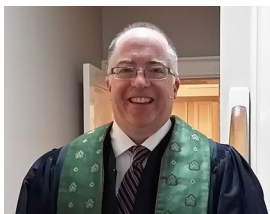
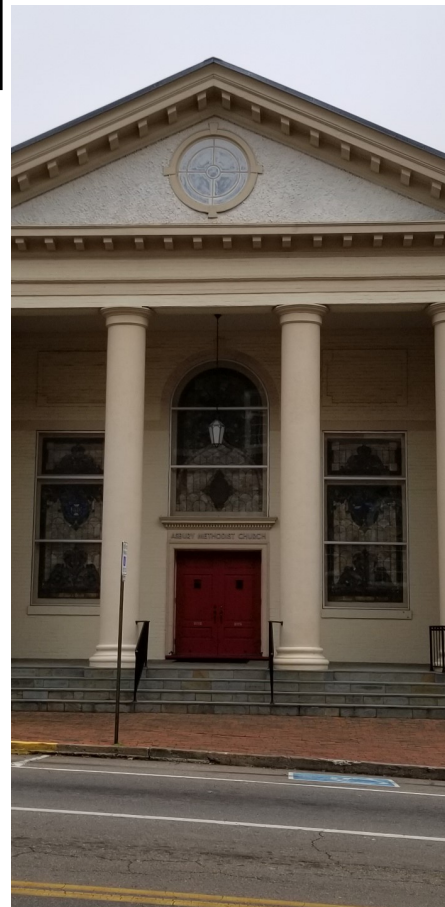




The Asbury Connection

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



1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

The United Methodist Church has had a challenging week. As I have watched the proceedings of our General Conference I have become increasingly aware of the hurt and struggle that we find ourselves in. I grieve that we as a church are causing others pain. One of the things I continue to hear is that this is not about scripture but about a relationship.

I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to work through the United Methodist church. I also understand that this process seems far from perfect, but the perfecting grace of God goes before us in this process. As I am writing this it appears that we will either remain as we are or pass the traditional plan. It is my hope that as we move forward everyone whether in the church or outside the church would feel God's love.

The apostle John reminds us that God is love and that we are to love as he has first loved us. I would remind you that he goes on to say that if anyone hates their sister or brother they are a liar. We the church of Jesus Christ need to be able to open our hearts and love as Christ first loved us. I would say to you that everyone is welcome and that it is in a relationship that we grow in love and accountability. But without relationship accountability is not possible.

I don't know how you feel about where you find yourself as a United Methodist today. It is my hope that we can be in a relationship, to heal brokenness, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings, Jerry

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March Birthdays

Soozie Shore 3/1
Rob McGaw 3/2
Savannah Hawkins 3/3
Susan Bowers 3/4
Sandra Ricker 3/4
Tiffany Yonz 3/4
Liam Crawford 3/5
Kingston Shepherd 3/5
Carolyn Ricker 3/7
Kathy Jackson 3/8
David Lamons 3/10
Mary Van Dreal 3/10
Jermaine Reese 3/12
Sue Southerland 3/12
Dylan Debusk 3/15
Alice Russell 3/15
Marjorie Davenport 3/16
Sandra Fox 3/17
Ashtyn Hill 3/17
Lynn Broyles 3/20
Scott Whitaker 3/21
Kolby Andrew 3/23
Phyllis Bible 3/24
Terry Rymer 3/24
Terri Lawson 3/25
Tom Smith 3/26
Dave Konieczny 3/28

From the United Methodist Women, President Debby Hendrix



Invitation to join the organization of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a laywomen's organization. Founded 140 years ago, women from all over the world have been involved in mission on behalf of women, children, and youth. We engage in mission education and leadership development on a continuing basis, and our commitment to social justice is ongoing.

Our members are volunteers. We are a multicultural and multiracial organization committed to inclusiveness in all our activities. As members of the unit of Asbury United Methodist Women, we invite you to join us and become a new member in this exciting journey in mission.

