

# The Asbury Connection

### Asbury United Methodist Church

Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World by *Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out* 



1 Chronicles 11:10 Now these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

What are heroes? What was a hero then and what does it mean today? Hollywood would have us believe that in order to be a hero you have to be an alien from another planet, the result of a science experiment gone awry, a god, or a billionaire with designs on vengeance. In fact, many people that get elevated to hero status seem more concerned with revenge than anything else. There is a difference between seeking revenge and standing for what is right.

Now it is also true that people become heroes because of the way they respond to health scares, cancer, or life debilitating accidents. The courage they show in just getting out of bed is inspiring. What is the motivating factor for these heroes? There are still other stories of personal sacrifice, where people willingly give their lives for the lives of others. I have a pastor friend that had a church member who needed a kidney and he was a match so he gave one of his kidneys to the church member. Is that being a hero?

During the month of February, we are going to be looking at how God uses ordinary people to produce extraordinary results. In scripture, people display great feats of heroism by doing what is right in the site of the Lord. In fact, when we start looking into some of these people we find that they are much like regular people today; flawed and broken! Make plans now to join us for the heroes of faith series on Sunday in February.

Blessings, Jerry

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## January Birthdays

Carolyn Galloway 2/1 Dominick Jackson 2/2 Lynda Sullivan 2/2 April Johnson 2/3 Addie Leonard 2/3 Bobby Wells 2/3 Art Masker 2/7 Kevin Smith 2/7 Cindy Sams 2/8 Cameron Uhls 2/8 John Reviere 2/9 Janice Justis 2/10 Connie Moore 2/10 Billie Collette 2/13 Katy Babb 2/14 Jake Hall 2/14 Nick Hall 2/14 Mack Hall 2/14 Andrew Whitaker 2/14 Grace Riley 2/17 Leslie Allen 2/18 Susan Jones 2/18 Avery McGaw 2/21 Holly McGaw 8/21 Mike Monger 2/22 Jodie Carter 2/23 Chandler Jones 2/23 Claire Hoeke 2/24 George Tvardy 2/24 Annemarie Brown 2/25 Kermit Justis 2/27

### From the United Methodist Women, President Debby Hendrix

Mission Awareness Day is on February 16th, 2019 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Morristown. Registration begins at 9:30 am. Lunch will be served after the worship service. Cost for lunch is \$8.00 Please contact Debby Hendrix if you are planning to attend. Deadline for making reservations is February 7th.

The next meeting of the Untied Women is Thursday, February 21st at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The hostesses for the meeting are Marge Saulsbury, Jackie Steele, and Jean Sterling. The focus of the meeting will be Social Action.

If you missed our Pledge Service, you can still submit your pledge. Please see Lynn Reviere for more information.



United Methodist Women will have their January meeting Thursday the 17th at 11:30am. This month's program will be our yearly pledge service, and will be a bag lunch. The mission will be donations for the coal fund.

### 2019 Officers

President: Debby Hendrix Vice President: Sally Andrew Secretary: Tee Earl Treasurer: Barbara Clanton Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan Nominations Chair: Bettye Ann Bewley Communications: Judy Kennon Spiritual Growth: Marjorie Bullen Historian: Binnie Brooks Social Action: Bettye Ann Bewley



Friends, we pray this finds you well! For several years, there has been a dream to develop an "Asbury Missions Trailer." This trailer would be stocked with tools and lumber, and then taken on mission trips and other community outreach projects. The "Asbury Missions Trailer" would simply need to be towed to the job site, and the outreach teams would instantly have access to many of the tools needed to complete mission's projects. This trailer would serve as an extension of Asbury United Methodist Church in a concerted effort to serve our community and to fulfill our mission of Love, Grow, Reach. We have been extremely blessed to have a trailer which was donated, and are currently in the process of refitting it in order to allow flexibility in a mission. We have acquired some tools, but are in need of many other items that would allow Asbury to reach out. In the coming months, we will accept monetary and gift cards for tools and supplies.

Whether in our surrounding community or in our very own congregation, the need is great and ever-present. Through this mission, we can follow the mandate given to us by Christ – to make disciples for the transformation of the world, we can show others the love of Christ, and we can teach people skills which will benefit them for years to come. In the coming months, we will be asking for prayers and support to make this mission a reality. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Ervin at (423) 525-3031 or Ervin@asburyumconline.com, or Rob Brown @ (423) 552-0593.

Any donations of money or gift cards can be given to Jonathan or left in the office.

