

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's worship service are given in honor of
Connie Coleman's 85th birthday by her family.**

**The Easter Lily Cross is given in memory of Dr. Ned Downing
and to the glory of God by the Downing family.**

**We thank those who gave Easter Lilies in memory or in honor of
Loved Ones. Please see the insert for the list of names.**

Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Our Tithes and Offerings

Weekly Budget Need - \$12,254.63

Given Last Sunday - \$13,958.17

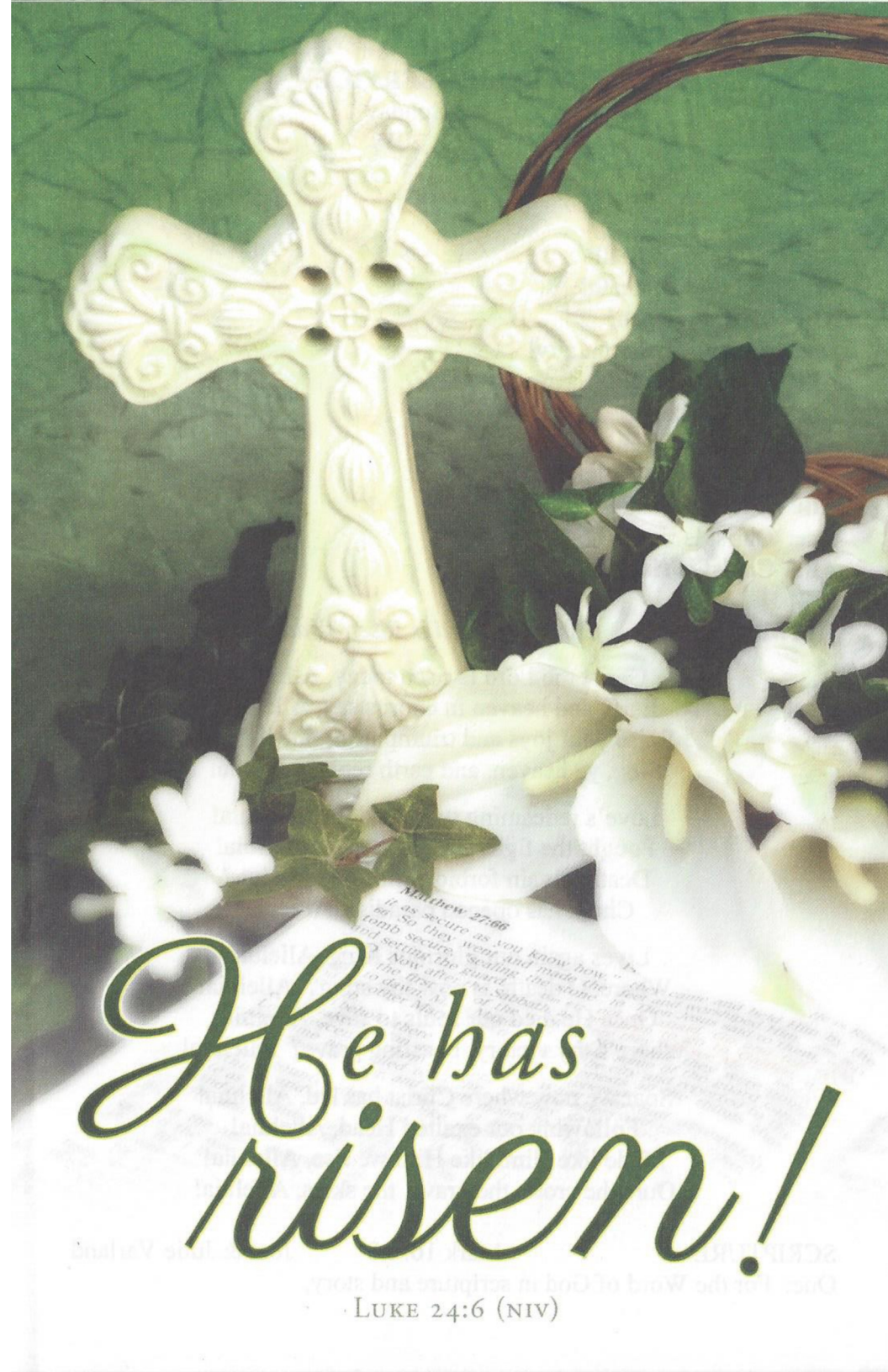
Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$147,055.56

Year-to-date Received - \$149,707.27

Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries
Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Laura Angell, Youth Director
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LUKE 24:6 (NIV)

WORSHIP SERVICE

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Defeater of death!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Creator of community!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Way of hope!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Promise of wholeness!

All: Christ is risen!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heaven, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Joel & Julie Varland

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,

for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: we give thanks.

ANTHEM

Alleluia, He Lives

Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jeanette Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

No. 895

Asbury Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Fahey

*HYMN

Lord of the Dance

No. 261

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SERMON

The New News

Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY

Easter Song

Asbury Choir

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Purvis

*HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

see insert

*BENEDICTION

Affirmation of Faith

see insert

*POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus Choir & Congregation

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Children are invited to Children's Church (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

Affirmation of Faith

One: We believe in God:

All: who is older than eternity,
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing,
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith,
yet cannot be contained by religion.

One: We believe in Jesus Christ,
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone:

All: He came in the body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable,
forgave the unforgivable,
and endured slander,
persecution and death
in order that through suffering love
God's kingdom might come on earth.
He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith
will be raised in glory

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit:

All: who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who inspires research, enables prayer,
and wills that human economics and politics
should prioritize justice, care of the earth,
and the healing of nations.

One: We celebrate the potential of the Church:

All: the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls,
the promise of good things in store,
and the opportunity to love and serve one another.
Amen.

2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me ____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! —
(an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na 'live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me ____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! —
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

WORDS: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Wendell Whalum
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I'M GONNA LIVE
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