

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

NIGHT SCHEDULE

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

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April Birthdays

Chuck Whitfield 1st
 Doris Allen 2nd
 Ruth Whitfield 6th
 Patricia Quarles 8th
 BriAnna Allen 8th
 Jillian Carter 9th
 Tee Earl 11th
 Seth Otthinger 12th
 Eugene Johnson 15th
 Bill Brown 15th
 Madison Hite 16th
 Matthew Fisher 17th
 Anna Claire Vaughan 17th
 Marge Saulsbury 19th
 Riggs Leonard 19th
 Devin Bradford 20th
 Kyle McInturff 20th
 Leon Bell 22nd
 Bart Reviere 22nd
 Andrew Fisher 23rd
 Susan Kilday 23rd
 Julie Ellis 25th
 Don Fox 26th
 Jim Seip 30th



Luke 24: 38 "Why are you troubled? He asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

I like Lent! I like the journey of self discovery and drawing nearer to Jesus. It's a seven week period of being able to own my sin and understand that even though I don't have everything worked out and right it is all going to be okay. In Lent I can convince myself that it is about the journey and the fact I don't have all of my sin surrendered is okay. My eyes can be awakened to the sin in my life and it is okay because Easter is coming. However, Easter is here. Jesus is risen, Satan is defeated and the battle for my soul is won!

For 25 years I have struggled after Easter. I convince myself it is because of all the hours put in during Holy Week, but the truth is I, like the disciples, struggle with doubts. Doubts that were okay during lent are supposed to be rolled away like the stone on Easter morning. The tomb is empty! Hallelujah! I believe this. I believe Jesus won. He came as the one person capable of following the law and living out the law. He showed us how to live it out in love. He gave grace and mercy. He was killed for it. And just as surely as I preach, teach, and write about it the sin in my life put him on the cross. It drove the nails into his hands and feet. It pierced his side.

The disciples were trying to figure things out. What did it all mean? They saw Jesus crucified. They spent their sabbath in shock and mourning. Then on Sunday these amazing stories start to come out. One of the women said she saw him; two of their group say they saw him on the road to Emmaus. Suddenly Jesus was there. He didn't knock. He didn't come through the door. Jesus was just there! Can you imagine?

Why are you troubled? Why would you not be? Everything you've ever known about life has just been turned upside down. Death is no longer the end, the resurrection is real! The stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty. Jesus is who he said he was, is and will be. I am troubled because I am a sinner. Because I know I should do better and I don't. I do the very things that I hate. Paul struggled with this and so did Job. The victory is complete except in the hearts of those who are troubled; except where Satan works on the hearts of believers. Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? The stone has been rolled away and the tomb is empty. That is why.

Saved by Grace!

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Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

The sanctuary wall repairs are complete as well as the chapel work. Mulching has been started and will be completed by easter Sunday. We are in the process of getting new doors for the children's area Summer St. side. The sidewalk on the daycare side of the chapel has been leveled to fix a trip hazard.

I wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Keith



April Anniversaries

Jason & Tiffany Miller 3rd
Shane & Stephanie Hite 4th
Kevin & Diane James 20th
Shelby & Lynda Sullivan 21st
Shannon & April Johnson 24th

Congregational Care

Living at Home

Libby Bible

Don & Joyce Hyde

Felty & Jean Masengill

Betty Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe

Marjorie Davenport

Winifred Kuper

Barbara Serral

Mary Van Dreal

Living at Brookdale

Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

Bethea Luttrell

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



From the Church Office Administrator; Susan Bowers

Hello Asbury Family,

We have had a very busy schedule as of late and much to happen coming up. Please keep a check on all calendars and schedules. If you are signed up for our email service you should be getting emails with all our events and regular happenings. You can find events also on the website and a schedule of events in our bulletins. If you are not signed up to receive our emails you can do so on the website under events or call the office.

Thank you to everyone for your continue feed back and support on the website I do my best to keep it updated and refreshed as much as I can.

Be on the lookout for statements and memorials next month. And as always if you have any questions on the processes or how things are done you are always more than welcome to stop in or call me.

