

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: 78

Online: 81

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 552

2026 Year-to-Date Total: 11,194

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

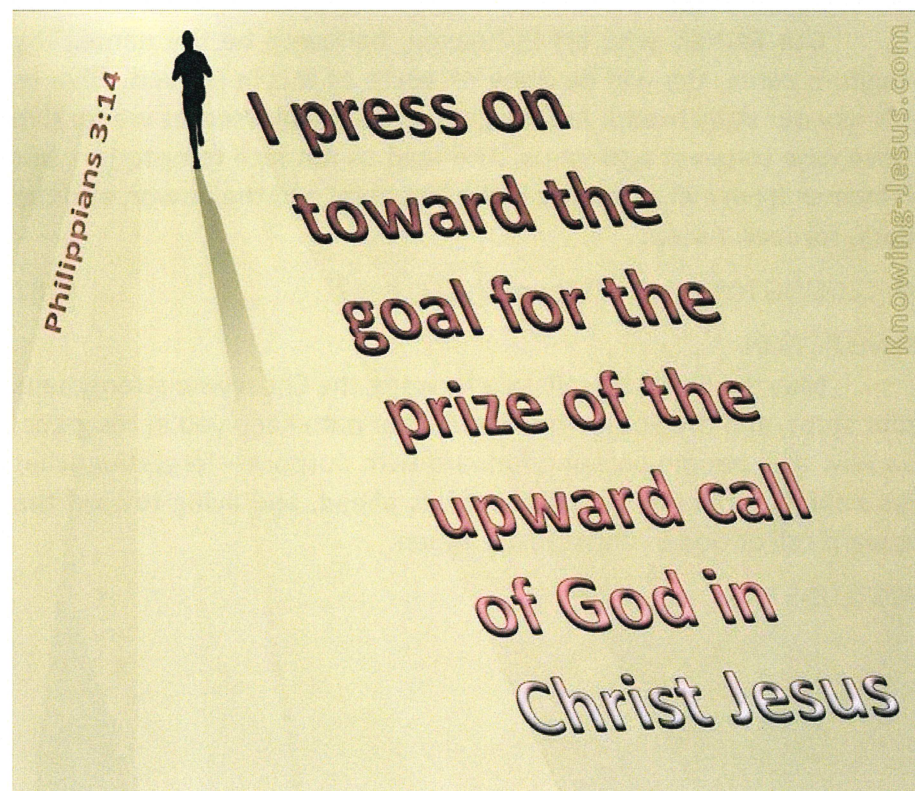
Organist: Bina West

Chapel Service: Ethan Fesler

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

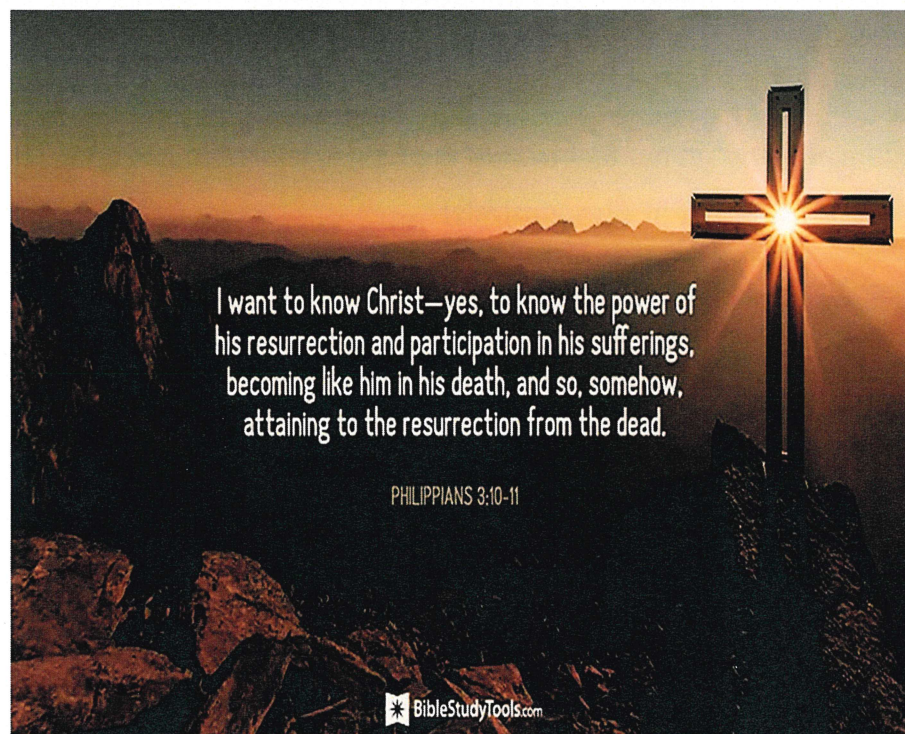
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, Jim Coutu, Gerald Holder, and Clyde Jesmore.

Others: Deb and Rick Brandt, Patty Chase, Mike Hill, Laureen K., Jean LaSage, Keri Morris, Kathy Ruhm, Barbara Simmons, Gerald Tucker, William Van Houten, Barbara Williams, and the family of Shirley Berry.



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JULY 26, 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 – Philippians 3

New Day Series, Week 3 – “Pressing Forward with Purpose”

Ethan Fesler is leading the service.

