

WELCOME CENTER: First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 71

Online: 78

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 351

2025 Year-to-Date Total: 12,755

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters: Dodie Bretsch, Rosemary Denesha, and Sue Snell

Liturgist: Suzanne Wrenn and Barbara Simmons

Organist: Laura Washburn

Chapel Service: Wayne Morris

Acolytes: Nicholas Delair, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Alexander Patrick, Michael Rudd, and Ruzena Rudd

Shepherds: Bonnie Peck and Pam Quimby

Ushers: Max Bovee

Wayne Morris

Dale Scott

Bill Smith

Carol Stoodley

Leon VanWie

Lorraine Irwin

Orie Phillips

Jeff Sero

Lisa Smith

Darlene Town

Dan Webb

Frank Massa

Bill Plemons

Kathy Sero

Glen Snell

Patrick Town

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

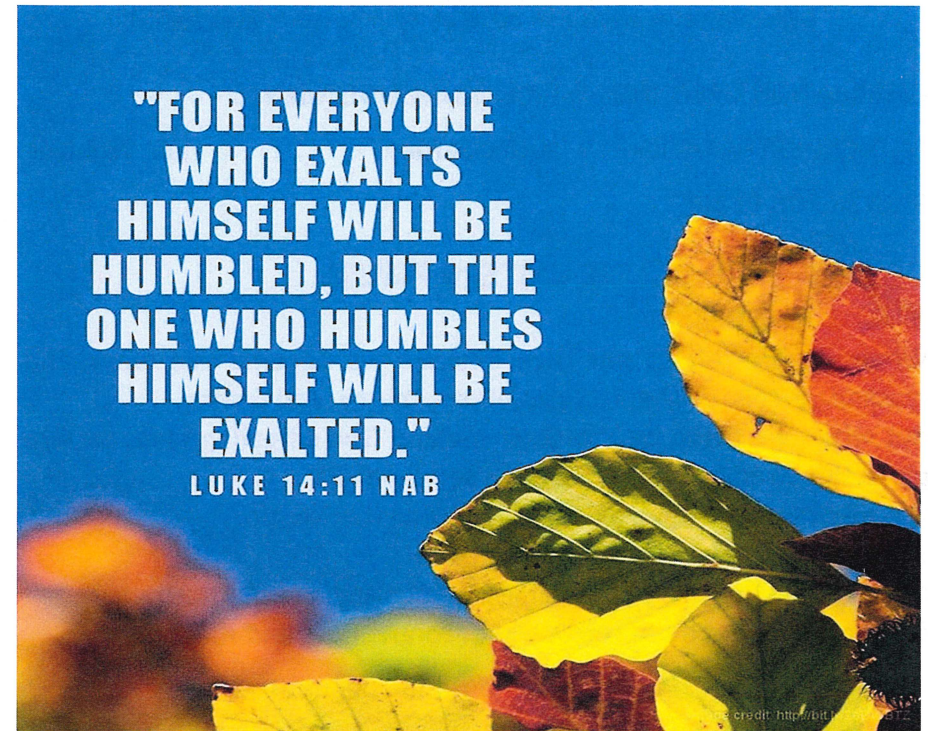
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Shirley Berry, Ellie Cerow, Betty Gill, David Heasley, and Bill Lennon.

Others: Theresa Bierman, Patty C., Tom Carlisle, Rev. Bruce Chapman and wife, Jim Coutu, Connie Hewitt, Mike Hill, Colleen M., Keri Morris, Kathy Ruhm, and William Van Houten.



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUGUST 31, 2025; 10:15 A.M.**

To Form Disciples of Jesus Christ Who, Empowered by The Holy Spirit, Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously in Local Communities and Worldwide Connections.



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Asbury Worship Celebration

GOD CALLS US INTO FULLNESS OF LIFE. WILL WE LISTEN? WILL WE HEAR? WILL WE HONOR THE ONE WHO SEEKS OUR WELFARE?

WE PREPARE

Pastor Michael Terrell is preaching.

( - Indicates please stand, if able, in posture or in spirit.)

CELEBRATION GREETINGS & BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL PREPARATION: "In the Garden" arr. Wolaver

PRAYER FOR PEACE

WE UNITE IN PRAISE

 CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.


But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.

We often want to have our own way in all that we do.

We have a difficult time trusting in God.

Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.

Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy.

 HYMN OF PRAISE: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57

 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Modern Affirmation) #885

 GLORIA PATRI #70

... IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light, but the seductive light too often captures us, and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We

have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER - WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LORD'S PRAYER #895

... IN SHARING

WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR!


SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES: Blessing of the Backpacks (Insert)


MISSION MINUTE

PARISH JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (OFFERING)

OFFERTORY: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by Gabriel

 DOXOLOGY #95

 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

... IN LISTENING

SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR TODAY: The Gospel According to Luke 14: 1, 7-14

PASTORAL REFLECTION: "Get Real"

HYMN SING: *Pick your favorite hymn and we will sing one verse!*

... IN SERVICE

 BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "I'm Bound for the Kingdom" arr. Wolaver



ASBURY UMC
BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS



God of wisdom and knowledge, enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn. Make the schools of our community lively centers for sound learning, discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.

We thank you for the teachers and administrators. Continually renew and affirm in them a sense of calling to the sacred vocation of teaching. Give them loving hearts, wise minds, strong spirits, and a passion for their students.

Fill them with joy, sustain and strengthen them, and give them rest when they are weary. Let them trust the seeds they plant, even when they do not see the harvest. Let them hear deep within themselves your words, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant."

We thank you for each student, their life, and the future before them. Lead them in your way, your truth, and your life. Let each classroom they enter be a place of life and light, warmth and welcome, discovery and growth. Give them good friends and let them be good friends for others.

Set them at tasks which demand their best efforts,
and lead them to accomplishments which satisfy and
delight.

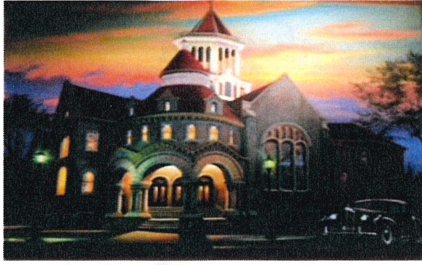
Let them not take failures and disappointments as a
measure of their worth but as opportunities for new
learning and new beginnings.

Open their hearts to life and their minds to learning.
Let Holy Wisdom be their companion.

Accept and bless these backpacks to be for those
who carry them a sign of your and our love, support,
and presence and a reminder each child is loved and
cared for by Asbury United Methodist Church.

All this we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever. Amen.





ASBURY UMC
*Opportunities to Share
 Our Love for God
 and Each Other*



This Week

August 31 - September 7, 2025

Meetings

Christian Connections Meeting @ Parlor
 - Tuesday, September 2: 6:00 P.M.

Scripture of the Week

“It is better not to do anything that will cause others to fall.”

- Romans 14:21 -

Opportunities to Share

Prayer Circle @ Parlor

- Wednesday, September 3: 10:30 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Thursday, September 4: 7:15 P.M.

Asbury Book Club @ Flower Memorial Library

- Friday, September 5: 10:00 A.M.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ IHOP

- Saturday, September 6: 8:00 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal @ Choir Room

- Sunday, September 7: 9:30 A.M.

Bring Bread for Those in Need!

Bring a loaf or two of sliced bread to Asbury on Communion Sunday, September 7th.

The bread will be taken to the Urban Mission Food Pantry and distributed to those in need.

MARTIN

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Sept. 2 **William Lennon**

Sept. 3 **Sue Marino**



Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

Sundays, Sept. 14, 21, and 28 are available to host!

This involves setting up, bringing snacks, and cleaning up. A sign-up sheet is in the rotunda.

Pastor Michael Will Be on Vacation

September 6th - September 12th

Rev. Leon VanWie will lead both services on Sunday, September 7th.



**We'll be closed
 Monday, September 1
 for Labor Day.**

**We will open again
 Tuesday, September 2**

ASBURY'S STAFF

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THE VISION OF ASBURY

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THE MISSION OF ASBURY

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

THE ASBURY MOTTO

No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!

Join Us Next Sunday, September 7th

Worship Services:

Rev. Leon VanWie will lead both services.

Holy Communion will be served at both the
8:15 AM Chapman Chapel Service and the
10:15 AM Traditional Service.

Luke 14:28-32 "The Importance of Planning"



Do You Have Your Asbury Apparel Yet?

There are still some items available to purchase! Items can be purchased at the church office.

T-Shirts: \$10.00 each Hoodies: \$20.00 each

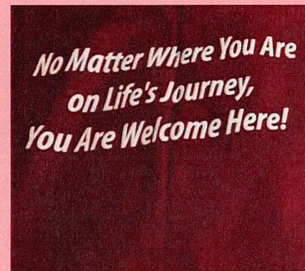
New Design

T-Shirts:

- 3 - Youth L
- 1 - Adult S
- 2 - Adult XL
- 1 - Adult 2XL

Hoodie:

- 1 - Adult 2XL



Old Design

T-Shirts:

- 3 - Youth S
- 3 - Youth M
- 5 - Youth L
- 1 - Adult S
- 1 - Adult 2XL
- 1 - Adult 3XL



The Carpet Has Been Cleaned

Please enjoy refreshments in the rotunda. Please only bring water into the sanctuary. Thank you!

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 10:00 A.M. - NOON