



APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

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2026 Hands-On-Mission Project

School Kits for Liberia		
Quantity	Item	Specifics/Details
1 each	Backpack	16" or larger.
1 each	12" Ruler	Metal is not recommended.
2 boxes	Chalk	White in color.
10-12 each	Pens	Blue or Black ink only.
10-12 each	Pencils	No mechanical pencils.
1 pack	Erasers	Pencil top or handheld style.
2 each	Pencil Sharpeners	
3 each	Spiral Notebooks	70 sheets per notebook.
1 ream	Copy Paper	500 sheets per ream.

Information about 2026 project:

- Shipping is \$5 per backpack. Churches, please try to collect the money and make one check for the full total to the Appalachian District.
- No preset district goal to meet; however, we know our churches will come through for the children of Liberia!
- Save money, buy items in bulk. Then put pencils and pens in baggies or bind with rubber bands.
- Dropoff locations: These locations may expand. We will update you when locations are added.
 - Virginia churches: First Pennington Gap UMC or Gate City UMC
 - Tennessee churches: First UMC Johnson City or Colonial Heights UMC
- **Deadline to accept kits: Monday, May 4, 2026.**
- Questions, contact Beverley at apdist@holston.org or 423-467-5020.

Plus

You are invited to sponsor Virtual Kits for Zimbabwe:

- The cost is \$5 per virtual kit.
- Donations will be used to purchase food, school supplies, and medical supplies in Zimbabwe.
- The kits will be assembled for children at Ishe Anesu.
- Wholesale prices will allow us to maximize our support for Ishe Anesu this year.
- Mark your check for "Zimbabwe HOM" and write it to your church.
- Churches, you can make one check, payable to the Appalachian District, for backpack shipping and virtual kits; however, we will need to know how to split the money for each mission.

For additional information or questions please see Kathy Bevins or Rev. Bowers

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION

View Our Prayer List		View Our Coming Events		Give Online		Join our Live-stream	
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ASBURY
SINCE 1875



A United Methodist Church

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE 15TH DAY of MARCH 2026

LAETARE SUNDAY "REJOICE"

TEN O'CLOCK

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET . GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 15, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "Deck Thyself, O Soul, With Gladness" arr. Brahms Trent Tipton

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* "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH# 57

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 John Reviere

Prayer Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496
 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 March 1, 2026			
Sunday School	17	Livestream Views	506
Traditional Service	52	Children's Church	3
Contemporary Service	17	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	40
Morning Pointe Senior Center	21	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	27
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	5	A Place of Grace (Monthly)	1st Sunday upcoming 4/5
Care Center (Monthly)	5th Sunday 3/29		



TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM			
Minister:	Rev. Sharon Bowers	Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Liturgist:	John Reviere	Nursery Host:	Doris Allen
Organist/ Pianist:	Trent Tipton	Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
Music:	Choir		

Children's 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).

Bible Studies

- ***Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith*** by Adam Hamilton
A small-group study that creates a safe space for the honest questions many Christians carry quietly, offering guidance for discovering a deeper and more resilient faith.
Thursdays | 6:00 p.m. Contact John Reviere for additional information.

- ***Spiritual Practices for Soul Care*** by Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Peacock
For those longing for a richer experience of God, this study introduces forty practices that help integrate spiritual disciplines into everyday life.
Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. **** Please reach out to Pastor Sharon if you are interested in signing up.**

- ***Pursued: God's Relentless Love for You (Women's Bible Study)*** by Jennifer Cowart
Explore the sweeping story of Scripture to see how God faithfully and lovingly pursues His people throughout biblical history—and continues to pursue us today.
Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. **** Please reach out to Pastor Sharon if you are interested in signing up.**

**** Contact Rev. Bowers or Kathy in the office if you have questions or are interested.**

MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 15, 2026

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson (s)* Galatians 5:16-25 John Reviere

The Message Joy Juice! 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 in your pew, and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information. Please place attendance form in the offering plate.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem (Organ Offertory) Prelude on "Brother James's Air"
by Searle Wright Trent Tipton

Doxology See Insert UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation* "How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

SENDING FORTH

Benediction* Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Postlude* "Fugue in C Minor" by J. S. Bach. Trent Tipton

Committee Spotlight

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.

United Methodist Women of Asbury UMC-Greeneville is a unit of the global UMW, which now uses the moniker, United Women in Faith. The global organization claims nearly 500,000 members and *seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.*

Members raise millions of dollars each year for programs and projects that support women, children, and youth in the United States and in 33 countries around the world. Doris Allen is our committee chair.

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OPEN	Chaplain	See Doris Allen for additional information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know you're here: 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 www.asburylife.org, or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.

See what's coming up at Asbury: Visit our online church calendar at <https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury>.

Sunday School for Both Services

Sister By Grace—Lead by: Marcia Parson @ 8:45 AM.

LaRue Class—Lead by: Steve Parsons @ 9:00 AM.

Family Enrichment—Lead by: Ryan McMillin & Abby Whitaker Martin @ 10:00 AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ACEC (Daycare) Easter Program April 2nd at 3:30 in the chapel
- Our **Easter Egg Hunt on April 4** is coming soon, and we need your help to make this a great day for our church and community! We're collecting stuffed Easter eggs, extra candy, and Little Debbie Cakes for our cake walk. Please drop donations in the library. Thank you for helping make this fun event special!
- The United Methodist Women's Luncheon and meeting will be held March 18th @ 11:30 am in the parlor at Asbury U.M.C.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Let us lift up in prayer the leaders of our nation during these challenging times, especially with rising tensions in the Middle East involving Israel and Iran. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, may God grant them wisdom, discernment, and courage, guiding them to act with justice, peace, and compassion, that all may flourish under God's loving care.
- Whisper an extra prayer for Lincoln Taylor and Alex Whittaker and their families.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Merciful and loving God, we confess that we have not always lived as people filled with your Spirit.

