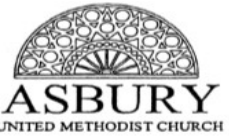


You may wish to send Christmas greetings to those on Asbury's limited activity list to brighten what can be a difficult time of the year for them.

Asbury United Methodist Church



December 10, 2017 Last Week's Attendance: 202

Asbury's Limited Activity List

Sarah Moore Home
26 N. Union St. Delaware, OH. 43015

Bob Fair – 4/29

Margaret Ellen Jones – 12/19

Willow Brook Christian Village
100 Willow Brook Way S. Delaware, OH. 43015

Laura Bump - 6/15

Dotty Florance – 6/28

Charlotte Gallant – 7/27

Betty Leslie – 2/5

Dick Wickham – 11/27

*Marjorie Humes**

128 Willow Brook Way

Willow Brook at Delaware Run
100 Delaware Crossing West, Delaware, OH. 43015

Judy McCartney – 9/9

Ebb Haycock – 7/4

Delaware Court
4 New Market Dr. Delaware, OH. 43015

Pat McLead - 10/5

At Home

Helen Berrisford – 3/4
138 Rainbow Dr.
Bluffton, OH
45817-1118

Janet Gallant – 12/22
74 Orchard Heights,
Delaware, OH. 43015

Jo Stone – 8/30
201 Holl Rd. NE. Apt. 218A
North Canton, OH. 44720

Howard Blanchard—5/17
160 Cider Mill Rd.
Glastonbury, CT. 06033

Jeff Viri-Dunahue – 3/19
235 Long Trail
Ostrander, OH 43061

Yvonne Potts – 7/31
209 Cottswold Dr.
Delaware, OH 43015

Gifts of Hope Event: December 10

The Gifts of Hope which the M & O Committee will be selling this year are bracelets which have been made by some of the older orphans at Espwa, the orphanage in Haiti. The bracelets come in three colors: green, blue, and red. Written on the bracelets is either the word HOPE, or the word ESPWA. The bracelets can be worn on the wrist, ankle, or used as ornaments.

This year all the proceeds from the Gifts of Hope event will be designated to help a graduate student of that orphanage—Patrick Carrier-pay for his last semester at Clark College, a two-year institution in Vancouver, Washington.

Many of you have already purchased bracelets and we thank you. The sale of the bracelets continues today. There will be buckets on the tables along with the bracelets for you to deposit your cash or check (made out to Asbury UMC). Each of you decides how much you wish to pay for your bracelets.

Help Wanted!

We are in need of one more teen or college-age person to help in the Nursery during the 5:30pm Christmas Eve service. You would need to be in the nursery about 4:45p. There is a small stipend paid. Please contact Angie Haase or the church office if you are willing to help.

Weekly Activities: Dec. 10—16

Today

2:00p DCP Christmas Party.....McCoy
 7:00p EYG.....McCoy

Monday

7:00p Del. Community Chorus Rehearsal
 Boy Scouts.....Basement

Wednesday

9:30a Rebekah Circle.....Wanda Harmon's home
 1:30p Hannah Circle.....Parlor
 4:15p Alleluia/Jr. Choir.....LL Class & Great Room

5:00p Boy Scout Italian Dinner
 5:15p MAP.....Library
 5:30p Teen Choir.....Sanctuary
 6:00p Bell Choir.....Great Room
 7:00p Journey.....Library
 Chancel Choir.....Great Room

Thursday

7:00a DCP Bd.....SS Class

Friday

8:00a Prayer Group.....Library

Saturday

10:00a DCChorus Dress Rehearsal..Sanctuary
 5:00p Asbury Organ Academy Christmas Program...Sanctuary

The Trustees would like to revive the kitchen committee to keep it clean and supply it. Please contact Ruth Ward for more information.

Asbury Prayer Concerns

We welcome your participation in our prayer ministry.

Prayer Request cards are located in the pews and may be placed in the offering plate or the prayer box in the Great Room. We invite you to join the Prayer Group meeting every Friday at 8am in the Asbury Library. For additions, updates or changes to our prayer lists, please call the church office at (740)363-3611. If you would like to be part of Asbury's telephone prayer chain, please contact Julia Foster at (740) 363-3562.

IN OUR CONGREGATION

Steve Mead

Janet Gallant

Judy Daniels

Judy Smith

Janet Schwab

Molly Michael

Adam Lefevre

Margaret Ellen Jones

Sue Hetzel

The Spencer Family at the death of Alan's mother.

Jacki Mills at the death of her sister

FRIENDS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Shelly Casto, Demi Badger's daughter

Juanita Wilden, Pastor Phil's mother

Kay Holfinger, Leslie Beyer-Hermsen's aunt

Steve Herminghausen upon the death of his wife, Georgia Blum

Ore Hall, father-in-law of Carrie Brulotte Hall

Leroy Gruber, brother-in-law of Jacki Mills

Youth Mission Trip—Summer 2018

There will be a brief meeting for all parents/youth interested in a summer 2018 youth mission trip immediately following worship on December 10; please bring your calendars. The plan is to be able to make reservations/initial deposits for the trip by year end. Eligible youth include those entering 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades in the fall of 2018 plus youth who will graduate this spring. If you are unable to attend but are interested, please contact Jim Dietz.

Messenger Deadline: Please!! No later than Wednesday, Dec. 20 for submissions for the January issue!

Advent and Beyond Diaper Collection

Did you know:

-diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC?

-diapers for a newborn can cost up to \$80.00/month?

-more than 48% of children under the age of 3 in our country live in poverty or low - income families?

-approximately 5.4 million children (and their parents) need help with the cost of diapers?

-our church secretary gets many phone calls each year from people needing help with diapers?

The bottom line is, there are many families who live with the stress of not having enough money to buy the diapers their child(ren) need(s). Right here in Delaware!

That is why, during Advent, and into January, our church school offering will be going toward supplying diapers and diapering supplies to the Pacer Pantry, Liberty Community Center, Common Ground Free Store and P.I.N.

We would like to include the entire Asbury community in this effort! A bin will be placed in the foyer for donations of all sizes of disposable diapers, including pull ups, as well as any diapering supplies. (wipes, diaper cream, baby cornstarch powder, baby lotion, etc.) If you would rather give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Asbury and put "DIAPERS" in the memo.

Thank you! Di Huston and Vicki LeFevre

You're invited! Please join the AOA Student Organists for their holiday Program at 5pm on Saturday, December 16

Our eight Asbury Organ Academy student organists have been very busy preparing Christmas organ music for their families and friends in the congregation. Come and hear Asbury organ students Tyler Blankenship, Alex and Benjamin Villanueva-Henkle, and Robert Wood, as well as Margaret and Nate Garrett, Minch Hoang, and Will Thacker. Light refreshments will follow the program.

"Caroling Around the World", this year's Delaware Community Chorus' Concert, is aimed to please all who attend. Artistic Director Joshua Brodbeck has created a varied program featuring music from around the world.

The concerts will take place on December 17 at 3:00p and 5:00p here at Asbury United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 at the door, and online at: <http://www.delawarechorus.org>. We hope you will be able to join us for an afternoon of song!

ASBURY UMC'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

All are welcome to celebrate Christmas Eve with us during one (or both) of our two services!

At **5:30 PM** on December 24, we will have a service of lessons, carols, and anthems. A prelude of organ, hand bells, and solo instruments will start at 5 PM as we begin to gather in the sanctuary. Nursery care is also available during this earlier service.

At **11 PM**, we will have a reflective service with candlelight and communion. Please join us!

Happy Birthday! Dec. 10-16

12/12: Hanna Williams