

The Asbury Connection

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O holy night the stars are brightly shining It is the night of our dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth — O Holy Night

Joy shared a blog by Bethany Davis that used these words in it's introduction and sought to unlock the value of each of us during this Holy season of Advent and Christmas.

When I first read the blog, about a week before Christmas, I was struck by the idea. That for so many of us "worth" in this season of giving and having is a challenging idea. An idea that confronts us in our own value systems. In what ways do we feel our worth?

God always astounds me with how I have the opportunity to prepare myself for what lies ahead. For those that know me well, know that self worth is always kind of lurking around in the recesses of my psyche. For the most part I am able to keep it at bay, using the lion tamers tricks of a whip and chair to keep it in the corner. But here was a wonderful article that really met me where I was in this season of Holy Advent and Christmas.

For a lot of us the trick of the Holidays is one that can only be managed with smoke and mirrors. Truly the season takes so much and if we are not careful we miss how much it gives. So, Joy and I navigated the waters of family holidays, it should be noted we are not yet finished. This includes not just our "family" but at least 5 more families, plus the church family.

Over and over again I have been confronted with people who are struggling to find their worth. Their worth not just in the world, but in their very own family. One of the things we want is for our children to grow up and make their own way, right up until it means they move away from us.

On Christmas Eve, I offered the idea that wrath is not the purpose of Christ coming. Many of us are waiting on the punishment that we feel we deserve, "Long lay the world in sin and error pining" And some believe we know our worth and don't understand when someone else values us the way we want. We are worth more. We are of more value than simple wrath. Indeed in Jesus we find our true value.

The incarnation! God with us! This is what we are worth. Each of us. I hope in this Christmas season and New Year your soul feels its worth.

Jerry

January Birthdays

Donna Daniels 1/1 Debby Hendrix 1/3 Kevin James 1/3 Bill Henry 1/3 Melody Johnson 1/8 Emerson Hensley 1/8 Leo Nelson 1/8 Sharon Jeffers 1/9 Carolyn Smith 1/9 Connor DeBusk 1/9 Mary Garland 1/10 Greata Britton 1/10 Louise Ricker 1/12 Lila Richey 1/13 Buddy Yonz 1/17 Sanjeev Paramsivam 1/17 Becky Yonz 1/18 Nash Barnes 1/18 Brenda Ottinger 1/20 Kylee Collier 1/23 Amy Wagner 1/24 Cobin Cumbley 1/24 Emily Susong 1/25 Ben Wagner 1/25 Keith Cornwell 1/25 Bob Windham 1/26 Natasha DeBord 1/26 Jimmy Hill 1/27 Betty Mathes 1/27 Micah Justis 1/28 Barbara Clanton 1/29 Pat Bradford 1/30 Watson Leonard 1/31

UMW- President Sally Andrew

Merry Christmas & Happy New Years from your UMW family. We hope to see you all in the month of January. If you are interested in joining the UMW please feel free to contact the church office or any of the members directly.



2022 Officers

President: Sally Andrew Vice President: Debby Hendrix Secretary: Tee Earl Treasurer: Barbara Clanton Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan Scholarship Treasure: Barbara Clanton Reading Program: Becki McInturff Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Kim Brown Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum Historian: Bennie Brooks

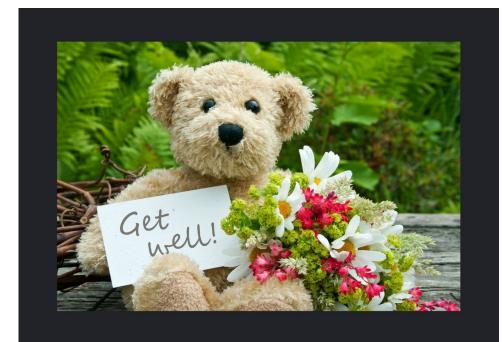


Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

January Anniversaries

Leon & Jewell Bell 1/14 Larry & Margaret Akins 1/21 Sanjeev & Saranya Paramasivam 1/27

As many of you know Mr. Keith was in an accident a couple weeks ago, we would like to take the time to wish him well and quick healing. We love you and miss you. Take care of yourself.



