

Asbury United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter

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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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

3:30-4:30 SNACK/HOMEWORK CLUB
4:30-5:00-MUSIC
5:00-5:30-KIDS CLUB
6:00-7:00-YOUTH
6:00-7:00-CHOIR

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April Birthdays

Doris Allen
BriAnna Allen
Leon Bell
Devin Bradford
Bill Brown
Jillian Carter
Tee Earl
Julie Ellis
Matthew Fisher
Andrew Fisher
Don Fox
Mike Hartsell
Madison Hite
Ozzie Hones
Susan Kilday
Riggs Leonard
Kyle McInturff
Seth Ottinger
Patricia Quarles
Bart Reviere
Jim Seip
Anna Claire Vaughn
Ruth Whitfield
Chuck Whitfield



1 Corinthians 1: 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Easter occurring on March 31st and then the next day is April 1st, it seems an especially appropriate time to look at these words from Paul. How many times a day do you struggle with being a follower of Jesus in the world today? How often do you need to be reminded of what we have been called too? As someone who finds themselves careening into the 2nd half of life I can't tell you the number of times I am struck by these words from Paul.

Paul penned these words to the church in Corinth that he helped to start during his second missionary journey. In this letter he is dealing with the factions that have started to divide the church, and he is seeking to draw their focus back to Christ. He begins by reminding them of the division that is within all humanity. To one group the cross is foolishness, and yet to those who believe it is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Foolishness or power? Remember that Corinth was a trade center in the Roman empire. There were people from all over the world. There were all sorts of belief systems, ideologies and faiths represented. Paul came to show them not the dividing nature of Christ but the unifying power of belief in Jesus. And now word has reached him that all of the divisions of the world are starting to creep into the body of Christ. People in the community mocking believers is one thing but now believers are mocking one another and even moving the church away from the central unity of Jesus. Wow! If he was writing to us it couldn't be more appropriate.

In the very next verse Paul quotes from Isaiah 29 "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and I will set aside the understanding of the experts." Here God is warning the unbelieving leaders of Israel. Paul is using these words to bring the church back to God. The leaders of Israel much like the leaders of the church in Corinth consider themselves to be wise. But to look back we see God's judgment on Israel did away with all pretense of wisdom that was not based on God.

So on April fools day it seems appropriate that we celebrate the resurrection. Jesus, fully God and fully human, the one who died on the cross to save us, is resurrected. That is truly the power of God. Perhaps today we need the full power of God. In a world where things like faith and belief have been fractured, harassed and even taken hostage. Today is a day when we can celebrate what some say is foolish, and place our faith in the saving grace of God.

Blessings,
Jerry

Planning Center Church Software

As most of you know we have upgraded our church software and we now have a better means to update profile information and to communicate with all our members and participates. It gives us a better way to keep attendance and to interact with our groups and congregation. We know that you have been getting multiple emails daily and that will subside after we have the set up and migration to the new software finished. Please be patient with us as we move forward with the changes. It has been amazing to see how well this system works and everyone has been very positive in the responses. Thank you for allowing us to serve you better. If you have not done so already please follow the directions below.

1. Please download the Church Center app to stay connected with your Asbury Church family.
2. If you haven't done so already, please update your contact information in our database. By providing your email and phone number, we can ensure that you receive information about upcoming events and important updates. You can also connect with other members directly through the app or online. You can find a handout with instructions for this in the narthex or you can contact Susan Bowers or John Reviere and they'll be happy to assist.
3. If you are visiting with us today, please be sure to complete one of our connection cards, and be sure to provide an email address and phone number so that we might extend a personal welcome to you.

Download our mobile app at
<https://asburylife.churchcenter.com/setup>

Or scan the QR code.



Would you like to be included in our texts? If so, could you submit a consent to text?

<https://asburylife.churchcenter.com/people/forms/709299>

April Anniversaries

Shane & Stephanie Hite
Kevin & Diane James
Shannon & April Johnson
Shelby & Lynda Sullivan

Congregational Care

Living at Home

Felty & Jean Masengill
Betty Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe

Marjorie Davenport
Winifred Kuper
Barbara Serral
Mary Van Dreal

Laughlin Health Care

Libby Bible

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

Asbury United Methodist Women, President Sandy Noonan



We are excited to feature a very special guest speaker at our next UMW meeting: Rhonda Castro, owner and creator of The C.A.R.E. Center, located at 776 W. Andrew Johnson Highway (see image below). You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Rhonda's inspirational story.



