

## Somebody's Mother

Mary Dow Brine (1816-1913)

The woman was old and ragged and gray, and bent with the chill of Winter's day. The street was wet with recent snow, and the woman's feet were aged and slow. She stood at the crossing and waited long, alone, uncared for, amid the throng of human beings who passed her by or heeded the glance of her anxious eyes. Down the street, with laughter and shout, glad in the freedom of "school let out," came the boys like a flock of sheep, hailing the snow piled white and deep. Past the woman so old and gray hastened the children on their way. Nor offered a helping hand to her—so meek, so timid, afraid to stir lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop, the gayest laddie of all the group; he paused beside her and whispered low, "I'll help you cross, if you wish to go." Her aged hand on his strong young arm she placed, and so, without hurt or harm, he guided the trembling feet along, proud that his own were firm and strong. Then back again to his friends he went, his young heart happy and well content. "She's somebody's mother, boys, you know, for all she's aged and poor and slow, and I hope some fellow will lend a hand to help my mother, you understand, if ever she's poor and old and gray, when her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head in her home that night, and the prayer she said was "God be kind to the noble boy, who is somebody's son, and pride and joy!"

*Prayer: O God, bless all mothers and children today, and those who are not mothers, but are aunts, or daughters. Bless all those who provide, nurture, and care for little ones. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAY 10, 2026; 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.*



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Max Bovee is preaching.**

PRELUDE		Lynn
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Max
CALL TO WORSHIP		Max
HYMN:	“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (vs. 1, 3, 4)	#430
RESPONSIVE READING/SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6: 1-3		
L: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.		
<b>P: “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—</b>		
L: “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”		
MESSAGE:	“A Day to Honor”	Max
HYMN:	“Happy the Home When God Is There” (vs. 1, 2, 3)	#445
PASTORAL PRAYER		
LORD’S PRAYER		
<b>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.</b>		
OFFERING		
DOXOLOGY		#95
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Max
HYMN:	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	#454
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, and Jim Coutu.

**Others:** April, Gary, Kate, Katherine, Deb and Rick Brandt, Patty C., Mike Hill, Gerald Holder, Colleen M., Keri Morris, Kathy Ruhm, Gerald Tucker, William Van Houten, and Barbara Williams.

**First time at Asbury?** Stop by our Welcome Center if you have questions, or if you would like a copy of our monthly newsletter or other brochures!

**WEEKLY INFORMATION:**

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 77  
Online: 41  
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 511  
2025 Year-to-Date Total: 7,017

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Organist:** Lynn Morgan  
**Chapel Service:** Max Bovee

**CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS  
IN THE LORD: FOR THIS IS RIGHT.  
HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER;  
WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT  
WITH PROMISE; THAT IT MAY BE WELL  
WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST  
LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.  
EPHESIANS 6:1-3**





# ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love  
for God and Each Other



## This Week: May 10 - May 17, 2026

### Meetings

**Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, May 11: 10:15 A.M.

**Missions Committee Meeting @ Parlor**  
- Monday, May 11: 5:00 P.M.

### Pastor Michael on Vacation: May 16-23

Jane Eastham will lead the Sunday, May 17,  
sanctuary service.

WATERTOWN: FIRST & ASBURY UMC  
INVITE YOU TO WEEKLY PRAYER!

*Light in the  
Chaos*

**Prayer Service**  
Every Tuesday, 6-7 pm

Asbury UMC: 200 Parker Street  
First UMC: 236 Mullin Street

### Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Presentation

Next Sunday, May 17, during the Young Disciples Time, representatives from Aldersgate will be presenting different camp opportunities to Asbury's youth. Aldersgate is one of five camp and retreat centers owned and operated by the Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Join us next Sunday to find out more!

### Opportunities to Share

**Asbury Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**  
- Monday, May 11: 6:15 P.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**  
- Tuesday, May 12: 10:30 A.M.

**Prayer Service @ Asbury's Chapel**  
- Tuesday, May 12: 6:00 P.M.

**Choir Practice @ Choir Room**  
- Thursday, May 14: 5:15 P.M.

**Agape Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary**  
- Thursday, May 14: 6:15 P.M.

**Choir Warm-Up @ Choir Room**  
- Sunday, May 17: 9:30 A.M.

### Meal Kits: Round Two

Teriyaki Chicken Rice and Birthday  
Cake Kits.

In the back of the rotunda, there is a sign-up for the needed ingredients, or you can sign up to donate items for a whole kit.

We are collecting items until Sunday, May 17. Donations can be left in the box in the back of the rotunda. We will pack the kits the following Sunday, May 24. We are also collecting new can openers.

Questions?  
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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, May 17

### Worship Services:

**8:15 A.M. in the Chapel:**

Max Bovee will be preaching.

**10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:**

Jane Eastham will be preaching.

Scripture: John 17: 1-11

Message: "Simple Arithmetic"



### Next Sunday, May 17: United Methodist Student Day

An offering envelope labeled "United Methodist Student Day" will be in the Sunday, May 17, bulletin. Your gift will be used to support United Methodist Student Day scholarships.

CELEBRATION  
OF  
Life

**David B.  
Heasley**

**Friday, June 19  
10 A.M.**

**Asbury U.M.C.  
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### FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Memorial Day is the time of year to remember the family and friends who are no longer with us. In addition to planting flowers and attending parades, a memorial gift made in memory of your loved ones is a wonderful way to show your respect. The Memorial Committee members look for appropriate, tasteful, and useful ways to apply these expressions of love and friendship. Previous purchases have included hymnals, handbells, paraments, altar furnishings, candelabras, church signs and directories, a podium, refurbishing the alter table cross, music for the choir library, replacement robes, a computer system, a keyboard, and audio equipment. As you can see, it is not difficult to find a suitable use for memorial gifts that will serve as a lasting memorial.

If you would like to designate a memorial gift, please place it in an envelope labeled "Memorial Gift" and place it in the offering plate or send it into the church office by May 31st. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Asbury UMC and write "Memorial Gift" in the memo. Thank you!

Lisa Smith, Memorial Committee Chair

