

April, 2020

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**1 Corinthians 12:26–27 (NRSV): If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**



I am really feeling the scripture today. As we enter into the second week of social distancing, I know many of you are having a difficult time with how things are working out. As I look at Facebook, respond to emails, and make phone calls I hear where people find themselves. Some are doing well and enjoying this time, almost like an adventure. Some are struggling with the fact that people aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing and placing others along with themselves at risk.

The church in Corinth was having a difficult time in Paul's day. It was being persecuted by the community, and having difficulty from within, as people saw things differently. Some in the church believed that they were in the right and others were wrong. This even filtered into how they did communion. Paul's concern for the church was that this conflict was not only dividing them but having an adverse effect on their spiritual relationship with one another and with God.

My hope continues to be that we are growing closer as the body and in our spiritual walk with God. But this takes focused effort on our part, as we spend time daily in communion with God, seeking to be the body of Christ by reaching out to one another, and growing in the spirit through regular daily acts of worship. Perhaps you are wondering what this could look like? My encouragement to you is to begin each day in the word of God. Spend time each day reaching out to your neighbors, your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, family and friends. Then find a favorite musician from Spotify or Pandora, perhaps tune in the local radio station while they are playing gospel music, and spend some time in worship. If you are a person that experiences the worship of our Lord and Savior in the out-of-doors then I strongly encourage you to get outdoors daily!

Let's continue to lift one another up and remember when one suffers we all suffer when one rejoices we all rejoice. We are the body of Christ!

In Jesus!  
Jerry

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Gerald J. Smith".

## April Birthdays

Chuck Whitfield 4/1  
Doris Allen 4/2  
Carter Harris Copeland 4/3  
BriAnna Allen 4/8  
Patricia Quarles 4/8  
Jillian Carter 4/9  
Rebecca Shepherd 4/9  
Tee Earl 4/11  
Seth Ottinger 4/12  
Cynthia Tannert 4/13  
Bill Brown 4/15  
Madison Hite 4/16  
Matthew Fisher 4/17  
Barbara Lawson 4/17  
Marge Saulsbury 4/19  
Devin Bradford 4/20  
Kyle McInturff 4/20  
Leon Bell 4/22  
Cole Broyles 4/22  
Bart Reviere 4/22  
Andrew Fisher 4/23  
Susan Kilday 4/23  
Cliff McInturff 4/23  
Julie Ellis 4/25  
Kathy Crawford 4/26  
Don Fox 4/26  
Troy Holmes 4/28  
Jim Seip 4/30

## United Methodist Women

As you know our March meeting was canceled due to the ongoing COVID 19 Virus Pandemic. I hope that each and every one of you is staying safe during our time of isolation and social distancing.

I would encourage you to stay in touch with our UMW members by going through your directory and calling, or emailing, or texting someone and check on them. We are all in this together.

Check in our Asbury's Homebound. If you would like mailing addresses to the homebound just contact the church office and they will have a mailing list for you that can be emailed.

We will be in touch about April's meeting on when and if that will happen. I look forward from hearing from you all.

Sally Andrew  
President

### UMW Scholarship

Letters and applications have been mailed to all high school seniors.

Applications must be turned in by April 9th. If you did not receive an application please contact the church office.

### 2020 Officers

President: Sally Andrew  
Vice President: Debby Hendrix  
Secretary: Tee Earl  
Treasurer: Barbara Clanton  
Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson  
Correspondence: Lynda Sullivan  
Scholarship Treasure: Barbara Clanton  
Reading Program: Becki McInturff  
Mission Coordinators:  
Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral  
Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon  
Nominating Committee:  
Ann Smith  
Caroline Russell  
Kim Brown  
Scholarship:  
Barbara Clanton  
Becki McInturff  
Lisa Crum  
Historian: Bennie Brooks



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## April Anniversaries

Shane & Stephanie Hite 4/4  
Kevin & Diane James 4/20  
Shelby & Lynda Sullivan 4/21  
Shannon & April Johnson 4/24

Asbury has been asked to help provide non-perishable food boxes for Greene County school families who do not have transportation. We would like to provide a box containing 1 bottle of juice, 1 package powdered drink mix and two items from each category from the list below. You may provide as many food boxes as you are able as schools are closed through April 24. Please feel free to contact the church office with any questions. 423-798-1050

