

# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Monthly Newsletter

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH
- 9:00AM—Sunday School Classes
- 10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST
- 11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 3:30-4:30 SNACK/HOMEWORK CLUB
- 4:30-5:00-MUSIC
- 5:00-5:30-KIDS CLUB
- 6:00-7:00-YOUTH
- 6:00-7:00-CHOIR

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## May Birthdays

Binnie Brooks  
Jack Bullen  
Lou Coleman  
Lisa Crum  
Jill Dobias  
Susan Holzschuh  
Cindy Kelley  
Ivy Lawson  
Bob Leonard  
Hannah Leonard  
Lynn Reviere  
Fletcher Sherrill  
Bob Southerland  
WG Taylor  
Tom Wright



*Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."*

Holy Conferencing... On April 23, 2024 the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will begin meeting. Our last General Conference was a special called session in 2019, when we met in St. Louis. That feels such a long time ago to me. It was supposed to deal with human sexuality and many issues that surround that topic, and set a course for the future. But then Covid and so many other things happened!

Now we are preparing again for the future and what it might hold. We again turn to the process of Holy Conferencing. What is Holy Conferencing? Ultimately it is a process for how we care for one another. Jesus taught the disciples that "where two or more are gathered in my name I will be there also." After 30 years in ministry I can promise you that where two or more are gathered there will be a disagreement and we need Jesus there to keep us from ending relationships. How many have lost someone important to you over a disagreement that just can't be overcome?

When the General Conference gathers there will be 862 delegates from around the globe. I like to remind people that we are a global denomination, I believe this is one of the things that keeps us grounded in our relationships with one another and God. John Wesley began using holy conferencing in small group settings. But the principles of listening to understand and not merely responding, loving one another, and listening for God in the midst of the conversation, have become a part of our DNA. Wesley referred to holy conferencing as a means of grace. Meaning that this is not only a way to reach understanding but also a way to draw near to God.

The General Conference begins their work in legislative committees. This enables people to begin engaging with one another in smaller groups. It is my understanding that there will be 14 legislative committees at this general conference. They will be going through some 1,099 petitions hoping to be voted on. These cover the full gamut of how we do life in our world. After the legislative committees have completed their work they conference will join together for worship and sabbath. They don't work on Sunday.

Bishop Christian Alsted (Nordic-Baltic Episcopal Area) cites the early American version of Holy Conferencing was for "polity, unity and revival." It is my great hope and prayer that we may again join in the unity of the body and enjoy a revival of the Spirit coming out of this season of Holy Conferencing. Please join me in praying for our delegates as they give themselves to this time, April 23- May 3. May the Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and actions, and may God give them the words of unity and peace. But most of all may God's will be done!

Blessings,  
Jerry

## Planning Center Church Software

We are well into the new church office software. We now have all the giving transferred over for this year and your quarterly statements was mailed this week. We are still learning the new system and from an administrative side it is working extremely well. Communication has increased and responses have been very positive. There will be less emails and texts as we get further into using the system. We have had positive feed back and making adjustments as we go. Please download the mobile app and if you give online please switch over to our new giving system on the website.

Thank you  
Susan

1. Please download the Church Center app to stay connected with your Asbury Church family.
2. If you haven't done so already, please update your contact information in our database. By providing your email and phone number, we can ensure that you receive information about upcoming events and important updates. You can also connect with other members directly through the app or online. You can find a handout with instructions for this in the narthex or you can contact Susan Bowers or John Reviere and they'll be happy to assist.
3. If you are visiting with us today, please be sure to complete one of our connection cards, and be sure to provide an email address and phone number so that we might extend a personal welcome to you.

Download our mobile app at  
<https://asburylife.churchcenter.com/setup>

Or scan the QR code.



## May Anniversaries

Brandon & Paige Hull  
Bill & Judy Kennon  
Jerry & Shelia Moore  
Steve & Marcia Parsons  
Matt & Brook Ripley  
Byron & Suzanne Wagner

# Congregational Care

Living at Home  
Felty & Jean Masengill  
Betty Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe  
Marjorie Davenport  
Winifred Kuper  
Barbara Serral  
Mary Van Dreal

Asbury United Methodist Women, President Sandy Noonan



May 6 will be the LAST MEETING of the UMW as we break for the summer. (We will resume our meetings on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.) For this meeting we will play some fun games and simply enjoy the fellowship that comes from being with friends.

