

Sunday, January 13, 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

1st Sunday after the Epiphany • 8:30 and 11 am • January 13, 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 “All Glory Be to God on High” BWV 662 — Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

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

The One who created us, formed and made us, calls to us.

**We are here to listen and respond.**

God has claimed us and named us beloved.

**We rejoice in this transforming identity.**

Touched by the Spirit, washed in the renewing water,

and set aflame with God’s love,

**let us worship and praise our beloved God.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

\*GREETING & PASSING  
OF THE PEACE

\*GREETING HYMN #383 “This is a Day of New Beginnings” (v. 1)

PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we are often fearful—

**of what will happen to us;**

**for the state of the world;**

**of making you angry.**

Help us in our weakness—

**to live unafraid;**

to live the way of love,

**to speak up for those silenced;**

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

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to demand justice for those oppressed by hatred and prejudice;  
**to open ourselves fully to your call and your love.**  
Help us to know, deep in our souls,  
that even when we pass through treacherous waters and consuming fire  
**you will be with us to sustain**  
**and to strengthen us.**

SILENT CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News: The voice of God rings out through the ages:  
"You are my children, the beloved with you I am well pleased."  
**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 WITNESS THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*(11 am service)*

PRESENTATION

BAPTISMAL VOWS

\*CONGREGATIONAL  
RESPONSE

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that  
this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and  
confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

\*HYMN

#611 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (v. 1)  
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

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## TO HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE  
LUKE 3:15-22

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

ANTHEM

"When John Baptized by Jordan's River" — Louis Bourgeois; words by Timothy Dudley-Smith

When John baptized by Jordan's river in faith and hope the people came,  
That John and Jordan might deliver their troubled souls from sin and shame.  
They came to seek a new beginning, the human spirit's ageless quest,  
Repentance, and an end of sinning, renouncing every wrong confessed.

There as the Lord, baptized and praying, rose from the stream, the sinless one,  
A voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my own beloved Son."  
There as the Father's words was spoken, not in power of wind and flame,  
But of his love and peace the token, seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

O Son of Man, our nature sharing, in whose obedience all are blest,  
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing, hear us and grant us this request:  
Daily to grow, by grace defended, filled with the Spirit from above;  
In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended, Children of God in peace and love.

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

#603 "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire" (vv. 1, 4)

*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

By the Water

CALL TO RENEWAL

**Living God, we receive this water in the sure knowledge that you claim us as your beloved children. Continue to provide your living water to our thirsty souls. Renew in us the desire to serve you in all that we do and all that we say, that our lives will witness to your unending love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

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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  
8:30 AM

"A Baptism Carol"— Mark Wilson; words by Jane Foster Knox

This is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.  
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,  
God's love surrounded those who gathered there.

The spirit of the Lord descended as a dove,  
And a voice came from heaven, saying:

This is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.  
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.

As Christians follow Christ's example and come to be baptized,  
His love is there to guide them on their way.  
Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy on each lamb of Your own calling.

This is My beloved child, who is precious in My sight.  
This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.

OFFERTORY  
II AM

"My Son, the Beloved" — David Blackwell

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John  
in the Jordan.

And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit  
descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."  
(Mark 1:9-11)

\*DOXOLOGY

#95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*PRAYER OF  
DEDICATION

God of grace, you sent Jesus to bless the world.  
**Accept these gifts, that we might begin his work again,  
creating a just world where all your beloved children may live in peace. Amen.**

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## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

\*BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

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PARTICIPANTS	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady
IN THE SERVICE	Liturgists: Rev. Mike Mullin, Rev. Jackie Nelson, Rev. Kathy Thiel
	Lay Reader: Finn Mahan (8:30 am), Jim Carter (11 am)
	Organist: David Strong
	Director, Asbury Singers (8:30 am): Brian Bohrer
	Director, Sanctuary Choir (11 am): Dr. Carl Johengen
	Soloist: Dan McInerney, tenor
	Acolyte: Emily Clark (11 am)
	Audio Operator: Jonathan Alaimo (11 am)
	Video Operator: Carolyn Curran (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 Rev. & Mrs. Vern VanDerLinden, Katie VanDerLinden, and Helen Howitt by Ruth and David VanDerLinden; and in loving memory of Jean E. Dutcher by Andy, Margaret, Jessica and Benjamin.

**The flowers on the Children's Altar** are in honor of the birth of Harper Grace Sutton, daughter of Christopher and Emily Sutton, born on December 26, 2018. David and Karen Davenport are the proud grandparents.

**We celebrate the baptism this morning at the 11 am worship service** of Gracelynn Sky Hewitt, daughter of Ryan and Kelsey Hewitt, born on November 8, 2017.

*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. As of Wednesday, known to be hospitalized is Nancy Miner at Strong Memorial Hospital.

*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 offer our prayers and sympathy** to Kathy and Patrick Schwar on the death of Kathy's father Leonard Chapp who died on December 7, 2018 in Illinois.

