

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

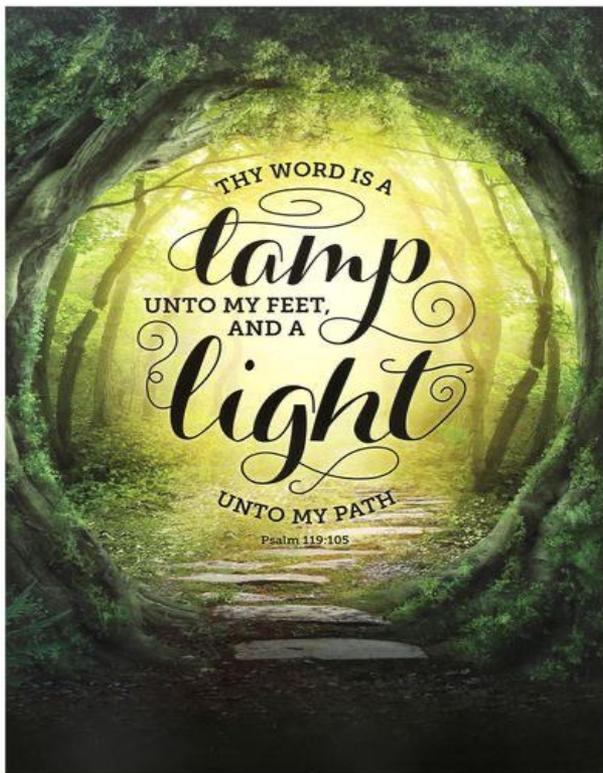
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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Tori Heath, Pastor



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
Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 17, 2021

*"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

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Jones

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

Come, our Light, and illumine our darkness.

Come, our Life, and revive us from death.

Come, our Physician, and heal our wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of our sins,
kindling our hearts with the flame of your love.

Come, our King, sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign
there.

For you alone are our King and our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from "An Invitation to Christ" written by Dimitri of Rostov,
Russia, 17th cent.

* PRAISE HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, we Adore You"

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,

Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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* RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing
 praises to my God while I have being.**

Leader: Put not your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there
is no help.

**All: Their breath departs, they return to the earth; on
 that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,

All: whose hope is in the Lord, their God,

Leader: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

All: who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free;

All: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

All: the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the sojourners,

All: and upholds the widow and the orphan; but the Lord brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

Leader: The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

All: Praise the Lord! Amen.

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

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

SERMON

“The Word of God”

Pastor Tori Heath

* HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in D”

Alcock

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Brenda Williams 11:00 Christy Roth

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Sarah Caram 11:00 Betty Wist

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPANY – JANUARY 17, 2021

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)

Antonio Ewings – Marines (GA)

Clay Pittman – Army

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

Praises:

God's love for us and ours for God's

Ability and desire to worship

Protection over those who are on the front lines of healthcare and other services

Sunshine

Jen, who we've been praying for, has no sign of cancer!

Carly D.'s lung function tests were amazing and she's off some of her meds!

Concerns:

Alice E. - needs strength and healing - wisdom for her doctors

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

Family of Ford

Jane - serious case of lyme disease

Donna & Duane

Taylor & Sam - in need of guidance

Dave

Dick with pancreatitis

Danielle

Deborah S. struggling with effects of strokes, needs to be able to swallow

Kathy - fractured shoulder

Rev. Solida

Betty Lou - continued health

Jeff - hopefully able to walk with boot soon

Doug's continued health and strength during regular dialysis and his family

Pastor Tori finishing her written ordination paperwork & projects
Anna - high schooler who has attempted suicide twice
Noe - guidance for doctors due to the return & growth of brain tumor
Trevor - dialysis
Tammy W. - severe leg pain
Jared W. and his wife - grieving
Darrell
Tom - in hospital and on feeding tube

Fort LeBoeuf Schools

Asbury Preschool

Nursing homes

College students

Healthcare workers

Teens in need of wisdom and guidance in their decisions

Those out of work

Those without homes

Those who are lonely

Our government officials

Our country

Those who are undergoing surgical procedures

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

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

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19: Harold F, Dr. Seon, Jack & Sandy

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



19 Bea McWilliams

21 Karen Oberlander

23 Chloe Brogdon

Kristi McCullough

Rich McCullough

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 17 **8:30 In-Person Worship**
11:00 In-Person Worship
11:00 Children’s Church
4:00 Youth Group
- January 18 **NEWS LETTER DEADLINE**
- January 20 **10:00 Bible Study**
6:00 American Heritage Girls
- January 23 **7:00 AA**



We are having a special offering today for Human Relations Sunday.

How do your gifts support Human Relations? We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: **Each of God’s children are equally important.**

If you would like to give to Human Relations Sunday, there are envelopes in the bulletins and there are envelopes with the offering plate or clearly mark Human Relations Sunday on your envelope.



Beginning Thursday, February 11th, Pastor Tori will be hosting a weekly online Bible study on Zoom, 6:30-7:30 p.m., studying the Gospel of John. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588876853?pwd=QjVxNU1qYmRzSzNONmlvblI5a09aQT09>

If you would like the Zoom link emailed to you, please call/email the church office.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift and card full of thoughtful and encouraging notes. We are so blessed to be in Waterford with this communion of Saints!

Love you all,
Pastor Tori & Dustin