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.
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.

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**Our Mission Statement**
- Love God and neighbor.
- Live fully.
- Serve all.
- Repeat.

**Sound Bite**
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude
“Now Thank We All Our God”—Robert Powell
“Thanksgiving Prelude”—Charles Callahan
“For the Beauty of the Earth”—Cathy Moklebust

Introit

*Call to Worship
All are invited to read the bold-faced type; the lay reader will read the unbolded type.

Come with hearts overflowing in gratitude.

*God has done great things for us.
Be glad and rejoice.

*We rejoice in God’s gifts.
Sing praises of joy.

*Our mouths are filled with laughter.
Shout with thanksgiving, in sunshine and rain.

Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.

*Processional Hymn
#694 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

*Greeting & Passing of the Peace

*Greeting Hymn
#131 “We Gather Together” (vv. 1, 2)

Prayer of Confession
Look upon your servants with mercy, O God,

*for our burdens lay heavy upon us
and bring us to our knees.

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* please stand, in body or in spirit
Our hearts are touched by sorrows so deep
they seem beyond limit.
In our hour of need,
we yearn to hear words of comfort and grace.
Speak to us now,
in the silence of our aching hearts,
for your servants are listening
and longing for your grace.

Silent Confession

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

Words of Assurance

Hear the Good News: When we meet together as believers
and share our burdens with one another before God,
we find fullness of grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA

Tune: HYMN #102

All glory be to God, all praise and thanks be given;
Whose Son and Spirit reign as one in highest Heaven;
Our one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

TO HEAR THE WORD

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah
and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because
he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her
severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year
by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her.
Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her,
“Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not
more to you than ten sons?” After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose
and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside
the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the
Lord, and wept bitterly.
Anthem
Festival Finale on "All Creatures of our God and King”—arr. Douglas Wagner

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
#400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (vv. 1, 3)
During the singing of this hymn at the 11 am worship service, children four years old through fifth grade are invited to exit for Enrichment Time.

Sermon
There and Back Again

Pastoral 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.
"Come, Let Us Glorify the Lord”—Allen Pote

Come, glorify the Lord with me. Come, let us exalt his name forever. For praise shall be always in my heart and in my voice. Come, O come, let us rejoice.

Come, magnify the Lord with me. Come let us exalt his name forever. Come, let us sing of the greatness of the Lord. Come, O come, let us rejoice.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who trust in him, And for those who stand in awe before the Lord their needs shall be fulfilled. Come, my children, and listen to me, I will teach you to honor the Lord. For they who look up to the Lord for their strength will shine like the sun, And be radiant with joy!

Come, glorify the Lord with me. Rejoice and come, let us exalt his name forever, exalt him! Praise shall be always in my heart and in my voice. Come, O come and let us glorify the Lord, rejoice! Let us rejoice and magnify the Lord.

CONGREGATION JOINS:
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

We welcome all to our tradition of the Thanksgiving Procession of gifts and goods. Your generous offerings placed in the baskets will be used to enhance life for those we serve in ministry. Please come down the center aisle, place your gifts and treasures in the receptacles and return to your seat by the side aisles.

#87 “What Gift Can We Bring”
#97 “For the Fruits of This Creation”
#92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”
#67 “We, Thy People, Praise Thee”
*Doxology  #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication  Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.
Christ is with us now.
Look and see, God’s creative power is close at hand.
God’s power is with us here.
Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.
God is re-creating us each and every day,
re-forming us in the image of love.

TO DISPERSE IN MISSION

*Recessional Hymn  #102 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Benediction

*Benediction

Response

Postlude  “Now Thank We All Our God”—Don Hustad

Participants In the Service
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady
Liturgists: Rev. Mike Mullin, Rev. Kathy Thiel, Rev. Jackie Nelson,
           Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Johnson
Organist: Duane Prill
Flute: Annette Farrington
Directors, Festival Choir: Dr. Carl Johengen, Brian Bohrer
Director, Asbury Ringers: Elizabeth Church
Audio Operator: Liz Roote (11 am)
Video Operator: Kenny Bailey (11 am)
Head Ushers: Dick and Nancy Adamus (8:30 am); Brian White and Tim Lamica (11 am)
CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The flowers on the altars are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen’s parents, Dr. Austin Truitt and Mrs. Nellie Truitt and her brother, Mr. Jim Truitt by Bob and Ellen Hargraves.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please contact Jeanne Ristau at (585) 223-4356, preferably two weeks ahead of requested date.

