



Sunday, December 30, 2018 at 10 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. Questions? Contact David Strong at (585) 271-1050 x110 or 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 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. 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 Christmas • 10 am • December 30, 2018

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE "Nöel with Variations"—Henry Kihlken

INTROIT

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them has light shined.

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness did not overcome it.

For Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Come, let us adore him.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #202 "People, Look East"

*GREETING & PASSING
OF THE PEACE

*GREETING HYMN #237 "Sing We Now of Christmas" (vv. 1, 3)

TO HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING "Remembering that It Happened Once"—Wendell Berry

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1)

SECOND READING "You Are Holy"—Lucien Deiss

HYMN #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 2)

* *please stand, in body or in spirit*

SCRIPTURE
ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

HYMN #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 1)

THIRD READING "Shall I Tell You Who Will Come?"; traditional Spanish carol

HYMN #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (v. 2)

FORTH READING "Christmas Returns"—Howard Thurman

HYMN #240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vv. 1, 3)

FIFTH READING "Amazing Peace"—Maya Angelou

HYMN #249 "There's a Song in the Air" (v. 1, 2)

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 #220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (v. 1, 3)

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 "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"—Lloyd Larson

SIXTH READING "Love Does That"—Meister Eckhart

HYMN #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vv. 1, 2)

SEVENTH READING "Let the Stable Still Astonish"—Leslie Leyland Fields

HYMN #229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (vv. 1, 2)

EIGHTH READING "Breath"—Luci Shaw

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "For Unto Us A Child Is Born"—G. F. Handel

PARTICIPANTS
IN THE SERVICE

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, Rev. Kathy Thiel
Lay Reader: Sally Wood Winslow
Organist: Duane Prill
Acolyte: Maggie Tobin
Crucifer: Ian MacDonald
Head Ushers: Brian White and Tim Lamica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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

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: SSgt 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, 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 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 that leave the area for the winter months. If you would like to participate, please contact Paula Dugan at pdugan@asburyfirst.org or call (585) 271-1050, x111.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on stewardship campaign:

We’ve reached 90.5% 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. Thank you!

Changing Weighs Holiday Schedule

Changing Weighs, Asbury’s own weight loss group, will meet on January 2nd to kick off a new year and get a fresh start for changing your own weighs! See you in the Asbury First library at 6 pm. Questions? Contact Jane Beamish at jbwwtod@gmail.com.

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.

Submit a Hidden Figure

This year, once a month, we are trying to highlight the “hidden figures” of our world—those who made a difference, but did not necessarily get the spotlight. They could be historical figures, political figures, community figures, or personal figures. They could have been known in their day, but forgotten now. They could have lived here in Rochester or on the other side of the world. All submissions are welcome. We are looking for people who have lived the ideals of our faith, even if they never expressed them in that way. If you have a person that you would like to lift up, please send it to hiddenfigures@asburyfirst.org and tell us why you think they would be good and where we might find out something else about them. While we cannot use every submission in a sermon, we will look for other ways of sharing these important stories.

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 or at (585) 271-1050 x117.

DISCIPLESHIP

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.

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 Sunday, January 13, 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. Interested? Contact Emily Cady at emilycady@gmail.com.

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 or (585) 271-1050 x106.

OUTREACH

Barbers and Hair Cutters Needed

The Dining and Caring Center is in need of licensed hairdressers and/or barber stylists to volunteer on Sundays from 12 - 2 pm to cut men and women's hair. For more information on this ministry, please call Cathy Bracht at (585) 421-3836 and leave a message. Volunteers do not need to be members of Asbury or any other church.

The Grocery Bag Ministry Needs Your Support

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

- ✦ jams
- ✦ peanut butter
- ✦ pasta sauce
- ✦ pasta
- ✦ canned fruits and vegetables
- ✦ soups
- ✦ tuna fish

We will also be collecting plastic grocery bags for use in delivering the food. 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.

Two Ways to Support Project Chacocente

Despite the political unrest in Nicaragua, Project Chacocente continues to feed, clothe, and educate our friends in Masaya. Help support this mission by purchasing a 2019 calendar or sponsoring a child's school graduation. The wall calendar, called "Prayers for Chacocente," is filled with color photos of the people of Chacocente and is available for \$20. Sponsoring a student's graduation at Chacocente Christian School will provide them with a cap and gown, diploma, school flag (a tradition in Nicaragua), and a snack. Each sponsorship is \$40.

To learn more, to purchase a calendar, or to sponsor a student, please email Robyn Gage at robynegage@gmail.com.

Warm Winter Clothing Needed

The Asbury First Storehouse is in need of brand new and gently used warm winter clothing. Items needed include ski jackets, parkas, coats, and snow pants for children, men, and women. All sizes are gratefully accepted! Please bring donations to the Storehouse or leave them in the donation box in the Welcome Hall.

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

December 30: The class will not meet.

Adult Bible Study

For anyone interested in taking a closer look at the Bible

Where: 1050, Teak Room

December 30: The class will not meet.

Parables of Parenting

Fellowship for parents of all ages

Where: 1040, Room 203

December 30: The class will not meet.

Doublers

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

Where: 1010, Red Room

December 30: The Doublers Class will not meet.

50+ Fellowship

A lecture series open to all

Where: 1010, Dining Room

December 30: We will not be meeting during these Holiday weeks. Enjoy time with your families. See you in church!

MEETINGS & REHEARSALS

December 30 — January 5

SUNDAY

9:45 am Sunday Morning Youth Groups—1040

9:45 am Guitar Club

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

5pm New Year's Eve Service—1050

TUESDAY

ASBURY'S CAMPUS IS CLOSED.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ASBURY FIRST!
FIND OUT MORE AT ASBURYFIRST.ORG



Join Us in January
for a book discussion:
Just Mercy:
A Story of Justice and
Redemption

Led by
Rev. Jacqueline Nelson
Wednesdays 6-7 pm
DETAILS INSIDE!



New Year, New You!

Sundays

starting January 13

9:45 - 10:45 am



W E L C O M E

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

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Melody
Guadagnino at (585) 271-1050 x103 or mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org.

**New
Member
Orientations
Return In
January!**



**Asbury First
Church Conference**
Sunday, January 20
Following the 11 am Service
In the Sanctuary

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