

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

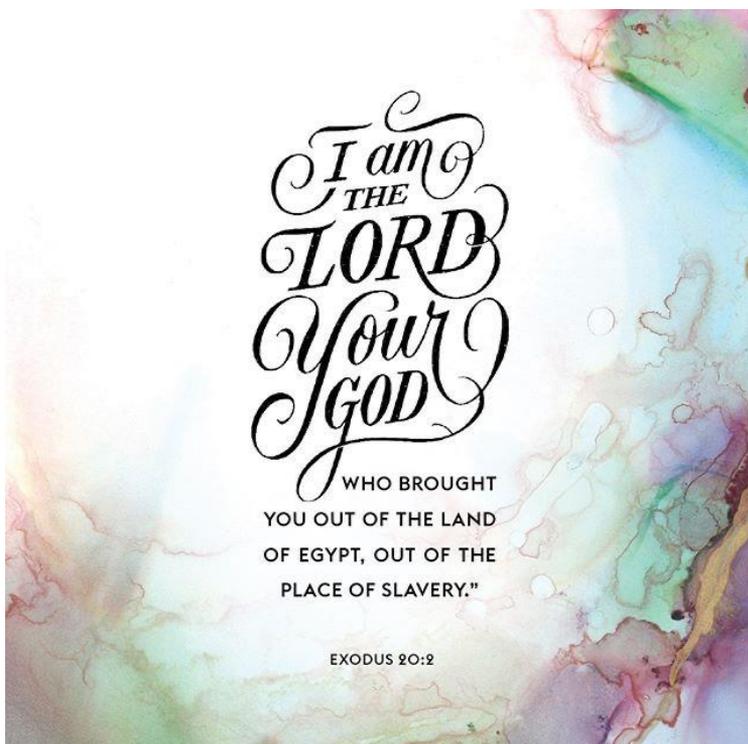
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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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
First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" DeCou
(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you are our way in the wilderness. In our own times of testing be our spiritual nourishment, protect us with your angels, and show your authority in our lives, so that we may hunger for righteousness and live in peace and safety, worshiping and serving you alone; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* PRAISE HYMN "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come
One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our hearts, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come
Come

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RESPONSIVE PSALTER

Psalms 119:33-40

Leader: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

All: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

All: Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

All: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

All: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life.

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Holy God, your ways are just and your commandments are true. Help us to understand your law, and when understanding fails, inspire us to follow you in joyful obedience, so that we may faithfully serve you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4:16

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

Exodus 20:1-21

SERMON

“The Big Picture: Community, Part 2: Sinai”

Pastor Tori Heath

* 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

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Travers

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Doreen Gray 11:00 Holly Mihaly

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Kristen Eliason 11:00 Dina Kehl

Exodus 20:1-21

Then God gave the people all these instructions: “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

“You must not have any other god but me.

“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those[b] who love me and obey my commands.

“You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

“Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

“Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

“You must not murder.

“You must not commit adultery.

“You must not steal.

“You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

“You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram’s horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear.

And they said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen. But don’t let God speak directly to us, or we will die!”

“Don’t be afraid,” Moses answered them, “for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!” As the people stood in the distance, Moses approached the dark cloud where God was.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 21, 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

We thank God for...

EUMA

Family

Health

Sunshine

Kristen is thankful for Aspen

Chocolate Strawberries and all the goodies

Church family

Worship

Friends

We pray to God on behalf of...

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

Jane - serious case of lyme disease

Donna & Duane (Duane's recovery from strokes)

Deborah - prayers for energy to walk

Kathy - fractured shoulder

Rev. Solida

Doug - continued health and strength during regular dialysis

Anna - guidance to good counselor

Noe - guidance for doctors due to the return & growth of brain tumor

Trevor - dialysis

Tammy W.

Wayne D.

Jim - many health issues

Tess & Sean

Cordie

Judy - Allene's sister

Roman - 12 year old recovering from brain surgery

Mark - liver issues

Victor S. - getting toes removed

Nass family

Family of Ty C. who died in car accident

Sandy W. - chronic pain, seeing neurosurgeon

Kayla - emotional and physical healing

Connie - kidney stone

Paul - in the hospital in need of healing; wisdom for doctors (Floyd's brother)

Sara - health

Greg - survived an explosion

EUMA staff and residents

Family of Lois O. who passed away

Those who are struggling during the month of February

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

Families experiencing division

Those who are undergoing surgeries: Gary (eye), John (triple bypass)

Those who are fighting cancer: Jeanie, Linda, David, Rowan (10 year old with leukemia), Starla (child), John, Bonnie, Chris M., Albert, Marsha, John, Rhonda C., Peggy, Jamie, Bob W., John B.

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

Those with/recovering from COVID-19: Dr. Seon, Jack & Sandy, Jim J., Kyle, Amador, Melissa, Brenna, Emily, Jim & Kim

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.



21 Don Blystone

23 Lanie Brogdon

25 Susie Gamble

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

February 21 **8:30 In-Person Worship**
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 In-Person Worship
 11:00 Children's Church
 4:00 Youth Group

February 22 **6:00 SPPR Committee**
 7:00 Worship Committee

February 23 **7:00 Trustees Committee**

February 24 **10:00 Bible Study**
 6:30 Sweet Hour of Prayer

February 25 **6:30 Zoom Bible Study**

February 27 7:00 AA



Our Children's Sunday School and our adult Acts 2:42 Sunday School classes will be resuming this Sunday, February 21st at 9:45 a.m. The children's class will be upstairs and the Acts 2:42 class will be in Fellowship Hall.

All Covid restrictions will be followed.



JANUARY PENNY COLLECTION: \$111.60
NEXT COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 28TH



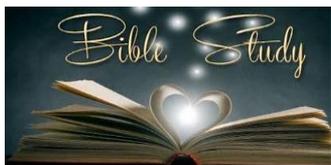
Erie Prays

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

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACA82FA0FE3-erie5>

We hope you join in on this movement of prayer!



BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

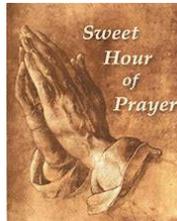
CHURCH COVID POLICIES WILL BE FOLLOWED



We are having a weekly online Bible study on Zoom, 6:30-7:30pm, studying the Gospel of John. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588876853?pwd=QjVxNU1qYmRzSzNONmlvbll5a09aQT09>

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



*“Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet Hour of Prayer!
That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my
Father’s throne, make all my wants and wishes known.”*

Every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. our church sanctuary will be available as a place to come to pray, be prayed for, and commune with God. Feel free to come & go throughout the quiet hour of peace and prayer – stay 5 minutes or stay for an hour. Throughout a busy and hectic week, this invitation stands as a time of centering our hearts and minds with God in this Sweet Hour of Prayer.