**We offer our prayers and sympathy** to Lisa and Mark Wainwright on the death of Lisa's mother Connie Myers on January 7, 2019 in Raleigh, NC.



**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 MINISTRY**

### **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.

### **Calling all Snowbirds!**

Children's ministry would like to start a pen pal program where children exchange letters with members of our congregation who leave the area for the winter

months. If you would like to participate, please contact Paula Dugan at [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org) or call (585) 271-1050, x111.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Boiler Update**

We met our goal of having one of the two new boilers running in time for Christmas! Many thanks to those who worked so hard to meet this goal. The second boiler will be brought on-line this month, and the old boiler turned off and decommissioned. It will be removed as part of the planned work this spring and summer. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Hanrahan at [chuck.hanrahan@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.hanrahan@gmail.com) or David Strong at [dstrong@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dstrong@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x110.

### **MLK Day 2019 Community Celebration**

Dr. Cady will be the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2019 Community Celebration. Join the commemoration of Dr. King's legacy at 9 am on January 21 at Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre, 20 Gibbs Street.

### **BOARD Saturday Night**

Join us Saturday, January 19th at 5 pm for a pizza dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship as we play games. Please bring your favorite game, or break out a new game you may have gotten for Christmas. RSVP's (helpful, but not necessary) to Paula Dugan at [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org). All are invited.

### **Update on stewardship campaign:**

We've reached 93.5% of our pledge goal. Please help us get to the finish line! If you have not submitted your pledge, you can find a pledge card in the Welcome Pads in the pews, in the information rack in the Welcoming Hall or online at [www.asburyfirst.org/BetterTogether](http://www.asburyfirst.org/BetterTogether). Thank you!

## **ROC Friday Night with the Amerks!**

Come join us as Asbury First takes in an exciting Amerks game! On Friday, February 8th our home town, league-leading Amerks host the Springfield Thunderbirds for a 7:05 pm hockey tip-off at Blue Cross Arena. Take in a night of hockey, see friends and make new ones as we enjoy a professional hockey game. All are welcome to attend! Asbury First has secured a large, discounted block of tickets on the lower level. The cost is \$16 per person. Please secure your ticket by sending Melody Guadagnino a check (specify number of tickets needed per \$16). Craig Dennison will distribute tickets on Sunday, February 3rd after the 8:30 am and 11 am services by the Welcoming Desk. Tickets may also be picked up from Craig before tip off on Friday in the front entrance of Blue Cross Arena between 6:30-7:15 pm. Shake off the winter cold and let's GO AMERKS!

## **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 or announcements? Contact communications@asburyfirst.org.

## **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.

## **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? Starting today at 9:45 am, come experience a four week (excluding 1/27) 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).

### **January Class – *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson**

As we continue our class discussions on Mercy and Justice, this January we are going to engage in a book discussion on *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, written by Bryan Stevenson. This four week class is intended to continue to call our attention to systems and structures, and to hear one man's testimony of why advocating for the vulnerable is both necessary and rewarding. If you are interested in joining this discussion and would like to order a book, please contact Rev. Jacqueline Nelson at [jnelson@asburyfirst.org](mailto:jnelson@asburyfirst.org).

### **Women on Wednesdays (WOW) begins 2019 with Joy**

WOW resumes meeting on January 9 with Rev. Kathy Thiel sharing her experience reading *The Book of Joy*. January 16 will begin discussion of new book "I'd Like You More If You Were More Like Me: Getting Real about Getting Close" by John Ortberg. His thesis is that we were created for deep connections and cannot survive in life without them. WOW meets on Wednesdays from 12-1 in B-1010 Meditation Room. All women readers are invited to attend, there are no membership requirements. Please drop in as you are able and sample the new book. Questions? Contact Mary Lynn Vickers at [mvicker1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mvicker1@rochester.rr.com).

## **A look back in the new year – 2019 is here**

Founded in 1977, the library at Asbury came into being through the efforts of a church-appointed task force. In its early days, the library consisted of a book case in one small room. Currently, it occupies two adjoining rooms located off the Welcome Center. It is filled with hundreds of books on shelves and book cases in 37 plus categories. It's a library for our Asbury membership that is self-help, easy to use, and totally without charge. Come visit and check us out. If you would like to serve on our library committee, contact the church office and indicate your interest. Questions? Please contact Peggy Lyons at [plyons@rochester.rr.com](mailto:plyons@rochester.rr.com).

### **MUSIC & ARTS**

#### **January Is for Joining**

If you've been thinking about investigating musical opportunities at Asbury First, the start of the new year is a great time to consider joining one of our choirs. The Sanctuary Choir (11:00 service), Asbury Singers (8:30 service), and Asbury Ringers (bell choir) are always eager to welcome new members. Our musicians would be glad to have you visit a rehearsal or two to "check us out"! Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm in Wesley Hall; contact Carl Johengen if you are interested ([cjohengen@asburyfirst.org](mailto:cjohengen@asburyfirst.org)). Asbury Ringers meets Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm in the 2nd floor Bell Room; contact Elizabeth Church with questions ([echurch@asburyfirst.org](mailto:echurch@asburyfirst.org)). The Asbury Singers gather at 7:45 am on Sunday mornings in Wesley Hall. We have an open invitation for people to come to the Asbury Singers read-through on January 19 from 9-11 am in Wesley Hall; contact Brian Bohrer for more information ([bbohrer@asburyfirst.org](mailto:bbohrer@asburyfirst.org)).

