

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: 104
Online: 52
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 713
2025 Year-to-Date Total: 19,249

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Judy Cota, Jim Juczak, and Awanda Mills
Liturgist: Leon VanWie
Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva
Chapel Service: Lindsay Webb
Coffee Hour: Asbury Ringers
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 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, and David Heasley.

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



**WISHING YOU
AN ABUNDANTLY
BLESSED HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

FROM THE FULLNESS OF
GRACE WE HAVE ALL
RECEIVED ONE BLESSING
AFTER ANOTHER
JOHN 1:16

**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 21, 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.



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Asbury Worship Celebration

PREPARING FOR THE ARRIVAL OF LOVE, CENTER YOUR PRAYERS ON EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US—AND THE BEAUTY TO COME. WITH OPEN HEARTS AND LIFTED HANDS, BREATHE DEEPLY, AS YOU WAIT FOR SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING.

WELCOME

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "The Joy of Christmas" by Michael Joy
Asbury Ringers

CHOIR INTROIT: "People, Look East" Forjeon/Shaw

PRAYER FOR PEACE

LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world.

As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

We light our fourth Advent candle, the candle of love, as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Lessons & Carols

(Readings in lessons 1-7 are adapted from
The Jesus Story Book Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones)

MUSIC: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Willow &
Michael Terrell

LESSON 1: Creation Breaks Reader: Nikki Patrick

READING: from Genesis 3

HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1) #196

LESSON 2: God Launches His Rescue Plan Reader: Andrew Rudd

READING: from Genesis 12-21

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1) #451

LESSON 3: A Love Letter from God Reader: Pastor Michael

READING: from Isaiah 9, 11, 40, 50, 53, 55, & 60

MUSIC: "Jesus Loves Me" Lilia &/or Andrew &
Michelle Rudd

LESSON 4: Gabriel Makes a Big Announcement Reader: Willow
Terrell

READING: from Luke 1-2

HYMN: "Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1) #239

LESSON 5: He Is Here! Reader: Jaelah Liriano

READING: from Luke 2

MUSIC: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Ruzena &
Michelle Rudd

LESSON 6: Jesus' First Visitors are... Shepherds Reader: Krista Juczak

READING: from Luke 2

MUSIC: "Away in a Manger" Children and Youth

LESSON 7: The Wise Men Reader: Erin Brislan

READING: from Matthew 3


HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1) #234

LESSON 8: John Sums the Gospel Up Reader: Benjamin Rudd

READING: based on John 1, 3, I John 1, and Revelation 22
(Written by Benjamin Rudd)

HYMN: "Joy to the World" #246

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: "O Jesulein Sues" by G. F. Kauffman

 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240

 BLESSING

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

POSTLUDE: "Rejoice Greatly in the Lord" by R. Koury

PARTICIPANTS FOR TODAY'S LESSONS

Stage Manager and Props: Tanner Syrotchen

Adam: Michael Rudd

Eve: Willow Terrell

Angel Guard: Andrew Rudd

Abraham: Ruzena Rudd

Stars: Jaelah Liriano, Lilia Rudd, Isabelle Kinnard, &
Eleanor Kinnard

Isaiah the Prophet: Pastor Michael

Mary: Abi Patrick

Gabriel: Erin Brislan

Donkey: Alex Patrick

Joseph: Ruzena Rudd

Angels: Dana Lee, Isabelle Kinnard, Eleanor Kinnard, &
Erin Brislan

Shepherd: Kellen Keenan

Baby Jesus: Sayler Forbes

Child Jesus: Eleanor Kinnard

Wise Men: Benjamin Rudd, Michael Rudd, & Andrew Rudd

John the Evangelist: Benjamin Rudd

Thank you from Michelle Rudd:

Thank you most sincerely to all the children and youth of Asbury along with their parents and grandparents for participating in this special presentation of the Christmas story. Thank you especially to the many adult and youth helpers who make both the existence of a Sunday School program and special events such as this a possibility. Thank you also to Pastor Michael who leads our congregation with such love, kindness, and focus on the young people of Asbury. It is a great joy to work with the bright, talented, and fun children and youth of Asbury each week.