We will hold our UMW meeting in Asbury's Fellowship Hall from 11:30 - 12:30. In addition, we want to add our support to the C.A.R.E. Center by supplying them with any of the following items:

**Toiletries such as: Shampoo, Soap/Body Wash, Towels/Washcloths
Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Disposable Razors**

Cleaning supplies such as: Sponges, Gloves, Windex, Clorox, Lysol

Kitchen staples such as: Bottled Water, Sugar, Flour, Jelly, Peanut Butter

Please bring a sack lunch, (dessert will be supplied) and items to donate.

The C.A.R.E. Center is a wonderful opportunity for Asbury UMW to be an integral part of our community, and to pass God's love along to those who are currently struggling in this economy.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Lenten Season and we look forward to seeing you on April 1.



Community Picnic

sponsored by
Asbury United Methodist Church

Invite a friend and join us.

Please bring a covered dish to share, your favorite beverage, and a lawn chair.

Barton Hollow Farm
4505 Afton Road | Afton, TN 37616 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Good fellowship. Good food. Good fun.

Register online at <https://forms.office.com/r/HNdATTnCOe> or SCAN →





From the Children's Director-Susan Kilday

We are so proud of our children's choir for all their hard work they have put in to sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Thank you to Cindy Sams and Carolyn Gregg for leading them. Thank you to all the parents for their patience and time working with the music. We are excited for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. We will have pictures next month.

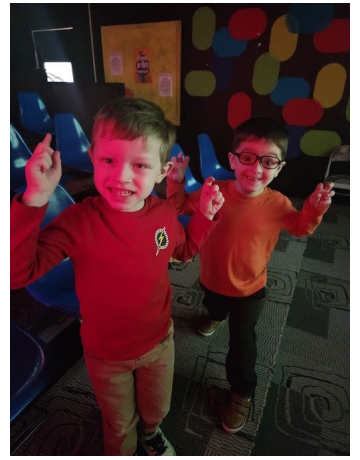
We have a couple of months left in the season. We are planning a year end party and a day trip. We are also having our Bible Bowl which we will start studying for soon.

Bible Bowl

Coming

in

May





Natasha DeBord
 Director of Student Ministries

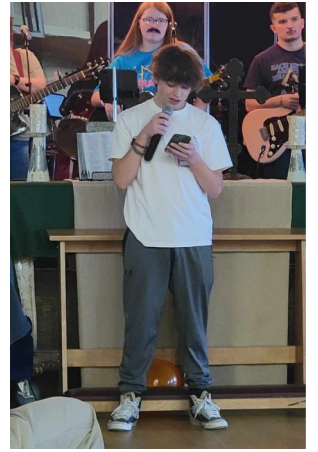


During the month of March, we focused on prayer. We answered questions like what is prayer? How do we pray? What are some Biblical examples of prayers? What are different ways we can pray? And of course there were a ton of other questions! We explored using Psalm to pray, focusing on a candle flame to center ourselves, writing prayers down for others. Of all the different forms prayer took during our journey, the youth's favorite way to pray, hands down, was Praying in Color. During this form of prayer, you utilize doodles and words and color to create a visual image of your prayer. It's a beautiful way to pray that allows a person to keep their hands moving while allowing their minds to focus on prayer. If you are unfamiliar with this form of prayer, we would highly recommend you look up "praying in color" on Google.

The other big event was the youth hosted Night of Praise during Holy Week. We ate nachos and snack cakes with a side of candy. We competed in games by rows and then boys v. girls in which everyone ended up going home with a prize. The Praise Band lead our music and the night was everything we had planned for. I do want to acknowledge some people who the night would not have been possible without. On behalf of the youth, and all who attended the Night of Praise, thank you to the Praise Band, First Presbyterian Church's youth, Asbury staff, and our amazing youth parents (plus the amazing Steve Crouch!).

Our next youth event will be on April 14th at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The youth will be putting together a talent show and snacks. We would absolutely love for you to join us!

<h1>April</h1>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	Youth 3:00-6:00	4	5	6
7	8	9	Youth 10:30-6:00	11	12	13
14 	15	16	Youth 17:30-6:00	18	19	Camp Cleanup 20:00-4:00
21	22	23	Youth 24:30-6:00	25	26	27
Confirmation 28:00-6:00 	29	30				



**ASBURY
YOUTH**
presents a
**TALENT
SHOW**

APRIL 14
5:00

Come enjoy popcorn and a show
brought to you by your very own
Asbury Youth!

