

Asbury United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter

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Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World by *Loving God, Growing Together, Reaching Out*

September Birthdays

Melissa Brown
Tom Brown
Meg Butler
John Cash
Barbara Colby
Alyssa Davis
Dalton Davis
Lee Duckworth
Lori Duckworth
Ada Fillers
Kay Freer
Mileena Hamaker
Paige Hull
Aidan Inscore
Avery Inscore
William Jessee
Jackie Junio
Abby Lawson
Addie Leach
Becki McInturff
George Noonan
John Ottinger
Marcia Parsons
Carson Quick
Katie Riley
Dinah Seip
Anastasia Smith
Janiyah Smith
Waverly Smith
Jean Sterling
Eliza Taylor
Jeff Taylor
Lincoln Taylor
Abby Whitaker

From the Senior Pastor, Rev. Bowers

Friends,

As we approach fall and the weather begins to change, we too enter a season of change and deep personal reflection. Over the next weeks, the green leaves will turn into vibrant rich colors indicating that nature is adapting and changing. We too are called to adapt and change through Christian decision making. We are faced with life-altering decision making especially as it pertains to human sexuality and the church, and although we don't have to have all the answers to all the questions, as Christians we should emulate Christ.

We live in a world where individual opinions can be deeply divided, therefore our modus operandi must be bathed in empathy. We must make decisions in the way that Jesus would. When faced with difficult situations, Jesus' approach was filtered through a lens of wisdom, grace, and love. He consistently offered compassion and an unwavering commitment to only doing the things that pleased God.

It will be difficult in the days ahead and our hope is in receiving God's grace as the key to navigating this uncharted terrain. Let us filter every decision we make through God's unmerited favor that has been granted to each of us, reminding us that we are all equally loved and valued in God's eyes. When we make decisions, particularly on challenging issues, applying God's grace means we are called to act with humility, understanding, and unconditional love.

John 13:34-35 (NIV):

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. Everyone will know you are my disciples if you love one another."

Love should be foundational and while we may not always agree with or understand one another, becoming grace-filled allows us to respond with empathy and kindness. When Jesus encountered life's challenges, he met people right where they were offering them love, guidance, and grace without judgment. We have an opportunity to do the same.

Friends, let our number one goal be to maintain unity within the body of Christ. We must resist the temptation to let disagreements cause division among us. Instead, let us focus on what unites us—our shared faith in Jesus Christ and our commitment to following His example of love and grace. God is pleased when God's people are united and have "the same love, being of one accord, of one mind (Philippians 2:2).

As we navigate these conversations, let us keep in mind that our goal is not to "win" an argument or declare a "side", but to reflect Christ's love and grace in all that we say and do. Let us model the early church by sharing the apostles' teaching, fellowshiping with one another, breaking bread together, and praying with and for each other. Let us offer support to one another as we make decisions that honor God and our commitment to love one another. By doing so, we can strengthen our bonds as a church family and prevent division from taking root. Our love for one another will show the world that we are God's disciples.

May this fall season offer you a time of personal reflection, inspirational thought, and a renewed sense of purpose as we answer the real question: "What would Jesus do?"

Rev. Sharon Bowers
Senior Pastor

From the Building Supervisor; Keith Cornwell

The playground upgrades have been completed and the children are so happy and loving it. We put in a new drain system, retaining wall, and turf. The swing set has fresh paint.

Skyline has been here finishing up exterior work on the Sanctuary. We are still in the process of determining the best and inexpensive way to fix the bell system.

New signs have been installed in the ACEC parking lot.

Hope everyone has had a great summer and has a Happy Labor Day

Keith.



September Anniversaries

Tom & Rebecca Brown
John & Joy McGuffin
Joe & Anne McInturff
Bob & Sue Southerland

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.



Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement

This month's items needed:

Frozen Items, Diapers, Pajamas

Food Bank Needs

This month's needs are

Oatmeal & Dry Cereal

The collection container
is in the Library

Mary and Joseph Projects

Personal hygiene items for students
in the local school systems are
needed for these items.
The collection bin is in the
Fellowship Hall.

2nd Mile Local Assistance

When you give to Asbury UMC and
designate "Local Assistance," you make it
possible for us to meet or supplement
various needs in our community.

Local Mission Ministry

When you give to this ministry, you
support your Mission Team that
helps the community with
construction needs.



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer but it's time again to begin our monthly activities. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, our first meeting this fall will be on Monday, September 9 at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided.

