

Dear Asbury Members,

The Finance Committee will be very focused this year, seeking to ensure all the ministries of the church are fully funded. The challenge is, there is an estimated shortfall of what will be needed to accomplish the work God has set before us.

I would sincerely ask for each of you to consider giving your offerings to the Lord's work on a regular basis. One way to accomplish this is to use the Electronic Offering option which the church offers. My family has personally been using this as the means of giving regularly to the ministry.

Electronic offerings are seamless and provide steady income to the church. Your offering can be electronically donated weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. To begin using the Electronic Donations please contact the church office at 432-366-4455. Tina will be glad to get you set up! Then you will always know, if your home or away, you are supporting what God is accomplishing in our midst.

Blessings,  
Pastor Russ



## ELECTRONIC GIVING



# THE JOURNAL

Asbury - "Where Hearts are Warmed for Christ"

January 17th, 2017

## A word from the Pastor

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray as you receive this issue of the newsletter that you are celebrating all the blessings of God in your life. We are truly a blessed people who have unmeasured opportunities before us. Over the past few weeks in both my personal studies as I have worked on the "Tempered" sermon series, and in discussions with individuals within the church, I have come to realize we need to do more to develop unity and harmony in our midst. Now please hear me, I am not saying there is any division present. What I am saying is that we can do more to foster the oneness God has created among us in His Son.

We live in a very disjointed world. We are in contact with more people than ever before in human history. We know news and current events almost instantly. Yet, what should open the way for more dialogue and unity has only served to divide and splinter us as a people. It is not the fault of social media, per say. It is the attitude of individuals who use the resources available to foster discord and sow seeds of hate and despair. It is because this is such a part of our everyday lives, we find it difficult to celebrate the unity which is truly ours in Christ.

I would like for you to spend a few moments and reflect on who you are, on who we are together.

We, you and I, are those who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. God loved us to the extent that there was nothing He would not do to have us as His Children. He sent Jesus because He wants

each of us forever.

Each and every one of us lives each day with the assurance of eternal life. We know this world is filled with heartache and pain. We see it and experience it on a regular basis. But we live with the assurance that what this world has to offer us is not the end of the story. God has something greater in store for us. We will live in the presence of God and be blessed by Him forever.

And lastly, each of us individually and all of us collectively have been given a purpose in our lives which is far more reaching than obtaining success or making money. God has placed His whole hearted trust in each of us. Our purpose in this world is to love people in such a way they see Jesus in us. God is ready to use each of us as the conduit through which He changes lives with the Gospel.

This is what joins us together as the people of God in this place we call Asbury. It is also what unites us with our brother and sisters across the street and around the world.

I pray each of us will take up this challenge seriously. The challenge to celebrate our unity in Christ and seek to live in harmony together with all believers in Christ. This would indeed be a powerful witness to our conflict-filled world.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Russ

### Our Mission

Connect - to God and neighbor

Equip - to disciple

Send - to serve

### Our Vision

A vibrant faith community that reaches out with the love of Christ to every generation for the transformation of the world.

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### Sunday Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Worship Services,  
Sanctuary

10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

Pastor Russ Nebhut

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**Serving Schedule:**

**Greeters January 22nd**

9:00 a.m. Sammie Rogers, Mike Krueger

11:00 a.m.

**Ushers January 22nd**

H. Lane, Captain, M. Waldrip, B. Johnson, D. Hughes, K. Magness, J. Curry

**Technology January 22nd**

Media Computer Carolyn K.

Sound Board 9:00 John B.

11:00 Anthony M.

Video Camera 9:00 Sunder P.

11:00 Jaci B.

**Greeters January 29th**

11:00 a.m.

**Ushers January 29th**

B. Johnson, Captain, H. Lane, D. Andjulis, D. Hughes

**Technology January 29th**

Media Computer Randilyn W.

Sound Board 11:00

Video Camera 11:00 Jaci B.

