

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's worship service
are given in memory of Pat Fraker
by members of Asbury Memorial.**



Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Our Tithes and Offerings (Given the last week of 2017)

Weekly Budget Need - \$11,217.14

Given Last Sunday - \$8,742.12

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$583,291.28

Year-to-date Received - \$607,648.47

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| Billy Hester, Senior Minister | Ray Ellis, Minister of Music |
| Randy Canady, Church Administrator | Laura Angell, Youth Director |
| Claudette DeLong, Office Manager | Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries |
| Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries | Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries |
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
January 7, 2018
11:15 A.M.



*Rejoicing in Our
Imperfections*

The 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
&
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this first Sunday of the new calendar year,
let us journey to the Jordan River,

All: and stand with those who are baptized by John.

One: Let us journey to the Jordan River,

All: and watch with awe as Jesus becomes baptized.

One: Let us journey to the Jordan River,

All: and follow the steps of Jesus Christ.

*HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* No. 605

PRAYER & SILENT REFLECTION see insert

LORD'S PRAYER see insert

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: we give thanks.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY *When He Comes* soloist, Greg Martin
Asbury Choir

This piece was written by Asburian, Joyce Schifanelli.

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Jan Durham
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SERMON **Rejoicing in Our Imperfections** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive
Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers
assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the
common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the
elements, please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are
unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, simply
inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

*HYMN *This is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 383

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

* Please stand as you are able.

** Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st - 6th grades)

*** Gifts left at the altar during Communion go to the Emergency
Fund to assist people in crisis.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

**All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,
sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,
believing, rejoicing, being, as God lights and rests among us.**

One: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,
"This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."
After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,
"This is the cup of the new covenant;
whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."
Let us pray:
Loving God,
we thank you that you are as close to us as breath,
that your love is constant and unfailing.
We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Christ,
who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace,
and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life.
We ask you to bless this bread and this cup.
Through this meal, make us the body of Christ,
that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all
creation. Amen.

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

After the meal...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, loving God,
that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith;
increase our love for one another,
as we seek to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope.
Amen.**

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

In this time of quiet, I invite you to reflect on your life this past year
as we let go and move on to the new year.
Bring into the presence of God,
the joys and the burdens you carry with you this morning.
If you need forgiveness, seek it in the renewing love of God.
If you need healing or courage or wisdom, seek it in the peace of God.
Jesus says, "Ask, and it will be given to you;
Search, and you will find it;
Knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Let us pray...

Silence

Let us pray together...

**Gracious God,
give us the wisdom to hold to what we need.
grace to let go of those things that we can do without,
and a vision of your breadth, height, and depth
that will challenge our smallness of heart
and will bring us humbly together.**

And now we pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples...

**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 for ever.
Amen**