



The Asbury Connection

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



I want to ask you to take a moment and read the creation story. Read it slowly and out loud. Genesis 1:1-2:4 and then read the second one Genesis 2:5-25. Reflect on what you heard. Did you notice how many times God said something was “good!” Five times! There are two days of creation that God does not lift up as good. Verses 4, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 says that something in creation was good! Verses 25 and 31 take place on the sixth day and verse 31 says “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

So, on day 2, God does not look at his work and say that it is good. Perhaps, we should look again at what happens on day 2. He places a dome to separate the waters on earth from the water above. The King James version calls it a firmament and says that the firmament is heaven. So, I am going to ask the question. Does God not say that this is good because heaven and earth are being separated? I don’t want to get lost in the challenge of how we read the creation story. But I believe this must mean something. All of creation was seen as good, and God says it! Except day 2! Perhaps it has more to do with the lack of what is taking place rather than the separation.

Day 7 also is not set aside as good, but rather holy. On day 7 God blessed creation and rested. It seems today that we spend so much time working that we forget to rest. We pursue with all that we are the “blessing,” we forget the blessing comes from God and is truly found in the rest. How often do you hear a story of someone who retires only to be struck by cancer or a heart condition? They work their entire life in pursuit of the blessing but when they think they have arrived they find it is too late.

Go back and re-read the creation stories, Genesis 1 & 2. I encourage you to read them out loud. What is God telling you? In all of creation we, humanity, are created last. We are created in the image of the one who created us. We are created to be in a relationship. This is why day 2 is not seen as good. Separation in a relationship is always hard. This is why day 7 is for resting and spending time in a relationship with God.

Blessings on you today. Jerry



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June Birthdays

Katharine Andrew 6/1
Ivy Leonard 6/4
Lilly Crouch 6/5
Louise Love 6/5
Matthew Fox 6/6
Katie Jackson 6/6
Bettye Justis 6/6
Abigail Brown 6/7
David Fisher 6/7
Lucas Vaden 6/7
Betha Luttrell 6/8
Bill Nunnally 6/10
Ashley Loven 6/11
Joy Nunnally 6/11
Barbara Serral 6/12
Jerry Jones 6/13
Sarah Akers 6/14
Neva Kilday 6/14
Mary Jo Slagle 6/14
June Henery 6/15
Diane James 6/17
Luke Hall 6/18
Emma Ricker 6/18
Abbi Morelock 6/19
Teresa Smith 6/19
Jean Massengill 6/20
Donald Stansfield IV 6/21
Audrey Gow 6/22
John McGuffin 6/22
Colton Cross 6/23
Delena DeBusk 6/24
Jessica Smith 6/24
Brian Allen 6/25
Joe Adorante 6/26
Rob Brown 6/26
Emily Whitaker 6/26
Tommy Carter 6/27
Emily Rogers 6/28

From the Restoration Depot Chairperson, John Cash

We were not able to find suitable space or a solution by the time we needed to relocate from the warehouse at the end of May. After our committee met this past week, we decided to partner with Greene County Habitat for Humanity. They will help us pack and move all of our items from our current location to their facility on W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. That move will happen on Thursday, June 7th.

We decided the partnership with Habitat for Humanity would work well for both of our organizations and ministries. Their staff and volunteers are assisting our committee members and volunteers to pack and move all items in our inventory to their facility and storage. As the summer months near, Habitat's donations of items tend to slow, so everything currently in our warehouse will be quite helpful and timely for them. We both help families in need.

At this time, we will not be accepting any household donations, nor will we be opening on the first Saturday of each month. We will be making it known to the Food Bank, Dept. of Children's Services and other organizations that we typically accept referrals from, that we have temporarily suspended the mission until further notice.

Restoration Depot and the Asbury UMC congregation have been truly blessed to have helped so many families over the years, especially after it was first organized in September of 2011 after the devastating tornadoes in April 2011. We eventually transitioned from fire and tornado victims to working closely with the Dept. of Children Services to help families rebuild their lives again and reunite their families. What a blessing that has been to those families!

As we make this transition, we will keep the congregation informed of our future decisions. Please know that your monetary contributions and furniture donations will continue to bless families for weeks and months to come.

Thank You
John Cash



To volunteer or if you have questions please contact:

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Volunteer!

Want to be more involved?
Does your high school or college kid need volunteer hours?
Do you just need to get out of the house?

Asbury has many groups, missions, and volunteer opportunities for any age person.

We need volunteers in the reception office Tuesday morning and afternoon.

Adult volunteers for Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are always a need.

VBS: July 14th-19th: Always needs volunteers for decorating, as well as helping during the week.

Benevolence Team: This is a committee of individuals that meet once a week to interview our applicants.

Prom Closet: A spring family ministry event that provides Prom dresses to young ladies.

Asbury Homebound: This is a group that delivers meals to Asbury homebound members, during the school year as part of our Wonderful Wednesdays.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: A group of knitters covering those in need of prayer by making our prayer shawls and pocket shawls.

Greene County Wood Ministry: This mission serves the community by providing fire wood to those in need.

Restoration Depot: Currently under review for needs.