### Breakfast:

Instant flavored oatmeal  
Instant grits  
Pop-tarts  
Nutrigrain bars  
Pancake mix and syrup  
Bottled juice apple or grape

### Lunch:

Crackers  
Peanut butter and Jelly (grape or strawberry)  
Canned meat  
Canned pasta meals (like spaghetti)  
Soup  
Mac and Cheese  
Boxed Pizza Kit (get extra parmesan cheese)  
Canned fruit or applesauce  
Powdered Drink Mix

### Dinner:

Canned/Box meals (hamburger helper, beef stew, chicken and dumplings)  
Rice  
Beans (bag or canned)  
Canned veggies  
Boxed Pasta and Jar sauce  
Mashed potatoes  
Stuffing

### Snacks:

Popcorn  
Packaged crackers (peanut butter and cheese)  
Granola Bars  
Boxed jello mixes



Looking for things to do to help during this time of social distancing?  
If you can sew please make masks. Our health care community needs them.  
If supplies are needed please contact the church office and these will be provided for you.  
The completed mask may also be returned to the church office for delivery to essential personal.

Check out the following link for information and tutorial on how to make them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FB--BOyTiU>

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
  - Libby Bible
  - Orland Britton
- Barbara Lawson
  - Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
  - Buck Mathes
  - Cheryl Smith

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
  - Winifred Kuper
  - Jessie Wilburn

### Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

### Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

### Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.

## Asbury Missions



### Missions at a distance.....

During Social Distancing, we have been called to be the church outside our comfort zone, our church building.

As usual, Asbury stepped up to do their part to show we don't only exist at 201 South Main, but we will help our community.

We were asked to help the County school system to provide non perishable food items for their families without transportation.

Also, several sewers in our congregation have stepped up to make much needed masks for healthcare workers in our community.

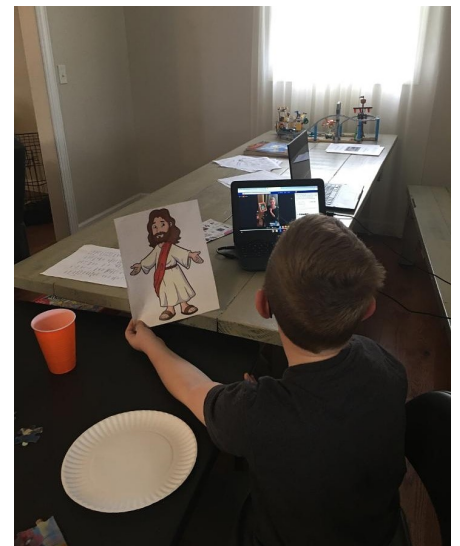
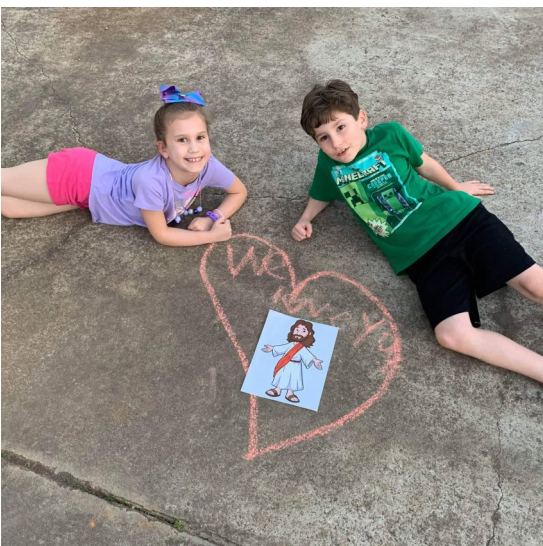
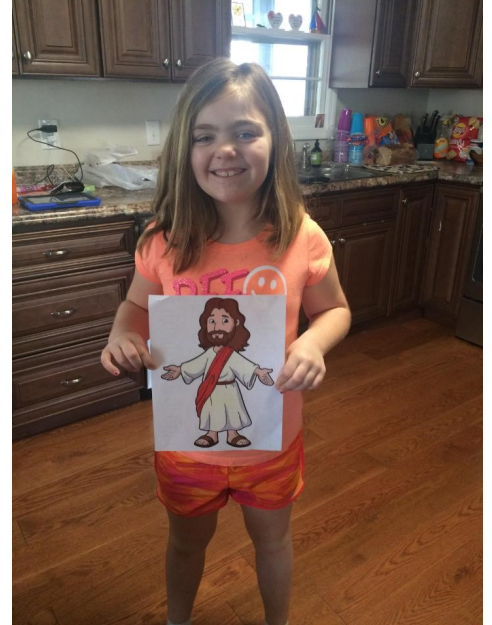
Thank you Asbury for being the church outside our walls.



