



Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 8:30 & 11 am

# WELCOME

to *Asbury First United Methodist Church*

We are a *caring*,  
Christ-centered *community*;  
Our hearts and doors are *open to all*.

We invite you to join us in *worship*,  
in learning about *faith*,  
and in loving our *neighbor*.

*We are Asbury First,*  
*and we are glad you're here.*

## AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome visitors! We invite you to sign the ritual of friendship pad during the service. Please complete a visitor card, found in the pews, and take it to the welcome desk in the Welcoming Hall, where we have a small gift for you. Informational brochures are available in the Welcoming Hall. If you're interested in becoming a part of our community, please check the appropriate column on the ritual of friendship pad, or contact any pastor. Again, a deep WELCOME!

**Worship Aids:** Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available from the ushers. Braille hymnals and ASL interpreters are available with one week's advance notice to the church office, (585) 271-1050, x103. A hearing loop in the sanctuary is available for those who have hearing aids with T switches; you may also request earphones from the ushers that will aid you in hearing the service if needed. CDs of our Sunday morning services or just the sermon may be borrowed or purchased; call or stop by the office and speak with the receptionist during the week.

**Prayer Request Cards** are in the pew racks. We invite you to place prayer requests in the offering plates, so that our pastors and the Intercessory Prayer Group may pray for you. Your prayer request is confidential.

**Coffee Fellowship:** You are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, or cocoa and conversation every Sunday, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, at Heavenly Grounds in the Gathering Center. Treats may also be available.

**Giving to Asbury First:** Donations to Asbury First may be made during the service by placing your gift (cash or check) in the offering plate when it is passed. You may also give online at [www.asburyfirst.org](http://www.asburyfirst.org). Questions? Contact David Strong at (585) 271-1050 x110 or [dstrong@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dstrong@asburyfirst.org).

**As a community of faith,** we believe that children are sacred gifts and they are welcome in our worship. We recognize that children can become restless during worship. Excellent nursery and childcare is offered. Children's bulletins are available. Please see an usher for more information.

**After the service** we welcome you to sit in the chancel choir pews to meditate and listen to the organ postlude.

**We kindly ask** that as you enter the Sanctuary you turn off your cell phone.

**Worship on Radio:** Each Sunday morning from 11 am–noon you can tune your radio to WYSL 1040 AM or 92.1 FM to hear today's worship service. You may also go to [www.WYSL1040.com](http://www.WYSL1040.com) and hear audio of the service.

**LIVE & Archived Worship on your Computer:** We offer live video streaming of the 11 am service on our website at [www.asburyfirst.org](http://www.asburyfirst.org). A video archive of past services is also available. We welcome your suggestions on how we may improve these offerings.

**Reconciliation Statement:** Asbury First United Methodist Church prayerfully strives to live in its community with open hearts, open minds and open doors. Affirming that each person is of sacred worth, we seek to be a fully inclusive church, believing that all people are God's children, created in God's image, loved and blessed equally by God. It is our purpose to be a Reconciling Congregation. This means extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status or family structure, education or economic background, and physical or mental ability. We recognize that we hold a variety of opinions. We do not seek to erase our differences, but to journey together in faith toward greater understanding and mutual respect. We believe that reconciliation to God and to one another is central to our mission and ministry.

### Our Mission Statement

Love God and neighbor.  
Live fully.  
Serve all.  
Repeat.

### Sound Bite

Love. Live. Serve. Repeat.

# WORSHIP SERVICE

6th Sunday after the Epiphany • 8:30 and 11 am • February 17, 2019

*As the community gathers, may the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God.*

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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” — arr. Robert Powell  
“Steal Away to Jesus” — arr. Robert Powell  
“Deep River” — arr. Robert Powell

### INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *All are invited to read the bold-faced type; the lay reader will read the unbolded type.*

Beloved, God calls us to come together in love.

**Love is from God.**

We all are called to live in God’s love.

**Love is from God.**

When we live in God’s love, our love overflows.

