

WELCOME

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

**The flowers for today's service are given
by Valerie Branham and her family
in memory of Valerie's father, Robert Jordon.**



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 – \$13,458.46

Given Last Sunday – \$8,206.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$26,916.92

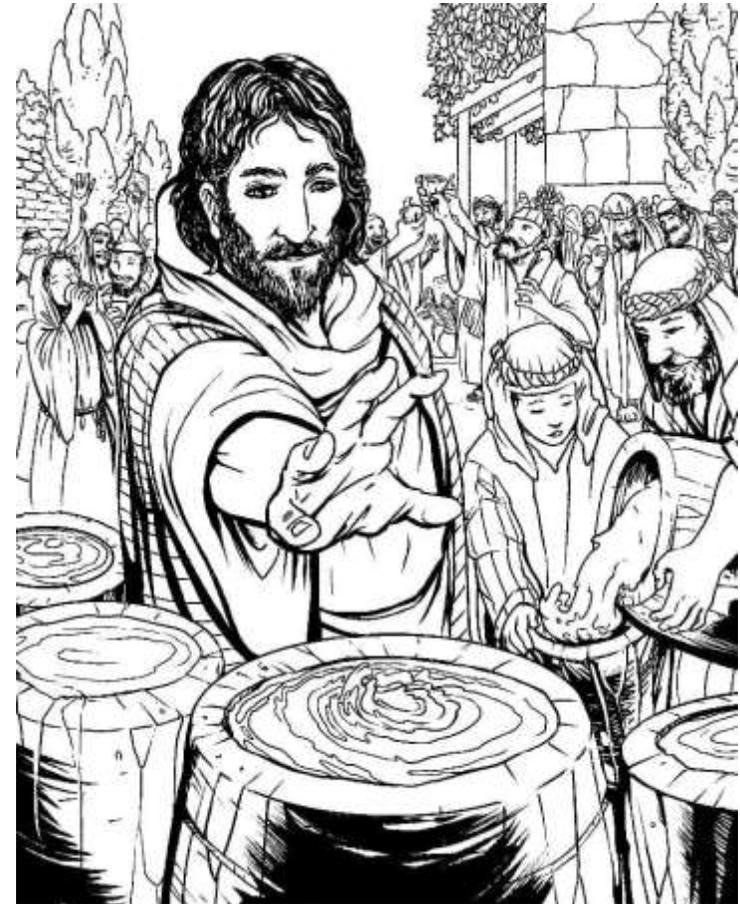
Year-to-date Received – \$19,603.61

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
January 20, 2019
11:15 A.M.**



When Water is Really Wine

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

MUSIC OF PREPARATION All

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem
Grant us peace. Grant us peace.
Grant us peace on earth, grant us peace.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome! Together we will explore an ancient story about a wedding, and our life together.

All: We've come to thank God for the gift of life and to ask for help when our paths are difficult.

One: Then let our thanks begin – in music, in conversation, and in prayer.

All: Let our time together be pleasing to God and to one another.

*HYMN *Spirit Song* No. 347

SCRIPTURE John 2:1-11

SONG OF MEDITATION *He Turned the Water into Wine* Ray Ellis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Grady Mills

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears to those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. Forgive us, Lord, for not learning from the mistakes of our ancestors, who ignored and killed their prophets. Forgive us when we follow their steps instead of following your ways. In the name of Christ, who forgives us, we pray. Amen.

Silence & Reflection

LITANY A Recommitment to Justice see insert

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 for ever.

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

THE WEDDING (as told by Mary) Cheri Hester

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

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SERMON **When Water is Really Wine** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS Rev. Mills

OFFERTORY *Prayer for Today* 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. Mills

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see insert

*HYMN *We Shall Overcome* No. 533

*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 (1st - 5th grades)

A Covenant Prayer of Recommitment to Justice

One: At this time of year when we recognize the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us go to God in prayer and recommit our lives to serving and loving others as we seek justice for all.

One: O God, who has created your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that you are our God and we are your people. From our earliest days as the people whom you intend to be free, you have called us forth from self-seeking bondage, comfort, complacency, and complaint, to freeing and redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

**All: You are our freeing God,
and we would be your free and freeing people.**

One: O God of Exodus and the Burning Bush, of the Prophets and of Jesus, we hear your powerful calling to be your servants in the service of all those who are oppressed. At every turn we hear your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken, for you made yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of your reign, O God.

**All: You are our servant God,
and we would be your serving people.**

One: O God, our Sustainer, search our hearts and reveal to us all the ways we contribute to injustice and to self-destroying bondage. Give us deep courage to find the path of your way, ready to give our very selves as living sacrifices for your will. We have heard you calling us.

All: You are our God and we are your people. Help us to pursue relentlessly that living, breathing justice which transforms persons and peoples. To your will for justice we recommit ourselves and pledge ourselves, our funds, and our actions.

One: Let us now pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, saying...

An Affirmation of Faith
Based on the Writings of Dr. King

**I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence
the events which surround us.**

**I refuse to believe that we are so bound to racism and war,
that peace, brotherhood and sisterhood are not possible.**

**I believe there is an urgent need for people
to overcome oppression and violence,
without resorting to violence and oppression.**

**I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,
a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.
The foundation of this way is love.**

**I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love
will have the final word in reality.
I believe that right temporarily defeated
is stronger than evil triumphant.**

**I believe that peoples everywhere can have
three meals a day for their bodies,
education and culture for their minds,
and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.**

**I believe that what self-centered people have torn down,
other-centered people can build up.**

**By the goodness of God at work within people,
I believe that brokenness can be healed.
"And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together,
and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree,
and none shall be afraid."**