

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

**PRELUDE** “Prepare Thyself, My Soul, Watch and Pray” J. Kittel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We, who live in the shelter of the Most High...

**People: let us come and trust in our God. God’s word is near us, on our lips and in our hearts.**

Leader: We, who trust in God’s promises...let us come and rejoice in the power of the Spirit.

**People: The Holy One is our refuge and our strength. We have come to worship the one who calls us!**

Leader: Let us worship the One who calls us!

\***HYMN** “The God of Abraham Praise” #116 UMH

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus said, “One does not live by bread alone.” Yet we are unwilling to fast and pray, mistaking dead rocks for the bread of life. Jesus said, “Worship and serve only the Holy One, your God.” Yet we are unwilling to surrender to God’s will, mistaking worldly power for the power of divine love. Jesus said, “Do not put the Holy One to the test.” Yet we are unwilling to wait in silence, mistaking the sound of our own voice for the voice of God. God of power and life, open our hearts to your never-failing love. Forgive us when we refuse to place our trust in you. Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 91 #810 UMH  
**\*GLORIA** #71 UMH  
**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881 UMH

**THE FIRST READING** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 OT #199  
**\*THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 4:1-13 NT #77  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** “Blessings and Promises”

**HYMN** “I Love to Tell the Story” #156 UMH

### **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.  
*Please audibly name those for whom you are interceding.*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** “A Canon of Praise” W.A.Mozart, arr.

### **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Rick Parks

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God of breath and life, you create and sustain us; you love us and bless us this day. Accept these tokens of our gratitude – the overflowing of our grateful hearts. May these expressions of our thankfulness be used to further your kingdom. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” #269 UMH

### **BENEDICTION**

*Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished*

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**POSTLUDE:** “O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” M. Burkhardt

*\*Congregation stands as able*

# **WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Our Vision is to be the church that displays the love of Christ and connects with people of all walks of life through our ministry, creative services, discipleship, and outreach.*

**“Our Mission is to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ  
& share God’s love with others.”**

If you are visiting with us for the first time we thank you for worshipping with us and pray that this was a spiritually uplifting experience that will make a difference in the week to come.



**In Honor of:** John & Mary Ellen Lachenmayer

**Given by:** Their daughters

**Tribute on the Altar:** In honor of William & Marian Giangiulio’s  
64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on February 16<sup>th</sup>

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## **WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Liturgist:** Charles Adjekpiyede

**Scripture Reader:** Erica Adjekpiyede

**Organist:** Tedd Didden

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**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 44 - Please sign in each Sunday.**

### **OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:**

Envelope (General)	\$ 3,280.00
Plate	65.00
Building Fund (Annex heater)	10.00
Flowers	30.00
Ministry of Kindness	<u>202.50</u>
Total	\$ 3,587.50

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Carol Gajewski** (*Nina's Mother*), Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Paradise Manor, 206 E. Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406; **Thelma Smee**, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, DE 19707; **Bill Swier** Regina Nursing Home, RM 211, 550 E. Fornance ST, Norristown, PA 19401; **Elizabeth "Betty" Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing/B31B

**PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT AND HEALING:** Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Jerry Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & family, David Frees, Syvilla Fry, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Rachel Good, Shirley Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Eileen Lenzi, Bill McCarron, Family of Thelma McCaughey, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Linda Swier, and Jane Westhafer

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:** Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)



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