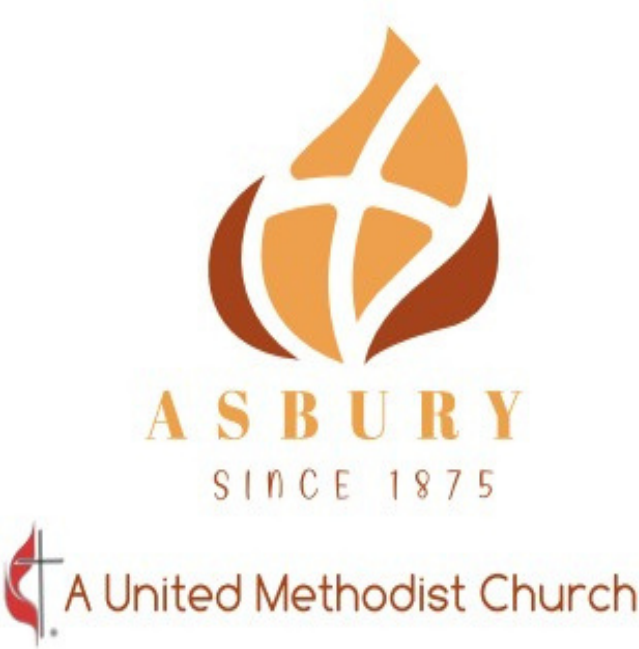


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays 10 A.M.</i> Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw (Nancy Worley’s Daughter).
Bible Studies / Small Groups X’ianity: Christianity 101 Sundays, at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Interested in attending the Contemporary Service and looking for a Sunday School class? Join Pastor Chase for Christianity 101, a welcoming discussion of the foundations of the Christian faith. Whether you're new to Christianity, exploring your faith, or simply looking to connect with others, everyone is welcome. Foundations: A New Member Class Sundays, at 6:00 P.M. in the Asbury Library. Join us for a 7-week study to explore our Methodist heritage, Wesleyan tradition, and what it means to be part of Asbury UMC. (Pastor Chase). The Bible Told Them So Begins Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 P.M. in the La Rue Room. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. All are welcome! (Pastor Sharon). 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 September 17, 2026, on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 23rd DAY of August 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light Instrumental Music Martha Wiley

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* "My Hope Is Built" UMH# 368

The Apostles Creed* See Insert UMH #881

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

Gloria Patri* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Passing Of The Peace* Marcia Parsons

The Children’s Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession Marcia Parsons

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer Marcia Parsons

Prayer Hymn "Spirit Of The Living God" UMH #393 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ronnie Wong

The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Ronnie Wong

*Please stand in body or spirit, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for August 16, 2026			
Sunday School	14	Livestream Views *Contemporary Service	*298
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	43	Children’s Church	3
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	18	Children’s Chapel	25
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children’s Church & Youth	39
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	Canceled	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	6
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	September 6	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	22
Prayer Requests			
Pray for 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. Alex Whitaker, Air Force pilot; Lincoln Taylor, Navy pilot; Jackson Renner, Army Reserve.			
Please keep the Milligan University community, the families and loved ones of the students involved in the tragic cycling accident in Hampton, and all those affected in your prayers. May God surround them with His comfort, peace, strength, and presence during this heartbreaking time. Amen.			
Please keep all students, teachers, administrators, and school staff in your prayers as a new school year begins. May God guide, protect, and strengthen them, and may He bless their classrooms with patience, kindness, wisdom, and a spirit of learning.			

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Marcia Parsons
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Music:	Martha Wiley
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
The altar flowers are given in honor of the Crickenberger family. We will be packing food kits for CANUP (Coalition Addressing the Needs of Unhoused People) on Wednesday, August 26, from 5:00-5:30 P.M. in the Wesley Room. Our goal is to pack 100 food kits for distribution in September. The one item we really need is individual servings of vegetables with peel-tops, sold as 4-packs at Food City, Ingles, and Publix in the canned vegetable aisle. Thank you for your continued support for this ministry in our community. The Bible Told Them So Begins Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 P.M. in the La Rue Room. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. All are welcome! (Pastor Sharon). Gardening with Gratitude Looking for a way to connect through faith, fellowship, and gardening? Gardening with Gratitude meets Thursday, September 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. and will continue on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact John Reviere.	

MORNING WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

Proclaiming The Word

The Scripture Lesson*	Matthew 16: 13-20 NRSV	Marcia Parsons
The Message	The Joy of Knowing Christ	Rev. Sharon Bowers

Response To The Word

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.		
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
Offertory Song	Song of Giving	Martha Wiley
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	UMH# 382

Sending Forth

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	Instrumental Music	Martha Wiley

*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 ye 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 us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing
As you leave today, may you take with you the joy of knowing who Christ is. May you allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you into all truth. May you continue to move past the gates of fear, distress, and uncertainty. May this be the week that you boldly declare that no thing can prevail against you. Go in the joy, peace, and strength of knowing Christ. Amen.
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways and our failure to follow you in your path of right relationships with you and with others. We have gone astray. We feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring justice. We feel the stains of sin. God, have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We ask for your guiding hand on our lives, for you are the immortal, invisible one. To you be honor and glory forever. Amen. Assurance of Pardon: Merciful and loving God, thank you for forgiving us and always welcoming us home. Bold. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.