

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: 67

Online: 60

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 486

2025 Year-to-Date Total: 18,536

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Darlene Chartrand, Judy Cota, and Jim Juczak

Liturgist: Lynn Morgan

Organist: Lisa Smith

Chapel Service: Pastor Michael Terrell

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:

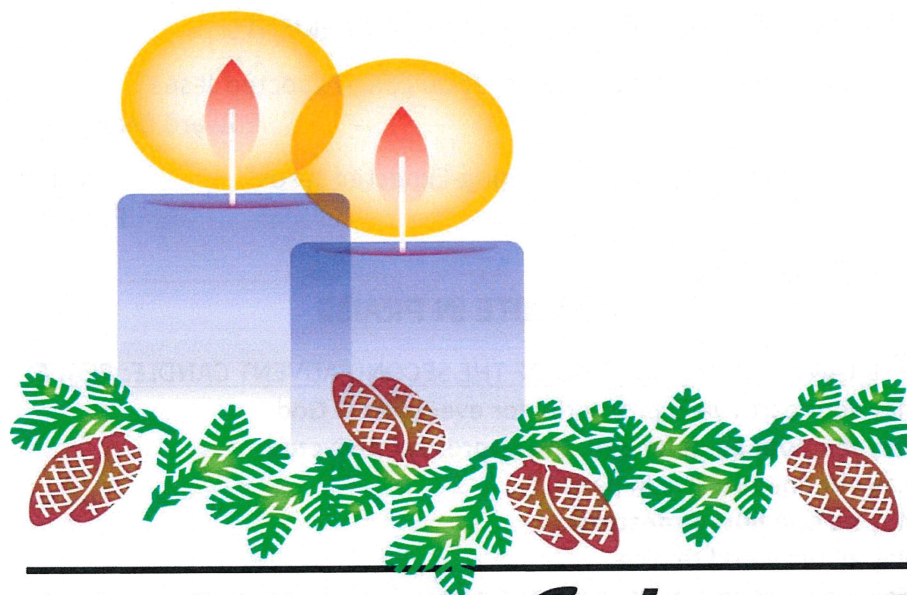
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, Jim Coutu, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

Others: Theresa Bierman, Patty C., Tom Carlisle, Rev. Bruce Chapman and wife, Connie Hewitt, Mike Hill, Colleen M., Keri Morris, Kathy Ruhm, Gerald Tucker, William Van Houten, and the Family of Betty Gill.



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 7, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLI#: 1653199

Asbury Worship Celebration

*SIGNS OF ADVENT HOPE AND PEACE ABOUND. LET US
CATCH GOD'S VISION FOR OUR WORLD.*

WE PREPARE

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

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

CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Edward Broughton

CHOIR INTROIT: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Wesley
Prichard

PRAYER FOR PEACE

WE UNITE IN PRAISE

 LITANY FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

May your earth yield prosperity for everyone, O God.

May the poor be defended, the oppressed delivered.

May our enemies live in peace.


May no one hurt or destroy.

May all the world rejoice.

**May we be agents of your joy and peace, for this is your mighty vision
for our world.**

May timid hearts turn bold.

May we believe it can be so.

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed) #881

 GLORIA PATRI #70

CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Advent of Our God" Douglas E. Wagner

... IN PRAYER

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND INSPIRATION

**We thank you, O God, for bearers of hope and peace in all times
and all places: for those who govern, when they set things right for the**

**poor, meek and needy; for anointed prophets, who speak and act in your
spirit—in wisdom, understanding, and equity. And we thank you for
reminders, gentle or urgent, that we, too, should be agents of harmony,
reconciliation, peace, justice, and righteousness. Make us advocates of
your vision for the world. 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

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (OFFERING)

OFFERTORY: "Then Shall Your Light Break Forth" Patricia Lou
Harris

 DOXOLOGY #95

 PRAYER OF DEDICATION


... IN LISTENING

 HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Spirit Song" #347

SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Matthew 3: 1-12

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Wild John and Homeless Jesus"

... IN SERVICE

 HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213

 BLESSING

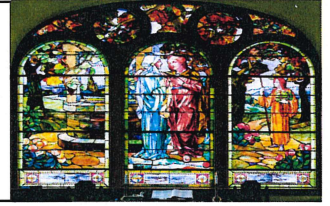
CHORAL BENEDICTION: Gloria from "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Barnes

POSTLUDE: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Henry Balcombe



ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love for
God and Each Other



This Week: December 7 - December 14, 2025

Meetings

- Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, December 8: 10:15 A.M.
- Mission Committee Meeting @ Parlor**
- Monday, December 8: 5:00 P.M.
- Finance Committee Budget Meeting @ Parlor**
- Tuesday, December 9: 1:00 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting via Zoom**
- Tuesday, December 9: 6:30 P.M.
- Church Council Budget Approval Meeting @ Parlor**
- Wednesday, December 10: 4:30 P.M.

