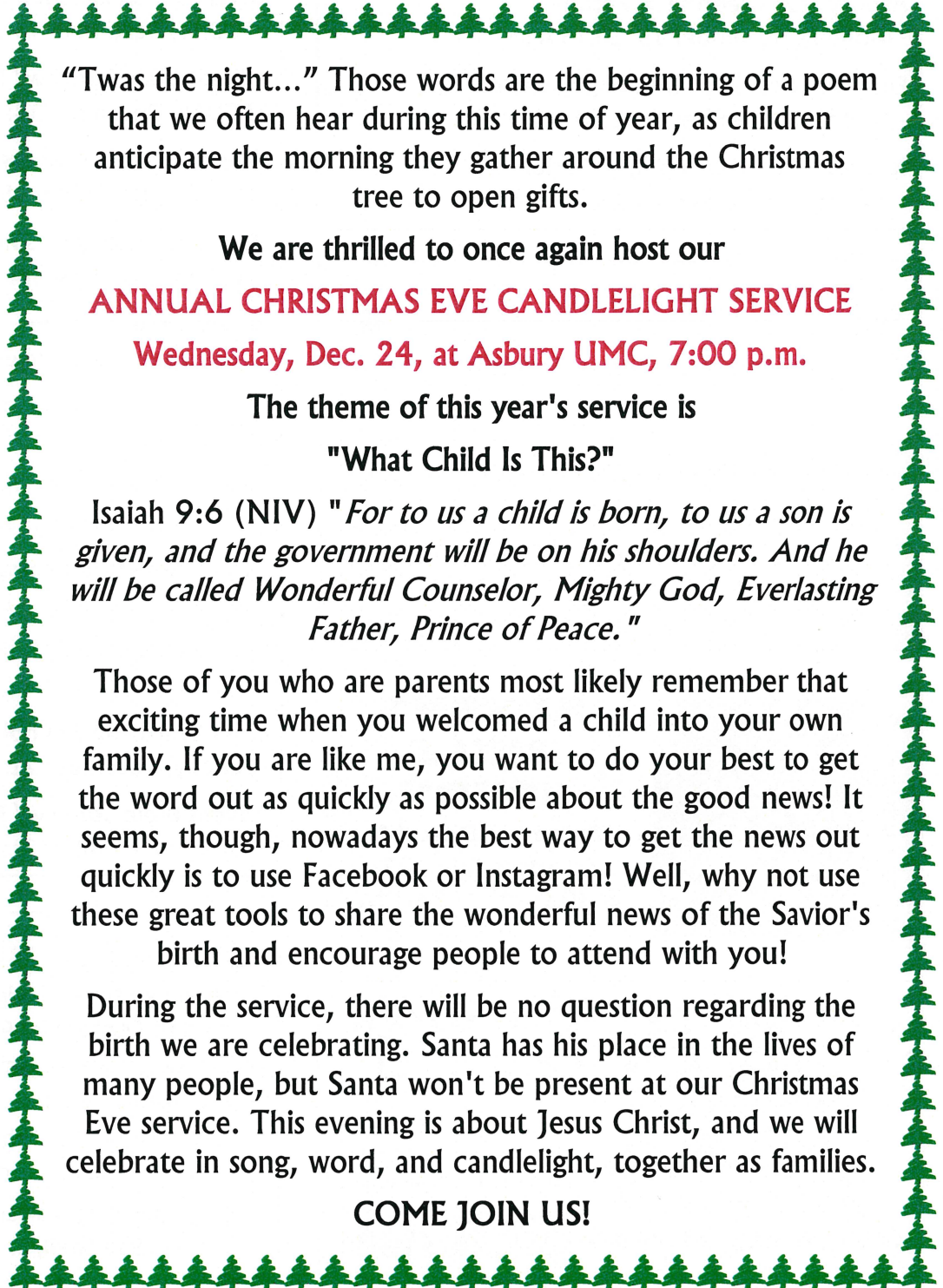
**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

Lindsay Webb will be preaching.

**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

*Children's Christmas Program!*



"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**  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, at Asbury UMC, 7:00 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!**

## ASBURY MEMORIAL TREE

Again, this year a Memorial Tree will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary to give people the opportunity to remember a loved one(s) during Advent. For each memorial gift, one ornament will be placed on the tree.

**Please fill out the form below and return or mail it to the church office by Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with your check made out to “Asbury UMC – Memorial Tree”. Please give as you are able. Please do not include this in your regular weekly offering envelope. Thank you.**

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

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Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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