



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

\*Thanks so much to all of our great Asbury members who helped with all of the Missions Committee Projects in December-Jones School, Mitten Tree, and ABCCM Fuel Fund. This small church does huge work in our community. Happy New Year!

To My Asbury Family and Friends:  
I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the great out-pouring of love and support for the 2014 “Purple Angel” tree through Madison County DSS. *(Purple is the color which represents elder abuse prevention and awareness.)* Each angel on the tree represented a vulnerable adult from the area with many of these folks being wards of the agency. The need to remember the elderly and disabled becomes greater each year and the response of this church family was nothing short of tremendous. The lives of some of our most often forgotten residents have been brightened by your acts of kindness and generosity. **Thank you** to all who contributed to make this such a successful endeavor. It is on behalf of the recipients and the Adult Services staff that I express to you our great appreciation. May you each be blessed through your giving.

Ellen Banks

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, Janet Bensley, Kayla Thomas, Beth Jennings, our shut-ins.

This Week at Asbury

Today: 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
11:00 am-Holy Communion [Sanctuary]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
Monday 7:00 am-Emmaus Group [Youth Room]  
11:00 am-Worship Committee Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
Tuesday *Church Office Closed*  
Wednesday *Bulletin Deadline*  
3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
5:45 pm- Al-Anon Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
8:00 pm-Narcotics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
Thursday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Church Office Hours  
Friday *Church Office Closed*  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]  
Saturday *Church Office Closed*  
Sunday (1.11.2015) 9:45 am-Sunday School [Classrooms]  
11:00 am-Worship [Sanctuary]  
12:00 pm-N.O.W. Committee Meeting [Brown Chapel]  
8:00 pm-Alcoholics Anonymous [Fellowship Hall]

*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 1<sup>st</sup> grade) dismisses after the Bread Tin Offering. These children may be picked up by the Nursery after worship concludes.*

The Ministry of Worship

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A Service of Worship

Epiphany Sunday-B  
January 4, 2015  
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

Prelude.....“Star of the East”  
Chiming of the Trinity  
The Light of Christ Enters Our Gathering  
Choral Introit.....“Gloria Canon”  
Apostolic Greeting  
✠ Hymn #254 (v. 1-3).....“We Three Kings”  
✠ Responsive Reading.....Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

**For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

**Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms.**

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**A multitude of camels shall cover you,**

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.**

✠ *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 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:

**Holy Father, Creator of the heavens,  
who led the magi by a star to worship the Christ Child:  
lead us today as we hear your word;  
guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey’s end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 2:1-12[*NRSV NT p.1 in pew Bible*]

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon..... Rev. Goforth

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People

...Lord in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Silent Prayer  
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.....“Above the Hills of Time”  
✚ 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

The Great Thanksgiving.....*Word and Table III p. 15*  
*[The United Methodist Hymnal]*

*The sacrament of Holy Communion is open  
to all who wish to receive.*

The Lord’s Prayer

...And now, with the confidence of the children of God,  
we are bold to pray as our Lord taught us saying:

**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.**

Sending Forth

✚ Hymn #254 (v. 4-5).....“We Three Kings”  
✚ Benediction  
✚ Choral Benediction.....“Gloria Canon”  
✚ The Light of Christ Leads Us  
✚ Postlude.....“Hold Thou My Hand”

✚ *the congregation standing, if able.*

Volunteer Schedules

Volunteer Schedule for This Week January 4, 2015	
Counting Team	Merritt Moseley SueLane Muesing
Lock-up Volunteer	William Withers Mark Smith
Greeters	Cynthia Stewart John Stewart
Sanctuary Stewards	Madeline Moseley Cynthia Stewart
Nursery Volunteers	Don Jackson Davie Jackson
Children’s Church	Heather Post
Children’s Message	Sallyanne McVay
Acolyte	Alana Bridger
Lector	Curtis Goforth
Ushers	Doug Tallent Martha Tallent Don Jackson Jessica Jackson
Communion Servers	Curtis Goforth Elaine Poovey Sallyanne McVay Gordon Jones

Volunteer Schedule for Next Week January 11, 2015	
Counting Team	Doug Tallent Janie Wilson
Lock-up Volunteer	William Withers Mark Smith
Greeters	Geri Allison Jessica Withers
Sanctuary Stewards	Steve Rich Judy Rich
Nursery Volunteers	Jennifer Goforth Judy Rich
Children’s Church	Margaret Tickle
Children’s Message	Curtis Goforth
Acolytes	Cora Goforth Lylah Goforth
Lector	Rick Morehead
Ushers	Mike Rice Sherry Rice Don McGeary John Stewart

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)*

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