

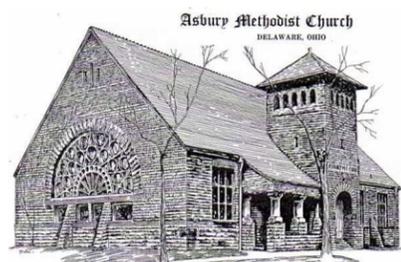
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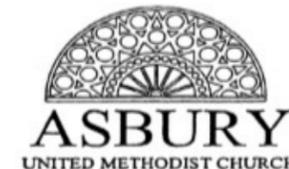


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# OCTOBER 2018 MESSENGER



## Worship Schedule

- October 7**      **World Communion Sunday**  
Scripture: Matthew 20:20-28  
Subject: The mother of James and John  
Baptism of Madeline Rose Lautenbach
- October 14**    **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Mark 15:33-39  
Subject: The Roman centurion
- October 21**    **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104; Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45  
Recognition of Nursery and Children's Corner  
Volunteers.
- October 28**    **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**  
Scripture: Job 42:1-6; Psalm 34; Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52  
Megan Buehler, Seminary Intern, will preach.

SAVE THE DATE – Thursday, November 29, 5-8 pm  
*Cookie Decorating for Andrews House*



ALL ARE WELCOME!  
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Co-sponsored by  
Lydia Circle & the Christian Education Committee

## We Walk Because They Walk by Pastor Phil

I walked in my first CROP Walk when I was nine. It was in Coshocton County, and my uncle was the coordinator. I recall walking on the hills of New Concord when I was in college and in suburban Chicago when I was in seminary.

Throughout 29 years of full-time ministry, I have participated in CROP Walks in Ashtabula County, Medina County, and in the city of Delaware.

I am hesitant to use the word "pride" in relationship to my work, but I guess I am proud that participating in CROP Hunger Walks has been a consistent theme. More importantly, I am grateful that in each community I have served, the laypeople have been involved and have been generous supporters of the CROP Walk.

I have coordinated the Delaware CROP Walk five times, including the last three years. I hope that someone else will step forward next year. It's the kind of thing that should be shared.

In fact, the wonderful thing about CROP Walks is that they are collaborative events. Churches of all sizes and all traditions come together to raise awareness of, and funds for, people who struggle to find enough to eat. That's a problem I have never had, nor can I even imagine what it must be like.

The 2018 Delaware CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 14 at 2:00 p.m. You can help by walking or by sponsoring a walker.

We recall the reason: *We walk, because they walk.* We remember refugees and other persons who are displaced from their homes because of natural disasters, who have to walk miles for food and safe drinking water. And we remember those in our own community who will also benefit from our efforts.

### News from the Delaware County Diaper Bank:

Last May, Vicki and I found ourselves so busy that we realized we needed more help with the Diaper Bank requests and deliveries. Knowing that she and I were both going to be out of town for vacations over the summer, we asked Jeannie Casanova to join us in our efforts and she quickly agreed! So now we are three!

Hopefully, you have seen our brochure on the table in the entry. We have distributed these to many of the agencies we serve as well as Helpline, Goodwill, and the Senior Companion Program in Delaware. Since February 10, we have distributed over 18,000 diapers and almost 200 packages of wipes. The need continues and we are now researching how to get 501c3 status.

We are continually grateful for any and all donations we receive! Thank you for your generous support of our efforts!

-Di Huston

September 7, 2018

Dear Members of Asbury U.M.C.,

Words cannot express the gratitude for the beautiful cards and personal notes received from fellow members and friends in honor of my 100th birthday. Thank you so very much.

One of those greetings will be placed on the front of my refrigerator—a beautifully crayon-colored picture from 7 year old Lewa, which was enclosed in a lovely card and note from the Okunlola family. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jo Stone

P.S. A very special thanks to you, Lewa, for your lovely gift.