Our regular unit meetings are scheduled for the **third Thursday of each month** with the exception of June, July, and August. *We do not meet during the summer months.* We meet in the **Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am, eat lunch, and have our business meeting** trying to limit our time to no longer than an hour and a half. Each member is given an opportunity to make a financial pledge to enable mission through United Methodist Women. Our pledge secretary is Lynn Reviere. On the back of the letter, there is a list of AUMW Officers for 2019. We recognize that many of our young women are currently employed and may not be able to attend our monthly noon meetings. Therefore, we are working to try and find a day and time to meet with those who want to be a part of AUMW and participate in our mission projects. There will be an initial meeting in the Parlor, located on the second floor of the church, on Sunday, March 17th at 6:30 pm. As the current president of the AUMW, I will be there to facilitate the meeting. May God move in and through you as we invite you to join us on this exciting journey in mission as we participate in the global ministries of the church.

March 21st Lunch meeting at 11:30AM will have a program on Prayer & Self-denial. We will also have Rhonda Paulson with Isaiah House 117 as a guest speaker.

Blessings,
Debby Hendrix

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
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Social Action: Bettye Ann Bewley



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

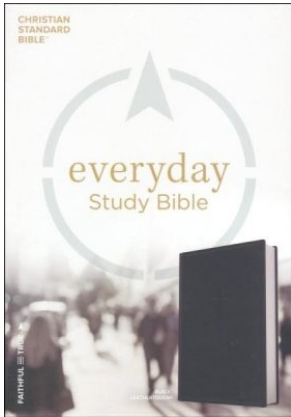


Asbury Prom Closet Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteers needed on Thursday, March 7th starting at 10 AM to help prepare the Prom Closet. We will also have a work day March 8th starting at 10 AM to finish any last minute details for our sale. Volunteers are needed as well on the day of the Prom Closet, March 9th, 9 AM-5 PM. Please get in touch with Kim Brown to sign up for a shift. This is a great opportunity for high school age girls to earn volunteer hours. Help will also be needed on Monday, March 11th starting at 10 AM to break down prom closet and store dresses.

March Anniversaries

- Don & Tanna Stansfield 3/5
- Bill & Jane Brown 3/7
- Steve & Soozie Shore 3/14
- Jerry & Joy Jones 3/17
- John & Brenda Ottinger 3/21
- Kermit & Betty Justis 3/23
- Mike & Patricia Quarles 3/23



If you are looking for suggestions for a bible, Asbury recommends the CSB Everyday Study Bible, which can be purchased at Christian Book store for \$27.98 plus tax. Just ask for the Asbury recommended Bible.

New in the Library

Two new series have been donated to the library. If you are a fan of the Mitford series by Jan Karon, you will enjoy these. They are on display on the desk in the library .



April 28th, 2019
6:00 PM
Asbury Fellowship Hall

D&H Brown Scholarship

The D&H Brown Sunday School Class is offering their annual scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to an individual returning from at least one year of post-secondary education. The Scholarship may be awarded only one time to the same individual. GPZ is not a major factor. However the anticipated major, community service, and volunteer activities are very important. The recipient of this one-time \$1500.00 scholarship must be part of the Asbury Family in some capacity. Applications are available online and in the church office.

Congregational Care

From the Restoration Depot Chairperson, John Cash

2018 Report for The Restoration Depot

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

February was not quite as active as many others, and we have not been able to accept as many large items like sofas or appliances unless they can be distributed right away to families. With our limited amount of time and space before having to relocate, we have to hold off on accepting large items. We are accepting chest of drawers and small dressers because a number of families are on the waiting list, and they will be dispersed quickly.

We are still in short supply again for cookware (pots & pans), utensils, towels, washcloths and blankets. We have plenty of linens, dishes and glassware. If you have any of these items and not able to bring them to the warehouse on the first Saturday of the month, please leave them at the church office area and someone will let us they are there.

As we are currently rearranging everything in the warehouse, we expect to donate some items to Opportunity House Thrift Store and Locus Springs Thrift Store to make room.

We have assessed our appliance and repair situation and have at this time decided that it is not going to be an easy task to move them, so Guarantee Appliance will be removing all the ones we have along with some parts this Saturday while we are open. We will not be accepting appliances at this time.

