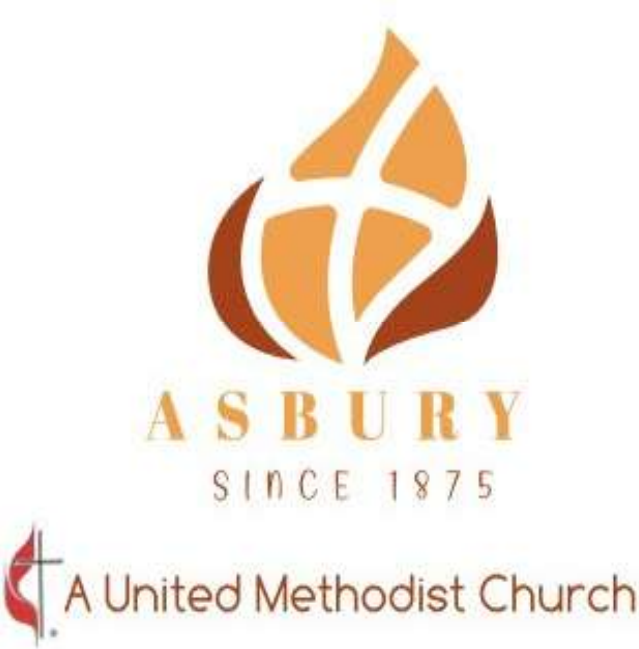


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children's & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Vacation Bible School This summer, Asbury will host a VBS, much like last summer's, from July 14- 16, 9:00-11:00. (Tues, Wed, Thurs.) The theme this year will be "Heroes of Faith," and will guide children through several important people in the Bible. We will learn through stories, crafts, songs, snacks, and themed activities. Can you help? Please contact Sarah McMillan or Rebekah Taylor. Planning to send a kiddo to join the fun? Please let us know!
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i> 10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw, (Nancy Worley's Daughter).
Bible Studies / Small Groups • Gardening with Gratitude is a small group rooted in faith, community, and the simple grounding joy of getting our hands dirty - together. The group will meet on July 16, 2026, on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 12th DAY of JULY 2026

10:30 AM

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET, GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

WWW.ASBURLIFE.ORG . (423) 798-1050

MORNING WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

"Kyrie: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit" by J.S. Bach

Ed Logan

The Greeting

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

† At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in Praise*

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

The Apostles Creed*

See Insert

UMH #881

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children's Message

Don Stansfield III

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

Dr. Rebekah Taylor

Prayer Hymn

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing "

UMH #57

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Songs of Worship

Amazing Grace (Our Chains Are Gone)

Reckless Love

Worship Team

*Please stand as you are able, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for July 5, 2026			
Sunday School	Canceled	Livestream Views	421
Traditional Service	38	Children's Church	4
Contemporary Service	13	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	25
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	5	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	Summer Vacation
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	July 16	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly —Wednesday)	7
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	20	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	21
Prayer Requests			
Our Military Men and Women, Please keep all those serving in our nation's armed forces in your prayers. Pray that God will surround them with His protection, grant them wisdom, strength, and courage, and bring them safely home to their loved ones. May the Lord also comfort and sustain their families, filling them with peace, hope, and the assurance of His abiding presence. Alex Whitaker Pilot - Air Force, Lincoln Taylor - Navy Pilot			
Please keep Kay-Kay, Hubert B., John Cash, Herman Rogers, and Isabella in your prayers. God knows each situation and every need. May His comfort, healing, strength, and peace surround them during this time.			

