

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They will be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. To learn more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" during Coffee Hour. 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 Kathy and Preston Hodges  
in honor of their grandchildren.**



### **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 - \$11,809.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$416,657.42

Year-to-date Received - \$413,289.61

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

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries

Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

**Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church**

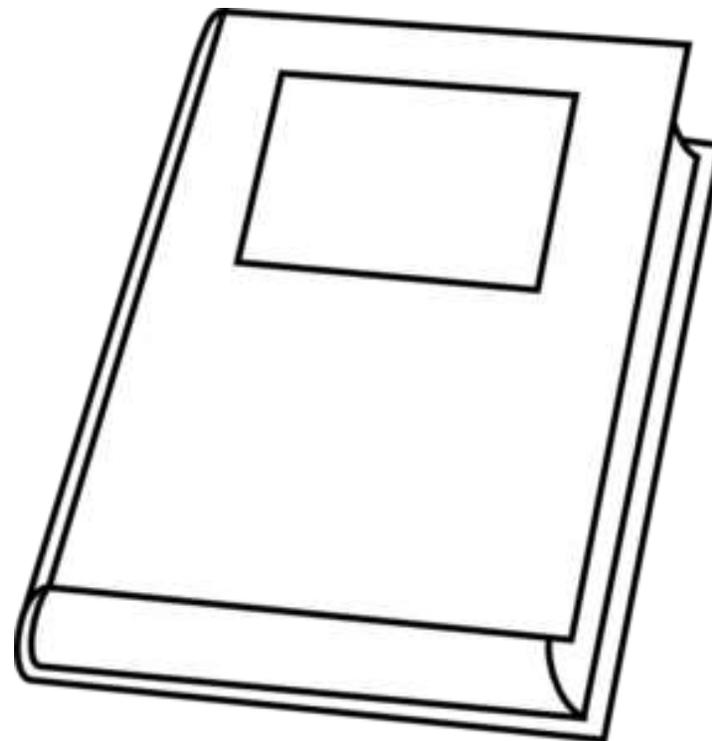
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
September 2, 2018  
11:15 A.M.**



## ***The Book Title***

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE

Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Fahey

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!  
When the world divides us, come and make us one.

**All: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!**

One: When the world calls us orphaned,  
come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

**All: Let us drink your goodness.**

One: When the world leads us astray, come and call us home.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Rain down on this place!**

\*HYMN

*Showers of Blessing*

see insert

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

One: Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom,

**All: but we live with tightness in our chest.**

One: You have called us to move in a new direction,

**All: but we cling to the path we know.**

One: You have called us to reach outward in love,

**All: but we draw inward for protection.**

One: You have called us to live with abandon, in trust,

**All: but we live carefully, in fear.**

**God forgive us.**

*(silent prayer & meditation)*

One: God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to help us.

God accepts both our courage and our fears.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:29-32

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.**

## 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

*People Need the Lord*

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. Hester

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SERMON

**The Book Title**

Rev. Billy Hester

HOLY COMMUNION

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All people are welcomed at God's table. If you would like to receive  
Communion, please come forward using the center aisle as the ushers  
assist you. We will partake by intinction, by dipping the bread into the  
common cup. All of the bread is gluten free. After receiving the  
elements, please feel free to spend time at the altar in prayer. If you are  
unable to come forward, but would like to receive the elements, simply  
inform an usher. We will be glad to bring the elements to you.

THE SHARING OF ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

see insert

\*HYMN

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

No. 431

\*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

\* Those who are able, please stand.

\*\* Children are invited to Children's Church (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.  
Here we celebrate God's presence among us,  
united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;

**All: Nourished and hungry,  
loved and loving,  
sinner and forgiven;  
we make one circle of knowing,  
believing, rejoicing, being,  
as God lights and rests among us.**

One: Christ invites everyone to eat the bread of life,  
to drink the cup of the new covenant.

**All: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.  
Those who come to me shall never hunger;  
Those who believe in me shall never thirst."**

One: On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,  
"This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."  
After supper Jesus took the cup and said,  
"This is the cup of the new covenant;  
whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."

**All: In the simple elements of bread and wine, O God,  
help us to see the value of simplicity.  
Give us the strength, courage and fortitude  
to examine our lives and to keep the Sabbath holy,  
so that we may live more meaningful and fulfilling lives.  
Amen.**

## RECEIVING 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.**

## There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

There shall be showers of blessing:  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Savior above.

### *Refrain:*

**Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need:  
Mercy-drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.**

*There shall be showers of blessing,  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.*

*There shall be showers of blessing;  
Send them upon us, O Lord;  
Grant to us now a refreshing,  
Come, and now honor Thy Word.*

There shall be showers of blessing:  
Oh, that today they might fall,  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
when we follow God's call!



## Wednesday Night Suppers Reservation Form

You still have the option of either the **salad bar** or the **hot meal with a small salad**.

Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

In order to prepare we need your reservation!

There are three ways to reserve your spot:

- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website [www.asburymemorial.org](http://www.asburymemorial.org) and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper will begin at 5:45 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:30 p.m.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
ON MONDAYS. NO LATER THAN 11 AM.**

Also, the type of meal must be selected at time of registration. If you do not make a reservation, you will need to wait until 6:15 p.m. so all who made reservations have been accommodated.

Meal Date: 09/12\_\_\_\_ 09/19\_\_\_\_ 09/26\_\_\_\_ 10/03\_\_\_\_  
10/10\_\_\_\_ 10/17\_\_\_\_ 10/24\_\_\_\_ 10/31\_\_\_\_ 11/07\_\_\_\_  
11/14\_\_\_\_ or Permanent Request\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate number for dinners:**

\_\_\_\_ Adult Meal \$7.00 \_\_\_\_ Adult Salad Bar \$7.00 (1 trip only)

\_\_\_\_ Child's Meal \$4.00 (12 & under) \_\_\_\_ Child's Salad Bar \$4.00

Maximum Family limit is \$28.00 per family



## Wednesday Night Supper Weekly Menu

<b>Chicken Fricassee, Jasmine Rice, Vegetable Medley, Whole Wheat Roll</b>	<b>Sep 12</b>
<b>Roast Beef &amp; Gravy, Green Beans, Roasted Red Bliss Potato, Cheddar Herb Biscuit</b>	<b>Sep 19</b>
<b>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Bread</b>	<b>Sep 26</b>
<b>BBQ Pork Plate, Collard Greens. Baked Beans, Corn Bread Muffin</b>	<b>Oct 03</b>
<b>Chicken Tetrazzini with Ribbon Pasta, Summer Squash Medley, Garlic Bread</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>
<b>Beef Stew with Roasted Vegetables, Steamed Rice, Corn Bread Muffin</b>	<b>Oct 17</b>
<b>Smoked Sausage with Onions &amp; Peppers, Steamed Cabbage, Field Peas, Steamed Rice, Whole Wheat Roll</b>	<b>Oct 24</b>
<b>Lemon Baked Fish, Steamed Rice, Okra and Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Whole Wheat Roll</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>
<b>Oven Baked Ham, Green Beans, Candied Yams Southern Style Biscuit</b>	<b>Nov 07</b>
<b>Roasted Turkey with gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Brussel Sprouts, Southern Style Biscuit</b>	<b>Nov 14</b>