

# Asbury United Methodist Church

## Monthly Newsletter

August, 2023; Volume 9, Issue 8



### 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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## August Birthdays

Cameron Hite 8/2  
 Damian Powelczyk 8/2  
 Emmy Collier 8/2  
 Felty Masengill 8/3  
 Erin Perry 8/4  
 Vicky Robinson 8/4  
 Cassel Shepherd 8/5  
 Jerry Moore 8/6  
 Bob Bradford 8/9  
 Judy Reviere 8/8  
 Taylor Jones 8/8  
 Susan Cash 8/12  
 Rebecca Brwon 8/12  
 Brandon Hull 8/13  
 April Allen 8/13  
 Sally Andrew 8/13  
 Nancy Worley 8/14  
 Bill Kennon 8/15  
 Rebekah Brown 8/18  
 Kyle Wills 8/19  
 Robert Andrew 8/19  
 Kannon Lawson 8/19  
 Judy Kennon 8/21  
 Tatum Hill 8/21  
 Tucker Hill 8/21  
 Macey Haun 8/25  
 Alex Whitaker 8/26  
 Thomas Carter 8/28  
 Bekah Ricker 8/28  
 Olivia Brooks 8/28  
 Kylie Irwin 8/28  
 Suzanne Wagner 8/29



Mark 1:15 *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*

These are the words Jesus spoke to people in Galilee following the arrest of John the Baptist. Verse 14 says Jesus went to Galilee, "preaching the good news!" Just in case the audience misses it he doubles down using Jesus' very own words in the next verse. So the greek word is "euangelio," which literally means "good tidings." What are the good tidings of Jesus?

Jesus' message seems to be twofold; repent and believe. All the people of Galilee would have understood the first part easily. Repentance is not really a great mystery. The problem was that for most who were hearing Jesus' message that were so beaten down by Rome and the Pharisees that meeting the requirements for repentance was hard. This is part of what makes Jesus' message so counter cultural. In order for people to repent, they had to go to the priest and make the proper sacrifice. But between unemployment and taxes they couldn't afford the sacrifice.

The sacrificial system that was at work in Jerusalem involved changing Roman money to "temple" money and then purchasing an "approved" sacrificial animal. This was the environment that Jesus came into and overturned the tables. So, the good new Jesus includes a new forgiveness paradigm. All you need to do is repent, literally change your mind. You don't have to wait on the priest, or wait on the money for a sacrifice, you just have to stop doing what you are doing and change your mind. (I personally like "turn around" as a translation.)

So what about "believe?" Believe that the "Kingdom of Heaven has come near!" This is the Message that the Messiah is bringing. People no longer have to wait. God is near! The barriers that have separated people from God are done away and the Kingdom of God is near. In Matthew, Mark and Luke Jesus refers to the Kingdom of God 53 times. Jesus has come that the people, ALL THE PEOPLE will believe in the Kingdom. But the Good news is not simply that it has come but that it is near! Several times he follows the message up with a very pointed be ready.

I want to say that nothing in the last 2000 years has changed the good news of Jesus. You don't have to do anything special but simply turn around, but that is not the Good News. The Good News is that the Kingdom is near! Emmanuel, God is with us.

I close with Paul's words in Acts 14:15 *Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.*

Repent and Believe the Good News!

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## Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

Things have been quite over the summer. The air conditions in the sanctuary are up and running to full compacity. Several of the toilets have been repaired and switched to manual flush. Please be aware that some of the toilets will not flush on their own anymore.

To Mrs. Kim's dismay or maybe not it was Vacation Bible School when Murphey's law is always in effect, our fridge went down the first night of VBS. But we got it fixed and running again the next day. We may be looking at a replacement in the near future.

Skyline will be starting work this month as we move forward with our 5 year improvement plan.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and stay safe.

Keith.

## August Anniversaries

Robert & Katharine Andrew 8/2  
Jack & Marjorie Bullen 8/7  
Robert & Ava Jo Holmes 8/7  
James & Carolyn Gregg 8/11  
Brian & Doris Allen 8/13

## 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



From the Church Office Administrator; Susan Bowers

It is officially summer and it is hot already, I hope everyone is finding ways to stay cool. You should have received your quarterly statement in the mail by now, if you did not please contact me and I will get one out to you. We are excited to be starting up our fall Wednesday Nights coming up soon. We hope that everyone will come out and support our church and individual groups that put on the meals.

Blessings,  
*Susan*

### June Benevolence Report

**3 Families Helped**

**Rent: \$1787.00**

**2023 YTD Actual Giving's**

**\$231,544.20**

**Budget Shortfall**

**\$21,455.80**

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



**Asbury UMC**

# **YARD SALE**

Lots of great affordable items!  
Outside under the tent!

**AUGUST 25TH & 26TH  
8 AM TO 4 PM  
201 S. MAIN ST.**

**ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF  
AUGUST 21ST-23RD**

FOR MORE CALL 423-798-1050

Sign ups to volunteer will be available in the Sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms. If you would like to help please sign up or call Pat Bradford at 423-329-3295.