**Let us worship together in Love.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*GREETING & PASSING  
OF THE PEACE

\*GREETING HYMN #408 “The Gift of Love” (v. 1)

PRAYER OF Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways.

CONFESSION **We long to find unity in our disunity  
and connection in our disconnection.**

Help us see past ourselves to the vision you have for us.

**Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit  
and the waters of life,**

**but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands.**

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\* *please stand,  
in body or in spirit*

Forgive us.

**Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer,  
and mend the brokenness in our lives  
and in our world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

*All are invited to offer their personal prayers of silent confession.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: God's faithful love is stronger than our disunity or disconnection. By God's grace we are made one.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*GLORIA

TUNE: *HYMN #102*

**All glory be to God, all praise and thanks be given;  
Whose Son and Spirit reign as one in highest Heaven;  
Our one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

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## TO UNITE AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

*11 AM ONLY*

PRESENTATION OF NEW  
MEMBERS FOR BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL VOWS

PRESENTATION OF NEW  
MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL  
AFFIRMATION

**We give thanks for the faith God has worked within you. We pledge to you our Christian love and hospitality as those who also live by hope. Together with you and all Christians this day, we seek the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

UNITING HYMN

#557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (v. 1)

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## TO HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE  
I JOHN 4:7-21

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.*

ANTHEM

"Peace"— Patricia Mock; arr. Richard A. Nichols

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace.  
Where worry prevails, give release.  
As the shadows linger all around,  
our troubled minds and broken land.  
Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the dark shine your light.  
Where truth seems unclear, help our sight.  
Lift the veil that covers blinded eyes;  
Give a vision of you, only wise.  
Let your light shine.

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Lord of all mercy and grace,  
rain down your love in this place.  
In a world where hatred seems so strong,  
May your grace right the wrong,  
Let there be peace.

Oh, Lord, through the strife bring your peace.  
Where worry prevails, give release.  
As the shadows linger all around,  
our troubled minds and broken land.  
Let there be peace.

CHILDREN'S TIME *All children are invited forward at this time and may bring their prayer requests and offerings.*

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.**

\*HYMN #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other" (vv. 1-2)

*During the singing of this hymn at the 11 am worship service, children four years old through fifth grade are invited to exit for Enrichment Time.*

SERMON Love's Cry

PASTORAL PRAYER

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## TO RENEW COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP, MEMBERSHIP, AND COMMITMENT *Our Creative God endows us with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Within this bulletin you will find invitations to enrich your faith journey and enhance your commitment. We invite you to prayerfully consider these opportunities. We ask that you sign and pass the ritual of friendship pad from the center aisle down the pew. Prayer request cards are available in the pew racks and may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed, or they may be placed in the wooden boxes located in the Narthex and Welcoming Hall.*

OFFERTORY "My Lord, What a Mornin'" — arr. J. W. Work

8:30 AM

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',  
My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a mornin', my Lord, what a mornin',  
My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a mornin', My Lord, what a morning',  
My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,  
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a mornin'..

OFFERTORY "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" — Franklin Ashdown, Tobias Clausnitzer, 17th c.,  
translated by Catherine Winkworth

11 AM

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear You,  
by Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
drawn from earth to love You solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
till Your Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
you must work all good within us.

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Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open now our heart and mind;  
help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
hear and bless our prayers and praises.

\*DOXOLOGY #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*PRAYER OF  
DEDICATION God, when we accept the gift  
of your amazing love in our lives,  
**we become instruments of your abundant love.**  
Accept these offerings for what they are:  
**an outpouring of love for you  
and for all your creation. Amen.**

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## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #519 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"  
*This song is considered by many to be the Black National Anthem,  
and we will sing this hymn throughout February as our recessional hymn  
in honor of Black History Month.*

\*BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Great Day" — arr. Robert Powell

