

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOVING...SERVING...TRANSFORMING LIVES
DECEMBER 22, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICES)



MISSION STATEMENT

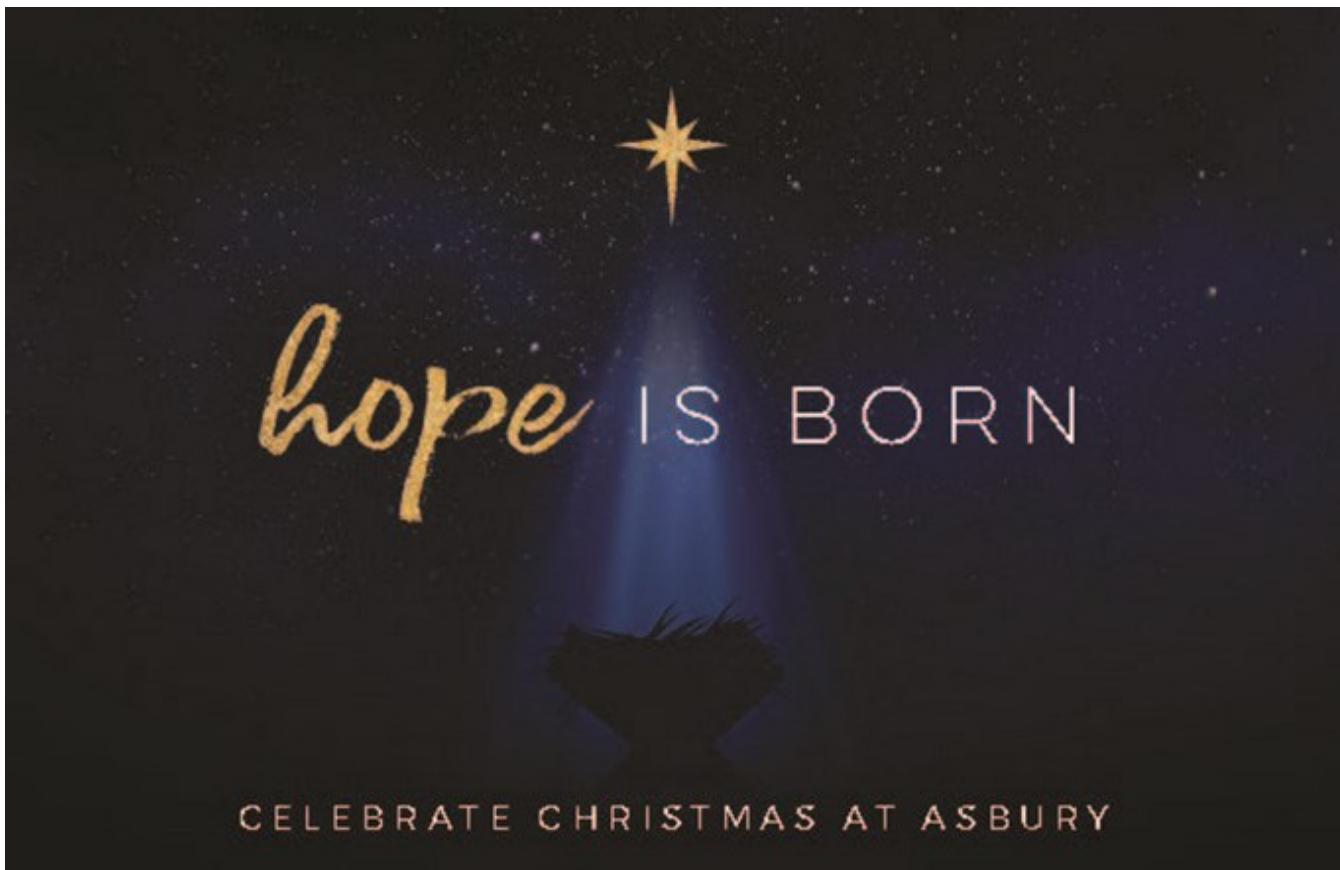
Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

VISION

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God's love throughout the world.

BELIEFS

We believe all are created in the image of God. We believe God loves everyone and through Christ saves-revives-renews the world. We believe God through the Holy Spirit changes lives. We believe the church is the body of Christ with a mission. We believe the Bible is the word of God. We believe that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God. We believe discipleship is a continuing journey.



JOIN US

**EVERY SUNDAY IN DECEMBER
FOR A SPECIAL SERIES**

Christmas Hope

~ 10:00 AM ~

LIVE NATIVITY

12/21 ~ 6:00 PM

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

12/22 ~ 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS & CAROLS

12/24 ~ 7:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

12/31 ~ 7:00 PM

Poinsettias

December 22, 2024
In Honor and Loving Memory

The Legend of the Poinsettia

A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy. "I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eye." said Pedro.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the alter, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the *Flores de Noche Buena*, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season.

