

**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: 75

Online: 52

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 249

2026 Year-to-Date Total: 11,845

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

**Greeters:** Dodie Bretsch, Nathan Lehman, and Sarah Lehman

**Liturgist:** Jim Juczak

**Organist:** Lisa Smith

**Chapel Service:** Wayne Morris

**Acolytes:** Nicholas Delair, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd, Ruzena Rudd, and Tanner Syrotchen

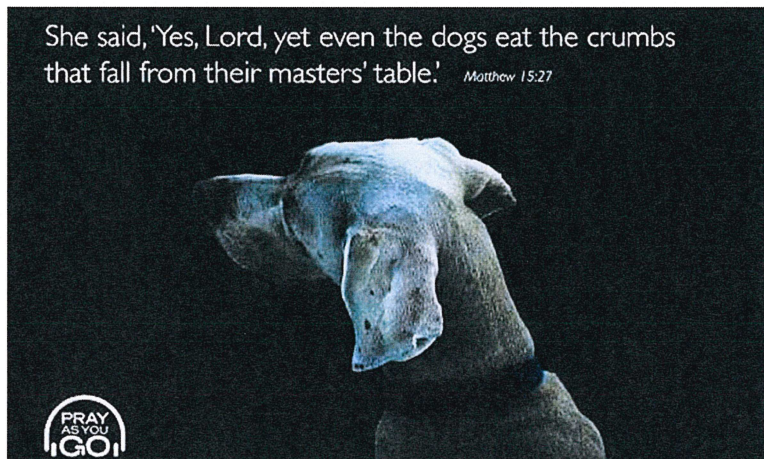
**Shepherds:** Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

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| <b>Ushers:</b> | Max Bovee      | Wayne Morris  | Lisa Smith     |
|                | River Bogart   | Bob Muntz     | Glen Snell     |
|                | Debbie Daily   | Kerry Roberge | Carol Stoodley |
|                | Jane Eastham   | Dale Scott    | Darlene Town   |
|                | Ethan Fesler   | Cindy Sealing | Patrick Town   |
|                | Lorraine Irwin | Randy Sealing | Leon VanWie    |
|                | Frank Massa    | Bill Smith    | Dan Webb       |

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

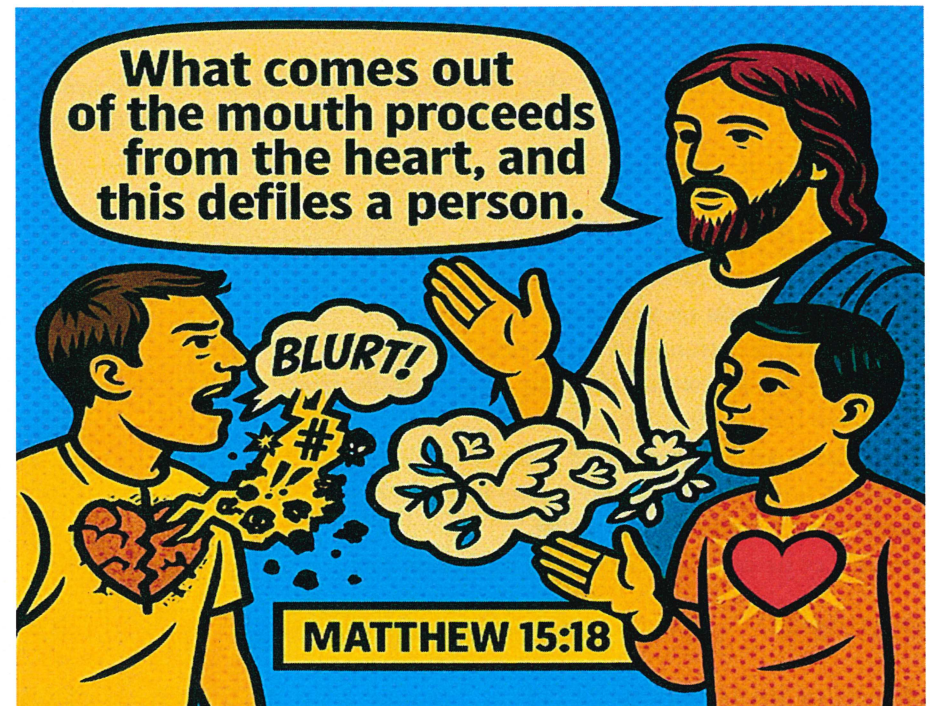
**Our home bound and nursing home residents:** Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, Jim Coutu, Gerald Holder, and Clyde Jesmore.

**Others:** Deb Brandt, Patty Chase, Mike Hill, Laureen K., Jean LaSage, Keri Morris, Barbara Simmons, Gerald Tucker, William Van Houten, Darlene Welbourn, Dan Webb, and Barbara Williams.