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PARTICIPANTS  
IN THE SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady  
Liturgists: Rev. Mike Mullin, Rev. Jackie Nelson, Rev. Kathy Thiel  
Lay Reader: Tippet Reinson (8:30 am); Robert Stevenson (11 am)  
Organist: Duane Prill  
Director, Asbury Singers (8:30 am): Brian Bohrer  
Director, Youth Choir: Carol Lamica  
Director, Sanctuary Choir (11 am): Dr. Carl Johengen  
Soloist: Janda Hemming, violin  
Acolyte: Mary Benjamin (8:30 am); Georgia Ross (11 am)  
Crucifer: Ben Mack (8:30 am); Ella Ross (11 am)  
Audio Operator: Sam Doerner (11 am)  
Video Operator: Connor Nelson (11 am)  
Head Ushers: Dick and Nancy Adamus (8:30 am);  
Brian White and Tim Lamica (11 am)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

**The flowers on the altars** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Celia Pawlish by the Embrace Group.

*If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Jeanne Ristau at (585) 223-4356, preferably two weeks ahead of requested date.*

**We offer our prayers and concern for** all those who are ill at home, hospitalized, or in hospice care.

**We offer our prayers and sympathy** to Craig Everhart on the death of his father Gerald Everhart on January 30, 2019.

**We offer our prayers and sympathy** to Dr. John and Rev. Janice DeMocker on the death of John's brother, Robert DeMocker on February 2, 2019.

**We offer our prayers and sympathy** to Emily Cady and her family, Jan and Bob Hill and their family, in the loss of Jan's father, Rev. Dr. Robert Pennock

on February 10, 2019.

*If you are aware of anyone who is ill and in need of a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (585) 271-1050.*

**We invite you to pray** for members of our church families known to be serving in the military:  
**US Air Force:** Sgt Charles Key; Amn Patrick "Rick" Smith.  
**US Army:** SGT Christopher M. Birdsall; CPT Nathan Lubba; MAJ Matthew Ristau; PV2 Kevin Keehn; SGT Christian T. Dahl; CPT Scott Moncrief.  
**US Marine Corps:** LT Craig R. Waldman; SGT John Lyons.  
**US Navy:** IS2 Philip Anderson; LT Adam Kreutter; CAPT Jeffrey A. Ward; PO2 Jacob Staples.  
**US Army Reserves:** SGT Wesley Regnier\*; SGT Michael DiPaola.

\*deployed

*If you would like to add the name of a member or friend to our military listing, or if you know someone on this list who is no longer serving in the military, please email [communications@asburyfirst.org](mailto:communications@asburyfirst.org), or call (585) 271-1050, x109.*

## **CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **2019 Mini VBS – 5 Senses**

Please join us February 19, 20, and 21 for an amazing time using our senses as we explore a Bible story about Jesus. We will meet each morning from 9 am to noon. During the week the children will be learning about our five senses in stations like cooking, games, music, science, and story. This Camp is open to everyone ages 4 through 5th grade. We are planning a special field trip on Thursday to the Rochester Museum and Science Center. You may register online at [www.asburyfirst.org/get-involved/children-youth](http://www.asburyfirst.org/get-involved/children-youth). For more information, contact Paula Dugan, (585) 271-1050 x111 or [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org).

### **Summer Camp Registration Now Open**

What better way to spend your summer than at camp? Meet lifelong friends, eat great meals, and have the time of your life in a spectacular setting. Registration is now open for Summer 2019. There are many camp options and dates available for ages 6 through 18—and even one week of “Family Camp” for all ages. If you would like to coordinate registration with others, please contact Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

### **Children's Activity Bags**

We invite the children to take activity bags as they enter the Sanctuary. There are two bags: one for children ages 3–6, and another for 7 and up. Please return bags after the service.

### **Is Children's Ministry Meeting Your Child's Special Needs?**

As a part of our commitment to be open to all, we want to make sure we are making as many accommodations as possible in our children's ministry. Please contact Paula Dugan at (585) 271-1050 x111 or [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org) if there is any way our children's ministry can be more welcoming to you and your child.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **We are pleased to welcome into our fellowship**

this morning at the 11 am service the following new members: Simone Araya, Yvonne Colton, Donald DeMarsh, Joshua Douglass, James Farrar, Kathy Farrar, Barbara Howell, Ross Hutchinson, Donna LaMura, Susan Lovejoy, Kim McNulty, Peter Oddleifson, Cindy Proukou, Anne Marie Strivings, Mark Strivings, and Kay Wallace.

