

ASBURY GATHERINGS
<p>Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches, 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel</p>
<p>Tiny Seeds, Tuesdays 10:00 A.M., Chapel for 3-4 year olds - Day Care Students and Staff. Rev. Sharon Bowers and Sandra Fox leading.</p>
<p>The Valley (Contemporary Worship Service) @ Asbury Sunday 11:15 A.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall, Rev. Ronnie Wong, Preacher</p>
<p>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).</p>
<p>Bible Studies / Small Groups</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Bible Told Them So J. Russell Hawkins, Author. 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! We will have a special lecturer, Dr. Jamal Hopkins, Baylor University, Professor, The Noahitic Curse. Please consider joining us for this event.</p> <p>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.</p>



21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 18th DAY of OCTOBER 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light “Instrumental” Paula 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* "O How I Love Jesus UMH #170

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* John Reviere

The Children’s Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession John Reviere

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE Congregation:

Call to Prayer John Reviere

Prayer Hymn “Spirit Song” UMH #347Chancel 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 October 11, 2026			
Sunday School	6	Livestream Views Traditional Service *Contemporary Service	(325) *82
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	27	Children’s Church	2
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	27	Children’s Chapel	Fall Break
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	3	Children’s Church & Youth	Fall Break
X’ianity 101	6	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	Oct 14
Forgiveness	TBD	The Bible Told Them So	5
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	11/1/2026	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	20
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.			
Healing: Rebekah during three weeks of chemo/radiation; John Cash following torn-retina surgery; Phyllis’s continued recovery; Jeff Shipley, kidney transplant. Jewel Bell’s nephew seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Travel: Marcia, Diane, and Sandra traveling; Kim and Diane traveling to NC; John and Susan Lester traveling to Italy; Kim visiting family and awaiting a new great-grandbaby; and Doris’s niece Stacy and veteran Richard Powell on the Honor Flight to DC (10/16–10/17). Loss: Trixie, friend of Alice and Sue. Safety: Greeneville High School football team and all athletes. Life Changes: Kim and Ronnie as they move into their new home; prayers for the expectant mother. Praises: Lisa completed chemotherapy and rang the bell!			

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	John Reviere
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Music:	Paula Johnson
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped make the Greenville High School Football Team lunch a success! Your generosity and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. Thank you for sharing Christ’s love with our community!	
Our Annual Trunk or Treat is approaching quickly and we are in need of trunks and people to pass out candy. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 5:30-7:00. Please arrive by 5:00 if you are setting up a trunk. If you would like to donate candy, please put it in the fellowship hall labeled "trunk or treat." Sarah McMillan or Pastor Sharon can answer any questions you may have.	
This month’s United Methodist Women’s meeting will be held at 115 Oak Grove Road, Greenville, on October 21st at 11:00 A.M., hosted by Ivy Leonard. Please RSVP to Doris Allen by October 18th.	
Pickleball, Anyone? The City of Greenville has graciously provided a pickleball court on the shared green space below the basketball courts! Interested in playing or learning the game? Contact Annie Bollon, Pastor Sharon, or Kathy in the church office. Come enjoy some fun, fellowship, and fitness!	

MORNING WORSHIP

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Proclaiming The Word

The Scripture Lesson*	1 Peter 4: 6-13 (NRSV)	John Reviere
The Message	Serve Joyfully !!!!	Rev. Sharon Bowers

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. Sharon Bowers
Offertory Song	“Instrumental”	Paula Johnson
Doxology	See Insert	UMH# 95
Canup		Art Masker
Hymn of Invitation	“Here I Am, Lord”	UMH# 593

Sending Forth

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	“Instrumental”	Paula Johnson

*Childcare is available under the Sanctuary, an usher can guide you.

Liturgy for Worship
<p>The Apostles Creed</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Amen.</p> <p>**Universal</p>
<p>Doxology</p> <p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</p> <p>Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host.</p> <p>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</p> <p>Amen</p>
<p>The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>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.</p>

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon
<p>God of grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are imitators of the world.</p> <p>You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live.</p> <p>(Prayer of Silent Confession)</p> <p>Words of Assurance: Beloved children of God, receive this good news: God loves us, chooses us, forgives us, and renews us to live in love and service of God and neighbor.</p> <p>Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. All: Glory to God. Amen.</p> <p>Adapted from Amy Loving: The Worship Closet</p>
Pastoral Blessing
<p>May you find strength to serve others in Christ. May God grant you just the right amount of gifts and grace to enable you to be a blessing to others. Go forth in love for your neighbor. Serve joyfully and serve with gladness, and let everyone you come in contact with know that you have the love of Jesus in your heart. Amen.</p>