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THE VISION OF ASBURY

*To Make Disciples for
Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.*

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*To Inspire People of
All Generations to
Love, Learn, and Lead Through
Worship, Education, and Service.*

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Journey, You Are Welcome Here!*



MY DAILY PRAYER

Dear God,

Help me to see the **JOY** through my sorrow and pain.

Help me to help others see the **JOY** in the people and things you place all around us.

Dear God,

Help me to **LOVE** myself and know that I am loved.

Help me to show **LOVE** to others and help them to know they are loved by you.

Dear God,

Help me to find my **PEACE** within my heart.

Help me to live in **PEACE** with my neighbors.

Dear God,

Help me to be **PATIENT** and know that everything happens in your time, not mine.

Help me to show **PATIENCE** with others, as you show **PATIENCE** with me.

Dear God,

Help me to show **KINDNESS** to myself and those I love.

Help me to show **KINDNESS** to those who are in need of a friend.

Dear God,

Help me to feel your **GOODNESS** in my heart through the Holy Spirit.

Help me to always see the **GOODNESS** in others.

Dear God,

Help me to be **FAITHFUL** to you as you guide me on my life journey.

Help me to be **FAITHFUL** to my family and friends as they join me on my journey.

Dear God,

Help me to be **GENTLE** and forgiving of myself and the mistakes I make along the way.

Help me to be **GENTLE** with other people's feelings.

Dear God,

Help me to be more like you and be slow to anger, always exercising **SELF-CONTROL**.

Help me to exercise **SELF-CONTROL** and forgiveness when others become angry with me.

Dear God, help me to share the FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT with those I meet along life's journey.

Sue Beaman

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Palm Sunday

Our Youth enjoyed games, crafts, and treats during
SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME.



Then, after worship,
The Easter Egg Hunt!



The Asbury Family's Journey Through Holy Week

 **Palm Sunday**



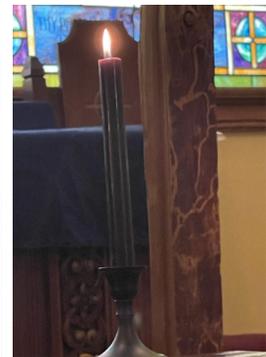
 **Maundy Thursday**



Cross Walk

Good Friday Worship - Asbury

 **Good Friday**



Sunrise Service



He is Risen!



 **Easter Sunday**

**Easter Sunday
Worship at
Asbury**



A Bloom in Their Memory

Help Us Fill the Vase for Memorial Day



This May, we invite you to honor the memory of a loved one by adding a flower to our community vase. For every \$5 donation (or simply as a heartfelt gesture - no donation required), you may choose an artificial flower from the display or bring one of your own. ***Each flower represents someone we carry in our hearts.***

- Flowers will be placed in a large vase at the Fellowship table throughout the month of May.
- On Memorial Day Sunday, the filled vase will be placed on the altar during worship as a visual tribute to those we remember and cherish.
- Please place your gift in an envelope labeled "Memorial Gift" and place it in the offering plate or send it into the church office by May 31st. If you are paying by check, please make it out to "Asbury UMC - Memorial Gift". Cash donations may be placed in the jar next to the vase.

After worship on Memorial Day Sunday, join us for a special Fellowship with cake served in memory of our loved ones.

Please direct questions to Lisa Smith,
Co-Chair Memorials and Gifts Committee
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A NOTE FROM NEW DAY CHILDREN'S CENTER

Developing Children's Self-Esteem

As early childhood professionals, we work hard to help children develop a positive self-concept. Developing this involves fostering children's sense of determination by providing opportunities for choices, responsibilities, and problem solving, while also validating their feelings and encouraging their curiosity. It's about letting them take on age-appropriate tasks and responsibilities, allowing them to explore their interests, and supporting them as they learn to navigate challenges and conflicts. The following words detail an important story from my own childhood regarding how I was able to develop positive self-esteem, while at the same time, overcoming several obstacles.

At the age of thirteen, I lived in a small suburban home with my mother and stepfather. My mother worked full time as a speech and language pathologist. My stepfather was a cruel man who abused pills and alcohol and relied on my mother to support him. Needless to say, we did not have much in the way of material things. My mother was a kind and caring woman who always wanted to help people. She was also a strict parent who believed in setting limits and the kind of discipline that would make me never want to do a bad thing again. I was not given choices and my feelings were not often validated. In addition, I was not encouraged or taught to navigate challenges and conflicts. I was also not encouraged to be independent.

Right before my thirteenth Christmas, my mother asked me what I wanted as a gift. It was then that I told her I wanted a sewing machine just like the one that I had been learning on in school. My grandmother had been an expert seamstress most of her life, and I watched her sew often as a child. My mother had no desire or ability to sew, but I had learned in school that I not only enjoyed this activity, but had a real aptitude for it as well. In a few days' time I found myself with my mother at a large department store that sold used sewing machines. Coming up the escalator to the second floor, I spotted it! This was the object that was to change my life forever. There it sat, the sewing machine just like the one I had learned on at school. It was placed in a rickety cabinet and we brought it home and placed it in my bedroom. I purchased material to make myself a dress with my allowance money. Thus, I began a lifetime of making clothing, not only for myself, but for others. From making historically accurate clothing to Bridal gowns and everything in between. This has been a gift that I have loved and cherished. Navigating the complexities of making garments has truly provided me with the ability to feel positive about myself and my abilities.