# January Anniversaries

David & Amanda Richey 2/8 Tyler & Kathy Adorante 2/14 Ryan & Jackie Crawford 2/17 Tom & Carolyn Smith 2/22 Jim & Jean Sterling 2/25

# Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
- Buck Mathes
- Barbara Lawson
- Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Jessie Wilburn

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Billie Collette
- Homer & Marjorie
   Davenport
- Winifred Kuper

### Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck
- Bill Teilmann

### Living at Signature

Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

Janice Moore

### Living at John Reed

• Pat Garrett

## From the Restoration Depot Chairperson, John Cash

### 2018 Report for The Restoration Depot

This past year was again quite active for Restoration Depot. The purpose of our Mission is to restore hope to Greene County families in crisis by providing essential household goods and furniture free of charge. In 2018 we assisted 33 new families representing 118 family members. Out of those 33 families, 24 were referrals from the Dept. of Children Services (DCS), and 7 from Asbury and other church members. We didn't receive as many from Greeneville-Greene County Community Ministries' Food Bank, but several fire victims had already found assistance or we were not able to provide what was needed at that time. We are still assisting some families from 2017 that are still on a waiting list for certain items.

Contributions to our ministry this year totaled \$4,867.77, and out of those contributions, we purchased \$2,750 in mattresses and bed frames and \$230.70 in parts for large appliances that needed repairs. We just purchased another \$1,647 of mattresses and bed frames this month, which leaves us \$1,354 in our account. Bedding has been the number one priority, however, we found that dressers and chest of drawers were in high demand this past year with 15 families on our waiting list needing a total of 27 dressers.

This next year will also be a challenging one for Restoration Depot because we will be searching for a new location. The warehouse that we are currently in at 406 N. Irish St. will not be available to us after May, but we, along with several church members, are looking for a convenient space for us. Hopefully, we will know something more about that soon. We won't be able to take in large items like sofas and large appliances at this time, however, we are accepting chest of drawers because so many families need them and they will go right back out.

Our committee is so thankful for all the support, both in financial gifts and household donations from Asbury members. Restoration Depot has answered the prayers of so many families in Greene County, and we continue to be a unique mission that no one else is providing. As we plan our search and eventual relocation, we hope you will be able to assist us during this transition. We will keep everyone informed of our needs and how you can help us.

### Items that families normally need quickly:

- Appliances: Washers, dryers, small appliances
- **Bedding:** Cash donations to purchase new mattresses, but box springs and bed frames in good condition are acceptable
- Furniture: Small dressers and chest of drawers, dinette tables & chairs and lamps
- Linens & household items: Twin, full and queen sheet sets, pillows, blankets, bedspreads/ comforters, towels, washcloths, dishcloths, window blinds, rugs
- Kitchen: Silverware, pots and pans, mixing & serving bowls, casserole dishes

### To volunteer or if you have questions please contact:

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## From the Director of Family Ministries, Kim Brown

### Winter painting class



## **College Care Packages**

Asbury Family Ministries along with the help of the UMW will once again be sending care packages to our college students. If you are interested in helping with this outreach we will be packing packages February 7 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 1230 pm.

**Needed:** Volunteers for Reception Office Monday 12-3, Thursday 9-12, and Friday 9-12, 12-2. Having someone to greet visitors face to face is a extremely important in sharing the Love of Christ. Please see Mrs. Kim or Susan for more information. Prayerful consider joining us!



## **Coming to Greene County soon!**

Asbury will have the opportunity to hear Ronda Paulson speak at our Wednesday night meal on February 27. Please plan to join us and learn first hand how this amazing ministry is changing lives of children in our region and what we can do to make Isaiah House-Greene County a reality! Read below for a little history and how Isaiah 117 House Please be in prayer for Isaiah 117 comes to Greene County.

In 2014, Ronda and her husband, Corey went through Path Training in order to become foster parents. As part of our training, we attended a class at the Washington County DCS office. During that class, we were informed that when children are removed from their homes they often have to come to the DCS office and wait for placement. As I looked around the cubicle filled space, I couldn't imagine a scared child sitting in such a sterile, cold environment waiting to learn their fate. That is when I believe God put on my heart the Isaiah 117 House. Fast-forward one year, on November 5, 2015, at 3:45pm, I received a call from the Carter County DCS office. Within an hour, Corey, Sophie, Mac and I were picking up our foster son. We were asked to come to the back door of the office. He was dirty, in clothes that were too small, and literally had nothing in the world. This was the second time I believe the Lord put on my heart the Isaiah 117 House. What if there was a home where children could go when they are removed? What if there was a safe place with friendly, loving volunteers? What if there was an environment with clean clothes, bath toys, healthy snacks, comfy beds and toys? What if instead of cubicles, the traumatized child could see smiles, books, and snuggly blankets? This is my dream for the Isaiah 117 House. Isaiah 1:17 says, "defend the cause of the fatherless." I believe that is what God is calling me to do. I see a place always ready to take in the children of this region in their time of need and help with what is inevitably a traumatic transition. I believe this home has the potential to positively affect the children who are coming into custody in ways far beyond what we could ever imagine as well as support the DCS staff of this region.

