

## Asbury Gatherings

### Children's & Youth Ministry

Wednesdays

5:15–7:00 p.m.

Asbury Fellowship Hall

3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury-Pruitt Hill-Tate Chapel

### Community Outreach

- **Morning Pointe Senior Center** *Thursdays | 10 a.m.* Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw, (Nancy Worley's Daughter).
- **A Place of Grace** *1st Sunday of every Month | 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall.* Leave your worries behind, come fellowship and eat with us and welcome the many people who share our building each week. Join us today **5/3/2026**.

### Bible Studies

- We are excited to announce our new Leadership Development course, **DARE TO SHIFT**, led by author Rev. Dr. Stephen Hanley. The course will take place on April 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch. The cost for the book will be \$20.00 and is available in the office. **All who currently hold a leadership position and those who will be joining at Charge Conference in the fall are expected and encouraged to be present.** To register online go to: <https://aumc.cls.co/CMdw> or contact the church office. For additional information please Rev. Bowers or Kathy in the office.
- **Gardening with Gratitude** is a small group rooted in faith, community, and the simple, grounding joy of getting our hands dirty—together. The group will meet on May 21, 2026, and on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
THE 19TH DAY *of* APRIL 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026

## THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "Sinfonia" by G.F. Handel Ed Logan

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

The Greeting † At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in Praise\* "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH #156

The Apostles Creed\* See Insert UMH #881

Gloria Patri\* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen**

Passing of The Peace\* † Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children's Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession See Insert

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer Sandra Fox

Prayer Hymn Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here) Ed Logan  
V 1 & 2 Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord's Prayer See Insert Rev. Sharon Bowers

\*Please stand as you are able, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for April 12, 2026			
Sunday School	20	Livestream Views	534
Traditional Service	61	Children's Church	3
Contemporary Service	16	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	30
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	34
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly 3rd Thursday	4/23/2026	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly-Wednesday)	5
A Place of Grace (Monthly) 1st Sunday of the Month	5/3/2026	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	13
Youth Orange & White Game	10		

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION			
View Our Prayer List		View Our Coming Events	
Give Online		Join our Livestream	

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Sandra Fox
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host	Doris Allen / Marcia Parsons
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin/ Fletcher Sherrill/ Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p><b>Let us know you're here:</b> Please take a moment to let us know you're here by checking-in using the church center app, completing an online connection card at <a href="http://www.asburylife.org">www.asburylife.org</a>, or by signing the red registration pad in your pew</p>	
<p><b>See what's coming up at Asbury:</b> Visit our online church calendar at <a href="https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury">https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury</a>.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The children and youth meeting on Wednesday nights are seeking sponsors for a trip to The Factory Adventure on April 29 for laser tag. The cost is \$15 per person. To help, please mark your offering 'Factory Adventure' or see Pastor Sharon or Sarah McMillan. Thank you for your support!</li> </ul>	
PRAYER REQUESTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please pray for <b>Bob Harr</b>, father of Rev. Lisa Bryant (Glen Alpine-Kingsley). Bob has been diagnosed with stage four cancer.</li> <li>Please pray for the Allen family, who have experienced the heartbreaking loss of several immediate loved ones. Pray for God's comfort, peace, and strength to surround them during this difficult time, and that they would feel His presence and the support of our church family.</li> <li>Please pray for the family of Mary Jo Slagel, who passed away on April 13, 2026. Mary Jo was a devoted member of Asbury United Methodist Church and lived a full life of service, fellowship, and travel with her husband, Howard. Pray for comfort, peace, and strength for her loved ones during this time of loss.</li> </ul>	

## MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 19, 2026

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson\* Luke 24:13-35 Sandra Fox  
(You may remain seated)

The Message Joy On The Road! Rev. Sharon Bowers

### NEW MEMBER LITANY

See Insert Rev. Sharon Bowers

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings Please register your attendance in the red folder located in your pew. Please let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in receiving more information.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem (Organ Offertory) "On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days" by J.S. Bach Ed Logan

Doxology See Insert UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation\* "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH#454

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction\* Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace\* Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
People: **An also with you.**

Postlude\* "Jubal's Trumpet" by Franklin Ashdown Ed Logan

Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.

## Liturgy For Worship

### The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

\*\*Universal

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below,

Praise him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Risen Christ, you have walked with us when we fail to recognize you. We confess that we are often too blind to see you.