Peace to all,
Susan

March Benevolence Report

Persons Helped: 3

Utilities: \$297.85

Rent: \$3,289.00

Aume Lent Schedule

Feb. 22: Ash Wed 12PM & 5:30PM-CH

Feb. 26: 1st Day of Lent

Mar. 12: 10:30AM Single Service-ST

Apr. 2 Palm Sunday

Apr. 5: Holy Wednesday 12PM

Meal after the service

Apr. 6: Maundy Service 6:30PM-ST

Apr. 7: Good Friday 6:30PM-FH

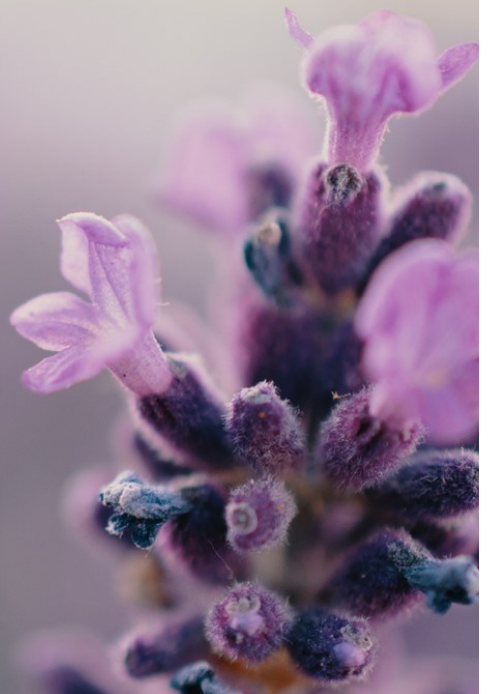
Apr. 8: Easter Celebration

Apr. 9: Easter Sunrise 7AM,

10AM & 11AM Services

Apr.30: Children's Service Single Service

May 28: Pentecost



Asbury United Methodist Women, President Sally Andrew



Hello Spring!

As we are preparing ourselves for Holy Week, I am thinking about so me of Christ's final words to his disciples. Those words were spoken to nervous men who really had no clear idea as to exactly what was going to happen to their beloved friend and teacher. Did they fully understand what he was trying to tell them? Were they able to share their feelings of love and concern for him before he was arrested and taken away from them that night? Did they have any regrets about what they didn't tell him?

When we say our goodbyes to others how are our final words received and what is the tone of our voices? No knowing what the future holds for any of us. We need to try and speak with words of kindness and love so that we will have no regrets if they happen to be our final words.

We had 19 ladies in attendance at our March meeting. We prepared 18 goody bags to be delivered to the Meals on Wheels recipients. It is always good to see new faces and we encourage you to invite friends, neighbors and family members to our meetings. Remember that you do not have to be a member of our church to attend or join us.

Since we are preparing and serving the meal on April 5th for Holy Week we will not be meeting in April. Our final meeting before summer break will be Monday May 1st. We hope everyone can attend.

Looking ahead to May, we will be doing something special for our Senior High Students who are graduating. There will be more information to come.

Thank you for your dedication and support of our AUMW. We pray for God's guidance in all our decisions and actions.

Love,
Sally.



April Monthly Mission Collection

The Mary & Joseph Project

As a reminder, we will be collecting items for Mary & Joseph Project on Easter morning at each of the worship services. Bring your items and help us feel the empty tomb for the Mary & Joseph Project. Monetary donations are accepted also.



What donations are needed?

Underwear and socks, all sizes and types

Deodorant

Soaps & body wash

Shampoo & conditioner

Body spritz or cologne/perfume

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Feminine hygiene products





MARCH MONTHLY MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Change for Children

What is change for children you ask? This is a mission that Asbury has been participating in for well over 20 years. Since Covid, it has been paused here at Asbury, but that is going to change beginning May 1.

Change for Children is a dedicated Sunday once a month, where our children collect pocket changes from the congregation. The pocket change collected is deposited and a lump sum is taken to Annual Conference in June of every year. All pocket change collected becomes funds available for Holston churches and other Methodist related ministries around the world in grant form.

These grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children, birth to 5th grade, and their families. Churches must apply for the grant funds, by completing an application, detailing ministry or ministry outreach funds will be applied. These grants are awarded twice a year, February and August. These grants are for direct program support and not for construction or renovations to buildings or playgrounds. Consideration is given for equipment and upgrades that enhance the program and builds relationships with children and families. The maximum program grant is \$2500 and grant recipients may apply again in two years.

