January 4, 2015

Asbury

Where you make a difference

Our Mission

To bring others into Asbury UMC
to experience a difference,
so they make a difference
for Jesus Christ and others.

Our Invitation

To all who need Comfort,
Friendship and the Love of God
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
This church opens wide its doors
in the name of our Lord and says,
"Welcome."

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Welcome to Asbury.

We are glad you are here at Asbury today, and hope you will feel God's love in your worship experience. We invite you to note the Asbury Calendar on the back page of the bulletin, and print your information on the pads and return them to the end of the pew. If you desire to join Asbury UMC, come forward during the last song, and our pastors will greet you.

Please take a few moments to silence your cell phone.

Divine Worship
Sanctuary

January 4, 2015 **8:30 & 10:45 A.M.**

Gathering in God's Presence

† Welcome and Announcements
Prelude
Introit *We, Thy People, Praise Thee* Chancel Choir
J. Haydn/arr. Edith Lovell Thomas

*Hymn of Praise *My Hope Is Built* **368**

Preparing Our Hearts

Children's Moments Laura Stinnett
(Kid's Club available for 3 and 4 year olds.)

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

† Pastoral Prayer
The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Chancel Choir
Gordon Young

*Doxology **94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn of Meditation *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine* **606**

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Lesson Revelation 21:1-7 *(NLT, Pew Bible)* **961**
The Message *"A New Hope"* (8:30) Rev. Mary Hilliard

Matthew 2:1-12 *(NLT, Pew Bible)* **734**
"A Gift Unmatched" (10:45) Rev. Chase Green

Responding to God With Our Lives

Invitation to Holy Communion (Page 12)

If you would prefer a gluten free wafer for communion please notify the pastor or communion steward as you come forward. The offering plate located at the front of the main aisle is for love offerings that fund our Community Ministries. This ministry provides charitable assistance to people in need.

Please stand as you are able.

Communion Music

*Hymn of Commitment *Blessed Assurance* **369**

*Blessing of God's People

*Choral Benediction *Blessed Assurance* *(chorus)* **369**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

You are encouraged to go serve Christ after the singing of the Benediction.

Postlude

† Assisting in Worship: Rev. David Moore

Sound Operator: 8:30 - Austin Pittman, Jason Stumhofer; 10:45 - Mazhil
Acolytes: 8:30 - OPEN; 10:45 - Lilly Hutchinson, Melissa Hutchinson

Message Notes

Celebration Worship
Wilson Activity Center

January 4, 2015 **10:45 A.M.**

How Awesome is the Lord Most High

† Welcome and Announcements

We ask that both guests and members PRINT the information requested in the friendship pads and return them to the end of the row.

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
How Great is Our God

Children's Moments

Jessica Temple
(Kid's Club available for 3 and 4 year olds.)

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing of Our Gifts

The Stand

The Message

Revelation 21:1-7
"A New Hope"
Rev. Mary Hilliard

Holy Communion—If you would prefer a gluten free wafer for communion please notify the pastor or communion steward as you come forward. Love offerings placed in the small wicker baskets support our Community Ministries. This ministry provides charitable assistance to people in need.

The Invitation and Blessing

And All the People Said Amen

† Assisting in Worship: Mike DuPas
Sound Operator: Randy Dennis

Celebration Band	Celebration Singers
Wayne Bradley, Dusty Jones, Scott Southern	Lanier Hocott, Mary Ross, Dennis Robertson, Terry South

Asbury Staff

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Special Events

Tuesday, January 6th……..…...ACCDC Board Meeting 6 pm (Room 123)
Wednesday, January 7th……..……..SPRC Meeting 6 pm (Room 123)
Friday, January 9th…….……....Parents' Night Out 6 pm (Room 222)
Saturday, January 10th……...Churchwide Planning Retreat 10 am (Warehouse)
Sunday, January 11th……Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 8 am (Warehouse)
Sunday, January 11th……..……Celebration Service Usher Training 11:45 am (WAC)
Sunday, January 11th……..….Confirmation Orientation Meeting 4 pm (Room 227)
Friday, January 23rd……...…..Youth Movie/Game Night 6 pm (Warehouse)

SUNDAY, December 28th, 2014

Sunday School: 140
8:30 (D): 85
10:45 (D): 45
10:45 (C): 86
Total Worship Attendance: ***216***
Guests: 18 *(including)* First-time guests: 3

Prayers
Eleanor Kilbourne

Our 2015 Churchwide Planning Retreat will be from 9 am to Noon on Saturday, January 10th. Please make every effort to be a part of this event. Your participation is vital to help Asbury reach new heights in 2015!

