

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

Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Jean Marshall

Do nothing from selfish ambition
or conceit, **but in humility
count others more significant
than yourselves.**

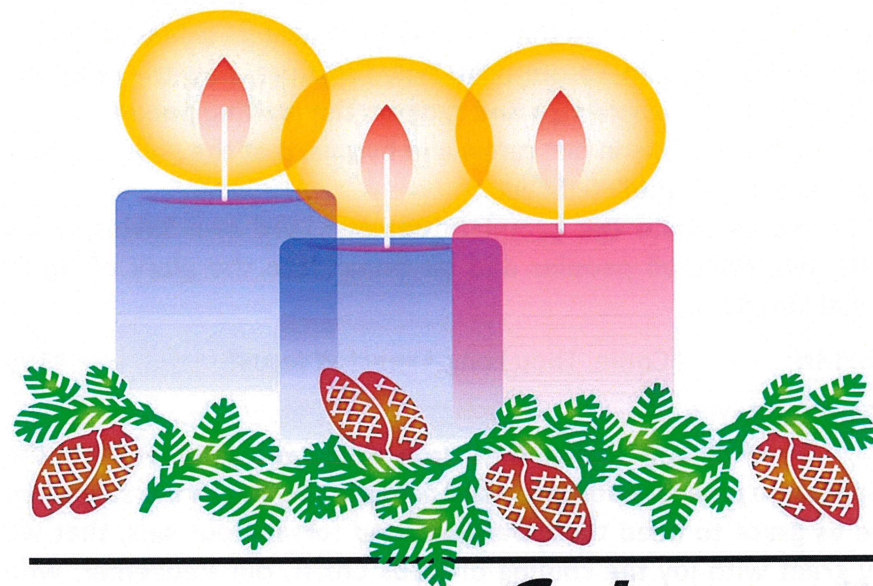
Let each of you look not only
to his own interests, **but also
to the interests of others.**

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:3-5

**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 14, 2025; 8:15 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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Jean Marshall is preaching.

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

WELCOME

Bina West, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning.

People: Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people.

Leader: Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled.

All: Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

 HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful and loving God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way of our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, o come, Emmanuel.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 32: 16-20
Philippians 1: 27-30
Philippians 2: 1-5

 HYMN: "Seek Ye First" #405

MESSAGE: "Scrooge, The Grinch, and Us"


OFFERTORY

 DOXOLOGY

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

We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

 HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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, Betty Gill, 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 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.

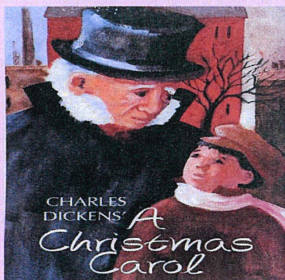
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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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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 14th 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:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



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