

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping 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 honor
of Jim and Dottie Kluttz's 52nd wedding anniversary.**



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 – TBA

Year-to-Date Budget Need - TBA

Year-to-date Received - TBA

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
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
December 30, 2018
11:15 A.M.**



Thumpety Thump Thump

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Frosty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are here because we have heard a promise of peace
and we have faith its day will come.

**All: We have heard a rumor of justice,
and we have faith its day will come.**

One: We have heard a whisper of hope
and we have faith its day will come.

**All: We have heard a hint of love
and we have faith its day will come.**

One: We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child

All: and we have faith his day is here!

*HYMN *Joy to the World* No. 246

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:4-11

ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Grady Mills

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

STORY Dottie Kluttz

*HYMNS *What Child is This* No. 219

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly No. 229

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SERMON **Thumpety Thump Thump** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *May Each Day* Greg "Frosty" Martin

*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. Mills

One: We come before you, O God, with our gifts and petitions:

As the year is fast ending, we seek a new beginning.

Where we have harbored bitterness,

All: give us the ability to put into words our deepest feelings.

One: Where we have nursed grudges,

All: give us the strength to let them go.

One: Where we have lacked the courage of our convictions,

All: give us the ability to stand up and be counted.

One: As we let go of the past, enable us to face the future:

All: ready to be open to new truths, ready to seek new friendships,

ready to renew our desire to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN *This is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 383

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester & Frosty

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

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 Asbury Musicians

*Please stand as you are able.

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