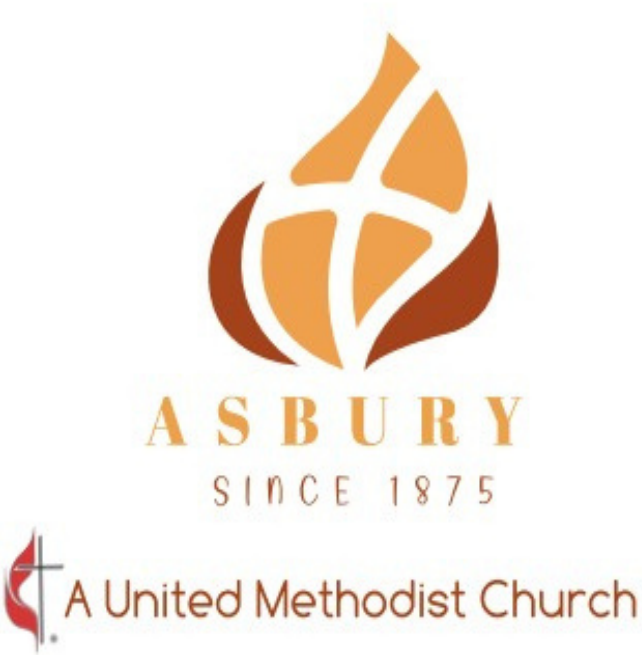


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i> 10 A.M. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw (Nancy Worley’s Daughter).
Bible Studies / Small Groups 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 this class 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). Class will reconvene early Novemeber when Pastor Chase returns from paternity leave. The Bible Told Them So Begins Tuesday, September 22, , at 6:00 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). Books are availbe in the office.



16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE 13th DAY of SEPTEMBER 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

"Jesu, Joy of Man's
Desiring" - J.S. Bach

Dr. Barbara Grissett

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*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

UMH# 158

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

Passing Of The Peace*

Diane Whittenburg

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession

Diane Whittenburg

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE Congregation:

Call to Prayer

Diane Whittenburg

Prayer Hymn

"Surely the Presence of the
Lord is in this Place"

UMH #328 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 September 6, 2026			
Sunday School	7	Livestream Views Traditional Service *Contemporary Service	(295) *241
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	36	Children’s Church	2
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	22	Children’s Chapel	26
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children’s Church & Youth	28
		Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	9/16/2026
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	20	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	21
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 Johnny Cash in your prayers as he works through some serious health issues. Pray for healing, strength, comfort, and peace.			
Please pray for the family of Dale Michael Denton , a member of Asbury’s extended family who recently passed away. May God surround his family and loved ones with comfort and peace during this difficult time.			

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Music:	Dr. Barbara Grissett
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
All ladies of Asbury: You are invited to our monthly meeting Wednesday, September 16th at 11:00 A.M. in the church parlor on the 2nd floor. Please RSVP a text to Doris Allen at 423-329-9092.	
The baptism gown that Frankie Jeanne is wearing is the same gown that her great-grandfather wore in 1908 and that her father, Lincoln and her Aunt Eliza and Uncle Will Grant wore in their baptism at Asbury. The gown was lovingly restored by family friend, Nancy Monger.	
We are getting ready for our annual trip to Fenders Farm on September 30! If you would like to sponsor a child for this trip, we are asking for donations of \$7 per person. Would you like to join us? Let us know you are coming by RSVP to Sarah at sgmteach@yahoo.com and meet us there at 5:30!	
District Day with the Bishop, Tuesday, September 15, 2026 6:00–8:00 P.M. A combined clergy and laity gathering for worship, learning, and connection with the Bishop. Please plan to be here to show Asbury hospitality!	
Quarterly Membership Sunday, September 20, 2026 Traditional Service 10:00 A.M. or Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M. If you would like to become a member, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Sharon or call the office and let us know you would like additional information.	
Life in the Kingdom Sunday School Class will resume meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 9:00 A.M. with Steve Parsons in the LaRue Classroom. This term, we will study the Book of Psalms: The Believer’s Songbook. All are welcome!	

MORNING WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

Proclaiming The Word

The Scripture Lesson*	Mark 10:13-16 NRSV	Diane Whittenburg
The Message	The Joy of Belonging	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	"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" arr. C.S. Lanq	Dr. Barbara Grissett
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Baptism	Frankie Jeanne Taylor	See Insert
Hymn of Invitation	"Standing on the Promises of Christ My King"	UMH# 374

Sending Forth

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	"Rigaudon" - Andre' Campra	Dr. Barbara Grissett

*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.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Let us pray together. Gracious God, we confess that we sometimes close the door when we should leave it open. We have built barriers when you called us to build bridges and break down walls of sameness. Too often, we have overlooked young people and failed to value them. Forgive us for forgetting that every person is created in your image and receives your amazing grace. Teach us to notice the least, the last, and the lost. Open our eyes to see others as Jesus did. Give us hands that reach out, eyes that recognize beauty in everyone, ears that listen with open hearts, and spirits that welcome all. Make Asbury a place where every child, family, neighbor, and stranger feels your love and mercy. Help us show those we see as “other” that there is room for them at the table. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.
Pastoral Blessing
May you always know that you are loved, protected, and cared for by a loving and inclusive God. May you grow in the knowledge that you belong because of God’s grace and mercy. May you surround yourself with people who will walk with you on the journey called life. May you know that when you laugh, God delights in you; when you cry, God will wipe every tear; when you lose your way, God will put you back on the right path; and wherever life takes you, remember that God is always with you. You belong to God! You belong to the family of Christ! And you belong at Asbury!