### **No One Left Behind's Fundraising Dinner**

Join the Rochester Chapter of No One Left Behind for our 3rd Annual Fundraising Dinner on March 27, 2019 at Temple B'rith Kodesh, located at 2131 Elmwood Avenue! We will have a sit down dinner, music, engaging speakers, and a silent auction. This event will raise funds for incoming visa approved interpreters, their families, and to support the Rochester Chapter of No One Left Behind. Sponsorship opportunities are available at all price levels. We are also accepting donations for our silent auction. Please contact Cindy Malone at [louwho2@hotmail.com](mailto:louwho2@hotmail.com) if you would like to help out.

### **Offering Envelopes**

If you have been sent offertory envelopes without names, please contact Dick Moncrief at [rmoncrief@asburyfirst.org](mailto:rmoncrief@asburyfirst.org). There are plenty of envelopes available at the Welcome Desk.

### **Visit the Ministry Corner**

Each week, we feature a group or two in the Ministry Corner (near the piano in the Gathering Center). If your group is interested in signing up, please contact Deb Bullock-Smith at [dbullock-smith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullock-smith@asburyfirst.org) or at (585) 271-1050 x117.

### **Lost and Found**

If you have recently lost items on the Asbury First

campus, please check with the office at 1050 East Ave, or call (585) 271-1050.

### **How to Submit an Announcement for the Bulletin**

Do you have Asbury First news you'd like us to include in an upcoming Sunday worship bulletin? We now have an online form! We request that all announcement submissions are sent via this form, which you can find at <http://bit.ly/SubmitAnAnnouncement>. All content is subject to editing for qualities such as clarity and brevity. Have questions about the weekly bulletin? Contact [communications@asburyfirst.org](mailto:communications@asburyfirst.org).

### **DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **New Year! New You!**

Looking for a spiritual reboot? 2019 is an opportunity for a fresh start. What does this new year hold for you? Today at 9:45 am, come experience a continuing journey of fellowship and self-discovery as we grow with God and each other. The group will meet on the 2nd floor of 1010. Interested? Contact Emily Cady at [emilycady@gmail.com](mailto:emilycady@gmail.com).

#### **Homosexuality and The United Methodist Church**

*Wednesday 6-7 pm, February 27 in 1040 Room 201.*  
What does the Bible really say about homosexuality? Why did The United Methodist Church call a Special Session of General Conference to discuss homosexuality? On February 27, we will gather to debrief together the results of the Special Session of General Conference. For more information, contact Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

#### **General Conference 2019: What's So Special?**

*Sundays 12-1 pm, February 17, 24, and March 3 in the Fellowship Hall.* The United Methodist Church gathers as a worldwide denomination once every four years to make decisions about what we believe and how we govern ourselves. At the 2016 General Conference, the Bishops

suggested that a Special Session of General Conference be held to focus solely on the topic of human sexuality. This Special Session of General Conference is scheduled for February 23-26 in St. Louis, MO. We will have three Sunday morning Town Hall-style meetings February 17, 24, and March 3. The first meeting will focus on the propositions put forth to the conference; the second will highlight what has transpired thus far; and the third will recap the conversations and decisions of the conference. Questions? Contact Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

#### **Check out the new books**

New to the library collection are: *What Do You Do With A Problem*, *What Do You Do With a Chance* and *What Do You Do With an Idea* all by Yamada; *Becoming Who You Are* by Martin; *War is a Force That Gives us Meaning* by Hedges; *Educated* by Westover; *Wild Orca* by Peterson; *It Wasn't Me* by Levy; *I'd Like You More if You Were More Like Me* by Ortberg; and *Love Like Sky* by Youngblood. Visit the church library and check out a book.