If you've never attended a UMW meeting, the United Methodist Women are an integral part of our church's ministry. We work within the church and community. Every lady is welcome; we'd love to see you and feel free to bring a friend! Here are the particulars:

We meet at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall (meeting lasts approximately 1 hour)  
Be sure to bring a sack lunch (drinks and dessert will be provided)  
We will also be collecting a donation for the UMW treasury

We had an amazing April meeting. Mary was our guest speaker, who brought us up-to-date on the homeless situation in our area and what steps the C.A.R.E. Center has taken. Mary not only helps at the Center, but was instrumental in setting up the Center and Thrift Store.

As we enjoy vacation time with family and friends during the summer months, let's not forget there are still those in our community who need our assistance. If you would like to contribute or volunteer at the Center or Thrift Store, just stop by or follow them on Facebook.

Have a wonderful summer and we will forward to seeing you in the fall!

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.





# 2024 Senior Graduates



Nash Barnes



Maria Adon



David Fisher



Mary Brooks



Braxton Dabbs



Don Stansfield IV

Not pictured: Macey Haun & Mileena Hamaker



## From the Children's Director-Susan Kilday

Here are just a few pictures of our Easter Egg Hunt last month. We were so happy to see all of those people coming through the doors. What a feeling that was to have a true community event! I want to thank all of our parents and volunteers for giving their time to make this such a huge success.



The Children's Choir is hard at work, practicing their special Mother's Day song that they will perform during the service on that day. Get ready because it's a cute one!





## END OF YEAR TRIP

The Children's Ministry is planning a trip to Sevier Air Trampoline and Ninja Warrior Park for the end of year trip on May 18th. We will also eat at CiCi's pizza before returning home on that day. See Susan Kilday for details if your family would like to participate.

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

We have such great volunteer participation happening in the Children's Ministry right now. For our after school program, our volunteers are Gretchen and Fletcher Sherrill, Macey Haun, and Mary and Erin Perry. We have Brenda Ottinger, Sandra Fox, and Mary Brooks working with our Bible teams to get them ready for their big Bible Bowl game on May 15th. Please come out and support the kids on that day 4:30-5:30





**Natasha DeBord**  
 Director of Student Ministries



Three of our Youth was Baptized last month. William Jessee, Damion Powelczyk, & Mileena Hamaker. Thank you to all the members of the congregation that came out to support these youth and bless their journey in faith.



<h1>May</h1>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>Youth</b> 1 3:00-6:00	2	3	4
<b>Senior Sunday</b> 5 10:30	6	7	<b>Youth</b> 8 3:00-6:00	9	10	11
12	13	14	<b>Youth</b> 15 3:00-6:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	<b>Celebration</b> 22 3:00-6:00	23	24	25
<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 26	27	28	29	30	31	







Camp Bays Mountain Mission Trip  
Our youth went to Camp Bays Mountain to help prepare for the summer camp. Lots of hard work and fellowship.



# 2024 Leadership

## Church council:

Chairperson Tom Cole  
Secretary Susan Bowers  
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones  
Director of  
    Family Ministries  
Director of  
    Student Ministries Natasha DeBord  
Director of  
    Traditional Music Cindy Sams  
Director of  
    Cont. Worship Abby Whitaker  
Lay Leader John Reviere  
Lay Leader  
Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons  
Lay Member to  
    AC-Alternate  
Children's Council  
    Rep. Lynette Hill  
Senior Adult Rep. Dinah Seip  
UMW Rep. Sandy Noonan  
ACEC Chairperson  
Mission Team  
    Chairperson Tom Smith  
Trustees  
    Chairperson Tom Smith  
Staff-Parish  
    Chairperson  
Finance  
    Chairperson Rodney Bell  
Evangelism Chairperson John Reviere

