

The Asbury Connection

An Asbury United Methodist Church Publication

May, 2020 Volume 6, Issue 5



Exodus 19:1 On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.



Recently I find myself paying close attention to the passage of time in my scripture reading. It is something I normally get around too in my studies, but right now it is the first thing that jumps out at me. I am probably not the only one, in fact, I bet a lot of people are paying attention to the passage of time right now. How long have we been quarantined? In case you were wondering, it is our second new moon of quarantine. But that is not how we keep time.

How do we keep time? I have a watch, it's a fit tracker, so it reminds me every hour to get up and move. Joy and I have a regulator clock hanging in the living room that we have to wind and adjust daily, it really doesn't keep very good time. If you really want to know the time don't look at it. There are clocks on the stove and microwave and "Alexa" helps keep track. I primarily use my phone for the time. But what about the passage of time. Is it in terms of Netflix shows or series? Or perhaps a different streaming app. My calendar is connected to my phone, tablet, and computer, so I never have to go very far to know what the day is or what is scheduled.

I have heard more than one person hypothesize that God was "hitting the reset button" with this global pandemic. I am not sure about that, but maybe God is encouraging us to be less concerned about time and more concerned about relationships. In Colossians 1:9 Paul writes "For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding," Not three new moons or three weeks ago but since the day we heard of your faith! Faith in our Lord changes things. It changes not only our relationship with God but one another. It may have been a while since we sat together, had a cup of coffee together, or even worshipped in the same room together, but in our faith in Jesus, we are together.

Let us use this time to deepen our faith, grow our walk, live in the now of the resurrection. Jesus changed things. He changed our relationship with God, and just maybe He changed time too.

In Jesus! Jerry

Ger Derald Fun

May Birthdays

Ella Broyles 5/2 Bob Southerland 5/4 Melissa Armbrister 5/8 Lisa Crum 5/8 Susan Holzschuh 5/8 Connor Landers 5/8 Lynn Reviere 5/8 Jeannie Ripley 5/10 Megan Bible 5/12 Ivy Metroka 5/12 Hannah Fox 5/13 Allison Chudina 5/14 Carrie Montgomery 5/14 Grayson Crosby 5/15 Ande Hall 5/15 Jack Bullen 5/16 WG Taylor 5/16 Jackson Fox 5/17 Hannah Leonard 5/17 Kandice Baker 5/20 Caleb Crawford 5/21 Richard Crawford 5/21 Binnie Brooks 5/23 Benjamin Hoeke 5/24 Hope Jones 5/25 Caroline Quarles 5/26 Randy Loggins 5/27 Tom Wright 5/27 Tyler Adorante 5/28 Bob Leonard 5/30

Online Resources

Good things sometimes come from bad situations. With all the social distancing issues our world has faced recently it has made us look at ways to connect to our congregations, families, and communities. We are very lucky to have been ahead of the curve with our Livestreaming of services and outreach. Below you will find new ways to see us online and new ways to give directly to Asbury.

We hope every one of our Asbury family is well and healthy and staying safe.

Blessings
Susan Bowers
Office Administrator

To give directly to Asbury click or copy the link to your URL: https://www.churchofficegiving.com/app/giving/asbu201219

To download the new giving app on your mobile phone:

https://churchoffice.ministryone.com/landing/RGIQ

(This link should direct you to the Church by Ministry One app. If you are not directly linked please download the app and search for Asbury United Methodist Church. If you have any trouble feel free to call the office.)

To watch our Sunday Services online Click the link or copy and paste to your URL: https://asburylife.org/livestream

To watch on Facebook click the link or copy and paste to your URL: https://www.facebook.com/aumcgreeneville/live/lle/

As always you can find all this information and more on our website. https://asburylife.org/

United Methodist Women

Greetings to all and I hope this finds you well. Once again we found ourselves unable to gather for our monthly meeting. I certainly miss seeing all of you as I know you miss seeing each other. The month of April has brought us both joy and sorrow. We celebrate with Judy Kennon on the birth of a new granddaughter, Anna Claire Vaughan. She is the daughter of Christie and Tom Vaughn of Georgia. We also need to remember Cindy Sams in the recent loss of her mother, Jessie Wilburn. Please keep Cindy and her family in your prayers.

