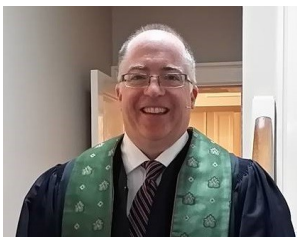


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Luke 15:17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!'



How many of us feel this way? Like we are trying to wake up from a bad dream. It does seem like for six months we have been living someone else's life and we are waiting for tomorrow to come so things can get back to normal. In this story from the gospel of Luke, the youngest son has left his family. He has squandered his inheritance and now he finds himself feeding pigs. Perhaps this is a familiar story to you. It's one of the favorites of evangelists around the world, because of the love and grace that the father shows.

It is true that the father responds with so much mercy, as he is depicted waiting on his son to "come to himself." When he finally sees him, he runs to meet him. He embraces him, puts shoes on his feet, a ring on his finger, wraps him in a purple robe, and kills the fatted calf to celebrate. The son is again a part of the family. The actions that separated him from his father are forgiven and dare I say forgotten (by the father, the eldest son is a different story.) But look at the story; none of this happens without the young man coming to himself.

Many have had the experience of working at a job we do not like. Why did we ultimately leave it? Many have had the experience of being in relationships that did nothing but take. This young man had friends as long as he had money. He didn't have to leave them, they left him. The place where he found himself was not entirely of his own making though. Look at what happens. He squandered the inheritance and then the famine came. We can't blame him for the famine. Sure if he had done better at living his life he would have been better off. If he had never been so insolent as to leave home, he wouldn't be where he is now. But does that make the famine his fault too? No, but it does make him responsible for how he responds to that situation.

I have always enjoyed this transformative moment. In Hollywood RomCom, this would be where the hero understands what must be done to receive true love. You can see the light bulb come on. Feeding the pigs and thinking I am so hungry maybe I could eat some of "this." Wait a minute! "He came to himself!" And he returns home. I think we all have these transformative moments in our lives. These moments when we are drawn back to God.

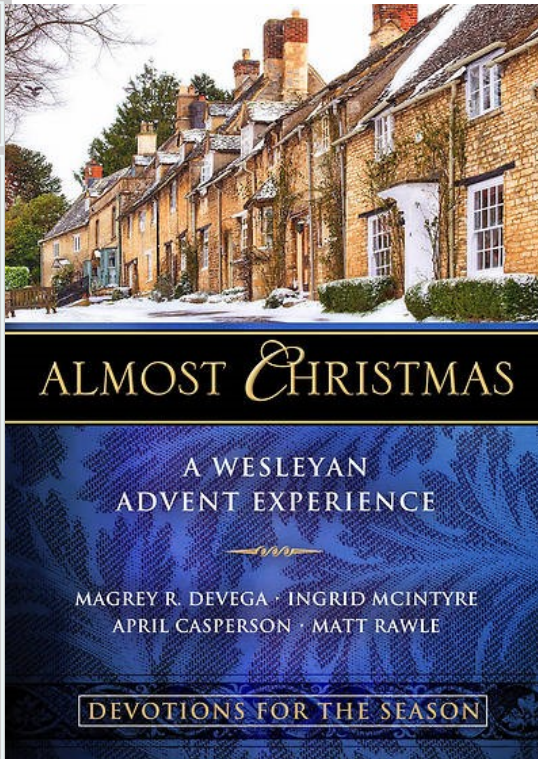
Very rarely do we make this kind of conscious decision to leave. More often we just simply drift away in the sea of life. But what do we find when we come to ourselves and come back to God. God has been waiting for just that moment. God is watching for us, waiting to reconcile us to the family, to claim us again as children. If only we will come to ourselves. Truly nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Blessings,
Jerry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Gerald Smith".

October Birthdays

Steve Parsons 10/1
Marty Masker 10/1
Lucy Hebb 10/3
Cameron Landers 10/4
Kim Brown 10/6
Russell Ottinger 10/8
David Kilday 10/8
Joy Jones 10/8
Russ Crum 10/11
William Crews 10/12
Ava Richey 10/12
David Uhls 10/14
Woody Smith 10/15
Debbie Witt 10/15
Suzanne Tuggle 10/16
Freida Wright 10/16
Alexandra Duckworth 10/16
Camelo Williams 10/16
Jon Konieczny 10/17
AnneMarie Konieczny 10/17
Hunter McGaw 10/17
Dante Smith 10/20
Hannah Reeves 10/21
Bradley Wells 10/21
Rachel Hensley 10/21
Linda Evans 10/23
Matthew Bowers 10/26
Stephanie Hite 10/27
Katie Cooter 10/29
Rachel Elliot 10/31



Thinking ahead to advent. If anyone is interested in a Devotional for the season please contact the church office.