Questions? Contact Natasha at
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2024 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Tom Cole
Secretary Susan Bowers
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of
 Family Ministries
Director of
 Student Ministries Natasha DeBord
Director of
 Traditional Music Cindy Sams
Director of
 Cont. Worship Abby Whitaker
Lay Leader John Reviere
Lay Leader
Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons
Lay Member to
 AC-Alternate
Children's Council
 Rep. Lynette Hill
Senior Adult Rep. Dinah Seip
UMW Rep. Sandy Noonan
ACEC Chairperson
Mission Team
 Chairperson Tom Smith
Trustees
 Chairperson Tom Smith
Staff-Parish
 Chairperson
Finance
 Chairperson Rodney Bell
Evangelism Chairperson John Reviere

Finance Committee:

Chairperson Rodney Bell
Treasure Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
Financial Secretary Susan Bowers
Trustees
 Chairperson Tom Smith
Staff-Parish
 Chairperson
Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard
Lay Leader TBD
Leadership Team
 Chairperson Tom Cole
Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons
At-Large Buddy Yonz
Year 3 Chuck Whitfield
Year 2 Shane Hite
Year 2 Mary Louise Fisher
Year 1 Paige Hull
Year 1 Lennie Lawson

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Kay Freer
Year 3 Tee Earl
Year 3 Marcia Parsons
Year 2 Phyllis Bible
Year 2 Rebecca Uhls
Year 2 Sally Andrew
Year 1 Sharron Jeffers
Year 1 Brandon Hull
Year 1 Emily Whitaker
Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3 Doris Allen
Year 3 Art Masker
Year 3 Don Stansfield
Year 2 Holly McGaw
Year 2 Lynn Reviere
Year 1 Kevin James
Year 1 Dale Landers
Year 1 Vicky Cole
Year 1 Dr. Rebekah Taylor-Chair
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Trustees:

Year 3 Frank Holzschuh
Year 3 John Cash
Year 3 Rachel Hensley
Year 2 Leslie Allen
Year 2 Stephanie Hite
Year 2 Mike Barnes
Year 1 Nellie Metcalf
Year 1 Tom Smith-Chair
Year 1 David Kilday
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones
Ex-Officio Keith Cornwell

ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3 Diane Gibson-Chair
Year 3 Brenda Ottinger
Year 3 Janie Laws
Year 2 Mary Louise Fisher
Year 2 Don Fox
Year 2 Terri Lawson
Year 1 Tom Cole
Year 1 Kay Freer
At Large
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Evangelism Committee:

John Reviere-Chair
David Andrew
Jeff Taylor
Susan Holzschuh
Mike Barnes
Dale Landers
Lisa Crum
Lee Duckworth
Lori Duckworth

Missions Committee:

Kay Freer
John Cash
Pat Bradford
Lynette Hill

Family Ministries:

Adult Ministries
 Coordinator: Susan Holzschuh
Benevolence Team
 Chairperson: Marcia Parson
Boy Scouts Representative: Art Masker
Children in Poverty Chairperson: Tee Earl
Evangelism Chairperson: John Reviere
Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon
Historian: Carolyn Gregg
Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley
Nurture Ministries
 Chairperson: Marge Saulsbury
Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip
Mission Ministries: Tom Smith
Outreach Ministries: John Cash
Sunday School
 Superintendent: Jerry Moore
Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

April

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<u>Abbreviation Key</u>	Disciple Classroom-DC	LaRue Classroom-LR	Sanctuary-ST
Boots Bewley-BB	D&H Brown Classroom-DH	Library-LB	Sisters By Grace-SG
Chapel-CH	Fellowship Hall-FH	Parlor-PL	Youth Room-YR
Choir Room-CR	John Wesley Class-JWC	Prayer Shawl Room-PSR	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	OFFICE CLOSED 11:30A-UMW		8A-Van Dreal study group 9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place 5P-Discipleship	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5P-Outreach Team Meeting 12P-Planning Center Training 5:30P-ACEC Training	9A-Kindermusik 10A-Benevolence	6P-Planning Center Training		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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SUNDAY GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES

9A— Nursery, Preschool & K-5th
Children's Dept.
(under Sanctuary)

1st Floor Education Building

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

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Choir
(mixed gender, mixed age)

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