**Home: The House that God Built**  
**By Lay Leader Leslie Beyer-Hermesen**

On a Sunday morning in September before church I was sitting on the couch reading the paper with our dog by my side. As I read, several things caught my attention, but in particular I took notice of two.

One was in the “At Home” section of the Dispatch. The feature story on the front page was backyard garden awards. The second page included a picture and write-up of Terri and Randy Litchfield’s backyard, which had won the native plant award. The write-up included the quote “8000 square feet have been converted from turf to landscape beds to benefit pollinators, moths, butterflies, and birds.” My husband and I recently had the pleasure to experience the Litchfield’s backyard home for these creatures when we rode our bicycles there as part of the Watoto Read garden tour, so it was fun seeing the home in the paper.

The second article was in the in the “Arts & Leisure” section. The title of the feature story was GIMME SHELTER and the content of the article was an exhibit called Shelter: Crafting a Safe home. The exhibit includes various pieces of artwork that address the issue of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. The display can be viewed at the Ohio Craft Museum in Columbus through the 7<sup>th</sup> of October and thereafter at the Springfield Museum of Art in Ohio from the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 through the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2019.

On that same Sunday morning, I had a conversation with my daughter, Noël, about her sorority DXP, a multicultural sorority. Her Chapter is small and only a little more than 20 years old. Being a small Chapter, there isn’t an actual sorority house at Ohio State. Noël shared with me that the group had been shrinking and that the last few members had deactivated, leaving her as the sole active member. She told me that some had suggested that she might want to deactivate as well, but she told me that she did not want to do so. In fact, she was planning on meeting with an alum that afternoon to see what she might be able to do to revive this group. She had found a “home” with this group and wanted to be able to provide this home to others.

These three seemingly separate things: a backyard, art exhibit, and multicultural sorority had somehow converged in the context of “home.” As I thought of the two articles and my conversation with Noël, my thoughts turned to Asbury as I sat in the pew later that same morning with many of you. Among other things, I thought of our upcoming week in October to host both meals and overnights at the Family Promise house and of the school to be built as a result of our successful Watoto Read fundraiser. My thoughts also turned to Asbury itself, which has become a home to many of us. Last November at a dinner to welcome our new members, I found it both affirming and instructive to hear the many reasons both new and long-time members gave for coming to Asbury. Not surprisingly what makes Asbury a home varies from individual to individual and differs for each of us depending on where we are at a particular moment of time.

One of my favorite movies of all times is *Lilies of the Field*, which does reference Matthew 6: 28-29 “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Toward the end of the movie Homer Smith, played by Sidney Poitier, says to the Mother Superior played by Lilia Skala, “I done built you a chapel” to which she responded, “**He** built the chapel.” Homer agreed with an emphatic “**Amen**” The home the chapel becomes unfolds after the movie is over. In our house that was built for us, may the home that unfolded before us and continues to unfold with us be a home of sustenance for current and future generations whomever they are, whatever their circumstances, and however they identify themselves.

**Amen**

		
<b>ASBURY</b>	<i>Organ</i>	<b>SERIES</b>
<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>
<b>Asbury's First Thursday Noontime Recital Series</b>		
<b>12:15 to 12:45 pm</b>		
October 4	<i>Luke Tegtmeier</i> ~ The new Organist at Asbury kicks off the season with a variety of works by composers from Germany, where our Klais organ was built. Luke has Church Music degrees from Valparaiso University and Luther Seminary.	
November 1	<i>Heather Orvek</i> ~ Having recently received a Master's in Organ performance from Arizona State, Heather is currently Organist at Riverside UMC in Upper Arlington.	
December 6	<i>Joseph Musser</i> ~ Dr. Joseph Musser, Organist at First Presbyterian Church in Delaware, and a regular performer on our series, returns to offer music for Advent and Christmas.	
January 3	<i>Jason Keefer</i> ~ Dr. Keefer is Principal Organist at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and Organ Artist-in-Residence at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Upper Arlington. He is also Director of the Sacred Music Institute of America.	
February 7	<i>Brent Nolte</i> ~ Dr. Nolte serves as Music Department chair at Ohio Christian University. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Organ Performance from the University of Minnesota.	
March 7	<i>Rebecca Abbott</i> ~ Dr. Abbott is an Adjunct Professor of Music at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and recently took over the important duty of teaching students in the Asbury Organ Academy.	
April 4	<i>James Hildreth</i> ~ For his first appearance in this series, James Hildreth, Organist at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus and Instructor of Organ at Ohio Wesleyan University, will present a varied program of music for Lent.	
May 2	<i>Carol Ann Bradley</i> ~ Organist at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Marble Cliff, Carol returns to our series and will close our season with a flourish!	
<small>Asbury's First Thursday recitals are offered for the enjoyment of our community. Coffee and tea are provided and tables set for those who would like to bring their lunch to eat during the concert. Please invite a friend and come to enjoy the music that our guest recitalists have so graciously prepared for us.</small>		
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The Asbury Campaign for



