

# 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*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21, 2021*

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*"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                      "One Small Child"                      David Meece  
*(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION PRAYER

Create a clean heart in me, O God: a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, thinks always about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in hymns and spiritual songs, and has its citizenship in heaven. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is calling you as disciples

**All: Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.**

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.

**All: Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.**

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.

**All: We are ready to serve the Lord. AMEN.**

\* PRAISE HYMN                      "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

For if I'm holy, as you are holy then I'll see you, face to face.

Melt me, mold me as in your image; take me to your holy place.

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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### 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

Exodus 3:1-11

SERMON "A Testimony: My Call to Vocational Ministry"

Pastor Tori Heath

#### \* HYMN "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE            “All Glory Laud and Honor”            Teschner

**Music Today:**       Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

**Greeters:**            8:30 Kaye Majerik 11:00 Jean Seaman

**Worship Leaders:** 8:30 Sarah Caram 11:00 Lori Buie

*The altar flowers this morning are to the Glory of God  
in honor of  
Carl and Alice Eliason's 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.  
by Carl Eliason*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 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...**

when God gives us strength  
Bill's 81st birthday  
Shirley Ruth's trip to see her sisters  
Vaccine availability  
Successful surgeries  
Melinda's healing from her surgery  
Sunshine  
Family  
Peggy is cancer free  
Seeing blue birds  
Jenna's mom Carly returning home from trip  
Chuck Z. is home from hospital  
Joe M. is home from rehab  
Ron R. is showing some improvement

#### **We pray to God on behalf of...**

Donna & Duane  
Deborah - energy to walk  
Doug - continued health and strength during regular dialysis  
Sue Ann - recovering from heart surgery  
Nathan - seizures  
Anna - 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 - health

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 A. - many health issues

Tiffany's knee recovery

Mary Lou K.

Noah W.

Sandy H. - infection in knee

Mrs. Schultz - hospital

Wiley P.

Levi H. - problems with liver

Sandy S.

Joe M. - recovery

Ron R. - health issues

Sheila in hospital and not speaking

Susie G. - dialysis

Family of Jason B. who passed away very suddenly

Bill B. - blockages in legs

Safe travels for Dina's daughter as the family moves (Emily, Ethan & kids)

Keith - end stages of life

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 (3rd type of cancer), 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, Kristen's friends' family

**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.**

## Exodus 3:1-11

One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it."

When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

"Here I am!" Moses replied.

"Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."



**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; 1COR12
- 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



24 Mark & Marcy Nicholls



21 Marian Burge

22 Jim Fish

Wyatt Johnson

Dewey Kinnear

Curtis Sanders

24 Margaret Schwab

25 Paul Harris

27 Angus Biebel

Corinne Nogacek

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.



### **March 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. – Children's Church

### **April 1<sup>st</sup> – Maundy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. – Worship

8:00 p.m. – Worship

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday**

Good Friday Meditation: A time of silence and reflection in our church Sanctuary as you consider Christ's journey to the cross. Images of that journey on the screen will be displayed to remind us of the price Jesus paid for our salvation and the salvation of all who believe. Come and go as you feel led between Noon and 9:00 p.m.

### **April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. – Waterford Community Sunrise Service at the Park

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

11:00 a.m. – Children's Church



# 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](http://www.wesleywoods.com)

**This experience could change your child's life!**

**This week in the life of the church**

March 21      **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 23      **7:00 Trustees Committee**

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

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

March 27      7:00 AA

**Zoom Bible Study Link:**

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

**FEBRUARY PENNY COLLECTION: \$82.42**  
**NEXT COLLECTION: MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**Children's Church Assistants Needed!**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with Children's Church at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Yard at 438-7959.

**Safe Sanctuary Training**

If you're interested in working with children and youth ministries in the church and have not taken the Safe Sanctuaries training yet, there is an opportunity to be a part of an online Safe Sanctuaries training. The training will be held on Zoom on **Saturday, March 27th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

If you would like to sign up, use this link:

<https://wpa-reg.brtapp.com/SafeSanctuariesTraining>