From the UMW President Sally Andrew

While writing this, I am reminded of a note I had written in my Bible concerning worry. It goes, "When I praise God, my worries are placed in the shadow of God's greatness." As we continue to live in a time of uncertainty, and often worry, may we remember that God is greater than all of our worries and concerns. He still is in control and for me, that offers hope and courage.

I miss seeing all of you ladies, but for now, we are still in a "holding pattern" as to when we feel it will be safe to meet again. I wanted to give you an update on what our UMW has been doing lately. We recently supported refilling UMCOR's supply of cleaning buckets and personal hygiene kits by purchasing 2 buckets and 5 hygiene kits at a total cost of \$216. Thank you to Kim Brown for purchasing those supplies. Also, there have been 3 meals provided for Asbury families who recently lost loved ones. Thank you to Ms. Judy for coordinating those and for those providing food.

We want to remember our office administrator, Susan Bowers, in the recent loss of her mother, Hazel Bowers. Please keep Susan and her family in your prayers.

Sending love and prayers for good health,
Sally Andrew
President



Asbury Missions



It's not too late to contribute Cleaning Buckets or Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. Help us meet our goal of 20 Buckets and 30 Hygiene Kits. Kits may be dropped off at the church office.

Cleaning Kit Materials

- 1 Five gallon bucket with lid
 - 1 32-64 oz bottle laundry detergent
 - 1 16-40 oz bottle liquid household cleaner
(No spray cleaners)
 - 1 16-34 oz bottle of dish soap
 - 1 4-8 oz Can of air freshner
 - 1 6-14 oz pump spray insect repellent with protective cover
 - 1 Scrub brush
 - 18 Re-useable wipes (Remove from package)
(No microfiber or paper towels)
 - 5 Scouring pads-No stainless steel pads with soap (Remove from package)
 - 36-50 Clothespins
 - 1 50-100 ft Clothesline
 - 5 N95 Dust masks (Can be found at Lowe's)
 - 2 pairs kitchen work gloves-Durable for multiple uses
 - 1 pair work gloves-cotton with leather palm or all leather
- Include \$3.00 for shipping donation



Hygiene Kit Materials

- 1 Hand towel (No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels)
 - 1 Washcloth
 - 1 Comb (No pocket combs, must be sturdy)
 - 1 Toenail or fingernail clipper
 - 1 Bath size soap (3 oz or larger)
 - 1 Adult toothbrush (Do not remove from package)
 - 10 Adhesive bandages (3/4 x 3")
- Common household bandages acceptable
- Include \$3.00 for shipping donation

Assembly Instructions

- Lay hand towel flat.
- Lay washcloth in the center of hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of washcloth, except plastic bag.
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, & seal.



October Anniversaries

Matt Cooter &
Melissa Armbrister 10/5
John & Mary Louise Fisher 10/14
David & Kandice Baker 10/16
Lee & Lori Duckworth 10/17
Ron & Jewell Boshart 10/18

Congregational Care

Living at Home

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

Living at Morning Pointe

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

Living at Brookdale

- Mel Mauck

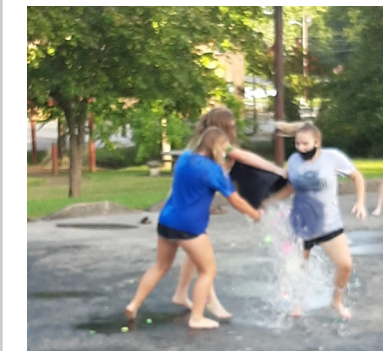
Living at Signature

- 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.





Natasha DeBord, Director of Student Ministries

Please RSVP with Natasha for the Myers Pumpkin Patch trip. Money due by October 21st. For more information or questions please feel free to call.

OCTOBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Youth 6:00-7:00	5	6	7 Youth 6:00-7:00	8	9	10
F A L L B R E A K						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Youth 6:00-7:00	19	20	21 Youth 5:30-7:30	22	23	24
25 Youth 3:00-5:00	26	27	28 Youth 6:00-7:00	29	30	31

October Events

- 4th - Game Night
- 7th - Mini Mission
- 11th - NO YOUTH
- 14th - NO YOUTH
- 18th - Movie Night
- 21st - Neon Church
- 25th - Family event at Myers
- 28th - Movie Discussion

****We will meet at Myers Farm at 3:00pm on Oct. 25th. It will be \$9.50 a person.****



September has been a big month for Youth. We were able to start meeting in person again and celebrated with a water balloon fight. It was fun to get to see the kids again and to enjoy being around each other again. We have also spent time on mini missions. This month our focus was on hygiene kits. The youth, along with a few others in the congregation, donated the supplies needed to put together 23 hygiene kits for UMCOR to use as needed. The church's goal was 30 hygiene kits, so we almost made the goal! We will continue through the month with other mini missions that will be highlighted in the next newsletter. If you see one of our youth, remind them what a great job they are doing! These young men and ladies are truly amazing and have big hearts.

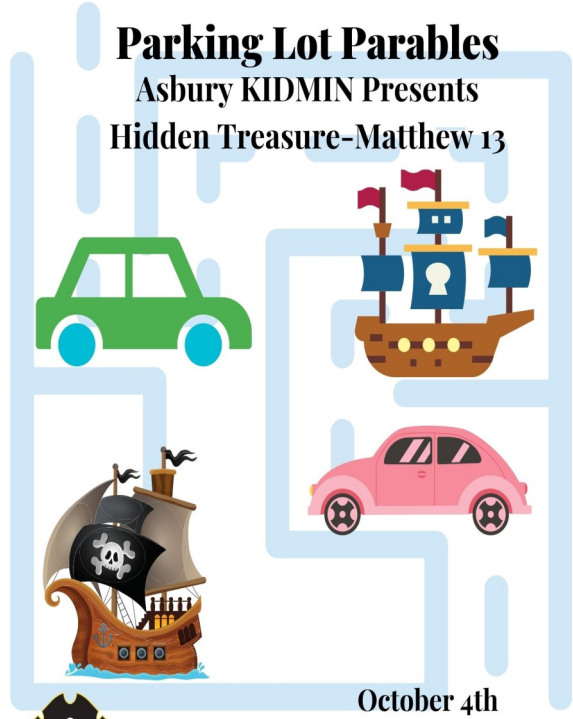


Kim Brown, Director of Family Ministries

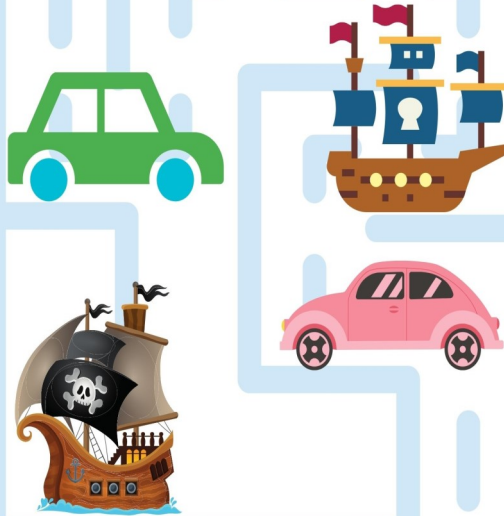


PARKING LOT PARABLES

Asbury KIDMIN hosted our first ever, "Parking Lot Parables." During our Parking Lot Parables, families are given a bag of games & activities with instructions of retelling a Parable of Jesus. In September we enjoyed the "Parable of the two builders," learning of the wise and foolish builders and how we should have God as our foundation in everything we do and what can happen if we do not have that firm foundation.



Parking Lot Parables
Asbury KIDMIN Presents
Hidden Treasure-Matthew 13



Come dressed in your best pirate outfit!

October 4th
6:30PM

Back Parking Lot
Register by Oct 2nd

KIDMIN October Happenings

October 4	6:30	Parking Lot Parables
October 12-16		Fall Break
October 25	3:00	Myers Pumpkin Patch
October 28	6:00	Pumpkin Decorating
October 31	??	Halloween Surprise

KIDMIN Monthly Devotional How To

Parents/Guardians:

Use the Monthly Devotion Calendar as a way for your family to grow closer to God and strengthen your Christian foundation. Take this time to read the Bible together and spend some time talking about God's word. On the non-scripture days, talk about the activity you are to do and why it is important.

