December 31, 2017

Asbury

Where you make a difference

Our Mission

A Faith Family sharing Christ
to meet the needs of all people.

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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Asbury UMCLR

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. Please print your information on the attendance 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 phone.
For the most meaningful worship, we encourage you to take advantage of our nursery available for infants through 2 years old.

Divine Worship
Sanctuary

December 31, 2017 **8:30 & 10:45 A.M.**

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Choral Call to Worship *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* **204**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

*Hymn of Praise *We Three Kings* **254**

Preparing Our Hearts

Children's Moments — Laura Stinnett (8:30), Greg Stansell (10:45)

The congregation is invited to sing "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," as our children are welcomed forward.

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Children 3 years to 5th grade are invited to attend Kids' Club, a special worship service.
Please meet at the back of the worship area to attend.

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Prayer for the People

Lord's Prayer **895**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Yet a King* — Chancel Choir
Jay Althouse

*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 *What Child is This?* **219**

Please stand as you are able.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Lesson	Matthew 28:11-15	*(NLT, Pew Bible)*	**760**
	Proverbs 22:6	*(NLT, Pew Bible)*	**496**
The Message	*"The Great Cover-Up"*	Rev. Doug Walker (8:30)	
	"Memories"	Sabrina Hinson (10:45)	

Responding to God With Our Lives

*Hymn of Commitment *Love Came Down at Christmas* **242**

*Blessing of God's People

*Congregational Benediction *We Three Kings* (refrain) **254**

O Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

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

Postlude

Liturgist: 8:30 - Dr. Vickie Logan / 10:45 - John Gentry
Acolytes: 8:30 - Claire South
Sound/Video Operator: 8:30 - Austin Pittman, Joe Hof /10:45 - Mazhil, Sharath

Message Notes

Celebration Worship
Wilson Activity Center

December 31, 2017 **10:45 A.M.**

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The Way

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moments
Laura Stinnett

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This is Amazing Grace
Here I am to Worship

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Our Gifts

Offering

The Message

"The Great Cover-Up"

Matthew 28: 11-15 Rev. Doug Walker

The Invitation and Blessing

One Pure and Holy Passion

We are so glad you worshiped with us at Asbury UMC. Now go and serve Christ.

Worship Leader: Cara Chapman
Sound Operator: Randy Dennis
Video Operator: David Marano

Celebration Band
Jay McDaniel Chris Fettes
Steve Chapman

Celebration Singers
Madeline Carver Emily Ross
Christian Dawson Jackson South

Asbury Staff

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Special Events

Friday, Jan. 12th.....Parents' Night Out 6 pm (Wilson Activity Center)
Saturday, Jan. 13th.....Planning Retreat 9 am - 12 pm (Warehouse)
Wednesday, Jan. 17th.....Wednesday night activities resume
Wednesday, Feb. 14th.....Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 24th, 2017

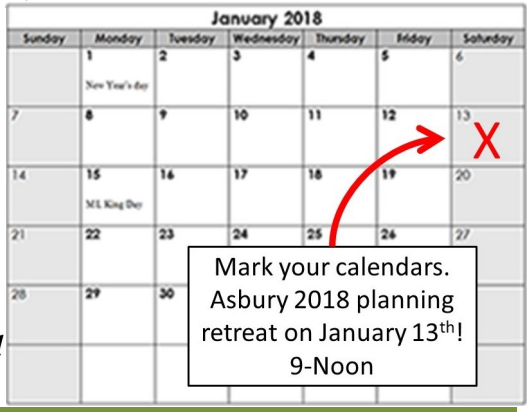
10:00 am	187
4:00 pm	235
7:00 pm	120
11:00 pm	165
Total Worship Attendance:	707

Guests: 69 including 27 first-time guests

Prayers:

Betty Watt
Charlie Ward, Sr.
Bob McInturff
Linda Southern (on the death of her brother)
Sabrina Hinson (on the death of her grandmother)
Dottie Mosley
Dave Mackey

The Asbury Pastors and Staff would like to wish you a safe and prosperous New Year!



The Faith Family Dinners will be returning on January 17th! Be watching for the weekly menus!

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

Sun., Dec. 31: Regular Sunday morning schedule (no choirs)

Children's Wednesday night activities resume on January 17, 2018.

YOUTH NEWS:

No Youth tonight!! Have a safe and happy New Year and see you next Sunday, January 7th.

Wednesday nights will resume on January 17, 2018. Have a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Asbury UMC is seeking a dedicated Christian with a heart for youth and their families to be our new Minister of Youth and Young Adults. Send inquiries and/or resumes' to Reverend Mary Hilliard: mary@asbury-lr.org. Thank you!

Open Dates for Sacred Grounds: Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28. The cost is $100 to sponsor a week. Call the office for a date.

Open Dates for Flowers: Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28. Call the office to reserve a date.

Pastor on weekend call: **Dec. 29, 30, 31** **Rev. Doug Walker**
Jan. 5, 6, 7 **Rev. Mary Hilliard**

Preaching Schedule	Sunday, Dec. 31st	Sunday, Jan. 7th
8:30 Divine Worship	Rev. Doug Walker	Rev. Mary Hilliard
10:45 Divine Worship	Sabrina Hinson, Lay Servant	Rev. Doug Walker
10:45 Celebration Service	Rev. Doug Walker	Rev. Mary Hilliard

Drivers	Van	Car
	Dave Mundorff	**Danny Burgess**

Asbury Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE
8:00 am Celebration Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:00 am Coffee & Donuts (WAC)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am Celebration Band Pre-service Music (WAC)
10:45 am Celebration Service (WAC)
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm Youth Basketball Practice (WAC)

Monday, January 1st
OFFICE & ACCDC CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2nd
7:30 am ACCDC 2017/2018 Classes
6:30 pm Girl Scouts (Warehouse)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Room 105)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Room 101)

Wednesday, January 3rd
7:30 am ACCDC 2017/2018 Classes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 4th
7:30 am ACCDC 2017/2018 Classes
6:30 pm Celebration Team Rehearsal (WAC)

Friday, January 5th
7:30 am ACCDC 2017/2018 Classes

Saturday, January 6th
9:00 am De-Adorning of the Church

Sunday, January 7th
8:00 am Celebration Team Rehearsal (WAC)
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10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm Youth Basketball Practice (WAC)
5:30 pm Manabadi Classes (Room 102)

*** WAC - Wilson Activity Center**

Church offices and ACCDC are closed Monday, Jan. 1st.

Join Asbury staff, Church Council members,
and all interested persons as we look
toward ministry in 2018!

Saturday, January 13 -- 9 am - Noon

Meet in the Warehouse

Daily devotionals from Pastor Mary are available on the website, www.asbury-lr.org. Click on "Blogs."