



Our MISSION: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the entire world." To fulfill our mission, we will **love** God, **grow** together, and **reach** out.

ASBURY UMC
Loving, Growing, Reaching

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MISSIONS:

Operation Christmas Child's Shoeboxes

We need monthly gifts to prepare for Operation Christmas Child. **December's** need is **prayers**. No toothpaste or candy. A collection box will be in the reception office. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Mary and Joseph Projects

Personal hygiene items for young women and men in the city and county school systems are needed for these ongoing 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 need of **towels, washcloths, blinds, curtains, & pillows**. If you would like to donate these items, they may be dropped off at the church office. We also need volunteers who can pick up furniture donations.

Food Bank Needs

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

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

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SUNDAY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Other Areas of the Church

9A Nursery, Preschool & K-5th Grade
in Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary)
9A Youth in Youth Room
9A Men's Life Group-PSR

1st Floor Education Building

9A D&H Brown (mixed gender, 50-70s)
9A Disciple (mixed gender, mixed age)
9A Sisters by Grace
(females, mixed age)
9A LaRue (mixed gender, mixed ages)

2nd Floor Education Building

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

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5:00PM SERVICE—CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24TH, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>"Christmas Fantasy"</i> — Stickles	Mrs. Carolyn Gregg, Organist
Bringing in the Light		Acolytes
Welcome & Announcements		Mrs. Kim Brown

PROCLAMATION

*Lifting Our Voices in Praise	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	UMH #234 vs.1-4
Lighting of the Advent Candle		The Hall Family
Advent Candle Song		Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Jones
Call to Prayer	<i>"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"</i>	Mrs. Gregg
The Lord's Prayer		UMH #895
*Scripture	2 Samuel 7:8-16	Mr. Shore
Sermon	<i>"In the Readiness"</i>	Rev. Jones
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Rev. Jones

GOD WITH US

RESPONSE

A Service of Word & Table		UMH #12
Giving of Our Tithes and Offering		
Offertory	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i> - Rouse	Mrs. Gregg
Doxology		UMH #95
<i>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.</i>		

The Great Thanksgiving		UMH #13
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Special Music	<i>"O Holy Night"</i> — Adam	Russ Crum, Soloist
*Hymn of Invitation	<i>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</i>	UMH #239
Hymn	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	UMH #246

SENDING FORTH

*Taking the Light into the World		Acolytes
*Benediction		Rev. Jones
Postlude	<i>"Joy to the World"</i> — Handel	Mrs. Gregg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement entries should be submitted to general@asburyumconline.com or by calling 423.798.1050 by 12PM on Wednesdays. Newsletter entries are due by the 20th of each month.

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

First Reading Luke 2:1-4 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Light the first purple candle

All: “Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

Second Reading Luke 2:5-7 **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Light the second purple candle

All: From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Third Reading: Luke 2:8-14 **8** In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, **14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”
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Light the pink candle

All: Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:15-20 **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Light the fourth purple candle

All: Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.”

This Week at AUMC

Sunday, Dec. 23rd: 4PM—Our Father’s Place-CH

Monday, Dec. 24th: OFFICE CLOSED

5PM—Candlelight Service-ST

11PM—Candlelight Service-FH

Tuesday, Dec. 25th: OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec. 26th: 10AM—Prayer Shawl Ministries—PRS

Saturday, Dec. 29th: Puzzle Pieces

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH

9:00AM—Sunday School Classes

10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST

11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

Wednesday Night Schedule

3:30PM—Homework Club

4:30PM—Children’s Activities

5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal

5:45PM—Handbell Practice

6:00PM—UMYF

6:30PM—Small Groups & Choir Practice

Wednesday Night Meal: NO MEAL! We will resume January 9th.

Asbury Connected: Stay up to date with everything happening at Asbury in 2019 by signing up for our weekly Asbury Connected emails. We also send out Wonderful Wednesday reminders and special announcements. Just send you email to Susan at the office and you will be added. Don’t miss out, join today!

2018 Tithes: We will receive tithes for 2018 until January 4th. After that everything will be for 2019.

Family Ministries

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Winter Painting Class: Has been rescheduled for January 20th 3PM, if interested please contact Mrs. Kim.

Wonderful Wednesdays: Will resume January 9th.

UMYF: Resurrection Deposits Due Today! No UMYF on Dec. 23rd, 26th & 30th.

AUMC ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services 5PM-ST / 11PM-FH
December 30th: 1st Sunday after Christmas Normal service times