Congregational Care

Living at Home Libby Bible Carolyn Galloway Bea Jennings Barbara Lawson Louise Love Felty & Jean Masengill Buck Mathes

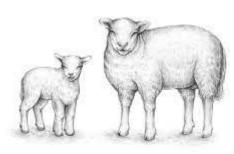
Living at Morning Pointe Marjorie Davenport Winifred Kuper Pat Logan Barbara Serral

> Living at Brookdale Mel Mauck

Living at Signature Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care Janice Moore

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.



The Shepherd Ministry

Asbury is starting a Shepherd Ministry. This idea was implemented in the past for the church to bring people into a closer relationship with each other and their church.

The Shepherds are volunteers who will contact their "Sheep" about once a month or so to ensure that they are well and getting all the things they need. This communication will allow more awareness of the needs of our church family.

We hope this ministry will be a welcome connection for all the church members in getting back to a new normal after the pandemic.



We will resume our Wednesday Night Activities on January 12th. This will included small groups, meals, and activities.

As a reminder meals are to be RSVP by Tuesday's at noon. You can RSVP online, with a pew card, or call the office.

Meals start at 5Pm in the Fellowship Hall.

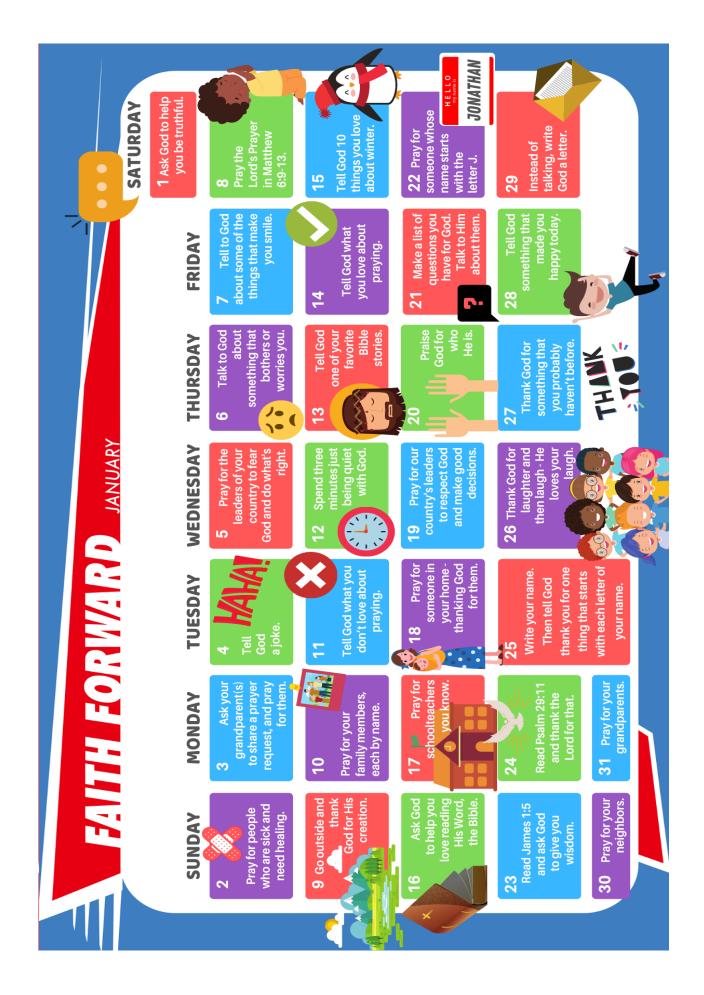
You can find the meal list for the month here in our newsletter and also on our website www.asburylife.org

Volunteers and desserts always needed. If you would like more information please contact Mrs. Kim.