I tell this story because I believe there is a way for every child to develop positive self-esteem. At New Day Children's Center, we provide children with opportunities to feel positive about themselves and hope that they will continue to do so even after they leave our doors.

Susan Gibson
Executive Director



The Asbury Mission Committee voted to give New Day Children's Center a check for \$1,000 to help cover the cost of setting up another classroom. This classroom will help meet the demand for more childcare in our area.

In the photo to the left, Kerry Roberge, chair of Mission Committee, presents Susan Gibson, Executive Director of New Day Children's Center, with a check.



- May 7 **Barbara Simmons**
- May 8 **Darlene Welbourn**
- May 20 **Roxanne Robinson**
- May 20 **Rev. Toby Schilling**
- May 21 **Steven Marshall**
- May 27 **Brindle Veretto**



- Terry and Mary MacAdam**
May 6, 1972
- Rev. David and Barbara Simmons**
May 23, 1986
- Dale and Marianne Scott**
May 29, 1965



Memorial Service

Gerald "Jerry" Bretsch
Wednesday, May 7,
11 a.m. @ Asbury UMC

Karen M. Jamieson
Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.
@ Asbury UMC

William "Bill" Henry Hickox
Monday, June 16, 11 a.m.
@ Asbury UMC



Nicholas James Arthur Delair was baptized on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

submitted by Max Bovee

May 4: Ecclesiastes 7:14

"When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider this: God has made the one as well as the other."

May 11: Isaiah 9:2

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

May 18: Isaiah 41:13

"I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand."

May 25: Isaiah 44:22

"I have swept away your offenses, like the morning mist."

HELP US FEED THOSE IN NEED!

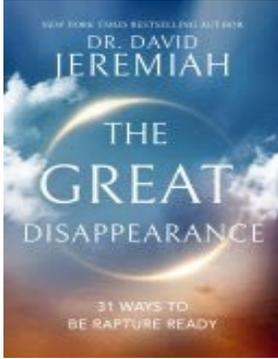
Purchase a loaf or two of bread and bring it to Asbury on Communion Sunday - the first Sunday of each month. The bread is taken to the Urban Mission Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.



91 loaves of bread were received and taken to the Urban Mission Food Pantry on April 6, 2025.

The deadline for articles for the JUNE newsletter is **Thursday, May 29, 2025**. Please email articles and pictures to Sue Beaman at asburybeacon@gmail.com in WORD format or give them to Faith in the church office.

COMING IN JUNE!



**A Video Study by Dr. David Jeremiah – 2025
“The Great Disappearance” (How To Be Rapture Ready)**

Facilitated by Max Bovee

Six Monday Evenings: 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. @ Asbury Parlor
June 2 – July 7

Schedule

June 2 – Introductory Video and “If We Die” – Psalm 23

June 9 – “A Great Day”, “What’s Up With Heaven?”, “Why The Delay?”

June 16 – “The Noah Factor”, “Salvation In The Tribulation”, “Delivered Before Destruction”

June 23 – “Will Children Be Raptured?”, “Kept From The Hour”, “Dead Silence”

June 30 – “At Any Moment”, “Rapture And Return”, “Shock And Awe”

July 7 – “Live Like You Were Dying”, “The Final Invitation”, “Why Study Prophecy?”

Synopsis: The Rapture can happen at any time. There will be no warning sign announcing, “Get ready now – He is coming back today!” Following the departure of the saints, the seven-year Tribulation will begin, a harrowing time for anyone left behind. For those who wish to be part of the Great Disappearance, now is the time to get ready.

Free handouts provided – Bring your Bible!

Questions or further information – Max Bovee: 315-232-4158

Christian Artist, Dave Pettigrew Coming to Asbury

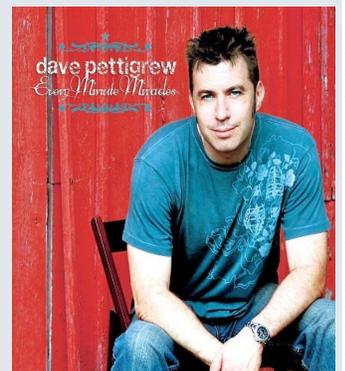
Asbury Church will host a concert featuring Dave Pettigrew on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. Dave Pettigrew is a Christian artist that has opened for many groups, including Michael W. Smith, for King & Country, Mercy Me, Jeremy Camp, Big Daddy Weave, Brandon Heath, Sidewalk Prophets, Phil Wickham, and many more. He has graciously agreed to sing at our church as part of his tour of the eastern side of the USA this June. He is an incredible performer and gifted speaker.

Flyers will be out as the date comes closer. Admission will be a suggested donation of \$10 and a canned good for the Urban Mission.

I hope to fill the church!

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend and spread the word!

Please contact **Lindsay Webb (315-408-5099 or lindsaywebb1102@gmail.com)** with questions.



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**Join us for
SUNDAY WORSHIP at
8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**



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Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors...
The people of the
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Church

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HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

