

Prayer Request

Can this be shared with church?

Yes No

For church staff only?

Yes No

Do you request a Minister's Call?

Yes No

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Wednesday Night Dinner RSVP

Name: _____

____ No. of Children's Meals—\$3

____ No. of Adult Meals—\$6

____ Standing Reservations

If you make reservations and cannot attend, please let us know by Monday at noon.

Date: _____

Wednesday Night Meals will resume on January 11th, 2017

Missions:

Mary and Joseph Projects

Personal hygiene items for young women and men in the city and county school systems are needed for these on-going projects. Place items in the cabinet outside the Fellowship Hall.

2nd Mile Local Assistance

When you give to Asbury UMC and designate "Local Assistance," you make it possible for us to meet or supplement a wide variety of needs in our community including the work of our Benevolence Team.

Restoration Depot

We are in desperate need of **towels and twin size bed linens**. If you would like to donate these items they may be dropped off at the church office. Also need volunteers who can pick up furniture donations. If you can help, please let us know!

Food Bank Needs

December's need is Pasta. The collection container is in the Library. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday School Class Opportunities:

Other Areas of the Church

9:30AM Nursery, Preschool & K-5th Grade in Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary)
9:30AM Youth in Youth Room

1st Floor Education Building

9:15AM D&H Brown (mixed gender, 50-70s)
9:30AM Disciple (mixed gender, mixed age)
9:30AM Sisters by Grace (females, mixed age)
9:15AM LaRue (mixed gender, senior adults)

2nd Floor Education Building

9:30AM Seekers (mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor
9:30AM Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

Announcements

Announcement entries should be submitted to general@asburyumconline.com or by calling 423.798.1050 by 12N on Wednesdays.

Newsletter entries are due by the 20th of each month.

On-Call 12/23—12/25: Rev. Jones, 423.620.2668

Wednesday's Meal: NO MEAL until January 11th, 2017

Special thank you to Director of Traditional Worship, Cindy Sams; Organist, Carolyn Gregg; and all that performed and helped with the Christmas Cantata!

Many thanks to all the volunteers and parents that made our Children's Christmas program a success! Without you it would not be possible.

Christmas Caroling: Everyone is welcome to come caroling to our shut-ins on Wednesday, December 21st. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 then head out to spread good cheer.

Library News: Christmas books, both for adults and children are on display on the cart next to the library desk. Relax with a good book during this busy season.

Stable Service: The D & H Brown Class invites you to their Stable Service on Sunday, tonight at 6:30PM at the Holston Home Horse Barn. It will be dark so bring a flash light or glow stick for light. Dress for comfort and warmth. Experience that wonderful night in Bethlehem.

Children's Ministries:

- There will be no afterschool pick up until January 11th, 2017. We will be caroling with the church at 5:30PM on Wednesday, December 21st.
- Children will sing the "Advent Candle Song" each Sunday of Advent. It would be great to have as many kids here as possible each Sunday.

Upcoming Worship Services:

- Wednesday, December 21st—**7:00PM**, Blue Christmas Services, Chapel
- Saturday, December 24th—Christmas Candlelight Services, "PEACE," **5:30PM, Sanctuary; 11:00PM Fellowship Hall**
- Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Day, "WORD," **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, 10:00AM, Sanctuary**—Come as you are in Christmas Pajamas, Christmas Sweaters, or Festive Attire.
- Sunday, January 1st—Epiphany Sunday, "REVEAL," **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, 10:40AM, Fellowship Hall.**

Sevier County Recover Efforts: Volunteers (individuals and teams) continue to be needed. For general volunteer work, visit mountaintough.org. A priority need this week is for bilingual volunteers to help with translation when victims are working with Dollywood Foundation. To volunteer, text Whitney Winston at 865-518-2482 and she will get you on the schedule.

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Sunday, December 18th, 2016 8:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude "Rejoice Greatly in the Lord" - Koury Mrs. Carolyn Gregg
Bringing in the Light Acolyte
Welcome & Announcements Rev. Shannon Marie Berry

PROCLAMATION

*Lifting our Voices in Praise "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196
Congregational Hymn Congregational Choice
Young Person's Message Rev. Jerry Jones
Lighting of the Advent Candle Mr. Trevor Lund
For many people, this is a season of grief...the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.
One: The word of the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.
One: And so we offer this mysterious prayer.
ALL: Lord Jesus, quickly come.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Berry
Call to Prayer "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Mrs. Gregg
The Lord's Prayer UMH #895
*Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 Rev. Berry
Sermon "Dream" Rev. Jones

RESPONSE

*The Peace
Giving of our Tithes & Offering
Offertory "This Sacred Hour" - Heller Mrs. Gregg
Doxology UMH #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Closing Hymn "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH #230

SENDING FORTH

*Taking the Light into the World Acolyte
*Benediction Rev. Jones
Postlude "Celebration" - Smith Mrs. Gregg

