

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
- 6:00-7:00-YOUTH
- 6:00-7:00-CHOIR

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June Birthdays

Brian Allen
Katharine Andrew
Tommy Carter
Delana DeBusk
David Fisher
Khloe Fletcher
Kyndel Henderson
June Henry
Sarah Jagels
Diane James
Jerry Jones
Neva Kilday
Ivy Leonard
Ashley Loven
Jean Masengill
John McGuffin
Coraline McMillan
Joy Nunnally
Bill Nunnally
Reena Sanjeev
Barbara Serral
Tanna Stansfield
Don Stansfield IV
Emily Whitaker



1 Samuel 3: 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

I have always enjoyed the story of Samuel. His mother, Hannah, wanted a child so badly that she committed him to the Lord's service, and she followed through. Think about it, someone so desperate to have a child that they are willing to do anything, even give the child up. Hannah brings Samuel to the temple of the Lord. Remember this is still a tent, and Eli is sitting next to the door. Hannah comes and makes good on her promise to the Lord. Now Eli, who was not especially good at parenting his own children, is given Samuel to oversee when he is about three. According to the historian Josephus Samuel was twelve when God called him. So Eli raised him up for nine years, in the temple of the Lord. Despite his shortcomings as a parent raising his own children Eli seems to do a good job with Samuel, and even recognizes when God is calling him.

The last few months have been challenging for the United Methodist Church. Some probably feel like we are struggling under the yoke of leadership similar to Eli's sons, while others feel more like Hannah and they are just so thankful for this opportunity. Since early in April, a few weeks before the General Conference, I was praying for God's will to be done. I even shared that with daily check in's, until everything changed. Then I stopped using that language because I knew some people just could not accept this as God's will. In several conversations with people I expressed that I really thought it would be beneficial to return to the Acts church model for decision making and just cast lots. No voting! Just leave it up to God, and then move forward.

In trying to move forward, I have been earnestly praying for understanding and seeking to know where God would use me. God has laid on my heart 3 questions:

- 1.Does what happened at General Conference change the way you act?
- 2.Does what happened at General Conference change how you feel about Asbury?
- 3.Can you continue to be a part of Asbury if they vote to stay/leave the UMC?

Samuel lives his life in service to God. That was Hannah's promise to God, but Samuel follows through. When Eli and his sons struggled Samuel was faithful. When the Israelites wanted to be like everyone else, Samuel was faithful. When Saul loses his way Samuel was faithful. Samuel is faithful even when he can't see or understand God's plan.

It has been a great blessing for me to serve as Asbury's pastor the last ten years. We have laughed and cried, agreed and disagreed, and served God and the community of Greeneville and Greene county together. I have tried to remain faithful to God's calling in my life. In that I have often said the Asbury church family is better together. It is my hope and prayer that there is a way for Asbury to stay one family. I truly believe if you will be still and listen to God's voice, you will hear God Calling!

Know you continue in my prayers! May God's will be done.

Blessings,
Jerry

On May 19th we had coffee and fellowship before our service. We had a wonderful turn out and it was such a blessing to see everyone and enjoy time together. We want to thank Marvelous Grace Coffee Company for the wonderful coffee and pastries. We hope to do this again in the future.

June Anniversaries

Maynard & Davine Austin
Tommy & Angel Carter
Jack & Tina Chudina
Russ & Lisa Crum
Don & Sandra Fox
Bob & Ivy Leonard
Felty & Jean Massengil
Art & Marty Masker
Bart & Judy Reviere
Jeff & Rebekah Taylor
David & Rebecca Uhls
Tom & Dawn Wright



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.

Asbury United Methodist Women, President Sandy Noonan



Congratulations to all of our student graduates!

Moving on to the next grade or even to a new school is exciting but can also be a bit scary.

Deuteronomy 31:8 says "But the Lord is the one who is marching before you. He is the one who will be with you. He won't let you down. He won't abandon you. So don't be afraid or scared!"

Remember that you are never truly alone. No matter what you're striving for or what you desire, God will lead you there.

We are proud of all our graduates and wish them the best of luck!

