

Ash Wednesday  
February 18th, 2026

### Do You Want to Be Made Well?

In John 5:2-9, Jesus asks a man who has been ill for 38 years, "Do you want to be made well?" Instead of answering yes, the man explains why he cannot reach the healing waters in time. His response sounds familiar. At times, we too long for healing but hesitate when change is required.

As Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, we acknowledge our mortality—"from dust you have come, to dust you shall return"—and enter a season of reflection and renewal. Many mark these forty days by fasting from social media or sweets, or by adding practices such as daily Bible reading. Yet Lent is more than giving something up; it is an invitation to let God do a deeper work within us.

Sometimes the question is not only, "Do you want to be made well?" but also, "What are you willing to do to be well? What growth are you willing to embrace? Will you allow God to transform you?" When we resist, we remain unchanged. When we open ourselves to God's Spirit, renewal can take root.

As Paul writes in Romans 12:2, "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This

Lent, may we set aside excuses and answer Jesus with a wholehearted "Yes," trusting God to bring healing and new life.

Adapted from an article by Laura Buchanan published January 29, 2026.  
<https://www.umc.org>



THE 15TH DAY *of* FEBRUARY 2026  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

TEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. John Behnke 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\* "Amazing Grace" UMH# 378  
V- 1,2,3,6

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, world without end. Amen.**

Passing Of The Peace\* † Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children's Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession See Insert John Reviere

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer Marcia Parsons

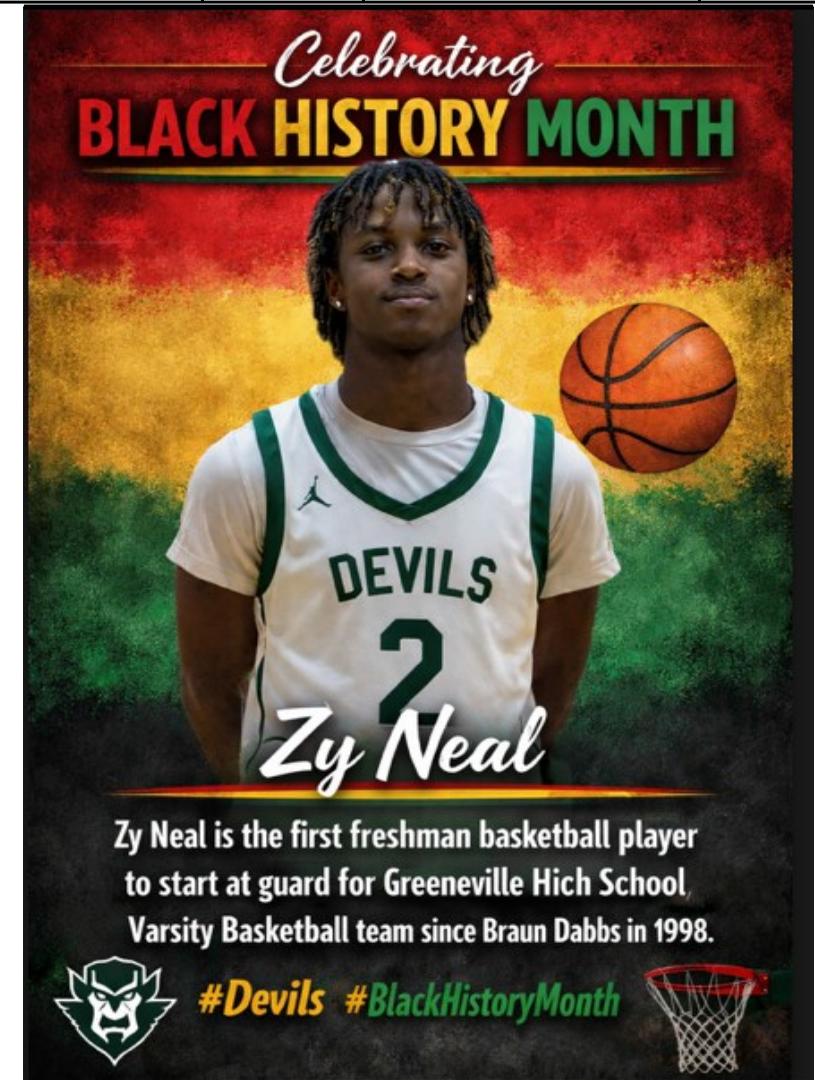
Prayer Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH# 496  
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord's Prayer See Insert Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Attendance for February 8, 2026			
Sunday School	14	Livestream Views	455
Traditional Service	50	Children's Church	10
Contemporary Service	31	Daycare Chapel	Postponed
Morning Pointe Senior Center	14	Children's Church & Youth Wednesday	32



TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM	
Minister	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist	John Reviere
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal

**Children's Ministry**  
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**  
Thursdays | 10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors.

**Bible Studies**

- ***Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith* by Adam Hamilton**  
A small-group study that creates a safe space for the honest questions many Christians carry quietly, offering guidance for discovering a deeper and more resilient faith.  
Mondays | Beginning January 12th | 6:00 p.m. Contact John Reviere for additional information.

- ***Spiritual Practices for Soul Care* by Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Peacock**  
For those longing for a richer experience of God, this study introduces forty practices that help integrate spiritual disciplines into everyday life.  
Wednesdays | Beginning January 28th | 11:00 a.m. \*\*

- ***Pursued: God's Relentless Love for You (Women's Bible Study)* by Jennifer Cowart**  
Explore the sweeping story of Scripture to see how God faithfully and lovingly pursues His people throughout biblical history—and continues to pursue us today.  
Mondays | Beginning January 26th @ 6:00 p.m. \*\*

\*\* Contact Rev. Bowers or Kathy in the office if you have questions or are interested.

