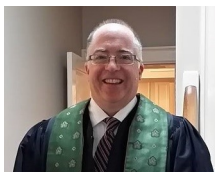




The Asbury Connection

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



Micah 5:2 *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, In Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”*

Unexpected! God has always shown up in unexpected ways. In the beginning, he created the world and breathed life into us. He called Abram and his wife Sara to be the family that he would begin a nation with and then didn't start it until they were old. He rescued his people from slavery with a man who had a speech impediment. In big and small ways God shows up but it is always unexpected. Then He sent His son to redeem us, but he wasn't born into the palace of Jerusalem. He was born in a manger in Bethlehem, arguably least among the tribes of Judah. Even as the prophet Micah tells of the downfall and persecutions of Israel, he also tells of the redemption of the Messiah. Unexpected!

This Christmas season I want us to consider the ways that God has made himself known to us. We seem to be ready to see the big things but I really want us to consider the unexpected ways that God reveals Himself to us. It is easy to see God in the healing of loved ones, the blessing of a successful business venture, or the growth of the church. But what about failure and suffering, how did God meet you in times of trial? How have you met God in unexpected ways? Remember that with Gideon God seemed to call him to an impossible situation and then made it more difficult to better show His power. God wants to help and bless his children but it is not always as we expect it is usually unexpected!

We are borrowing our theme for Advent from The Nutcracker. When I was first presented with this idea, I rejected it as being too secular. But then as I read the story and the curriculum I begin to see where God's story was showing up. Even though Tchaikovsky was not a professing Christian, he was a spiritualist and I think we begin to see some of that come out in the story of the Nutcracker. Or perhaps this is not how he intended it at all but God shows up through a ballet that has become beloved by so many in the Christmas season. Unexpected!

Blessings,
Jerry



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December Birthdays

Addy Armbrister 12/1
Bea Jennings 12/1
Ann McInturff 12/1
Don Stansfield III 12/1
Emma Lamons 12/2
Amanda Richey 12/2
Jewel Bell 12/4
Carolina Jones 12/5
Rebekah Taylor 12/5
Angie Wells 12/5
Carolyn Gregg 12/6
David Andrew 12/7
Dave Wright 12/7
James Gregg 12/8
Robert Ottinger 12/8
Jessie Wilburn 12/9
Homer Davenport 12/10
Doug DeBusk 12/11
John Fisher 12/11
John Kilday 12/11
Joy McGuffin 12/11
Paige Bible 12/15
Andy Broyles 12/15
Emma Adorante 12/17
Grayson Hite 12/18
Kenny Kershaw 12/18
Marjorie Bullen 12/19
Cindy Tvardy 12/19
Karen Reaves 12/21
David Rivers 12/21
Dawn Wright 12/22
Mary Louise Fisher 12/24
Shane Hite 12/24
Savannah Tvardy 12/26
David Jones 12/27
Brooke Baker 12/28
Gracyn Uhls 12/28
Lana Broyles 12/29
Angel Carter 12/29
Vicky Cole 12/29
Steve Crouch 12/30
Frank Holzschuh 12/31

From the United Methodist Women President, Debby Hendrix

The United Methodist Women's Christmas meal will be on Thursday, December 5th at 11:30 Am in the Fellowship Hall. Members are to bring a canned food item for the Food Bank as our gift to missions. Hostess for the meeting are Bettye Hayes, Sally Andrew, Barbara Serral, Susan Jones, Lynn Reviere, and Nancy Worley.

2020 Officers

President: Sally Andrew
Vice President: Debby Hendrix
Secretary: Tee Earl
Treasurer: Barbara Clanton
Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson
Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan
Scholarship Treasure: Barbara Clanton
Reading Program: Becki McInturff

Mission Coordinators:
Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral
Social Action: Bettye Hayes, Judy Kennon

Nominating Committee:
Ann Smith
Caroline Russell
Kim Brown

Scholarship:
Barbara Clanton
Becki McInturff
Lisa Crum

Historian: Bennie Brooks

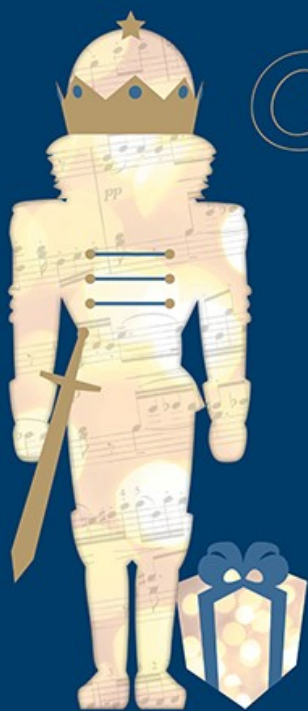


United
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Women

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December Anniversaries

Louis & Caroline Ricker 12/12
George & Cindy Tvardy 12/14
David & Emily Rivers 12/16
Cliff & Becki McInturff 12/18
David & Sally Andrew 12/19
Dominick & Kathy Jackson 12/20
David & Susan Jones 12/21
Buddy & Becky Yonz 12/27
Woody & Teresa Smith 12/31



