

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 service are given
by Preston and Kathy Hodges
to wish everyone a happy 4th of July!



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 - \$10,778.75

Given Last Sunday - \$7,597.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$280,250.10

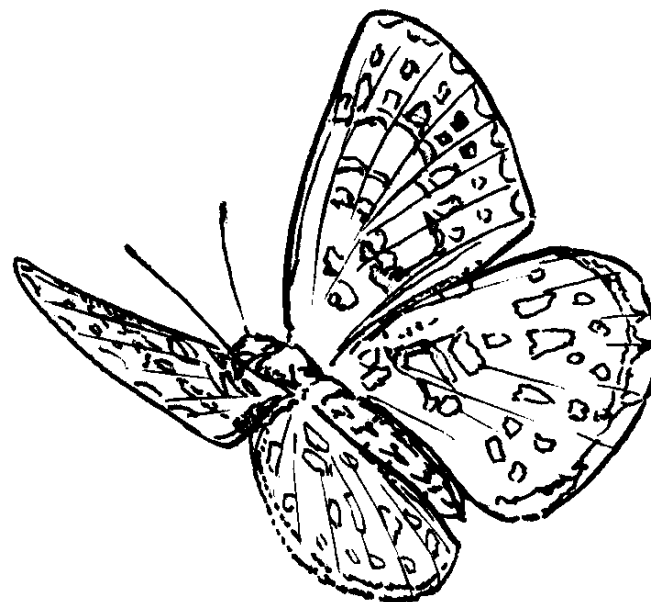
Year-to-date Received - \$263,255.79

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Ashley Stroud, Children's Programs
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
July 3, 2016
11:15 A.M.



Finding Your Redemption

7th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

- PRELUDE Asbury Musicians
- PIANO DUET *America the Beautiful*
Ray Ellis & Rhonda Bruckman
- ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey
- *ANTHEM *The Star Spangled Banner* Asbury Choir
- *CALL TO WORSHIP
One: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.
**All: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.
May God continue to bless our country and all the countries
in the world.**
- *HYMN *America* No. 697
- SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:1-6,13-14; Ephesians 2:1-8
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.
- LITANY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY see insert
- *HYMN *This Is My Song* No. 437
- 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 *Waiting for the Light to Shine* 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
- **
- SERMON **Finding Your Redemption** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God's table. To participate in Communion, please come forward when the ushers assist you. There will be three stations with the elements. The center station has gluten free bread. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive the elements, please inform an usher. We would be glad to bring the elements to you. We will celebrate Communion by intinction – by dipping the bread into the common cup.

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance and mercy,
We give joyful thanks for your eternal love and healing presence
in our celebration of bread and wine.
Bless this body of Christ
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.**

SONG *The House of the Rising Sun* Rev. Hester

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* see insert
(To the tune of *The House of the Rising Sun*)

*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)

***Gifts left at the altar during Communion go to the Emergency Fund.

Litany for Independence Day

One: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,
We thank you Lord.

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,
We thank you Lord.

For patriots who dreamed of, and worked for, a free nation,
We thank you Lord.

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,
We thank you Lord.

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,
We thank you Lord.

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,
We thank you Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,
We thank you Lord.

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows,
We thank you Lord.

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,
We thank you Lord.

Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice.
We pray to you Lord.

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,
We pray to you Lord.

That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,
We pray to you Lord.

That those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,
We pray to you Lord.

That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,
We pray to you Lord.

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

**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

INVITATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

As the many threads are made one in the cloth,
as the many grains are made one in the bread,
as the many grapes are made one in the wine,
so we who are many are made one when we gather at this table.

Long ago, on the night of his arrest,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it:

ALL: 'This bread is broken, as my body will be'.

And he handed it to his friends, inviting them to eat:

ALL: 'Remember all that I have been to you'.

Long ago, on that same night,

Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it,
and gave it to his friends:

ALL: 'This wine is poured out, as my life will be.

Remember me and give thanks for all I have given'.

Creating God, Source of Life, we offer our thanks
for all gifts simple and profound.

We give thanks for all the influences in our lives
that have helped us to see beyond the present:

that teach us to combine labor and rest,

that bring us the cycles of time and season,

that sustain us when we are in need.

Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth,

teller of stories, breaker of bread,

pourer of wine, weaver of lives.

In his life, wisdom, stories and social vision

we recall the words he spoke to call forth in us

love, care and respect for one another:

ALL: And we believe the same Spirit of God

that came to visibility in Jesus

yearns for visible expression in us.

So we take this bread and this wine...

Bread broken... Wine poured out...

for the life of the world.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'twas Grace that taught,
my heart to fear.

And grace, my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead us home.

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