

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 memory of "our parents"
by Frank Ramsey and Danny Lewis.**



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 - \$11,217.14

Given Last Sunday – \$475.00 (Office deposit only due to the hurricane)

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$403,817.04

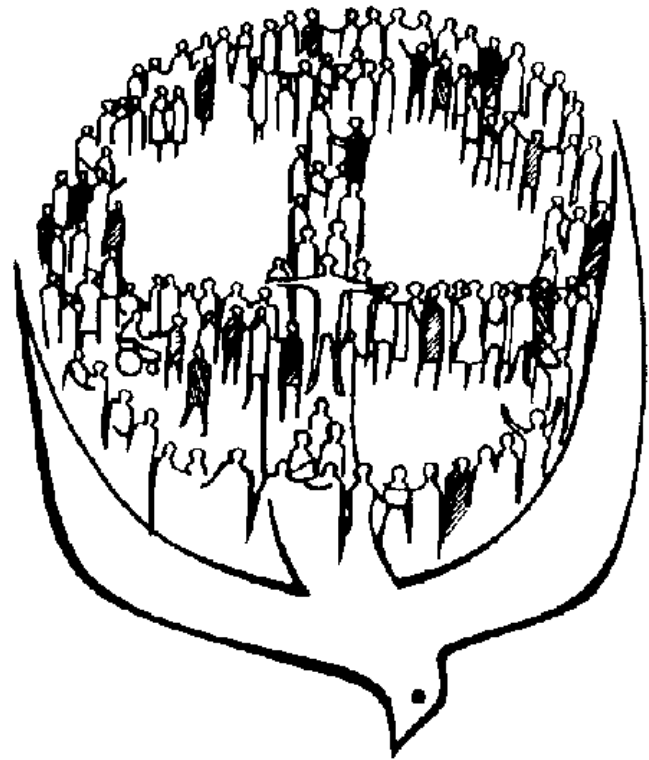
Year-to-date Received - \$391,755.13

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Elizabeth Castillo, Custodian
Detective Santana Willis, Security

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Laura Angell, Youth Director
Ruthie Deffley, Children Ministries
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
September 17, 2017
11:15 A.M.**



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Community***

15th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: A new day has dawned, a new church year begun.

All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

One: We enter this new church year with hope and excitement.

All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

Guide us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.

*HYMN *Maker, in Whom We Live* No. 88

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeanette Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer No. 895

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

GODLY PLAY Ruthie Deffley & Ashley Stroud

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47

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.

*HYMN *When We Are Living* No. 356

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SERMON **Created for Community** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Online Giving Cards are in the red pads and in the narthex so online givers can participate in the offering. We ask God's blessing upon the gifts brought to the table and those given through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY *Welcome to the House of the Lord* Asbury Choir

In 2009, the Asbury Choir commissioned composer Mark Miller to write a song for the 100th birthday of Asbury Memorial UMC. The result was *Welcome to the House of the Lord* which has become one of our favorite anthems. Welcome!

*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

*RECOVENANTING LITANY Wayne Bland

One: As we begin the new church year, the members of Asbury

Memorial are invited to renew the covenant we made with God

and one another when we became part of this faith community:

All: Today, I affirm my relationship with this faith community.

As a member of Asbury Memorial,

I will strive to deepen my commitment:

to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength,

to love my neighbor as myself,

to follow the way of Jesus, who served and healed others,

and to offer my prayers, presence, gifts, and service to this

local expression of the Body of Christ. Amen.

*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

Be present at our table, Lord;

Be here and everywhere adored;

Thy creatures bless, and grant that we

may feast in paradise with Thee.

Amen.

*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-6th grades)