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

#### **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.

### **OUTREACH**

#### **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
- ♦ 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 [jimc4mail@gmail.com](mailto:jimc4mail@gmail.com).

#### **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.

## **Blood Drive Report**

In the midst of the Advent season Asbury members and friends responded to a call to donate blood in support of a critical need in our community. We collected 27 units of blood that provided life-sustaining support for up to 77 hospital patients in need. Thanks to all who answered the call to donate. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 8, the date for our next blood drive. Please contact Ed Ristau at [eristau@frontiernet.net](mailto:eristau@frontiernet.net) with any questions.

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## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

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

### **Growing Spirits/Living Edge**

*A discussion series open to all*

*Where: 1010, Meditation Room*

January 13: John Smalt presenting “Legend of Bingen”

### **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*

### **Doublers**

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

*Where: 1010, Red Room*

January 13: Bonnie Kay presents on the Asbury First Library

### **50+ Fellowship**

*A lecture series open to all*

*Where: 1010, Dining Room*

January 13: Chuck Hanrahan will provide an update on the Better Together Projects.

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

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

*Where: 1010,*

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: Combined classes will begin meeting weekly starting January 20**

### **50+ Fellowship, Doublers, and Growing Spirits/ Living Edge**

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

*Where: 1010, Red Room*

January 20: Bonnie Matthaideess will discuss the book entitled “The Sun Does Shine” by Ray Hinton.

January 27: Jerry and Adelaide Svobda presenting on the Medical Mission to Ethiopia.

# ASBURY FIRST'S VALUES

*Asbury First's Values represent a description of our guiding principles. These statements are standards of behavior, which are inherent in all we do. These seven values are...*

## **Open to All**

We believe we are all equal in God's eyes and are all one in Christ. We extend hospitality and encourage full participation for all regardless of any perceived defining characteristic.

## **Community**

We believe we are better together; fellowship and care are keys to love and life.

## **Generosity**

We believe what we have is a gift from God. We share our gifts with an open heart to help meet needs at Asbury First, the Rochester community, and throughout the world.



## **Outreach**

We believe everyone deserves hope and fullness of life. We endeavor to practice mercy and work for justice in our local and extended community.

## **Stewardship**

We believe we must care for the human, physical, and financial resources with which we have been entrusted.

## **Worship**

We believe we are at our best when we connect to God together through preaching, prayer, and song. We strive for excellence in all we do, especially in our worship experience.

## **Discipleship**

We believe we—adults, youth, and children alike—are called to grow in our faith both as a community and individuals through education, regular worship, meaningful fellowship, a commitment to service, and celebrating rites of passage together.

MEETINGS & REHEARSALS  
*January 13 – January 19*

**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  
9:45 am Loving Our Neighbors—1010  
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**

- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting—1050

**TUESDAY**

- 9 am District Committee of Ministry  
(dCOM) Meeting—1040  
9:30 am Women's Fellowship Group—1040  
6 pm Library Committee Meeting—1040

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6 am Men's Devotional Group—1010  
10 am Adult Study—1010  
12 pm Women on Wednesday—1010  
1 pm Memorials Committee Meeting—1010  
5 pm Hallelujah Kids Choir—1040  
5:30 pm Community Dinner—1040  
5:30 pm Changing Weights—1040  
6 pm Just Mercy—1040  
6 pm Youth Choir—1040  
6:30 pm Youth Bell Choir—1040  
6:30 pm Wesley Singers & Ringers—1040  
7 pm Asbury Ringers—1040  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir—1040

**THURSDAY**

- 6 pm Wellness Clinic—1040

**SATURDAY**

- 9 am Asbury Singers Retreat—1040  
12 pm Doublers Social Event—1010  
4 pm Telos Trio—1040  
5 pm Board Saturday Night—1040



**TELOS TRIO**

*Saturday, January 19 at 4 pm,  
Gathering Center, Free Will Offering*

As winter days slowly begin to lengthen, come celebrate the Gathering Light with the Telos Trio as they present a program of music that will warm your spirit, featuring works of Ibert, Cavallini, Emmanuel, Debussy and del Aguila.

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## Board Saturday Night

**January 19, 5 pm, Fellowship Hall**

*Please bring your favorite game, or break out a new game you may have gotten for Christmas.*

*RSVP (helpful, but not necessary) to Paula Dugan at [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org). All are invited.*



## *New Year, New You!*

**Sundays**

**starting January 13**

**9:45 – 10:45 am**




## WELCOME

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Please join us for the next New Member Orientations:

Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 (January 20, 27, and February 3) or  
Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm (January 23, and 30) joining on February 10.

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## New Member Orientations Return In January!



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