# Children's Ministries

## FLAT JESUS SIGHTINGS

Asbury children were sent Flat Jesus in our social distancing packets. Children are asked to share where Jesus is hanging out with them during this period of social distancing. You can see more Flat Jesus on our Facebook page.



## Family Ministries

DID YOU KNOW THAT SAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER TAKES EXACTLY AS LONG AS THE CDC RECOMMENDS YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?



*Love your neighbor. Love your God.  
Wash and Pray.*



423-798-1050  
general@asburylife.org

### Safe Shopping

As part of Asbury Ministries, we will be offering safe shopping for those who feel they should not be out in public during this time. If you or someone you know would like assistance, please contact the church office. We will have someone contact you within 48 hours to make arrangements to help with your shopping needs.

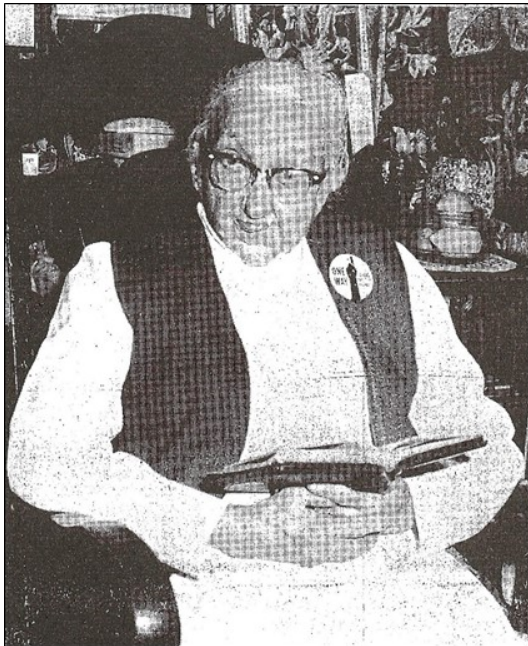
On July 5, 1924, *The Democrat Sun* published the story of Asbury's Women's Home

Missionary Society's purchase of a lot on Highland Avenue for Miss Elsie Gass who was doing full-time mission work in Greenville. She collected food, clothing, and household goods to distribute to the needy.

Miss Elsie was born in the Cross Anchor community in 1882 and spent several years as a teacher in the Greene County Schools. After teaching for 11 years, she moved to Greenville.

She lived with her brother Bill in a large frame house at 501 Tusculum Blvd, the present site of the Opportunity House Thrift Store.

She raised money by selling holly and mistletoe to buy Christmas baskets for the needy. She was helped by the United Way when it came to Greenville. Mayor James Hardin honored her with a day in her honor, and she was among 14 Greene Countians who were included in the Lawrence B. Britton Gallery of Distinguished Greene Countians.



Elsie's Church Today!



# ELSIE GASS MISSION

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Asbury Memorial Church has purchased a lot on Highland Avenue extension at a cost of \$150.00, upon which the friends of the cause are asked to erect a building primarily for the use of the Sunday School now being conducted by Miss Elsie Gass, in "Clem's Woods," on the North side of town. The building to be erected is to be forever free to the use of any Christian denomination for the conducting of religious services under the direction of the Missionary Society.

Contributions have already been made sufficient to erect a substantial "box" house with galvanized iron roof and sub-floor; and the promoters of the enterprise are hoping that sufficient additional donations will be made to put windows and doors in the building, and seat it.

Contributions may be made either through the Democrat-Sun or to Miss Elsie Gass, or to the committee appointed by the Home Missionary Society, which committee is composed of Mesdames Oral Anderson, S. N. Leming and DeWitt Fry, or to J. W. Howard, teacher of the Asbury Bible Class.

It is hoped that the Bible classes, and other Christian organizations of the town will aid in this, one of the most important efforts of Christian service that has been offered our people in a long time.

