

# 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

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## January Birthdays



Debby Hendrix 1/1  
Bill Henry 1/3  
Emily Rivers 1/6  
Melody Johnson 1/8  
Emerson Hensley 1/8  
Leo Nelson 1/8  
Sharon Jeffers 1/9  
Carolyn Smith 1/9  
Connor DeBusk 1/9  
Mary Garland 1/10  
Greta Britton 1/10  
Addi Lasko 1/11  
Louis Ricker 1/13  
Buddy Yonz 1/17  
Sanjeev Paramazivam 1/17  
Becky Yonz 1/18  
Nash Barnes 1/18  
Brenda Ottinger 1/20  
Kylee Collier  
Amy Wagner 1/24  
Cobin Crumbley 1/24  
Sue Vitthuhn 1/24  
Emily Susong 1/25  
Ben Wagner 1/25  
Keith Cornwell 1/25  
Bob Windham 1/26  
Natasha DeBord 1/26  
Jimmy Hill 1/27  
Bettye Mathes 1/27  
Micah Justis 1/28  
Barbara Clanton 1/29  
Pat Bradford 1/30  
Watson Leonard 1/31

### To Dream the Impossible Dream!

Don Quixote, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Gandhi, Mother Theresa, and others have all been called unrealistic dreamers at one point in their lives; and the others whose names we don't know because their successes or failures have not been so grand! Francis Chan asks it this way: "What are you doing in your life that you need God to accomplish?" Bill Easum says, "The impossible takes faith and belief in God, what are you doing that is impossible?"

How many stories of an impossible nature come out of scripture: Abraham, Joseph, Moses... the twelve disciples, Saul to Paul. Philippians 4:13 reads, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Do you dream God size dreams? Do you really believe that God has a plan for you and will not let you fail to accomplish it, as the prophet Jeremiah? So what are you doing that takes God acting in your life otherwise it would fail?

In Acts we see the disciples beginning to dream God-sized dreams as they consider taking the truth of Jesus into "All Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Think of what it must be like to see the prophecy of Joel 2:28: "*And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.*" *Come to pass. God has a plan for Asbury United Methodist Church.*

Over the last 30 days as a church, we have been looking at God's calling for us. The Vision Team is preparing to begin meeting with the people from unstuck to go over the health of our church. Then we will begin looking to the future. Join us as we dream God-sized dreams by transforming, growing, reaching out!

In His Service,  
Rev. Jerry Jones

**From the Church Office Administrator; Susan Bowers**

Hello Asbury Family,

Giving Season ends Jan 5th at noon. And I will have end of year statements out this month, please be on the watch for those.

I want to thank all the office volunteers and those that help out so much. The church truly needs you and appreciates all that you do.

Peace & Blessings  
Susan

**January  
Anniversaries**

Leon & Jewell Bell 1/14  
Larry & Margret Akins 1/21  
Parama & Sara Sanjeev 1/27

**Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell**

Skyline has been working during the month of December, repairing broken windows, painting door frames and widow frames. Skyline will be doing more work in the coming months. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I hope that you have a Happy New Year.



# 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

## Asbury United Methodist Women, President Sandy Noonan

Welcome to 2024! We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Our prayers go out to all who are, or were under the weather, or lost a loved one during the past year.

We ended 2023 with a festive Christmas Brunch and it was our honor to include the church staff, who work tirelessly year-around in making our church function. The food was delicious and the lovely music was provided by Amy Justice. I would also like to send a very special thank you to the UMW staff, and especially to Sally Andrew who decided to step down as president after serving for three years. So many wonderful projects were accomplished under her leadership.

The UMW will take January off, so our next meeting will be the first Monday in February, which falls on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should bring a sack lunch and a monetary donation to help fund our scholarship fund. (More information will be forthcoming.) And as we welcome in the new year, may the words of the apostle Paul encourage us: "May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in Him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom 15:13



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



# Missions & Ministries



Our Children's Clothes Closet provided Christmas to a special family in our benevolence system. Thank you to Tee Earl who done the shopping for 2 precious boys. We are grateful to have a ministry that can help when someone most needs it.

As most of you know we took donations and had our children and youth stuff stockings for our home bound, meals on wheels, and all of Morning Pointe Residents. We did over 90 stockings. It was a wonderful event and a blessed turn out. Thank you to all those that helped and donated. We delivered our stockings while caroling. We had such a good time and a great group.





The kids did a great job with stocking stuffing. And we had a great Christmas Party. Lots of fun had by everyone. We had a really good time caroling and loved seeing everyone. The kids are so great at sharing their love for others. They worked real hard in music this season and sang at many services and events this year. I want to thank all the volunteers that help with our Childrens Ministry, it was a rough season but we had a great time and I think that our group has really learned a lot. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year's to everyone.







**Natasha DeBord**  
 Director of Student Ministries



December came and went in the blink of an eye. But boy was it busy! We had a Christmas party, stuffed stockings, hung out, enjoyed Christmas Eve services, there was definitely a lot. And January is not going to be any different.

In January our youth go on a life changing weekend trip to Pigeon Forge to be part of a massive youth conference, Resurrection. This year's theme is Imagine with Glorious Foreman III (Glo) as the speaker. To tell you the kids are excited to hear him would be an understatement. Glo was present at last year's Resurrection as part of the worship band, FRVR FREE. I remember some of the youth specifically asking them to come back and to lead the whole weekend. Wish has been granted! The scripture focus for the weekend is Ephesians 3:20—

“God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.” (MSG)

As a group we will be sure to spend some time with this scripture leading up to the weekend to be not only familiar with it, but also to have some understanding of it. In the last few weeks leading up to the weekend, please join me in praying for the youth, volunteers, and all those involved in making Resurrection a reality for our youth.

January 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	Youth 10 3:00-6:00	11	12	13
14 Rez meeting	15	16	Youth 17 3:00-6:00	18	19 IMAGINE	20 IMAGINE
21 IMAGINE	22	23	Youth 24 3:00-6:00	25	26	27
28	29	30	Youth 31 3:00-6:00			





# 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 Rob Brown  
Trustees  
    Chairperson Tom Smith  
Staff-Parish  
    Chairperson Debbie Hendrix  
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 Debbie Hendrix  
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 2 Debbie Hendrix-Chair  
Year 1 Dale Landers  
Year 1 Vicki Cole  
Year 1 Dr. Rebekah Taylor  
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: 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

# January

# 2024

<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
			10A-Benevolence	6P Boy Scout SLRT Meeting		
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	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-Trustee Meeting	8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		10A-Benevolence		Resurrection	Resurrection
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Resurrection 9A-Sunday School 1030A-Single Service – ST 4P-Our Father’s Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 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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