... we go to school, they go to school

### A Summer Miracle on Lincoln Avenue

What is a miracle? Last year, Rev. Valerie Stultz taught the children in her K-2 Sunday school class that “a miracle is when something happens that is so big and wonderful that it can only be from God.”

On Sunday, September 23, our scripture lesson was about the miracle of a boy’s lunch of five loaves and two fishes that fed 5,000 people. Sometimes we think that miracles only happened in Bible times. But this summer, our Asbury family experienced a miracle right here, in our church and in our community.

On Sunday, September 23, Asbury children presented Rev. Claudine Leary with the fruits of the Asbury Campaign for Watoto Read - \$18,500! This far surpasses the original goal of raising \$10,000 during Summer 2018. It will enable the Watoto Read organization to build two classrooms and one latrine for children living in a refugee camp in Chad.

This is truly something so big and wonderful that it can only be from God!



### TEEN CHOIR REHEARSALS!!

Teen Choir rehearsal is moving to: Sundays after church, 11:45 –12:15 in the Parlor, starting Oct. 7. We hope students in grades 9—12 will join us!

Jan Swanson, Teen Choir Director

### Asbury welcomes Dr. Rebecca Abbott ~ Organ Academy 2018-2019

We are pleased to announce that organ lessons will continue at Asbury with Dr. Rebecca Abbott, instructor. Rebecca Abbott holds a Bachelor of Music from Wheaton College with studies in Voice and Organ; Master of Arts in Religion with a concentration in Liturgy and the Arts from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, with additional studies in Sacred Music at Boston University; a Doctor of Worship Studies from the Institute for Worship Studies and certification in Musikgarten, a teaching program for children. Active as a performer, guest lecturer and hymn writer, she also works as an adjunct church music instructor and organist at Mt. Vernon Nazarene and Kenyon College and pianist at Hope Lutheran in Sunbury. She volunteers as editor of the American Guild of Organists Columbus chapter’s newsletter. Rebecca founded Abbott Music Lab, LLC and [www.hymnnotes.com](http://www.hymnnotes.com) to connect people of all ages to their secular and sacred music heritage. We welcome Dr. Abbott to Asbury and look forward to hearing her students play for Asbury worship services in the future. Dr. Abbott will also serve as one of our First Thursday Recitalists on March 7, 2018.

### First Thursday Noontime Organ Recitals ~ 2018-2019

Our First Thursday Noontime Recital Series returns October 4 when Luke Tegtmeier, Asbury organist will perform at 12:15pm. Luke will present works by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger and Shroeder. Plan now to reserve the first Thursday of each month from October through May for these exciting recitals. Coffee and tea are provided. Please share this information with friends, family and community members. The schedule is printed for your enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you.