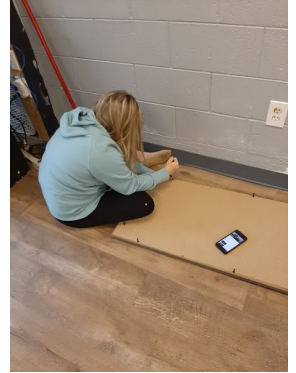
The following subscriptions have been made to this fund to date:

Women's Home Missionary Society Asbury Church	---\$150.00
Men's Bible Class Asbury Memorial Church	-----\$300.00
Judge A. N. Shoun	-----\$ 10.00
Mr. James A. Rush	-----\$ 10.00
Doctor H. M. Taylor	-----\$ 10.00
Chamberlain Bros. (conditional)	-----\$ 10.00
J. D. (Doss) Brown, Esquire	-----\$ 2.50
Mr. Thomas D. Brabson	-----\$ 50.00

All contributions are purely free will offerings. There has not been anything like a canvass of the town made, and there will not be. If you are interested in the movement, and would like to help it along, do not wait to be called upon, for no such personal call will be added to what is here written.

When the necessary material is assembled on the ground, the Asbury Bible Class is going to ask all the people of the town to join with them, on a designated day, and go upon the premises and erect the house in a day.

# Youth Work Day



Heavenly Father, we come before you to lay down our burdens and worries. Life as we knew it has reached a screeching halt. But in the midst of chaos we find peace. In the midst of sickness we find hope. When our load becomes heavy, you lighten it. When things seem uncertain we look to You to find our strength. Glorious God, you give us so much to be thankful for. Thank you for the opportunity to be your hands and feet. Thank you for the ability to slow down and appreciate what we have. Thank you for the time with our families. Bonds are being strengthened. Memories are being made. And thank you for our church family. You are helping us to be the church to our community. God you are great! You are mighty! You are the source of all our gratitude. You remind us that we are loved unconditionally. Thank you, Lord. Amen.



For more information or to place an order follow the link. You can contact Natasha for a book or more info.  
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3868623.1d0dff>

## April Social Distancing Studies

Daily Walk

Learning to study the Bible

Zoom Meetings Wednesdays at 3:00Pm

Bible App Devotions



# Asbury Child Enrichment Center



**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**  
Ms. Emily is the teacher of the month! Emily is always up for whatever needs to be done. Emily has a caring heart for her job! Thank you Emily for all of your hard work! And thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at ACEC.

## Reminders:

Please sign up for the REMIND App!

This is a way that I will be communicating things that are happening in the Center! If you need assistance in doing this please see Chassidy!

In regards to COVID-19, ACEC is taking things day by day. As of right now ACEC plans to remain open until we either get a case in the center or an ACEC family member test positive.

We are trying our best to remain positive throughout this difficult time. If you have any question please contact Chassidy.

**ACEC IS IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTES!**  
If you are interested or know someone who is interested please have them call Chassidy at 423.798.1060

## Birthdays:

**NO BIRTHDAYS**



## REMINDERS

**04/09 Easter Egg Hunt**

**04/10 ACEC Closed for Good Friday**

**04/29-04/30 Spring Pictures**

**\*\*NEW Consignment Sale Dates To Be Announced Soon!\*\***

## NEW POLICY

If your child has a temperature of 100 degree or higher, your child will be sent home. Please keep your children home if they are unwell, this is to keep down the sickness in the center!

We are doing all we can right now to keep the center as healthy as possible.

## Wednesday Night

### NO Meals at this time!

Cost is \$6.00 for adults,  
\$3.00 children ages 2-10,  
\$30.00 family.

### Take-Out Meals Available.

**ALL MEALS MUST RSVP BY  
NOON ON TUESDAY.**

Our schedule, menus, and  
RSVP form can be found on  
our website [asburylife.org/  
connect](http://asburylife.org/connect), you can also reserve  
meals on your connection  
cards in the pews, or by calling  
the church office.

