

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

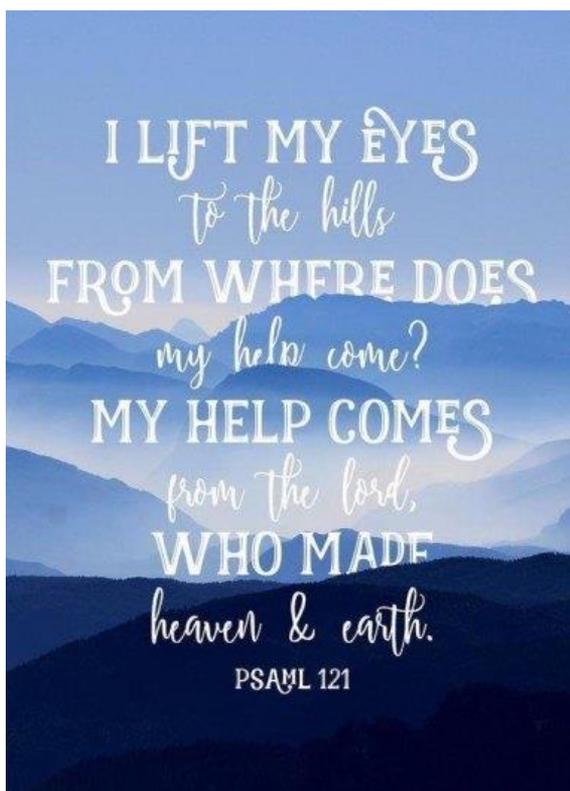
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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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 of Lent - February 28, 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 “Love that Binds” Gilbert/Skillings
(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS MINUTE

INVOCATION PRAYER

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen

* PRAISE HYMN “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name/ In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name/ When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll/ Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord/ Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord/ Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name/ On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering/ Blessed be Your name
You give and take away/ You give and take away
My heart will choose to say/ Lord blessed be Your name

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift my eyes to the hills - from where will my help
come?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven
and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you
will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at
your right hand.

**People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by
night.**

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep
your life.

**People: The LORD will keep your going out and your
coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

**All: Maker of heaven and earth, we trust you to keep us
in your care. Guard us from evil, protect us from
harm. Help us to know you, and knowing you to
follow you, so that all our comings and goings may
conform to your purpose for our lives, through
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

Joshua 3:1-8; 14-17

SERMON "The Big Picture: Conquest" Pastor Tori Heath

* HYMN "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Erschienen Ist Der Herrliche Tag” Walther

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Dale Gray 11:00 Christy Roth

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Jim Singer 11:00 Betty Wist

Joshua 3:1-8; 14-17

Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. After three days the officers went throughout the camp, giving orders to the people: “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it.”

Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.” Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So they took it up and went ahead of them.

And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: ‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”

...So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of

**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

- 28 NUM 24-27; 1COR 13

MARCH

- 1 NUM 28-29; MARK 8
- 2 NUM 30-31; MARK 9
- 3 NUM 32-33; MARK 10
- 4 NUM 34-35; MARK 11
- 5 DEUT 1-2; MARK 12
- 6 DEUT 3-4; PS 36; MARK 13
- 7 DEUT 5-6; PS 43; MARK 14
- 8 DEUT 7-9; MARK 15
- 9 DEUT 10-12; MARK 16
- 10 DEUT 13-15; GAL 1
- 11 DEUT 16-18; PS 38; GAL 2
- 12 DEUT 19-21; GAL 3
- 13 DEUT 22-24; GAL 4
- 14 DEUT 25-27; GAL 5
- 15 DEUT 28-29; GAL 6
- 16 DEUT 30-31; PS 40; 1COR 1
- 17 DEUT 32-34; 1COR 2
- 18 JOSH 1-2; PS 37; 1COR 3
- 19 JOSH 3-6; 1COR 4
- 20 JOSH 7-8; PS 69; 1COR 5
- 21 JOSH 9-11; 1COR 6
- 22 JOSH 12-14; 1COR 7
- 23 JOSH 15-17; 1COR 8
- 24 JOSH 18-20; 1COR 9
- 25 JOSH 21-22; PS 47; 1COR 10
- 26 JOSH 23-24; PS 44; 1COR 11
- 27 JUDG 1-3; 1COR 12
- 28 JUDG 4-5; PS 39,41; 1COR 13
- 29 JUDG 6-7; PS 52; 1COR 14
- 30 JUDG 8; PS 42; 1COR 15
- 31 JUDG 9-10; PS 49; 1COR 16

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 28, 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

We thank God for...