Mission Team/Trailer: A team that provides construction needs to the community as well as larger group trips for missions.

Children's Clothes Closet: This mission provides clothing to school age kids in need.

Mary & Joseph: Provides hygiene products to high school age kids.

Food Bank: donations are giving to the food bank on a monthly basis.

Operation Shoe Box: Provides items for our shoe boxes and puts them together in the fall.

If you would like more information on any of these wonderful opportunities please contact the church office and we will glad help you and fit you in the perfect place. Email general@asburylife.org or call the office 423-798-1050

June Anniversaries

Russ & Lisa Crum 6/8
Randy & Brook Loggins 6/10
Don & Sandra Fox 6/11
Tommy & Angel Carter 6/12
Felty & Jean Masengill 6/14
Bart & Judy Reviere 6/15
Bobby & Angie Wells 6/15
Tom & Dawn Wright 6/16
David & Rebecca Uhls 6/18
Stuart & Christy Hoeke 6/19
Maynard & Devena Austin 6/20
Art & Marty Masker 6/22
Steve & Missy Crouch 6/23
Bob & Ivy Leonard 6/24
Jeff & Rebekah Taylor 6/29

Congregational Care

Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
- Betty Fletcher
- 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

Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

Living at John Reed

- Pat Garrett

ASBURY MISSION'S

Operation Christmas Child's Shoeboxes

We need monthly gifts to prepare for Operation Christmas Child. **June's** need is **toys**. No toothpaste or candy. A collection box will be in the reception office. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Food Bank Needs

June's need is **instant potatoes or rice**. The collection container is in the Library. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Mary and Joseph Projects

Personal hygiene items for young women and men in the city and county school systems are needed for these ongoing projects. Place items in the cabinet outside the Fellowship Hall.

2nd Mile Local Assistance

When you give to Asbury UMC and designate "Local Assistance," you make it possible for us to meet or supplement a wide variety of needs in our community, including the work of our Benevolence Team.

Restoration Depot

We are not at this time taking items for donation. We are still in process of finding a new location. If you or someone you know might have a new home for Restoration Depot, please contact the church office or John Cash.

Mission Trailer

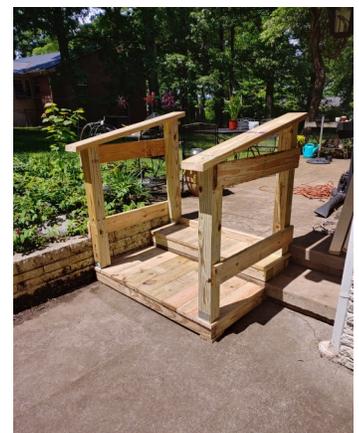
We need help to fill the new mission trailer with tools and supplies. Gift cards and monetary donations are being accepted to help get the items needed. Those can be delivered to the church office or given to Jonathan Ervin or Rob Brown.

Puzzle Pieces

By giving to puzzle pieces, you can help our support group for those with autism and their caregivers.

Asbury Missions Ministries

Asbury completed their first mission project in May. Jonathan and Rob were asked to provide a temporary safe entrance way for a member of the congregation. Thanks to Asbury for your support of our mission trailer all the tools and supplies were readily available.



From the Director of Family Ministries, Kim Brown

Did ya know.....

The Council on Ministries became Family Ministries Council in 2019. We will be meeting once a quarter. In case you forgot, here is a list of our committee members.

Adult Ministries-Susan Holzschuh
Historian-Carolyn Gregg
Benevolence Chair- Joe McIntruff
Holston Home Ambassador-TBD
Camping Chair-Emily Whitaker
Nurture Ministries Chairs-Bettye Hayes/Marge Saulsbury
Scout Representative-Art Masker
Older Adult Ministries-Dinah Siep
Children's Clothes Closet-Linda Kershaw
Sunday School Super-Jerry Moore
Evangelism Chair-Steve Shore
Restoration Depot Chair-John Cash
Witness/ Firewood Ministry Chair-David Andrew
Fellowship Chair-Judy Kennon



May was an exciting month for Isaiah 117 Greene County. Three construction companies in Greeneville are working together to get "Isaiah 117 House" built for Greene County. Ronda continues to speak all over Greeneville and more and more fundraisers are being planned for the summer to make Isaiah 117 Greene County become a reality!

Children's Ministries Happenings



VBS Wish List

Space Themed Items
Rolls of Black Plastic
Neon Spray Paint
Christmas Lights-White
Plastic Table Cloths-any color for long tables
Craft Paint-yellow, blue, green, orange, brown, black
Cheap Paper Plates
Paint Smocks
Baby Wipes
Color Duct Tape
Craft Sticks
Glue
Card Stock-black, blue, white
Poster Board-white, orange, green, blue, yellow
White Foam Poster Board
Wax Paper
Spray Foam
Hula Hoops
Frisbees
Kids Plastic Swimming Pool
Permanent Markers-Multi colored
Cotton Swabs
Foam Board from Lowe's

If you wish to donate any of the needed items, please leave them in the church office. Thank you in advance for your support.

Explore where God's power can take you!