KIDMIN October 2020 Monthly Devotional Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Love Romans 5:8	2 Smile Psalm 100:2	3 Praise Psalm 149:4
4 Giving Luke 6:38	"5 John 3:16	6 Say a special evening prayer	7 Count the Stars Psalm 147:4	8 Praise the gifts from God	9 Read the Creation Story-Genesis 1	10 Grace James 4:6
11 Positive attitude Matthew 6:33	12 Morning Pray in the car	13 Forgiveness Eph 4:32	14 Serving Mark 10:45	15 Pray for someone you pass on the street today	16 Read a Psalm together	17 Turn on Christian music today
18 Drawing closer to God James 4:8	19 Gratitude 1 Thess 5:18	20 Read a Bible Bedtime Story	21 Fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23	22 Praise God in front of your kid!	23 Pray for the Fire Dept and Police Officers	24 Treat your child to Ice Cream
25 Talk about why we go to church Col 3:16	26 Send an encouraging note to some- one, have your child sign it.	27 Go for a walk, look at nature, thank God Psalm 95:4-5	28 Wake your child with praise Lam 3:23	29 Tape a Bible verse above your child's bed, read each day to them	30 Friendship Proverbs 17:17	31 Download BIBLE App for kids on your families devices



Pumpkin Decorating

October 28
6:00 pm
Outside on the
Ball Court
Bring pumpkin

Bible App for Kids: Audio & Interactive Stories

Life.Church

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Family Ministries

Did you know????

Asbury has been a part of the Scarecrows on Main for the last ten years! Our children and youth have worked together each year and constructed our award winning scarecrows each year. We have taken first place in our youth category, up to age of 14 is considered youth in the contest, every year since 2012. Each year displays are voted on by the general public via email. Our Scarecrow display theme this year is in honor of our essential workers for carrying on “Doing God’s Work” during the Covid Period. We hope you will continue your support of our Scarecrows this year by voting for us, October 5—October 25, by casting your vote by emailing scarecrowsofmain20@gmail.com. In the subject line **ENTRY #11**.

You may vote once a day starting October 5.



Myers Pumpkin Patch—October 25—3:00 pm
Cost \$9.50 /person - (Under 5 Free)
Meet at Myers at 3
RSVP with money to Kim Or Natasha by Oct 21

Asbury Child Enrichment Center

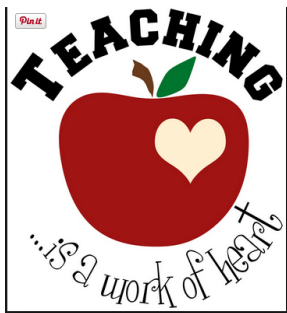


Mikhayla is the teacher of the month!
Mikhayla is loving and really cares for the children!
Thank you Mikhayla for all of your hard work! And thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at ACEC.

PLEASE READ!!!
If your child arrives after 9:00 a.m., please make sure they have already ate breakfast . If food is brought in after 9:00 they will have to save it for lunch or afternoon snack. This is due to having lack of child supervision.

Birthdays:

Nevaeh: 10/03
Wyatt: 10/09
Macy: 10/09
Amelia:10/12
Delanie: 10/12
Hunter M.: 10/12
Holden :10/25



If your child is running a fever of 100 degrees or is feeling ill we ask that you keep you child home until they are well.



ACEC IS IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTES!

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

Parent Evolvment

Exercise

Exercise for children is best when it is un-structured. Running, tumbling, and climbing develops coordination, creativity, and muscle groups.

ACEC encourages our families to practice stretches and exercises at home with their child/children. Children can share or demonstrate their favorites in the classroom.

REMINDERS

Fall Consignment Sale CANCELED!!!

Wednesday Night

We are currently do delivery and pick up meals only. If you would like a meal call the office before noon on Tuesdays.

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.

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

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Year 3	Brook Loggins
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

October

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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

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10A Traditional 11A-Cont. Service- Outdoor 6P-Youth Meeting 6:30P-KIDMIN Fellowship		3P-Benevolence	6P-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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