



# The Asbury Connection

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

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*Matthew 20:16- So the last will be first, and the first will be last.*

Today is Easter! It has been a great day!!!! We had one of our largest turnouts in a while (since Christmas Eve) and the three worship services were alive. The music was vibrant, 15 people joined the church, the children released butterflies, and the enthusiasm for joining together was palpable. What a great day! I really enjoyed the Lenten series on what we believe and looking at the Apostles Creed. This season has truly been a blessing.

Now we turn our attention to the season of Easter and leading up to Pentecost. We have some exciting opportunities in the near future. On May 5th, we will be recognizing our graduating seniors. This promises to be a wonderful day as we celebrate their accomplishments and prepare to see them begin the next chapter. May 12th, is Mother's day and we will be recognizing all of the women in our lives who have loved us, nurtured us, and served as examples.

Served, there is a great word. I mentioned some people in worship today who had been instrumental in serving during Holy week (I also remembered six names of people I probably should have mentioned before I left the church for lunch.) During this next season of Easter and living in the resurrection, I want to encourage you to try serving. I know many of you already do, but I would encourage you to examine your motivations behind serving.

Richard Foster, writes, concerning service: "When we see someone intently listening to another human being, we are witnessing service in action. When we see a person holding the sorrows of another in tender, loving care, we are witnessing service in action. When we see someone actively guarding the reputation of others, we are witnessing service in action..." Service is not always a hammer and nails or a towel and basin. In fact, service is often doing what Jesus said and going last! The challenge to simply put someone else's needs in front of our own. Foster goes on to say, "The risen Christ beckons us to the ministry of service. Such a ministry flowing from the inner recesses of the heart is life and joy and peace." That is real service!

Blessings Jerry,



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## May Birthdays

Ella Broyles 5/2  
 Bob Southerland 5/4  
 Melissa Armbrister 5/8  
 Lisa Crum 5/8  
 Susan Holzschuh 5/8  
 Connor Landers 5/8  
 Lynn Reviere 5/8  
 Rilee Parman 5/11  
 Megan Bible 5/12  
 Hannah Fox 5/13  
 Allison Chudina 5/14  
 Carrie Montgomery 5/14  
 Grayson Crosby 5/15  
 Ande Hall 5/15  
 Jack Bullen 5/16  
 Will Grant Taylor 5/16  
 Hannah Leonard 5/17  
 Kandice Baker 5/20  
 Caleb Crawford 5/21  
 Richard Crawford 5/21  
 Sadie Parman 5/22  
 Binnie Brooks 5/23  
 Benjamin Hoeke 5/24  
 Hope Jones 5/25  
 Caroline Quarles 5/26  
 Randy Loggins 5/27  
 Tom Wright 5/27  
 Tyler Adorante 5/28  
 Bob Leonard 5/30

## From the United Methodist Women, President Debby Hendrix

The Asbury United Methodist Women hosted the Holy Week Meal following the Holy Week worship service on April 17th. Guests were served hot chicken salad, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, and coconut cake. Decorations were provided by members of AUMW.

On May 5th, the AUMW will host the Senior Sunday luncheon in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and help us celebrate this special day in honor of our seniors. We need the congregation to assist with the meal by bringing two dishes for the covered dish lunch. The meat will be provided by the AUMW. The next unit meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 11:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. Jonathan Ervin will be the guest speaker. He will be speaking on the Native American Ministry. Hostesses for the meeting are Carolyn Ricker, Dinah Seip, and Bea Jennings. Mission: Snacks; Powered Gatorade packs, snack size chips, Lance crackers, granola bars, bottled water.

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  
 Spiritual Growth: Marjorie Bullen  
 Historian: Binnie Brooks  
 Social Action: Bettye Ann Bewley



## From the Restoration Depot Chairperson, John Cash

At this time, we haven't been able to secure a warehouse or facility, so we are still not been able to accept large items like kitchen tables, mattresses, sofas or large appliances like washers, dryers, stoves, and refrigerators.

The Library book sale was in full swing at the end of April and will be the first weekend in May and the weekend of the Iris Festival on May 18th, which means we will not be opening on Saturday, May 4th. If anyone had planned to drop items off on that day, please contact us. Access to our area will be quite limited and may be blocked off to some degree during the book sale.

