

## Connect

Sunday, January 7th, 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Time Guest ☐ New resident

☐ Repeat Guest ☐ Member

**Ages** (check all that apply):

☐ Under 18

☐ 18-25 ☐ 26-29 ☐ 30-39

☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ over 60

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children attending & age(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please check if your information has changed.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Wish to Join?

Please check all that apply.

☐ I would like to publicly profess my faith in Christ and receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

☐ I am interested in knowing more about \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to transfer my membership from a church of another denomination.

☐ I would like to transfer my membership from another United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Pastor Susan at [susan@asbury-lr.org](mailto:susan@asbury-lr.org).

## Responding to God with Our Lives

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Rev. Susan Ledbetter

\*Hymn of Commitment *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

251

\*Announcements & Blessing

\*Postlude

*See What His Love Can Do*

Diana Brandon

J.S. Bach

**SOUPER SALAD YOUTH FUNDRAISER!**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 21**  
10AM-NOONISH



**IN THE WAREHOUSE**



**DONATIONS TAKEN AT THE DOOR**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
VERITAS AND OTHER YOUTH  
TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES



**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY**

Asbury Main Office  
closed in observance  
of MLK Jr. Day, Mon.  
Jan. 15th.



## Events and happenings at Asbury

- ◆ Wednesday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: January Refuel Bingo and Dinner at 5:30pm!
- ◆ Wally Gee Men's group re-starts Wed. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Monday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>: Asbury Main Office closed in honor of Rev. MLK Jr.'s birthday
- ◆ Sunday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Souper Salad Youth Fundraiser! 10am-Noonish
- ◆ Sunday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation Class from 2-4pm; Youth Group, 4-6pm.
- ◆ Sunday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>: Committee Member Training



Donuts today are provided  
by the New Directions Class.



Please scan this QR code to  
sign in this morning!



Asbury staff emails and links

# January 7, 2024

## Baptism of the Lord Sunday

## BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO

# community



## A Beginner's Guide to Community: Sacraments



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AsburyUMCLR



Welcome to worship with Asbury UMC! Whether you are present in person or online, we pray that you find this service to be spirit-filled and our community to be welcoming!

\*Please stand as able

Gathering in God’s Presence

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Susan Ledbetter

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude The Sacred Banquet Diana Brandon  
Charles Marie Widor

\*Call to Worship Susan Gelé, Liturgist

Come, now is the time to worship.  
United in spirit, we devote our lives to Christ.  
Come, now is the time to give our hearts.  
United in spirit, we ask God to increase our capacity to show the love of Christ.  
Come, now is the time to renew our commitment to serve.  
United in spirit, we remember our vow to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

\*Hymn of Praise Let Us Break Bread Together 618

Invocation Susan Gelé, Liturgist

God who was, who is, and who is to come, as we begin a new year, we are reminded that you offer us the opportunity to become new creations in Christ. Send forth your transforming grace so that we might better do what is fair and just to our neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and live Christ-centered lives. As individuals and as a faith community, we put our trust in you as we recommit in love to humbly seek and serve as Jesus-people. Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love as we open our ears, hearts, and minds to encounter Jesus in our daily lives. Amen.

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Act of Praise In the Silence of This Moment Chancel Choir  
Douglas Wagner

Offertory Prayer Rev. Heather Rose

Offertory An Offertory on “Pilot” Diana Brandon  
David Paxton

\*Doxology 95

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.

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Lesson Rev. Heather Rose  
Mark 1:4-11 (CEB)

The Message Rev. Susan Ledbetter  
“Beginners Guide to Community: Sacraments”

Thanksgiving and Communion

A Service of Word and Table UMH 7, FWS 2257 b-d

The 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.

Communion Hymn I Surrender All 354

The Prayer After the Communion The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.



DONUT DONATIONS NEEDED!

It costs \$115 each week to provide coffee and doughnuts for our church family. Let us help you honor someone today!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of the concern: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Making the Request:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please have a pastor call me.
- ☐ I would like to schedule a visit with a pastor.
- ☐ Please publish this and include in spoken prayer requests during worship. (Due to privacy concerns, we will only print requests that concern immediate family members, or that are confirmed by the person named in the request.)
- ☐ This request is confidential. (Pastors only)