

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World by *Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out*

August Birthdays

April Allen
Sally Andrew
Bob Andrew
Olivia Brooks
Rebecca Brown
Thomas Carter
Susan Cash
Braxton Dabbs
Macey Haun
Tatum Hill
Tucker Hill
Cameron Hite
Brandon Hull
Judy Kennon
Felty Masengill
Madelyn Mikan
Jerry Moore
Ann Moore
Erin Perry
Damian Powelczyk
Judy Reviere
Bekah Ricker
Matt Ripley
Vicky Robinson
Suzanne Wagner
Alex Whitaker
Nancy Worley

From the Senior Pastor, Rev. Bowers

Dear Asbury Family,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I accept the opportunity to be your new pastor. Friends, as we navigate this new chapter together and we find ourselves in a time of both opportunity and challenge, lets invite God into everything we do and say.

It is our job to take Asbury's wealth of experience and marry it to hearts full of compassion and dedication to be "the church". Together, let us create a vision for our congregation that is grounded in faith, hope, and the belief that we are called to be a light in our community. I am confident that we will continue to grow in spirit and service to God and one another.

As we face decisions about the future of our church , it is natural to feel uncertain about what tomorrow will bring. However, this is also a time to draw strength from our shared faith and the bonds that unite us as a church family. Asbury has weathered many storms together, and our commitment to Christ and one another will see us through this one as well.

Let us remember that the church is not just a building or a denomination, but a community of believers who support, love, and encourage each other. I want to encourage you to focus on our mission: to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves and to continue making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This mission transcends any single decision we might make and is the foundation of who we are as a congregation.

In the coming weeks, we will be holding listening sessions to hear your heart, your thoughts and your concerns. This is an opportunity for open intentional dialogue and to ensure that every voice is heard as we consider our path forward. Together, let us seek God's wisdom and discernment, trusting that God will guide us in the right direction.

I invite you in the coming weeks to commit to "maximum participation" as we embrace this new season with faith, hope, and love, knowing that with God at the center, all things are possible.

May God bless each of you and our entire Asbury family as we embark on this journey together.

Many thanks,

Rev. Sharon L. Bowers
Senior Pastor

From the Building Supervisor; Keith Cornwell

The playground upgrades are wrapping up this week. The new retaining wall is in and the concrete work is done. The only thing left is the turf to be laid and that should be completed by the end of the week.

You may have noticed the large willow tree that the city removed a couple weeks ago in the city owned lot next to the creek. The city is putting in pickle ball courts in that space.

Hope you are enjoying your summer.

Keith.

August Anniversaries

Brian & Doris Allen
Bob & Katharine Andrew
Jack & Marjorie Bullen
Dalton & Alyssa Davis
James & Carolyn Gregg
Scott & Emily Whitaker



Congregational Care

Living at Home

Felty & Jean Masengill

Betty Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe

Marjorie Davenport

Winifred Kuper

Barbara Serral

Mary Van Dreal

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



Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

This month's items needed:

School Supplies, Backpacks, Snacks

Food Bank Needs

This month's needs are

Crackers

The collection container is in
the Library.

Mary and Joseph Projects

Personal hygiene items for students
in the local school systems are
needed for these items.

The collection bin is in the
Fellowship Hall.

2nd Mile Local Assistance

When you give to Asbury UMC and
designate "Local Assistance," you make it
possible for us to meet or supplement
various needs in our community.

Local Mission Ministry

When you give to this ministry, you
support your Mission Team that
helps the community with
construction needs.



Small Group Spotlight (August 2024)

This month's Small Group Spotlight is shining on a wonderful new group, "Gardening with Gratitude." If you love gardening or are eager to get started, this group is perfect for you! Members are exploring exciting new ways to practice discipleship through gardening while nurturing a vibrant community garden. They experiment with different gardening techniques, grow a variety of vegetables and wildflowers, and share a portion of their harvest with local missions

like the Greene County Food Bank. In addition to hands-on gardening, the group meets monthly for engaging presentations on topics such as building raised beds, organic gardening, and preserving your harvest. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a curious beginner, "Gardening with Gratitude" offers a warm and welcoming space to grow your skills and connect with others. Curious to learn more? Visit us at [Gardening with Gratitude](#) and see how you can join in the fun!

Luke 13:18-19

18 Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? **19** It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."

[The Discipleship of Gardening:](#)

Do you have an interest in gardening? Have you ever considered how gardening can be a practice of spiritual discipline? Would you like to grow your own food or food for the community but don't have gardening space/equipment? Join our Gardening with Gratitude group and experience the fellowship and discipleship that come from planting, tending and preparing for the harvest.

You'll learn about planning, planting, tending, and harvesting a garden. We'll have some guest speakers and lots of hands-on experience. There's something for everyone. Our community garden will include vegetables, mushrooms, herbs, flowers, composting, blueberries, blackberries, grape vines, and for those who are interested, beekeeping. We hope you'll come and join the fun.





From the Children's Director-Susan Kilday

**2024 Camp Fire Light
VBS was a success!
These kids were such
a blessing to us all.
Thank you again to
ALL volunteers who
made this possible!**





Parent Meeting:

August 14th 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

We will discuss the Children's Ministry's role on Wednesdays for the upcoming school year.



What a fun time was had by all at the Kilday's Farm for a youth event on Saturday the 27th. David built a 200 ft water slide that everyone enjoyed. It was a great way to cool down on a hot day. In addition to the waterslide there were games and a cookout.

We want to thank our gracious host David and Susan Kilday and the volunteers that came out and helped.

The youth will have a back to school pool party and cookout after church at the Ottinger's House on August 4th at 2PM.

Watch for more information on the upcoming school activities and parent meetings.

For more information you can call the church office for contact information.



2024 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Tom Cole*
 Secretary Susan Bowers
 Pastor Rev. Sharon Bowers
 Director of
 Children's Ministries Susan Kilday*
 Director of
 Traditional Music Cindy Sams*
 Director of
 Cont. Worship Abby Whitaker*
 Lay Leader
 Lay Member to AC Marcia Parsons*
 Children's Council
 Rep. Lynette Hill*
 Senior Adult Rep. Dinah Seip*
 UMW Rep. Sandy Noonan*
 ACEC Chairperson Diane Gibson
 Mission Team
 Chairperson Tom Smith*
 Finance
 Chairperson Rodney Bell*
 Treasure Ivy Leonard*
 Trustees
 Chairperson Tom Smith*
 Staff-Parish
 Chairperson Rebekah Taylor*
 Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard*

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
 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
 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

***Voting members of Church Council**

August

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<div> <div> Abbreviation Key Boots Bewley-BB Chapel-CH Choir Room-CR </div> <div> Disciple Classroom-DC D&H Brown Classroom-DH Fellowship Hall-FH John Wesley Class-JWC </div> <div> LaRue Classroom-LR Library-LB Parlor-PL Prayer Shawl Room-PSR </div> <div> Sanctuary-ST Sisters By Grace-SG Youth Room-YR </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6P-Boy Scouts Round Table		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place 6P-Church Wide Meeting-FH 2P-Youth Event	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-SPRC Meeting	8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence			FH in use
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-Trustee Meeting	10A-Benevolence			Kennon High School Reunion
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence		Feed GHS Football Team	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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)
9A—Young Adults & Parents
Larue Classroom
(Mixed gender & age)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Choir
(mixed gender, mixed age)