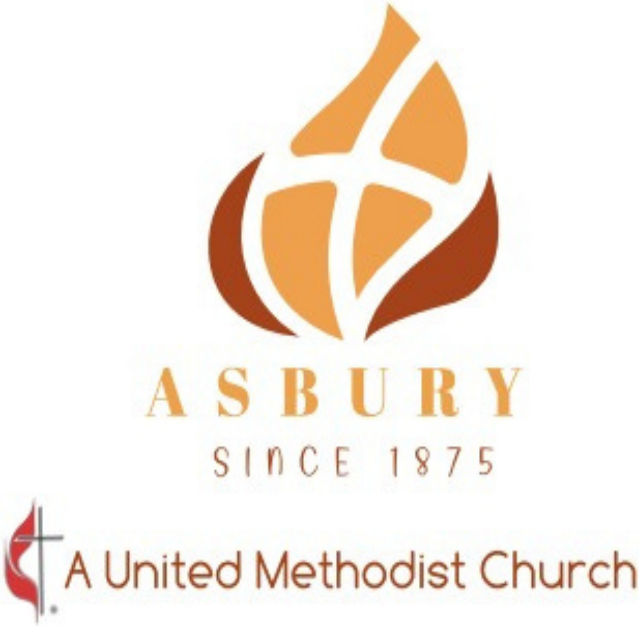


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Tiny Seeds, Tuesdays 10:00 A.M., Chapel for 3-4 year olds - Day Care Students and Staff. Rev. Sharon Bowers and Ms. Sandra Fox leading.
The Valley (Contemporary Worship Service) @ Asbury Sunday 11:15 A.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall, Rev. Ronnie Wong, Preacher
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).
Bible Studies / Small Groups X'ianity: Christianity 101 Sundays, at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Interested in attending the Contemporary Service and looking for a Sunday School class? Join this class, Christianity 101, a welcoming discussion of the foundations of the Christian faith. Whether you're new to Christianity, exploring your faith, or simply looking to connect with others, everyone is welcome. Foundations: A New Member Class Sunday at 6:00 P.M. in the Asbury Library. Join us for a 7-week study to explore our Methodist heritage, Wesleyan tradition, and what it means to be part of Asbury UMC. (Pastor Chase). Class will reconvene in early November when Pastor Chase returns from paternity leave. The Bible Told Them So Begins Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 P.M. in the La Rue Room, Led by Rev. Bowers. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. All are welcome! (Pastor Sharon). Books are available in the church office, and we currently have 4 spots available. To reserve a spot or pick up your book, please stop by the church office. Please join our small group study. There is a space just for you! New Bible Study: Forgiveness, Finding Peace Through Letting Go October 3 (6 weeks), Thursdays 6:00–7:30 P.M. Join us this fall as we explore forgiveness with Adam Hamilton and discover how letting go of grudges can open our hearts more fully to God's grace. **Bring a friend and join us for this meaningful study! ** Interested? Please sign up through Church Center. For more information, please contact John Reviere.



18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 27th DAY of SEPTEMBER 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light “Instrumental” Paulette Johnson

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

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

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in Praise* "How Great Thou Art" UMH# 77

The Apostles Creed* See Insert

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

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* Sandra Fox

The Children’s Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession Sandra Fox

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE Congregation:

Call to Prayer Sandra Fox

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393 Chancel Choir & Congregation

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

*Please stand in body or spirit, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for September 20, 2026			
Sunday School	9	Livestream Views Traditional Service *Contemporary Service	(221) *58
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	45	Children’s Church	4
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	26	Children’s Chapel	22
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	2	Children’s Church & Youth	27
X’ianity 101	3	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	5
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	Oct 4th	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	18
Prayer Requests			
Please keep our military men and women in your prayers, especially Alex Whitaker (Air Force Pilot), Lincoln Taylor (Navy Pilot), and Jackson Renner (Army Reserve). Pray for God’s protection, wisdom, strength, and courage as they serve, and for their safe return home. Please also pray for their families.			
Please pray for Rebekah Taylor, who has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently receiving treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. Please also keep her husband, Jeff, and their family in your prayers during this difficult time.			
Please pray for Teresa Bowers, who is scheduled for a second surgery related to a previous corrective surgery. Pray for strength, a successful procedure, and a smooth recovery.			
Please pray for Jeff Shipley who has been cleared for a liver transplant and is waiting for the call. Strengthen him for the journey.			

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Ronald Wong
Liturgist:	Sandra Fox
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Music:	Paulette Johnson
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
We are getting ready for our annual trip to Fenders Farm on September 30! If you would like to sponsor a child for this trip, we are asking for donations of \$7 per person. Would you like to join us? Let us know you are coming by RSVP to Sarah at sgmteach@yahoo.com and meet us there at 5:30!	
Life in the Kingdom Sunday School Class will resume meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 9:00 A.M. with Steve Parsons in the LaRue Classroom. This term, we will study the Book of Psalms: The Believer’s Songbook. All are welcome!	
We will be packing food kits for CANUP (Coalition Addressing the Needs of Unhoused People) this Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 5:00 pm in the Wesley Room. Items needed are protein (tuna, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages) and cereal bars. Your generosity has allowed us to pack and deliver over 900 food kits in 2026 to the homeless and food-insecure in Greene County. Should you have any questions, see Kevin James	
Please join us for our table ministry on Sunday, October 4th at 6 P.M. We’ll share a casual dinner around the table with many of the people who use our building during the week for offices and meetings. Enjoy a meal, get to know our neighbors, and show them some good ole’ Asbury hospitality! Please call the church office and let Kathy or Rev. Bowers know you’re coming so we can be sure to have plenty of food for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity to build community and share the love of Christ through hospitality!	

MORNING WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

Proclaiming The Word		
The Scripture Lesson*	Genesis 32:24-32 (NASB)	Sandra Fox
The Message	Encountering God	Rev. Ronald Wong
Response To The Word		
Giving Our Tithes & Offerings		
† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please register your attendance in the red folder in your pew, and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information.		
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Ronald Wong
Offertory Song	“Instrumental”	Paulette Johnson
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation	"Just as I am, Without One Plea"	UMH# 357
Sending Forth		
Benediction*		Rev. Ronald Wong
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also, with you.	
Postlude*	"Instrumental”	Paulette Johnson

*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 ye 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 and Assurance of Pardon
Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts too much. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Pastoral Blessing
Friends, may you not be afraid to wrestle with God even if it takes all night long. May you hold on until you see the blessings of God manifest in your life. May you receive the blessings of God in the form of a new name with a new purpose, knowing that God is walking with you into your destiny. Receive the One who meets you in your struggle as a partner for life in all that you do and say. Know that your connection to God is eternal and that the God who wrestles with you is also the God who blesses you In the name of the all-loving, all-knowing God, go in peace. Amen.