The Youth are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast NEXT Sunday, January 11th from 8 to 10:30 am in the Warehouse!** Come by before the 8:30 service, or after Sunday School! Tickets are on sale beginning TODAY in the WAC, or can be purchased at the door. $5 per plate includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausages and a drink! All funds raised will go toward helping youth pay for future trips.

Bedford Photography Class - Wednesday, January 14th - 6 pm in the WAC

First time digital camera owners will learn what it takes to become comfortable exploring their new cameras. Covered topics include basic camera functions, equipment care, shooting tips and printing options. Pre-register at Bedfords. 224-2020. $25 per person.

Senior Game Day - Thursday, January 16th

Our seniors are welcome to join in fellowship and fun on Senior Game Day from 10:30 am to about 2 pm. Bring a brown bag lunch; beverage and dessert will be provided. Games are played in the Warehouse. Call Pat Parsons for more information, 225-3080.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES: **Questions? Contact Laura Stinnett, Minister of Children**

- **Friday, January 9th:** Parents' Night Out - 6 to 10 pm - $20/family. Please RSVP by Noon on Wednesday, January 7th.
- **Sunday, January 11th:** Children's Choirs resume, 9:30 am. **2015 Confirmation Orientation Meeting, 4 pm., Robert Moore Room, Room 227**
- **Wild Wednesdays and The Edge will resume on Wednesday, January 14th.**

YOUTH NEWS:

- **NO YOUTH tonight!** We'll start back this Wednesday - 6 to 7:30 pm in the Warehouse.
- **Remember** that if you want to go to Assembly this Summer (July 25-29), a $50 deposit is due on January 11th! If you want me to take it out of your Pancake money, please let me know!

Open dates for flowers: **January 11, 25; February 1, 15**

Open dates for Sacred Grounds: **January 11, 18, 25; February 1**
Please contact the church office, 225-9231, if you could sponsor a week or a month.

Pastor on Call: ***January 10 & 11*** ***Rev. Mary Hilliard***

Preaching Schedule	Epiphany Sunday January 4th	Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 11th
8:30 Divine Worship	Rev. Mary Hilliard	Rev. Mary Hilliard
10:45 Divine Worship	Rev. Chase Green	Rev. Chase Green
10:45 Celebration Worship	Rev. Mary Hilliard	Rev. Mary Hilliard

January Drivers

Van
Tim Wall

Car
Harry Galusha

Asbury Weekly Calendar

Opportunities to Grow in Faith and Share Christ.

Sunday, January 4th - Epiphany Sunday
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 am Celebration Worship (WAC)
2:00 pm Youth Basketball Practice (WAC)

Monday, January 5th
7:30 am ACCDC 2014-2015 Classes
5:30 pm Youth Basketball Practice (WAC)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Room 103)
7:00 pm Men's Basketball (WAC)

Tuesday, January 6th
7:30 am ACCDC 2014-2015 Classes
6:00 pm ACCDC Board Meeting (Room 123)
6:00 pm Scout Committee Meeting (Room 104)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Room 105)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Room 101)

Wednesday, January 7th
7:30 am ACCDC 2014-2015 Classes
6:00 pm SPRC Meeting (Room 123)
6:00 pm Elevate e-Groups (Warehouse)
6:30 pm Wally Gee Men's Bible Study (Room 226)

Thursday, January 8th
7:30 am ACCDC 2014-2015 Classes

Friday, January 9th
7:30 am ACCDC 2014-2015 Classes
6:00 pm Parents' Night Out (Room 222)

Saturday, January 10th
9:00 am 2015 Planning Retreat (Warehouse)

Sunday, January 11th - Baptism of our Lord Sunday
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:00 am Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser (Warehouse)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am Children's Choir Room 204 for 3rd-6th grades
9:30 am Children's Choir Room 215 for 3 years to 2nd grade
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 am Celebration Worship (WAC)
2:00 pm Youth Basketball Practice (WAC)
4:00 pm Confirmation Orientation Meeting (Room 227)
5:30 pm Elevate Student Ministries (Warehouse)

*** WAC - Wilson Activity Center**