

Sunday, June 25, 2017 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. If you are interested in electronic fund transfer, contact Richard Moncrief at 585-271-1050 x108 or rmoncrief@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 10 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.

WORSHIP SERVICE

3rd Sunday After Pentecost • 10 am • June 25, 2017

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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE “Trumpet Overture”—Henry Purcell

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP *All are invited to read aloud the bold-faced type;
FROM PSALM 86 the lay reader will read the unbolded type*

People of God, incline your ear
and listen to the word of God.

**We come with open hearts,
ready to receive God’s word
of forgiveness and love.**

Call on the One who abounds in steadfast love.

**We are ready to proclaim the good news of God
in this place and throughout the earth!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #178 “Hope of the World”

*GREETING & PASSING
OF THE PEACE

*GREETING HYMN #451 “Be Thou My Vision” (vv. 1, 2)

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION Compassionate God, we come before you
with humble hearts.

**We confess there are times
when we stray from your ways;
when we bring conflict to our loved ones;
when we become lost in the desert
as we flee from your presence;**

(continued on next page)

when we allow fear to govern our decisions
and our actions;

**when we choose the ways of the world
instead of the ways of Christ.**

Forgive us, God of life.

**Bless us with faithfulness and courage,
that we may walk in the ways of Christ.**

[Silent Confession]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news!

God forgives, redeems, and restores.

Believe in the good news

and dwell in the promises of Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

TO HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE
GENESIS 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

ANTHEM "His Eye is on the Sparrow"—Charles J. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me

Refrain

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me
"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me
Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

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 #111 "How Can We Name a Love" (vv. 1, 2, 4)
During the singing of this hymn, children four years old through fifth grade are invited to exit the sanctuary for Enrichment Time.

SERMON Unintended Consequences

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

TO RENEW COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO
DISCIPLESHIP,
MEMBERSHIP,
AND COMMITMENT

You are endowed, by your Creator God, with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. You will find, within the worship folder, invitations to enrich your faith journey and enhance your commitment. We invite you to prayerfully consider these opportunities.

You are invited to sign and pass the ritual of friendship tablet 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.

The towel and bowl that are presented by the ushers at this time of the offering symbolically represent the giving of ourselves in humble, compassionate service to others, as was modeled by Christ when he washed his disciples' feet using a towel and basin of water (John 13:1–5). The offering plate of material gifts represents the ancient tradition of offering our best from life's blessings to God (Deuteronomy 26:1–3).

OFFERTORY
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”—Anonymous 16th Century

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is éen at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.
Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF
DEDICATION

Generous God, as we offer these gifts to you,
we offer ourselves as well.
**May these gifts help our brothers and sisters,
both near and far.**
**And may they be a sign of our steadfast faithfulness,
as we seek to live in your ways. Amen.**

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN #733 “Marching to Zion”

BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Psalm 19 “The Heavens Declare”—Benedetto Marcello

PARTICIPANTS
IN THE SERVICE Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Cady II
Liturgists: The Rev. Kathy Thiel, The Rev. Mike Mullin
Lay Reader: Hal Carter
Director, Summer Choir: William Weinert
Organist: David Strong
Soloist: Elizabeth Phillips, Soprano
Acolyte: Maddie White
Crucifer: Declan Shafer
Audio: Liz Roote
Video: Connor Nelson
Head Ushers: Tim Lamica and Brian White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The flowers on the altars are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Johnson Williams by her son Dr. Timothy J. Johnson.

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. Known to be hospitalized is Kathy Welch at St. Mary's and George Pringle at Strong.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 ages 7-12. Please return them to a basket after the service.

Is Children's Ministry meeting your child's special needs? Can we make accommodations to be helpful to you and your child? Contact Children's Ministry at (585) 271-1050 x111 to explore possibilities.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: SPC Andrew J. Thompson; SGT Christopher M. Birdsall; CPT Nathan Lubba*; MAJ Matthew Ristau*; SGT Christian T. Dahl; CPT Scott Moncrief; CW4 Eric R. Rutsch.

US Marine Corps: LT Craig R. Waldman; Cpl John Lyons.

US Navy: LT Adam Kreutter; CAPT Jeffrey A. Ward; PO2 Jacob Staples.

US Army Reserves: PFC Wesley Regnier; SGT Michael DiPaola; SSGT Michael Joyce.*
*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, email Jamie Least at jleast@asburyfirst.org, or call (585) 271-1050, x109.

DREAMSCAPE Vote TODAY in Fellowship Hall

Have you seen the DREAMSCAPE—our strategic plan for the church? Today after the 10 am service, we will vote on the plan in Fellowship Hall. This plan is available on our website (along with the full video presentation). We hope you will attend the vote today to take an active role in determining the future of Asbury First! If you have any questions about the DREAMSCAPE and our future plans, or if you have any ideas to share, please email dreams@asburyfirst.org. Following the vote today we will also hear an update from the Ministry & Space Taskforce about building plans for the future.

