

THIS WEEK AT ASBURY

SUNDAY — 9:30 AM Worship
MONDAY — 1:00 PM GriefShare Support Group
WEDNESDAY — 1:30 PM Chair Yoga
FRIDAY — 10:00am Hopp Drop Food Distribution
SATURDAY — 9:00–11:00 AM Food Closet

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

TJ Foltz	August 27
Joe Ellis	August 28
Bill Munion	August 29

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Time– If you are interested in participating during children’s time on Sunday’s, please talk to Pastor Liz.
Inspire the Next Generation – Be a Sunday School Teacher! We’re building an amazing Sunday School team for the upcoming year. We’d love for you to be part of it! See Karyn Grainger
Grandparents Appreciation Day: Help us cook and serve breakfast. If you can lend a hand, please let us know! See Margaret.
Food Closet / HOPP Volunteers: Help us serve our neighbors in need. Every helping hand makes a difference! See Kathy Wayne.

OUR STAFF

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Bishop: Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Tom Passmore

PRAYERS NEEDED

Delaney Protocowicz	Gene Small
Reese Harding	Merle Ciesielski
Sheri Jackson Wood	

Friends at Home
Helen Serfass
Betty Ann Short
Bill Munion
Those in Assisted Living
Cadia Broad Meadow: Dora Coursey
Country Rest Home: George Teed
Harmony at Glasgow: Shirley Garvine

CONTACT & OFFICE HOURS

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Church Office: Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–1:30 PM
Pastor: Tuesday–Friday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM
For non-emergencies outside these hours, please email instead of texting. Thank you for supporting healthy rest and response rhythms!

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Love God. Grow In Faith. Serve Others.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



Welcome

Passing of the Peace, Birthday’s, Anniversaries’
Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests
Pastoral Prayer
***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Hymn:** (On Screen) *Standing on Holy Ground*

Call to Worship (Congregational Response in Bold)

In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?
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Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will you use your power today?
We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ. Amen.

***UMH No. 519** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Scripture	Exodus 1:8-2:10	OT. Pg. No. 49
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*Gospel Reading	Matthew 16:13-20	NT. Pg. No. 18
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The Message	<i>Empowered</i>	Rev. Liz Marrero
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***UMH No. 419** *I am Thine*

**stand if you are willing and able*

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WORSHIPPING with our TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Because God gave first

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Red Hymnal No. 95

***Hymn**

Lean on Me

On Screen

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Get All Excited and Tell Everybody

ANNOUNCEMENTS

News, events and ways to connect with the Asbury family

JOY OF CHRISTMAS

The Joy of Christmas will be held Saturday, December 12, 2026. This free community event gives neighbors the opportunity to pick out gifts for family and friends.

As you clean out and organize, please consider donating **new or gently used items of any kind!**

Some especially needed items include:

- Home décor & Christmas decorations
- Jewelry
- Toys & children's books
- Kitchen items
- Puzzles
- Clothing, especially coats, hats, gloves & scarves
- Blankets
- Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, gift tags & tape

Where to Donate:

Items may be left in the room off the Sanctuary, near the AV system.

Need an item picked up?

For larger items, please contact **Karyn Grainger** at **(302) 983-8837** or karyng03@yahoo.com.

Thank you for helping make **The Joy of Christmas** a special event for our community!

GRANDPARENTS APPRECIATION DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 13th • Immediately After Worship

Join us as we celebrate our wonderful grandparents with a delicious breakfast prepared by the **Knights of Columbus!**

Breakfast Prices:

- Adults — **\$10**
- Children under 12 — **\$5**
- Children 3 & under — **FREE**

Menu Includes:

Scrambled Eggs • Sausage • Sausage Gravy & Biscuits • Belgian Waffles • Hash Browns • Fresh Fruit • Oatmeal • Toast • Breakfast Pastries • Juice • Coffee • Tea

A Special Treat for Grandparents!

All grandparents will receive a **FREE raffle ticket** for a chance to win a wonderful gift basket!

Cash & Cards Accepted

The Knights of Columbus will generously donate **50% of all profits after expenses to Asbury United Methodist Church** in appreciation for the use of our kitchen and fellowship hall.

Come hungry, bring your family, and help us celebrate the grandparents who mean so much to us!

CHURCH HISTORY

Thank you to everyone contributing photos, documents, and memorabilia to our Church History project!

We need more helpers! Phase 1: sorting and preserving photos, clippings, and documents, identifying people, and organizing everything chronologically. Many items are deteriorating, so **we need to preserve these precious memories now.**

The committee meets **the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays** until Phase 1 is complete. Everyone is welcome to help!

Next Meetings: Sept. 2 & 16 • 10–11:30 AM • Memorial Lounge

Questions or interested in helping? **Call/text Janet Jackson: 302-388-7795**

GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Prime Timers

Join us for fellowship, fun and good conversation. Watch the bulletin for the next gathering.

GriefShare

A 13-week support group for navigating grief, offering understanding, and support.

Chair Yoga (Seniors)

Gentle, seated yoga designed for seniors.

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30am or 6:00pm, or Thursday evenings at 6:00pm