

## TO HELP YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher - Chad Sobel  
Liturgist - June Shimp  
Guest Accompanist - William Mitchell

**The Flowers** this morning are given in memory of their parents, Barbara and Spencer Brown and Agnes and Charles Bender, by Barbara and Charlie.



## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM  
Worship Service & YouTube Live Stream 11:00 AM

**MONDAY:** Friendship Circle, 1:00 pm  
**TUESDAY:** Disciples' Pantry, 10:00 am - Noon, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:30 am.  
SPRC Meeting, 7:00 pm

## MUSIC BENEFIT CONCERT

Enjoy an evening of Christian and sacred music at Asbury UMC, Friday, March 21st, 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Donations will benefit the Asbury Pipe Organ Restoration Project. The concert will feature Walter Webster on the piano, Paul Kranz - musician, Asbury Bell Ringers and many more local musicians and vocalists; this event has been organized by Mr. Dennis Umland. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

## GIVEAWAY DAY

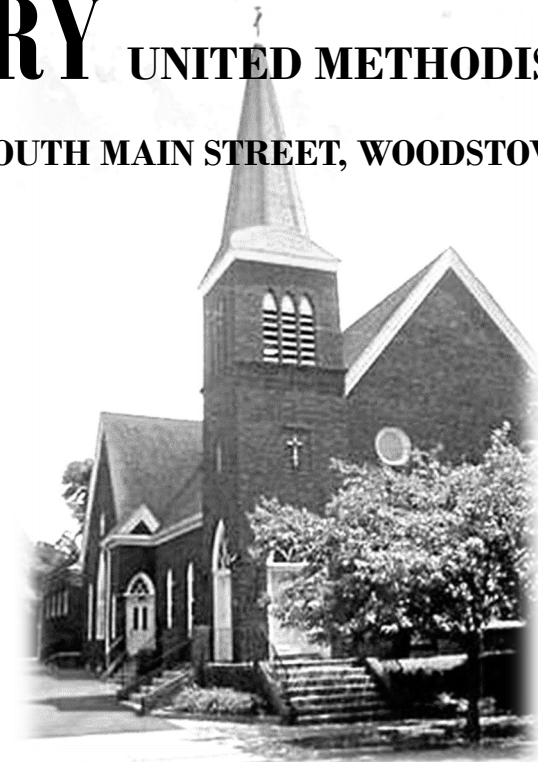
If you have already begun or spring cleaning is not far away on your to-do list, keep Asbury in mind for any items you'd like to get rid of! Woodstown's Yard Sale Day is scheduled for May 3rd, and every year, Asbury has a concurrent Giveaway Day of donated items—there are no prices, we just ask for a donation. As you're cleaning out, simply bring your items to church—we will be keeping everything in the youth room, and we'll take care of the rest! Remember—one person's trash is another's treasure! Proceeds this year will be going toward the Organ Restoration Fund.

## DEVOTIONALS

The March/April edition of the "Upper Room" is available in various locations throughout the sanctuary. They may also be picked up at the church, Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 am - 11:00 am or Thursday, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

# ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

149 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WOODSTOWN, NJ



**"The mission of the Asbury United Methodist Church  
is to bring all to know Christ personally  
and to live by His example."**



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March 9, 2025  
First Sunday in Lent

MARCH MISSION GIVING  
Salem County Women's Services



**Series: The Journey of Jesus According to Hollywood**

This Lenten series will follow the lectionary but will use Hollywood films about or featuring Jesus Christ to understand how Jesus is still and will always be relevant to your life today.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"It is Well with My Soul" Bliss/Kohlmann*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Long ago, God rescued God's people from slavery.

**People: We are enslaved today, in many different ways.**

Leader: God can and will rescue us. Place your trust in God's love.

**People: Our hope is in the Lord who is our refuge and our strength.**

Leader: Even though temptations surround us, drawing us away from God,

**All: We will continue to follow God and trust in God's ways. AMEN.**

\*HYMN UMH #395 *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. AMEN.**

WIGGLE TIME Wendy Teter

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *"Near the Cross" Doane/Kohlmann* William Mitchell



SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 4:1-13 (Pg. 1463-1464)

Liturgist: The Word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE *"Temptation and Sin"*  
(The Last Temptation of Christ)

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH #351 *"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Mason/Anthony*

GIVING MOMENT

DOXOLOGY/THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymnal page #95)  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation UMH #885

GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

\*HYMN UMH #528 *"Nearer My God to Thee"*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"O God, Beyond All Praising" Holst*



\*Please stand  
We have a nursery available during worship service for infants and toddlers up to kindergarten age. Please inquire with one of the ushers or greeters if you have a need for this service.

# Easter Lily Order Form



Our altar will be adorned with lilies on Easter Sunday, April 20th. You may share in this part of our worship, by giving a lily in honor of, or as a memorial for a loved one.

Please fill in the form and either drop it off to the Church Office, place it in the offering plate, or mail it to Asbury UMC, 149 South Main Street, Woodstown NJ 08098 no later than March 23rd. The cost is \$11.00, please include payment with your order.

Lilies may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Worship Service.

NAME OF DONOR \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILIES PURCHASED \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY  
OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE INDICATE\*\***

I will pick up

I will not pick up