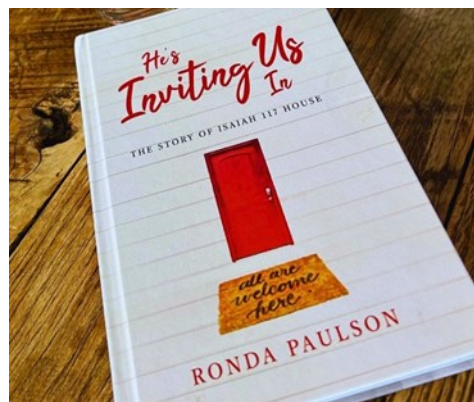




Asbury's VBS mission for the week was "Mighty Knighties." We collected PJ's for Isaiah 117 House. Each class was challenged to bring in PJ's, the winning class was the Speedsters, our 3-4 year-olds.

Congratulations Speedsters!

New way to support Isaiah 117 House  
Now you can give online to Isaiah 117 House by using your phone camera and the QR Code.



### He's Inviting Us In - The Story of Isaiah 117 House

Isaiah 117 House founder and executive director, Ronda Paulson, has written this book to capture both the story of how this ministry came to be and how God is inviting all of us into His work every day! We are so excited about this new opportunity to raise awareness about foster care, removal day, and how God wants to use every one of us to help do His work and spread His love!

He's Inviting Us In – The Story of Isaiah 117 House is available to purchase on Amazon now!



# Blessing of the Backpacks AUGUST 6

All three services

Bring you packpack

All students, Teachers,  
School employees

## Wednesday Night Life

## Wednesday Night Meals

August 16  
Pizza, Salad, Dessert

August 23  
TBD

August 30  
TBD

If you would like to volunteer  
for a meal or like to work with  
one of our groups please  
contact Kim Brown.



help wanted

**Looking for volunteers.....**

**To help change marquee sign weekly**

**Help with altar guild for the 8 & 10 service**

**If interested or for more information, please see Mrs. Kim**

### AUGUST ALTAR GUILD

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| August 6  | Kim    |
| August 13 | Susan  |
| August 20 | Rachel |
| August 27 | Doris  |

**Now that summer has flown by, it is  
once again time to think about our Wednesday night  
meals.**

**If you would be interested in helping in the kitchen,  
providing a dessert or helping on clean up, or have a  
menu suggestions, please let Mrs. Kim know.**

**Out meals will return August 16.**







Kim Brown, Director of Family Ministries



## KIDMIN AUGUST HAPPENINGS

### ACOLYTES

**AUGUST 6 TATUM & TUCKER**

**AUGUST 13 BLAKELY & SHADE**

**AUGUST 20 JANIYAH & AVERY MAE**

**AUGUST 27 ADDI & KLHOE**

### Wonderful Wednesdays

**Snack 330-400**

**Homework 400-430**

**Extra Homework Time/Free time 430-500**

**Mission Time until Music starts 500-530**

**Music schedule to be announced**

### SUNDAYS

**POPTARTS & PRAYERS 9-940**

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

**AUGUST 6**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH 2ND, 3RD, 4TH SUNDAYS**

### Afterschool pick up

**Beginning August 16**

**Necessary paperwork will be emailed**

**Please return to Mrs. Kim before August 16**

# BACK TO SCHOOL

**Means back to Wonderful Wednesdays**

**We will begin August 16**

**If your child is interested and needs after school pick up**

**Watch your email for paper work or check it out on our website**

**[www.asburylife.org](http://www.asburylife.org)**

**Under KIDMIN**



The month of July found us busy with VBS. We had a grand adventure with Princess Ruth and Sparky in the Land of North Castle searching for the King's Armor. We learned to have faith, trust God, how to earn salvation, how to be true to God and how to wear our shoes of peace to spread the good news of our Lord and savior. Many thanks to each and everyone that donated, prayed for us, and especially those that gave their time to volunteer during VBS from registration, kitchen crew, section volunteers and group leaders. We had a great week!



Coming summer 2024









**Natasha DeBord**  
Director of Student Ministries



In July we saw some of our youth helping with VBS. It was a great time for all involved! Thank you not only to the youth and adult volunteers but thank you to Mrs. Kim for all that she does throughout the year to make VBS week something special. Helping in VBS got me to thinking about some new ideas for youth and trying to figure out how to make them happen. So be on the lookout for something exciting!

One thing that was hosted by the youth was a meal and talk session with George and Cindy Tvardy on mental health and teens. The session was incredibly informative and helpful. All that attend had positive feedback and I look forward to working with George and Cindy again in the near future. The night was so engaging that I completely forgot to take pictures! I guess you will have to attend the next youth sponsored event to get in on the action!

