



ENRICHING CHILDRENS' LIVES

Chassidy Inscore - Director

AUMC Child Enrichment Center

Our Philosophy: The Asbury Child Enrichment Center is to provide a positive Christian atmosphere, which will promote the spiritual, social, physical, intellectual and emotional growth of a child while respecting individual differences among children. Learning experiences, appropriate for the developmental age of each group, are provided daily.

Waiting List : Your child will be placed on our waiting list when we have received the application fee (\$25.00). This fee is non-refundable and will not be applied to future tuition charges or other fees.

The date on which you pay the application fee is the date used to “track” your child on our waiting list. Nonetheless, it may be necessary because of your child’s age and because of the quota needs of a particular classroom for your child’s position on the waiting list to be moved. Please be assured, however, that we will seek to ensure the integrity of the waiting list and your child’s place on the list while otherwise meeting the Center’s placement requirements.

When you are informed of an opening in the Center, you will have 48 hours to let us know of your interest. If you turn down the spot that has been offered or if we do not hear back from you, we will offer the spot to the next child on the waiting list, and you will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list. Your child’s name will remain on the waiting list for two years from the date of payment of the application fee, or until you have failed to accept **two**.



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

March 2025



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

ASBURY

Since 1875

A United Methodist Church

Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out



AUMC Celebrates 150th Anniversary!!

Carolyn Gregg

Asbury UMC March Newsletter: Celebrating Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, a time to honor the countless contributions women have made throughout history—breaking barriers, shaping communities, and paving the way for future generations. This month, we reflect on the resilience, wisdom, and leadership of women who have made an impact not only on the world but also here at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Asbury itself is making history! In our 150 year history, we are witnessing a milestone as we celebrate our first female lead pastor. I am honored to serve Asbury and the greater Greene County community. This moment is not just about breaking tradition but about embracing the fullness of God's calling for all people. It is a testament to the power of inclusion, faith, and the undeniable role women have played—and continue to play—in shaping the church and our shared future.

But our celebration doesn't stop there. Asbury has long been blessed by strong, faithful women who have made lasting contributions in their professions and our community. Among us are judges, lawyers, doctors, nurse practitioners, registered and licensed practical nurses, business owners, real estate agents, teachers, clergy, and more. These women have shaped not only Asbury's history but the lives of countless individuals in Greeneville and beyond.

This Women's History Month, let us take the time to celebrate these achievements, express gratitude for the women who have influenced our lives, and continue to uplift and support the next generation of female leaders. Let us recognize that when women rise, communities thrive.

May we all be inspired to honor, remember, and celebrate the incredible women of our past, present, and future.

Many Thanks,

Pastor Sharon



Dr. Charles Starks 1997-2002

Chuck was born June 27, 1954 in Hicksville, VA. He is the son of Clarence and Mattiline Starks. He graduated from Emory and Henry College and received his Masters of Divinity and Doctorate Degree from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. He married Angela Marshall of Newport, TN, on June 1, 1996. They became the parents of the first remembered child born to a senior minister of Asbury. Her name is Olivia Grace Starks, and she was born on July 26, 1999.

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK EVENTS



Hands-On Missions Opportunity: Personal Hygiene Kits for Liberia

Asbury United Methodist Women and Asbury Youth are partnering together to supply personal hygiene kits for Liberia and we need your help! We want to make 100 kits by May 15, so that they can be delivered to the Holston Conference for shipment to Liberia when the Annual Conference meets the first of June. The Mountain View District of the Holston Conference has challenged churches in the district to create 500 or more of these hygiene kits and nothing makes missions fun like being part of a challenge. Let’s meet that challenge, Asbury, and create 100 kits!

A list of items that should be placed in each hygiene kit is listed below and can be purchased for around \$15. To make the task easier for you, we have placed 2-gallon zip-lock bags in the church library on the Hygiene Kit cart for you to use. Each 2-gallon bag contains a list of the items that should be included in the bag, and a small sandwich bag for the inclusion of the two medical items.

And normally, we would ask you to include \$8 with each bag for shipping, but thanks to two generous donations, the shipping cost for all 100 bags has been donated. God is already at work on this project, Asbury, let’s join in – I know that we will be blessed, even as we are a blessing to others. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Allen or Marcia Parsons.

Pack these items in a 2 gallon Zip-Loc bag: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 2 toothbrushes, 2 tubes of toothpaste (6.4 oz. or less), 1 bottle shampoo (15 oz. or less), 1 bottle lotion (18 oz. or less), 1 bottle roll-on deodorant (4 oz. or less) and 1 small spry perfume/cologne/body mist (4 oz. or less).

These items should be packed separately in a sandwich size Zip-loc bag. Please do not put in a larger 2-gallon bag:

- 1 tube antibacterial ointment (1 oz.)
- 1 bottle Tylenol/acetaminophen 500 mg (24 ct.)