THE GIFT OF THE *Nutcracker*

2019 Advent Schedule

December 5th—UMW Christmas Lunch: 12PM-FH

**December 11th—Children's Christmas Program:
"The Real Christmas Story" 6 PM-ST**

December 13th—ACEC Christmas Program: 6PM-ST

**December 15th—Cantata: "The Gift of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love"
(single service) 10 AM-ST**

December 21st—Blue Christmas: 7 PM-Holston Home Chapel

December 24th—Christmas Eve Services: 5 PM ST & 11 PM-FH

December 25th—Christmas Day Office Closed

December 26th—Office Closed

Congregational Care

Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
- Orland Britton
- Betty Fletcher
- Barbara Lawson
- Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
- Buck Mathes
- Cheryl Smith

Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
- Winifred Kuper
- Jessie Wilburn

Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore
- Caroline Russell

Asbury Missions

Local Missions Ministry

Asbury continues to work locally with Tate Chapel in repairing their parsonage. The new roof has been installed, soffits primed and ready for new guttering. As we begin to get the word out of our Local Mission Ministry, ongoing support will be needed to help fund these projects. If you would like to donate to our Local Mission Ministry, please note in memo line on your check or envelope.

Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

A year ago, the mere thought of Isaiah 117 House in Greene County was just being tossed around. Who would have imagined that in one year, we as a county would come together to make this dream a reality. We as a church, community, and county accomplished what God lead us to do.

The ribbon cutting for Isaiah 117 House-Greene County was held on November 25. Isaiah 117 House will be officially open for use on Wednesday November 27. Thank you Asbury for doing your part in carrying out God's Plan for this ministry here in our community.

Watch for updates each month on how we can continually support this wonderful ministry.



From the Director of Family Ministries, Kim Brown

Holiday Painting Class



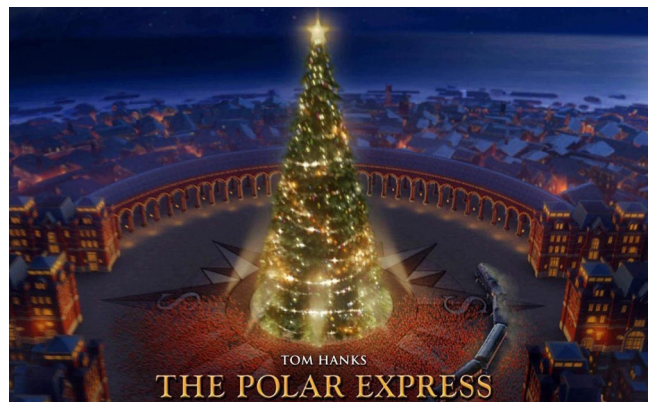
Thank you Asbury for your continued support of the Greene County Community Thanksgiving. Asbury once again stepped up to the plate and did their part in providing food for approximately 3700 meals. God Bless!

Asbury Family Movie Night "The Polar Express"

Movie, Pizza, Popcorn, Hot Cocoa, Door Prizes
December 20, 2018

6:00 PM

\$5



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@asburylife.org

Children's Ministries Happenings

Thank you for your support of our children's ministry fall fundraiser.

December 1st

CHANGE
for children

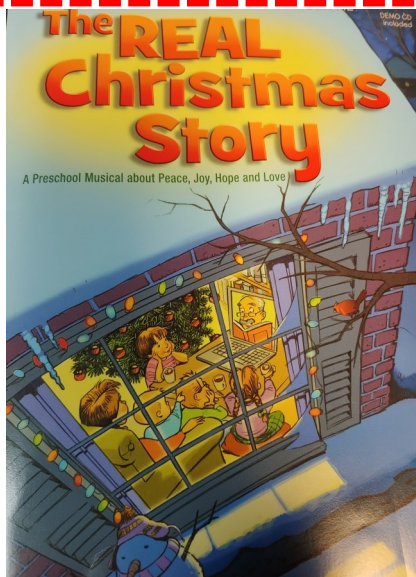
Laughlin Healthcare Visit



Christmas Caroling
December 18th at
5:30 pm
Meet in Fellowship Hall



**Children's Choir
singing at Thanksgiving**



Children's Christmas Play
December 11

6 PM in the Sanctuary

Practice's are on Wednesday afternoons 4:30-5:30.

