

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; old things
have passed away; behold, all
things have become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

OUR MISSION

Asbury Church exists to glorify God by obediently making disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally with all its ministries supporting that task.

Morning Worship
Epiphany Sunday - January 3, 2020

*"It is in the worship of God that our focus is turned from the world,
to the One who created the world"*

Be still, and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

Lord, whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties, I pause to give thanks. Thank you for being with me for every day of every year. Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. Remind me of your presence in the days to come, even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness. Be glorified in my life this year. Amen

* PRAISE HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

All: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous;

Leader: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

All: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

All: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*** SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Lamentations 3:17-26 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

SERMON

“Happy New Year”

Betty Wist

*** HYMN**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

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* BENEDICTION

Leader: May God make your year a happy one!

**All: Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;**

Leader: Not by making your path easy, But by making you
sturdy to travel any path;

**All: Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking
fear from your heart;**

Leader: Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by
keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

**All: Not by making your life always pleasant, But by
showing you when people and their causes need
you most, and by making you anxious to be there
to help. God's love, peace, and joy to you for the
year ahead.**

POSTLUDE

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Dale Gray 11:00 Holly Mihaly & Corrine Nogacek

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Brenda Williams 11:00 Kristen Eliason

Lamentations 3:17-26

¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; ¹⁸ so I say, “Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.” ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! ²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY – JANUARY 3, 2021

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard
Antonio Ewings – Marines (GA)

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)
Clay Pittman – Army

WE ARE PRAYING FOR: Winnie Bliss, Gail Donaldson,
Wayne Doolittle, Rita Ghering, Military & Nation's Leaders

Praises:

Sunshine

Family

Health

Safety

Those who have recovered from Covid

Christmas joy

Charles is done with radiation and it looks like it worked

Stef is doing well after a successful surgery

Concerns:

Fort LeBoeuf Schools

Asbury Preschool

Alice E. - hip and leg pain, was in hospital with anemia

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

Family of Ford

Jane - serious case of lyme disease

Donna & Duane

Protection over nursing homes

Steven & other college students

Taylor & Sam - in need of guidance

Dave

Healthcare workers

Teens - wisdom and guidance in their decisions

Bryon

Joeni - expecting her baby any day

Dick with pancreatitis

Danielle

Those out of work

Those without homes

Those who are lonely
Our government officials
Deborah S. struggling with effects of strokes - Shirley Ruth's sister
Carly D. - improvement with new antibiotics
Kathy - fractured shoulder
Don G.
Rev. Solida
Family of Don
Betty Lou - continued health
Jeff - hopefully able to walk with boot soon
Carmen's mom
Family of Heather R. whose father died Christmas Eve
Family of Dale whose mother died

Those who are undergoing surgical procedures: Alanna (gull bladder needs taken out - in much pain)

Those who are fighting cancer: Jeanie, Linda (breast cancer), David (brain cancer), Rowan (10 year old with leukemia), Starla (child), John, Jen, Bonnie, Chris M., Albert

Those in need of organ transplants: Cheryl (lung), Paul (kidney), Jeremy (kidney),

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19: Doug (in ICU), Sue Ann, Nathan, SEI Cambridge Springs Women's Prison Covid outbreak

If you know anyone who no longer needs to be on this prayer list or the prayer has been answered and we can celebrate, please let us know.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THROUGH
THE BIBLE
WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY
WITH A 1 YEAR BIBLE PLAN**

Hear and Obey God - that's a key mark of a disciple. While this plan will allow you to read the entire Bible in a year, the goal is to hear from God. Don't worry if you do not complete all of the reading.

SOAP focuses on 4 things:

S - Scripture: Write a verse that stood out to you.

O - Observation: Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.

A - Application: Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.

P - Prayer: Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what He just showed you.