**Children's Ministry "Souper" Bowl Fundraiser** Thank you to everyone who ordered soup during our "Souper Bowl" Fundraiser. Soup will be available for pick up February 3 in the Library 9-12.





Children host Greene County Wood cutting ministry on February 9. Children will serve and clean up.

Parents that have volunteered to bring food items, please have those there by 11:00 am. We should be done by 1:30 pm.



## "What is a United Methodist for kids"

A children's bible study to help kids have a better understanding of the how, what and why we do things in the united Methodist church. K-5th 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. So far we have talked about John Wesley, Francis Asbury, the united Methodist logo and its meaning. And had a scavenger hunt throughout our the church to help us get better acquainted with our church home. Future discussion topics will cover communion, Lent, Advent, and Confirmation. There is a class offered for Preschool kids who need childcare while parents are involved in bible study or choir.



## Wonderful Wednesday Schedule 3:30—3:50 Snack 3:50-4:30 Homework

- 4:30—5:15 Bible Activity/Music
- 5:15-6:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:30—7:30 Children's Bible Study



# Wednesday Night Fun



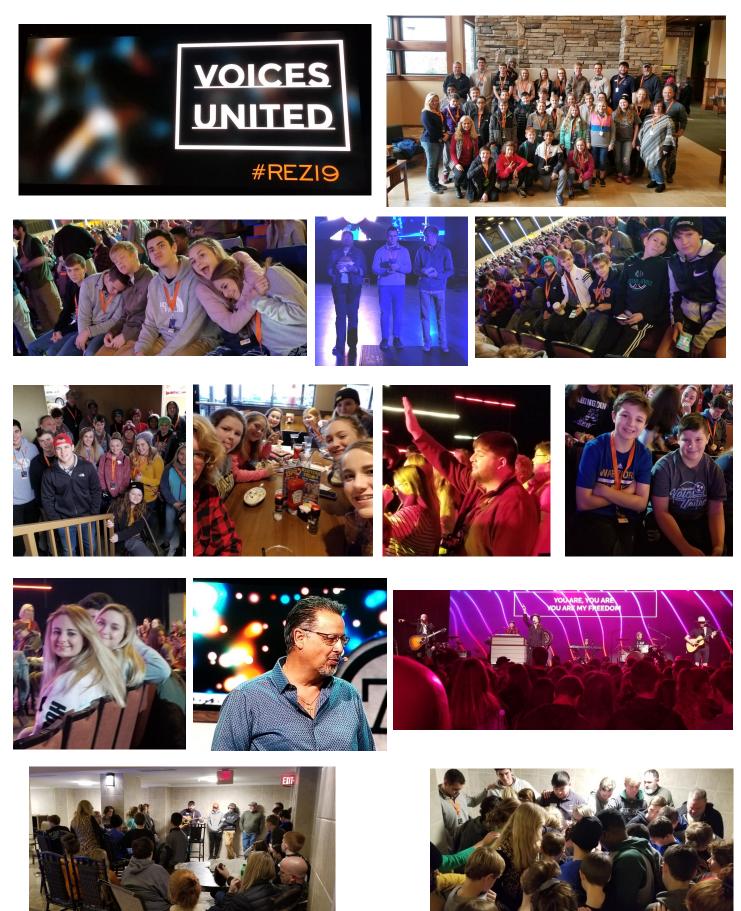






## **Up-Coming Events**

Feb. 3rd: 6:00PM –Super Bowl Party at the Brown House (please bring a finger food to share)
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: 6:00-JR High Lock In
Feb. 10th: 4:30PM-Youth/Parent Meeting-agenda: Mission Trip 5:30PM-Asbury Youth
Feb, 17th:8:30AM-Mission Trip Fundraiser Breakfast 6:30PM-We will have "Homeless for a Night" Resurrection 2019! We had a wonderful experience at Resurrection this year with 39 participants. It was a terrific event.





