



The Asbury Connection

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Psalm 36: 7-8

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadows of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.



Gratitude is central to faith! Diana Butler Bass lifts up the idea that the root word in Greek and Latin for Gratitude is the same as Grace and Gift. Think of the exact same word being used to describe the gift, the reason for the gift and the response to the gift. For those of us in the Wesleyan tradition I think this is why we talk about three forms of grace; prevenient, justifying and sanctifying. However, I have always found it interesting that we don't really begin to understand until we find ourselves in sanctifying grace. This is when our gratitude for what God has done through the gift of grace comes to understanding the outflow of God's love.

Grace comes from God's deepest abundance. Our only faithful response can be one of gratitude. Until we are grateful for this gift and not ashamed we have not come to true faith in God. I think this is one of the biggest challenges for believers today. We have bought into this idea of debt and shame tied up in our own unworthiness. A lot of people believe they will never be worthy because of the shame they have over what they have done in their lives. This debt then becomes insurmountable.

Have you ever noticed how many parables about feast and coming to the table Jesus shares? Have you ever noticed how many times Jesus goes to join people at the table? Jesus came to do away with debt and shame by taking care of it once and for all: One Lord, One Faith, One baptism! Jesus came to share the abundance of God's table with us. In the parable of the prodigal "father", the culmination is the feast where the fatted calf is killed and all are invited to celebrate. We can respond with gratitude at the grace being poured or shame and debt!

I invite you into the season of Lent to explore the gift of grace given for you and to respond with gratitude.

In His service,

March Birthdays

Soozie Shore 3/1
 Rob McGaw 3/2
 Savannah Hawkins 3/3
 Susan Bowers 3/4
 Sandra Ricker 3/4
 Tiffany Yonz 3/4
 Liam Crawford 3/5
 Stuart Hoeke 3/5
 Kingston Shepherd 3/8
 Carolyn Ricker 3/7
 Kathy Jackson 3/8
 David Lamons 3/10
 Mary Van Dreal 3/10
 Jermaine Reese 3/12
 Sue Southerland 3/12
 Dylan DeBusk 3/15
 Alice Russell 3/15
 Marjorie Davenport 3/16
 Sandra Fox 3/17
 Ashtyn Hill 3/17
 Lynn Broyles 3/20
 Scott Whitaker 3/21
 Kolby Andrew 3/23
 Phyllis Bible 3/24
 Terry Rymer 3/24
 Terri Lawson 3/25
 Thomas Smith 3/26
 Dave Konieczny 3/28

United Methodist Women

The UMW met on a snowy Thursday , Feb. 20. Hostesses were Bettye Anne Bewley, Marjorie Bullen, Barbara Clanton, Tee Earl and Becky Yonz. Tables were decorated in a festive patriotic theme in celebration of Presidents Day. Delicious cupcakes with American flags were served for dessert.

Barbara Serral provided our devotions which were centered around this month's theme of maternal and child development. Bettye Anne Bewley introduced our guest speaker, Bob Gay, who is on the board of the Hope Center. The Hope Center provides numerous opportunities for women, infants, education and especially important prenatal information for mothers. At the end of his presentation, the UMW presented him with a \$300 check for the Hope Center.

Barbara Clanton presented the UMW 2020 budget and it was unanimously approved. Tee Earl read from the January meetings minutes and they too were approved. Judy Kennon updated everyone on the meals provided families of church members who had recently lost a family member. She also gave upcoming dates for the Holy Week meal, Easter services, and Senior Sunday. Kim Brown shared information concerning the Valentine boxes that were shipped to all college students. She also discussed the upcoming Prom Closet. The UMW donated \$500 to help purchase some new dresses.

Tate's Chapel Church will serve as host for the Day Apart on April 4, with the Rev. Asa Majors providing the morning's spiritual guidance. More information will be upcoming during March.

March hostesses are Kim Brown, Debby Hendrix and Ann Smith.

*Please note date change: Our Mar. meeting will be on the 26th NOT the 19th

Sally Andrew
 President



2020 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
 Mission Coordinators:
 Spiritual Growth: Barbara Serral
 Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon
 Nominating Committee:
 Ann Smith
 Caroline Russell
 Kim Brown
 Scholarship:
 Barbara Clanton
 Becki McInturff
 Lisa Crum
 Historian: Bennie Brooks

UMW Scholarship

Letters and applications have been mailed to all high school seniors. Applications must be turned in by April 9th. If you did not receive an application please contact the church office.