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION

View our Prayer List



View Our Coming Events



Give Online



Join our Live-stream



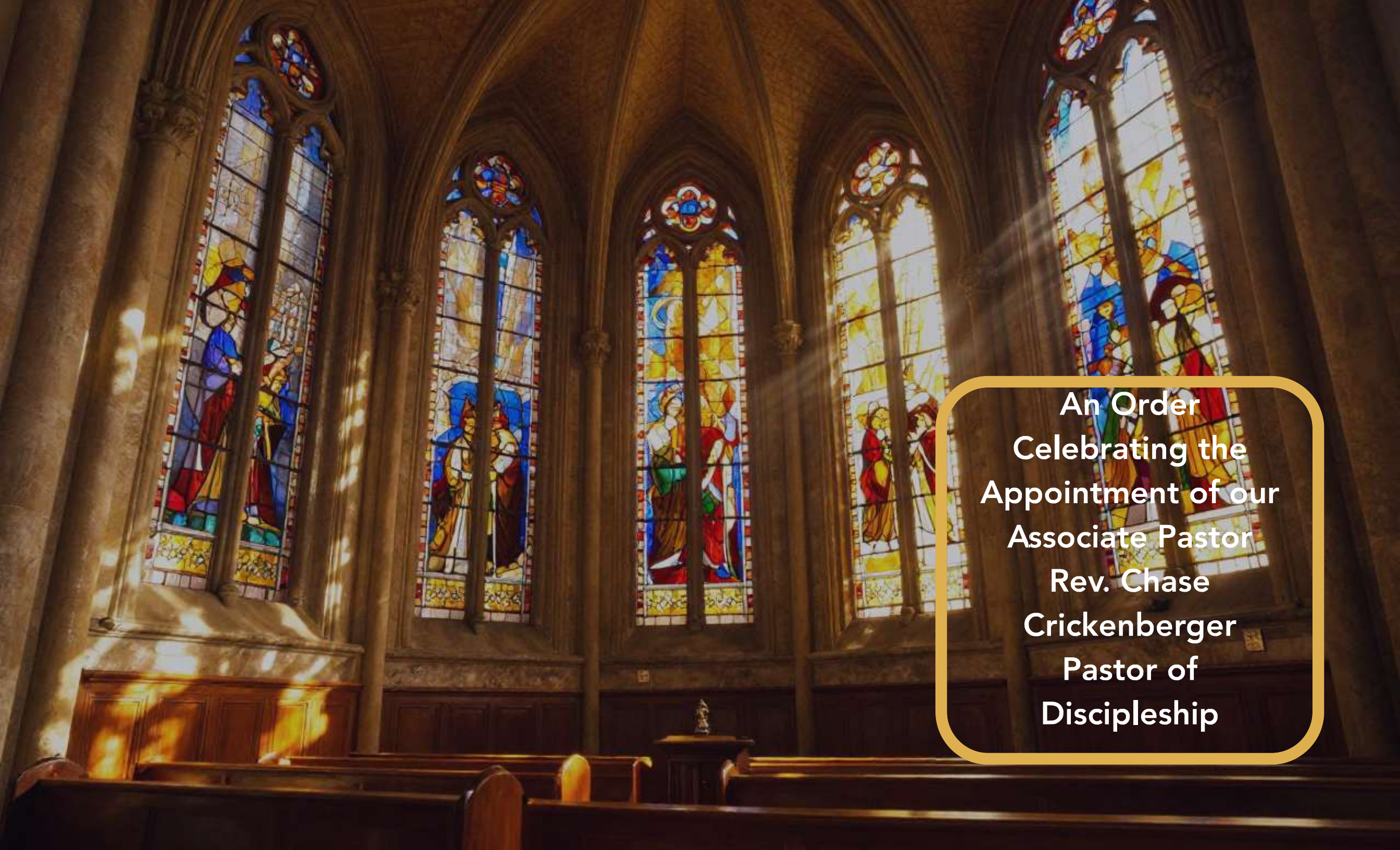
TODAYS' WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Chase Crickenberger
Liturgist:	Dr. Rebekah Taylor
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield
Nursery Host:	Emily Bell
Organist / Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Soundings / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
The alter flowers are in honor of Rev. Bowers and Rev. Crickenberger.	
Leadership Onboarding Gathering Sunday, July 19 2:00–6:00 p.m. Asbury UMC A time of fellowship, vision, and connection as we welcome our new Pastor for Discipleship, Rev. Chase Crickenberger, and gather with church leaders. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Angela Hardy Cross. RSVP to the church office (Kathy).	
Come to the Waters of Grace – Holy Baptism Saturday, August 15, 2026 4:00 p.m. Chapel A service of Holy Baptism for infants, children, youth, and adults. Contact Pastor Rev. Sharon Bowers or the church office for questions or to participate.	
District Day with the Bishop (Save the Date) Tuesday, September 15, 2026 6:00–8:00 p.m. A combined clergy and laity gathering for worship, learning, and connection with the Bishop. Bishop Debra Wallace Padgett will be our guest and members of the Appalachia District. Please plan on being here and providing radical Asbury hospitality.	