### **MUSIC & ARTS**

#### **Grace Through Music RAIHN Concert**

RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network) presents "Grace Through Music," a musical benefit with performances by members of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Eastman School of Music, the Eastman Community Music School and Nazareth College. Join us Monday, March 4 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Road, Rochester, 14607. There is a suggested donation of \$20, and there will be a drawing for a complimentary ticket voucher for up to two tickets to a Rochester Philharmonic or Pops Series concert. For more information, visit the RAIHN website at [www.raihn.org](http://www.raihn.org) or call (585) 506-9050.

William Weinert will conduct Voices, a professional chamber choir.

## **Morehouse College Glee Club**

We are excited to host the internationally acclaimed Morehouse College Glee Club on Tuesday, March 12, in the Sanctuary at 7 pm. The MCGC, under the direction of Rochester native Dr. David Morrow, is the premier singing organization of Morehouse College, traveling all over the country and the world, demonstrating excellence not only in choral performance but also in discipline, dedication, and brotherhood. Founded in 1867, Morehouse College is a private, all-male, liberal arts, historically black college in Atlanta, Georgia. It is one of only three remaining traditional men's liberal arts colleges in the United States. Morehouse is also one of only two historically black colleges in the country to produce Rhodes Scholars, and it is the alma mater of many African American community and civic leaders, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$20, \$10 for students with ID, and free under 18. For more information, contact David Strong at [dstrong@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dstrong@asburyfirst.org) or at (585) 271-1050.

## **Telos Trio Concert**

*Saturday, March 16th at 4:00 PM in the Gathering Center. Free will offering.* Rita George Simmons, flutist, Debbie Grohman, clarinetist, and Willie La Favor, pianist, present a program that celebrates the lengthening of winter days and the gathering of light. The music, intended to warm your spirit, will feature works of Ibert, Cavallini, Emmanuel, Debussy, and del Aguila.

## **J.S. Bach's St. John Passion Concert**

*Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Free will offering.* St. John Passion, BWV 245, is a passion or oratorio by Johann Sebastian Bach, the older of the surviving Passions by Bach. It was written during Bach's first year as director of church music in Leipzig, Germany and was first performed in 1724. The structure of the work falls in two halves, intended to flank a sermon.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

### **Vigil Service of Support and Affirmation**

During the Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, we will be holding a Vigil Service of Support and Affirmation for the LGBTQ+ community, to include family and friends. Recognizing the anxiety and the potential for pain resulting from the Special Session, we want to pray for the delegates and affirm the love of God in Christ for all persons. This Vigil Service will be held Sunday, February 24th at 2pm in the Sanctuary. For any questions and for more information, please contact Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or Rev. Jackie Nelson at [jnelson@asburyfirst.org](mailto:jnelson@asburyfirst.org).

### **Church Workshop Needs**

The Monday Morning maintenance crew requests some items for the church's workshop. We need 3/8 inch socket wrench ratchets (handles). Please drop off donations at the Property Office or give to one of the sextons.

### **Storehouse Needs**

The Storehouse currently needs children's clothing sizes 2-16, especially jeans and pants, children's winter coats sizes 2-8. As always, we appreciate the generosity of our congregation. In this very cold time of the year, we are really struggling to keep up with these clothing needs. Contact Judy Cohen at (585) 755-3376 with any questions. Thanks.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Umbrellas needed for Greeters**

Do you enjoy the extra care the Greeters provide by sheltering you from the elements? We are running out of umbrellas and need your donations to continue this special treatment. Please drop off any umbrellas you can spare to 1050 East Ave. throughout the week or contact Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) for more

information.

### **Warm Winter Clothing Needed**

The Asbury First Storehouse is in need of brand new and gently used warm winter clothing for our shoppers as the change of weather begins. Items needed include ski jackets, parkas, coats, and snow pants for children, men, and women. All sizes are gratefully accepted! Please bring all donations to the Storehouse or leave them in the donation box in the Welcome Hall. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Judy Cohen at (585) 755-3376.

