

ASBURY UMC
Loving, Growing, Reaching

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201 S. Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37743
Main Phone: 423.798.1050/Website: asburyumconline.com

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8:00AM SERVICE—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT —DECEMBER 17TH, 2017

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude "Wake, Awake" — Nicolai-Christiansen Mrs. Carolyn Gregg, Organist
Bringing in the Light Acolyte
Welcome & Announcements Rev. Jerry Jones
*Please sign the Ritual of Friendship pads, passing them down the row and back again.

PROCLAMATION

*Lifting Our Voices in Praise "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH #229
Congregational Hymn Congregational Choice
Lighting of the Advent Candle

ALL: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God Appear."

Leader: God of justice.....longing for redemption.

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Young Person's Message Rev. Shannon Marie Berry

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jones

Call to Prayer Mrs. Gregg

The Lord's Prayer UMH #895

*Scripture **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24** Rev. Jones

Sermon "Joy Is Our True Home" Rev. Berry

RESPONSE

*The Peace

Offertory "Lift Up Your Heads" — Smith 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 "The First Noel" UMH#245

SENDING FORTH

*Taking the Light into the World Acolyte

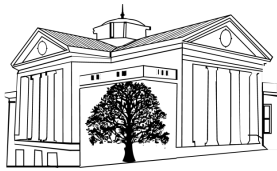
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*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" UMH #881
*Gloria Patri UMH #70

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end Amen. Amen.

Special Music "Go Tell it Through the Ocean" Children's Ministry
Children's Message Rev. Jones

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song. This is where children belong.

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RESPONSE

Hymn of Invitation "Love Came Down at Christmas" UMH #242
Giving of Our Tithes and Offering
Offertory "Lift Up Your Heads" — Smith Chancel Choir UMH #95
Doxology

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**OUR GIFTS AND PRESENCE
For December 10th, 2017**

Budget Offering: \$6,501.15
 Specials Fund: \$50.00 Second Mile: \$175.00
 Capital: \$525.00
 Year-to-Date Actual Offering: \$478,286.63 Behind Budget: \$58,773.37
 Organ Pledges: \$163,780.00 Pledges Received: \$106,689.00

Single Service 10:40AM: 180
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 62 TOTAL WORSHIP: 180

Depositor Schedule for:	December	January
8:00AM Service	Frank Jennings	Frank Jennings
10:30AM Service	Doug Debusk	Frank Holzschuh
10:40AM Service	Linda Fitzpatrick	Brenda Ottinger

Childcare is available during the worship service for children ages newborn to preschool in the Children's Area, under the Sanctuary. Please see an usher, greeter, or staff person for more information. Childcare is provided by Ms. Toni Weems & Ms. Janet Coates.

PRAYER REQUESTS
New requests in bold.

Cancer Patients: Riley Balcita; Victoria Batts; Mary Bettis; Tony Bible; Maggi Brominsk; BJ Broyles; Brenda Bruce; Sandra Carter; Shirley Carter; Lisa Chapman; Tonya Creel; Marya Crotwell; Chris Cowens; Max Cox; Clinton Dalton; Bob Dappert; Eldon Duncan; Crystal Dykes; Lori Fawbush; Mary Louise Flanders; Gail Fletcher; Mike French; Joe Goodman; Jason Green; Nan Hawkins; Judy Helton; **Nathan House;** Laine Howells; Bea Jennings; George Kastendike; Bill Langston; Gina Leach; Martha Lowery; Harper Marsh; Ken Martin; Gayle Matthews; Cherrisa McInturff; Troy McInturff; Danny Morelock; Gina Myers; Mike Myers; Beth Neas; Linda Nichols; Kathryn P; Patsy Dority; Oscar Payne; Tillery Phillips; Ellen Pilkington; Judith Plucker; Julie Proffit; Gary Ross; Gene Shepherd; Cheri Smith; Jay Smith; Ronnie Smith; Mindi Southerland; Brad Strange; Carolyn Taylor; Charlene Thomas; Nancy Wagner; Hugh Wells; Barbara Weller; Toni Weems; Peggy Williams; Glynn Wynne.

