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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!

Greetings my Asbury Family!

Easter is Sunday, April 5. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to consider who you would like to invite to attend service with you, and give them an Easter Invitation!

In addition to Christmas, this is one of the most effective and impactful times to invite someone to attend church. By this time, many people have already “failed” in one or more of their many New Year's Resolutions and are looking for something that will help them to make lasting changes in their lives.

Without a doubt, even as Christians, we can struggle from time to time with some of the changes we want to make, yet there is tremendous help available for us in Christ! We don't HAVE to stumble through life without answers because we can go to Him with just a simple whisper of His name.

Why not start right now by making a list of at least 5 people or families that you'd like to invite to Asbury UMC, then begin to look for ways to do so. Of course, there's no “cookie cutter” approach to this as you will need to ask God to open doors for you, then be receptive to God's leading as that door opens.

It is a known fact that people will attend worship much quicker with an invitation from a friend or family member than they would by just randomly selecting somewhere to go.

He is risen, so let's get out there and share the Good News! Join us Easter morning!

Pastor Michael



Coins for Lent Activity

For those who have been participating in the “Coins for Lent” activity, you can turn in your total collection on Easter Sunday, April 5th. There will be a collection jar to put your donation into. The money collected from this Lenten project will be donated to the Salvation Army.

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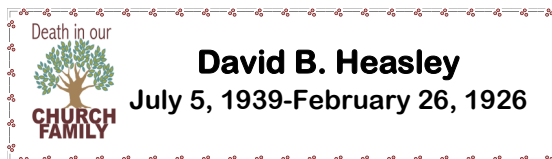


April 2 James Baker
April 3 Glen Snell
April 3 Saylor Forbes
April 10 Lisa Smith
April 12 Lorraine Irwin
April 18 Alfred Gianfagna
April 20 Grace Burke
April 20 Leon VanWie
April 24 Peter Mowers
April 27 Darlene Chartrand



John and Eleanor Cerow
April 3, 1976

Mark and Roxanne Robinson
April 26, 1975



David B. Heasley
July 5, 1939-February 26, 1926

Congratulations to Matt and Alayna
Kinnard on the birth of their son,
William on Saturday, March 14.
William joins his big sisters, Eleanor
and Isabelle.



May 7 Barbara Simmons
May 8 Darlene Welbourn
May 20 Roxanne Robinson
May 20 Toby Schilling
May 21 Steven Marshall
May 22 Kellen Keenan
May 22 River Bogart
May 27 Brindle Veretto



Terry and Mary MacAdam
May 6, 1972

Matthew and Alayna Kinnard
May 18, 2019

Rev. David and Barbara Simmons
May 23, 1986

Dale and Marianne Scott
May 29, 1965



*Welcome to Ethan & Kate Fesler, who
both became members of Asbury UMC.
Ethan transferred his membership from
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee & Kate professed
her faith in front of the congregation.*

We welcome you!

2026 Monday Bible Study

You are invited to join Max in the Parlor at 6:30 p.m.,
beginning June 1, for a one-hour study of Paul's letters as follows:
1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

It is estimated that this year's study will take about 7 weeks.
Please bring your favorite Bible.

Questions to Max @ 315-232-4158.

The April 2026 BEACON is sponsored by Bruce and Lorraine Irwin.

Our newsletter is a very important tool in helping us to
communicate with and keep our Asbury family connected!
Thank you Bruce and Lorraine for being our "BEACON ANGELS" for April!

FOOTPRINTS

*One night a man had a dream.
He was walking along the beach with the Lord,
and across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
In each, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
one made by him, and the other by the Lord.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the worst times in his life.*

*This bothered him very much so he asked the Lord about it;
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way;
But I’ve noticed that during times of trouble there is only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why you left me when I needed you the most.”*

*The Lord replied, “My precious child,
I love you, and I would never leave you during your times of trial.
When you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”*

Though it is unclear who wrote the above poem, it has always been a favorite of mine. I have a framed version of it that sits on a table in my apartment. I removed it at Christmas time to place my Christmas tree on the table. I forgot to bring it back after Christmas.

I was watching a movie recently, when during a commercial break, the following scripture flashed across the screen:

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
- Hebrews 13:5

I believe with all my heart that the above is true, but sometimes the human side of me needs to be reminded. It is always so comforting when I hear God speaking to me, whether it be through scripture, a person, music, a devotional, a book or a poem, or even from the television screen. God is always near and speaking to us - comforting us, lifting us up, and carrying us when we stumble; we just have to make sure we are listening!

Sue Beaman

(The poem is back on my table.)

Mark your calendars for a special evening of music on **May 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Asbury United Methodist Church**. We are excited to welcome **Dave Pettigrew** back, who delivered a truly touching and memorable performance last year. We look forward to another inspiring night together!

We are currently seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of the performance. Sponsorships are available for **\$50**, and sponsors will be recognized in the program with their name or business card. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact **Lindsay Webb** at **(315) 408-5099**.



**From the
ASBURY PRAYER CIRCLE**

***Loving God, thank you for hearing me
when I bring my concerns to you.***

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**Join us for
SUNDAY WORSHIP
at
8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**



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Open Doors...
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Church

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SPRING RUMMAGE SALE



SPRING RUMMAGE, BAKE, AND PLANT SALE!
FRIDAY, APRIL 17th & SATURDAY, APRIL 18th
8:30 a.m. TO 1:30 p.m.

Start cleaning out now; the spring sale is coming in April! Fill the room downstairs in Wesley Hall with all the treasures you are ready to give to others: furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, small appliances (clean and working), tools, summer decorations, puzzles, books, toys, craft supplies, antiques, recipe books, and one-of-a-kind specials! NO CLOTHES OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Once again, we want homemade pies - Asbury pie makers are the best! Make them ahead when you have the time, freeze them, ready to be baked.

Take your cuttings now. Our customers love your beautiful plants!

At last fall's sale, your donated items raised over \$5,200!! Money much needed to pay Asbury's staff and programs.

LET'S HAVE THE BEST SALE EVER!