### **Have a Care Request? Let Us Know!**

Bidden or unbidden, God is present. Here at Asbury First, we feel and know this to be true, and we rejoice in this good news! We work to share the presence of God with others, during the good times and during the bad times. Often, during the challenging times in our lives, we need a little help. Our caring ministries are here to support you as we are able to meet your needs. Do you—or someone you know—need some extra care and attention due to illness, bereavement, injury, or

another pressing need? Care Request forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the Welcoming Hall. For more information, please contact Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

### **The Grocery Bag Ministry Needs Your Support**

To serve our neighbors in need across the city, we need your donations of foods including:

- ♦ **plastic and paper grocery bags (for use in delivering the food)**
- ♦ jams
- ♦ peanut butter
- ♦ macaroni 'n' cheese
- ♦ pasta sauce
- ♦ pasta
- ♦ canned fruits and vegetables
- ♦ soups
- ♦ tuna fish

Any donations may be dropped off in the wooden box near the coat racks in the Welcome Hall. Together we can make a real difference and help this essential outreach ministry continue. For more information, please contact Jim Carter at [grocery@asburyfirst.org](mailto:grocery@asburyfirst.org).

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

*Classes are 9:45–10:45 am. All are welcome!*

### **Combined Classes**

*Fellowship and discussion on spirituality, current events, & book reviews—open to all*

*Where: 1010, Red Room*

February 17: Jennifer Klein presenting on the topic of Nourishing our Souls

*Where: 1010, Dining Room*

February 24: Lauren Frank, VP provides a Rochester Area Community Foundation Update

### **Adult Bible Study**

*For anyone interested in taking a closer look at the Bible*  
*Where: 1050, Teak Room*

### **Parables of Parenting**

*Fellowship for parents of all ages*

*Where: 1040, Room 203*

### **New Year! New You!**

*For anyone interested in taking a closer look at the Bible*  
*Where: 1010*

MEETINGS & REHEARSALS  
*February 17– February 23*

**SUNDAY**

- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Youth Groups—1040  
9:45 am Children's Sunday School—1040  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School Classes  
—See Schedule  
12 pm General Conference 2019:  
What's So Special?—1040  
12:30 pm Worship and Arts Committee  
Meeting—1040  
5 pm Confirmation—1040  
6 pm 6-12th Grade Youth Meal—1040  
6:30 pm 6-8th Grade Youth Group—1040  
6:30 pm 9-12th Grade Youth Group—1040

**MONDAY**

- 3 pm Dining and Caring Center Board  
Meeting—1050

**TUESDAY**

- 9 am Mini VBS—1040  
9:30 am Women's Fellowship Group—1040  
4 pm Capital Campaign Committee Meeting  
—1050

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6 am Men's Devotional Group—1010  
9 am Mini VBS—1040  
10 am Adult Study—1010  
12 pm Women on Wednesday—1010  
5:30 pm Changing Weighs—1040  
7 pm Asbury Ringers—1040  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir—1040

**THURSDAY**

- 9 am Mini VBS—1040  
6 pm Wellness Clinic—1040

**FRIDAY**

- 9 am Mini VBS—1040  
10 am Outreach Leadership Meeting—1040



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## General Conference 2019: What's So Special?

### Town Hall-style Meetings

Sundays 12-1 pm | February 17, 24, and March 3 | Fellowship Hall

For detailed information, see the inside under Discipleship, or contact Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

## VIGIL SERVICE OF SUPPORT AND AFFIRMATION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th • 2 pm

During the Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, we will be holding a Vigil Service of Support and Affirmation for the LGBTQ+ community, to include family and friends.

For any questions and for more information, please contact Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or Rev. Jackie Nelson at [jnelson@asburyfirst.org](mailto:jnelson@asburyfirst.org).

Would you like to become a member of Asbury First? Please join us for the next New Member Orientations: Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10:45 am (March 3, 10, 17, joining on March 24). For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Melody Guadagnino at (585) 271-1050 x103 or [mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org).