

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 8:30 and 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 Morgan Dornsife at (585) 271-1050 x112 or [mdornsife@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mdornsife@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

4th Sunday of Lent • 8:30 and 11 am • March 11, 2018

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

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE “Ciacona in F Minor”—Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT

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

FROM PSALM 107

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

When we cried out to God in our distress,

**God saved us in our hour of need.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #108 “God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

\*GREETING & PASSING  
OF THE PEACE

\*GREETING HYMN #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (vv. 1, 2)

PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION

God of law and grace, when we complain about what we lack,  
rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts,  
**forgive us.**

When we see only the bad in our lives,  
and fail to see the good,

**heal our vision.**

When we act as disobedient children,  
and turn away from your light,

**save us with your unfailing grace.**

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

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE    Hear the Good News: God sent the Human One into the world,  
not to condemn it, but to save it.  
The One who brings us light saves us from our destructive ways,  
and leads us into life.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*GLORIA    All glory be to God, all praise and thanks be given;  
TUNE: HYMN #102    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 ONLY

PRESENTATION

BAPTISMAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL    With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that this  
RESPONSE    child of God, 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    *From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of  
NUMBERS 21:4-9    Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and  
against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For  
there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent  
poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites  
died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the  
Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses  
prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and  
set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a  
serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that  
person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.*

HYMN #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (vv. 3, 4)

SCRIPTURE *And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”*

JOHN 3:14-21

ANTHEM “Wade in the Water”—arr. Benjamin Tucker

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 #378 “Amazing Grace” (vv. 1, 2)

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

SERMON When the Going Gets Tough

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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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

"God So Loved the World"—Bob Chilcott (8:30 am); "God So Loved the World"—Daniel Mo (11 am)

God so loved the world, so loved the world.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son

That whosoever believeth, believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

\*DOXOLOGY

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

\*PRAYER OF  
DEDICATION

God of light and love,

shine through our offerings this day.

**May they bring light to the darkness  
and help lead others from death into life.**

Transform these gifts into your glory,

**that they may reflect the joy of your saving grace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

#363 "And Can It Be that I Should Gain"

\*BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

"O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless"—Johann Pachelbel

PARTICIPANTS      Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II  
IN THE SERVICE    Liturgists: The Rev. Mike Mullin, The Rev. Jacqueline J. Nelson, Ian C. Urriola  
Lay Reader: Joe Hull  
Director, Asbury Singers: Eric Townell (8:30 am)  
Director, Sanctuary Choir: Eric Townell (11 am)  
Director, Asbury Ringers: Elizabeth Church  
Organist: Duane Prill  
Acolyte: Sophie Seiffert (8:30 am); Anna Clark (11 am)  
Crucifer: Declan Shafer (8:30 am); Richard Benjamin (11 am)  
Audio Operator: Tippet Reinson (11 am)  
Video Operator: Liz Roote (11 am)  
Head Ushers: Nancy and Dick Adamus (8:30 am); Tim Lamica and Brian White  
(11 am)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**The flowers on the altars** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lib Spencer and Paul Berg from the Berg family; in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Maureen Krasavage, by Beth and David Rice and family; in loving memory of Roy Kinney by his grandson John Andres; and in loving memory of loved ones by Pat McDonell.

*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 sympathy** to Donna and Hugh Cunningham on the death of Donna's sister Barbara Nowak on March 2 in Waterloo, New York.

**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 Unity 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 celebrate the baptism** at the 11 am worship service of Harley Ann Tramonto-Stagnitto, daughter of Toni Tramonto and Chuck Stagnitto, born on November 28, 2017.

**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 8 Lubba; MAJ Matthew Ristau;\* PV2 Kevin

Keehn;

SGT Christian T. Dahl; CPT Scott Moncrief; CW4 Eric R. Rutsch.

**US Marine Corps:** LT Craig R. Waldman; Lcpl 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](mailto:jleast@asburyfirst.org), or call (585) 271-1050, x109.*

## **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 7 and up. Please return bags 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 Paula Dugan at (585) 271-1050 x111 or [pdugan@asburyfirst.org](mailto:pdugan@asburyfirst.org) to explore possibilities.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Visit the Ministry Corner!**

Today, visit the Ministry Corner table in the Gathering Center to talk with representatives from Casawasco Camp and Retreat Center to learn about Summer Camps and more. If your group is interested in signing up for time at the Ministry Corner table, please contact Deb Bullock-Smith at [dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org) or at (585) 271-1050 x117.

## **Notice the Sanctuary Crosses are Covered? See Why!**

The old custom of veiling religious images during Lent is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us. Temporarily veiling the crosses in the penitential color of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection comes to the forefront when the holy images are again revealed.