JANUARY

- 1 GEN 1-2; LUKE 1
- 2 GEN 3-5; LUKE 2
- 3 GEN 6-8; LUKE 3
- 4 GEN 9-11; LUKE 4
- 5 GEN 12-14; LUKE 5
- 6 GEN 15-17; LUKE 6
- 7 GEN 18-19; PS 3; LUKE 7
- 8 GEN 20-22; LUKE 8
- 9 GEN 23-24; LUKE 9
- 10 GEN 25-26; PS 6; LUKE 10
- 11 GEN 27-28; PS 4; LUKE 11
- 12 GEN 29-30; LUKE 12
- 13 GEN 31-33; LUKE 13
- 14 GEN 34-36; LUKE 14
- 15 GEN 37-38; PS 7; LUKE 15
- 16 GEN 39-41; LUKE 16
- 17 GEN 42-43; PS 5; LUKE 17
- 18 GEN 44-46; LUKE 18
- 19 GEN 47-48; PS 10; LUKE 19
- 20 GEN 49-50; PS 8; LUKE 20
- 21 EX 1-2; PS 88; LUKE 21
- 22 EX 3-5; LUKE 22
- 23 EX 6-8; LUKE 23
- 24 EX 9-11; LUKE 24
- 25 EX 12-13; PS 21; ACTS 1
- 26 EX 14-16; ACTS 2
- 27 EX 17-20; ACTS 3
- 28 EX 21-22; PS 12; ACTS 4
- 29 EX 23-24; PS 14; ACTS 5
- 30 EX 25-27; ACTS 6
- 31 EX 28-29; ACTS 7

FEBURARY

- 1 EX: 30-32; ACTS 8
- 2 EX 33-34; PS 16; ACTS 9
- 3 EX 35-36; ACTS 10
- 4 EX 37-38; PS 19; ACTS 11
- 5 EX 39-40; PS 15; ACTS 12
- 6 LEV 1-3; ACTS 13
- 7 LEV 4-6; ACTS 14
- 8 LEV 7-9; ACTS 15
- 9 LEV 10-12; ACTS 16
- 10 LEV 13-14; ACTS 17
- 11 LEV 15-17; ACTS 18
- 12 LEV 18-19; PS 13; ACTS 19
- 13 LEV 20-22; ACTS 20
- 14 LEV 23-24; PS 24; ACTS 21
- 15 LEV 25; PS 25-26; ACTS 22
- 16 LEV 26-27; ACTS 23
- 17 NUM 1-2; ACTS 24
- 18 NUM 3-4; ACTS 25
- 19 NUM 5-6; PS 22; ACTS 26
- 20 NUM 7;PS 23;ACTS 27
- 21 NUM 8-9; ACTS 28
- 22 NUM 10-11; PS 27; MARK 1
- 23 NUM 12-13; PS 90; MARK 2
- 24 NUM 14-16; MARK 3
- 25 NUM 17-18; PS 29; MARK 4
- 26 NUM 19-20; PS 28; MARK 5
- 27 NUM 21-23; MARK 6-7
- 28 NUM 24-27; 1COR 13



4 Dennis & Peggy Myers

6 Dustin & Tori Heath



3 Dorothy Steen

5 Debbie Adams

6 Dennis Lawton

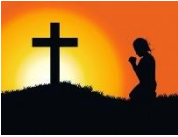
8 Danielle Gray

WE WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (796-6012) IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LISTED.

This week in the life of the church

January 3 **8:30 In-Person Worship**
 11:00 In-Person Worship
 11:00 Children's Church
January 6 **10:00 Bible Study**
 5:30 American Heritage Girls
January 7 **Erie Prays**
January 9 7:00 AA

Erie Prays



Asbury UMC is taking every 7th day of the month throughout the next year to pray and seek the Lord.

January's virtual sign-up link is as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACA82FA0FE3-erie3>

We hope you join in on this movement of prayer!



We will be having communion during both services on January 10th.

We will also be having drive-thru communion from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

****Please pull up near the glass door entrance****

Communion will be done in a safe and sterile manner.

Disinfecting Wipe Drive: If you have disinfecting wipes to spare, we could use them at the church. We greatly appreciate the disinfecting wipes that have already been donated!

Volunteers Needed! Peggy Kukudo is in need of someone getting her mail (from the end of her driveway) and shoveling her deck this winter. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.