We were given a load of new full and queen-size headboards that were on the way to college dorms when the tractor-trailer was involved in an accident. These were not damaged, and were going to the dump. While a great donation, we need to find a way to disperse or give them away. They are new, in boxes, but need to be assembled. If you know of an organization that might be able to use new headboards, please let us know.

We are so thankful for all the support, both in financial gifts and household donations from Asbury members. Restoration Depot continues answering prayers for so many families in Greene County. We continue to be a very unique mission that no one else is providing. As we continue our search for another location, and if we find a suitable one, 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:

- **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:

- John Cash: (423) 552-4316; email: jcashsr49@yahoo.com
- Frank Holzschuh: (423) 523-5513; email: frankp530@gmail.com
- Kay Freer: (423) 534-3491; email: zelda_theone@yahoo.com
- Bart Reviere: (423) 552-0622; email: breviere@comcast.net
- Rev. Jerry Jones: (423) 620-2668; email: jones@asburyumonline.com
- Susan Cash: (423) 552-4263; email: scash1313@aol.com



From the Director of Family Ministries, Kim Brown

Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

Asbury had the pleasure of hosting Ronda Paulson on February 26 for a fundraiser for Isaiah 117 House.

Greene County hopes to have their own Isaiah 117 House in 2019. Watch for more information on ways you can help make this dream a reality for Greene County.



Asbury Care Packages

Thank you Asbury for helping with college care packages. Our college students were very grateful! Below are a few of the "Thank you" notes we received.

Thank you for the Valentine's Day box! It made my day!! Eliza Taylor

I just wanted to say thank you Asbury church family for my sweet box of goodies! Annie Biumi

I'm so thankful to have such a great church like Asbury United Methodist! Megan Johnson

Thank you Asbury church family so much for my box, it is much appreciated! Alex Biumi

I just want to say thank you so much for my Valentine's Day package. That was so sweet of you! I'd been stressing about a finance exam and opening that today made my day! Sending my love to Asbury! Kelsey Kershaw

I just wanted to say thank you for the Valentine's care package that was sent to me last week. It was a nice surprise! Thanks again, Andrew Fisher



For more information on happenings within the Family Ministry, or if you would like to be added to the remind group, please contact Mrs. Kim, brown@asburyumonline.com

Children's Ministries Happenings



Kids Bible Study

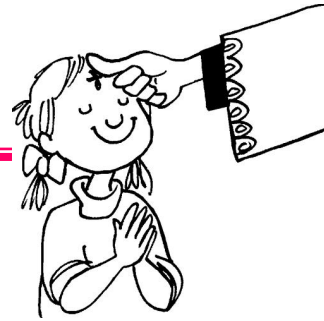
We continue our Wednesday night Bible study for kids after dinner. We have begun our study on Lent and will begin studying the Apostles Creed during lent.

There is a class offered for Preschool kids who need childcare while parents are involved in bible study or choir.

We will not have Bible study on March 6 we will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday services will be held March 6 at Noon in the chapel and following dinner at 6 pm in Sanctuary.



Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

- 3:30-3:50 Snack
- 3:50-4:30 Homework
- 4:30-5:00 Activity Time
- 5:00-5:30 Music
- 5:30-6:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:30-7:30 Children's Bible Study

**No Wonderful Wednesday
March 27th due to Spring
Break**



VBS 2019

July 14-19, 2019

EASTER CELEBRATION

**APRIL 20TH, 2019
12 PM-3 PM**

Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Lunch,
& More

Asbury Fellowship Hall
201 S., Main St.
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-798-1050