United
 Methodist
 Women

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March Anniversaries

Don & Tanna Stansfield 3/5
Bill & Jane Brown 3/7
Steve & Soozie Shore 3/14
Jerry & Joy Jones 3/17
John & Brenda Ottinger 3/21
Kermit & Betty Justis 3/23
Mike & Patricia Quarles 3/23

2020 LENT SCHEDULE



February 25th—Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Youth Fundraiser, 5:30PM-FH
February 26th—Ashe Wednesday, 12PM and 6PM-CH
March 1st—Grateful: Gifts & Thanks
March 8th—Grateful: Awareness & Practice
March 15th—Grateful: Joy & Celebration
March 22nd—Grateful: Community & Politics
March 29th—Grateful: A Call to a Grateful Way
April 3rd—Children’s Easter Celebration, 6PM-FH
April 5th—Palm Sunday Cantata, 10AM Single Service
April 8th—Community Holy Wednesday, 12PM-ST (Meal to Follow)
April 9th—Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, Foot Washing, 6PM-FH
April 10th—Good Friday, 6PM-ST
April 12th—Easter Sunday, Confirmation, All Services

Congregational Care

Living at Home

- Minnie Anderson
 - Libby Bible
 - Orland Britton
 - Betty Fletcher
- Barbara Lawson
 - Louise Love
- Felty & Jean Masengill
 - Buck Mathes
 - Cheryl Smith

Living at Morning Pointe

- Homer & Marjorie Davenport
 - Winifred Kuper
 - Jessie Wilburn

Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

- Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

- Janice Moore

Asbury Missions

Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

The March monthly needs for the Isaiah 117 House are listed below. These items may be brought to the church office for delivery to Gwyn Southerland. There will be a tote marked for these items in the reception office.

- Diapers-Preemie, Newborn, Size 5
- Trash Bags-Kitchen and Bathroom size
- Trash Cans
- School supplies



Asbury in Missions

As March begins and warmer weather approaches, our mission team and trailer are gearing up for work to be done. Without your support, we will be unable to complete these needed project. All monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Asbury Mission Team

Children's Ministries



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Wonderful Wednesday

- 3:30-4:00 Snack
- 4:00-4:30 Homework
- 4:30-5:00 Activity
- 5:00-5:30 Music
- 5:30-6:15 Dinner
- 6:15-7:30 KIDS Klub

March 4-April 6 we will be studying, "What is Lent?"- Preparing for Easter, in Kids Klub.

**NO WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18
Enjoy Spring Break!**



K.I.D.S Klub
Scripture Bake cookie

Save the Date for VBS
July 12-17



Homework Club



Family Ministries

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PROM CLOSET 2020

NEW LOCATION!
Asbury Fellowship Hall
201 S. Main St.

SATURDAY
MARCH 7TH, 2020
10 AM-3 PM

Offering formal dresses for 8th -12th grade students for \$10.
For more information please call 423-798-1050.



Asbury Prom Closet Volunteer Opportunities

New location this year, we are moving back onto the church campus. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities available. We will begin on Friday, March 6, 10-? Setting up racks, dresses, dressing rooms, & mirrors. Saturday opportunities will begin at 9-?. Sale hours are 10-3, but clean up and take down will have to take place once sale is over. All items will be stored here on campus as well. Please get in touch with Kim Brown to sign up for a shift. This is a great opportunity for high school and college age girls to earn needed volunteer hours.

Family Ministries

Asbury College Care Packages Thank you

Thank you so much for my care package. I was having a rough, stressful week and I walked in and saw the care package. God's timing is perfect!

Kelsey Kershaw

Thank you Mrs. Kim and the church for my care package!

Kenny Kershaw

Hey, Mrs. Kim and Natasha! Just wanted to thank you for the Valentine's box again this year. It's a really nice surprise to find after a long day at school.

Andrew Fisher

I was touched by your kindness and the kindness of AUMC!

Gray Hull

Thank you so much for the Valentine's box!

