

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**Music Appreciation Sunday**

May 29, 2016

**Celebration of Worship**

10:15 AM

**PRELUDE:** "Come Down. O Love Divine" David Blackwell

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING** Please take a moment of silence to pray and prepare for worship.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 96)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song.

**People: Sing to the Lord all the earth!**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,  
the Lord's marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!

**People: Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy  
before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

Leader: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

**All: Let all creation sing for joy.**

**\*HYMN** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" # 68 UMH

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, you teach us to see all people in need of your love, yet we play favorites and divide people into holy and unholy categories. Forgive us. Help us to seek and discern your image in every human being. When we seek to relate to one another with reciprocity or retribution, remind us that you have always sought us out of mercy, not merit. Amen.

**ANTHEM** "Until I Found the Lord" Andre J. Thomas  
**\*RESPONSIVE READING** Canticle of # 125 UMH  
Covenant Faithfulness

**\*GLORIA** # 71 UMH  
**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** # 881 UMH

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**THE EPISTLE READING** Romans 8:28-39 # 197 NT

**\*THE GOSPEL READING** Luke 7:1-10 # 82 NT

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "This Is My Word" Pepper Choplin

**MEDITATION** Memorial Day

**LITANY FOR MEMORIAL DAY** please refer to insert

**\*HYMN** "The Battle Hymn of the Republic # 717 UMH  
*verses 1 through 4*

**CONCERNS AND PRAYERS:**

*Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Tedd Didden  
Rachel Didden, soloist

*This anthem is dedicated to the memory of the musical saints  
who once shared their talent with the Asbury Choirs.*

**THE OFFERING:**

**OFFERTORY** "O What Their Joy Robert J. Powell  
and Their Glory Must Be"

**\*DOXOLOGY**

# 95 UMH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**O God beyond all praising, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king. May  
our loving be a sharing of the gifts we each possess. Grant us  
joy that blesses others, grant us love that never ends. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

“He Loved Me”

Doug Holck and Tom Fettke

**\*HYMN -**

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

# 292 UMH

*verses 1, 2, 3*

**\*BENEDICTION**

“Savior, Breathe Your Blessing”

Tedd Didden

*After the benediction please be seated and remain seated  
until the conclusion of the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE:**

“Come, Holy Spirit”

Malcolm Archer

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*Congregation stands as able**

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In Memory of Deceased Choir Members

Given by: The Chancel Choir

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**WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

Organist: Tedd Didden

Soloist: Rachel Didden

Asbury Chancel Choir

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## **WELCOME TO ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Our Vision is to be a 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 and 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.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Carol Gajewski** (*Nina’s Mother*), Silver Stream Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Spring House, PA 19477; **Ed Miller**, Golden Living Center, 25 W 5th Street, Lansdale PA 19446; **Henry Schlotterer**, Arden Courts, 620 W 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 Street, Norristown, PA 19401; Elizabeth (**Betty**) **Wright**, Gwynedd Square Nursing Home, 773 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale PA 19446 B-wing/B31B

**PRAYERS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT & HEALING:** Edith Barbone, Lois & Tom Benning, Brooks Family, Robin Blattner & the Blattner Family, Stephen, Matt & Will Deering, Scotti DeMartinis & Jenny & Family, Jessie Emerson, Joseph Fitzgerald, David Frees, Sue & Anthony Fuschetto, Cecelia Hampton-Fitzgerald, Marian Giangiulio; Rachel Good, Shirley Jefferis, Sandy Killian, Meaghen King, Roger Layne, Eileen Lenz, Marilyn Lewis, Bill McCarron, Damon Oliver, Sherri Rinehart, Caroline Schwab, Gabe & Sherbi Seerattan, Hazel Shanaman, Mason Shapiro, Linda Swier, The Family of Clarence Swire, Earl Walter, The Family of Jane Westhafer

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED SERVICES:**

Daniel Fineran, (Marine) and Brett Santai, (Navy)

Remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy. Heavenly Father, please hold them in your strong arms. Cover

them with your sheltering grace and your presence.

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## **Litany for Memorial Day**

Leader: Lord God, we remember today the great blessings you have showered upon our nation.

**All: Lord, we honor and praise your name.**

Leader: Today we honor those who gave their very life's blood for the cause of freedom.

**All: We remember the great courage of many. We remember the selfless service of all. We remember their selfless service for the freedom of others.**

Leader: When we recall the multitudes of women and men, young and old, native born and immigrant, people of all races and creeds who went into the valley of the shadow of death, we can say together,

**All: We remember the loss of human life. We remember and give thanks for the valiant commitment of our soldiers to those in need. We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.**

Leader: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to care for the families of the fallen, we say together,

**All: We are grateful for the generosity and camaraderie of the American family. We are thankful that all may serve in their own way.**

Leader: Today is a day to remember.

