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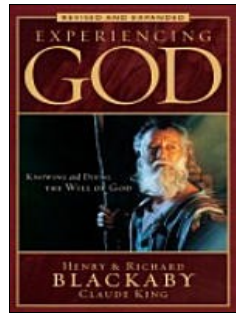
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EXPERIENCING GOD:
KNOWING AND DOING
THE WILL OF GOD

Asbury's Fall Study Began
Sunday, September 12 and
continues through December.
We want EVERY member (!)
and friends to participate!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN CALENDAR</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>	<u>SS & WORSHIP THEME</u>
December 5	2 nd Sunday in Advent	Rev. McLean	EXP GOD 11
December 12	3 rd Sunday in Advent	Rev. McLean	EXP GOD 12
December 19	4 th Sunday in Advent	Cantata	Review FOR SS
December 24	Christmas Eve	Rev. McLean	
December 26	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Rev. McLean/Hymn Sing	

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Staff

- Pastor—Martha McLean
- Student Associate
Pastor—Katie B. Anthony
- Organist—Jeff Hammack
- Nursery Attendant—
Felecia Griffin
- Administrative
Assistant—Marie Phelps
- Preschool Director—
Nancy Odom
- Custodian—Tommie
McDowell

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VISION STATEMENT

**As the Body of Christ, Asbury United Methodist Church
reaches out to all people
through the power, presence and love of God**

Newsletter of Asbury UMC

DECEMBER 2010

Experience Christmas at Asbury

Gingerbread Brunch

Saturday, December 11 - 10:00am-12:00pm.

You and your children are invited to brunch at
Asbury to make gingerbread houses, decorate
Christmas cookies, enjoy brunch and a special
visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 19 - 11:00 AM



Prepare your hearts and minds!
Bring your family and friends. Hear the
story of Christmas proclaimed in word and
song, featuring special musical arrange-
ments by Minister of Music, Jeff Hammack.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24 - 4:00 PM

Bring your family and friends for a candlelight
Christmas Eve Service of worshiping and celebrat-
ing Holy Communion.



DONATIONS AND/OR MEMORIALS

Evelyn Overby

Opportunities for stewardship at Asbury include Building Fund, Dickerson Scholarship Fund, and Bruce Overby Memorial Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Suggestion: remember a deceased loved one's birthday by making a gift in their memory to one of the above funds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Miller

Total Budget for 2010	\$ 263,997.00
<i>Needed weekly to fund budget</i>	\$ 5,076.87
<i>Needed through 11-21-10</i>	\$ 213,305.41
Contributions through 10-24-10	\$ 196,498.31
Contributions from Preschool to date	\$ 13,500.00
Building Fund Contributions to date	\$ 3,900.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Sunday School	62
Average Worship	103



FOOD PANTRY AND MISSION NEEDS

Asbury's food pantry items for the month include meats and veggies. If you would like to donate or volunteer at the mission on the first Tuesday of each month, please contact the church office. Food may be dropped off at any time; the food cart collects food during the morning worship service on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Asbury volunteers assist with the preparation of breakfast at the mission on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

**Discipleship Reminder
A Call to Financial Giving**

We cannot out give God; God always gives more, yet our giving is a grateful response to God.

Giving of ourselves is an expression of and a means of grace. In our membership vows we make a covenant with God and one other to support Christ's church at the local church level—specifically at Asbury United Methodist Church.

As members of Christ's church we pledge to faithfully participate in the ministry of the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December

- 02 Gail Johnson
- 04 Carolynn Williams
- 07 Charles Chatman & Tracy Morris
- 12 Alda Chalmers
- 16 Beatrice Ross Bragg
- 17 Ryan Michael Dippolito
- 22 Sarah McKaig
- 24 Ken McLean
- 25 Kate Herrington
- 28 David Radford

Acolytes

Marie Herrington & Morgan Newman

Nursery Parents

12-05-10 Julie McCray
12-12-10 Mary Radford
12-19-10 Cookie Bell
12-26-10 Cookie Bell
(If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please contact Cookie Bell.)

Greeters

12-05-10 Joe & Patsy Hemmerle
12-12-10 Clarence & Pat Hill
12-19-10 Sonny & Judy Morris
12-26-10 Jack Dailey & Evelyn Overby
(Greeters should be in the narthex at 10:30 am.)

Lay Readers

12-05-10 Glenn Newman
12-12-10 Sandra Reaves
12-19-10 Mary Lou Johnson
12-26-10 Bob Hinton

Ronald McDonald

Volunteers

(Mondays)

12-06-10 Mary Lou Johnson & Brenda Radford
12-13-10 Bobby & Jackie Wingate
12-20-10 Sonny & Judy Morris
12-27-10 Bob & Debra Hinton

CONDOLENCES

Asbury UMC extends condolences to the family of Joel Thompson, husband of Donna Herrington Thompson and son-in-law of Jimmy and Arnetta Herrington. Mr. Thompson died on Thursday, November 18. Please keep the family in your prayers during this time.

We also extend condolences to family and friends of Margaret Falk who died on Monday, November 22. Please keep the family and friends in your prayers during this time of loss and grief.

Ushers

12-05-10 Don Utley, Bobby Wingate, David Radford, Dee Lloyd, Clarence Hill, Joe Boykin
12-12-10 Glenn Lozuke, Steve Miller, Todd Herrington, Jack Dailey, Sonny Morris, Grover Glymph
12-19-10 Evelyn Overby, Evelyn Ham, Ginger Mann, Linda Miller, Virginia Lozuke, Ava Grace Lozuke,
12-26-10 John Elkins, Jimmy Pulley, Hank Woods, Bill McCray, Bobby Wingate, Jack Dailey

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BEING AN USHER, PLEASE CALL JACKIE WINGATE \OR LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Urban Ministries Volunteers

12-07-10 – 1:30-4 p.m.
Marvin & Dot Reep, Doris Johnson, and Cookie Bell

Sound System Technician

12-05-10 John Elkins
12-12-10 Todd Herrington
12-19-10 Michael Radford
12-26-10 Max Elkins

TID BITS AND REMINDERS

- Choir practice every Wednesday, at 7 pm
- Angel Food orders for Dec. will be taken on Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 am—noon
- Saturday, Dec. 11, Gingerbread Brunch, 10 am-noon
- Finance Meeting on Tuesday, December 14 at 7 pm
- Angel Food distribution for Dec. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 9—10 am
- Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 19 during worship service
- Thursday-Friday, Dec. 23-24, office closed for Christmas Holidays
- Friday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm.
- Thursday-Friday, Dec. 30-31, office closed for New Year's Holidays

EXPERIENCING GOD™ STUDY
Continues through December 19!

DINNERS FOR EIGHT
Continue with food, fun, and fellowship!



Help Us Mug Our Visitors!

Please make a donation to our new Mug Ministry! These coffee mugs have a picture of Asbury United Methodist Church, as well as our Vision Statement.

We are filling these mugs with candy and other goodies, as well as a listing of our available ministries here at Asbury.

ASBURY GREETERS AND USHERS PLEASE NOTE: We need your help to distribute these mugs to our visitors.

Please bring your donations of candy, bookmarks, or other small gifts to the library and place in the red basket marked **MUG MINISTRY**. Evelyn Overby and Ralph Mitchell Sunday School class are now the coordinators for this important ministry.