Memorial Tree

Given By

Dodie Bretsch
Ann Halback
Alvin Hasner & Bina West
Amy Langone
Terry & Mary MacAdam &
Willy & Darlene Welbourn
Susan Marino
Jean Tinney Marshall

Wanda Mills
Pamela Quimby

Dale & Marianne Scott
Randy & Cindy Sealing
Glen & Susan Snell
Jeannette Streeter

In Memory Of

Gerald (Jerry) Bretsch
Thomas and Marion McHugh
Joni P.
Eugene J. Langone, Jr.

Mary Lambert
Ken Palmer and Ray Gregory
Linda Johnston Tinney
J. Wilson Tinney, Sr.
Parents: Anita and Melven Mills
Donald and Mary Bowman
William and Helen Quimby
Parents of Dale and Marianne Scott
Brigitte Sealing and Donald Drew
Our Loved Ones and Friends
William (Bill) Hickox

Memorial Poinsettias

Given By

Lisa Coutu
The Gianfagna Family
Ann Halback
Alvin Hasner

Sandra Johnson
Amy Langone

Bonnie Peck
Pamela Quimby

Frank & Joanne Rhode
David Simmons
Glen & Susan Snell
Mark & Christine Sutton

Dan & Lindsay Webb

Bina & Miles West
Suzanne Wrenn
Ginger & Candy

Given By

Dan & Lindsay Webb
Ginger & Candy

In Memory Of

Michelle Coutu Sykes
Loved Ones

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanser
Brother George and wife Carol
Family and Friends
Eugene J. Langone, Jr.
Mary Patricia Fenner
Dale, Clarence, Muriel, and Rena
Donald and Mary Bowman
William and Helen Quimby
Pam Shuman
Mildred Simmons
Our Loved Ones
Kotz Family
Clyde and Mary Scott
Sons Fred and Tom Scott
Don and Mary Allnatt
Hollie Ruthberg and James P. Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Wm West
Michelle Coutu Sykes
Phyllis and Paul Sayers
Jean and Michael Sayers

In Honor Of

Linda Webb
Robert Syrotchen, Jr.



ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love
for God and Each Other



This Week: December 21 - December 28, 2025



Meetings

Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor
- Monday, December 22: 10:15 A.M.

Opportunities to Share

Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor
- TODAY, December 21: 6:30 P.M.

Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary
- Monday, December 22: 6:15 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ Sanctuary
- Wednesday, December 24: 7:00 P.M.

Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room
- Sunday, December 28: 9:30 A.M.

Scripture of the Week

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

- 1 John 5:2 -

Let's Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

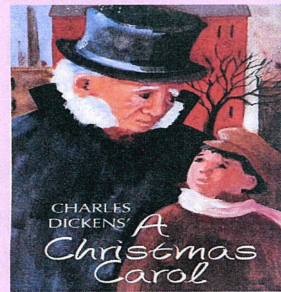
December 21 **Willow Terrell**
December 21 **Olivia Lehman**
December 21 **Amanda Marino**
December 22 **Andrew Van Houten**
December 22 **Mary Smith**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Bill and Lisa Smith
December 27, 1997

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

**Last Session
TODAY, 12/21
6:30 p.m. in Parlor.**



JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

Monday, January 5th

Please email articles and pictures to Sue Beaman at asburybeacon@gmail.com in WORD format or give them to Faith in the church office.

The Church Office Will Be Closed:

**Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day) and
Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day).**

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Urgent Need for Coats, Boots, and Blankets!

The Spare Closet, a free thrift store, is in urgent need of coats, boots, and blankets of all sizes.

Donations may be new or used.

Located in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (403 Washington Street, Watertown).

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Who, Empowered by The Holy
Spirit, Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully,
and Lead Courageously in Local
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Connections.*

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 28

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:

Jane Eastham will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

Scripture: John 1: 1-14



"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!