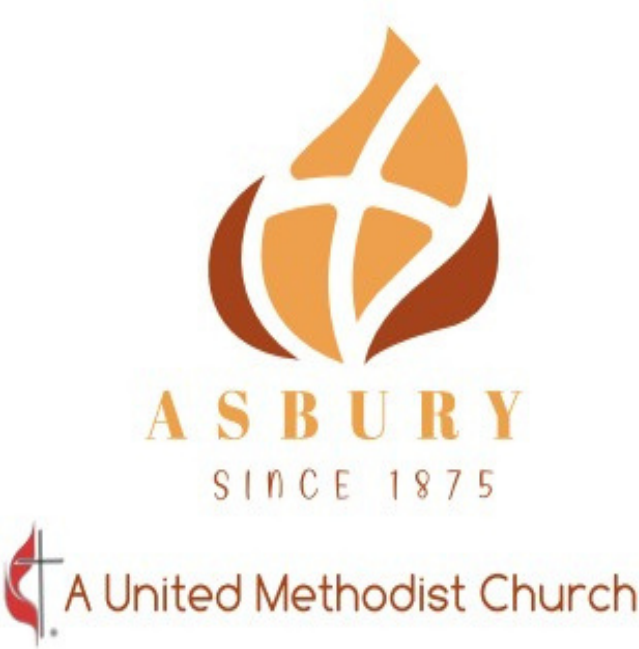


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Vacation Bible School This summer, Asbury will host a VBS, much like last summer's, from July 14- 16, 9:00-11:00. (Tues, Wed, Thurs.) The theme this year will be "Heroes of Faith," and will guide children through several important people in the Bible. We will learn through stories, crafts, songs, snacks, and themed activities. Can you help? Please contact Sarah McMillan or Rebekah Taylor. Planning to send a kiddo to join the fun? Please let us know!
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i> 10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw, (Nancy Worley’s Daughter).
Bible Studies / Small Groups • Gardening with Gratitude is a small group rooted in faith, community, and the simple grounding joy of getting our hands dirty - together. The group will meet on June 18, 2026 and on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Bart Reviere.



6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 5th DAY *of* JULY 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP

July 5, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

"To Our Beloved Country"
by Gertrude Richolson

Ed Logan

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*

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH #338

The Apostles Creed*

See Insert

UMH #881

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, work without end. Amen.

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children's Message

Don Stansfield III

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

John Reviere

Prayer Hymn

"Seek Ye First V.1 & 2 "

UMH #405
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*

Matthew 11:16-30

John Reviere

The Message

The Joy of Discipleship

Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Church Services and Attendance for June 28, 2026

Sunday School	4	Livestream Views	508
Traditional Service	41	Children's Church	3
Contemporary Service	17	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	26
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	5	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	Summer Vacation
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	July 16	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly —Wednesday)	July 8
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	July 5	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	21

Prayer Requests

Our Military Men and Women, Please keep all those serving in our nation's armed forces in your prayers. Pray that God will surround them with His protection, grant them wisdom, strength, and courage, and bring them safely home to their loved ones. May the Lord also comfort and sustain their families, filling them with peace, hope, and the assurance of His abiding presence. Alex Whitaker Pilot - Air Force, Lincoln Taylor - Navy Pilot

Please keep Nikki, a coworker of our cleaning staff member Theresa, in your prayers. Nikki's husband is currently receiving dialysis treatments, and she is working hard to support her family during this difficult season. Pray for strength, comfort, God's provision, and healing for her husband, and for peace and encouragement for their entire family.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION

View our Prayer List



View Our Coming Events



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Join our Live-stream



TODAYS' WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	John Reviere
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Organist / Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Soungs / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Leadership Onboarding Gathering Sunday, July 19 2:00–6:00 p.m. Asbury UMC A time of fellowship, vision, and connection as we welcome our new Pastor for Discipleship, Rev. Chase Crickenberger, and gather with church leaders. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Angela Hardy Cross. RSVP to the church office (Kathy).	
Come to the Waters of Grace – Holy Baptism Friday, August 15, 2026 4:00 p.m. Chapel A service of Holy Baptism for infants, children, youth, and adults. Contact Pastor Sharon , Pastor Chase or the church office for questions or to participate.	
District Day with the Bishop (Save the Date) Tuesday, September 15, 2026 6:00–8:00 p.m. A combined clergy and laity gathering for worship, learning, and connection with the Bishop.	
Quarterly Membership Sunday Sunday, September 20, 2026 Join during either worship service to become a member or learn more about joining. Contact the church office, Pastor Sharon, or Pastor Chase before this date.	

MORNING WORSHIP		
July 5, 2026		
RESPONSE TO THE WORD		
	† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.	
Giving Our Tithes & Offerings	Please register your attendance in the red folder in your pew, and 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 (Organ Offertory)	"God of Our Fathers" arr. David Schack	Ed Logan
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
HOLY COMMUNION		
Holy Communion	A Service of Word and Table	UMH #12
Giving of the Bread & Cup		UMH #12
Hymn of Invitation*	"Here I Am Lord "	UMH #593
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: An also with you.	
Postlude*	"Postlude on a Traditional Theme" arr. Philip Kreckel	Ed Logan
Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. An usher can guide you.		

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
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
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 usfrom evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession	
Liturgist: Merciful God, You invite us to bring all our weariness and tiredness to you, yet we let our burdens weigh us down and prevent us from running to You.	People: Forgive us Lord, for not running to you with arms wide open. Remind us that you are the source of our strength and the center of our joy.
Liturgist: Often, we attempt to walk around with our personal burdens weighing heavy on our hearts like we are strong enough to handle the cares of this world, when in reality, we are breaking down.	People: Forgive us for acting like we are in control and in your will when we are out of control and walking in our own selfish will.
Liturgist: Forgive us for trusting our own strength and refusing your offer to hold us up with Your mighty hand.	People: Forgive us for the times we have judged others instead of loving them, complained instead of giving thanks, and resisted Your invitation to rest in You.
All: Lord, you are gentle and humble in heart. Teach us to yoke up with you for transformational discipleship. Empower us to learn from you and find rest for our weary souls. In Christ name we pray. Amen.	
Pastoral Blessing	
May you find rest in the loving arms of Jesus Christ. May you leave this place lighter than when you came in. May you continue to lay down your burdens at the feet of Jesus. When life feels heavy, may you be reminded that you have a resting place in Christ and that you are not walking alone. Remember Christ is in you and is your hope of eternal glory. Greater is he that is in you than in the world. Go now as joyful disciples—following Jesus, growing in faith, serving with love, and sharing the hope of Christ with the world. And may the blessing of God be with you, and give you joy today and always. Amen.	

Welcome Rev. Chase Crickenberger!

Join us as we joyfully welcome and celebrate our new Pastor of Discipleship, Rev. Chase Crickenberger, on Sunday, July 12, 2026. We will gather for a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m., where Rev. Chase will preach his first sermon at Asbury in the main sanctuary.

Before worship, everyone is invited to a Welcome Reception at 9:45 a.m. on the Main Street steps of the Main Sanctuary to greet Rev. Chase and extend a warm Asbury welcome.

Please invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our church and warmly receive our new Associate Pastor.

May God bless Rev. Chase, his family, and our congregation as we begin this new season of ministry together.