THE BAPTISM OF
*Frankie Jeanne
Taylor*

—  —
BAPTISMAL PROGRAM



*"For all of you who were baptized
into Christ have clothed yourselves
with Christ."*

GALATIANS 3:27

This service is designed for use when the only persons being baptized are (1) infants or children who cannot take their own vows or (2) youth or adults who have not reached the developmental stage of making such commitments themselves. It is not designed for the baptism of persons who take their own vows, or for confirmation or reaffirmation of faith.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

As persons come forward, an appropriate baptismal hymn may be sung.

Jesus Love Me #191

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Rebekah and Jeff Taylor, Lincoln and Emily Taylor: We present Frankie Jeannie Taylor for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of renouncing all that is evil and then professing faith and loyalty to Christ.

Parents and other sponsors reaffirm these vows for themselves and take on the responsibilities of sponsorship. Receive first, and assist in serving.



The pastor addresses those baptized and their parents and sponsors using an appropriate gesture of blessing:

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

One or more laypersons, including children, may join the pastor in acts of welcome and peace. Baptized children may be welcomed by acts or words immediately following Baptism with Laying on of Hands.

An appropriate hymn, stanza, or response may be sung.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise UMC #611

With Grateful Hearts From our family to each of you, thank you for being part of Frankie Jeanne’s baptism. Today was more than a ceremony—it was a beautiful moment of faith, love, and promise. We are deeply grateful to everyone who came to witness this special day and to those who prayed, encouraged, and celebrated with our family. As Frankie Jeanne begins her journey of faith, it brings us great comfort and joy to know that she is surrounded by a loving family of faith who will walk alongside her, pray for her, teach her, encourage her, and remind her that she is always loved. Thank you for helping us celebrate this sacred milestone and for making this day so meaningful and memorable. May Frankie Jeanne always know that she belongs—to her family, to this community of faith, and most importantly, to God. With love and grateful hearts,

The Taylor Family

In celebration of Frankie Jeanne’s Baptism

The pastor addresses parents and other sponsors:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Frankie Jeanne Taylor in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

A deacon or the pastor addresses the Congregation::, and the Congregation: responds:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Congregation:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Frankie Jeanne Taylor with a community of love and forgiveness, that She may grow in their service to others. We will pray for hwr, that She may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Apostles' Creed in threefold question-and-answer form appeared at least as early as the third century as a statement of faith used in baptisms and has been widely used in baptisms ever since. The candidate(s), sponsor(s), and local Congregation: join with the universal Church across the ages in this historic affirmation of the Christian faith.

The pastor addresses all, and the Congregation joins the parents and sponsors in responding:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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Pastor, laying hand on the newly baptized: The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

*If desired, one or more of the following acts may be added: anointing, presentation of new clothing, presentation of a
baptismal candle, or presentation of a certificate of baptism. When all candidates have been baptized and have received the
laying on of hands and/or other signs, the pastor invites the Congregation: to welcome them:*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ, Frankie Jeanne Taylor
Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

*Pastor: Those who have been baptized into Christ's holy Church are now
welcomed into this Congregation: of The United Methodist Church.*

The pastor addresses the Congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend Frankie Jeanne Taylor to your love
and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect
her in love.

Congregation:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Congregation:

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the
living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation: 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

A deacon or lay leader may pour water for baptism and reaffirmation into the font at this time in
such a way that the Congregation can see and hear the water. This prayer is led by the pastor and
joined by the people. It recalls scriptural images and meanings of Holy Baptism and is comparable to
the Great Thanksgiving at Holy Communion.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And Also with you.

Let us pray.

(The pastor may raise hands in the ancient Christian posture of prayer, and invite the Congregation: to do likewise.)

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

*****Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.***

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

*****Declare Christ’s works to the nations, his glory among all the people.***

The pastor may place hands in or over the water, stir the water, or lift the water. Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

Congregation: **All praise to you, Eternal Good, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

In all services of the baptismal covenant, water should be used generously as a living sign of the abundance of God’s grace, cleansing, and life-giving power. Each candidate is baptized and receives the laying on of hands individually. The pastor uses the first (Christian) name(s), but not the family name:

Frankie Jeanne, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Immediately after the administration of the water, the pastor places hands on the candidate's head and invokes the work of the Holy Spirit. Persons nearby, including baptized members of the candidate's family, may join the pastor in this action. Others present may join by extending their hands toward the candidate.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
for

FRANKIE JEANNE

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE



WELCOME

Parents: [Father's Name] & [Mother's Name]

Godparents: [Godparent 1's Name] & [Godparent 2's Name]

*"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus."
(Galatians 3:26, KJV)*