

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

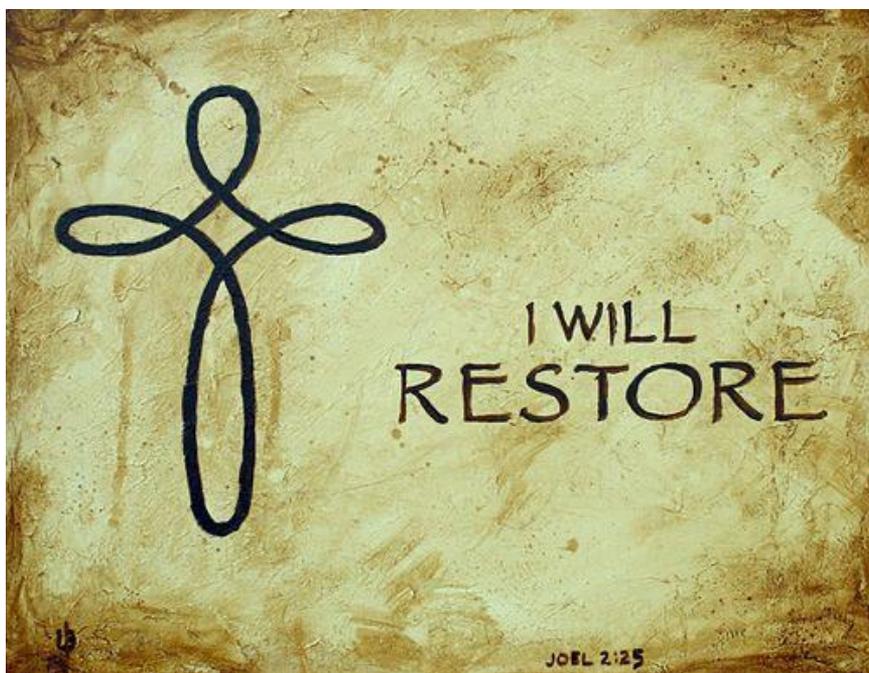
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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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
Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14, 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 "By the Rivers of Babylon" Arr French
(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

God, you have known us from the beginning of time, you have known us in the depths of our dreams and in the darkness of our shame, you know us as your beloved. Help us to own that core identity more and more in this season of repentance and mercy. Give us the rock-solid assurance of your love for us as we seek you. Amen.

* PRAISE HYMN "Draw Me Close"

Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend
You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace
Help me find the way
Bring me back to you

Chorus

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know you are near

Draw me close to you
Never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear you say that I'm your friend
You are my desire
No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take your place
To feel the warmth of your embrace
Help me find the way
Bring me back to you

Chorus 2X

Help me know you are near
Help me know you are near

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 74:1-3, 9-12, 20-21

Leader: O God, why have you rejected us so long? Why is your anger so intense against the sheep of your own pasture?

All: Remember that we are the people you chose long ago, the tribe you redeemed as your own special possession! And remember Jerusalem, your home here on earth.

Leader: Walk through the awful ruins of the city; see how the enemy has destroyed your sanctuary.

All: We no longer see your miraculous signs. All the prophets are gone, and no one can tell us when it will end.

Leader: How long, O God, will you allow our enemies to insult you? Will you let them dishonor your name forever? Why do you hold back your strong right hand? Unleash your powerful fist and destroy them.

All: You, O God, are my king from ages past, bringing salvation to the earth.

Leader: Remember your covenant promises, for the land is full of darkness and violence!

All: Don't let the downtrodden be humiliated again. Instead, let the poor and needy praise your name.

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Faithful and compassionate God, we know that faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Enable us to see with eyes of faith beyond a broken and hurting world that you are sovereign, and to believe with trusting hearts that you are undeniably good. We ask in Jesus, name. Amen.