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

WELCOME AND LIGHTING OF THE PEACE LAMP

Good morning, friends. Today we gather as a people called not only to be made alive in Christ, not only to carry the mind of Christ, but to **press forward with purpose** toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. As we enter this hour of worship, may Christ steady our hearts, clear our minds, and set our feet toward the future He has prepared.

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: Today we gather as a people pressing forward in Christ.

People: Christ has begun a good work in us.

Leader: This is a new day, shaped by His grace and directed by His purpose.

People: Christ is our goal, our prize, and our upward call.

Leader: The Spirit leads us beyond what is behind and toward what lies ahead.

People: We press forward with hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us onward.

People: We lift our hearts in praise.

 **OPENING HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #127

 **OPENING PRAYER**

Holy and gracious God, You have carried us through another week and gathered us into this new day. Awaken our hearts to Your presence, steady our minds in Your peace, and turn our eyes toward the future You have prepared. As we worship, free us from the weight of yesterday—our regrets, our pride, our fears—and give us courage to press forward with purpose. Shape our desires, strengthen our steps, and make us ready for all You desire to do in us. In Jesus’ name, amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN: “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

 **DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them for Your kingdom. Bless the hands that give, the hearts that trust, and the work these offerings will make possible. As You call us forward, shape our purpose, strengthen our witness, and make Christ visible in all we do. Multiply what we bring, so that lives are lifted and Your mission is carried forward. In Jesus’ name, amen.

MESSAGE: “Pressing Forward with Purpose” – Philippians 3: 7-14

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

 **CLOSING HYMN:** “Whom Shall I Send?” #582

BENEDICTION

May the God who calls you forward, the Christ who strengthens your steps, and the Spirit who directs your path keep you in His grace. Go now as a people pressing forward with purpose—forgetting what lies behind, straining toward what lies ahead, and living toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

POSTLUDE



ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love
for God and Each Other



This Week: July 26 - August 2, 2026

Meetings

Asbury Staff Meeting @ Parlor
- Monday, July 27: 10:15 A.M.

Let's Celebrate!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
July 30 Sandra Johnson

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK
Steven and Jean Marshall
August 1, 1992

Pastor Michael Will Be on Vacation

August 1-8

Rev. VanWie will lead both services on Sunday, August 2. For emergencies, contact Jennifer Stamm @ 716-603-4470.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Shirley A. Berry

Monday, July 27
Visitation: 12-1
Service: 1 p.m.

Asbury U.M.C., 200 Parker Street, Watertown, NY

Bring Bread for Those in Need!

Bring your loaves of bread to Asbury on Communion **Sunday, August 2.**

The bread will be given to the Urban Mission Food Pantry.

Opportunities to Share

Celebration of Life for Shirley Berry @ Sanctuary
- Monday, July 27: 1:00 P.M.
(Visitation: NOON - 1:00 P.M.)

Prayer Circle @ Parlor
- Tuesday, July 28: 10:30 A.M.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP
- Saturday, August 1: 8:00 A.M.

Christmas in July

Collecting food and laundry items for the Watertown Urban Mission and hygiene items for North Country Family Health Center.

Feel free to drop off any items listed below **until TODAY, July 26.**

Collection boxes are in the rotunda.

Questions: Sarah Lehman: 315-767-2641

7/5: Kids Home from School and Want a Snack

- Individual ramen bowls
- Mac and cheese bowls
- Microwavable pasta cups
- Canned Chef Boyardee / Spaghetti O's
- Granola bars / snack bars
- Cheese / peanut butter filled crackers
- Fruit cups / applesauce cups / pouches
- Pudding cups

7/12: Sunday Fun Day, Catch Up on Laundry

- Laundry soap

7/19: Too Hot to Cook, Cereal for Dinner

- Boxes of cereal

7/26: Clean Up After a Hot Day

- Body wash
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Deodorant
- Tooth brushes / toothpaste
- Shaving cream / disposable razors

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Education, and Service.*

THE ASBURY MOTTO

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

Join Us Next Sunday, August 2

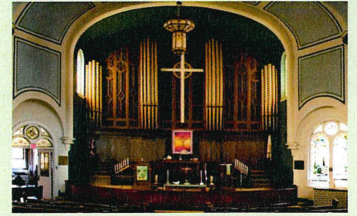
Worship Services:

8:15 A.M. in the Chapel

Rev. Leon VanWie will be preaching.

10:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary:

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Asbury UMC yard
signs are for sale!

The sign pictured is
what is available.
Perfect to put outside
of your home or
business to help
promote Asbury!

The signs are \$10.00
each. You can
stop by the Church
Office to purchase one
(or many)!

CHURCH picnic

@ Thompson Park Pavilion
**WED, AUG. 19
5 - 8 PM**

Free hotdogs! Bring a dish to
share, a chair & your own beverage!

Summer Special Music

During the summer, Special Music takes place of the Anthem in the service.

We encourage anyone who would like to play or sing to sign up for a
Sunday. **Most Sundays are still available!**

A sign-up sheet is in the bell room off of the sanctuary. The organists are
listed for each Sunday. If you need an accompanist, please contact them.

If the Special Music spot is filled, feel free to take the Offertory spot.

Contact Cathy Mowers @ 315-778-5315 with any questions.



Sunday, August 9 after worship

The purpose of this conference
is to elect a replacement on the
Board of Trustees.