### UMW October Schedule

- October 11, 7:00p Lydia Circle at the home of Tammy Wilden
- October 17, 9:30a Rebekah Circle at the home of Sandy Miller
- October 17, 1:30p Hannah Circle at the home of Dee Ketterling
- October 27 10:00a-12:00p Sewing project in the McCoy Room
- October 25 7:00p UMW General Meeting: "Turning Point" (everyone is welcome) in the Parlor
- October 26-27: Annual Celebration of East Ohio Conference UMW at Mount Pleasant UMC, Carrollton, Ohio (see Emma Dixon for more information). Childcare is provided for \$4/child each day.

Lydia Circle will be meeting on Thursday, October 11th at 7pm at the home of Tammy Wilden (160 Curly Smart Circle). Ashley Hejmanowski will be presenting the program, "The Sacred Space for Encountering God." **ALL ARE WELCOME!** If you would like to join us, and there are barriers such as child or family care, or other things that we could help with, please let us know. Call Kathleen Miller at 740-360-2421.

### Soup Lunch and Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women will be having the Soup Lunch and Bake Sale on November 11th after church as a fundraising event for UMW missions. The menu will include vegetable beef soup, potato soup, tomato basil soup, hot dogs, applesauce, and bread. Carry out will be available.

You will have an opportunity to sign-up to bring items for the bake sale and soup ingredients after church in the great room on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 or you may call Linda Sheets (614-619-1530). We hope you can join us for fellowship and a delicious meal on November 11th.



**Asbury UMW asks you to take the time to think about the big picture when choosing your fast food options.** ( excerpts from *Response Magazine* and updates from the Fair Food Program)

*United Methodist Women join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in urging Wendy’s to join the Fair Food Program.*

The Fair Food Program helps to ensure fair wages, independent monitoring of the agreements between the workers and growers, and only uses growers that do not violate human rights. It costs approximately 1 cent per pound of tomatoes to belong to this program. With the exception of Wendy’s, all major fast food chains have joined this program. The Florida tomato suppliers became members and at that time, Wendy’s began purchasing their tomatoes from Mexico. In Mexico, there is a “ Suppliers Code of Conduct” This agreement does nothing to include workers and has no plan in place for enforcement. The workers in Mexico still deal with wage theft, gender-based violence, and child labor.

The Fair Food Program has improved working conditions and the quality of life for farm workers. Since 2011, 16,000 workers have been interviewed and they have ensured that 150,000 workers understand their rights. Over \$25 million in fair food premiums have been collected and 1,800 complaints have been resolved. They have seen a decrease in violence against women in the fields due to better training of supervisors and better monitoring.

A “Time’s Up Wendy’s” march was held in New York City in March 2018. Nearly 2000 United Methodist Women joined in this march and many others participated in events held around the United States.

In June, Wendy’s announced that the company would be repatriating the vast majority of its tomato purchases from Mexico to greenhouses in the US and Canada by the end of the year. This is a step in the right direction, but Wendy’s has not joined the Fair Food Program. Here is the reaction from the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers:

*“There is still no guarantee that the workers are receiving the dignified treatment that they deserve,” said Gerardo Reyes Chavez with CIW. “How can you demonstrate that your code of conduct is effectively addressing and eliminating child labor, sexual violence and forced labor in your supply chain?” Rebecca Barnes, coordinator for PHP, said they would continue to advocate alongside the Coalition for as long as it takes to get Wendy’s to join the Fair Food Program. “Presbyterians have been clear that they want to feel good about the food they purchase, and the ways that the people growing it are treated,” said Barnes. “Presbyterians have stood with tomato pickers for over 15 years.”*

To stay informed and learn more about the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Fair Food Program, please visit: [ciw-online.org/fair-food-program](http://ciw-online.org/fair-food-program).

## Sunday School Spotlight by Susan Speer-Powers

### Children and Youth Classes

#### **Nursery Class**

The nursery is available during the Sunday school hour for parents who would like to participate in one of the adult classes or attend choir practice.

