

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!



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 – \$2,285.00 (A church service was not held last Sunday due to Hurricane Matthew.)

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$441,932.85

Year-to-date Received - \$405,535.53

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

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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United Methodist Church
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11:15 A.M.



God On Broadway

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

INTROIT *Hello, Dolly* Asbury Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dolly Levi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration,

All: a gathering of people expressing their joy.

One: Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest,

All: a gathering of people searching for meaning.

One: Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast,

All: a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.

One: Among us today are people who have come to march,
people who have come to search,
people who have come to weep,

**All: Yet we have all come to acknowledge God
and to touch each other.**

One: Come with open minds, open hearts, and open arms,
that we all might find that for which we have come
and that, as well, we all might be surprised.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 116

SOLO *It Only Takes a Moment* Don Cohen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jeanette Purvis

Silence & Reflection

Prayer

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

SONG *Before the Parade Passes By* Cheri Hester

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34
Genesis 32:22-31

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 400
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SERMON **The Wisdom of Dolly Levi** Rev. Hester

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 *Put On Your Sunday Clothes* 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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH see insert

*HYMN *Hello, Savannah* 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 *Hello Dolly* Asbury Musicians

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Hello, Savannah

Hello, Sava-nnah...well, hello, Sava-nnah
It's so nice to be with you where we belong.
You're lookin' swell, Sava-nnah,
we can tell, Sava-nnah,
You're still glowin'...you're still crowin'...
you're still goin' strong!
We saw the trees swayin'.....as it kept rainin'...
Yes, we know that Matthew tried to do you in.
But...you stayed strong, Sava-nnah,
Found you a brand new song, Sava-nnah!
Savannah will always find a way again!

Hello Sava-nnah...well, hello, Sava-nnah
It's so nice to be with you where we belong.
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Savannah will always find a way!
Savannah will always find a way!
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God,
who created the world and fills it with awesome beauty.**

**I believe in Christ,
whose life and resurrection has changed the way
we look at life and death.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose presence enables me to sing and laugh
even in the midst of difficulties.**

**I believe that God has manifested God's Self in these three ways,
and in many other ways besides,
and that this manifestation continues wherever I am
and whatever happens to me,
as long as I have eyes to see and ears to hear.**

**I believe that God does not measure worthiness as we do,
in terms of wealth and power and the observing
of frivolous rules;
but God measures it in terms of love and grace and generosity,
and whether we have thankful spirits that recognize
the gifts laid daily at our humble doorsteps.**

**I believe God's Spirit lives in this faith community
of dancing, hand-holding people
where lines of age and politics and life-styles are crossed.**

**And I believe in coming together as we have today
to sing praises, to humble ourselves in prayer and meditation,
to listen to the Word, and to clasp one another in the warmth
of fellowship as a foretaste of the new world that is coming
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.