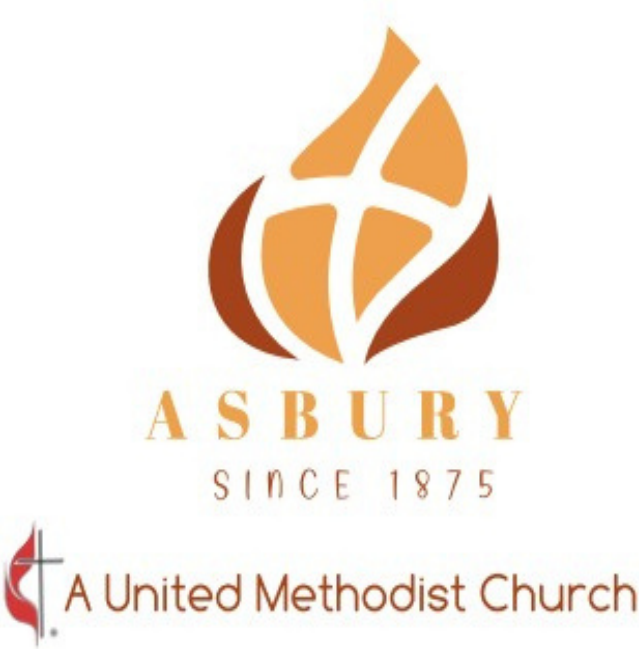


ASBURY GATHERINGS
Children’s & Youth Ministry Wednesdays 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. Asbury Fellowship Hall 3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel
Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center <i>Thursdays 10 A.M.</i> Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw (Nancy Worley’s Daughter).
Bible Studies / Small Groups X’ianity: Christianity 101 Sundays, at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Interested in attending the Contemporary Service and looking for a Sunday School class? Join Pastor Chase for Christianity 101, a welcoming discussion of the foundations of the Christian faith. Whether you're new to Christianity, exploring your faith, or simply looking to connect with others, everyone is welcome. Foundations: A New Member Class Sundays, at 6:00 P.M. in the Asbury Library. Join us for a 7-week study to explore our Methodist heritage, Wesleyan tradition, and what it means to be part of Asbury UMC. (Pastor Chase) The Bible Told Them So Begins Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 P.M. in the La Rue Room. Join us for an 8-week study exploring faith, history, and our call to live as compassionate witnesses. All are welcome! (Pastor Sharon) 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, on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. For additional information, please contact John Reviere.



12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 16th DAY of August 2026

TEN O’CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light	Instrumental Music	
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*	Song of Praise	Ms. Leslie Crutcher
The Apostles Creed*	See Insert	UMH #881
	† Afterward, the people may be seated.	
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*		Sherin Whitfield
The Children’s Message		Don Stansfield III
Prayer of Confession		Sherin Whitfield

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer		Sherin Whitfield
Prayer Hymn	“Sweet Hour of Prayer ”	UMH #496 Chancel Choir
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Ronald Wong
The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Ronald Wong

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

Church Services and Attendance for August 9, 2026			
Sunday School	24	Livestream Views	537
Traditional Service 10 A.M.	47	Children’s Church	4
Contemporary Service 11:15 A.M.	26	Children’s Chapel	Canceled
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children’s Church & Youth Dollywood Saturday 8/8 Wednesday 8/12	DollyWood 26 Wed P.M. 55
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	August 20	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly - Wednesday)	August 18
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1st Sunday	September 6	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	25
Prayer Requests			
Pray for 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. Alex Whitaker, Air Force pilot; Lincoln Taylor, Navy pilot; Jackson Renner, Army Reserve.			
Please continue to pray for Ed Logan, our organist, as he recovers from a broken knee. We ask God to surround him with healing, strength, and comfort during his recovery.			
Please continue to keep Alice Russell's daughter, Lisa, in your prayers as she has recently been diagnosed with cancer. We pray that God's healing presence, strength, and peace will be with her throughout her treatment and recovery.			

TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Liturgist:	Sherin Whitfield
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Guest Minister of Music	Ms. Leslie Crutcher
Music:	Choir
Sound / Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Maddie & Chase Crickenberger Baby Shower Please join us for a baby shower celebrating Maddie and Chase Crickenberger and Baby Leo on Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for “Pasta & Pacifiers”! Suggested gifts include diapers, Amazon gift cards, and children’s books. Everyone is welcome! Christianity 101 Sunday Morning Class Looking for a Sunday School class before the Contemporary Service? Christianity 101, led by Pastor Chase, meets Sundays at 10:00 A.M.. in the Asbury Library. Come explore the foundations of our Christian faith and connect with others. All are welcome! Foundations: A New Member Class Sunday Evening Class Interested in learning more about our church and Methodist heritage? You are welcome to Foundations, led by Pastor Chase Sundays, at 6:00 P.M. in the Asbury Library. This seven-week study explores our Wesleyan tradition and what it means to be part of Asbury UMC. Gardening with Gratitude Looking for a way to connect through faith, fellowship, and gardening? Gardening with Gratitude meets Thursday, August 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. and will continue on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, contact John Reviere.	

MORNING WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

Proclaiming The Word

The Scripture Lesson*	Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV	Sherin Whitfield
The Message	The Joy of Belonging	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 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
Offertory Song	Song of Giving	Ms. Leslie Crutcher
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation	Song of Invitation	Ms. Leslie Crutcher

Sending Forth

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.	
Postlude*	Instrumental Music	

*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 ye 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.

Pastoral Blessing
Go now in the joy of belonging. May God heal what is broken, restore what has been lost, and reconcile what has been divided. And wherever you go, may you carry Christ's love with you—listening, welcoming, forgiving, and making room for others at God's table. Go in peace, go in hope, and go in the healing grace of belonging in Jesus Christ. Amen
Prayer of Confession
Liturgist: Let's pray together, We confess, O God, that we often equate our comfort with your will. The more we sink into our comfort zones, the less we question. The less we question, the less we listen. The less we listen, the less we hear. The less we hear, the less we know. Though it may be unintended and even unconscious, such selfishness is an affront both to you and to our neighbors far and near. In your mercy, comfort us in our afflictions, but also afflict us in our comfort zones, that we may be challenged to struggle with your will for our corporate, family, and individual lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.