

ASBURY VISITOR

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PASTOR'S PEN

As we slowly exit the Winter Season, we begin by looking at what lies ahead. Easter. But not only the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We must first take a few steps back to the Sunday prior (Palm Sunday) and a few days before Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday showed a display of love and celebration for the arrival of the Savior. The One who would come with guns blazing (if they had guns), swords flashing and arrows flying to take down the tyranny of the Roman Empire. But that was not Jesus' style. He came with peace and love, and the people turned on him for it. Shouts of "Hosanna, hosanna!" quickly turned to "Crucify him, crucify him." And the Roman authorities did just that.

But first, turn to Maundy Thursday, the night in which Christ ate his last meal with his followers, the disciples who loved him. The night Judas of Iscariot betrayed his teacher for 30 pieces of silver. The night in which Christ was taken into custody by the Romans. Then Good Friday. The day Jesus was tortured and nailed to the Cross to die for the forgiveness of all our sins. The day he was forgotten and denied by his closest friends. Finally, Easter Sunday, when Jesus overcame death, rose up from the grave and walked the Earth again. And finally, to ascend into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God his father and our heavenly father. In the end we all can sing, "Praise Jesus, for he is risen and lives again!"

Moving forward. As most of you now know, I will be leaving as pastor of the Harrington Charge. My final day will be this coming June 30th. I have accepted a call to go to Ewell's / St. Paul UMC church in Clayton. There are many advantages to this new placement. But there is also the heartache of leaving many, many friends at Asbury, Prospect and Trinity churches behind. I have developed many close relationships over the past 4+ years and have watched as so many of you have grown in your faith, your love and commitment for the church, and your love for Jesus Christ. My greatest prayer is that you will continue to grow with your new pastor and perhaps leave a small space in your hearts for me and Helen as you will always have a special place in ours. God bless and take care. With love and respect,

Pastor Mark

Holy Week Schedule

- 4/2 Maundy Thursday Service
– Prospect – 7 pm
- 4/3 Good Friday Cross Walk
through Harrington - 11
am (begin at Dover Miracle Revival Center, W.
Liberty St.)
- Good Friday Service –
Asbury – 7 pm
- 4/4 Easter Egg Hunt - 12 noon
- 4/5 Easter Sunrise Service –
Prospect Church 6:30 am
- 4/5 EASTER 11:15 am



Sub Sale

- Prep-Wed/Thurs 4/15-16, 9 am
 - Assembly and distribution—
Friday, April 17, 9 am
- Orders due by April 9

Order forms available [online](#)
and at the church

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, May 8, 2026
4 pm to 7 pm

Contact the Office for Tickets
(302-398-3390/
asburyharrington@gmail.com)

**COST: \$15 for Adults / \$10 for Kids 6-
12 / Kids 5 and Under-FREE**

Includes: Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs w/
Sauce, Texas Toast,
Dessert & Drink!

Blessed to Bless

2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". We are blessed to be a blessing. Prayerfully consider contributing towards the work of the church. In addition to cash or checks, it is easy to contribute online (one time or recurring). Visit the website harringtoncharge.com or use the QR code below. Thank you, and with your support we can do the work of Jesus in the church, our community and beyond.



We are ONLINE!

Asbury services are on YouTube at [@asburyunitedmethodist19952](#) Please visit, subscribe, and share widely. See [Harrington Charge website](#) and [Facebook pages](#). Also [Salt and Lyght Facebook page \(saltnlyght\)](#) and [Instagram \(salt_lyght\)](#).



Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; His mercy
endures forever.

Psalm 118:1



Sunday School Moment

The theme this year is MUSIC. We love to sing praises to God and learn what He has for us as we share together in Sunday School.

The Beginners Class is growing with a wide range of student ages. The Sunday School is seeking to have an older elementary class started again. Pray and reach out to Karen Heyd or call the office if interested. Materials and curriculum provided.

We hope to see you!

Serving sidenote

Backpack –Prospect and Asbury provide weekend nutrition to about 25 at-risk elementary school students. Support of food or monies welcome.

Clothes Closet – Prospect UM Church offers a clothes closet the second Saturday each month from 9a-12p. Contact [Lorraine Keller](#) or call 302-381-4884.

Thanksgiving Meal deliveries – Each Thanksgiving Day, we cook and deliver meals to folks who may be alone or struggling. Most are Meals on Wheels clients. Contact [Brenda Wyatt](#).

UMCOR – We support the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Trinity UM Church receives and stores cleaning buckets and hygiene kits for people who have experienced a natural disaster. For more information or to serve, contact [Pastors Mark Lewis/Rich Walton](#) or Jimmy Callaway.





Asbury has been sponsoring seven (7) World Vision children a year, \$30/month per child, since 2009 from various countries like India, El Salvador, Peru, Mexico, Bangladesh, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, and the Philippines. We sponsored 24 former children.

Our current children are as follows:


- **Angel Ezequiel Romero** from **El Salvador**. He is 13, correspondent-Pat Weaver.
- **Emilly Adelle Culpano Garcia** from **Peru**. She is 6, correspondents-the Callaways.
- **Habilework Gebeyeh** from **Ethiopia**. She is 13, correspondents-the Smiths.
- **Jaw Win Aue Marna** from **Bangladesh**. He is 9, correspondents-the Silicatos.
- **Likine Nsavyuwera** from **Burundi**. She is 6, correspondent-Brenda Wyatt.
- **Nigel Martin** from **Philippines**. He is 12, correspondents-the Sears. He has just joined the World Vision group.
- **Tommy Corona** from **Philippines**. He is 13, and we have been notified that his family has moved and is no longer available for the program. Nigel Martin has been awarded this spot.
- **Valeria Jimena Lopez** from **Honduras**. She is 3, correspondent-the Daigrepoints and Jeremy Mahoney.

Asbury's commitment for these children has been our blessing. The World Vision children have expressed their gratefulness many times over. Our support does not go directly to the children but to their communities with many needful and supportive things such as clean water, school supplies, hygiene, medical supplies and birthday celebrations. Surely, God has blessed us and, in turn, we can share our resources with children all around the world. Thanks be to God!!

Around the Conference

Harrington Charge is part of the Delaware District of the Pen-Del Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Conference provides valuable information and resources to our churches to help us be and make better disciples for Jesus. Seek to be informed about what the United Methodist Church is doing in our area and around the world.

Check out the trainings, news, and updates on the websites at <https://www.pen-del.org/delaware> and <https://www.pen-del.org/>.

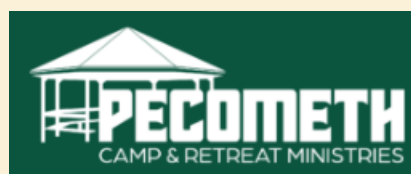


**Open your heart to
the Lord. Open
your Bible to know
Him better.**

“When Jesus rose from the dead, He didn't cheat death; He beat it fair and square.”

Hallelujah!

Cheryl Ford



United Methodist Men and Asbury support Camp Pecometh. In February, the annual Venison Dinner was held and funds were raised that could send children to summer camps. Visit the website at <https://pecometh.org/> to see camp details or ask one of the Methodist Men to find out about summer camp sponsorship.

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Sunday Service – 11:15 am, Sunday School – 10 am