

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. 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 Mary Prokop and Angie Jenkins,
office volunteers whose birthdays were January 5th and 6th.**



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

Given Last Week – \$39,342.90

2016 Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$560,500.00

2016 Year-to-date Received - \$567,930.68

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Laura Angell, Youth Director
Detective Santana Willis, Security

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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church**
January 8, 2017
11:15 A.M.



Wade in the Water

*1st Sunday after the Epiphany
&
Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Come to the water's edge!

All: Love is gently flowing. It's God's wondrous stream.

One: We come thirsty...dirty...wounded.

All: River of life...heal us, cleanse us, renew us, transform us.

*HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* No. 605

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:21-32 & Matthew 3:13-17

SONG *Let All Who Are Thirsty Come*

Let all who are thirst-y come. Let all who wish re-ceive the
wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come Lord Je-sus. A -
men, come Lord Je-sus.

PRAYER & LITANY OF LIVING WATER see insert

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 *Living Water of Life* 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

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SERMON **Wade in the Water** Rev. Hester

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

You are invited to "remember your baptism" by receiving a stone from the water of life to have as a remembrance throughout 2017. If you are unable to come forward, and would like a stone, please let us know by raising your hand or by telling an usher.

*HYMN *Wade in the Water* see insert

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Prayer & Litany of Living Water

In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
when we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

We thank you and praise you, O God,
that how ever we may thirst,
what ever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;

So we drink deep of the living water

and, as we draw from your wells,

help us to pass the cup to others

who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.

We pray in the name of the One who taught his disciples to pray:

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 for ever.

(Song: Let all who are thirsty come)

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Wade in the Water

Refrain

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, children,

Fine

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

All *Leader*

God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the
Looks like the band that
The Ho - ly Ghost a -
Just fol-low me down to

Leader *All* *D.C.*

Is - rael - ite,
Mo - ses led, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.
com-ing on me,
Jor - dan's stream,

WORDS: African American spiritual (John 5:2-9)

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. by Carl Haywood

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WADE IN THE WATER
Irregular with Refrain