## **Caring for One Another**

At Asbury First, we are a tightly-knit family and strive to care for one another on a daily basis...not just on Sundays. That's why we are inviting you to reach out to those in our community whom you may not have seen around the campus in a while. Perhaps there has been an especially busy or difficult time for someone in our church family and they could use words of encouragement, a meal, or prayers. Please take a moment each Sunday to reflect on the familiar faces you have seen and those you may not have seen recently—and reach out to them, or let the Asbury First staff know, and we can reach out for you! For more information, please contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

## **Better Together Campaign**

The Better Together Campaign is well underway. To all who have committed—thank you! Together, and by God's grace, we will fulfill our vision to *do more good* through these projects. We continue to receive pledge cards for the capital projects each day, and it is never too

late to submit a commitment or update your current commitment. Be sure to stay up to date on progress towards our fundraising goal and status on projects at [www.asburyfirst.org/bettertogether](http://www.asburyfirst.org/bettertogether). Have questions? Please contact Morgan Dornsife at [mdornsife@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mdornsife@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x112.

## **Get in the Loop, Stay in the Loop: Update Your Info Today and Add a Photo Today!**

Updating your information is so important at Asbury First. We are a busy place, and we want to be sure YOU are in the loop with what is happening! This will help ensure we have the best and most accurate contact information for you. To update your information *and upload a photo*, please visit [asburyfirst.org/updatesmyinfo](http://asburyfirst.org/updatesmyinfo) or visit the Ministry Corner for assistance updating your information! When you stop by, please bring a recent photograph of yourself that we can add to your database entry. If you have questions, please contact Melody Guadagnino at [mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mguadagnino@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x103.

## **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? We want to be there for you and with you! Care Request forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the Welcoming Hall; please take one if there is a need that we can help address. For more information, please contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

## **Journey with Christ During Lent! Labyrinth Walks All Season Long**

The Labyrinth will be open 5-7 pm Wednesdays during Lent, Mar. 14, and 21. Come, walk, and spend some quiet time reflecting on Jesus' journey as well as your own journey! For more information, please contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

## **March for Our Lives Mar. 23 & 24**

Youth from Asbury First will be traveling to Washington, D.C. Friday and Saturday, Mar. 23-24, to join National UMC and other United Methodist Youth from across the country to advocate for gun control. We will attend a rally and lock-in at National UMC on Friday, and then join the March for Our Lives on Saturday. If you would like to join us, please sign up at [bit.ly/AFUMC\\_MarchForOurLives](http://bit.ly/AFUMC_MarchForOurLives). For more information, contact The Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

## **Contemplative Service of Worship (Formerly Known as Taizé)**

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm throughout Lent (Mar. 14, 21, and 28) to experience worship through meditative hymns, Holy Communion, and sensory stations throughout our sanctuary for guided personal reflection. In previous years, we have called this our Taizé service, and the service will remain the same as it has in the past with the addition of a station located in our Children's Chapel designed to more fully engage all of our senses. If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

## **Chocolate for Chacocente**

Support Project Chacocente while filling your Easter baskets with tasty chocolate. Asbury First members will be preparing white, dark 10 and milk chocolate bunnies and crosses

as well as chocolate dipped pretzels, peanut clusters, almond clusters, peanut butter cups and lollipops. Each will be individually wrapped with a ribbon. Items will be available in the Welcoming Foyer of 1040 East Ave. or in 1010 East Ave. on Palm Sunday morning or may be pre-ordered by contacting Robyn Gage at (585) 752-9070 or [robynegage@gmail.com](mailto:robynegage@gmail.com). All proceeds benefit Project Chacocente. Learn more at [www.outofthedump.org](http://www.outofthedump.org).

## **Asbury First Orchestra News!**

The Asbury First Orchestra will be sharing in the Apr. 29 worship services and we'd love for you to join us. If you play, or have played an instrument for 2-3 years or more, please join us next Sunday at our first rehearsal. We meet in Wesley Hall from 8:45-9:30 am. Bring your instrument and your best efforts. This is an inter-generational group of musicians with many levels of playing experience. You are always welcome! For more information, call Laurie Kennedy at (585) 787-0422.

## **It's Back: New Year! New You!**

Looking for a spiritual reboot? The season of lent is an opportunity for a new start! A new beginning! What does this season hold for you? Whether you joined us for the first session or are new to this class—ALL are welcome! Come experience a three-week journey of fellowship & self-discovery as we grow with God & each other. After all, we are BETTER TOGETHER! Join us Sundays, Mar. 11 and 18 from 9:45-10:45 on the second floor of Building 1010. For more information, please contact Emily Cady at [emilycady@gmail.com](mailto:emilycady@gmail.com).