MORNING WORSHIP		
July 12, 2026		
PROCLAIMING THE WORD		
The Scripture Lesson*	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)	Dr. Rebekah Taylor
The Message	Greene Pastures	Rev. Chase Crickenberger
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.		
Giving Our Tithes & Offerings		
Please register your attendance in the red folder in your pew, and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information.		
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Anthem (Organ Offertory)	"Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now" arr. Paul Manz	Ed Logan
Doxology	See Insert	UMH # 95
Hymn of Invitation*	"Lord of the Dance"	UMH #261
Celebration of An Appointment		Dr. Rebekah Taylor
"Gloria Patri"		UMH # 70
Blessings of the Pastor		Rev. Sharon Bowers
"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"		UMH #557
Benediction*		Rev. Chase Crickenberger
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: An also with you.	
Postlude*	"Now Holy Spirit, We Pray to Thee" by Dietrich Buxtehude	Ed Logan

Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.

Liturgy for Worship
The Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. **Universal
Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver usfrom evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing
Friends, the spiritual pastures of Greeneville and Greene County have been sown. The soil is rich. The weeds have been pulled. Thanks be to God, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, for that good news! May we go out from this place as the church ready to receive the harvest. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The background image shows the interior of a Gothic church. It features high, vaulted ceilings and tall, narrow stained glass windows with intricate designs. Sunlight streams through the windows, creating a warm, golden glow and casting long shadows across the dark wooden pews in the foreground. The architecture is characterized by pointed arches and ribbed vaulting.

An Order
Celebrating the
Appointment of our
Associate Pastor
Rev. Chase
Crickenberger
Pastor of
Discipleship

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT

Liturgist - Dr. Rebekah Taylor

Dear friends, today we welcome **Rev. Chase Crickenberger**, who *has* been appointed to serve as our pastor(s). We believe that *he* is well qualified and *has* been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Rev. Dr. Wallace-Padegett.

Liturgist

Rev. Crickenberger you have been sent to live among us as *a bearer* of the Word of God; *a minister* of the Sacraments; and *a sustainer* of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Congregation

Today we reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Liturgist

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold **Rev. Crickenberger** in these ministries?

Congregation

We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Liturgist

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

Congregation:

Who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Let us Sing together "Gloria Patri" - Glory Be

UMH# 70

Liturgist Let us pray.

Almighty God, you still call us to go into your service and spread the message of the salvation of your Son. Bless richly, we pray, your servant

Rev. Crickenberger entrance into our fellowship. Fill him with the power of your Holy Spirit and let him find with us an open door for the Word. We also pray for your church on earth. Equip us all with a spirit of willingness, that we with courage can witness about you by the profession of our mouths and through our way of living. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy, so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world, to be radiating and make alive that hope which Christ gives. All this we dare to pray of you; for you are to us the Father of mercy and the God of all grace; you are the Son, the Savior and the Redeemer; you are the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Helper and the Giver of life. Blessed be you. **Amen.**

Surely the Presence of the Lord x2

UMH# 328

When a pastor, associate pastor, or deacon is being appointed to a congregation for the first time, representatives of the congregation may make any or all of the following presentations, or others as may be deemed appropriate. After each presentation, the newly appointed person responds Amen and places it on a table.

Jeff Taylor

Rev. Chase, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

Marcia Parsons

Rev. Chase, take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place. **Amen.**

Doris Allen,

Rev. Chase, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Art Masker
Rev. Chase, use this hymnal to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

Ryan McMillan
Rev. Chase, use this Book of Worship to share the liturgies, prayers, and rituals of the UMC with the congregation and others.

John Reviere
Rev. Chase, receive this Book of Discipline, and help us keep the covenant that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

Bob Leonard
Rev. Chase, receive this globe, and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. **Amen.**

Rev. Sharon Bowers
Rev. Chase, receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and Shepherd as our Associate Pastor. **Amen.**

Rev. Chase Crickenber
This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself.
Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation:
Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Chase kneeling at the altar

Rev. Sharon Bowers
The Lord Bless you and keep you; May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen**

Song “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH#557

Benediction - **Rev. Chase Crickenberger**