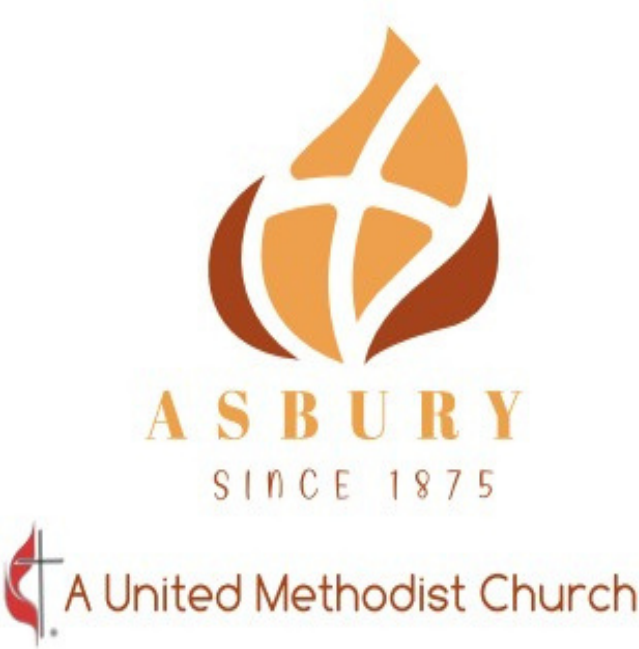


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Fall Ministry Kickoff – Week of August 10, 2026 We have had a wonderful summer break, and we are excited to welcome everyone back as our church ministries resume the week of August 10, 2026! This fall, we invite you to reconnect, grow in your faith, and build meaningful relationships as we restart our small groups, New Membership Class, and Confirmation Classes. We encourage you to over the next few weeks, take some time to prayerfully consider which small group you would like to join. Whether you are looking to deepen your Bible study, build friendships, serve others, or explore your faith, there is a place for you. We look forward to beginning this new season of ministry together as we continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Mark your calendars and plan to join us beginning the week of August 10! We can’t wait to see you!
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i> 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 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 August 20, 2026, on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 19th DAY of JULY 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP
July 19, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

Pastoral Dance on "Simple Gifts"
arr. Andrew Clarke

Ed Logan

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*

"My Hope is Built"

UMH #368

The Apostles Creed*

See Insert

UMH #881

† 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, work
without end. Amen.

Diane Whittenburg

Passing Of The Peace*

Diane Whittenburg

The Children's Message

Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession

See Insert

Diane Whittenburg

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

Diane Whittenburg

Prayer Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer "

UMH #496
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Church Services and Attendance for July 12, 2026			
Sunday School	7	Livestream Views	645
Combined Service	58	Children's Church	6
		Vacation Bible School	Tue - 32 Wed - 30 Thur - 34
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	5	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	Summer Vacation
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	July 16	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly —Wednesday)	July 22
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	August 2	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	18
Prayer Requests			
Pray for our Military Men and Women, Please keep all those serving in our nation's armed forces in your prayers. Pray that God will surround them with His protection, grant them wisdom, strength, and courage, and bring them safely home to their loved ones. May the Lord also comfort and sustain their families, filling them with peace, hope, and the assurance of His abiding presence. Alex Whitaker Pilot - Air Force, Lincoln Taylor - Navy Pilot, Jackson Renner - Army Reserves.			

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View our Prayer List



View Our Coming Events



Give Online



Join our Live-stream



TODAYS' WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Emily Bell
Organist / Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Leadership Onboarding Gathering (TODAY) Sunday, July 19 2:00–6:00 p.m. Asbury UMC (2-3 hours) A time of fellowship, vision, and connection as we welcome our new Pastor of Discipleship, Rev. Sharon Bowers, and gather with church leaders. This workshop is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Angela Hardy Cross. RSVP to the church office (Kathy).	
Come to the Waters of Grace – Holy Baptism Saturday, August 15, 2026 4:00 p.m. Chapel A service of Holy Baptism for infants, children, youth, and adults. Contact Pastor Rev. Sharon Bowers or the church office for questions or to participate.	
District Day with the Bishop (Save the Date) Tuesday, September 15, 2026 6:00–8:00 p.m. A combined clergy and laity gathering for worship, learning, and connection with the Bishop. Bishop Debra Wallace Padgett will be our guest and members of the Appalachian District. Please plan on being here and providing radical Asbury hospitality.	

MORNING WORSHIP		
July 19, 2026		
PROCLAIMING THE WORD		
The Scripture Lesson*	Genesis 28:10-19 (NRSV)	Diane Whittenburg
The Message	Finding Joy in the Unknown	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.		
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Anthem (Organ Offertory)	The Water Is Wide" arr. Stephen DeCesare Trumpet: Jeff Taylor	Ed Logan
Doxology	See Insert	UMH # 95
Hymn of Invitation*	"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"	UMH #418
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: An also with you.	
Postlude*	"Postlude in D" by Louis Scarmolin	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.

Pastoral Blessing
Friends of God, may you hold dear to your heart the sacred knowledge that God is with you. May you remember that although you don't know your future, you know that God holds your future in the palm of God's hand and watches over you and will protect and provide for you. May you have faith to believe that whatever tomorrow has in store for you, God is sufficient to see you through it. May you know that whatever lies before you has already been approved by God. God will not put on you more than you are able to bear. May you recognize the ways in which God shows up in unexpected places, and may you have the confidence to GO wherever God leads you now and in the future. May you trust that God is always working things out in your favor, and may you possess the joy of the unknown, remembering that you are never alone. In All that is Holy we pray. Amen.
Prayer of Confession
Liturgist: God of all seasons, we confess that we often struggle with uncertainty. We want to know the answers before we take the next step. We want clear paths, predictable outcomes, and control over our circumstances. Let us enter into unknown spaces and places believing that God is with us. People: Protect us when we don't move in the direction that you are leading us because we fear the unknown. Teach us to acknowledge the fact that our fear of the unknown keeps us from trusting Your presence. Liturgist: We confess that we often fail to recognize the places that God has gone before us. We fail to realize that God has made the crooked places straight and torn down the high places. Much like Jacob, we routinely only go to certain places, not realizing that you have a plan for our lives and that you want to order our steps. People: Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts so that we can see you in our home, our community, and our nation. Liturgist: We confess that it is easier for us to focus on our circumstances rather than on God. All: Hide your word deep in our hearts so that we might not sin against you. Make our hearts good ground, fertile and ready to receive and nourish seeds of faith that will bring new life, now and in the future. Thanks be to God! Amen