**All: We remember the affliction of our brothers and sisters and mark their pain as our own. Remembrance is a sacred moment when we raise up and hold it to the light of the eternal moment, acknowledge the good of those who have passed, and celebrate the continued goodness of those who remain.**

Leader: Lord, we remember the faith of our ancestors in your goodness, and how, in hope and confidence and in fear and trembling, they committed themselves wholly to that which they believed to be just and good and true.

**All: Guide and guard our country so that in our search for freedom and security, we who are alive now, may also be good and not trample the rights of the innocent nor disregard the rule of law. Help us to bring freedom to each person with whom we come into contact.**

Leader: Help us, Lord, to not be ones who shirk back from the path of commitment when things become difficult. Make us peacemakers and workers who strive always to bring justice in the face of injustice; plenty in the face of need; harmony in the face of discord.

**All: Let us light a candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children, and all the children of God. We will hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now, not out of tragedy, but of loving kindness.**

*[light a single candle]*

Leader: God of the ages, before your eyes all nations rise and fall, yet you are changeless. Be near us in the age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who still work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit, give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace for all peoples. Bless the leaders of this nation and all nations, so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace.

**All: Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**      May 29 2016

### **THE ANNOUNCER EDITORS**

invite you to share information about your favorite community event. Submissions can be given to Cynthia or Florence after church, via email [cyntober@aol.com](mailto:cyntober@aol.com) or [copyme124@hotmail.com](mailto:copyme124@hotmail.com); or in a mailbox in the vestibule. **DEADLINE is 15th of each publication month.**

### **MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY**

*A Special Thank You is extended to all who continue their support of our "COLLECTING" & "SAVING" projects.*

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK – Boxed Cereals** have been added to **Pancake Mix** (*that can be mixed with water*) & **Syrup**, items that are currently in short supply. What we contribute is very much appreciated and is part of our ministry into the community. Liaison

with the Army, and delivery person, is Ginny Williamson.

**TABS for SHRINERS HOSPITALS for CHILDREN** – Thank you for saving those tabs from cans: soda, soup, cat food, to name a few. Every tab you save counts and makes a difference. *LOVE TO THE RESCUE!* Contact persons for this project are Jaye & Bill Eliasson.

**FORTENITERS** – have an ongoing need for toiletry items. Please see the list on the mail boxes in the Pine Street vestibule.  
Contact John & Linda Keenan for additional information.

### **A REMINDER**

*“Have you changed your address? Your cell number or home telephone number? How about your email address? Asbury Church needs to get that change right along with everyone else on your list.”*

You can let us know by using the sign-up sheet in the pew, or by email at churchadmin@asbury-unitedmethodist.org, or the Administrator’s mail box in the Pine Street vestibule. Be sure to clearly print the information, especially the email address. Thanks!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** There is an open Sunday for sponsorship of the altar flowers on **June 26**. If you wish to sponsor the flowers for that Sunday, please contact Linda Keenan.

### **CONFERENCE NEWS**

**Central District Conference** will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 3-5:30PM at Berwyn UMC (140 Waterloo Ave, Berwyn, PA 19312). If you are a Lay Member to Annual Conference, District Lay Equalizing Member to Annual Conference, Lay Supply Pastor, Deaconess or Clergy (PTLP, FTLF, Elder, Deacon, Provisional Elder or Provisional Deacon) please make plans to attend.

**Local Church Communicators Workshop coming June 4** Calling all Local Church Communicators in the Eastern PA Conference: there is a training event for you, to enhance your vital communications

ministries on Saturday, June 4, 8:30 AM to 12 noon. More info to come soon. Contact John Coleman, EPA Director of Communications for more information at [jcoleman@epaumc.org](mailto:jcoleman@epaumc.org).

**230th session of the Eastern PA Annual Conference** will be held **June 16-18** at the Lancaster Marriott & Convention Center. Bishop Peggy A. Johnson asks for our commitment to pray for this time of Holy Conferencing. *May there be a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit that restores our passion to open wide our hearts and burn with truth, so that we may go forth and shine the Light for all people.*

### ***LAST WEEK***

**Attendance week: 34**

**Please remember to sign in each Sunday.**

### **Offering week:**

Envelope (General)	\$ 2,323.00
Plate	2.00
Heater Campaign	350.00
Miscellaneous	<u>20.00</u>
<b>T otal</b>	<b>\$ 2,695.00</b>