**Attendance:**

January 8th, 2017

9:00 65

11:00 82

Sunday School 49

January 15th, 2017

9:00 49

11:00 80

Sunday School 46

# Prayer Requests

**PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND THOSE IN NURSING HOMES:**

Lois Holt  
Gertrude Merrit (Parks)  
Trula Palmer

Mona Rogge  
Wanda Stahl  
Clarence Stahl

Mary Jo Hill  
Joy Bolding

**PRAYERS FOR ASBURY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Sue Angle

Anita Guinn

Jenica Maroney

Scarlett Robinson

Christie Applegate

Dorothy Hart

Nathan Mendoza

Maddie Saunders

Tammy Armstrong

Melba Hayden

Clint Mesker

Don & Barbara Shinn

Ronald Bennett

Gene & Jimmie  
Jeanette Hewitt

Paul Minton

Joy Slack

Marilyn Brown

Terry Hockman

Amanda Moss

Roger Smith

Paul Brown

Mary Hodges

Noah Moss

Kimberly Stepp

Corey Carrell

Tom Horton

Jerri Nickel

Hollis Terry

Shelli Childers

Kay Kingon

Jim Nickel

Sandra Vickers

Jim Cornell

Helen Lewis

Kim Nowlin

Bryan & Tara Vinson

Adele Cortez

Donna Lind

Catherine Paul

Glendya Williams

Erbie Creasman

Keith Little

Sandi Phillips

Kaleb Zengher

Karen Crutchfield

Bailey Lively

Linda Pope

Methodist Outreach in  
Zambia

Jeanie DeShazo

Imiah Lively

Lisa Ramirez

Chance

Mike DeShazo

Frank Love

Prisilia Ramirez

Nolan

Judy DeWeese

Nancy Lovett

Estella Ramos

Penny

Libby Ellrich

Mark Farquhar

**Music Alert**

We are searching for Middle School Singers interested in singing in an ensemble. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader interested in being a part of this group please contact Barbara through the church office at 432-366-4455 or her cell phone which is 432-889-4326. Please leave your name and number. We are looking for a small or moderate sized group loving to praise God through song!!

**Helpers for Children's Choir**

Our children's choir is growing! Because of this, we are needing more volunteers to help out on Wednesday nights. Please let us know if you are interested!

**Life Line Screening**

Life Line Screening has conducted 8 million screenings since 1993. They have partnered with over 100 hospitals and are trusted by hospitals nationwide. They want you to take a step toward staying healthy and active by registering for a screening! 9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventative screenings for those with key risk factors. Life Line Screening will be at Asbury on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017. Pre-registration is required! To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).



# Lectionary Readings

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND: ISAIAH 9:1-4, PSALM 27:1,4-9, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18, MATTHEW 4:12-23**

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH: MICAH 6:1-8, PSALM 15, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31, MATTHEW 5:1-12**

**PRAYERS FOR MILITARY & DEPLOYED:**

Military & their families

# Announcements

**Bud Vases Needed!!**

HELP! We're in need of bud vases. If you have vases similar to the one pictured below, your donation will enable us to share flowers with our shut-ins, the nursing home residents and hospital patients. Just leave them on the table outside the church office. Thank you!



**2017 Flower Calendar**

To all of you who who've donated flowers in 2016 - Thank You!

What a blessing to see the huge variety of flowers God has created.

Honor a friend. Memorialize a loved one. Celebrate God's love.

There are many openings on the 2017 Flower



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# Asbury Upcoming Events

**Sunday, January 22nd, 2017:**

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

**Monday, January 23rd, 2017:**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 24th, 2017:**

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

**Wednesday, January 25th, 2017:**

Super Wednesday!  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers  
5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:15 p.m. Activities  
7:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, January 26th, 2017:**

9:00 a.m. Stitches  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

**Friday, January 27th, 2017:**

Boy Scout Lock-in

**Saturday, January 28th, 2017:**

Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, F/H

**Sunday, January 29th, 2017:**

8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

**Monday, January 30th, 2017:**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Deadline for Newsletter Articles  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, January 31st, 2017:**

Newsletter Day  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. VSC, #121

**Wednesday, February 1st, 2017:**

Super Wednesday!  
9:00-11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
4:30 p.m. Melody Makers  
5:30 p.m. Supper  
6:15 p.m. Activities  
7:15 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, February 2nd, 2017:**

9:00 a.m. Stitches  
12:30-2:30 p.m. WTX Twilight Vision, #110  
6:00 p.m. Power Flex  
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

**Saturday, February 4th, 2017:**

7:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. OMTA Theory Testing

**Sunday, February 5th, 2017:**

Scout Sunday  
8:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Asbury Worship  
10:00 a.m. Life Lessons  
10:00 a.m. Coffee With Pastor Russ  
11:00 a.m. Instrumental Praise Worship  
3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
5:00 p.m. Ascent Student Ministries