Asbury has our Change for Children collection in the past as you exit the service. Beginning in May, however, we are revamping our collection process. We will begin on May 7, Family worship Sunday. Be on the lookout for our special collection of pocket change during the service.

If you would like more information, please contact the Church office.

Wednesday Night Life

Wednesday Night Meals

April 5-Family Ministries
Pizza, Salad, Dessert

April 12- WNM Crew
Biscuits & Gravy
Bacon
Pancakes

April 19-Youth
Hot Dog Bar, Sides, Dessert

April 26-Praise Band
Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Dessert

****If Greeneville City schools
are dismissed early or out due
to inclement weather,
Wednesday Night activities will
be cancelled.**

If you would like to host a meal on a Wednesday or volunteer to help prep, serve, provide a dessert or help deliver our Shut-in meals, please contact Mrs. Kim.



17TH ANNUAL PROM CLOSET



April ALTAR GUILD

April 2	Kim
April 9	Rachel
April 16	Ivy
April 23	Susan

WALK WITH Jesus

An EASTER EVENT for FAMILIES

April 8

12:30 pm -1:30 pm

Sanctuary

Handicap accessible

**An amazing Easter family event that will impact everyone personally and spiritually
Follow Jesus from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection morning.**

Together through these 40 days

*The Greeneville, Tennessee
Clergy Network Presents:*

2023 Lent

Community Worship Services

Six Different Preachers hosted by Six Different Churches

Wednesdays of Lent

At Noon (~30 min. Service)

**March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
& April 5th**

Services held in person & online!

*March 1 @ St. James Episcopal Church (host)
The Rev. Sarah Varnell (preacher)*

*March 8 @ First Presbyterian Church (host)
The Rev. Dr. Ken Saunders (preacher)*

*March 15 @ Reformation Lutheran Church (host)
The Rev. Dr. Dan Donaldson (preacher)*

*March 22 @ Trinity United Methodist Church (host)
The Rev. Jim DuMond (preacher)*

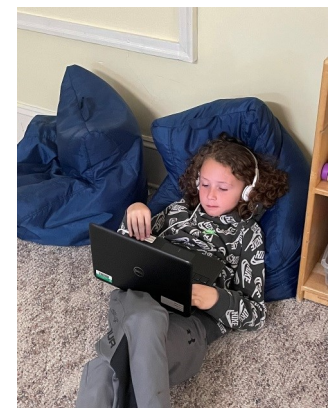
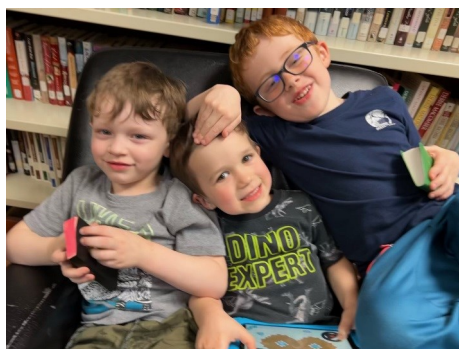
*March 29 @ Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church (host)
The Rev. Todd Jenkins (preacher)*

*April 5 @ Asbury United Methodist Church (host)
The Rev. Sandra Johnson (preacher)*



Kim Brown, Director of Family Ministries

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS





KIDMIN APRIL HAPPENINGS

Children's Sunday April 30

10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Easter Celebration

April 8

11 am - 1 pm

Egg hunt, Cake walk, Pinta, Face

Painting

Bring a snack to share

KIDMIN WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

POPTARTS & PRAYERS 9-940

FAMILY WORSHIP

APRIL 2

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10AM WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS

3-5 PM

HOMEWORK CLUB/SNACK/MUSIC/ACTIVITIES

FELLOWSHIP MEAL 5-6 PM

KIDS KLUB 6-7 PM

APRIL 2

APRIL 9

APRIL 16

APRIL 23

ACOLYTES

BLAKLEY & SHADE

MICAH & CAROLINA

JANIYAH & TATUM

ADDI & KHLOE

Easter Celebration

April 8

11 am - 1 pm

Please bring one of the following to share

Sandwiches

Veggie or Fruit

Chips

Cookies

Drinks will be provided

Egg Hunt
Cake Walk

Face painting
Games

See Mrs. Kim or the church office to register

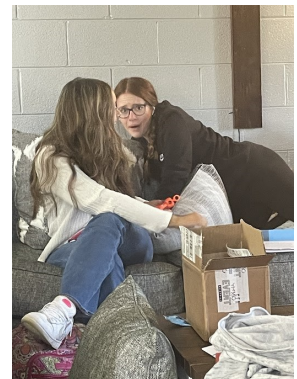


Natasha DeBord
Director of Student Ministries



March was not as crazy as other months for our youth. We played games, prayed together, planned an event (Youth Night of Praise), and cooked. We have also continued our Confirmation classes for some! But just because there hasn't been big events on the calendar, it doesn't mean that the month was boring. Our Youth Night of Praise is happening April 2nd so there wasn't the time to add it to this newsletter. And although you will hear and see all about it in next month's issues, I want to point out how much work our youth have poured into the event. They have combed through scriptures to find a theme and supporting scripture. They talked about food for the event; what they wanted and how to get everything they would need to make it a reality. They even picked out icebreaker games and shared in other little planning parts. This truly was their event in which I just walked along side of them to help their ideas come to reality. I've said it before, and I will say it again, our youth are amazing young adults who have a passion and ambition for God. They are learning and putting into action what it means to love one another and how we are called to be the body of Christ. I will continue to encourage you to come hang out with us sometime or take a moment to talk to a youth when you see them. This all being said, we are always looking for volunteers to hang out with us, go on trips, and attend events with us. To be able to work with the youth you must be a participant of Asbury United Methodist Church for no less than 6 months and complete Safe Sanctuaries training. You can also help our youth group out by praying for us always! Or by making donations of snacks for when we meet, random items we ask for, contributing financially to purchase materials and help offset trip costs, or choosing to sponsor a specific event we have. We thank you for all the support you provided us thus far and extend a thank you for the support you continue to give.

April 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Night of Praise 5:00-7:00	3	4	5 Youth 3:00-7:00	6	Good Friday 6:30	7
8 Easter 7:00/10:00 0/1:00	9	10	11 Youth 3:00-7:00	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Youth 3:00-7:00	19	20	21
22 23	24	25	26 Youth 3:00-7:00	27	28	29
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2023 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Bill Brown
 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
 Cont. Worship Abby Whitaker
 Lay Leader John Reviere
 Lay Leader
 Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons
 Lay Member to
 AC-Alternate Abigail Brown
 Children's Council
 Rep. Lynette Hill
 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
 Finance
 Chairperson Rodney Bell

Finance Committee:

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

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Judy Reviere
 Year 3 John Cash
 Year 3 Art Masker
 Year 2 Kay Freer
 Year 2 Tee Earl
 Year 2 Marcia Parsons
 Year 1 Phyllis Bible
 Year 1 Rebecca Uhls
 Year 1 Sally Andrew
 Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Year 3 Marjorie Bullen
 Year 3 Rebecca Taylor
 Year 3 Jim Seip
 Year 2 Doris Allen
 Year 2 Art Masker
 Year 2 Don Stansfield-Board Chair
 Year 1 Debbie Hendrix
 Year 1 Lynn Reviere
 Year 1 Holly McGaw
 Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Trustees:

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

ACEC Board of Directors:

Year 3 Jessica McAfee
 Year 3 Dusty Click
 Year 3 Abby Lawson –Board Chair
 Year 2 Diane Gibson
 Year 2 Brenda Ottinger
 Year 2 Janie Laws
 Year 2 Holly McGaw
 Year 1 Mary Louise Fisher
 Year 1 Don Fox
 Year 1 Terri Lawson
 At Large Lynette Hill
 Ex-Officio Kim Brown
 Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Evangelism Committee:

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: Vicky Cole
 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: Rob Brown
 Outreach Ministries: John Cash
 Sunday School
 Superintendent: Jerry Moore
 Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

April

2023

Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB
Chapel-CH
Choir Room-CR

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Church Work Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place 5P-Youth Night	2P-Staff Meeting 5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence 12:00P-Holy Wed 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Group Activities	1P-Bible Study 6:30P Maunday Thursday	6:30P Good Friday	11:00 Easter Celebration 12:30 Walk with Jesus
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place	7P-Troop 94 5:30P-YOGA	6:30P-SPRC Meeting	8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence 3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Group Activities	1P-Bible Study 5P-Mission Meeting		
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9A-Sunday School 10:30A-Children’s Sunday Single Service						

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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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