Liturgist:

Many times, we have allowed bitterness to replace kindness, and frustration to replace joy. We have not shown the fruit of the spirit.

Liturgist:

We confess that we sometimes let the pressures of life shape our attitudes more than the presence of your Spirit.

Liturgist:

Forgive us for holding on to burdens you have asked us to release.

Liturgist:

Lord, as we make our way to the cross, help us to lay the burdens down that prevent us from running freely to you.

All: : Fill us again with your Holy Spirit so that the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control may grow in our lives. In Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

People:

Lord in your mercy, fill us up until we overflow.

People:

Lord in your mercy, manifest in us love, **joy**, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

People:

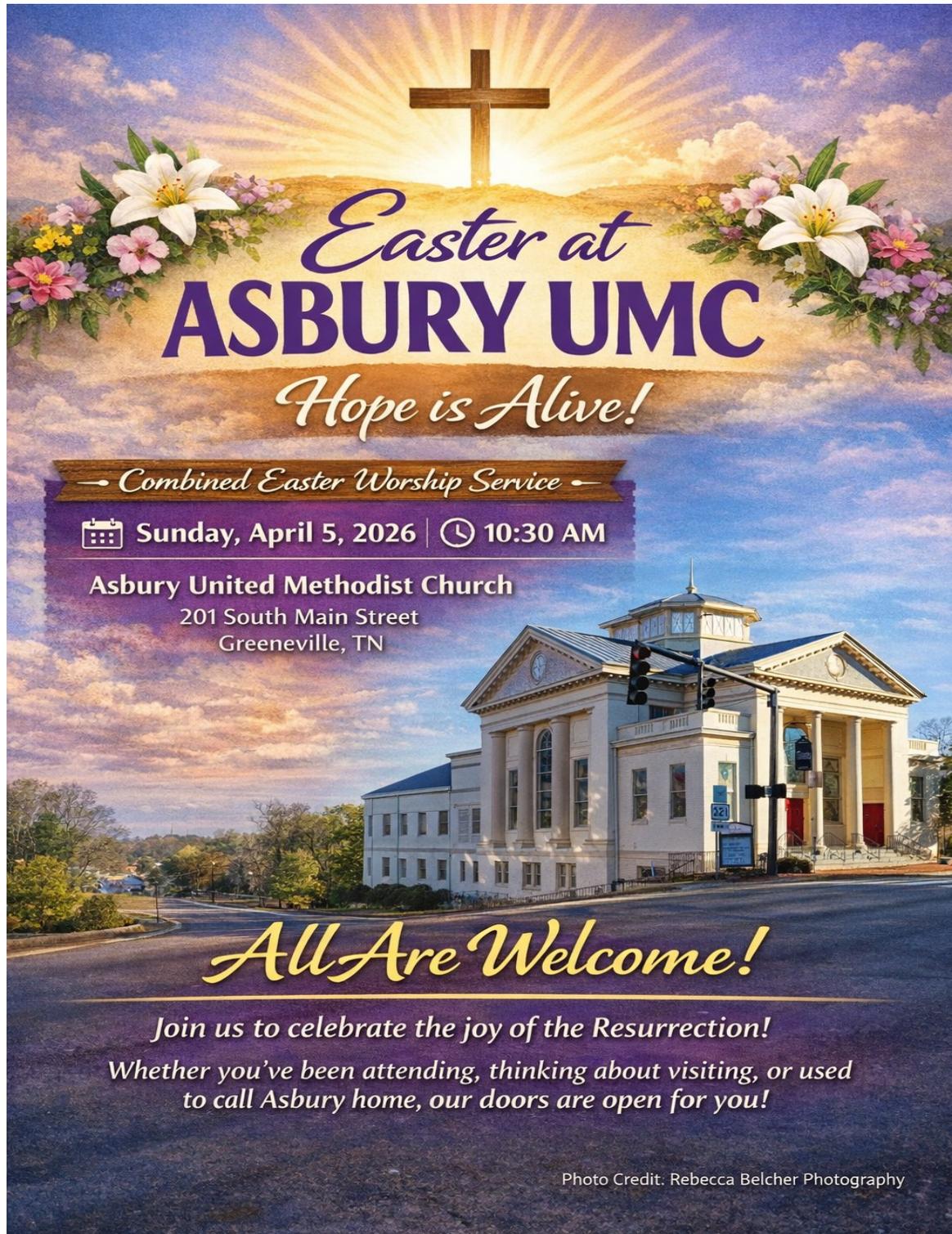
Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have focused more on our circumstances than on your promises.

People:

Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits.

People:

Create in us the sweetness of your grace so that we may share it with others.



**Easter at
ASBURY UMC**
Hope is Alive!

→ *Combined Easter Worship Service* →

📅 **Sunday, April 5, 2026** | 🕒 **10:30 AM**

Asbury United Methodist Church
201 South Main Street
Greeneville, TN

All Are Welcome!

*Join us to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection!
Whether you've been attending, thinking about visiting, or used
to call Asbury home, our doors are open for you!*

Photo Credit: Rebecca Belcher Photography

Pastoral Blessing

Now may the God who plants the seed of faith in our hearts nurture within joy and all the fruit of the Spirit.

May the love of Christ cause you to love others as he has loved you. May the peace of God dwell in you and comfort you in the days ahead.

And when life presses you this week, may what flows from your life be the sweetness of God's grace.

Go in peace, walk in faith, and rejoice in the Lord always.

In all that is Holy, we pray. Amen.



"Joy Juice reminds us that God's grace can turn the ordinary into delight. It is a simple gift that uplifts the spirit and celebrates the joy God places in our lives."