We are unsure at this time of the possibility of a May meeting, but until the Bishop gives the "ok" for churches to open, we will not be meeting. This month we are usually in preparation for our senior banquet but of course, that is on hold too. Please remember and pray for our seniors and their parents as they are experiencing disappointment from all the postponements or cancellations of proms, graduations, and other celebrations.

We usually do not meet during the summer months, but Kim Brown had a suggestion that we possibly could have a picnic sometime in June. Of course, everything will depend on the COVID 19 situation. So many uncertainties at this time, but one thing is certain, God is with each and every one of us and we know He will direct our paths.

God bless you all and stay safe!

Love 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

May Anniversaries

Bill & Judy Kennon 5/4
Rob & Holly McGaw 5/5
Steve & Marcia Parsons 5/7
Josh & Meredith Tillery 5/12
Bryon & Suzanne Wagner 5/16
Brandon & Paige Hull 5/20
Jerry & Shelia Moore 5/23
John & Neva Kilday 5/26
Rob & Kim Brown 5/27



Congregational Care

Living at Home

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

Living at Morning Pointe

Homer & Marjorie DavenportWinifred Kuper

Living at Brookdale

Mel Mauck

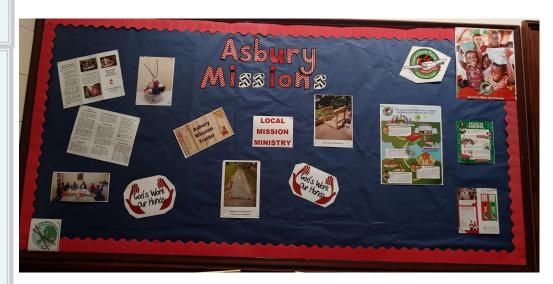
Living at Signature

•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.

Asbury Missions





Knights of North Castle

Little did Cokesbury's VBS design team know how appropriate this theme would be this summer with the scripture theme from Ephesians 6:10.

With our theme scripture, "Be strong in the Lord and the strength of his power," children are invited to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Children can armor up with God's truths in the "Castle Callouts", Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith, and Salvation.

Our Faith and Trust in our Lord Jesus Christ during our current situation allows us to have peace.



On April 17 Juanita Heckert passed away in Michigan. Anyone wishing to contact the family may do so through her daughter Nita Glover 70536 Mellen Rd Bruce Twp, Mi 48065-4469

Children's Ministries

Flat Jesus has been busy. He has cooked, healed, rode a hover board, colored eggs, taken afternoon drives, showed up on one of Zoom classes, and traveled with our Asbury Truckers. Thank you for all the photos we have received up to this point. Keep those pictures coming!

























Family Ministries



Asbury took part in the Community Bear Hunt in Downtown Greeneville.



Asbury Easter Cross Tradition
Thank you Mrs. Judy for making this possible



ASBURY CHAULK ARTISTS DURING QUARANTINE



Asbury Youth



Asbury Staff getting in on the Youth scavenger hunt.

in a Charlie's Angels pose*

in front of a fountain

eating tortillas

with someone who uses

crutches/wheelchair*

in front of a neon sign

doing hand stands

sitting in chairs

wearing unmatched socks

around a musical instrument

laying in a circle with your heads



Surprise gifts delivered to the Youth.

under a cross

in a reflection, not a mirror*

with yellow smiley face stickers*

with an outdoor sculpture

with someone in uniform

giving a dog a bath

doing an art project

mowing a yard

baking cookies



Youth Scavenger Hunt Pics.



Zoom Meeting

Asbury Youth Photo Scavenger Hunt #1...

Combine as many of these items below in your photos for extra points. Only submit 15 photos. Scavenger hunt will end April 30, 2020. Take your photo. Upload it to Instagram or Facebook. Tag it with #AUMCYouthInQ or email your phootos to debord@asburylife.org. Write the number of your photo 1-15 by the item on the list so you know what you have completed. Once you have points for an item it cannot be counted again. Regular Items are 500 pts. Starred (*) items are 1000 points. There will be a prize for the winner. Get creative! Just because we are having to social distance does not mean that you couldn't get a "group" photo...YOU CAN DO IT!!!

