



Prayer Request Card

If you would like to share a prayer request, please detach this form and place it in one of the Bread Tins as the children circulate them after the Children’s Celebration.

(Please Print)

Date: _____

Your Prayer Concern:

☐ Please keep my prayer concern confidential

☐ Please add my prayer concern to the prayer list in the bulletin.

☐ Please remove my concern from the prayer list.



Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church for the Advent and Christmas season, please fill out this card, detach it from the bulletin, and place it in one of the offering plates as they circulate.

(Please Print)

In honor of:

OR

In memory of:

You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service if you wish, or you may leave them in the church for the remainder of the Christmas season. There will be a special list included in the bulletin on December 23rd. You may place your order up until December 16th. The cost per poinsettia is \$5.00 For more information, please see Arlee Banks after the service.

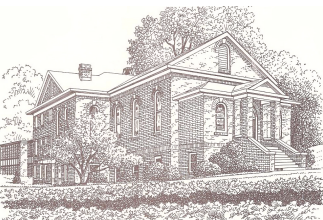
This Week at Asbury

Today: (12.9.2012)	9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms] 11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary] 12:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room] 5:00 pm-AI-Anon [Brown Chapel] 7:00 pm-Church Council Meeting [Brown Chapel] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]
Monday	7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room] 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [Education Bldg.] 12:00 pm-Preschool Christmas Program [Sanctuary] 12:30 pm-Preschool Christmas Reception [Fellowship Hall]
Tuesday	9:00 am-1:00 pm-Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [Education Bldg.]
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Thursday	9:00 am-1:00 pm-Church Office Hours 9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [Education Bldg.] 5:30 pm-Clarence Gilbert Class Party [Arlee Banks’ home] 6:00 pm-Christians for a United Community [Fellowship Hall] <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Friday	9:00 am-1:00 pm-Preschool [Education Bldg.] 6:30 pm-Choir Christmas Party [Deborah Hawkins’ home] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]
Saturday Next Sunday (12.16.2012)	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms] 11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary] 12:00 pm-Covered Dish Luncheon to Honor the Choir [Fellowship Hall] 3:30 pm-Dress Rehearsal for Children’s Program [Sanctuary] 4:00-5:30 pm-Christmas Caroling [meet at church to carpool] 5:00 pm-AI-Anon [Brown Chapel] 8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

For more information about the many things happening at Asbury, please visit www.asburymethodist.org

The Ministry of Worship

Pastor.....	The Rev. J. Curtis Goforth
Assistant Pastor.....	The Rev. David Warren
Minister to Youth and Children.....	The Rev. Sallyanne McVay
Minister of Music/Accompanist.....	Mrs. Ann Perkins
Lector.....	Mr. Steve Rich
Guest Musician.....	Lynn Dodge, Flute



A Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent-Year C
December 9, 2012
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
www.asburymethodist.org

If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you are here!
Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card
and place it in the offering plate as it circulates.
The congregation reads the words in **bold** type.

Entrance

Chiming of the Trinity	
Prelude	“Lift Up Your Heads”
The Light of Christ Enters our Gathering	
Poinsettia Processional	
Choral Introit	“Advent Alleluia”
Welcome and Announcements	
☩ The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	-The Withers family

We light this candle as a symbol of expectation.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way to salvation.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

☩ Hymn #211 (first verse only) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets
lead us to the way of salvation.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

☩ Hymn #211 (second verse only) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
☩ Responsive Reading *O Antiphons (6th Century)*

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

O Root of Jesse’s stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!
Amen.

☩ *The congregation standing, if able.*

✚ Gloria Patri #70

🎵 **Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen. Amen.** 🎵

Proclamation and Response

Children’s Celebration
Collection of our Bread Tin Offering and Prayer Cards

The December bread tin collections will go to The United Methodist Church's Black College Fund. You may place your gift in one of the bread tins as the children circulate them. Those who are of kindergarten age and younger are invited to leave for children's church in the chapel, or to remain in the service with their families.

You may also place a prayer card in one of the bread tins if you have a special prayer request you’d like to share.

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, as your word is proclaimed in our midst,
purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus
Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready
to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6 *[page 56 in the pew Bible]*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: “Celtic Advent Carol”

*“...Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare the way.
Sleepers awake, for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious
day, He will turn night into day...”*

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 *[page 838 in the pew Bible]*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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✚The congregation standing, if able.

Sermon
✚ Hymn #204

Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

...Come and save us
O Lord, our God.

Silent Prayer
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.**

Offering our Gifts (and/or Commitment Cards)
Offertory
✚ 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.** 🎵

✚ Offertory Prayer

Sending Forth

✚ Hymn #567 “Heralds of Christ”
✚ Benediction
✚ Choral Benediction “Prepare the Way of the Lord”
✚ The Light of Christ Leads Us
✚ Postlude “Trumpet Air”

✚The congregation standing, if able.

Prayer List

Sandy Rountree, Colleen Prevatte (Nancy Carter’s sister-in-law with cancer), The family of John McGeary, Bill McGeary (Donnie McGeary’s brother with cancer), Bruce McIntosh (Don McGeary’s brother-in-law with heart trouble), Addison McGeary, Leigh Douglas Warren (twins born last week at 32 weeks who are doing well in Charleston, SC), Arramenta Hite (Bob Hite’s mother), impoverished young women with children, displaced Syrian refugees, victims of domestic violence, Rachel (Sherry Rice’s aunt), Kim (friend of the Mills family with cancer who is no longer receiving treatments for her cancer. Remember also her mother, Sandra), the family of The Rev. Jim Sorley.

-The Rev. J. Curtis Goforth
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Items to Note

*A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers. One of our ushers can guide you to the nursery if you need help.

*If you are in need of hearing devices, they are located at the sound system by the Beaverdam entrance.

*From the Fire Marshal’s office:
“Please note the exits at the front and rear of the Sanctuary.”

*Please help the Sanctuary Stewards and the environment by placing your bulletin in the recycle bin at the rear of the Sanctuary, or in the recycling basket in the hallway at the side entrance.

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Historical Note about Asbury
United Methodist Church

Asbury Memorial UMC began as a Methodist “society” in the log home of pioneer Daniel Killian, on what is now Elk Mountain Scenic Highway. Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, presided over the church’s first recorded quarterly meeting on October 11, 1801. The present brick building is the third to stand on the property, which has never been bought or sold. Killian explored and filed the original claim on the surrounding lands, and his descendants deeded the property to a Board of Trustees, that it might be used as a “church and burying ground forever.”

Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
Visitor’s Card

We are grateful for the opportunity to contact you to let you know how glad we are that you visited! Your information will be kept private.

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(please print)

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Street
Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

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in his mailbox outside the church office.

In preparation for an upcoming Bible Study, please let us know your interests and opinions on what will be offered so that we can offer a study that will benefit the most folks. Please respond to both questions of time/day and subject matter. Thanks!

I would be most likely to participate in a Bible Study if it was offered on:

☐ Evenings:

☐ Monday nights

☐ Tuesday nights

☐ either night is fine

☐ 7:00 pm

☐ 6:30 pm

☐ either time is fine

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☐ Tuesday mornings

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☐ either morning is fine

☐ 10:00 am

☐ 11:00 am

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I would be most interested in a study on the subject matter like:

(Please rank your choices with the numbers 1-4, with the number 1 indicating the study you would be most interested in and the number 4 being the study you would be least interested in).

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