I'm really looking forward to this upcoming season. We have some exciting activities planned and, in an effort to include our working ladies, there will also be several Saturday meetings scheduled.

Our intention is to include all of the women of Asbury to be a part of this wonderful sisterhood. I honestly don't know what I would have done without the women of the church, who did not hesitate to come to me and my family in our time of need, and many of the ladies can relate. Everything we do and every activity we participate in creates a loving and lasting bond among us all.

So please mark your calendar for September 9, and I can't wait to see you all again!





From the Children's Director-Susan Kilday



The kids have been working on a prayer wall in Children's Church. The idea was to focus on a praise or concern and add it to the wall so that we could revisit later to learn how God works in our lives. This was probably my favorite activity with the kids. Their worries are sometimes big but their hearts are even bigger. They all have their eyes on God.

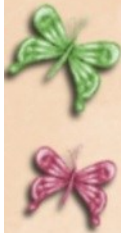


The kids had a contest of who could build the tallest Tower of Babel to match our lesson during Pop tarts and Prayers. I don't even remember who won, but they had a lot of fun!



Where Is God?

God is in the flowers
God is in the trees
God is in the butterflies
And the birds and bees



God is in the sunshine
God is in the storm
God is in the snow and frost
That makes you wrap up warm



God is in the good
God is in the bad
God is in what makes you happy
And what makes you sad



God is everywhere you look
And everywhere you go
God is your best friend always
Because God loves you so



Trina Graves
Spiritual Quotes
To Live By



Many thanks to John & Brenda Ottinger for hosting the summer pool party which was a hit.

We also want to thank all the volunteers that helped with the GHS Feed the Devils meal.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming youth events.



Wednesday Night Activities will start back on September 11th

We will have a meal at 5:30PM (See Schedule Below) you will be required to make reservations, there will be a RSVP form on the website and an email sent out every Monday as a reminder. All meals will be by donation only. Everyone is invited to come and bring your family and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with your church family.

At 6PM we will Young Disciples, Youth, Choir, and Adult Bible Studies available for anyone that wants to attend. Again bring your family and friends.

We look forward to a wonderful season this fall with many activities and fellowship.

If you, your group or team would like to host a fundraiser meal please contact Susan B. in the office. This is a great way to raise funds and to help provided meals on Wednesday Evenings.

Date	Person/Group	Menu
9/11/2024	Church/Opening Night	Pizza
9/18/2024	Young Disciple Ministry	Potato Bar & Toppings
9/25/2024	Praise Team	Spaghetti Garlic bread and dessert
10/2/2024	Troop 94	Burgers, Hotdogs, Fixings & Dutch
10/9/2024	FALL BREAK	NO MEAL
10/16/2024	Prom Closet	Chicken Dumplings, Slaw, Rolls
10/23/2024		
10/30/2024	Church/Trunk or Treat	Pizza
11/6/2024	Young Disciple Ministry	Soups & Salads
11/13/2024		
11/20/2024	Praise Team	Taco Bar and Dessert
11/27/2024	THANKSGIVING BREAK	NO MEAL
12/4/2024		
12/11/2024		
12/18/2024	Praise Team	Chili and Soups
12/25/2024	WINTER BREAK	NO MEAL

2024 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Bill Brown*
Secretary Susan Bowers
Pastor Rev. Sharon Bowers
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*

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

***Voting members of Church Council**

September

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	7
8A-Chapel Services 9A-Sunday School 10A-Tradition Service 11A-Cont. Service	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence	9AM-ACEC Grandparents Day Celebration		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8A-Chapel Services 9A-Sunday School 10A-Tradition Service 11A-Cont. Service	11:30A-AUMW Meeting-FH 5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94	5:30P-Trustee Meeting	10A-Benevolence 5:30-Meal –FH 6P-Groups			Pruitt Life Celebration
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8A-Chapel Services 9A-Sunday School 10A-Tradition Service 11A-Cont. Service 2P-Eagle Scout Ceremony	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		8A-Van Dreal study group 10A-Benevolence 5:30-Meal –FH 6P-Groups	6P-Garden with Gratitude		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8A-Chapel Services 9A-Sunday School 10A-Tradition Service 11A-Cont. Service	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94		10A-Benevolence 5:30-Meal –FH 6P-Groups	10A-Wedding		
29	30					
9A-Sunday School 10:30A-Tradition Service	5:30P-YOGA 7P-Troop 94					

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Sunday Worship Schedule

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

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)
9A—Young Adults & Parents
Larue Classroom
(Mixed gender & age)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Choir
(mixed gender, mixed age)