WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

The flowers for today's service are given in memory of David Gerald Eason & Irene Taylor by the Eason family.

Flowers were also given in memory of Janice Gantt by her family.



Mission Statement

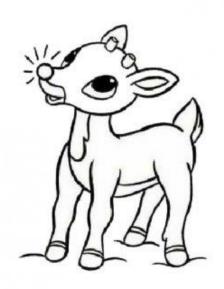
Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Budget Need - \$12,254.63 Given Last Sunday - \$34,911.76 Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$612,731.50 Year-to-date Received - \$636,103.36

Billy Hester, Senior Minister Randy Canady, Church Administrator Claudette DeLong, Office Manager Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director Ray Ellis, Minister of Music Laura Angell, Youth Director Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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A Red Nose & an Unexpected Baby

4th Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians INTROIT Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Ensemble Hermey the Elf **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *CALL TO WORSHIP One: Into our world, as into Mary's womb... All: Come, Lord Jesus. One: Into the forgotten places, as into the stable... All: Come, Lord Jesus. One: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope; Into the lives of the sick, bringing healing; Into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution; Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest; Into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness; All: And into our lives and longings, whatever our need... Come, Lord Jesus, come! *HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High No. 238 **SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:26-33 One: For the Word of God in scripture and story, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. All: we give thanks. ANTHEM Long-Awaited One **Asbury Choir** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich Silence & Reflection **Intercessory Prayer** One: Lord, in your mercy All: Hear our prayer. 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 for ever. Choral Amen **Asbury Choir** ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE Laura Armitage & Iain Armitage Away in a Manger No. 217 A Red Nose & an Unexpected Baby **SERMON** Rev. Hester **TITHES & OFFERINGS OFFERTORY** *DOXOLOGY No. 95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Marich

No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing *HYMN

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

*CHORAL RESPONSE Congregation Here I Am, Lord The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*POSTLUDE

*HYMN

Asbury Musicians

*Please stand as you are able.

**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st - 5th grades)

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Monday at 6:30 pm. Caroling in the neighborhood will follow.