

Sunday, March 18, 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

5th Sunday in Lent • 8:30 and 11 am • March 18, 2018

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

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

PRELUDE “Prelude, Fugue and Variation”—César Franck

INTROIT

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

The time is coming:

**Time for love. Time for hope.**

Time for mercy. Time for faith.

**Time for worship. Time for prayer.**

Time for singing. Time for praise.

**Come, it is time to worship.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

\*GREETING & PASSING  
OF THE PEACE

\*GREETING HYMN #413 “A Charge to Keep I Have” (vv. 1, 4)

PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION

When we forget your name,  
written on our hearts,

**Have mercy on us.**

When we forget your law of love,  
engraved in our lives,

**Have mercy on us.**

When we neglect your Spirit,  
living in and through each of us,

**Have mercy on us.**

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

When we ignore your beauty,  
brightening and glorifying our lives,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
Shine in us and through us, God of light and love,  
that we may remember this truth:  
**You are our God, and we are your people—  
a people of mercy and love.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hear the Good News: God has already created a clean heart in you.  
**In the name of 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 Weston Michael Greer and Mia Mae Shriver

BAPTISMAL VOWS

\*CONGREGATIONAL **With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that  
RESPONSE these children 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.*

## TO HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE  
JEREMIAH 31:31-34

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

ANTHEM

“Offertory”—John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before him with  
yearling calves?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice,  
And to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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 #420 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” (vv. 1, 4)

*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 Something New

CALL TO PRAYER

## 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 Clean Heart”—Benjamin Harlan

Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Create in me a clean heart.  
Renew my spirit,  
renew my spirit  
Create in me a clean heart.

A heart that's free to give  
as you have given to me  
A heart that's free to love  
as you have loved me,  
A heart that really care,  
a heart that always shares.  
Create in me a clean heart.

OFFERTORY  
11 AM

“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me”—Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me  
to preach the Gospel to the poor:  
He hath sent me  
to heal the broken-hearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the  
Lord; To give unto them that mourn  
a garland of ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise  
for the spirit of heaviness;

That they might be called trees of  
righteousness, the planting of the Lord,  
that He might be Glorified.  
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
as as the garden causeth the things  
sown in it to spring Forth;  
So the Lord God will cause  
righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all the nations.  
As the earth bringeth forth her bud.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to  
preach the Gospel.

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION      Engrave these gifts with your love, O God.  
Send them forth into the world,  
that they may reveal your presence for all to see. Amen.

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## TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN      #157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*BENEDICTION

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RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      "Solemn Melody"—Walford Davies

PARTICIPANTS      Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II  
IN THE SERVICE      Liturgists: The Rev. Mike Mullin, The Rev. Kathy Thiel, The Rev. Jacqueline J.  
Nelson, Ian C. Urriola  
Lay Readers: Charlie Bohrer (8:30 am); Rick Krempin (11 am)  
Director, Asbury Singers: Brian Bohrer (8:30 am)  
Director, Sanctuary Choir: Dr. William Weinert (11 am)  
Organist: Duane Prill  
Soloist: Susan Huppe, mezzo-soprano  
Acolyte: Charlie Bohrer (8:30 am); Ben Conrow (11 am)  
Crucifer: Maria Hackett (8:30 am); Ben Mack (11 am)  
Audio Operator: Connor Nelson (11 am)  
Video Operator: Tyler Deskins (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 Eli Eckman by his parents Brian and Ashley and brothers Will and Sam; in loving memory of Norine Eastman by Richard Eastman and family; and in celebration of Bill Lisi's birthday by his daughters; and in loving memory of our mother Flo Simmons by her daughter Tammy Clifford and son John Simmons.

*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 the family and friends of Paul Carson who died on March 2, 2018 in Emmitsburg, MD.

**We offer our prayers and sympathy** to the family and friends of Sharon Debboli who died on March 6, 2018.

**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, Bob Moore at Highland and Bev Stokes at Rochester General 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 baptisms** of Weston Michael Greer—son of Jon and Lauren Greer—born on July 14, 2017, and Mia Mae Shriver—daughter of Crystal Taylor and Raynard Shriverborn—born on October 29, 8 2016 at our 11 am worship service.

**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;\* 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.

\*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!**

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 [dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org](mailto:dbullocksmith@asburyfirst.org) or at (585) 271-1050, x117.

### **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.

### **Come Garden With Us on Apr. 14!**

The spring campus clean up will be Saturday, Apr. 14, from 8:30 am-12 pm. Please join us for a morning of work, fellowship, and fun. Feel free to bring your own tools. For more information, please contact Ken Carr at (585) 271-1050 x120 or [kcarr@asburyfirst.org](mailto:kcarr@asburyfirst.org).