MARCH MEMORY VERSE

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. -*Psalm 73:26*

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

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:5-11

SERMON

“The Big Picture: Conceit”

Pastor Tori Heath

* HYMN

“As the Deer”

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

Refrain

You alone are my Strength, my Shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Refrain

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye

Refrain

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“An Wasserflusser Babylon”

Zachau

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Allen Yard 11:00 Carrie Shamp

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Brenda Williams 11:00 Dina Kehl

UMCOR Sunday

United Methodist Committee on Relief ([UMCOR](#)) responds to disasters in the United States and around the world by working with communities and local partners. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to

recover on its own, UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts. The past year has not been the easiest for many, from a pandemic to natural disasters. As a result of your giving, UMCOR was able to respond in many communities.

Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday enable and strengthen The United Methodist Church's global humanitarian response. This includes immediate relief and long-term recovery from devastating storms, welcome and care for those displaced from home, and access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.



**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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 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...

Family members getting vaccines

Our children acolytes

Jordan cancer free for one year (19 year old)

Kayla's healing

Melinda's back healing

Shirley Ruth is grateful for the YMCA

New baby Banks (Marian & Phil's new great grandson)

Rich and Cindy healing and able to come back to church

Time with family

We pray to God on behalf of...

Donna & Duane (Duane's recovery from strokes)

Deborah - prayers for energy to walk

Doug - continued health and strength during regular dialysis

Sue Ann - recovering from heart surgery

Nathan - seizures

Anna - guidance to good counselor & emotional healing

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

Trevor - dialysis

Jim D. - many health issues

Tess & Sean

Cordie

Judy - Allene's sister

Sandy W. - chronic pain

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

Kristen's friends who are struggling

Mary - Nancy's sister

Tiffany's knee recovery

Mary Lou K.

Chuck Z. - tumor removed from brain

Noah W.

Sandy H. - infection in knee

Mrs. Schultz - hospital

Wiley P.

Levi H. - problems with liver

Sandy S.

Those who were involved in the bad wreck on 97

Joe M. in rehab - prayers for walking and talking

Ron R. - health issues

Sheila in hospital and not speaking

Susie G.

EUMA staff and residents

Fort LeBoeuf Schools

Asbury Preschool

Nursing homes

College students

Healthcare workers

Teens in need of wisdom and guidance

Those out of work

Those without homes

Those who are lonely

Government officials

Our country

Nations experiencing unrest

Families experiencing division

Persecuted Christians around the world

Those who are undergoing surgeries: Becky (hip), Sara S.

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

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

Those with/recovering from COVID-19: Dr. Carl Seon (double lung transplant)

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.



15 Greg Maynard

16 Jeff Herman

17 Bill Burge

Steve Myers

Paige Shields

18 Kristen Eliason

20 Curt Canell

Sue Eliason

Heidi Yovich

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.



WESLEY WOODS

of Northwestern PA

Nestled in the beauty of God's creation, Wesley Woods is a place where children, youth and adults encounter God through fellowship and worship.

Our summer camping program deepens spiritual connections and offers opportunity for rustic adventure with all of the comforts of home. It challenges campers to become confident in both their abilities and faith journeys.

Whether it's navigating a high ropes initiative or canoeing across rapids, Wesley Woods uses experiences to develop individual and team skills. For those with artistic and creative gifts, the beautiful setting of the camp brings out campers' artistic instincts and creativity. But most importantly, Wesley Woods is a place to learn about God's love through life-changing experiences.

Asbury UMC will pay \$350.00 toward the cost of a child from our church attending a Conference Camp. A \$50.00 registration fee must be included with the application.

Register at:

www.wesleywoods.com

This experience could change your child's life!

This week in the life of the church

- March 14 **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 15 **6:00 Missions Committee**
 7:00 Worship Committee
- March 17 **10:00 Bible Study**
 6:00 American Heritage Girls
 6:30 Sweet Hour of Prayer
- March 18 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 6:30 Zoom Bible Study
- March 20 **3-6:00 Soup Pick-up**
 7:00 AA

Zoom Bible Study Link:

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