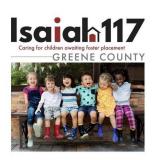


In Memory of:	Given By:
James & Marie Guinn	The Reviere Family
Calvin Reviere	Children & Grandchildren
Dr. Ralph & Carolyn Brown	Dr. Thomas, Rebecca & Annemarie Brown
Goldie Fair	David, Susan, Aala, Foster
Gerrad Kyte	Aala Kyte
Terry & Kay Leonard	Bobby, Ivy, Addie, Hannah Leonard
Gary Morse	Bobby, Ivy, Addie, Hannah Leonard
Donald James Stansfield	The Stansfield Family
Charles Simpson Brooks	The Stansfield Family
Christy Bowlin	Tiffany Yonz
Bill & Ruth Masengill	Jim & Dinah Seip
Gerald & Thystle Seip	Jim & Dinah Seip
Luke Fullen	Jim & Dinah Seip
Hugh & Margaret Wilhoit	Jim & Dibah Seip
Ken Earl	Tee Earl & Family
Connie Stinnett	Tee Earl & Family
Kenneth & Harriet Cosby	Tee Earl & Family
Jeff Vinzant	Tee Earl & Family
Helen & Matthew Ellis	Carolyn & Tom Smith
Velma & Charles Brown	Jane & Bill Brown, Rachel & Daniel, Patrick & Jessica
Jackie Boon	David, Susan, Foster, Aala
Howard Slagle	Mary Jo Slagle
Charles & Louise Solomon	Mary Jo Slagle
In Honor of:	Given By:
Lynn Reviere	Children & Grandchildren
Bart & Judy Reviere	Children & Grandchildren
Diane & Kevin James	John Reviere
Emily Whitaker	Scott, Alex & Tori, Abby, Andrew
Mamaw Margie	The Whitakers
Mamaw Marty	The Whitakers
Tom & Carolyn Smith	Bobby, Ivy, Addie, Hannah Leonard
Cindy Kelly	David & Sally Andrew
Granny Lynn Reviere	Abby Whitaker
Lu Henry	Ashtyn, Tatum, & Tucker
Tom & Carolyn Smith	Bobby, Ivy, Addie, Hannah Leonard
Joy Jones	Jerry, Taylor, Lori, Grayson, Chandler, Shoshanna, Calix
Asbury Staff	Mary Van Dreal
Susan Kilday	David, Aala, Foster

Thank you to Broyles Feed Store for supplying the beautiful Poinsettia's this year.













THANK YOU ASBURY FOR ALL THE GIFTS FOR MARY & JOSEPH PROJECT!



Wednesday Night Life

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Wednesday Night Meals 5PM

Jan 12 Ham Broccoli Casserole Cooked Apples Roll Dessert

Jan 19 Meatloaf Mac & Cheese Salad Roll Dessert

<u>Jan 26</u> Soup/Chili Corn Muffins Crackers

Dessert

Under 3 is free 3-11 is \$3 12 and up is \$6 Family Max \$30

Please go to website to RSVP for the meal by Tuesday each week. https://asburylife.org/connect Or call the church office.

If you or your group would like to do a fundraiser meal please contact Mrs. Judy!



Thirteen families had a blast at our Gingerbread Bash! We started off by wrapping a family member as a gift than began working on our Gingerbread Nativity.































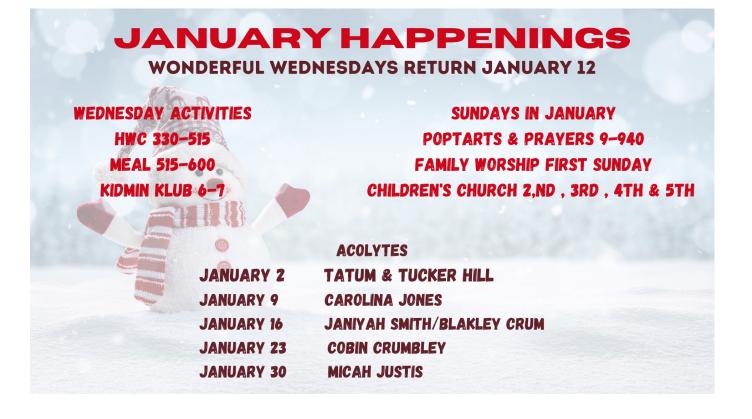














The Story of Christmas















Natasha DeBord Director of Student Ministries













We had our last event of the year in December, a lock-in, and we had a blast! The night was filled with games, music, food, a lesson, and much needed sleep. We learned that God not only wants to be in relationship with us wherever we are, but God also wants us to have joy in our lives. My prayer for our youth, in John Wesley's words, is that their hearts may be "strangely warmed".