#### **PreK – Grade 5 Classes**

Children in these three classes meet together for an opening session where they bring their offerings, sing songs, and close with a prayer circle. Bible stories this fall focus on “At Home with God,” where children learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and part of God’s big family. In October, Bible stories are about siblings:

October 7: Family Blessings (Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-46)

October 14: Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-36; 42:1-46:34)

October 21: Moses and His Sister (Exodus 1:8-2:10)

October 28: Sisters (Luke 10:38-42)

#### **Tweens Class**

Students in Grades 6-8 also focus on being part of God’s family. October lessons look at some of the siblings in the Bible, including:

October 7: Rachel and Leah (Genesis 29: 16-35)

October 14: Joseph and His Brothers (Genesis 37:1-36; 42:1-45:15)

October 21: Miriam, Aaron, and Moses (Exodus 2:1-10; 3:1-10; 4:10-17, 27-31; 15:20-21)

October 28: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11: 1-46)



#### **Teen Class**

High school students are using a new curriculum, b14y (Bible Lessons for Youth). Each week, teens look at a passage of scripture through a variety of lenses, including the original context, how the passage speaks to their personal experiences, and how they can apply it in the world today.

#### **Adult Classes**

The **Faith and Issues** class meets in the Parlor. The class has just started a new book study, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. The author shows how a rigorous examination of the historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is both critical and sustaining.

The **Spiritual Journey Class** meets in the McCoy Room. The class continues to read and discuss the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

With the start-up of our youth activities on Wednesday evenings, you are invited to help provide the meal the youth share together following their meeting. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer and there is a sheet of instructions for guidance.

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to the meal which is held at 5:45p to 6:30p. Those preparing the meal are also invited to attend to get to know our church youth family!



### **Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs**

As part of the new tax act for 2018 Congress allows a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from IRA accounts for individuals age 70½ or older. A qualified individual can donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA account to a qualified charity. This QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution.

Why not consider making a contribution from your IRA to Asbury? You can contribute your 2018 RMD by December 31, 2018 to Asbury and pay no tax on the distribution. The distribution must go directly from your IRA account to Asbury. Any amount processed as a QCD does not create a charitable deduction, but does lower your adjusted gross income and taxable income thus lowering overall taxation. Talk with your IRA advisor about how to do this from your IRA account for 2018.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

### **Support the Delaware CROP Hunger Walk**

The Delaware CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. Registration will begin at the Hamilton Williams Campus Center at Ohio Wesleyan University at 1:30 p.m. As in the past, we will have a short “child-friendly” route and a longer route throughout the city. Both routes will conclude at HWCC.

Delaware has a long history of supporting the CROP Walk, and over the years, our churches have worked together to raise thousands of dollars to fight hunger worldwide as well as in our local community through People-in-Need.

CROP Walks are under the umbrella of Church World Service, an ecumenical organization which includes 37 member church bodies. CROP is an acronym which stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

Online fundraising is increasingly becoming a convenient way to ask friends and family members for support. You will find information about how to donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/delawareoh>.

For more information about how you can participate, please contact the church office or the Mission & Outreach Committee, John Applebach, chairperson or Bill Zimmerman.



Kairos Prison Ministry is an ecumenical Christian endeavor whose mission is to help grow and nurture strong Christian communities, in state and federal correctional institutions.

Teams of about 45 Kairos volunteers share a weekend and then monthly meetings, for a year, with about 42 men, women or young people, serving time in the institution. Members of Asbury have the opportunity to provide support to an upcoming event at The Marion Correctional Institution on October 25-28.

John Applebach, a Kairos volunteer and member of Asbury’s Mission and Outreach Committee will be participating in this event. The committee invites the congregation to contribute cookies and prayers. Home baking means a great deal to folks who regularly eat institutional food; cookies have proven to be a great way to share food and show concern.

John is asking for donations of cookies to be brought to the church on October 7, for a blessing and send-off. Please sign up to bring cookies at the piano in the Great Room; John will have instructions regarding the cookies. If you have questions regarding Kairos, see [www.Kairos.org](http://www.Kairos.org) or contact John at: [jap-](mailto:jap-)