Holy Week 2025

You’re Invited - Join Us And Let’s Seek Him Together



Sunday, April 13 - 10:30 am
Palm Sunday Worship with special guest, the Rev. Brent Hall and the Rev. Sharon Bowers



Wednesday, April 16 - 12:00pm
Holy Wednesday Service with the Rev. Todd Jenkins followed by hot chicken salad luncheon



Friday, April 18 - 6:30 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae Service with special guest, the Rev. Mark Wills



Saturday, April 19 - 11:00 am
Community Easter Egg Hunt followed by lunch with Asbury

Sunday, April 20- 07:00 am
Easter Morning Celebration - Contemporary Sunrise Service and potluck breakfast.

Sunday, April 20 - 10:00 am
Easter Morning Celebration - Traditional Worship

HOLY WEEK

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HAVE AN EVENT YOU WANT TO PUT ON A PUBLIC CALENDAR?

PLEASE SUBMIT TO JOHN REVIERE AND DEE ROBY FOR POSTING IN THE MONTHLY NEWS LETTERS.



ASBURY UMW REPORT – Doris Allen, Chair

Next Meeting: May 15th @ 10:00am

If you've seen aprons flying, heels clicking and food being served from our sparkling clean kitchen, then you've caught a glimpse of the UMW in action! We've been busy planning and preparing meals for the youth on March 5th and for the "Conversation with Carolyn" event held on March 12th.

We will also be hosting the 9:45 receptions for the upcoming guest pastors. March 30th will be the first.

Many of you have expressed you would like to be more active and involved with our group but can't attend the monthly meetings due to health, work or family related obligations. We appreciate that you still pitch in and help us when you can! We have a lot of work to do this year with the monthly receptions and bereavement list, so contact us anytime you have a moment and we will include you!

April activities:

- April 12th @ 9:45 – Reception for Rev. Brent Hall
- April 16th - following the Noon Lent Service – "Hot Chicken Salad" luncheon.
- April 16th - Guest preacher will be Rev. Todd Jenkins, First Presbyterian Church in Greenville
- NO APRIL UMW MEETING
- Assisting with Hygiene Kits for Liberia



Everyone lends a hand!!
Especially when your wife is in charge— Rodney Bell!

Planning Session!!



AUMC Making Dreams Come True



Just look at all the beautiful dresses!!

Thank you to our Hosts for March, Alice Russell and Sue Southerland who held our monthly meeting at Alice's home. What a blessing it is to visit and fellowship with each other as we plan our church activities.

Next Meeting: May 15th @ 10:00 am

Doris Allen, Chairperson



Michelle Lovin and Stephanie Hite, two volunteers, assisted the girls.



Beautiful young ladies!!



PROM CLOSET A SUCCESS!

EMILY BELL

This spring, the Blessed Dressed Ministry made prom dreams come true for more girls than ever before. We outfitted an amazing 102 girls and even a young man (thanks to a tuxedo donation from Bob Leonard!), exceeding our goal of 100 dresses. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of Andrew Johnson Bank, Beverly Serral Vacation Rentals, and the Greeneville Woman's Club—thank you for your generosity!

This year's event brought joy to girls from across our community—county schools, GHS, neighboring counties, and homeschool groups. The wide selection of sizes meant every girl, even girls who might otherwise struggle to find a dress, found a perfect fit! One grateful mother expressed her relief after finding a dress for her daughter in a hard-to-find size. To ensure this ministry continues to thrive in the years to come, we've asked the girls to consider donating their dresses back and have collected their email addresses to keep them updated.

To continue serving more girls, we've adopted a new model, which includes more fundraising. In the past, our "Prom Closet" relied entirely on donated dresses. However, since many girls now sell their dresses online, we've found a creative and successful new approach. We shop on Facebook Marketplace, and when we tell moms that we're buying dresses for girls to go to prom, many generously offer lower prices and even include extra dresses. We also shopped online sales.

Buying dresses keeps freshens our inventory and, more importantly, ensures that every girl finds a dress; in past years, this hasn't always been possible and it broke our hearts. We focused on getting dresses in sizes 16-28, and the amazing women of Asbury and our community truly came through, helping us double the number of girls we could serve. Every girl left with a beautiful dress, ready for her special night.

Each girl also received a special gift bag, thanks to the Sisters of Grace class. Inside, they found a lovely leather-bound Gospel (from Amie Serral Moyer), a handwritten note (from Doris Allen), a small wooden cross, and an invitation to join us at Asbury for services and events. Thank you SBG for supporting Discipleship with such a thoughtful gift.

Of course, we would never turn anyone away, but expanding payment options to include cash, credit, and debit cards this year made it easier for everyone to contribute. This year, every girl was able to contribute. A small contribution of \$10 per dress helps us keep the ministry running and pay for necessary dress repairs and cleaning (we're currently fixing 14 zippers and dry-cleaning others).

We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this year a success. Thank you to our church members who built and took down the dress racks and dressing rooms, to those who brought snacks for our volunteers, and to all the women who spent time helping girls find their perfect dresses, including Asbury members, GWC members, and a few beauty queens from Miss Greene and Historic Greene County. This ministry is truly important to our community, and we are so thankful for your ongoing support. If you'd like to help, please contact Emily Bell.



Projects provide opportunities to make new friends.

This is Emily Bell, coordinator of the Prom Closet, with Angie Buckner.