# SUPPORT THE ACEC SALE!

By Sharon Ottinger

It's fundraising time at Asbury Child Enrichment Center! The Spring Consignment Sale will be April 10-13, 2019. The sale provides much needed funding to ACEC in order to serve our families and offer exceptional Christian child care to the community. Our sale will be held at the Greene County Fairgrounds in the first two buildings. We are reaching out to volunteers who would like to do a variety of activities. We are gladly accepting gently used children's items such as clothes, toys, beds, furniture, bikes, sporting apparel, etc. More information on how to get involved will be available soon. Please contact Sharon Ottinger at 423.798.1060 or ottinger@asburyumconline.com with any questions that you might have. We are looking forward to the ACEC Spring Consignment Sale! Your continued generosity and support mean the world to our staff, parents, and children. ACEC strives to be a strong part of the local community and we couldn't do it without the help of the local community. Thank you for your goodwill and graciousness!

Upcoming Events Valentines Day Party 2/14 Dr. Seuss Week 2/23-3/1 Spring Consignment Sale 4/10-13

# SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL

By Kate Spratt

Calling all creative minds! We're starting the New Year off right with a conscientious group of folks who can help plan innovative learning opportunities for the children of ACEC. We're happy to announce the brand new Curriculum Committee! Primary roles of the ACEC Curriculum Committee are to:

- Meet and discuss our vision for
- developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Research what comparable centers
- implement, both locally and nationally
- Find training and observation
- opportunities for ACEC teachers
- Create accessible outline of curriculum
- that can be shared with families

# YOU ARE A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES

Additional roles of the ACEC Curriculum Committee are to:

- Work with CCR&R to ensure that
- curriculum meets best practice standards
- Discuss ways to infuse more Christian
- elements into the curriculum

We are looking forward to new ideas and themes for our lesson plans this year! Our awesome teachers are always scouting ways to create a happy learning environment for ACEC children.

> February Birthdays Mia Herndon 2/25 Maddox Wisecarver 2/26

## Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

If you or your class/group would like to host a fundraiser meal, please contact Mrs. Judy or Susan in the office.

If you would like to volunteer for our meal outreach program to delivery meals to Asbury Shut-ins, please contact Mrs. Judy.

### 2019 Leadership

Church council: Chairperson Lee Duckworth Secretary Susan Bowers Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones Director of **Family Ministries** Kim Brown Director of **Traditional Music Cindy Sams** Director of Contemporary Worship Jonathan Ervin Lay Leader **Buddy Yonz** Lay Leader TBD Susan Cash Lay Member to AC Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan Lay Member to AC-Alternate Children's Council Rep Kathy Adorante Senior Adult Rep **Dinah Seip** UMW Rep **Debby Hendrix** ACEC Chairperson **Brook Loggins Mission Team** Jonathan Ervin/ Rob Brown Chairperson Trustees Chairperson Rad Clanton/ Randy Loggins Staff-Parish George Tvardy Chairperson Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

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#### **Council on Ministries**

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# **February**

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Youth Super Bowl Party	7P-Troop 94 5P-Yoga	3P-Benevolence-LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.	4P-Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting	6P-Jr High LockIn	8A– Wood Cutters Ministry Meal-FH	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 3P-Painting Class 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 4:30P-Youth/Parent Meeting 5:30P-ASsbury Youth	7P-Troop 94 5P-Yoga	3P-Benevolence-LB 5:30P-Trustees-DC	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.	9A-PEP Club			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
8A-Chapel Worship 8:30P-Mission Breakfast 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6:30P-Homeless for the Night	7P-Troop 94 5P-Yoga	8A-Scout Breakfast 3P-Benevolence –LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.	11:30A-UMW Meeting-FH		11A-Puzzle Pieces-FH 12P-Girl Scouts High Awards	
24	25	26	27	28			
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			WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE 3:30-3:50— Snack Time 3:50-4:30— Homework Time 4:30-5:00— Bible activities 5:00-5:30— Music 5:30-6:15— Fellowship Dinner 6:30PM—Chancel Choir Practice				

Abbreviation Key Boots Bewley-BB Chapel-CH Choir Room-CR Disciple Classroom-DC D&H Brown Classroom-DH Fellowship Hall-FH John Wesley Class–JWC LaRue Classroom-LR Library-LB Parlor-PL Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Rev. Jones' Study-RJS Sanctuary-ST Sisters By Grace-SG Youth Room-YR

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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 Night Schedule

3:30PM—Homework Club 4:30PM—Children's Activities 5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal 5:45PM—Handbell Practice 6:00PM—UMYF 6:30PM—Small Groups & Choir Practice

## SUNDAY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

9A Nursery, Preschool & K-5th Gradein Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary)9A Youth in Youth Room9A Men's Life Group-PSR

### 1st Floor Education Building

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

### 2nd Floor Education Building

9A Seekers (mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor9A Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

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