** I encourage you to ask our youth about the lock in and what is happening in Youth. **













IMPORTANT DATES

- January 9th: Resurrection money and paperwork due
- January 21-23: Resurrection





January is a big month for us as a youth group and as a church. The Holston Conference hosts Resurrection (a weekend youth conference) each year in January. Resurrection is attended not only by Holston Conference youth, but youth from various states and denominations as well. This weekend is looked forward to all year long by both the youth and chaperones. Leading up to this event, I ask that you be in prayer for our youth, that they have open eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to hear God. I also ask that you be in prayer for our leadership and all those in attendance at Resurrection. Lives will be changed at Resurrection.

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2nd - NO YOUTH 5th - NO YOUTH 9th - Game Night *RESURRECTION STUFF DUE 12th - WNM start back 16th - Mini Mission 19th - Youth 1st-23rd - Resurrection Weekend 26th - Youth 30th - Youth

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 - Chapel 9:00 - Sunday School (Youth Room) 10:00 - Sanctuary 11:00 - Fellowship Hall

2021 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson	Bill Brown
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, Pastor Rev.	Jerry Jones
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Director of	
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Director of	
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Director of	
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Lay Leader	
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan
Lay Member to	
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Senior Adult Rep	Dinah Seip
UMW Rep	Sally Andrew
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Chairperson	Rob Brown
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Chairperson	Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish	
Chairperson	Lori Duckworth
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Chairperson	Rodney Bell
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Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

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- Year 3 Cindy Bowman
- Year 3 Sandra Fox
- Year 2 Marjorie Bullen
- Year 2 Chuck Pearson
- Year 2 Jim Seip
- Year 1 Doris Allen
- Year 1 Art Masker
- Year 1 TBD
- Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

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- Year 3 Dave Wright Year 3 Phyllis Bible
- Year 3 Pat Bradford
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- Year 2 Tom Cole-Chair
- Year 2 Tom Smith-Chair
- Year 1 Frank Holzschuh
- Year 1 John Cash
- Year 1 Rachel Hensley
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Adult Ministries Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh Benevolence Team Chairperson: Vicky Cole Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl Evangelism Chairperson: Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon Historian: Carolyn Gregg Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley Nurture Ministries Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip Mission Ministries: Rob Brown **Outreach Ministries: Bettye Hayes** Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore **Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD** Witness Ministry Chairperson: Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew



Abbreviation Key Boots Bewley-BB Chapel-CH Choir Room-CR Disciple Classroom-DC D&H Brown Classroom-DH Fellowship Hall-FH John Wesley Class–JWC LaRue Classroom-LR Library-LB Parlor-PL Prayer Shawl Room-PSR Sanctuary-ST Sisters By Grace-SG Youth Room-YR

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 5:30P-Youth	5:30 Yoga 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-Trustee Meeting				
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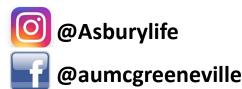
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH 9:00AM—Sunday School Classes 10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST 11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

SUNDAY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

9A— Nursery, Preschool & K-5th Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary) 9A—Men's Life Group-PSR 9A—Youth Sunday School-YR

1st Floor Education Building

9A—D&H Brown (mixed gender, 50-70s) 9A—Disciple (mixed gender, mixed age) 9A—Sisters by Grace (females, mixed age) 9A—LaRue (mixed gender, mixed ages)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Seekers (mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor 9A—Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

3:30PM—Homework Club 5:00PM—Wednesday Night Meal 6:00PM—Choir Practice, Kids Klub, Youth

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