We are in reasonably good shape with items that are quickly needed, however, this can change at any time depending on the needs each month.

We are very blessed for all the support, both in financial gifts and household donations from Asbury members, because Restoration Depot continues to answer prayers for so many families in Greene County.

If we are able to find a new location, we may be asking for help during the transition. We will continue to keep everyone up-to-date on our progress.

Thank You  
John Cash



### 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:

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Dear Church Family,

Our family wishes to express our love and gratitude for your outpouring of prayers, love, and support during Bernie's illness and death. This journey has been very difficult, but God's help and your continuing prayers have carried us. Words cannot express how much you have meant to us, and how much we appreciate everything you have done for us. Thank you so much for the calls, cards, food, memorial gifts, monetary gifts, and the very generous love offering. We will forever hold these kindnesses in our hearts.

With love and blessings,  
Cindy, Michael and Jessica

## May Anniversaries

Bill & Judy Kennon 5/4  
Rob & McGaw 5/5  
Steve & Marcia 5/7  
Josh & Meredith Tillery 5/12  
Brandon & Paige Hull 5/20  
John & Neva Kilday 5/26  
Rob & Kim Brown 5/27

## 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

## ASBURY MISSION'S

**WOW!** Thank you, Asbury, for helping stock our mission trailer. Thanks to you, our "Mission Wishin' Ladder" has very few needed items left for purchase. We are very close to having our trailer fully stocked and ready to roll. Walls have been updated and tools have found their home in storage containers. We can't wait to put these tools to work and spread the love of Jesus. There is still time if you haven't had the chance to purchase a needed item. A ladder can be found in Fellowship Hall and items may be brought to the church office. Thank you again for the support of our Mission Trailer.



**Isaiah 117**  
Caring for children awaiting foster placement

God is doing great things in Greene County for our Isaiah 117 House. April 12, a kick off luncheon was held to start fundraising efforts for the Greene County Expansion. That afternoon \$70,000 had been raised towards the Greene County House. The land has been donated, contractors have stepped forward and agreed to work together to make Isaiah 117 Greene County a reality by December 2019. More information will be shared and opportunities to help will be made available in the coming months.

## Bulgaria Mission Trip

Tom and Dawn Wright will be making their third trip to Bulgaria May 21-June 1, 2019 with a team from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Morristown. The team will be serving with missionaries, Paul & Judy Ridgway. They operate Bulgarian Child ministry which seeks to share the love of God with children in many orphanages and schools in Bulgaria. In addition, they operate The Learning Center for young men who have aged out of orphanages but have no job or place to go. The young men at the Learning Center are provided vocational training, life skills instruction, and Christian discipleship.

We will provide worship and Bible study for the men at the Learning Center as well as minister to hundreds of children in orphanages and schools, providing them with new shoes and Bible school-type programs. We will also minister at homes for developmentally disabled children and dementia-stricken adults.

Please pray for the team to draw near to Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit in every situation. Pray for the safety, health, and vitality of each team member, who range from 20 years old to 75 years young! Pray for Tom & Dawn as they provide leadership to this year's team.

If you would like to be a part of this mission you may donate new socks and underwear for us to take to the young men at the Training Center (sizes S and M) or make a monetary donation to assist with purchasing shoes that we will place on the feet of orphans.



From the Director of Family Ministries, Kim Brown



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET*

Honoring Mothers, Grandmothers,  
and Mother Figures



**MAY 11TH, 2019 | 5:00 PM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Dinner, Music, Guest Speaker & Prizes

Tickets \$10 go on sale April 10th  
For more info: Mrs. Kim, Kathy Adorante, Amanda  
Richey or contact the church office.

### **Spring Painting Class**

**May 19th**

**2:00 PM**

**\$25**

**RSVP to church  
office by May  
15th**



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](mailto:brown@asburyumonline.com)

# Children's Ministries Happenings

**May 8th will be our last Wonderful Wednesday for the semester.**



**Year End Trip**  
June 2, 2019

Adult Deposit required of \$25  
Reservations due to Mrs. Kim by May 19th

## **Fundraiser Meal May 8th**

Children will be hosting this meal. Our menu will be Hot dog bar, slaw, chips, baked beans and dessert. Each child is asked to bring one of the following items for our mission trailer; Paint brushes, paint rollers, or bleach wipes.