### **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).

## **DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

During the Wednesday evenings in the Season of Lent (Mar. 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.

### **New Sunday Class: Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved**

Join us Sundays, April 8 through May 20, from 9:45 to 10:45 am on the second floor of Building 1010 as we read through *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. This New York Times Best Seller invites us to consider honestly and faithfully the question of theodicy. For more information, or if you would like us to

order you a book, contact The Rev. Mike Mullin at [mmullin@asburyfirst.org](mailto:mmullin@asburyfirst.org).

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

On Wednesday, Mar. 14, we began exploring Anne Lamott's latest book, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy-Nine Meditations*—and we'd love for you to join us! 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 the Meditation Room of Building 1010. Membership is not required and all women are welcome. Bring a lunch and share your ideas! If you have questions, please contact Mary Lynn Vickers at [mvicker1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mvicker1@rochester.rr.com).

## **WORSHIP & ARTS NEWS**

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

The Labyrinth will be open 5-7 pm on Wednesday Mar. 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.

### **Contemplative Service of Worship**

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm throughout Lent (Mar. 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.

### **Covered Sanctuary Crosses**

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. Have questions? Contact Ian C. Urriola at [iurriola@asburyfirst.org](mailto:iurriola@asburyfirst.org).

### **Asbury First Orchestra News!**

The Asbury First Orchestra began rehearsals this morning and we missed you! Please join us next week, Sunday, Mar. 25 for our next rehearsal 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! If you can't join us next week, come on Sunday, Apr. 8, when we will start the final preparations for our Sunday, Apr. 29 sharing with the congregation. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Laurie Kennedy at (585) 787-0422.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **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.

### **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.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

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

Please join us today 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.

### **Chocolate for Chacocente**

Support Project Chacocente while filling your Easter baskets with tasty chocolate. Asbury First members will be preparing white, dark, and milk chocolate bunnies and crosses, as well as chocolate-dipped pretzels, peanut clusters, almond clusters, peanut butter cups, and lollipops. Each treat will be individually wrapped with a ribbon. Items will be available in the Welcome Hall or in Building 1010 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).

### **Youth March for Our Lives in D.C. 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).

### **March for Our Lives in Rochester on Mar. 24: You're Invited!**

On Saturday, Mar. 24, both youth and adults from Asbury First will join March For Our Lives to stand up for their lives and safety in an effort to end gun violence and mass shootings in our schools today. Find out

more at [marchforourlives.com](http://marchforourlives.com).

### **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 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.

## **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. 18: Prayer

Presenter: Kathy Thiel

Where: Dining Room, 1010

Mar. 25: Combined Classes: "Dreaming of a Better World"

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Hargrave

Where: Red Room, 1010

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

A discussion series.

Where: 1010, Meditation Room

Mar. 18: "How the Irish Saved Civilization"

Presenter: Andy Glasgow

Mar. 25: Easter Art

Presenter: John Smalt

### **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 18-24

## SUNDAY

- 7:45 am Asbury Singers—1040
- 8:45 am Orchestra Rehearsal—1040
- 9 am Financial Peace University—1010
- 9:45 am Mission & Ministry Presentation—1040
- 9:45 am 6-12th Grade Guitar Club—1040
- 9:45 am 6-8th Grade Sunday School—1040
- 9:45 am 9-12th Grade Discussion Group—1040
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday Classes—Page 13
- 9:45 am Children's Sunday School—1040
- 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
- 5:30 pm Dining & Caring Center Board Meeting—1010

## TUESDAY

- 9:30 am Women's Fellowship—1040
- 4 pm Capital Campaign Committee Meeting—1010
- 5 pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer—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
- 1 pm Memorials Committee—1050
- 5 pm Hallelujah Kids—1040
- 5 pm Labyrinth—1040
- 5:30 pm Community Dinner—1040
- 5:30 pm Changing Weighs—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
- 7 pm Asbury Ringers—1040
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir—1040

## THURSDAY

- 6 pm UR Well Clinic—1040

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JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS:

### PEOPLE OF FAITH & THE GIFT OF PRAYER

WEDNESDAYS MAR. 21 AND 28  
LED BY THE REV. SUSAN SHAFER  
BUILDING 1040, ROOM 202  
6-7 PM  
DETAILS INSIDE!




### New Members Classes Begin April 22!

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## Holy Week Services

### HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 29

- 6:30 pm\* Sanctuary open for silent meditation
- 7 pm\* Living tableaus 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 these services*

### 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 service 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
- 8:30 am\* Traditional Worship
- 10 am\* Brief service of Holy Communion (no sermon)
- 11 am\* Traditional Worship

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