We offer our prayers and concern for all those who are ill at home, hospitalized, or in hospice care. As of Wednesday, known to be hospitalized is Jean Peck at Highland 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 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; Lcpl John Lyons.

US Navy: IS2 Philip Anderson; LT Adam Kreutter; CAPT Jeffrey A. Ward; PO2 Jacob Staples.


*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 Angels and Shepherds!

If you know a child who would like to be in this year’s Christmas pageant we would love to have them. The pageant is during the 4 pm worship service on Christmas Eve. We rehearse during the 11 am worship services during the month of December. Please fill out a registration form located in the Welcome Hall. If you have questions, please contact Paula Dugan at pdugan@asburyfirst.org.

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

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 or political figures or 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

Join Us For Tuesday Morning Women’s Fellowship!
Each Tuesday from 9:30–10:30 am, the Women’s Fellowship group meets in the Asbury First library, just off the Gathering Center in the Education Wing of Building 1040. Our intergenerational group shares devotion, refreshments, and the highs and lows of our lives. All women are welcome, and you can come as your schedule allows. Our group is another way to develop meaningful friendships and support within our community. Please contact Elizabeth Church, group coordinator, emchurch418@gmail.com if you have any questions. We hope to see you soon!

Join Us for the Hanging of the Greens on December 1
Saturday, December 1, will be the annual Hanging of the Greens, a collaborative effort to decorate our church for this holy season. Join us at any of the following times! 9–11 am: “Indoor Tree Set Up” (heavy lifters and handymen needed; coffee and donuts provided); 11 am–2 pm: “Family-Focused Decorating” (multi-generational group, with jobs, activities, and a pizza lunch for all ages; childcare provided); 2–4 pm: “Final Touches,” when we will ensure all tasks that were started are completed). Come and go as you can. Bring a group, come alone, come for the whole time, come for an hour, but as we like to say, “Whatever you do, just come!” Contact Amy Allen at (585) 738-9128 or ajppa@yahoo.com for questions or to let her know you’re available to help.

I’ll Push You is next Women on Wednesday (WOW) Read
I’ll Push You: A Journey of 500 Miles, Two Best Friends, and One Wheelchair is a travel adventure full of love, humor, and spiritual truth that chronicles two best friends on the El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail across northern Spain. Rev. David Lubba spoke about it in one of our summer sermons on the
front lawn, and it drew immediate interest. If you are curious about the Camino and want to learn more about how love and faith can push past perceived limits, please join WOW on Wednesdays from 12–1 pm in Building 1010. Discussion of the first sections of the book began November 14. All women readers are welcome! Bring your insights and ideas as we read together. For more information on WOW, please contact Mary Lynn Vickers at mvicker1@rochester.rr.com.

Check Out These New Books at the Library!
In need of some new reading material? Have we got some winners for you! Here are just a few of our favorites: Devotions: The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman, And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer: A Novella by Fredrik Backman, I Know This Much is True by Wally Lamb, How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, A Thousand Mornings: Poems by Mary Oliver, and Aging Without Apology: Living the Senior Years With Integrity and Faith by Robert E. Seymour. For questions about the library, please contact Rev. Mike Mullin at mmullin@asburyfirst.org.

Loving Our Neighbors: Class on Sundays
In the Greatest Commandment, we hear Jesus’ call to “love God” and to “love our neighbors.” Part of loving our neighbors is taking the time to learn more about them. Join The Rev. Nadia Mullin, Interfaith Program Specialist at Nazareth College, to examine major world religious traditions and spiritual perspectives to help us know and love our neighbors in increasingly diverse communities. Join us on Sundays from 9:45–10:45 am on the 2nd floor of Building 1010. For more information, please contact Rev. Mike Mullin at mmullin@asburyfirst.org.

MUSIC & ARTS
Chris Wilson: An Advent Concert on November 24
For a family event to start the holiday season, come to Asbury for Chris Wilson: An Advent Concert, at 7 pm on Saturday, November 24. The vocalist and acoustic guitar player will present a heartwarming and inspirational program of spiritual and Christmas music in sanctuary. The concert will raise money for the Dining and Caring Center, which provides more than 35,000 meals a year. Tickets are $20 each and are available at the door, in the church office, or in the Welcome Hall. Your attendance will help Asbury continue to feed those in need.

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? We want to be there for you and with you! 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.

