

ASBURY GATHERINGS

Children’s & Youth Ministry
Building Bridges & True North

Wednesdays

5:15 - 7:00 p.m.

Asbury Fellowship Hall | Meal & Study Please join us!
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, daughter of Nancy Worley.

Bible Studies / Small Groups

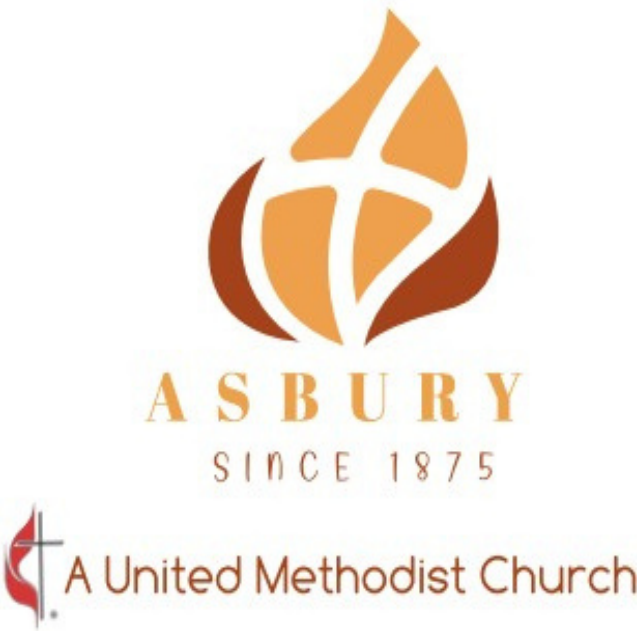
X’ianity: Christianity 101 — Sundays at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Join Ryan McMillan for a welcoming discussion of the foundations of the Christian faith while Rev. Chase Crickenberger is on paternity leave. Everyone is welcome!

Foundations: A New Member Class | Postponed till Rev. Crickenberger is back from paternity leave.

***The Bible Told Them So* Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the La Rue Room.**

Join us for an 8-week study on J. Russell Hawkins’ book, *The Bible Told Them So*. Together, we will examine the history of faith during the Civil Rights Era and reflect on how we can live out a compassionate, faithful witness today. All are welcome for thoughtful conversation and community learning! There are 5 remaining slots; books can be picked up at 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 **September 17, 2026, and on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 6th DAY *of* SEPTEMBER 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP
September 6, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude
& Bringing In The Light

Minuet from “Berenice”
G.F. Handel

Dr. Barbara Grissett

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*
The Apostles Creed*

“Blessed Assurance”
See Insert

UMH # 369
UMH #881

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer
Prayer Hymn
Pastoral Prayer

Diane Whittenburg
“Spirit of the Living God”
Rev. Ronald Wong

UMH #393
Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*
The Message

Matthew 18:15-20
The Joy of Making Peace

Diane Whittenburg
Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Church Services and Attendance for August 30, 2026			
Sunday School	7	Livestream Views Traditional Contemporary	271 180
Traditional Service	46	Children’s Church	2
Contemporary Service	24	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	25
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	5	Children’s Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	29
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	Sep 17	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly—Wednesday)	5
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	Sep 6	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	18
Prayer Requests			
Please keep our military men and women and their families in your prayers, specifically Alex Whitaker (Air Force Pilot), Lincoln Taylor (Navy Pilot), and Jackson Renner (Army Reserve). Pray for God’s protection, wisdom, strength, and peace as they serve, and for their safe return home.			
Please keep Bryan Gray in your prayers as he deals with kidney and liver issues. Pray for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for Bryan and his loved ones during this time.			
Please keep Jane Bohanon (Jean Sterling’s twin sister) in your prayers as her cancer has returned. Pray for healing and for favorable test results as we pray for remission.			
Please continue to pray for Alice Russell’s daughter, Lisa, as she begins her cancer treatment. Pray for strength, healing, comfort, and peace throughout her treatment.			

View
our
Prayer
List



View
Our
Coming
Events



Give
Online



Join
our
Live-
stream



TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Organist / Pianist:	Dr. Barbara Grissett
Music:	Chancel Choir
Sound / Livestream	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Foundations: A New Member Class has been postponed until Pastor Chase returns from paternity leave.	
The Bible Told Them So Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the La Rue Room. Beginning September 8, 2026. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. Books are available. All are welcome!	
Throughout the month of September , Asbury UMC is collecting canned chicken or tuna for My Neighbor's House . Donations may be placed in the Sisters by Grace classroom or brought to the church office. Thank you for your generosity as we share Christ's love by caring for our neighbors in need.	
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. Please plan to be here to show Asbury hospitality!	
Quarterly Membership Sunday , September 20, 2026 Traditional Service 10:00 A.M. or Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M. If you would like to become a member, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Sharon or call the office and let us know you would like additional information.	

MORNING WORSHIP

September 6, 2026

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

Anthem (Organ Offertory)

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"
arr. D.N. Johnson

Dr. Barbara Grissett

Doxology

See Insert

UMH #95

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion

A Service of Word and Table

UMH #12

Giving of the Bread & Cup

UMH #12

Hymn of Invitation*

"I Surrender All"

UMH #354

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Peace*

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

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Postlude*

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" - Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Barbara Grissett

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
Prayer of Confession (Unison) Liturgist: Let us pray together. All: God of Peace, Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Forgive us when we have made mountains out of mole hills, much out of little and war instead of peace. Give us the power to release our pride and the need to be right. Forgive us for the times we have made assumptions, held on to anger, spoken hurtful words, repeated gossip or planted seeds of discord. Give us courage to talk IT out, the humility to admit we were wrong, the heart to forgive. Let us share the kind of love that covers a multitude of sin. Teach us to let go of what needs to be released, restore and repair what is broken. Make us people of peace, love, joy and reconciliation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
Pastoral Blessing
Friends, love covers a multitude of sin. Go now in the grace of God knowing that you are inextricably connected to one another. Always be willing to listen, condition your heart to forgive and the humility to serve. Adopt a posture of forgiveness. Forgive what can be forgiven, release what you cannot control, and seek peace wherever possible. May the joy of reconciliation be yours now and in the future. Go in peace, love, and joy. Amen.