This scavenger hunt is open to the Youth ages 0-100. If you want to be part of the fun, join in!

together on a train set up like opposing football over water teams in front of rocks riding imaginary bikes all wearing same colored shirt _ spelling out "prayer" with your all wearing sports team hats bodies* in the woods with someone wearing a green in a field shirt building a pyramid re-enacting a scene in a Disney with a name of a church* movie wearing name tags blowing bubbles (soap or gum) with a letter standing on one leg with a soft drink with a watermelon with a bible with a live fish in a bathtub playing duck duck goose everyone in the air3 with stuffed animals everyone in a boat wearing hats holding fruit with a live farm animal* with flashlights lighting your face Since restrictions are starting to be lifted, I have made the decision to extend the scavenger hunt to May 20. This should give more people the opportunity to participate (since we aren't being stuck at home necessarily).



Although we haven't been able to see each other in person, we have stayed busy! Our youth has been meeting weekly via Zoom for a lesson and time to be together. These Zoom calls have been the highlight of my week, but I look forward to the day that we can meet in person. We have also been completing a scavenger hunt that is open to the whole church. The least exciting news coming is the cancelation of our mission trip with AdventureServe this summer. Refunds will be made in the next couple of weeks. Despite having to cancel our mission trip, we will still have mini-missions as well as adventure excursions throughout the summer! Look for more information to come as the state starts to reopen in the coming weeks. As always, I love you and I'm praying for you.

Natasha

Asbury Child Enrichment Center



TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Ms. Connie is the teacher of the
month! Connie is a role model
for the center. Connie has caring
heart for her job! Thank you

Connie for all of your hard work! And thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at ACEC. Our Annual Mother's Day Tea is CANCELED due to COVID-19.





ACEC Graduation is being postponed to a later date. When we are able to set a date we will let our parents know ASAP!



ACEC IS IN NEED OF SUBTITUTES!

If you are interested or know someone who is interested please have them call Chassidy at 423.798.1060

REMINDERS

05/25 ACEC closed to observe Memorial Day

**NEW Consignment Sale Dates To Be
Announced Soon!!**

Birthdays:

Anna Kate: 5/01
Jaxton: 5/01
Zayne: 5/10
Ivy: 5/12
Kayden: 5/21
Ellabelle: 5/22



In regards to COVID-19, ACEC is taking things day by day. As of right now ACEC plans to remain open until we either get a case in the center or an ACEC family member test positive.

We are trying our best to remain positive throughout this difficult time.

If you have any question please contact Chassidy.

NEW POLICY

If your child has a temperature of 100

degree or higher, your child will be sent home. Please keep your children home if the are unwell, this is to keep down the sickness in the center!

We are doing all we can right now to keep the center as healthy as possible.

WORSHIP WHILE YOU WASH!

Here are some ways you can praise God in 20-30 seconds while you wash your hands!

SING A VERSE OF A HYMN
THE DOXOLOGY
MORNING HAS BROKEN
BE THOU MY VISION

SING THE CHORUS OF
WAY MAKER
YOURS
ENOUGH

SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 201 S MAIN ST. GREENEVILLE, TN

Wednesday **Night**

2020 Leadership

Wonderful Wednesday will hopefully resume in the fall.

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, you can also reserve meals on your connection cards in the pews, or by calling the church office.

Church council:

Lee Duckworth Chairperson Secretary Susan Bowers Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones

Director of

Family Ministries Kim Brown

Director of

Natasha DeBord **Student Ministries**

Director of

Traditional Music Cindy Sams

Director of Contemporary

Abby Whitaker Worship 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 Abby Lawson ACEC Chairperson

Mission Team

Chairperson Rob Brown

Trustees

Chairperson Tom Cole / Tom Smith

Staff-Parish

George Tvardy Chairperson 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

Leadership Team

Lee Duckworth Chairperson Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Year 3 Bill Brown **Barbara Clanton** Year 3 Year 2 Brian Allen Year 2 Maynard Austin Vicky Cole Year 1 Year 1

