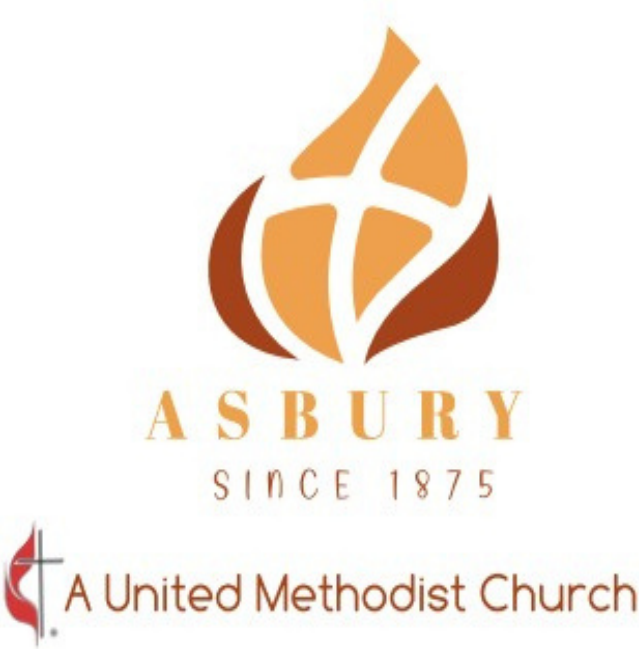


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Building Bridges & True North Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays</i> 10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with 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 August 20, 2026 and on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Bart Reviere.
Foundations: A New Member Class Join us beginning Sunday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Asbury Library for a 7-week study as we explore our Methodist heritage, Wesleyan tradition, and what it means to be part of Asbury United Methodist Church. Whether you're considering membership, are new to the United Methodist Church, or simply want to learn more, everyone is welcome.
<i>The Bible Told Them So</i> Starts Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 PM Join us for an 8-week study on J. Russell Hawkins’ book, <i>The Bible Told Them So</i>. Together, we will examine the history of faith during the Civil Rights Era and reflect on how we can live out a compassionate, faithful witness today. All are welcome for thoughtful conversation and community learning!



10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 2nd DAY *of* AUGUST 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

MORNING WORSHIP
August 2, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude
& Bringing In The Light

Prelude on “Slane”
arr Healey Willan

Dr. Barbara Grissett

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*
The Apostles Creed*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness ”
See Insert

UMH #140
UMH #881

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

Diane Whittenburg

Prayer Hymn

“There's Something About That Name X 2 ”
UMH #171
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*

Genesis 32:22-32

Diane Whittenburg

The Message

The Joy of Getting A New Name

Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Church Services and Attendance for July 26, 2026			
Sunday School	9	Livestream Views - (Contemporary Service) *Livestream challenges.	*91
Traditional Service	52	Children's Church	5
Contemporary Service	21	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	23
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children’s Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	Summer Vacation
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	August 20	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly—Wednesday)	7
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	August 2	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	15
Prayer Requests			
Please keep our military men and women and their families in your prayers—specifically Alex Whitaker (Air Force Pilot), Lincoln Taylor (Navy Pilot), and Jackson Renner (Army Reserves). Pray for God’s protection, wisdom, strength, and peace as they serve, and for their safe return home.			
Please keep Nikki, a coworker of our cleaning staff member, Theresa, in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her husband. May God grant her comfort, peace, and hope in the promise of Christ's resurrection.			
Please pray for David Bow as he recovers from colon cancer. Pray for God’s complete healing, strength, and comfort for David and his family during his recovery.			

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TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Organist / Pianist:	Dr. Barbara Grissett
Music:	Choir
Sound / Livestream	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
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Throughout the month of August , Asbury UMC is collecting boxed macaroni and cheese for My Neighbor's House . Donations may be placed in the Sisters by Grace classroom or brought to the church office. Thank you for your generosity as we share Christ's love by caring for our neighbors in need.	
Come to the Waters of Grace – Holy Baptism Saturday, 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.	

MORNING WORSHIP		
August 2, 2026		
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 in your pew, and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information. Rev. Sharon Bowers
Offertory Prayer		
Anthem (Organ Offertory)	"Prelude from the 4th Chandos Anthem" arr G. F. Handel	Dr. Barbara Grissett
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*	"Just As I Am Without One Plea "	UMH #357
SENDING FORTH		
Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	"Rigaudon from the Cathedral Suite" arr Gordon Young	Dr. Barbara Grissett
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 us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession
Liturgist: Merciful and Mighty God, too often, we are bound by our past, defining ourselves by who we were instead of who we are in Christ Jesus. We carry heavy yokes of guilt and shame, forgetting that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus. There is no failure in God. People: Forgive us for holding on to bitterness, fear, failure, and pride—anything that keeps us from walking in your freedom. Remove every label that does not come from you and teach us to live fully as the people you created us to be. People: Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, so we may boldly live as your beloved children. Help us embrace the purpose for which we were made and let our lives bring you glory. Teach us to redefine ourselves by your promise instead of our past. Through Christ our Savior. Amen.
Pastoral Blessing
May whatever you are wrestling with today land in the hands of the Almighty God. May the God who met Jacob at the Jabbok meet you wherever you are and exchange your fear for faith, your hopelessness for hope, and your judgment for joy! May you be reminded today and always that you have been redeemed by grace, bought with the blood of Christ, and saved for a holy purpose. Go this week walking in your new name and identity as a child of God. You have been created in the image of God. Know that you are loved and cared for deeply. Amen.