Dress Rehearsal Dec 7 10-1

Parents watch email & messages for more specific info.

Questions, please see Mrs. Kim.



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@Asburylife

RESURRECTION 2020
"MORE THAN CONQUERORS"
Romans 8:37

JANUARY 24-26, 2020

COST: \$70 Includes tickets, room, and pizza Saturday night.

Deposit: \$25 due by December 15, 2019.

This payment will secure your place. Because this is such an awesome event, there are many people that want to go.

This is a first come, first serve basis.

Remaining balance, \$45 due by January 12, 2020

MORE THAN CONQUERORS
ROMANS 8:37
JANUARY 24-26, 2020
LECONTE CENTER
PIGEON FORGE, TN
#REZ20
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resurrection™
a Ministry to Youth
the music
ELIAS DUMMER
REGGIE DABBS
the message



The youth helped load and delivery our shoeboxes.

Our youth room remodel is nearing completion. We hope to be completed before Christmas. Please take a look when you have a chance at the beautiful work being done.



We will still keep the same schedule for Sunday and Wednesday Night Youth Meetings.
Sundays at 6:00PM and Wednesdays after the meal.

Afterschool Youth Activities

December 4th: Gingerbread contest

December 11th: Children's Program

December 13th: Christmas Party Lock in

December 18th: Caroling

ACEC Newsletter



ACEC Christmas Program

December 13 at 6:00pm

**Please see your child's teacher
for more information!**

Open Door

ACEC has an open door policy! Please come to your child's class when you have time. We love to have parents come play with the children in the class, eat lunch, or see if the teachers need any help with things in their class.

Adopt a Senior

For Christmas

ACEC is doing a Adopt a Senior from a local nursing home. Please take a senior from our Christmas tree in the lobby. Give Chassidy or Sharon the lower portion of the form. Please have the gifts returned to ACEC no later than December 13!



REMINDERS

- ACEC Christmas Program December 13 at 6:00 pm in Church Sanctuary.
- ACEC will be closed December 24 and December 25 for Christmas.
- ACEC will be closed January 1, 2020

Birthdays:

Carter Hackler	12-06
Annalise Collins	12-21
Rhett Greene	12-21
Emmalee Long	12-22
Easton Rector	12-26



Inclement Weather Policy

ACEC will not be open till 8:00 am if the Greenville City Schools are closed due to weather. If the Greenville City Schools ESP closes due to weather, we will close as well. If the Greenville City ESP dismisses early due to weather related incidents, then ACEC will close early.

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

December 4th

Chicken Pot Pie

Salad

Dessert

Hosted By: Asbury Youth

December 11th

Soup

Salad

Sandwich

Dessert

Hosted By:

Children's Ministry

December 18th

NO MEAL

December 25th

NO MEAL

**Cost is \$6.00 for adults,
\$3.00 children ages 2-10,
\$30.00 family.**

**Take-Out Meals
Available.**

**ALL MEALS MUST RSVP
BY NOON ON TUESDAY.**

**Our schedule, menus,
and RSVP form can be
found on our website
asburylife.org/connect,
you can also reserve
meals on your
connection cards in the
pews, or by calling the
church office.**

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

Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries	
Coordinator:	Susan Holzschuh
Benevolence Team	
Chairperson:	Joe McInturff
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

December

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB Meeting-DH 5:30P –Handbells-BB	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	11:30A—UMW Luncheon 6P-ACEC Meeting-FH		10A-Children's Play Practice-ST
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB Meeting-DH 5:30P-Trustees Meeting-DC 5:30P –Handbells-BB	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE 6P-Children's Christmas Program-ST	9A—PEP Club 12P-Finance Meeting -DC	6P-ACEC Christmas Program-ST 7P-Youth Christmas lock in-FH	9A-Cantata Practice 12P– Wood Cutters Meal
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Cantata-ST 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 5:30P –Handbells-BB 6P—Church Council Meeting-DH	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	9A—PEP Club	6P -Family Christmas Movie	7P-Blue Christmas Service-Holston Home
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8A-Chapel Worship-Children 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST –Children 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Youth	7P-Troop 94	5PM Service ST 11PM Service FH	Office Closed			
29	30	31				
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 6P-Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 5:30P –Handbells-BB				
			3:30PM—Homework Club 4:30PM—Music 5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal 6:30PM—Small Groups & Choir Practice, Kids Klub, Youth			

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
5:30PM—Fellowship Meal
6:30PM—Kids Klub, Youth
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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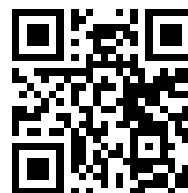
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