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

Tiny Seeds, Tuesdays 10:00 A.M., Chapel for 3-4 year olds - Day Care Students and Staff. Rev. Sharon Bowers and Sandra Fox are leading; volunteers are needed.

The Valley (Contemporary Worship Service) @ Asbury, Sunday, 11:15 A.M.
Asbury Fellowship Hall, Rev. Chase Crickenberger, Preacher

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 (Nancy Worley's daughter). Rev. Sharon Bowers leads this service, volunteers are needed.

Bible Studies / Small Groups

X'ianity: Christianity 101 | Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Asbury Library. Interested in attending the Contemporary Service and looking for a Sunday School class? Join this class, 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.

Foundations: A New Member Class | Sunday 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). Class reconvenes tonight, Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. in the library.

The Bible Told Them So | Join Rev. Sharon Bowers for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. The study meets Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the La Rue Room. Books are available in the church office; only four spots remain. Please stop by the office to reserve your spot and pick up a book. All are welcome—there is a place for you! The study will also feature a special lecture by Dr. Jamal Hopkins, a professor at Baylor University, on The Noahic Curse.

ASBURY
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A United Methodist Church

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 8th DAY *of* NOVEMBER 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

November, 8, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light	"Instrumental"	Paula Johnson
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 † 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*		Diane Whittenburg
The Children's Message		Don Stansfield III
Prayer of Confession		Diane Whittenburg

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE Congregation:

Call to Prayer		Diane Whittenburg
Prayer Hymn	"Seek Ye First"	UMH # 405 Chancel Choir & Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Ronald Wong
The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Ronald Wong

*Please stand in body or spirit, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for October 18, 2026

Sisters by Grace	9	Livestream Views Traditional Service *Contemporary Service	(327) *128
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	44	Children's Church	3
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	23	Children's Chapel	Cancelled Election Day
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	Break for the holiday's	Children's Church & Youth	26
X'ianity 101	7	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	Postponed
Life in the Kingdom	5	The Bible Told Them So	23
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	21	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	17

Prayer Requests

Please keep our military men and women in your prayers, especially Alex Whitaker (Air Force Pilot), Lincoln Taylor (Navy Pilot), and Jackson Renner (Army Reserve). Pray for God's protection, wisdom, strength, and courage as they serve, and for their safe return home. Please also pray for their families.

Prayer Concerns: Please keep Lisa and Ronnie Wong in your prayers following the loss of Ronnie's mother; John Junio and all our military personnel, including Jackson, Lincoln, and Alex; Myron Bernard as he prepares for cancer treatment; Phyllis as she continues physical therapy; Paige as she undergoes testing in Boston; Sandra as she recovers from laryngitis; Margaret's cousin Kent and his family as they adjust to life following his stroke; and Dawn's son Rob as he pursues a new career opportunity; Rebekah as she returns from Houston and begins her new normal.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Music:	Paula Johnson
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower Honoring Abby, Christian & Baby Mia Martin. Please join us in celebrating Abby, Christian, and baby Mia on Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the Asbury Fellowship Hall. We look forward to sharing in this special occasion!

Advent Volunteers Needed Help us prepare for a meaningful and beautiful Advent and Christmas season! Volunteers are needed for the following:

- **Southern Sanctuaries – December 4:** Help with setup, greeting, and cleanup. Contact Kevin James for details or to volunteer.
- **Christmas Decorating:** Volunteers are needed to help decorate the sanctuary. Date and time to be announced.
- **Advent Candle Lighters:** Volunteers are needed to light the Advent candles during Sunday worship services.

To volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you for sharing your time and helping make this season special at Asbury!

CANUP Food Kit Packing: Join us Wednesday, November 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room as we pack food kits for CANUP (Coalition Addressing the Needs of Unhoused People). These kits will support our Greene County neighbors experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve! For more information, please contact Kevin James.

You are invited to join us for a **Thanksgiving Meal** on Wednesday, November 18, from 5:45 to 7:00 in the Asbury Fellowship Hall. Bring a side dish or dessert and come ready to break bread together! Please get in touch with Sarah McMillian or Pastor Sharon Bowers for more information.

MORNING WORSHIP

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Proclaiming The Word

The Scripture Lesson*	Matthew 25:1–13 (NRSV)	Diane Whittenburg
The Message	While We Are Waiting Keep Working!	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.

Offertory Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Offertory Song	"Instrumental"	Paula Johnson
Doxology	See Insert	UMH# 95
Hymn of Invitation	"Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing"	UMH# 400

Sending Forth

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	"Instrumental"	Paula Johnson

*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 and Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Gracious and Loving God, forgive us for the times we have not wanted to wait for Your direction and have not prepared in the ways You would have wanted us to. We rushed and left many things undone.

People: Forgive us for allowing our lamps to grow dim and neglecting the work You have called us to do by doing things our way and not considering Your will for our lives.

Liturgist: Forgive us for missed opportunities to love, grow, reach, and serve others.

People: Give us new opportunities to exercise our faith, renew our commitment, and prepare for the future.

Liturgist: Lord, keep our lamps trimmed and burning with our hearts and minds attuned to your frequency. While we wait, encourage us to keep on working.

People: Teach us to work while it is day, for night is coming and our work will be hindered.

All: Create in us clean hearts, renew a right spirit within us, and empower us to live faithfully until Christ comes again. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Pastoral Blessing

Friends, stay spiritually ready, keep your faith strong, remain connected to God, and don't let the cares of this world dim your light. Keep your spiritual batteries charged. Let your lamp burn brightly. While you are waiting, keep working. Now go forth in faith, love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously, and keep working while you wait; a reward is stored up for you. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Volunteer Signup Sheet

I am interested in volunteering to serve as an overnight monitor for the Winter Warming Shelter that will be operated between December 1 and March 1 at Asbury's Fellowship Hall.

The shelter will be open any night the temperature drops below 32 degrees. The volunteer monitors serve a 12-hour shift from 7:30pm to 7:30am. I am willing to serve one or possibly more nights.

I cannot be available on any of the following nights:

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Thank you for considering being part of this much-needed outreach to our un-housed neighbors.

My Name: _____

Today's Date : _____

My Phone Number: _____

Winter Warming Shelter – Asbury UMC and CANUP

Asbury UMC and CANUP (pronounced canopy) (Coalition Assisting the Needs of Unhoused People) have partnered in offering this year's Winter Warming Shelter (WWS). Asbury's fellowship hall will be the site of the shelter; CANUP will be coordinating and operating the shelter. The shelter will be open any night the temperature is 32 degrees or below from December 1 through March 1. The shelter opens at 7:30 pm and closes at 7:30 am.

The shelter is "staffed" each night by two adult volunteers – one male and one female. The volunteers "stand watch" for the twelve hours. These volunteers are being recruited from CANUP, Asbury, and many churches in our community. Volunteer Training will be on Tuesday, November 17th. Volunteers must participate in one of the two training sessions at 2:00-4:30 OR 5:30-8:00. A meal will be provided between the two sessions (4:30-5:30), and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the meal to get to know others participating in this ministry.

If you are interested in serving as a WWS volunteer monitor, please complete the form on the back of this sheet and place it in today's offering plate. You will receive a return phone call from one of the following: Art Masker (423-416-7400), Kevin James (423-470-2319), or Jim Bare (CANUP Operations Manager: 423-578-0834).