Our regular UMW meetings will resume in September but in the meantime, we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

The steel plate in the parking lot has been coated so that it no longer gets slippery when it rains.
We had a small water leak in a 1 inch line in the breezeway that has been repaired. The water lines for the cooling tower and boiler system in the breeze have been enclosed to prevent birds from nesting and making a mess in the driveway.
The Sanctuary doors have been repainted.
Just a reminder to please not put liquids in trash cans and that bulletins go in the recycle receptacles after services.

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer.

Keith





From the Children's Director-Susan Kilday

Bible Bowl 2024
Congratulations to the Bible Bowlers for their big win this year! All of the kids worked very hard and I'm proud of all of them. Thanks again to their coaches, Sandra Fox, Brenda Ottinger, and Mary Brooks.



End Of Year Trip
As you can see, this year's trip was to Sevier Air and Cici's Pizza. The kids played hard and the grownups were very tired but we had such a fun time. These kids are amazing. A big thanks to Rob and Holly McGaw for chaperoning this trip with us.





**Asbury's 2024 VBS will be
July 14-18
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Please contact Susan Kilday if
you are interested in helping**



Natasha DeBord
Director of Student Ministries



As summer begins, and we soak up the sun every chance we get, I want to say thank you. For the last 4.5 years Asbury United Methodist Church has been part of my journey. My family has grown up amid the congregation, the youth became older siblings to my two littles, and youth is the place my oldest felt he could just be himself. Asbury and Youth have both been such a big part of my life and I want to say thank you for allowing me to be part of the family. Thank you for entrusting me to shepherd your wonderful young adults. Thank you for giving me the space to continue to grow and learn as a follower of Christ and teacher of His Word.

As I think back over the last few years, I'm reminded of so many stories. Some have been funny while others end with the youth volunteers ready to walk out on me (it was a rough lock in, but we survived!). Then there are some stories that made every hard moment melt away. Like the young adult that was pretty active in youth for about a year who one day decided to tell me they didn't believe in God. They had been hiding this secret for a year in fear that I would tell them they couldn't come back to youth, instead they were met with me explaining I already knew and felt youth was the best place for them. The relief that came over them when the burden of the "lie" they were carrying was lifted.

A fun story I love to share takes place at Camp Bays Mountain during a weekend retreat. The boys of our youth group, but mostly Braxton, were all about telling scary stories and trying to scare the girls. The boys spun some crazy stories that had all the youth on edge. Saturday night came and we hung by the campfire. We engaged in a lesson, shared in Communion together, and then spent some quiet time with God. At the close of this, the youth decided to run ahead of the adults to go back to the bunk house. It was in this moment us adults devised a plan. Paige was going to climb straight up the side of the hill to the bunk house. As she was peaking the top of the hill, the youth were just about to the bunk house, and Paige jumped out at them. I'm pretty sure all the fears the boys had put into everyone's mind felt like a reality to all the youth. And us adults have had years of laughter.

There are so many more stories I could share, but there just isn't the room. I encourage you to hang out with the Youth Group and be part of the stories! You may be surprised at how intelligent, loving, strong, motivated, and adaptable this group of young adults is. I've said it a million times, these kiddos are going to change the world! So thank you for allowing me to be part of the story. For being able to create these relationships between the youth and the volunteers. Thank you, Asbury, for being part of my story.

I pray your story continues and you never forget that the youth (all children regardless of age) are an active part of the church today. May the blessings of ministry keep you motivated to continue to seek after God's own heart. Lastly, I pray you never forget the greatest commandment; Love God, love others, and love yourself. Amen.





2024 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Tom Cole
Secretary Susan Bowers
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones
Director of
 Children's Ministries Susan Kilday
Director of
 Traditional Music Cindy Sams
Director of
 Cont. Worship Abby Whitaker
Lay Leader John Reviere
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
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
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

June

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
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9A-Sunday School 1030A-Single Service 4P-Ice Cream Socail 4P-Our Father's Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		10A-Benevolence	6P-Scouts Round Table		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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	8:30A-ACEC Fathers Day	Wedding Rehearsal	Ketron/Ownes Wedding
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional -ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 4P-Our Father's Place	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5P-ACEC Training	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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