## **Women on Wednesday (WOW) Reads Anne Lamott**

Explore Anne Lamott's latest book, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy - Nine Meditations*, beginning Wednesday March 14. Lamott examines concepts of mercy, its often hidden

presence, how we ignore it and ways we can embrace it in our lives. Curious readers are invited to join WOW's idea discussions at 12 pm on Wednesdays in Building 1010, in the Meditation Room. Membership is not required—all are welcome. Bring a lunch and share your ideas!

### **New Class: People of Faith & The Gift of Prayer**

During the Wednesday evenings in the Season of Lent (Mar. 14, 21, and 28), please join us for an exploration of the ancient biblical and theological understandings of prayer and to explore these understandings and implications for our own prayer life. This class, led by The Rev. Susan Shafer, will be an opportunity to discover new practices of prayer and deepen our own prayer life. For more information on these Wednesday evening classes, contact The Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x105.

### **Mission & Ministry: Journeys of Transformation in Nicaragua**

Please join us on Sunday, Mar. 18 from 9:45-11 am in Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and to hear of the transformative power of two ministries in Nicaragua supported by Asbury First. In Jan. and Feb., fifteen church members journeyed to Nicaragua to continue building relationships with the people of Project Chacocente and the villagers living along the Bocay River. Hear the stories from team members and the progress being made by these two unique ministries that focus on equipping people to improve their lives. For more information, please contact The Rev. Jacqueline J. Nelson at [jnelson@asburyfirst.org](mailto:jnelson@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x104.

### **Discipleship Groups Update Mar. 14!**

Did you miss out on our first Discipleship Group launch? No need to fret! We will be having another launch on Wednesday, Mar. 14 at 7 pm in the Gathering Center! If you want to learn more about this new ministry, Ian Urriola and The Rev. Mike Mullin would love to talk with you. Seek them out after worship, or reach out to them at [iurriola@asburyfirst.org](mailto:iurriola@asburyfirst.org) and [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

### **Save the Date! OAC Luncheon on May 10**

The Older Adult Council is pleased to announce that the Spring luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 10. If you are at least 80 years young, you are invited. More information will be forthcoming; we wanted you to know so that you can save the date so that you can attend this special event, just for you. The day includes a worship service with Communion, held in the Sanctuary, followed by a meal together in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x106.

### **Get Your Pies Today for Pie for Pi Day!**

The youth have made and are now selling pies and pie-themed potholders before and after the services this morning in honor of Pi Day (Pie Day, traditionally held on Mar. 14, celebrates the number “pi,” or 3.14). Full-sized pies will be \$10 with 100% of the sales going to support our Asbury First Youth Missions. For more information, contact The Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

### **Changing Weighs News!**

The Asbury First weight loss group, Changing Weighs, is headed in a new direction! Join us as we embark on The Daniel Plan, a focus on Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends. Join us Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Library. Have questions? Email us at [AsburyChangingWeighs@gmail.com](mailto:AsburyChangingWeighs@gmail.com).

## **Bicentennial Committee Forming**

In two years, we will be celebrating our 200th anniversary as a church, and it's time to start planning. If you have an interest in helping us explore our archives, tell our story, and/or plan special events, please email Deb Bullock-Smith at [dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org).

## **Bereavement Support Group Forming**

Are you interested in becoming part of a Bereavement Support Group? A group is forming in the Spring of 2018 for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Contact The Rev. Kathy Thiel by Monday, Mar. 19 for information at [kthiel@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kthiel@asburyfirst.org) or (585) 271-1050 x 106.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Volunteer at The Library!**

The Library committee at Asbury First Church is seeking individuals to guide and tend our library collection. We meet once a month (the second Tuesday) in the evening (approximately 7-9 pm) and hold an optional work day in the library every Monday. It is our responsibility to provide our collection in a useful, helpful manner for our congregation. We could use some assistance in selecting books for purchase, organizing our library, and assisting church members with borrowing books from the collection. If you are interested in reading, books, or volunteering, please contact Bonnie Kay at [bkay@frontiernet.net](mailto:bkay@frontiernet.net), Beth Woolever at [ewoolever03@gmail.com](mailto:ewoolever03@gmail.com), or the church office at [info@asburyfirst.org](mailto:info@asburyfirst.org), or fill out a "Help Wanted" form, located on the desk in the library.

### **Donations & Sewing Volunteers Needed**

The Storehouse has a long tradition of giving our pregnant shoppers a layette when they come in. It contains some lovely newborn items wrapped in a handmade baby quilt which, in the past, have been donated to us by local quilt clubs and 12 a fabric store in Victor. Circumstances have

recently changed and we need to be proactive if we want to continue this tradition. On Saturday, Mar. 31, we will be sewing at Ivy Thimble in Victor from 10 am-3 pm. We need cotton fabric donations and volunteers to work with us. You do not have to be a quilter or have a sewing machine in order to participate. If you are interested in participating in this important Storehouse endeavor, or if you have any questions, please contact Judy Cohen at (585) 755-3376.

