

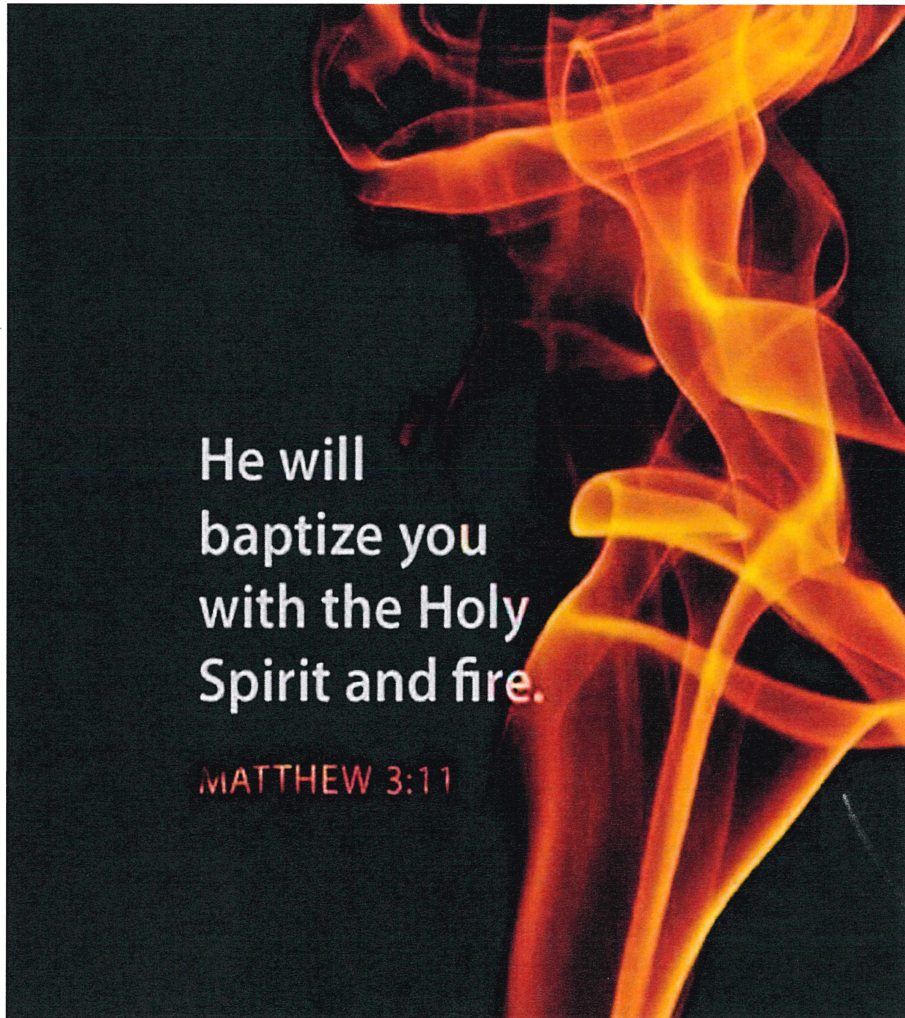
**WELCOME CENTER:** First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

**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

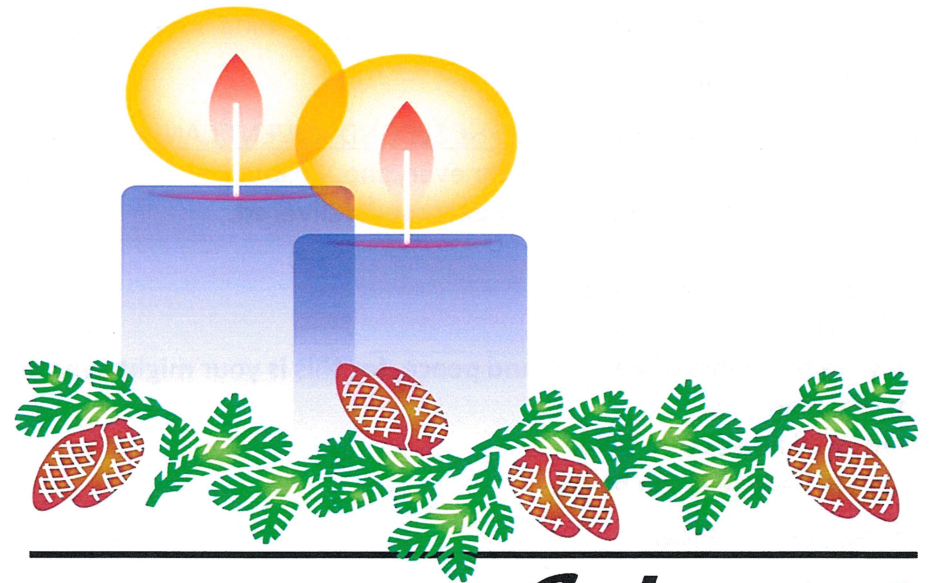
**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Bina West  
**Chapel Service:** Pastor Michael Terrell



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DECEMBER 7, 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.*



**SECOND SUNDAY OF** *Advent*

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## CENTERING WORDS

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.**

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

MUSICAL PREPARATION

Bina West, Organist

PRAYER FOR PEACE

 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.**

 TIME OF GREETING

 HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61

 OPENING PRAYER

**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.**

PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Matthew 3: 1-12

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Wild John and Homeless Jesus"


INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who  
would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often  
and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to  
follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us  
to meet him here.

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GIVING AND RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION (Gluten-Free Bread)

 HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #213  
(vs. 1, 2)

 BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

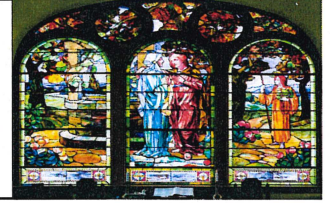
**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Linda Bennett, Lois Berry,  
Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, Jim Coutu, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

**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 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 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**

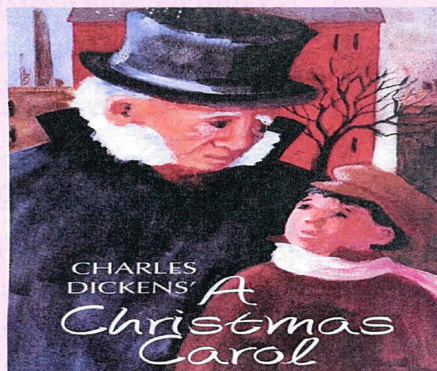
Asbury's Women in Faith group will be filling 25 Christmas gift baskets. If you would like to help, please bring small items such as oranges, Christmas ornaments, wrapped candy, 2 cookies in a Ziploc bag, small packets of Kleenex, pens, etc. Everyone will deliver 2 baskets.

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 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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 [lsmith2100@gmail.com](mailto:lsmith2100@gmail.com) or (315) 778-4173.

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