

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

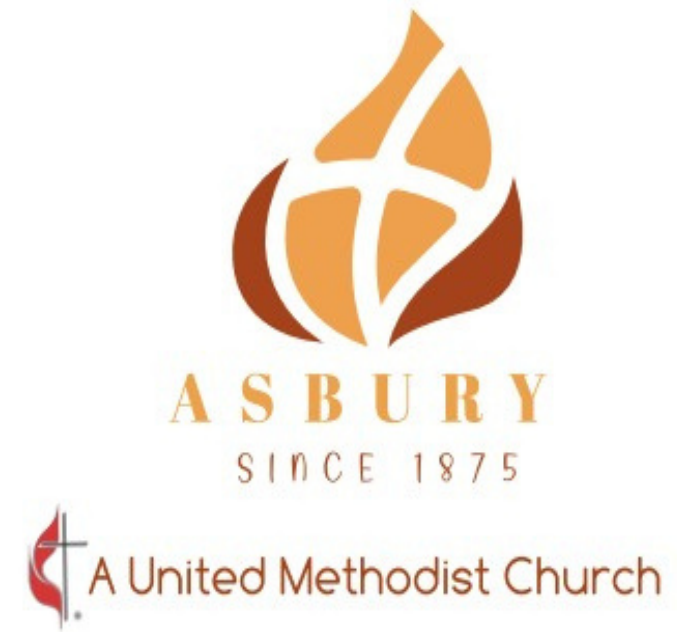
Community Outreach

Morning Pointe Senior Center *Thursdays* | 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 **June 18, 2026 and on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** For additional information, please contact Bart Reviere.

- Each Saturday, Asbury reaches out to the unhoused community by delivering care packages throughout the morning. Contact Kevin James for additional information.
- Join us on the first Sunday of each month—including June 7, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. — as we share a meal with everyone who comes through our doors each week. Come show them that they are loved and cared for.



ASCENSION SUNDAY

THE 17th DAY of May 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET . GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

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MORNING WORSHIP

May 17, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian" Ed Logan
arr. Alec Wyton

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* "Fill My Cup, Lord" UMH #641

The Apostles Creed* See Insert UMH #881

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, work without end. Amen.

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

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

Pastoral Prayer

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson* Luke 9:23 (NASB) Sandra Fox

The Message "Take up the cross?" Rev. Ronald Wong

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





Church Services and Attendance for May 10, 2026

Sunday School	11	Livestream Views	369
Traditional Service	62	Children's Church	4
Contemporary Service	12	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	31
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	31
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	6	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly —Wednesday)	5
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	6/7/2026	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	15

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Linda Bible's brother, David Beach. During his recent colon surgery, doctors discovered colorectal cancer that has spread to his lungs and lymph nodes. He is currently waiting for an appointment with an oncologist.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION

View our Prayer List		View Our Coming Events		Give Online		Join our Live-stream	
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TODAYS' WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Ronald Wong
Liturgist:	Sandra Fox
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Organist / Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Songs / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated toward our bowling trip on May 13! Because of your generosity, the kids were able to enjoy another fun outing. Your kindness really helped us strike up some great memories together!

The United Methodist Women will meet this coming **Wednesday, May 20th**, in the church parlor at Asbury at **11:00 a.m.** All ladies are welcome to attend.

Come join us for our church potluck picnic on **June 7 at 4:00 PM** at Barton Hollow Farms! . We're so excited to gather as a community for a time filled with great food, fun activities, and even better fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share, invite a friend, and come enjoy a relaxing and joyful evening with us. We can't wait to see you there! Don't forget to sign up in the church app!

Men's Retreat Invitation – **August 8, 2026**, Hosted by Greenwood Methodist Church invites the men of our community to a special Men's Retreat, "Cast Your Line: Fishers of Men," on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at the Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium at Tusculum University. Guest speaker Clay Dyer and music by Roger Williams & the All Mixed Up Quartet. No cost to attend; a love offering will be received. RSVP by July 1, 2026. The church email address for sign-up or additional information: greenwoodumchurch18@gmail.com.

MORNING WORSHIP

May 17, 2026

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.

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.

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Ronald Wong

Anthem (Organ Offertory)

"O World, I Must Now Leave Thee"
by Johannes Brahms

Ed Logan

Doxology

See Insert

UMH # 95

Hymn of Invitation*

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

UMH #419

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Rev. Ronald Wong

Peace*

Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: An also with you.

Postlude*

"This Day is So Joyful"
by Johann Pachelbel

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

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Holy God, help us, through your power and your Spirit, transform our lives and mold us more each day into the image of Christ.

Liturgist:

We confess that our faith has made us comfortable with who we've become rather than transform us.

Liturgist:

We believe that change us to help us become who are meant to be to serve You and world we live in.

All:

We confess that we may not know that really looks like and fear what is different.

All:

We confess, we will pray, sing, and listen as it suits us to do so. We may change if it is convenient and only if it is necessary.

All:

Lord Jesus give us the courage to change.

All: We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to become the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Pastor's Blessings

Luke 9:23 (NRSV) "Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"

May you leave this place with the vision to see, the faith to believe, and the courage to follow Christ daily. When the road is difficult, may God give you the strength to rise above the difficulties. When the cross feels heavy, may Christ walk beside you and share your heavy load. When fear and doubt arise, may the Holy Spirit remind you that you are never alone. May your life reflect the love of Jesus in word and deed. May you deny anything that keeps you from God's purpose. May you take up your cross with faith, compassion, and hope. And may your witness shine brightly in your home, your community, and throughout the Go now in peace to love, serve, and follow Jesus Christ. In the name of all that is Holy, we pray. Amen.