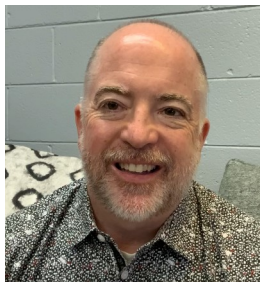


January, 2021

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*Romans 8:35**Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

My devotion time this morning centered around this verse from Paul. It seems like a lot of times we get focused on the things that make us different or the things that separate us from one another. Now the important part of what Paul is saying here is that this is a rhetorical question. As we look at the word order and syntax from the greek the implication is that Paul has, in fact, experienced all these things because of the gospel of Jesus Christ and they have not separated him from Christ.

There was a period of time when people did feel separated because of persecution. There are even places in the world today where this type of persecution still exists, where you could be called on to sacrifice your life for your faith in Christ. Fortunately we here in the U.S., specifically in east Tennessee, do not live in one of these places. So then what is it that separates us?

We disagree on baptism, who should receive it, and how it should be administered. We disagree on who can preach and how they can dress to do the preaching. We manufacture hardship and distress. We feel persecution, and that our liberties are in peril. All in the name of... What?

Jesus, who died on the cross, delivers us from Sin and death. In the cross, we are no longer separated but united. Wesley is attributed with the idea that as long as we agree on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ we can join one another at the table. The cross is what should unite us. It is why Jesus went to the cross. One of my favorite Cross stories is from Matthew 27:54, where the centurion guarding Jesus on the cross witnesses his death accompanied by the earthquake, he believes. Picture the people at the foot of the Cross; John the disciple, Mary the mother, Mary Magdalen, the Centurion, could they be more different and it is the cross that unites them.

Romans 8:37 says "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." We are more than conquerors because of the cross. When we come to the cross the things that separate us are cast aside and no longer matter. For the Cross unites all through the blood of Jesus. We don't have to agree on anything else as long as we can agree on Jesus dying on the cross and being resurrected. Then the law, sin, and death no longer have a hold over us, only the love that held Jesus to the cross.

Blessings,  
Jerry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Rev. Donald J. Smith.

## February Birthdays

Carolyn Galloway 2/1  
Savannah Wolfe 2/2  
Lynda Sullivan 2/2  
Chance Neas 2/2  
Addie Leonard 2/3  
Bobby Wells 2/3  
April Johnson 2/3  
Mary Bettis 2/6  
Art Masker 2/7  
Kevin Smith 2/7  
Saranya Pichandy 2/7  
Cindy Sams 2/8  
Cameron Uhls 2/8  
John Reviere 2/9  
Janice Justis 2/10  
Connie Moore 2/10  
Rowan Johnson 2/11  
Jake Hall 2/14  
Nick Hall 2/14  
Mack Hall 2/14  
Andrew Whitaker 2/14  
Kirston Osborn 2/14  
Amy Reaves Pace 2/17  
Grace Riley 2/17  
Leslie Allen 2/18  
Susan Jones 2/18  
Holly McGaw 2/21  
Mike Monger 2/22  
Chandler Jones 2/23  
Claire Hoeke 2/24  
George Tvardy 2/24  
Grayson Jones 2/24  
Avery McGaw 2/24  
Annemarie Brown 2/25  
Kermit Justis 2/27  
Henry Metroka 2/28

### UMW- President Sally Andrew

Greetings to all,

I have received the latest UMW program book, entitled "Knitted Together for God's Work." Since we are unable to meet in person, I will be sharing each month's focus and objective with you through the newsletters. February's focus is: "Knit Together Against Violence."

The objective:

To learn about the structural sin of racism and how it affects young women and girls, through the experience of a young unnamed woman in scripture, and to respond to God's call to love justice with our lives and actions.