Sunshine

Time with family

Victor's surgery was successful

Vaccine accessibility

Athena Rose - Andy & Marcie's new granddaughter

Sue's carpal tunnel surgery was successful

Songbirds beginning to sing

Worship

We pray to God on behalf of...

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

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

Sue Ann - Heart surgery

Nathan

Anna - guidance to good counselor & emotional healing

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

Trevor - dialysis

Tammy W.

Jim - many health issues

Tess & Sean

Cordie

Judy - Allene's sister

Roman - 12 year old recovering from brain surgery

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)

Greg - survived an explosion

Susie & Rich - Susie's health issues

Jen as she grieves her mother's passing

Family of Nancy who passed

Family of Mary who passed

Family of Ty passed

Kristen's friends who are struggling

Mary - Nancy's sister who has serious health issues

Mandy and her aunt who have Covid

Texans without water & electricity

Burmese - persecuted Christians and their families

EUMA staff and residents

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, Jim

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

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.



5 Chester & Phyllis Russell



- 2 Marcy Eliason
Richard Ellis
Heidi Learn
- 3 Elliot Shields
Dorothy Yard
- 5 William Phillips
- 6 Sally Byrtus

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 28 **8:30 In-Person Worship**
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 In-Person Worship & Live Stream Worship
 11:00 Children's Church
 4:00 Youth Group
March 2 **7:00 Outreach Committee**
March 3 **10:00 Bible Study**
 6:00 American Heritage Girls
 6:30 Sweet Hour of Prayer
March 4 **6:30 Zoom Bible Study**
March 5 7:00 AA

Zoom Bible Study Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588876853?pwd=QjVxNU1qYmRzSzNONmIvbll5a09aQT09>



Today is penny collection!
The green container by the offering plate is for the pennies.
The pennies are collected to pay for the shipping of
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

JANUARY PENNY COLLECTION: \$111.60



We will be having communion during both services on March 7th.

We will 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.



Our Children's Sunday School and our adult Acts 2:42 Sunday School classes have resumed at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. The children's class is upstairs and the Acts 2:42 class is in Fellowship Hall.

All Covid restrictions will be followed.



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!



The March, April, May copies of **Our Daily Bread** and the March/April copies of the **Upper Room** are available in the Narthex for your daily devotions.

Newsletter

Our March Newsletter is available in the Narthex for those of you who would like a paper copy. If you requested the newsletter by email and did not receive it (or would like to receive it by email), please contact the church office.

2021 SPRING LAY MINISTRY SCHOOL

The 2021 Spring Lay Ministry School will begin in mid-March via Zoom. Registration will be open from **Friday, March 5th to Wednesday, March 10th**. The cost of each course is \$30, which includes shipping of materials to each participant.

- *Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course)*: This course is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.
- *Called to Preach (Preaching, Advanced Course)*: This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. It is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.
- *Anti-Racism Course (Elective Course)*: Description coming soon.



It is here in the in between, a part of Asbury United Methodist Church and a representative of Snug Harbor: Rehabilitation and Recovery that I find myself (of all things in a pandemic) proud. On behalf of our growing community at Snug, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the extreme outpouring we received throughout the clothing drive. Coats, Pants, Socks, Shirts, Shoes, Soap --- I can't fit it all here! And I couldn't fit it all in the car either! Our community was absolutely astounded at the generosity Asbury displayed even during difficult times. Our staff, our residents, and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With an abundance of gratitude,

Chaplain Dustin Heath