Liturgist:

We have lamented what we have lost more than celebrated what we have gained. We have refused to cast all of our cares upon you.

Liturgist:

Lord, continue to speak to us so that we can hear your voice, continue to look upon us so that we can catch your gaze, and continue to capture our hearts so that we can hear, see, and know you.

People:

**Forgive us as we have allowed hate and division to cloud our vision.**

People:

**Forgive us for closing our eyes to your perfect will and your perfect way in our lives.**

People:

**Show us your glory and reveal the path to us now and in the future.**

**You have opened the scriptures to us, you have broken bread with us, you have revealed truth to us, and we have not been grateful.**

**All: Lord, teach us to stop ignoring your word and leaning on our own understanding. Lord, meet us on the road and give us joy, unspeakable joy full of glory. Open our eyes, ignite our hearts, and restore our joy. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.**

## Pastor Blessings

May the Christ, who met weary travelers on the road, meet you in your own journey.

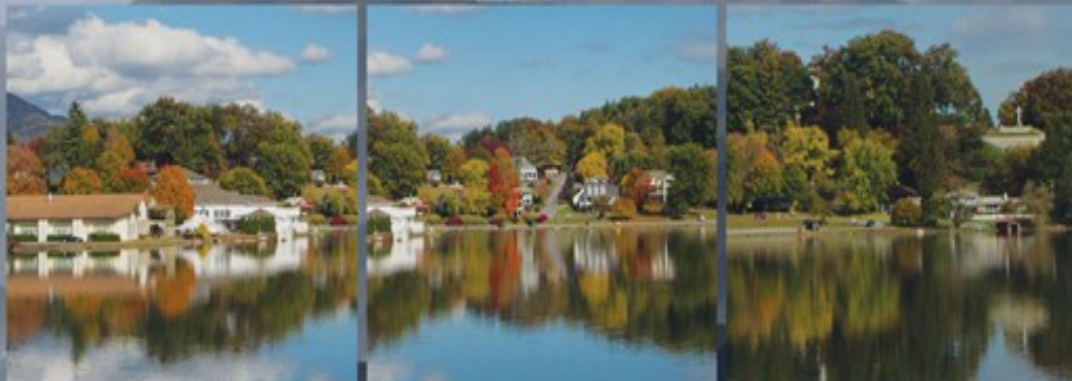
May Christ open your eyes when you cannot see, and warm your heart when it feels cold, and speak truth when confusion surrounds you.

May your burning and bleeding heart be held in Christ's wounded hands, and may your sorrow be transformed into holy joy.

May you leave this place knowing you are not alone, you are not forgotten, your story is not finished, in the name of all this holy we pray. **Amen**

Pastor Rev. Sharon Bowers.

## Annual Conference News



### Join the 2026 Annual Conference Choir

Come join the Annual Conference Choir! The choir will sing during the Memorial Service on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Rehearsals will occur on Sunday evening in the Memorial Chapel, following the Ordination Service, and again before the Memorial Service in Stuart Auditorium at 1:15 p.m.

Click here to sign up to sing → [ACChoir 2026](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [LoriSluder@holston.org](mailto:LoriSluder@holston.org)

We are excited to see you at the lake!

Thank you!

# DARE TO SHIFT

Challenging leaders to  
a new way of thinking

To Sign up Click Here



**Dr. Michael Bowie & Dr. Stephen Handy**

Foreword by Bishop Tracy Smith Malone

## Introduction

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, we present these persons for membership in The United Methodist Church and in this congregation.

We present \_\_\_\_\_.

## Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Pastor (to candidates): On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?  
**Candidates: I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?  
**Candidates: I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?  
**Candidates: I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain *faithful members* of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's *representatives* in the world?  
**Candidates: I will.**

## Loyalty to The United Methodist Church

Pastor (to candidates): As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?  
**Candidates: I will.**

## Loyalty to the Local Congregation

Pastor (to candidates): As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?  
**Candidates: I will.**

## Congregational Response

Lay Leader (to congregation): Members of the household of God, we commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**We do. With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live accordingly to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## The Pastor addresses all:

Pastor: Let us join together in professing in Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God, the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

\*universal

As members of the Christ Universal Church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**I will**

## Commendation and Welcome

Brothers and sisters, siblings, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care, do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and protect them in love.

## Lay Leader & Congregation (in unison):

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of the **United Methodist Church**. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

## Pastoral Blessing

Pastor: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you now and forevermore. We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**All: Amen.**