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Debby Hendrix Year 3 Year 3 Frank Holzschuh Year 3 Ben Brooks Phyllis Stansfield Year 2 Year 2 Bettye Ann Bewley Year 2 Dawn Wright Judy Reviere Year 1 John Cash Year 1 Art Masker

Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Carolyn Ricker Year 3 Year 3 Frieda Wright

Year 3 George Tvardy-Board Chair

Lori Duckworth Year 2 Year 2 **Dale Landers**

Year 2 Sandra Fox

Marjorie Bullen Year 1

Year 1 Chuck Pearson

Year 1 Jim Seip

Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Trustees:

Year 3 Steve Shore **Brandon Hull** Year 3 Year 3 Suzanne Wagner Year 2 Dave Wright Year 2 Phyllis Bible Year 2 Alice Russell John Loven Year 1 Tom Cole -Co-Chair Year 1

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** Don Stansfield Year 3

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

May 2020 Bible Readings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Psalm 119:137- 160 Job 23:1-12 John 1:43-53	Psalm 30,32 Exodus 25:1-22 Matthew 4:18-25
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Psalm 63:1-11 Exodus 28:1-4,30 -38 Mark 6:30-44	Psalm 41, 52 Colossians 3:18- 4:18 Matthew 5:1-10	Psalm 45 Exodus 32:21-34 Matthew 5:11-16	Psalm 119:49-72 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:17-20	Psalm 50 Exodus 34:1-17 Matthew 5:21-26	Psalm 40,54 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13 Matthew 5:27-37	Psalm 55 Exodus 40:18-38 Matthew 5:38-48
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Psalm 24,29 Hebrews 12:1-14 Luke 4:16-30	Psalm 56,57.58 Leviticus 16:1-9 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	Psalm 61,62 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 6:7-15	Psalm 72 Leviticus 19:1-18 Matthew 6:19-24	Psalm 70,71 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2 Matthew 6: 25- 34	Psalm 106 Leviticus 23:1-22 Matthew 7:1-12	Psalm 75, 76 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 Matthew 7:13-21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Psalm 93 James 1:2-8, 16- 18 Luke 12:13-21	Psalm 80 Colossians 1:9-14 Matthew 13:1-16	Psalm 78 Leviticus 26:1-20 Matthew 13:18-23	Psalm 119:97- 120 Ephesians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:41- 46	Psalm 8, 47 Daniel 7:9-14 Hebrews 28:16- 20	Psalm 85, 86 Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 7:22-27	Psalm 87,90 Numbers 11:16- 29 Matthew 7:28- 8:4
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Matthew 28:16- 20 Psalm 67 Hebrews 12:18- 29	Psalm 89 Joshua 1:1-9 Matthew 8:5-17	Psalm 97,99,100 Ephesians 3:14-21 Matthew 8:18-27	Psalm 101, 109 Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:28-34	Psalm 105 Ephesians 4:17- 22 Matthew 9:1-8	Psalm 102 Jeremiah 31: 27- 34 Matthew 9:9-17	Psalm 108 Ephesians 6:10- 24 Matthew 9:18-26
31						
Psalm 118 John 4:19-26 Acts 2:1-13						

Asbury United Methodist Church 201 S. Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37743 Phone: 423.798.1050 www.asburylife.org

Asbury UMC Staff

PASTOR

Rev. Jerry Jones Cell: 423.278-5021 Jones@asburylife.org

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Kim Brown Cell: 423.278-5104 Brown@asburylife.org

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

Natasha DeBord 423.278.5105 DeBord@asburylife.org

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Susan Bowers 423-278-5106 Bowers@asburylife.org

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Keith Cornwell 423-278-5153 Cornwell@asburylife.org

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Cindy Sams 423-278-5109

Sams@asburylife.org

DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Abby Whitaker

ORGANIST

Carolyn Gregg

ASBURY CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER DIRECTOR

Chassidy Inscore 423.798.1060 Inscore@asburylife.org

@Asburylife @aumcgreeneville

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

Keep up with the latest Asbury News! Sign Up for Mail Chimp Emails at: http://eepurl.com/bv2B1z or scan the QR Code.