Scripture reading: Judges 11: 9-40

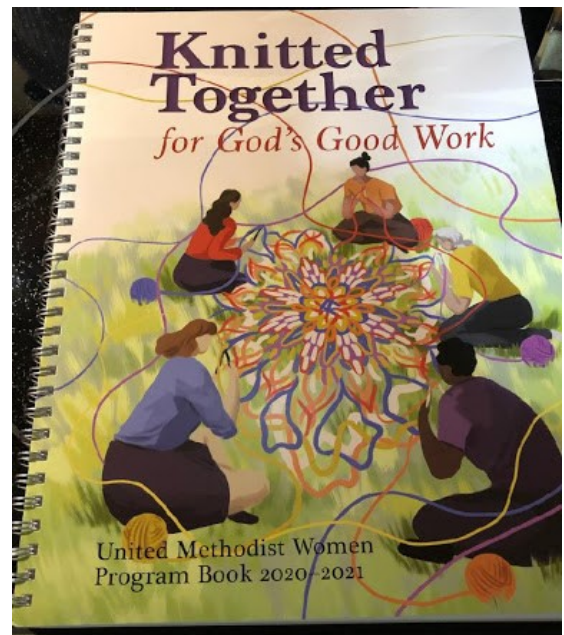
I hope by sharing these program highlights, you will be able to feel more connected to what is taking place in the UMW.

I have attempted to call most everyone, but have missed talking with some of you. I encourage each of us to call and check on one another, especially those who have been unable to get out. I pray for each of you and that we will be able to gather and worship together soon. Until then, as Pastor Jerry said in one of his recent sermons, "Live for Now." Happy Valentine's Day!

Love to all!  
Sally

#### 2021 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  
Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral  
Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon  
Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Kim Brown  
Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum  
Historian: Bennie Brooks



## Asbury Missions



### Isaiah 117 Day

The 17th of each month is Isaiah 117 Day. Supporters are encouraged to wear their shirts to promote awareness. Shirts are available for \$20.00. If you would like a shirt, please let Mrs. Kim know.

# Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

### February Needs

- Newborn Diapers
- Pajamas-Girls/Boys 2T, 3T, 4T
- Socks and Underwear for all sizes
- Frozen Chicken Nuggets & Chicken Patties
- Hot Dogs

### Isaiah 117 House "Spread the Love" Fundraiser

In honor of Valentine's Day, Isaiah 117 House will be "Spreading the Love" during the month of February. With a \$50 donation, you can "Spread the Love" to someone you love! Isaiah House volunteers will set-up heart signs in a yard of your choice where they will remain for approximately 24 hours.



If you would like to participate in "Spread the Love" please contact Gwyn Southerland at: [gwyn@isaiah117house.com](mailto:gwyn@isaiah117house.com) or 423.552.8469 with call or text. Payments can be made via check to Isaiah 117 House, cash or online at [www.isaiah17house.com/SpreadtheLove](http://www.isaiah17house.com/SpreadtheLove).

## February Anniversaries

David & Amanda Richey 2/8  
Tyler & Kathy Adorante 2/14  
Tom & Carolyn Smith 2/22  
Jim & Jean Sterling 2/25

## Congregational Care

### Living at Home

- Libby Bible
- Orland Britton
- Carolyn Galloway
  - Bea Jennings
  - Barbara Lawson
    - Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
  - Buck Mathes
  - Cheryl Smith

### Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
  - Winifred Kuper
  - Kermit Justis
  - Pat Logan

### 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.

## Family Ministries



Asbury Family Ministries will once again be sending care packages to our college students. If you would like to help, listed below are needed items.

- small bottles of hand sanitizer
- microwave popcorn
- prepackaged crackers & cookies
- gum
- miniature candy bars or hard candy
- hot cocoa

Please drop off donations to church office by February 14. We will begin packing on Monday, February 15.



*Asbury United Methodist Church*

# **VIRTUAL PROM CLOSET 2021**

March 6  
11 am - 1 pm



## **Asbury's Prom Closet to carry on!**

We will once again host our Prom Closet this year, although it may look different than years past. Now more than ever we feel this event is very important to our community.

We will be hosting our first ever virtual Prom Closet on Saturday, March 6 from 11 am-1 pm. This event will take place with models showcasing a limited number of our dresses and shoppers being able to request the dress of their choice virtually. Dresses will still be sold for \$10 and only one dress per customer. Dresses will be picked up at scheduled times the following week.

We are looking forward to this new adventure and reaching those in our community. Watch for more information to be shared in the coming weeks! As always, if you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Kim.



### **“Souper” Bowl Fundraiser**

Thank you to all for your support during our “Souper” Bowl Fundraiser. With your support we are able to support our KIDMIN missions.