### **Volunteers Wanted! New Campus Tour Ministry**

We are interested in launching an ongoing Campus Tour Ministry! This ministry will welcome and educate both new visitors and long-time members alike about the architecture, history, outreach ministries, and other elements of Asbury First that make this such a unique and wonderful place. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Ian Urriola at [iurriola@asburyfirst.org](mailto:iurriola@asburyfirst.org).

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Classes are 9:45-10:45 am. All are welcome!

## **Doublers and 50+ Fellowship Combined Class**

A lecture series. Classes are combined through March 25.

Mar. 11: The WORD in the Word - Part 2

Presenter: The Rev. Susan Shafer

Where: Red Room, 1010

Mar. 18: Prayer

Presenter: The Rev. Kathy Thiel

Where: Dining Room, 1010

## **Growing Spirits/Living Edge**

A discussion series.

Where: 1010, Meditation Room

Mar. 18: "Susan B. Anthony"

Presenter: Don Anderson

Mar. 25: "How the Irish Saved Civilization"

Presenter: Andy Glasgow

## **Adult Bible Study**

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

Where: 1010, Dining Room

Leader: The Rev. David Lubba

## **Parables of Parenting**

Fellowship for parents of all ages.

Where: 1040, Room 203

Who: Parents of any age

Leader: Melissa Bohrer

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

Fellowship for people of all ages.

Where: 1010, Second Floor

Who: All are welcome

Leader: Emily Cady

# MEETINGS & REHEARSALS

March 11-17

## SUNDAY

"Pretzel Sunday"

- 7:45 am Asbury Singers—1040
- 8:45 am Orchestra Rehearsal—1040
- 9 am Financial Peace University—1010
- 9:45 am 6-12th Grade Guitar Club—1040
- 9:45 am 6-8th Grade Sunday School—1040
- 9:45 9-12th Grade Discussion Group—1040
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday Classes—Page 13
- 9:45 am Children's Sunday School—1040
- 12:20 pm Worship & Arts Work Area Meeting—1050
- 4 pm Youth Bells—1040
- 5 pm Youth Choir—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

- 9 am Monday Morning Crew—1040
- 12 pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer—1040
- 3 pm Storehouse Board Meeting—1050
- 5:30 pm Church Council—1050

## TUESDAY

- 9:30 am Women's Fellowship—1040
- 5 pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer—1040
- 7 pm Library Committee—1040

## WEDNESDAY

- 6 am Men's Devotional Group—1010
- 10 am Adult Bible Study—1010
- 11:30 am Choir for People With Memory Loss—1040
- 12 pm Women on Wednesday—1010
- 5 pm Hallelujah Kids—1040
- 5 pm Labyrinth—1040
- 5:30 pm Community Dinner—1040
- 5:30 pm Changing Weights—1040
- 6 pm People of Faith & The Gift of Prayer—1040
- 6 pm Wesley Singers & Ringers—1040
- 6:15 pm Contemplative Service of Worship—1040
- 6:30 pm Carvers of Hope—1010
- 7 pm Asbury Ringers—1040
- 7 pm URWell Board Meeting—1050
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir—1040

## THURSDAY

- 6 pm Safety Response Team—1050

## SATURDAY

- 9 am Altar Guild Sanctuary Cleaning—1040

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**Discipleship Groups**  
**Update March 14!**

Join us for  
 another launch  
 on Wednesday,  
 March 14  
 at 7 pm  
 in the  
 Gathering Center!



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**Holy Week Services  
 & Activities!**

**HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 29**

- 6:30 pm\* Sanctuary open for silent meditation
- 7 pm\* Living tableaux of scenes from the life of Christ
- 7:30 pm\* Worship, Holy Communion, and a reenactment of the passion of Christ

*Child care is available at all services  
 marked with an asterisk\**

**GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 30**

- 6 am Informal service of Holy Communion
- 12 pm\* Worship and reflection on art and music (music provided by Voices Chamber Choir)
- 6-7:30 pm A come-when-you-wish child-friendly event with Holy communion, a labyrinth walk, and prayer stations.

**EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 1**

- 6 am Sunrise Service Held at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, 1100 Goodman Street, 14620
- 8:30 am\* Traditional Worship
- 10 am\* Brief service of Holy Communion (No sermon)
- 11 am\* Traditional Worship

Would you like to become a member of Asbury First? Please join us for one of the next New Member Orientation: two Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 (May 2 and 9; joining May 13) OR three Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 (Apr. 22, 29, and May 6; joining May 13) in Building 1050. 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).