

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2016

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 10:15 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them. He calls us to be builders as well.

All: God calls us to build our lives, to restore broken places, and to continue to grow.

Leader: God calls us to build our faith, to study the Word and to ponder its interpretation.

All: God calls us to build community, to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

Leader: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

#150 UMH

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 19 #750 UMH, Response #1
***GLORIA** #71 UMH
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881 UMH

THE FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:1-10 OT #494

***THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 4:14-21 NT #77

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON “Communicating the Love of God”

HYMN “They’ll Know We Are Christians” #2223 FWS

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

ANTHEM “Father, Teach Us How to Pray” Florence Jolley

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Each one of us is essential to the life and wellbeing of the whole body of Christ. We offer our gifts in order to care for one another and, without dissension, for the world Christ came to save. God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.

***HYMN** “Christ for the World We Sing” # 568 UMH

BENEDICTION

Following the blessing be seated as the candles are extinguished.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

POSTLUDE

***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 Memory of: Don Lobb and Claude & Emily Tyson
Given by: Bea Lobb

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Beth Sheridan

Scripture Reader: Colleen Sheridan

Guest Organist: Justin Zepp

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK: 39

Please remember to sign in each Sunday.

OFFERING FOR LAST WEEK:

Envelope (General)	\$1,497.00
Plate	1.00
Flowers	30.00
Initial	24.00
Palace Project	45.00
Total	<u>\$1,597.00</u>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Elizabeth “Betty” Wright, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home,
773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing – B31B

Ed Miller, Paradise Manor, 206 East Lincoln Avenue, Hatfield, PA 19440

Thelma Smee, Cokesbury Village, Healthcare Center, 726 Loveville Road,
Hockessin, DE 19707

Henry Schlotterer, Arden Courts, 620 West Valley Forge Road, King of
Prussia, PA 19406

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

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



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