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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson                      Psalms 51: 10-17                      John Reviere

The Message                      Give Me Back My Joy!                      Rev. Sharon Bowers  
Special Music by:                      Psalm 51 Music Group  
Steve & Loretta Metcalf

### 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. Please place attendance form in the offering plate.

Offertory Prayer                      Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem (Organ Offertory)                      "Sing, My Tongue, the Song of Triumph" arr. Albert Zabel                      Ed Logan

Doxology                      See Insert                      UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation\*                      "Lord I Want To Be A Christian"                      UMH #402

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction\*                      Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Postlude\*                      "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"  
by John Dunstable                      Ed Logan

## 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.

## Committee Spotlight

### Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Please join us as we support our co-chairs, Dr. Rebekah Taylor and Kevin James in the important work of the SPRC. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC or PPRC) acts as a liaison between the congregation, staff, and pastor(s) in United Methodist churches, serving as the personnel committee to support, evaluate, and advise on ministry, compensation, and staffing, while fostering a healthy working environment in accordance with the [Book of Discipline 2024](#).

#### Key Responsibilities:

- **Support & Nurture:** Encourages the pastor(s) and staff in their ministry and ensures their well-being and work-life balance.
- **Personnel Management:** Collaborates with the pastor to develop job descriptions, hire staff, and conduct annual evaluations.
- **Advisory Role:** Confers on matters affecting the congregation's ministry and advises on staff priorities.
- **Compensation:** Recommends salaries and benefits for all church staff to the finance committee.
- **Liaison Duties:** Communicates between the congregation and staff, and liaises with the District Superintendent regarding appointments.
- **Compliance:** Ensures policies regarding [Safe Sanctuary](#), social media, and other legal/ethical matters are followed.

The committee meets regularly to address staff needs and promote unity within the church.

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

## 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](http://www.asburylife.org), or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we invite you to gather for:  
**Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 PM in the Main Sanctuary.** Through Scripture, prayer, and the imposition of ashes, we will begin our journey toward the cross and the empty tomb. Come and center your heart in God's grace.

### Sunday School for Both Services:

Sister By Grace—Lead by: Marcia Parson @ 8:45 AM.

LaRue Class—Lead by: Steve Parsons @ 9:00 AM.

Family Enrichment—Lead by: Ryan McMillin & Abby Whitaker Martin @ 10:00 AM.

- We are grateful for Steve and Loretta Metcalf for joining us today. They are the founders of Psalm 51 Music Group, a ministry dedicated to sharing God's message of hope, renewal, and worship through music. Inspired by Psalm 51, their songs focus on spiritual encouragement and drawing hearts closer to the Lord. Through their music, they seek to glorify God and inspire authentic worship.
- Asbury is partnering with the local nonprofit My Neighbor's House to provide food for needy, working families in our community. The food item Asbury is supplying for February is canned soup, which can be dropped off in the Sisters by Grace classroom. This food project is in addition to our CANUP food project, which is for the unhoused. Thank you, Asburians, for your loving, generous hearts that are large enough to support two food projects!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please keep **Carol Bowers**, and **Marty Masker** in your prayers as they recover from surgery. Pray for their comfort, strength, and a smooth and complete healing process. May they feel surrounded by love, encouragement, and God's peace during this time. Thank you for lifting them up in prayer.
- Art Masker has been admitted to the hospital and is under medical care. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

## Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have broken your law repeatedly.

People:

We have relied on our own will, not on yours.

Liturgist:

We have trusted in the systems of the world, not yours. We have held on to power and have made it difficult for others.

People:

Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us .

Liturgist:

Wash us, and we shall be clean. Give us back our joy.

People:

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent.

All:

Remind us that our joy is made complete in knowing you. We are forgiven, we are loved, we are made new in, by and through you. We receive your amazing mercy and grace now and in the future. 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.



## Appalachian District Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Training

February 28, 2026, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

This training will be **IN PERSON**

**Asbury UMC, Greeneville, Tennessee**

Please return the form with your check prior to the deadline. **Registration Fee: \$ 10.00\***

**Registration Deadline: February 25, 2026**

**Advanced Class:** Worship

**Instructor:** Dr. Paul Humphrey

**Book:** "Worshipping with United Methodist" by Hoyt L. Hickman

**YOU MUST PURCHASE YOUR OWN BOOK AT: Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com.**

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### REGISTRATION (Must be received by 2/25/26)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail (please print clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_ **District:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form with a check for \$10 made to "Appalachian District" and mail to:

Lynn Mason

379 Springfield Drive

Bristol, TN 37620

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\*The registration fee is for instructor expenses.

**Questions:** contact Mrs. Lynn Mason, Appalachian District Lay Servant Director, at:  
hokevol20@yahoo.com or cell: 423-571-0912

## Pastoral Blessing

Hear the good news, beloved:  
Though we are dust, we are also deeply loved.

God does not despise a broken and contrite heart.  
In Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are marked not only by ashes,  
but by grace.

As you begin this Lenten journey, may God cleanse your heart, renew  
your spirit, and restore the joy of salvation as you repent.

Go forth in humility and hope, bearing the cross of Christ, trusting in  
God's mercy,  
and living into the promise of new life.

In the name of all that is Good, we pray,  
Amen.