Asbury Youth

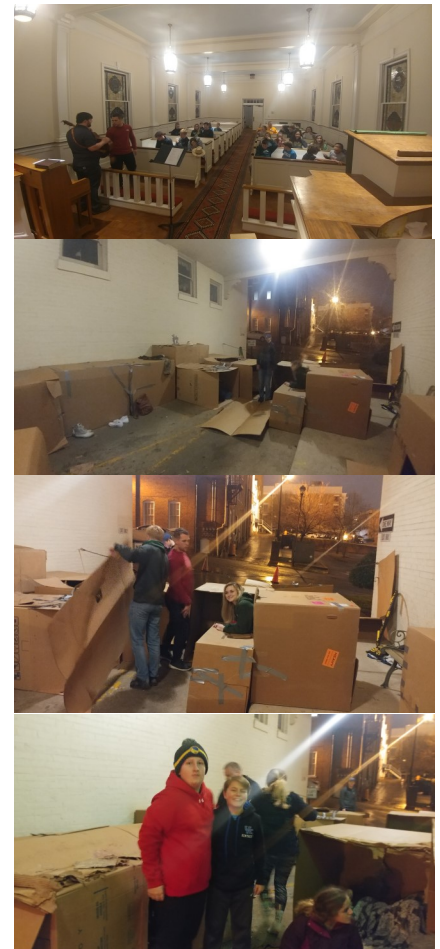
Super Bowl Party



Jr. High Lock In



Homeless for the Night



Up-Coming Events

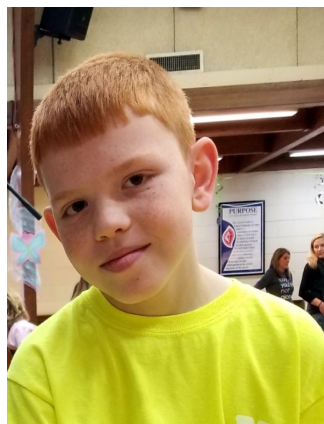
- March 6th: Ash Wednesday Service, No Youth Meeting
- March 9th: Prom Closet, great volunteer opportunity
- March 13th: Youth host Wednesday Night Meal
- March 17th: Mission trip fundraiser breakfast, all youth that work will receive monies toward trip.
- March 24th & 27th: No Youth for Spring Break
- March 31st: Youth Game Night

Confirmation Class 2019

Our confirmation class has grown since first introducing our confirmands in the Fall. Please welcome Troy Jackson, Troy Holmes, and Donte Smith. When you see these outstanding young people, please make them feel welcome at Asbury! Confirmation classes will begin in March during the Sunday school hour. Join them as they host their next fundraiser meal on March 6th.



Drew Armbrister



Andrew Whitaker



Lila Richey



Natalie Ripley



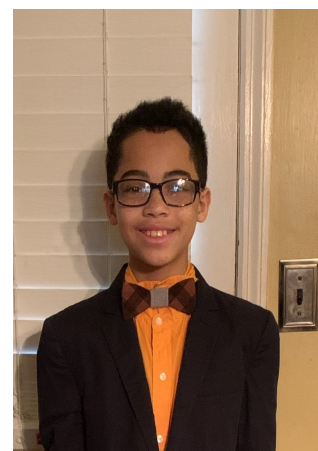
Cameron Uhls



Jackson Fox



Troy Holmes



Donte Smith

The Asbury BUZZ

LATEST NEWS FROM ASBURY CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER

Spring Fling

Spring is in the air! Celebrate the warmer weather with us during the week of March 25-29. We will have fun themes & activities every day!



Birthday Time!

Let's say "Happy Birthday" to our friends!
Emersyn Vaughan - March 7
Beau Nelson - March 14
Ava King - March 18
Caroline Hooker - March 28
Harper Sizemore - March 31

Upcoming Events

Save the Date! We have a lot going on!
READ ACROSS AMERICA - Mar. 1
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY - Mar. 17
SPRING FLING! - Mar. 25-29
SPRING CONSIGNMENT SALE - Apr. 10-13
TEDDY BEAR PORTRAITS - Apr. 16 & 17

Spring Consignment Sale!

BY SHARON OTTINGER

It's fundraising time at Asbury Child Enrichment Center! The Spring Consignment Sale will be April 10-13, 2019.

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@asburymonline.com with any questions that you might have.



“
See You at The Spring Sale!”

Parent Involvement

BY KATE SPRATT

We are stepping up our parent involvement here at ACEC! We will be conducting a survey for all parents to find out what everyone would like to see at the center.