Welcome Desk Needs Volunteers on Sunday Mornings!
Our Asbury First Welcome Desk is the place to be—and we would love to have you there! The Welcome Desk is located in the Welcome Hall and it is open between the hours of 8 am–12:15 pm Sunday mornings during Fall, Winter, and Spring. Welcome Desk volunteers greet people as they approach, hand out name tags and visitor welcome bags, answer questions, and guide people to the nursery, worship service, and coffee hour. We would love to have you volunteer at the Welcome Desk! We
have available shifts for one or two hours—you may work however long you would like. It is a great way to meet people! If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please be in touch with Janda Hemming at jhemming01@earthlink.net or (585) 381-6902.

**OUTREACH**

**Habitat Pies Pick-Up Date: Tuesday, November 20 after 1 pm**
Thank you for ordering pies and supporting Asbury First’s participation in the building of another home for our community in conjunction with Flower City Habitat for Humanity. If you pre-ordered a pie, they will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, November 20 from 1–6 pm in the Welcoming Hall. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Paula Kuempel at kuempel84@gmail.com.

**Thanksgiving In-Gathering Is Today!**
We gather annually on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (today) for what we call “Thanksgiving In-Gathering” to give thanks for all that God has given us, and to pass on our gratitude in the form of items to support our outreach ministries. During the offertory, you will notice that we bring forward your gifts and present them at the communion rail. If you have questions or would like more information about Thanksgiving In-Gathering, please contact Bob Castle at 166rcastle@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. You can 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.

**PPD Readers Needed for UR Well Clinic**
If you would like to give a small amount of your time and talent to the UR WELL Clinic, WE NEED YOU! We administer TB tests (PPDs) free of charge for many of our clinic guests. We are in great need of “readers” of the PPDs on Sunday mornings, (requiring minimal time and flexibility in scheduling). If you are an interested RN, NP, PA or MD, please contact Lin Vanderstyne at 585-383-1043 or ljv@frontier.com. We would love to have you on our team!

**Teach Your Kids the Asbury First Art of Giving—And Help the Grocery Bag Ministry!**
The Grocery Bag Ministry (GBM) presents a marvelous opportunity to build upon the lessons you teach your children about caring for others! Invite your children to decide what item on the list below they would like to add to your grocery cart. Think of how satisfied they will feel when they actively participate in the art of giving and caring for local people with daily food insecurity! Your child may choose an item from the following list: basmati rice, cans of tuna, soups, vegetables, fruits, jams, peanut butter, pasta, and pasta sauce. Donated items can be placed in the Outreach Box in the Welcome Hall. Your GBM thanks everyone of you “kids” who make a donation to ease local hunger—including the big ones! For more information, please contact Jim Carter at jimc4mail@gmail.com.

**Warm Winter Clothing Needed: Please Consider Donating**
The Asbury First Storehouse is in need of brand new and gently used warm winter clothing for our shoppers as the change of weather begins. Items needed include ski jackets, parkas, coats, and snow pants for children, men, and women. All sizes are gratefully accepted! Please
bring all donations to the Storehouse or leave them in the donation box in the Welcome Hall. If you have questions or would like more information, please call Judy Cohen at (585) 755-3376.

**Christmas Treasures Sale: December 1 & 2**
The annual Storehouse Christmas Treasures Sale (formerly the Christmas Craft Sale) will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. Visit the many fine craftspeople and artisans for a wonderful variety of one-of-a-kind gifts and treasures. Hours are Saturday 10 am–4 pm and Sunday 9 am–2 pm. Get some Christmas shopping done while benefiting the important work of the Storehouse. For more information, please contact Charlene Lajewski at charlene4140@yahoo.com.

**A Horse with Wings: Shop for Fun Gifts and Support the Storehouse Through November 28!**
Support the Storehouse at A Horse with Wings (a gift shop located in the Neighborhood of the Arts at 775 University Ave.) where 25% of your purchase—with mention of The Storehouse—will be donated to our ministry! This opportunity began on Thursday, November 15 and will continue through Wednesday, November 28! A Horse with Wings is a delightful gift gallery of home décor, gourmet foods, unique attire, fashion jewelry, and more. Shop and support the Storehouse! For more information, please contact Bonnie Kay at b.kay@frontiernet.net. Store hours are Tuesdays–Fridays, 12–5 pm; Saturdays 11–5; and Holiday Hours, following Thanksgiving, are Monday-Saturday 1–6 pm, Sundays 1-5, and Tuesdays and Thursdays 12–8 pm.

**Save the Date: Library Book Fair on November 26**
The Asbury First Library book sale at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Pittsford will be held on Monday, November 26 from 9 am–9 pm. This is a great opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts—and enjoy a performance by our very own Bell Choir at 7 pm! The proceeds of the sale go to the Library at Asbury First and are used to add to the library’s book collection. Barnes and Noble in Pittsford is located in Pittsford Plaza at 3349 Monroe Ave, Rochester. Not able to shop in person? You can also order online using our Book Fair Number: #12456596. For more information, please contact Beth Wolever at ewolever03@gmail.com.