Eliza Taylor

Thank you for my care package! Love my church!

Savannah Tvardy

Thank you for my care package!

TJ Fox

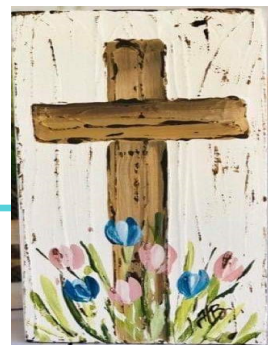
Thank you for my care package!

Ashytn Hill



Simply Stretch

- Come join us as we make a fresh new start in 2020 with a new day and new instructor. We will be meeting on
- Tuesdays at 5 pm. Our new instructor will be Heather Chamber. The cost is
- \$3.
- Childcare will be provided for a \$1 per child.
- For more information call Kim or
- Susan



Spring Painting Class

March 29th

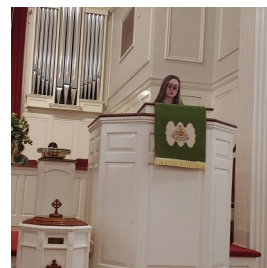
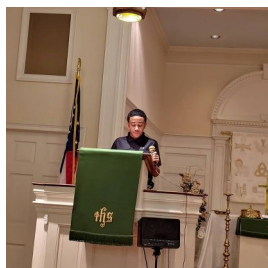
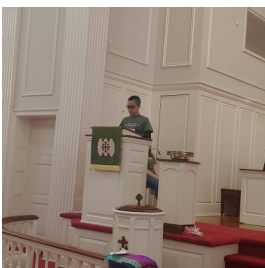
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Asbury Youth



Asbury youth led all three services on Youth Sunday. Sharing their experiences from Resurrection 2020 and leading all aspects of the services including communion.



Youth preparing and serving at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake fundraiser. All proceeds will benefit those going on the summer mission trip.



March Schedule

March 7th: Prom Closet (volunteer opportunity)

March 8th: Breakfast Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 15,18,22 NO YOUTH

April 4th: Work day in the youth room



**ACEC
CONSIGNMENT
SALE**

Drop off: 3/21-3/23
Pre-Sales: 3/24
Sale: 3/25-3/28



Wednesday Night

March 4th

**Chicken Dumplings, Slaw,
Cornbread, Dessert.**

Hosted By Chili Peppers

March 11th

**Spaghetti, Salad, Bread,
Dessert**

**Hosted By Children's
Ministries**

March 18th

**NO MEAL
SPRING BREAK**

March 25th

**Steak N Gravy, Mash
Potatoes, Green Beans,
Rolls, Dessert**

Hosted by: Mrs. Judy

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

Take-Out Meals Available.

**ALL MEALS MUST RSVP BY
NOON ON TUESDAY.**

**Our schedule, menus, and
RSVP form can be found on
our website [asburylife.org/
connect](http://asburylife.org/connect), you can also reserve
meals on your connection
cards in the pews, or by calling
the church office.**

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	Steve Shore
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	Brook Loggins
Year 3	Don Stansfield
Year 3	Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year W	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

March

2020

Abbreviation Key	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
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence-LB 5P-Yoga-FH	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	9A-PEP Club	10A-Prom Closet Set up	10A—PROM CLOSET
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 5P-Yoga-FH	10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES	9A—PEP Club	Confirmation Retreat	Confirmation Retreat
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Confirmation Retreat 8A-Chapel Worship-Children 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH	3P-GHS Baseball Meal- FH 7P-Troop 94	7A– Friends of Scouts- FH 3P-Benevolence –LB 5P-Yoga-FH	8A-Van Dreal SG-DC 10A-Prayer Shawl Ministry-PSR SEE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE	10:30A-UMW Board-LB 11:30A-UMW Lunch Meeting-FH		
29	30	31				
8A-Chapel Worship 9A-Sunday School for all ages 10A-Traditional-ST 11A-Contemporary-FH 4P-Our Father's Place-CH 5:30P-Asbury Youth	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence –LB 5P-Yoga-FH				
			WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE 3:30PM—Homework Club 5:00 PM—Music 5:30PM—Wednesday Night Meal 6:30PM—Choir Practice, Kids Klub, Youth			

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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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