During our talk George told us the best thing we can do for our kids is to show them they are special. He gave us an example and basically, we need to show up and be present. Make time for one-on-one time with each of your children. Be a safe space for our youth in which they feel comfortable coming to us to talk about anything. (He also said we need to make sure our responses are appropriate.) I thought this was a professional recommendation that needed to be shared. Thank you, again, George and Cindy, for sharing your time and knowledge with us.

Now looking forward! August is here! School is starting. Church is getting back into the swing of weekly things. Life is going to fall back into the rhythm of the school year. As you plan your days, remember to put youth events on your calendar. We will be meeting one Sunday evening a month as a group, and then the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month for Confirmation. Then on Wednesdays we meet right after school in the youth room. We will have time for homework, worship, a game, and a lesson. We will also share in a meal together in the Fellowship Hall.

Something new we are starting this year is small groups. Like I explained to a volunteer with our youth earlier, the small groups are meant to be student led, adult guided. These groups will run for 6 weeks at a time and meet at various times throughout the week. This first 6 weeks we will have 3 small groups for youth to choose from; *The Man Talks*, *New*, and *Can I Ask That?*. The hope is that we can continue to offer small groups to help dive deeper in both the Bible, and more importantly, our relationships with each other. I'm so excited to start the new year!

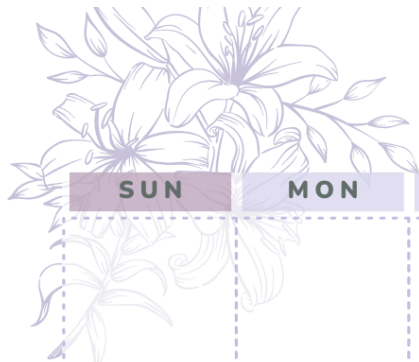
And last, but not least, we are looking for folks to join us in various ways. Whether you feel called to volunteer within our lessons, provide a meal, pray for/with us, or something else, we would love for you to partner with us. We have some of the most amazing young adults and they would love to have you join us.





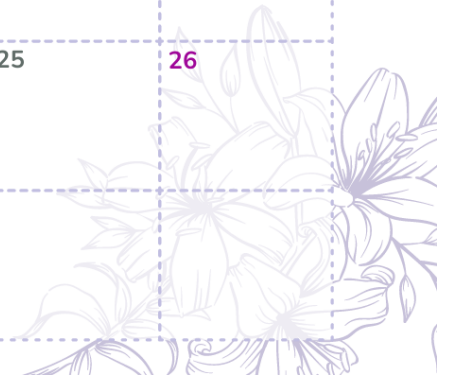
## CAN I ASK THAT?

8 HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND FAITH



## AUGUST 2023

| SUN                             | MON | TUE | WED                      | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|                                 |     | 1   | 2                        | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6                               | 7   | 8   | 9                        | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13<br>Youth<br>5:00-6:30        | 14  | 15  | 16<br>Youth<br>3:00-7:00 | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20                              | 21  | 22  | 23<br>Youth<br>3:00-7:00 | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27<br>Confirmation<br>5:00-6:30 | 28  | 29  | 30<br>Youth<br>3:00-7:00 | 31  |     |     |



# 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

# August

# 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  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  |                           | 1                                   | 2  | 3                               | 4         | 5         |
|  |                           |                                     | 10A-Benevolence                                |                                 |           |           |
| 6  | 7                         | 8                                   | 9  | 10                              | 11        | 12        |
| 8A-Chapel Service<br>9A-Sunday School<br>10A- Traditional –ST<br>11A-Cont. Service-FH<br>4P-Our Father’s Place | 5:30P-YOGA<br>7P-Troop 94 | 5:30P-Trustee<br>Meeting            | 8A-Van Dreal study<br>group<br>10A-Benevolence | 6P-Troop 94 District<br>Meeting |           |           |
| 13   | 14                        | 15                                  | 16   | 17                              | 18        | 19        |
| 8A-Chapel Service<br>9A-Sunday School<br>10A- Traditional –ST<br>11A-Cont. Service-FH<br>4P-Our Father’s Place | 5:30P-YOGA<br>7P-Troop 94 | 6:30P– Nominations<br>Comm. Meeting | 10A-Benevolence                                |                                 |           | 2P-Shower |
| 20   | 21                        | 22                                  | 23   | 24                              | 25        | 26        |
| 8A-Chapel Service<br>9A-Sunday School<br>10A- Traditional –ST<br>11A-Cont. Service-FH<br>4P-Our Father’s Place | 5:30P-YOGA<br>7P-Troop 94 | 6:30P-SPR Meeting                   | 8A-Van Dreal study<br>group<br>10A-Benevolence |                                 | Yard Sale | Yard Sale |
| 27   | 28                        | 29                                  | 30   | 31                              |           |           |
| 8A-Chapel Service<br>9A-Sunday School<br>10A- Traditional –ST<br>11A-Cont. Service-FH<br>4P-Our Father’s Place | 5:30P-YOGA<br>7P-Troop 94 |                                     | 10A-Benevolence                                |                                 |           |           |
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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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