## Finance Committee:

Chairperson Rodney Bell  
Treasure Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells  
Financial Secretary Susan Bowers  
Trustees  
    Chairperson Tom Smith  
Staff-Parish  
    Chairperson  
Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard  
Lay Leader TBD  
Leadership Team  
    Chairperson Tom Cole  
Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons  
*At-Large* Buddy Yonz  
Year 3 Chuck Whitfield  
Year 2 Shane Hite  
Year 2 Mary Louise Fisher  
Year 1 Paige Hull  
Year 1 Lennie Lawson

## Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Kay Freer  
Year 3 Tee Earl  
Year 3 Marcia Parsons  
Year 2 Phyllis Bible  
Year 2 Rebecca Uhls  
Year 2 Sally Andrew  
Year 1 Sharron Jeffers  
Year 1 Brandon Hull  
Year 1 Emily Whitaker  
Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3 Doris Allen  
Year 3 Art Masker  
Year 3 Don Stansfield  
Year 2 Holly McGaw  
Year 2 Lynn Reviere  
Year 1 Kevin James  
Year 1 Dale Landers  
Year 1 Vicky Cole  
Year 1 Dr. Rebekah Taylor-Chair  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

## Trustees:

Year 3 Frank Holzschuh  
Year 3 John Cash  
Year 3 Rachel Hensley  
Year 2 Leslie Allen  
Year 2 Stephanie Hite  
Year 2 Mike Barnes  
Year 1 Nellie Metcalf  
Year 1 Tom Smith-Chair  
Year 1 David Kilday  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones  
Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

## ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3 Diane Gibson-Chair  
Year 3 Brenda Ottinger  
Year 3 Janie Laws  
Year 2 Mary Louise Fisher  
Year 2 Don Fox  
Year 2 Terri Lawson  
Year 1 Tom Cole  
Year 1 Kay Freer  
At Large  
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

## Evangelism Committee:

John Reviere-Chair  
David Andrew  
Jeff Taylor  
Susan Holzschuh  
Mike Barnes  
Dale Landers  
Lisa Crum  
Lee Duckworth  
Lori Duckworth

## Missions Committee:

Kay Freer  
John Cash  
Pat Bradford  
Lynette Hill

## Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries  
    Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh  
Benevolence Team  
    Chairperson: Marcia Parson  
Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker  
Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl  
Evangelism Chairperson: John Reviere  
Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon  
Historian: Carolyn Gregg  
Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley  
Nurture Ministries  
    Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury  
Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip  
Mission Ministries: Tom Smith  
Outreach Ministries: John Cash  
Sunday School  
    Superintendent: Jerry Moore  
Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew



# May

# 2024

<p><u>Abbreviation Key</u></p> <p>Boots Bewley-BB      Disciple Classroom-DC      LaRue Classroom-LR      Sanctuary-ST</p> <p>Chapel-CH      D&amp;H Brown Classroom-DH      Library-LB      Sisters By Grace-SG</p> <p>Choir Room-CR      Fellowship Hall-FH      Parlor-PL      Youth Room-YR</p> <p>John Wesley Class-JWC      Prayer Shawl Room-PSR</p>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			8A-Van Dreal study group 9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence	6P-Boy Scouts		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9A-Sunday School 1030A-Senior Sunday –ST 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence	8:30AM ACEC Mothers Day		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-Trustee Meeting	8A-Van Dreal study group 9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence 4:30P-Bible Bowl		2:30P_ ACEC Graduation-ST	KIDMIN Yearend Trip
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9A-Sunday School 1030A-Single Service –ST 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5P-ACEC Training	9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence		6P-Boyscout Ceremony	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place 4P-Church Picnic	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence			

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**SUNDAY GROUP**  
**OPPORTUNITIES**

9A— Nursery, Preschool & K-5th  
Children's Dept.  
(under Sanctuary)

**1st Floor Education Building**

9A—D&H Brown  
(mixed gender, 50-70s)  
9A—Sisters by Grace  
(females, mixed age)

**2nd Floor Education Building**

9A—Choir  
(mixed gender, mixed age)

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