**ASBURY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AUGUST 16, 2026; 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.*



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## Asbury Worship Celebration

WHEN ALL SEEMS TO BE LOST, GOD IS MOST NEAR TO US.

**Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.**

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

WORDS OF WELCOME (by Pastor & Jim Juczak, our Liturgist)

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love"  
arr. Marvin Gaspard

PRAYER FOR PEACE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

When hatred and division separate us,

**God's love binds us together.**

When quarrels estrange us from one another,

**Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

When we feel excluded and left out,

**the Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

**God's grace restores our hope.**

Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

☼ HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

☼ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16) #889

☼ RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father" #70

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:**

***Connor Raymond Caldwell II & Rella Mary DiAnn Caldwell***

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

MESSAGE: "Curb Your Enthusiasm"

☼ HYMN: "Bind Us Together" #2226

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS AND INSPIRATION

**Merciful God, we yearn to be like Joseph who wept with forgiveness on the necks of those who sold him into slavery. But we fear that our anger and resentment would lead us to take retribution on those who have wronged us. We long to see in the Canaanite women a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss her out of hand, as Jesus' disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O God, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those we would rather live without.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, & PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY: Sharing Our Gifts, Tithes, and Thanks

OFFERTORY: "Reflection" Mark Hayes

☼ DOXOLOGY #95

☼ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MISSION MINUTE

☼ CLOSING HYMN: "Christ for the World We Sing" #568

☼ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "Celebration" David Paxton



CONNOR RAYMOND CALDWELL, II  
RELLA MARY DIANN CALDWELL

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of Connor & Rella

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water  
The Baptism

Commendation and Welcome

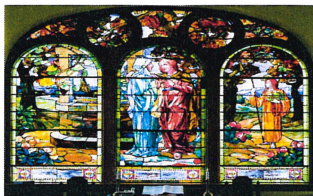
Will you all, as the Body of Christ, the church gathered, re-affirm your commitment to Divine Love, known to us in the life and teaching of Jesus?

**We do!**

Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include Connor & Rella, now before you, in your care, to the extent that you are able?

**We will proclaim the Good News and live according to the teachings of Jesus. We will surround Connor & Rella, and all the children in our presence, in a community of love and forgiveness, that they may be led to choose for themselves the life of true disciples, who walk in the Way of Love that leads to Life.**

Presentation by Susan Snell, Asbury Lay Leader  
Blessing



# ASBURY UMC

Opportunities to Share Our Love  
for God and Each Other



**This Week: August 16 - August 23, 2026**

## **Meetings**

**Church Council Meeting @ Parlor**

- Monday, August 17: 6:30 P.M.

**Finance Committee Meeting @ Parlor**

- Tuesday, August 18: 1:00 P.M.

**New Day Board Meeting @ Parlor**

- Wednesday, August 19: NOON

## **Opportunities to Share**

**Carpet Cleaning @ Sanctuary & Offices**

- Monday, August 17: 9:00 A.M.

**Prayer Circle @ Parlor**

- Tuesday, August 18: 10:30 A.M.

**Church Picnic @ Thompson Park Large Pavilion**

- Wednesday, August 19: 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**September Newsletter Article Deadline**

- Thursday, August 20

**Let's Celebrate!**

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

August 20 **Madyson Smith**

August 21 **Chris Clark**

August 21 **Eleanor Kinnard**

## **ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**Dr. Glen and Susan Snell**

August 20, 1966

## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE!**

**Thursday, August 20**

Email articles/pictures (WORD format) to Cindy  
Sealing @ [csealing@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:csealing@twcnny.rr.com).

**The Church Office Will Be Closed: August 17-25**

Administrative Assistant, Faith, will be away.  
The office is planned to reopen on Wed., Aug. 26.

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

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

## **UMC Community Fun Day!**

Join Asbury and First UMCs for an end of  
summer bash!

**When: Sunday, August 30**

**Where: First UMC, Mullin St., Watertown**

**Worship: 10:15 A.M. @ Asbury UMC**

**Picnic and Fun: Noon to 4:00 P.M.**

Free hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, and mac  
& cheese!

**Activities:** bounce house, face painting,  
balloons, crafts, photo booth, prayer  
booth, and a 3-legged race!

There will also be a cake walk - \$10.

Bring a non-perishable item to support  
our pantry!

### ASBURY'S STAFF

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#### THE MISSION OF ASBURY

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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, August 23

### Worship Services:

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

Rev. David Simmons will be preaching.

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

Pastor Michael Terrell will be preaching.

Scripture: Matthew 16: 13-20

Message: "What's the Buzz?"



## ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Hey kids! Bring your backpacks  
to church on **Sunday, Sept. 13**  
at 10:15 AM so we can bless them!

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WATERTOWN, NY  
*is having a*

# Back to Church

*Sunday*  
**SEPT. 20**  
**10:15 A.M.**

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