Donations to offset cost of food are greatly appreciated. More information on meal will be communicated in the coming week. Help will be needed during prep, serving, and clean up.



**VBS 2019**  
**July 14-19, 2019**

## **Morning Point Visit**





# Asbury Children's Ministries

## Easter Celebration 2019

What a wonderful day celebrating our Risen Savior. The Children's Choir kicked off our celebration with their Easter Musical, Crown Him with Many Crowns. The fun continued with our annual Easter egg hunt, games, cake walk and food. All activities were moved inside due to yucky weather, but that did not hamper our excitement!





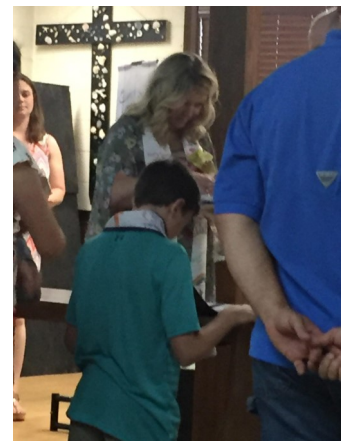
# Asbury Youth



We took 13 Senior High Kids on an excursion to The Art of Escape in Johnson City. It was a great event and had quite the adventure as escape artist.

## Confirmation 2019

April 21st was a big day for our confirmation class. We had nine confirmands, two of whom were baptized on this day, Drew Armbrister and Kirston Osborn. Please make these young people feel welcomed into the Asbury Family. They are Drew Armbrister, Jackson Fox, Troy Holmes, Kirston Osborn, Lila Richey, Natalie Ripley, Dante Smith, Cameron Uhls, and Andrew Whitaker



## Up-Coming Events

May 5th: Senior Sunday 10:30 am-Covered Dish Luncheon following service  
May 11th: Youth Carwash-Advance Auto Locations 9Am-2PM  
May 19th: Mission Trip Breakfast 8:30AM-10:30AM  
May 26th: 12:45-2:15PM Mission Trip Meeting. Bring your lunch.



# ACEC SUMMER CALENDAR



## JUNE

6.3-6.7/WATER DAYS  
6.13/SUPERHERO BASH/9-10AM  
6.16/FATHER'S DAY

## MAY

5.9/TEDDY BEAR TEA/9-10AM  
5.12/MOTHER'S DAY  
5.23/GRADUATION/3:30PM  
5.27/MEMORIAL DAY (CLOSED)

## JULY

7.4/INDEPENDENCE DAY (CLOSED)  
7.12/IN-SERVICE DAY (CLOSED)

## AUGUST

8.15/OPEN HOUSE/5:30-6:30PM  
8.19-8.23/TRANSITIONS

# 2019



## Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

May 8th is our last Wednesday Night Meal and activities.

Please consider hosting a meal for your class/group as a fundraiser meal.

Please contact Mrs. Judy or Susan in the office if you would like to be added to the 2019-2020 calendar.

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	Sandra Fox
Lay Member to AC	Susan Cash
Ex-Officio-Lay Leader	Buddy Yonz

#### **Trustees**

Year 3	Rad Clanton co-chair
Year 3	Leslie Allen
Year 3	Randy Loggins co-chair
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
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jerry Moore
Restoration Depot Chairperson:	John Cash
Witness Ministry Chairperson:	David Andrew
Wood Cutting Ministry:	David Andrew

# May

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR <a href="#">SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.</a>			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Senior Sunday 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth-FH	5:15P-Yoga 7P-Troop 94 5:30P Church Council	3P-Benevolence-LB	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR <a href="#">SEE WED. NIGHT SCH.</a>	9A-PEP Club-LB		9A-Youth Car Wash 5p-Mothers Day Banquet
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10:00A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth	5:15P-Yoga 7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB 5:30P-Trustees Meeting	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR	11:30 UMW Lunch Meeting-FH		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8A-Mission Trip Breakfast 8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10:00A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth	5:15P-Yoga 7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence -LB 4:30P-ACEC Board-SG	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR	9A-PEP Club-Lb		11A-Puzzle Pieces-FH
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 12:45P-Mission Trip Meeting 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth	5:15P-Yoga 7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence -LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR			
			<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE</b> 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 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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