Women on Wednesday (WOW) Selects Summer Reading Project and First Book for September

Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction by female authors was selected as the WOW Summer Project. A listing of these books is available on the Internet. Take a look, see what appeals to you for summer reading, and we'll report on the various books we each read at our initial meetings in September. *Between the Dark and the Daylight* by Joan Chittister was selected as WOW's first "official" book of the 2017-18 reading year. It explores concerns of modern life, of the overworked mind, and hurting heart. The first meeting of WOW for the fall will be Wednesday, September 13. WOW meets every Wednesday, from September to May, from noon to 1 pm in the dining room in building

1010. New members who enjoy reading, learning and good company are always welcome. Bring your lunch and your curiosity!

Stand With Us! Rochester Pride Parade on July 15

As a Reconciling congregation, we strive to make Asbury First a welcoming place for all of God's children. Again this year, we'll march in the Pride Parade on July 15 along with Covenant UMC, Fairport UMC, and Sofia Community. Join us to show support to the LGBTQ community by marching in the parade or being a spectator. Please contact Deb Bullock-Smith (dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org), Jamie Least (jleast@asburyfirst.org), Mike Mullin (mmullin@asburyfirst.org) or Angie Burch (acburch26@gmail.com) for more information.

Church Office Closed on July 3 and 4

In honor of Independence Day, the Asbury First Church Office will be closed on July 3 and 4. We will reopen on July 5 at 9 am. Thank you!

Choir for Those Living With Memory Issues

A special chorus of individuals living with memory loss meet together with their care partners once a week to sing together—hymns, show tunes, folk songs, choral music, and more. No commitment is necessary, please feel free to come as often as you like. All are welcome, Asbury First community members, and friends and family and neighbors, you do not have to be a member of Asbury First to participate in this group, and it is not necessary to have any musical experience. We all have a song in our heart! This group meets weekly from 11:30-12:30 in Wesley Hall (the room where the choir rehearses). If you are caring for a loved one or know of someone who is, and if you would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Mary Berk at maryberk@rochester.rr.com, or contact the church office.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game on August 27!

Let's cheer on the Red Wings and have fun with new and old friends! Come join your extended Asbury First Family as we enjoy America's pastime.

We'll root for the home team (Red Wings) as they host the Buffalo Bisons on Sunday, August 27 at 1:35 pm. Group tickets are just \$7 per seat and we've secured (70) upper tier seats behind first base. It's a neat way to support a local sports team, enjoy a summer afternoon and catch up with friends! To secure a seat, please send a \$7 payment with your name to Melody Guadagnino in the church office. Tickets will be distributed after both Services on Sunday, Aug 27 in the Welcoming Hall, or they may be picked up from Craig Dennison in front of the Main Entrance to Frontier Field before first pitch. All are welcome to join! Have questions? Please contact Craig Dennison at 507-9655. Thanks and let's have fun at the ballgame!

RAIHN Ritzy Rummage Sale on July 15

Join in at 34 Meigs St. on Saturday, July 15 from 8 am-3 pm for a RAIHN rummage sale—or donate items for the sale! Items will be accepted from 6/8-6/12 (from 10 am-3 pm) and 6/13 (from 10 am-12 pm). Goods needed include antique and vintage items, as well as clothing, accessories, small appliances, household items, toys, and games.

Library Catalog Now Available Online! Get Your Library Card

The Library Committee is pleased to announce that the church library catalog is now available online and a link is being added to the church web page. An announcement will be out soon indicating that the link is live. This means that you can now search for books from the comfort of your home. Once you know if we own a book, the next question will be "Is the book currently in the library or is it checked out?" That is the next step and we need your help. We need to assign each family/individual a library card. **Please stop by the library any Sunday morning in June from 9:30-9:55 or from 11-11:30 to sign up for a card.**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Donations Needed for the 50th Annual Storehouse Summer Sale August 3-6!

Summer has begun, yet sorting and pricing

is well under way for our sale to benefit the Storehouse. Our thousands of clients benefit from the donations you give to the sale. All proceeds from the sale support purchases of blankets, underwear and any item we're low on and need for our guests. Items specifically for the sale can be dropped off at the "Space Room" on the lower level of the Education Wing (across from Wesley Hall). Furniture, decorative items, vintage, linens, jewelry, and toys are all accepted. Please no books, electronics/computers, records, or sports equipment. If you need help getting your items into the church, please contact the church office ahead of time. And if you have any further questions, contact Elizabeth Church at 461-9802 or emchurch418@gmail.com.

New Ministry! Meal Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who would like to create a meal ministry at Asbury First. We need volunteers who would like to cook or deliver meals to members who need some care and support in the form of meals. This program will be very flexible, and you can help when you are available. Would you like to participate? Do you have questions? Feel free to contact either Barbara Eltinge at 737-8775 or beltinge@icloud.com or Lani Anderson at 385-4873 or pra@rochester.rr.com.

