



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: _____

Your Name (optional): _____

☐ 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.

Announcements

*We celebrate Human Relations Sunday *TODAY* Sunday, January 18th. The special offering of Human Relations Sunday supports programs of the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Please give generously.

*Mark your calendar and bring your hiking shoes! The N.O.W. Committee invites all who are interested and motivated to go on a hike at Setrock Creek Falls on Sunday, January 25th. We will meet immediately following worship to carpool and enjoy some fresh air, water falls and fellowship (weather permitting).

*Congratulations to Ryan and Cassie Israel on the birth of Watts Ross Israel on January 12, 2015. Watts weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz at birth and came a month early. Parents and baby are doing well. Proud grandparents are Gary and Brendan Ross.

*Our Revelation Bible Study begins on Monday, February 2nd. We will meet for 7 weeks on Monday nights from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in Brown Chapel. Please let Curtis know if you are interested. All materials can be found free of charge on our website (asburymethodist.org). See you then!

*To our Asbury Family:
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift cards. We appreciate all of your love and support throughout the year!*

-The Asbury Staff

A nursery (infant-2 yrs old) is provided by church volunteers during our worship service. Children’s Church (an extended lesson and free time for children 3 yrs old through 1st grade) dismisses after the Bread Tin Offering. These children may be picked up by the Nursery after worship concludes.

This Week at Asbury

Today: *Human Relations Sunday*
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Monday *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
Newsletter Deadline
7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
Church Office Closed

Tuesday *Bulletin Deadline*
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
5:45 pm- Al-Anon Meeting [Brown Chapel]
7:00 pm-Choir Rehearsal [Choir Room]
8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Wednesday
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours
5:30 pm-8:30 pm-Alpha Delta Kappa Meeting [Fellowship Hall]

Thursday

Friday *Church Office Closed*
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

Saturday *Church Office Closed*
9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]
12:00 pm-Setrock Creek Falls Hike [Meet at church]
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

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A Service of Worship
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
January 18, 2015
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
www.asburymethodist.org

Human Relations Sunday

*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

Prelude.....“Stand Up For Jesus”
[George J. Webb; arr. Tornquist; Singspiration, 1985]

Chiming of the Trinity
The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering

Choral Introit.....“Holy, Holy, Holy”
[words: Reginald Heber; music: John B. Dykes; arr. Mark Hayes; Alfred Publishing, 2001]

Apostolic Greeting
✠ Hymn #454.....“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
✠ Responsive Reading #854.....Psalm 139
✠ 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 Announcements

**The January Bread Tin collections, a loose change offering, will again go to help buy school uniforms for children in Ghana. In the past two years, Asbury has supplied uniforms to about a hundred children, enabling them to attend school. A uniform costs about \$10 and can make an enormous difference in a child’s life. Thank you for giving generously!*

***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:

**By the Holy Spirit, O God,
open our ears, our eyes,
our hearts, and our minds to the Holy Word
so that it comes to rule within us for Jesus’ sake.
Amen.**

✠ *the congregation standing, if able.*

First Lesson.....Acts 28:25-31 *[NRSV NT p. 141 in pew Bible]*

...²⁵So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: “The Holy Spirit was right is saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, ²⁶“Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. ²⁷For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn-- and I would heal them.’ ²⁸Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”
³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem.....“For We Are All His People”
[words & music by Jay Althouse; Alfred Publishing Co. Inc., 2003]

Second Lesson.....1 Samuel 3:1-21 *[NRSV OT p.236 in pew Bible]*

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.
²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.
⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told

you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”
¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....“Called By Name”..... Rev. Goforth
✠Hymn #593.....“Here I Am, Lord”

Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
...Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

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

If you are visiting with us this morning,
please take a moment to fill out the visitors’ card
on the far right side of the bulletin.
You may place it in one of the offering plates as they circulate.

Offertory.....“Joyful Joyful We Adore You”
[Ludwig van Beethoven]

✠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 #437.....“This Is My Song”
✠Benediction
✠Choral Benediction.....“Gentle Spirit, Dwell With Me”
[words & music by Jay Althouse; Alfred Publishing Co. Inc., 1994]
✠The Light of Christ Leads Us
✠Postlude.....“God Will Take Care of You”
[W. Stillman Martin; arr. Dick Torrans; Singspiration Music, 1995]

✠*the congregation standing, if able.*

Prayer List

Bill McGeary, Addison McGeary, Lanny Warren, Francis and Jim Morehead, Trish Barnes, Jewel Winkler, David Roberson, Donna Braddock, Merle Buckner, Eleanor McGeary, Hughes Chisholm, Corey Jacobson, Leonard Apgar, Ralph Gaddy, Lad Ottofy, Kathy Keefe, Joann Langham Walters and her family, Mark and Mary-Jo Smith, Bill Hussey, Loretta, Beth Jennings, our shut-ins.

Volunteer Schedules

Volunteer Schedule for This Week January 18, 2015	
Counting Team	Diane Arnold Mardy Murphy
Lock-up Volunteer	William Withers Mark Smith
Greeters	Cynthia Stewart Madeline Moseley
Sanctuary Stewards	Arlee Banks Ellen Banks
Nursery Volunteers	Cynthia Stewart Martha Tallent
Children’s Church	Jennifer Goforth
Children’s Message	Curtis Goforth
Acolyte	Haley Phillips
Lector	Madeline Moseley
Ushers	Bud Allison Geri Allison Toni Tweed Gary Tweed

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week January 25, 2015	
Counting Team	Mark Smith Madeline Moseley
Lock-up Volunteer	William Withers Mark Smith
Greeters	Ann Young Toni Tweed
Sanctuary Stewards	Derick Tickle Margaret Tickle
Nursery Volunteers	Sallyanne McVay Day Ann Emory
Children’s Church	Sallyanne McVay
Children’s Message	Sallyanne McVay
Acolytes	Harper Shook
Lector	Steve Rich
Ushers	Robert Wiltshire Debbie Wiltshire Jerry Stubblefield

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.*

*Please take a moment to fill
out this card. It can be
detached and placed in the
offering plate as it
circulates later in the
service.*

(please print)

Date:_____

Name(s):_____

Street
Address:_____

City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Comments: _____

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