Opportunities to Share

- Northern Choral Society Concert @ Sanctuary**
- TODAY, December 7: 3:00 P.M.
- Asbury Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Monday, December 8: 6:15 P.M.
- Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**
- Monday, December 8: 6:30 P.M.
- Prayer Circle @ Parlor**
- Wednesday, December 10: 10:30 A.M.
- Brass Quintet Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Wednesday, December 10: 1:00 P.M.
- Agape Ringers Rehearsal @ Sanctuary**
- Thursday, December 11: 6:15 P.M.
- Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room**
- Thursday, December 11: 7:15 P.M.
- Christmas Gift Basket Making @ Parlor**
- Saturday, December 13: 10:00 A.M.
- Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room**
- Sunday, December 14: 9:30 A.M.
- Covered Dish Luncheon @ Wesley Hall**
- Sunday, December 14: After Sanctuary Service
- Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor @ Parlor**
- Sunday, December 14: 6:30 P.M.

Northern Choral Society Concert

Join us in Asbury's sanctuary!
TODAY, December 7: 3:00 P.M.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



December 7 **Michael Hill**
December 11 **Nicholas Delair**
December 12 **Sarah Lehman**



Scripture of the Week

"He has given us His very great and precious promises."
- 2 Peter 1:4 -

Church Council 2026 Budget Approval Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 4:30 P.M. in the Parlor
All are welcome to attend!

Bring Bread for Those in Need!

Bring a loaf or two of sliced bread
to Asbury on Communion Sunday,
December 14.

The bread will be taken to the Urban
Mission Food Pantry and distributed to
those in need.

Communion and Fellowship!

Sunday, December 14

Join us for communion during the 10:15 A.M.
sanctuary service. Followed by our monthly
covered dish luncheon in Wesley Hall.

ASBURY'S STAFF

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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.*

THE ASBURY MOTTO

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

Join Us Next Sunday, December 14

Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:
Jean Marshall will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:
Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.



In cooperation with the Salvation Army, Asbury is reaching out and sharing the spirit of Christmas with 50 young boys and girls. There is an **ANGEL GIVING TREE** in the parlor with their names, ages, and Christmas wishes. If you would like to help make their wishes come true, take one of the names from the tree, and replace it with one of the angel ornaments. Buy a gift and bring it back to the tree unwrapped with the tag attached by **December 10**, so we can get the gifts to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thanks for caring & sharing!

Christmas Gift Basket Making!

Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 A.M. in the Parlor

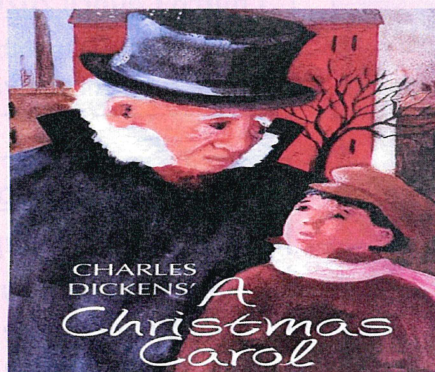
Asbury's Women in Faith group will be filling 25 Christmas gift baskets. If you would like to help, please bring small items such as oranges, Christmas ornaments, wrapped candy, 2 cookies in a Ziploc bag, small packets of Kleenex, pens, etc. Everyone will deliver 2 baskets.

It's a fun time and a great way to get to know each other!! Please come!!

Join Us for Caroling! - Sunday, 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. All you need is a desire to bring a smile to many faces as we sing Christmas songs. 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.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

**Monday, Dec. 8
Sunday, Dec. 14, & 21
6:30 p.m. in Parlor.**

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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Annual Memorial Tree Celebration

Dear Asbury family,

As we approach the season of Advent, we invite you to join us in a cherished tradition that holds a special place in our hearts – the Annual Memorial Tree.

The back of the sanctuary will be adorned with a memorial tree, symbolizing the enduring spirit of our loved ones. You have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the Memorial Committee in honor of someone dear to you.

How it works:

- Make a donation to the Memorial Committee. Make your check out to “Asbury UMC – Memorial Tree”
- Fill out the form included in the Sunday bulletin and return it with your check to the church office by Sunday, December 14, 2025. Please do not include it in your regular weekly offering envelope.
- In return, a beautiful ornament will be placed on the tree throughout the Advent season. Each ornament bears the name of the person you wish to honor, creating a lasting tribute in our sacred space.

This act not only illuminates the beauty of remembrance but also contributes to the meaningful work of our Memorial Committee. Your participation in this tradition helps us create a sanctuary filled with warmth, love, and the enduring spirit of those we hold dear.

For more information, please contact Lisa Smith at ljsmith2100@gmail.com or (315) 778-4173.

With love and gratitude,
Asbury Memorial Committee
Lisa Smith, Chair