Needed: Acolytes and Crucifers

With our graduating seniors going off to college soon, we are again in need of volunteers to serve as Acolytes and/or Crucifers for our Sunday morning and special worship services. Training will be provided following one of the services. Youth in the 8th grade and up (or younger if tall enough and strong enough) are particularly sought, but adults are welcome to serve if they would like a way to be more deeply involved in the service. You would be scheduled to serve about once every two months. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ellen Williams at ellen.williams@kodak.com or by phone at 585-267-6228. We hope to hear from you!

Donations Needed for The Storehouse

10 The Storehouse is in need of infant girls'

and young girls' clothing, especially knit tops and pants, sizes 2-5 and 6-16. We also need maternity clothes. Additionally, the Asbury First storehouse is currently in need of towels and washcloths. As part of her Girl Scout silver award, Allie Beamish will be collecting new or gently used bath towels and washcloths on June 25, July 2, and July 9 in the entryway. Donations would also be appreciated and Allie will shop for you! If interested, please contact Allie at ajbeamish@rochester.rr.com.

Tent Week: Join the Planning Committee!

We need you! Volunteering during tent week provides a great opportunity to connect with current members of the church, as well as opening the church doors for all to experience. The goal of Tent Week is to give people a great experience of the church, as well as welcome those living "across the street" who may be curious about Asbury First. We host a myriad of events under the tent on the front lawn that are free and open to all. Our theme this year is *Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Tent*. The committee is in need of additional volunteers to assist in coordinating events. Some of things we have planned are Open Mic Night, Interfaith Festival, Brainery Bazaar, and more. If interested please contact Maggie Tobin at maggietobin3@gmail.com.

Asbury Medical Personnel Needed

Giving aid to others is one of our core Christian values. If you have medical skills and would be willing to help if a medical emergency occurs on campus please contact us. We have many people with emergency medical training in our congregation, including nurses, EMTs, firefighters, police officers, APPs and doctors. Several people are currently trained to use the AEDs on campus. If you would be willing to participate by having your name on a roster of medical people to contact during an emergency on campus please send your name and profession to mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org. We are simply asking if you are on campus, during services or other events, and would not mind having an usher or other person who knows you are present contact you for an emergency on campus, please let us know.

MEETINGS & REHEARSALS

June 25–July 2

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| Sun. | 11:00 | DREAMSCAPE Vote and Ministry & Space Taskforce Presentation —1040 | Wed. | 6:00 | Men's Devotional Group—1010 |
| | 7:00 | Community Yoga—1040 | | 11:30 | Choir for People With Memory Loss—1040 |
| Mon. | 12:00 | Sanctuary Open for Prayer—1040 | | 4:00 | Knitting Ministry—1010 |
| Tues. | 4:00 | Capital Campaign Committee —1010 | | 5:30 | TOPS—1040 |
| | 5:00 | Sanctuary Open for Prayer—1040 | Thurs. | 6:00 | Wellness Clinic—1040 |
| | | | Fri. | | High School Mission Trip |
| | | | Sat. | | High School Mission Trip |
| | | | | 8:30 | Baking Team—1010 |

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*Volunteer leadership

** On sabbatical

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**VOTE TODAY ON THE
DREAMSCAPE PLAN**

The Asbury First
DREAMSCAPE
Laying the foundation for another 200 years

**HELP DETERMINE THE FUTURE
OF ASBURY FIRST AT THE
VOTE TODAY**

Join Us After This Worship Service in
Fellowship Hall to Vote!



JOIN US DOWN ON THE FARM!
Vacation Bible School
Monday-Thursday, August 7-10

Find out more by calling 585-271-1050 x111
or visiting asburyfirst.org!

THE STOREHOUSE SUMMER SALE AT ASBURY FIRST



Thurs, Aug 3: 4-7 pm
Fri, Aug 4: 10 am-7 pm
Sat, August 5: 10 am-4 pm
(Items 1/2 price until 3 pm!)
Sun, August 6: 11 am-1 pm

Thousands of Items:

Costume jewelry, housewares, furniture, linens & quilts, crafts, fine china, glassware, lamps, pictures, and much more. Our boutique area features handbags, vintage clothes, and other unique items!

Tent Week Is Coming! Save the Dates SUN, AUG 6 - THUR, AUG 10



TENT WEEK

Global art and music
Mental and physical
exercises
Food trucks
Extravaganzas of all kinds!
#tentweek2017



Would you like to become a member of Asbury First? **Please join us in the fall for the next New Member Orientation!** Watch your bulletin, weekly e-newsletter, and Facebook for future dates. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Melody Guadagnino at 585-271-1050 x103 or mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org.