Today, the common name for this plant is the poinsettia!



IN LOVING MEMORY

GIVEN BY	GIVEN FOR
SANDY ADAMS and MICHAEL HUGHES and FAMILIES	MAHALEY BUTLER, Grandmother JEANETTE ADAMS, Mother
CAROL ARLEDGE CLOMAX	ALBERT L. CLOMAX, Husband ATTY. FRED & FLORA COLSTON, Parents REV. GODFREY & MARGO TATE, Uncle and Aunt REV. FRANKLIN & AMELIA PROCTOR, Uncle and Aunt
DEANNA BANKS BEANE	SHARON P. BANKS, Sister HOWARD P. BANKS, Brother MARK WENDELL BEANE, Son
BRENDA M. and ROBERT R. BEASLEY	ROBERT CHARLES BEASLEY, Son
ROBERT R. BEASLEY	EVELYN I. and ROBERT I. BEASLEY, Parents
BRENDA M. BEASLEY	MINTA L. and CHARLES E. McALLISTER SR., Parents
PATRICE BLACKMAN	LOIS and GARNET HAMMOND, Parents DAVID HAMMOND, Brother
JACQUELYN L. BOOZER	COURTNEY BOOZER, Niece
KELVIN CHILDS	ELLEN BOYD, Grandmother MARY ELLEN CHILDS, Mother

IN LOVING MEMORY

GIVEN BY	GIVEN FOR
PATRICIA A. CRUDUP SARAH M. WRIGHT	HATTIE B. BENSON, Mother/Sister THOMAS L. and AMANDA BARRENTINE, Uncle and Aunt /Brother and Sister-in- Law
THOMAS and DELORIS DEMPSEY	MICHAEL R. DEMPSEY, Son
REUBEN and AUDREY DRAKE	GLORIA HUTCHINS, Friend KENNETH N. HALL, Friend
MAE GALLOWAY	SARAH V. WHITE, Mother
CAMILLE HARRIS and GRANDCHILDREN	MRS. MARY D. HARRIS, Mother MR. WILLIAM H. HARRIS, JR., Father
PAULA H. MATHIS	ELMER & PAULINE HURNDON, Parents
BISHOP MARCUS and BARBARA MATTHEWS	GLORIA JENKINS, Sister/Sister-n-Law
MICHAEL and MONICA McEADDY	GLADYS McEADDY, Mother
CHRISTINE McDANIEL	ROBERT McDANIEL, SR., Husband
GLORIA NERO and FAMILY	RICHARD S. NERO SR., Husband/Father/ Grandfather/Great-Grandfather
DON and BRENDA REID-SANDERS	EDNA W. REID, Mother ROBERT REID, Father



IN LOVING MEMORY

GIVEN BY	GIVEN FOR
CANARDO, CARDELL and CARLTON RICHARDSON and their FAMILIES	MRS. BERNETTA P. RICHARDSON, Mother VALARIE R. RICHARDSON, Sister
CARLTON RICHARDSON	BERNETTA P. RICHARDSON, Mother
JUDITH D. ROBERTS BRANDON and CARRIE ROBERTS	MR. JOHN B .and MRS. FRANKYE D. WARREN, Uncle and Aunt JASON E. ROBERTS, Son/Brother
MARY W. SIMMONS	DOROTHY P. GARRETT, Sister
SHIRLEY BRYANT THOMAS	MR. WAYLAND C. & MRS. GERALDINE M. BRYANT, Parents MR. HERBERT ELWOOD THOMAS, Husband
CLIFTON JR. & SANDRA K.WARE	WILLIAM and CATHERINE GARDNER, Father/Mother, Father-in-law/Mother-in- law CLIFTON SR. and WILLIE MAE WARE, Father/Mother, Father-in-law/Mother-in- law
JEAN WILLIAMS	HUXLEY LEO WILLIAMS, Husband DAHLIA I. WILLIAMS, Daughter

IN LOVING HONOR OF

GIVEN BY	GIVEN FOR
JACQUELYN BOOZER	MELVIN ALLEN, Friend
PATRICIA A. CRUDUP	SARAH M. WRIGHT, Aunt
CANARDO M. RICHARDSON KISHA, KRISTINA, KARLA & KIANA	BLANCHE T. RICHARDSON, Wife Mother





“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

THE UPPER ROOM — DAILY READING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
JOHN 8:12-18

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
ISAIAH 61:1-3

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
PSALM 139:7-12

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
MATTHEW 1:18-25

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
PSALM 42:1-11

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
JEREMIAH 17:5-8

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
LUKE 2:1-20

GETTING AROUND

- ◆ There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.
- ◆ Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.
- ◆ Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, Lead Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Bishop Forrest Stith, Retired Bishop in Residence

Valentine Davies & Monica McEaddy, Lay Leaders

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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