**Annual Day Care Wreath Sale: A Donation and Decoration!**
Asbury Day Care Center is pleased to offer fresh Holiday Wreaths from Clover Nursery and Garden Center again this year. The Annual Wreath Sale will be held before and after each service on Sunday, December 2. A pre-order, pre-pay option is available, as well as being able to buy a wreath on December 2. All proceeds will benefit the classrooms at Asbury First. The children, teachers, and parents of Asbury Day Care Center greatly appreciated your joining us in this effort. For more information on the wreath sale, please contact Ellen Donovan at ellen.asburydc@frontier.com.

**Blood Drive Tuesday, December 18**
Once again, you have an opportunity to donate blood at a time of critical need in our community! If you have not donated since October 23, please join us between 12 and 5 pm in the Gathering Center. Appointments can be made at 1-800-733-2767. For more information, please contact Ed Ristau at epr60@twc.com.

**Thank You From School 17 and 45!**
This fall we have been collecting school supplies for School 17 and School 45. We want to thank all of you who responded so generously. We collected bags and bags and bags of all the things students need to be successful for learning. We want you to know that the schools were very grateful for all they received. Thank you all so much for your tremendous support to this outreach ministry. For more information on our work with these schools, please contact John Smalt at jhsmalt@gmail.com.
**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

**Adult Bible Study**
For anyone interested in taking a closer look at the Bible
Where: 1050, Teak Room

**Parables of Parenting**
Fellowship for parents of all ages
Where: 1040, Room 203

**Doublers**
Fellowship and discussion on spirituality, current events, & book reviews—open to all
Where: 1010, Red Room

**50+ Fellowship**
A lecture series open to all
Where: 1010, Dining Room
November 18: Holiday Movie Review
Presenter: Jay Nelson
# Meetings & Rehearsals

**November 18 – November 24**

## Sunday
- 9:30 am  Flute Rehearsal—1040
- 9:45 am  Sunday Morning Youth Groups—1040
- 9:45 am  Children’s Sunday School—1040
- 9:45 am  Adult Sunday School Classes
  —See Schedule
- 9:45 am  Loving Our Neighbors—1010
- 4 pm    Youth Bell Choir—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
- 5:30 pm  Dining & Caring Center Board Meeting—1010

## Tuesday
- 9:30 am  Women’s Fellowship Group—1040

## Wednesday
- 6 am    Men’s Devotional Group—1010
- 11:30 am Choir for People With Memory Loss—1040
- 5:30 pm  The Daniel Plan—1040

## Saturday
- 7 pm    Chris Wilson: An Advent Concert—1040
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 am (January 20, 27, February 3, joining on February 10) or Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 pm (January 23, 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.

An Advent Concert

There’s Something for Everyone at Asbury First!
Find out more at asburyfirst.org

Carols & Cocoa
Around the Christmas Tree

Wednesdays
During Advent
Starting December 5
On the Front Lawn
7 pm

Our Service of Meditation
is one of quiet meditation, singing, and communion

Join Us at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays
December 5 & 12 in the Chancel

Christmas Treasures Sale
Saturday, December 1
10 am-4 pm
Sunday, December 2
9 am-2 pm

fine art • jewelry • photographic cards and prints • pottery • Christmas ornaments • and more!
**HYMNS DURING WORSHIP**

**Processional Hymn**

*#694 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
er the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God’s own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

All the world is God’s own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

**Greeting Hymn**

*#131 “We Gather Together” (vv. 1, 2)*

We gather together
to ask the Lord’s blessing;
he chastens and hastens
his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us,
our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining
his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side,
all glory be thine!
*Hymn* #400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (vv. 1, 3)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

**Processional**

**Hymns** Sung As Needed

#97 “For the Fruits of This Creation”

For the fruits of this creation,
thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God’s will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God’s will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.
#92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore
lifeth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

#67 “We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light
tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!
*Doxology

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Recessional

Hymn

#600 “Wonderful Words of Life” (vv. 1, 2)

Sing them over again to me,

wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see,

wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty
teach me faith and duty.

Refrain:  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,

wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words,

wonderful words of life.

(Refrain)

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all

wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call,

wonderful words of life;
all so freely given,

wooing us to heaven.

Sweetly echo the gospel call,

wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all,

wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior,
sanctify forever.

(Refrain)