

Attendance for August 17, 2025			
Sunday School	0	Livestream Views	359
10:00 Traditional Service	55	Children's Church	0
10:00 Sunday School & Contemporary Service	21	Daycare Chapel	17
Morning Pointe Senior Center	17		

Pastor Blessings




As you leave this place, take the Name of Jesus with you everywhere you go.
Remember that you are living stones, the foundation for building God’s Kingdom.
God is calling you; God is equipping you; God is sending you!

When the Spirit asks the question “Whom shall I send?”
May your answer be, “Here I am, Lord. Send me.”

No robe, no collar, no title—yet clothed in Christ,
Go and do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.
If you can use anything lord, use me!
May God bless and keep you forevermore.

Amen.

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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Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE 24TH DAY *of* AUGUST 2025

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP		
AUGUST 24, 2025		
THE GATHERING		
Prelude & Bringing In The Light	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	Martha Wiley
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*	"Jesus Calls Us"	UMH #398
The Apostles Creed*	See Insert	UMH #881
Gloria Patri*	See Insert	UMH # 70
Passing Of The Peace*	† Afterward, the people may be seated.	
The Children's Message		Rebekah Taylor

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION		
Call to Prayer	"Seek Ye First"	Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
The Lord's Prayer	See Insert	Rev. Sharon Bowers

MORNING WORSHIP		
AUGUST 24, 2025		
PROCLAIMING THE WORD		
The Scripture Lesson*	1st Peter 2: 1-10	Don Stansfield III
The Message	No Collar, No Robe Required!	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 Ritual of Christian Friendship Folder 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		Chancel Choir
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation*	"Blessed Assurance	UMH #369

SENDING FORTH		
Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.	
	People: An also with you.	
Postlude*		Martha Wiley

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Don Stansfield III
Children’s Message:	Rebekah Taylor
Organist/Pianist:	Martha Willey
Music:	The Chancel Choir; Mrs. Cindy Sams , Director
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin
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 . Sign up today, we look forward to seeing you there.	
New Contemporary Family Enrichment Hour: Breakfast, Coffee, Conversation, and Sunday Scripture / Asbury Fellowship Hall @ 10:00 –11:00 a.m. immediately followed by Contemporary Worship Service	
Sunday School for Both Services Sister By Grace—Lead by: Marcia Parson LaRue Class—Lead by: Steve Parsons Family Enrichment- Lead by: Ryan McMillin & Abby Whitaker Martin	
PRAYER REQUESTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prayer for Brian Manuel</i>, the son of our online regular listener Jereline Manuel. Brian has been diagnosed with cancer and is in the hospital and recently underwent surgery.• <i>Prayer for Jenny Lamons Yeip</i> who has breast cancer and is going to have chemo. Port goes in 8/18/2025 tomorrow and hopefully starts chemo on Thursday.• <i>Prayer for a friend of Annie Bollon, Thomas</i>, is having eye surgery this Wednesday, that he may accept the outcome.• Prayer for Anna Fritz who suffered a pulmonary embolism & mini stroke, currently in rehab. Pray for strength and positivity in pain.	

Announcements

Children’s Ministry

Wednesdays
Starting Aug 27th / 5:15–7:00 p.m.
Asbury Fellowship Hall
3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury-Pruitt Hill-Tate Chapel
Growing Kids in Christ Together

Crochet Workshop

Thursdays
Beginning Sept. 11th / 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Asbury 2nd Floor Parlor
Lunch Provided by U.M. Women.
Guest Artist Sandi Tester
Workshop supplies to be provided at no charge.
****Sign up by Aug 28th to reserve your spot**

Men’s Ministry Launch: The Campfire Covenant

Fridays
Beginning Sept 12th / 6:00 p.m.
Barton Hollow Farm
Hosted by John Reviere
Gather ‘round the fire—faith, fellowship, and the outdoors await

Community Outreach Initiative: Laughlin Life Care Center: Abundant Life Bible Study

Beginning September 3rd, Wednesdays | @ 11:00 a.m. Sharing the love of God and word with the residents as we continue to put legs to our mission statement.

True North Youth Ministry

Wednesdays
Starting Aug 27th / 5:15–7:30 p.m.
Asbury Fellowship Hall for a Meal then on to the Youth Dedicated Hangout Spot
Finding Our Way Together

Bible Study: Making Sense of the Bible

Thursdays
Sept 4 - Oct 2 / 6:00 –7:30 p.m.
Barton Hollow Farm
Hosted by John Reviere
Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

Books & Brew

Mondays
Beginning Oct. 6th / 10:00–12:00 p.m.
Asbury UMC Library
Hosted by Debby Hendrix
Where Coffee, Community, and Curiosity Meet

Small Group Study Reckless Love

Thursdays Oct 23–Dec 4 / 6:00 p.m.
Asbury LaRue Class
Hosted by Sheri Witfield
Jesus’ call to Love They Neighbor

Community Outreach Initiative: Morning Pointe Senior Center Morning Glory: Faith for the Journey

Thursdays | 10-10:30 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors

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

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.

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.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

God has called us all into ministry and to be part of a holy priesthood, living stones as the foundation for building God’s house. Yet too often we put the weight of ministry only on pastors and leaders.

People:

We confess that we have put pressure on the pastors. We have used robes, collars, and titles as the prerequisite for answering the call. We have forgotten that we too are called to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and that we don’t need a robe, a collar or a title to do so.

Liturgist:

Christ calls us to be present and alive in Him, yet we have settled for being absent and unalive. Instead of being active as living stones we are content to remain dead and inactive.

People:

We confess that we have not answered the call. We have allowed fear, comfort, or distraction to keep us from offering our gifts in service.

Liturgist:

We are chosen, yet we often act as if we are forgotten. We are commissioned, yet we live as though we have no mission.

All:

Lord, forgive us. Shape us once more into living stones. Renew our hearts, awaken our faith, and empower us to live as Your royal priesthood, proclaiming Your love to the world. Amen.

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.