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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE 28TH DAY *of* SEPTEMBER 2025

TEN O’CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In
The Light

"Pass It On"
arr. Kaiser

Cindy Sams/ Sarah Jagel

The Greeting

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.
† At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in
Praise*

"Come, Christians, Join to
Sing"

UMH #158

The Apostles Creed*

See Insert

UMH #881

Gloria Patri*

See Insert

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord’s Prayer

See Insert

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Attendance for September 21, 2025			
Sunday School	10	Livestream Views	314
10:30 Combined Service	58	Children’s Church	4
11:00 Contemporary Service	n/a	Daycare Chapel	n/a
Morning Pointe Senior Center	16	Children’s Church & Youth Wednesday Night	55

Pastor Blessings
<p>Beloved, hear the good news:</p> <p>In Jesus Christ, we are part of God’s family. There are no big “I’s” and little “you’s,” but one body with many members, each precious and intentional in God’s sight.</p> <p>Go forth and live as God’s people— Show up with your prayers. Show up with your presence. Show up with your gifts. Show up with your service. Show up with your witness.</p> <p>And may the blessing of God Almighty rest upon you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen!</p>

Small Group Bible Studies

Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible*

Thursdays
Oct 9th –Nov 2 nd
6:00 –7:30 p.m.

Barton Hollow Farm

Explore scripture in a fresh, engaging way—everyone welcome!

Men’s Ministry Launch: *The Campfire Covenant*

Fridays
5:30–7:00 p.m.

Barton Hollow Farm Gather ‘round the fire—faith, fellowship, and the outdoors await.

Bible Study: *Reckless Love*

Thursday
October 23rd–Dec 4
6:00–7:00 p.m.

Dates and Times to be Announced.

Truly Love our Neighbor the Way Jesus Loves Us

Crochet Workshop: With Artist Sandi Tester

Thursdays
Sept. 11th–Oct 16th
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Asbury 2nd Floor Parlor

Workshop supplies to be provided at no charge.

Books & Brew

Mondays
Beginning Oct. 6th
10:00–12:00 p.m.

Asbury UMC Library

Where Coffee, Community, and Curiosity Meet

Contemporary Worship Family Enrichment Hour

Sundays
10:00–11:00 a.m.

Asbury UMC Fellowship Hall

Fuel Your Body and Spirit – Breakfast, Coffee, Conversation, Scripture

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson* Romans 12:3-8 (NIV) John Reviere

The Message When Every Part Shows Up! Rev. Sharon Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings † An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please register your attendance in the red folder at the back of the pew before you and also at the end of each pew. Let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem “He is Exalted” Chancel Choir
arr. Larson

Doxology See Insert UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation* “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH #569

SENDING FORTH

Benediction* Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace* Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **An also with you.**

Postlude* “Walking in the Light of God” Cynthia Sams

Liturgy For Worship

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

**Universal

Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above the heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Please stand as you are able. Please silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	John Reviere
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Mrs. Cindy Sams
Music:	The Chancel Choir; Mrs. Cindy Sams , Director
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Let us know you’re here: Please take a moment to let us know you’re here by checking-in using the church center app, completing an online connection card at www.asburylife.org , or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.	
See what’s coming up at Asbury: Visit our online church calendar at https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury . Sign up today, we look forward to seeing you there.	
Asbury is hosting the Greenville High Football team on October 23! We’ll provide a high-carb dinner and Scripture, serving from 3:30–4:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. Donations toward the meal are welcome—please mark your check or envelope “GH Football.” Let’s show our community the heart of Asbury! Please reach out to Doris Allen or Kathy Bevins for additional information.	
Prayer Requests	
For Safety: Please pray for the safe return of 13-year-old Makiah , daughter of Meagan. She is a friend of Asbury’s cleaning lady, Theresa.	
In Sympathy: Pray for the family and friends of Diane Jones from Warsaw Indiana, a friend of John Reviere, following her passing.	
For Healing:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carlene Thomas, grandmother of our youth, Jaynia Smith, recovering from a recent stroke.Vernie Tratham, grandmother of our youth, Tylan, who is facing several serious blood clots.Martha Wiley, as she continues recovering from knee replacement surgery.	

Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.

Commendation and Welcome

Brothers and sisters, siblings, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love. Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care, do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and protect them in love.

Congregation (in unison):

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and welcome you in Christian love. We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church and bid you welcome to this congregation of the **United Methodist Church**. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Pastoral Blessing

Pastor: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you now and forevermore. We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Gracious God, You created us in Your image and gave us different and unique gifts to serve. Yet, we confess that too often we see ourselves as a big “I” and others as a little “you.”

Liturgist:

You created us differently, unique in talents, backgrounds, and callings. Yet we struggle to honor one another and sometimes think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

Liturgist:

Too often, we overlook our true calling and mission to others. We hide our gifts or use them carelessly instead of with excellence for Your kingdom.

Liturgist:

Let’s pray together:

All: Lord make us one body in Christ. Help each of us to show up, every gift to be used, and every member to serve with humility and love. Amen.

People:

Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that in Christ there are no small people and no small gifts. We are all big in Christ Jesus.

People:

Forgive us, Lord. Teach us that humility is an admirable quality and necessary for us to be in grace-filled service to humankind.

People:

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to find our area of main assignment and work with faithfulness and joy.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Membership Covenant Introduction

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, siblings, in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, we present these persons for membership in The United Methodist Church and in this congregation.

We present_____.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Pastor (to candidates): On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **Candidates: I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **Candidates: I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **Candidates: I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain *faithful members* of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's *representatives* in the world? **Candidates: I will.**

Loyalty to The United Methodist Church

Pastor (to candidates): As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
Candidates: I will.

Loyalty to the Local Congregation

Pastor (to candidates): As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?
Candidates: I will.

Congregational Response

Pastor (to congregation): Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

We do. With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live accordingly to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Pastor addresses all:

Pastor: Let us join together in professing in Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
*universal

As members of the Christ Universal Church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **All: I will**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? **All: I will**