

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 Omkair and Cindy Hill-Williams
in honor of Asbury Memorial UMC.**



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 – \$8,740.60

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$301,807.80

Year-to-date Received - \$286,840.64

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
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
July 17, 2016
11:15 A.M.**



The Better Part

9th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jeanette Purvis

One: The warming rays of the summer sun,

All: reflect the warmth of God's love for us.

One: The cool rippling water of the flowing river,

All: reflect for us God's cleansing and renewing power.

One: The laughter of family and friends gathered together for food and fellowship,

All: reflect the joy and thankfulness of God's own people gathering together for worship. Let us worship God!

*HYMN *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:38-42 Margaret Clay

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.

SONG *Moses* Stephen Reed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. 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.

*HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* No. 156
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INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Rev. Purvis

SERMON **The Better Part** Rev. Nathan Godley

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 *In Heaven's Eyes* Greg Martin

*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. Purvis

One: Unfailing are your blessings to us, O God, unfailingly appropriate and generous.

All: In response to your unfailing generosity to us, we bring our gifts for blessing.

One: We will be blessed in this church, as gifts are transformed into teaching, listening, and singing.

All: In the wider church, our gifts will be transformed into healthier communities, training for jobs, and lively centers of faith. Amen.

*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* No. 557

*BENEDICTION Rev. Godley

*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)