## 2020 Leadership

### Church council:

Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Secretary	Susan Bowers
Pastor	Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of Family Ministries	Kim Brown
Director of Student Ministries	Natasha DeBord
Director of Traditional Music	Cindy Sams
Director of Contemporary Worship	Abby Whitaker
Lay Leader	Bill Rymer
Lay Leader	Margaret Akins
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan
Lay Member to AC-Alternate	Abigail Brown
Children's Council Rep	Amanda Richey
Senior Adult Rep	Dinah Seip
UMW Rep	Sally Andrew
ACEC Chairperson	Abby Lawson
Mission Team Chairperson	Rob Brown
Trustees Chairperson	Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish Chairperson	George Tvardy
Finance Chairperson	Rodney Bell

### Finance Committee:

Chairperson	Rodney Bell
Treasurer	Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
Financial Secretary	Susan Bowers
Trustees Chairperson	Tom Cole/ Tom Smith
Staff-Parish Chairperson	George Tvardy
Stewardship Chair	Bob Leonard
Lay Leader	TBD
Leadership Team Chairperson	Lee Duckworth
Lay Member to AC	Shelby Sullivan

### At-Large

Year 3	Bill Brown
Year 3	Barbara Clanton
Year 2	Brian Allen
Year 2	Maynard Austin
Year 1	Vicky Cole
Year 1	TBD

### Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3	Debby Hendrix
Year 3	Frank Holzschuh
Year 3	Ben Brooks
Year 2	Phyllis Stansfield
Year 2	Bettye Ann Bewley
Year 2	Dawn Wright
Year 1	Judy Reviere
Year 1	John Cash
Year 1	Art Masker
Chairperson	Rev. Jerry Jones

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3	Carolyn Ricker
Year 3	Frieda Wright
Year 3	George Tvardy-Board Chair
Year 2	Lori Duckworth
Year 2	Dale Landers
Year 2	Sandra Fox
Year 1	Marjorie Bullen
Year 1	Chuck Pearson
Year 1	Jim Seip
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

### Trustees:

Year 3	Steve Shore
Year 3	Brandon Hull
Year 3	Suzanne Wagner
Year 2	Dave Wright
Year 2	Phyllis Bible
Year 2	Alice Russell
Year 1	John Loven
Year 1	Tom Cole –Co-Chair
Year 1	Tom Smith –Co-Chair
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones
Ex-Officio	Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

### ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3	Brook Loggins
Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year W	Brittani Hirschy
Year 2	Brenda Ottinger
Year 2	Janie Laws
Year 2	Holly McGaw
Year 1	Mary Louise Fisher
Year 1	Stephanie Hite
Year 1	Terri Lawson
At Large	Lynette Hill
Ex-Officio	Kim Brown
Ex-Officio	Rev. Jerry Jones

### Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries Coordinator:	Susan Holzschuh
Benevolence Team Chairperson:	Joe McInturff
Boy Scouts Representative:	Art Masker
Camping Advocates:	Emily & Scott Whitaker
Children in Poverty Chairperson:	Tee Earl
Evangelism Chairperson:	Steve Shore
Fellowship Coordinator:	Judy Kennon
Historian:	Carolyn Gregg
Holston Home Ambassador:	Kent Bewley
Nurture Ministries Chairperson:	Marge Saulsbury
Older Adult Ministries:	Dinah Seip
Mission Ministries:	Rob Brown
Outreach Ministries:	Bettye Hayes
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jerry Moore
Restoration Depot Chairperson:	TBD
Witness Ministry Chairperson:	David Andrew
Wood Cutting Ministry:	David Andrew

# April

# 2020

<u>Abbreviation Key</u>	Disciple Classroom-DC D&H Brown Classroom-DH Fellowship Hall-FH John Wesley Class-JWC	LaRue Classroom-LR Library-LB Parlor-PL Prayer Shawl Room-PSR	Sanctuary-ST Sisters By Grace-SG Youth Room-YR
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Online Services 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH		3P-Benevolence Drive -Thru	NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH  
9:00AM—Sunday School Classes  
10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST  
11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

## **SUNDAY GROUP**

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

9A—Nursery, Preschool & K-5th  
Children's Dept.  
(under Sanctuary)  
9A—Youth in Youth Room  
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR

### **1st Floor Education Building**

9A—D&H Brown  
(mixed gender, 50-70s)  
9A—Disciple  
(mixed gender, mixed age)  
9A—Sisters by Grace  
(females, mixed age)  
9A—LaRue  
(mixed gender, mixed ages)

### **2nd Floor Education Building**

9A—Seekers  
(mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor  
9A—Choir  
(mixed gender, mixed age)

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB  
5:00PM—MUSIC  
5:30PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL  
6:30PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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