

| ASBURY GATHERINGS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <div>Children’s &amp; Youth Ministry</div> <div>Wednesdays</div> <div>5:15 - 7:00 P.M.</div> <div>Asbury Fellowship Hall</div> <div>3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <div>Community Outreach</div> <div>Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i>   10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors.</div> <div>Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw (Nancy Worley’s Daughter).</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <div>Bible Studies / Small Groups</div> <div>X’ianity: Christianity 101   Begins Sunday, August 9, at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Interested in attending the Contemporary Service and looking for a Sunday School class? Join Pastor Chase for 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.</div> <div>Foundations: A New Member Class   Begins Sunday, August 9, 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)</div> <div>The Bible Told Them So   Begins Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 P.M. in the La Rue Room. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. All are welcome! (Pastor Sharon)</div> <div>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 <b>August 20, 2026, on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.</b> For additional information, please contact John Reviere.</div> |



11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 9th DAY *of* August 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light      O Day of Radiant Gladness      Dr. Barbara Grissett  
arr. Dale Wood

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\*      “How Great Thou Art”      UMH #77

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, world without end. Amen.

Passing Of The Peace\*      Sandra Fox

The Children’s Message      Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession      Sandra Fox

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer      Sandra Fox

Prayer Hymn      “Spirit of the Living God ”      UMH #393 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 August 2, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |                                                                            |     |
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| Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 7         | Livestream Views                                                           | 580 |
| Traditional Service 10 A.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 56        | Children’s Church                                                          | 5   |
| Contemporary Service<br>11:15 A.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 31        | Children’s Chapel                                                          | 23  |
| Books & Brew (Tuesdays)                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3         | Children’s Church & Youth<br>(Wednesdays)<br>Youth area clean up / Restore | 17  |
| Gardening with Gratitude<br>Monthly - 3rd Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                       | August 20 | Van Dreal Covenant<br>(Bi - Weekly -<br>Wednesday)                         | 6   |
| A Place of Grace Monthly<br>- 1st Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 35        | Morning Pointe Senior Center<br>(Thursdays)                                | 40  |
| Prayer Requests                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |                                                                            |     |
| Please continue to keep Alice Russell's daughter, Lisa, in your prayers as she has recently been diagnosed with cancer. We pray that God's healing presence, strength, and peace will be with her throughout her treatment and recovery. |           |                                                                            |     |
| Please pray for Emery, the daughter of Pastor Chase and Maddie, as she continues to recover. Please also keep the Crickenberger family in your prayers as they joyfully await the arrival of their baby boy.                             |           |                                                                            |     |
| Please pray for our Contemporary Worship Service as we prepare for an exciting season of renewal, including a new name and a new worship time. We look forward to sharing more details about our official reveal in the near future.     |           |                                                                            |     |

| TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                |
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| Preaching:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Rev. Sharon Bowers                             |
| Liturgist:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sandra Fox                                     |
| Children's Message:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Don Stansfield III                             |
| Nursery Host:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Hostess                                        |
| Organist / Pianist:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Dr. Barbara Grissett                           |
| Music:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Choir                                          |
| Sound / Livestream:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                |
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| <b>Come to the Waters of Grace – Holy Baptism</b><br>Saturday, August 15, 2026   4:00 P.M.   Chapel   A service of Holy Baptism for infants, children, youth, and adults. Contact Rev. Sharon Bowers or Rev. Chase Crickenberger or the church office for questions or to participate.                                                                                                                                                  |                                                |
| <b>Maddie &amp; Chase Crickenberger Baby Shower</b><br>Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.   Fellowship Hall   Pasta & Pacifiers celebrating Baby Leo, Suggested items, diapers, amazon gift cards, children’s books.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                |
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| <b>Quarterly Membership Sunday</b><br>Sunday, September 20, 2026   Traditional Service 10 a.m. or Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.   Whether you're new to church, returning after time away, or have been worshiping with us for years but have never officially joined, we invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Asbury family. Please see Pastor Sharon, Pastor Chase, or one of the trusted leaders of Asbury. |                                                |

MORNING WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

Proclaiming The Word

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| The Scripture Lesson* | 1st Kings 19:9-18 (NRSV)            | Sandra Fox         |
| The Message           | The Joy of Hearing God in a Whisper | 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.

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| Offertory Prayer       |                                                  | Rev. Sharon Bowers   |
| Anthem Organ Offertory | Adagio from the First Oboe Sonata<br>G.F. Handel | Dr. Barbara Grissett |
| Doxology               | See Insert                                       | UMH #95              |
| Hymn of Invitation     | Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling             | UMH #348             |

Sending Forth

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| Benediction* |                                                                                 | Rev. Sharon Bowers   |
| Peace*       | Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.<br>People: And also with you. |                      |
| Postlude*    | Trumpet Tune in D Major<br>David N. Johnson                                     | Dr. Barbara Grissett |

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

| Liturgy for Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <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.<br/>Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly host.<br/>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.<br/>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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Pastoral Blessing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p>May you always hear the words of God, especially when it is in a whisper. May you leave this place knowing that God is always speaking; all we have to do is listen. May you find comfort in God's presence, peace in God's knowing, and courage in God's silence. Go forth trusting that the God who spoke to Elijah still speaks to you today in the same still small voice. In the Name of the God who sees, El Roi!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Prayer of Confession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Liturgist: Let's pray together</p> <p><b>All: Merciful God, we confess that we are guilty of looking for You to respond quickly to us in a loud and boisterous way. We miss your guidance and words of wisdom when you speak in a whisper. We are easily distracted by the noise of others and often let our fears, worries, concerns, and the cares of this world dull our hearing. Forgive us when we refuse to hear your still small voice. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to follow you and to walk faithfully in your words step by step. Teach us to incline our ears to hear what the Spirit is saying and to embrace your loving arms of care. Speak now, your servant is listening. Let us find joy when you whisper words of new life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.</b></p> |