Other Requests: Shelley Berry; Vicky Britton; Orland Britton; Leigh Ann Brookman; Nicole Bruce; Ryan Cloyd; Darlene Collins; Russ Crum; Michael Elswick, Nancy Elswick; Sue Engold & her mother Jean; *Isaiah Fasnacht; Sy Gallimore; Gavin Green; *Alfred Hall; Laura House; Kathy Jones; Trevor Long; *Wendy Manalac; Cyrsta Mater; Barbara McKenna; Janice Moore; *Richard Ramer; **Bernie Sams;** Alan Shipley; Ramona Shupe; Jim Thurber; Bettye Weems; Asbury's shut-ins; brothers & sisters in the faith with addictions; our country. **Minnie Anderson, Kevin McCullough, Bobby Wells Sr., The Family of Bill Richardson, The family of Harold Thieme.**

Service: Jason Angel; Rev. Amy Beth Bartee; Bob Croxdale; Rev. Ryan Davenport; Chase Ellenburg; Ajayla Ewing; John Ewing; Anthony Faitel; Paul Garritt; Connor Gulmire; Brandon Hoban; John Junio; Michael King; PFC Marshall Lane; Stephen Leifert; Jason Miller; Duncan Powell; Jacob Richey; Robert Riley; Jared Saylor; Lincoln Taylor; Hunter Waddell; Tyler Waddell; Kenny Wells; Captain David Weston; Zach Whitlock; Rob Wright.

Note: If you wish to add someone's name or update the information requested in this prayer request section of the bulletin, please contact the church office at 423.798.1050 or email general@asburyumconline.com (**Prayer concerns will remain on our list for six weeks.**) **All names marked with an * will be removed.**

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 12/22–12/24 Rev. Jones, 423.620.2668

This Week at AUMC
Sunday, Dec. 17th:

4:00PM—Our Father's Place—CH
 6:00PM—Christmas Caroling—FH
 6:00PM—Stable Service—Holston Home

Monday, Dec. 18th:
Tuesday, Dec. 19th:

6:30PM—ACEC Christmas Program—ST
 3:00PM—Benevolence Meeting—LB
 4:30PM—ACEC Board Meeting—DC
 5:30PM—SPRC Meeting—DC

Wednesday, Dec. 20th:

10:00AM—Prayer Shawl Ministry—PSR
 6:00PM—Christmas Caroling—FH

Thursday, Dec 21st:
Friday, Dec. 22nd:

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 7:00PM—Blue Christmas Service—CH
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB	Children's Area-CA
Chapel-CH	Choir Room-CR
Disciple Classroom-DC	
D&H Brown Classroom-DH	
Fellowship Hall-FH	John Wesley Class-JWC
LaRue Classroom-LR	Library-LB
Parlor-PL	Prayer Shawl Room-PSR
Rev. Berry's Study-RBS	Rev. Jones' Study-RJS
Sisters By Grace-SG	Sanctuary-ST
Youth Room-YR	

Wednesday Night Meal: Wednesday Night Meals and Programs will resume January 10th.

Stable Service: The D&H Brown Class invites you to their Stable Service tonight at 6:00PM at the Holston Home Horse Barn. It will be dark so bring an illumination device. Dress for comfort and warmth. Experience that wonderful night in Bethlehem.

Mail: Please check the mail sorter in the office, near Keith's desk for all classes and groups.

Christmas Eve Offering: During our Christmas Eve Services at 5:00PM & 11:00PM, we will be taking up a special offering for Second Mile-Benevolence and our Conference Asking. You may bring a white tissue paper wrapped gift of underwear and socks for our Mary & Joseph Project.

Library Notes: Busy? Frazzled? Take a little break and read a Christmas book! Christmas books are now on display in the library. Nothing like reading a good book before a fire to help you relax and center on the Holy Season.

Children's Ministries: Christmas Caroling: December 17th and December 20th at 6:00PM, meet in Fellowship Hall. After school transportation and Homework Club will resume January 10th. **REZKIDZ:** Family worship event in Pigeon Forge, Feb 9th-11th. Preregister by December 24th, deposit of \$20 per person due by January 7th.

UMYF: Christmas Caroling: December 17th and 20th at 6:00PM, meet in the Fellowship Hall. College Bible Study: Fridays at 8:00AM in the Library. All who are post-high school are welcome, we are studying the Book of Mark.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH
 9:15 / 9:30AM—Sunday School Classes
 10:30AM—Traditional Worship—ST
 10:40AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

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