We want to be the best center possible for our families & staff. Input from parents, grandparents and loved ones helps us keep ACEC awesome!

“
Share Your Vision!”

Look for the survey in hard copy form in the front lobby. We will also send a PDF out through email.

We are always looking for feedback from our families! Please feel free to contact us anytime to voice your compliments & comments. We look forward to hearing from you!



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
Lay Member to AC	Susan Cash
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	
Chairperson	George Tvardy
Finance Chairperson	Rodney Bell

Finance Committee

Chairperson	Rodney Bell
Treasurer	Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
Financial Secretary	Susan Bowers
Trustees Chairperson	TBD
Staff-Parish	
Chairperson	George Tvardy
Stewardship Chair	Bob Leonard
Lay Leader	TBD
Leadership Team	
Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Year 3	Michelle Loven
Year 3	Shane Hite
Year 2	Bill Brown
Year 2	Barbara Clanton
Year 1	Brian Allen
Year 1	Maynard Austin

Leadership Development/Nominating

Year 3	Mary Perry
Year 3	Marge Saulsbury
Year 3	Barbara Serral
Year 2	Debby Hendrix
Year 2	Frank Holzschuh
Year 2	Ben Brooks
Year 1	Phyllis Stansfield
Year 1	Betty Ann Bewley
Year 1	Dawn Wright
Ex-Officio-Lay Leader	Buddy Yonz
Chairperson	Rev. Jerry Jones

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Year 3	Doug Debusk
Year 3	Tee Earl
Year 3	Joy McGuffin
Year 2	Carolyn Ricker
Year 2	Frieda Wright
Year 2	George Tvardy*
Year 1	Lori Duckworth
Year 1	Dale Landers
Year 1	TBD
Lay Member to AC	Susan Cash
Ex-Officio-Lay Leader	Buddy Yonz

Trustees

Year 3	Leslie Allen
Year 3	Randy Loggins
Year 3	Jerry Moore
Year 2	Steve Shore
Year 2	Brandon Hull
Year 2	Suzanne Wagner
Year 1	Dave Wright
Year 1	Phyllis Bible
Year 1	Alice Russell
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones
Ex-Officio	Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

ACEC Board of Directors

Year 3	Terri Lawson
Year 3	Terry Rymer
Year 3	Leslie Staggs
Year 2	Jane Brown
Year 2	Don Stansfield
Year 2	Abby Lawson
Year 1	Brenda Ottinger
Year 1	Janie Laws
Year 1	Holly McGaw
At Large	Lynette Hill
Ex-Officio	Kim Brown
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

Council on Ministries

Adult Ministries	
Coordinator:	Susan Holzschuh
Benevolence Team	
Chairperson:	John McGuffin
Boy Scouts Representative:	Art Masker
Camping Advocates:	Emily & Scott Whitaker
Children in Poverty Chairperson:	Linda Kershaw
Evangelism Chairperson:	Steve Shore
Fellowship Coordinator:	Judy Kennon
Historian:	Carolyn Gregg
Holston Home Ambassador:	TBD
Nurture Ministries Chairperson:	Bettye Hayes/Marge Saulsbury
Older Adult Ministries:	Dinah Seip
Outreach Ministries Chairperson:	Judy Kennon
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jerry Moore
Restoration Depot Chairperson:	John Cash
Witness Ministry Chairperson:	David Andrew
Wood Cutting Ministry:	David Andrew

March

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-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94 5P-Yoga	3P-Benevolence-LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 12P-Ash Wednesday SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.		9A-Basket Guild	9A-Basket Guild 10A-Prom Closet
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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 5:30P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94 5P-Yoga	3P-Benevolence -LB 4:30P-ACEC Board Meeting-SG	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.	11:30A-UMW Meeting-FH		11A-Puzzle Pieces-FH
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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 Grade
in Children's Dept. (under Sanctuary)
9A Youth in Youth Room
9A 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)-
Parlor
9A Choir (mixed gender, mixed age)

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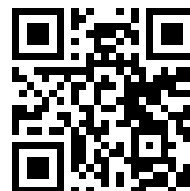
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