To Mars and Beyond!

July 14-18

Open to children Ages 4yr – 11yr

Registration starting June 24

JULY 14-17	Snack Suppers	530-6 pm
JULY 14-17	VBS Programming	6-830 p m
JULY 18	Closing Celebration*	6:30 p.m.

*Asbury will provide hamburgers/hotdogs
Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert

We will finish off our mars exploration with a trip to Bays Mountain Planetarium on Sunday July 21. More information on this trip coming in July.

*Planning Meeting June 26th, 5:30PM

PIRATES
VOYAGE®
DINNER & SHOW

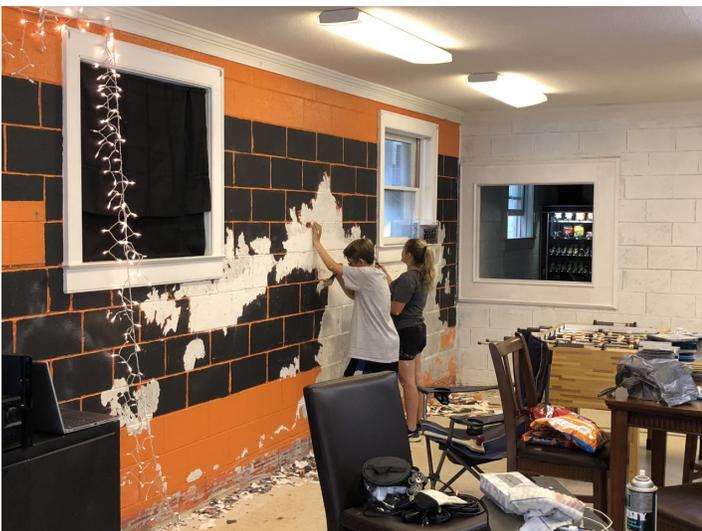
Forty Seven adults and children are attending our year-end trip.

Watch for pictures in the July newsletter

Asbury Youth

Summertime Youth

We will only meet on Wednesdays during the summer, with lots of fun things to do including our Youth Room Transformation, and much more!



Our youth are currently transforming our Youth Room into a more modern and comfortable place. With new paint, flooring, and décor.

We are in need of a couple dehumidifiers and a full size standard refrigerator. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please contact Jonathan or the church office.

Up-Coming Events

June 9th: Mission Trip Bake Sale Fundraiser
June 12th & 19th: No Youth
June 14th-23rd: Mission Trip

Asbury Mission Team Trip

The time has finally arrived – our very own Mission Team will be heading out this month on the long-awaited trip.

Twenty-one team members (nine Adults and 12 youth) will be driving to Alliance, Nebraska, to the Indian Mission Church of God. Leaving June 14th, they will have two days drive time and six full days on site. They will return on June 23rd.

While there they will provide skills, labor and materials to the Mission Church to make repairs and upgrades to many facilities and structures. They will also be having Vacation Bible School for the children.

We are very excited for our team as they Reach Out, Grow Together, and Love God while providing a needed service to the Church there.

In preparation for this trip, our congregation has been very generous in helping supply our trailer and the needs for the trip.

We are still in need of some basic items. If you have yet to donate, we would like to help please bring the following items to the church office.

Baby Wipes
Lays Variety Chip Pack
Lance Crackers
Gatorade Powder Mix
Granola Bars
Bottled Water

Also needed are gift cards: Subway, Ace or Visa Cards are greatly appreciated as well as monetary donations.

Thank you, Asbury, for supporting and nurturing our Mission Team. We could not make this possible without you and your donations.

Please keep our team in your thoughts and prayers!

The Asbury BUZZ

LATEST NEWS FROM ASBURY
CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER

Water Days!

We're taking the fun outside with Water Days this summer! Check with your child's teacher for all the class details!



Birthday Time!

Let's say "Happy Birthday" to our friends!

- Connor Boatman - June 11
- Wakely Boren - June 14
- Kennedy Murphy - June 15
- Avery Kate Reeves June 26
- Penelope Miller - June 28
- Hadleigh Jones - June 28

Upcoming Events

- Save the Date! We have a lot going on!
- FATHER'S DAY BASH! June 13, 9-10am
- CLOSED: INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4
- CLOSED: IN-SERVICE TRAINING July 12

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

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 Homebound, 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	Brook Loggins
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

June

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10:00A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 4P-Year End Trip	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB 5:30P—ACEC Parent/ CCR&R	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 5:30P-Asbury Youth 6:30P-Choir Practice			10A-Parsonage Furniture Auction
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10:00A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 6:30P-Choir Practice	8A—ACEC Fathers Day Event 9A—PEP Club	Mission Trip—Mission Trip—Mission 2P-Troop 94 Ceremony	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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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 6:30PM—Financial Peace	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 5:30P—Trustees Meeting-DC	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 6:30P-Choir Practice			11A-Puzzle Pieces-FH
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mission Trip 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	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 6:30P—CCR&R-FH	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR 5:30P-Asbury Youth 5:30P—VBS Planning Meeting-LB 6:30P-Choir Practice	9A-PEP Club-Lb		
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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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