#### **A Prayer for 2021**

Dear God,

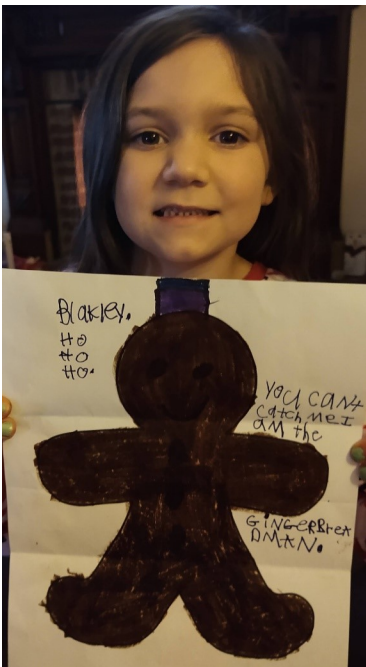
You know me. Before I was born, You loved me and knew every detail of my life.

So as I enter 2021, please fill me with Your peace that passes understanding and keep my eyes fixed on You.

No matter what I face this year, give me strength and hope, and help me to dream with You. Even when it may feel like dreaming isn’t possible, show me that nothing is impossible for You.

In 2021, please bless me and protect me. Let your face shine upon me and be gracious to me. Please give me Your peace and make this a year of breakthrough.

In Jesus’ name,  
Amen



### **Gingerbread Gospel**

Each week in December, the Asbury kids received an advent related activity. Week three was the “Gingerbread Gospel.” Blakley sent in a picture of her Gingerbread man after reading the story and completing her project.

# FEBRUARY



## ACEC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Kids start developing their sense of self as babies when they see themselves through their parents' eyes. Your tone of voice, your body language, and your every expression are absorbed by your kids. Your words and actions as a parent affect their developing [self-esteem](#) more than anything else.

### REMINDERS

- Please wear a mask when entering the center.
- Children will not be permitted in the center with a temp of 100.0 degrees or above.
- Please sign your child/children in and out each day. This is a state rule and we could get a violation if this is not done daily.
- We ask that parents remain at their child/children's classroom door when dropping off and picking up. This is to reduce the spread of germs in each class.
- When driving through the breezeway please be very mindful of families exiting the building.

### Birthdays

Dane	2/01
Kelly Ann	2/15
Henry M.	2/28

### Dates to Remember

March 1-5: Spirit Week

If any of your emergency contact information has changed, please see Chassidy or Sharon for a new form.







Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries



Last month we met as a group to participate in our annual youth gathering called Resurrection. We were able to live stream the event in our Fellowship Hall which allowed us not only enjoy the event as a group, but it also allowed us enough room to spread out. The event went well, but we are really hoping we don't have to do it virtual next year. Resurrection just isn't the same if you're not in person. That being said, we do have some youth events coming up that are in person!

This month on the 16<sup>th</sup> the youth will be having a pancake fundraiser to celebrate Shrove Tuesday and raise money (through donations) for future mission work. We will be taking orders from now until Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> for meals. There will be pancakes, eggs, bacon, and a dessert with every meal. They will be ready for you to pick up in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:00pm on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. You may place an order by calling the church office at 423-798-1050. If you have any questions please reach out to Natasha.

Lastly, if you would like to help with youth let us know. You won't be expected to teach lessons to the youth so don't worry. But, we could always use volunteers for our meetings, people to help schedule events/meetings, and your ideas would be helpful too!



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AUMC YOUTH  
SHROVE  
TUESDAY  
FUNDRAISER

By Donation



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February 16, 2021

5:00 - 6:00PM

Asbury Fellowship Hall

**\*\*TAKE OUT ONLY\*\***

RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE

(423) 798-1050



## Wednesday Night

**Wednesday Night Meal  
Delivery has resumed.  
If you would like to add  
someone to the weekly list  
please contact the church  
office.**

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

## 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	Pat Bradford
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	Jessica McAfee
Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year 2	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

# February

# 2021

**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	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence 5:30P-Trustees				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence 4:30-6:30 Shrove Tuesday Youth Fundraiser	Ash Wednesday			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service		3P-Benevolence				
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10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service						



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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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