

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you will join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, please drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

Altar flowers are given by Kim Malphrus and Kimberly Smith in memory of Bruce Fender's birthday.

The flowers presented today in memory of our Loved Ones will be arranged and delivered to people who will be blessed by them.



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 - \$14,488.11

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$526,949.09

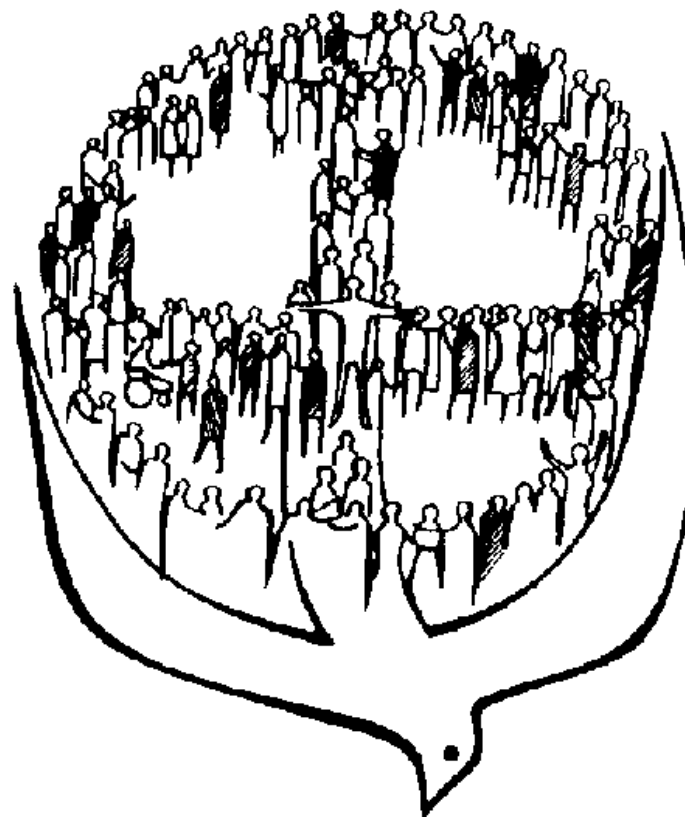
Year-to-date Received - \$531,916.43

Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries
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Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
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Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
November 4, 2018
11:15 A.M.



All Saints' Sunday

24th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the tomb looms large before our eyes,
remind us, Lord, who we are:

**All: We are children of the resurrection;
the place of death will not hold us.**

One: God is our refuge and strength.
We gather in the power and sure promise of resurrection.

**All: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.
Death has no dominion over them. Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 117

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY see insert

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Members of Our Church Family:

Al Andres Betty Cooper Barbara Schafer

Thurman Butcher Pat Fraker

Family and Friends

Victims of Gun Violence

Other Family and Friends

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

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SHARING Geri & Maria Spears

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-4, 25-27

OFFERTORY *You'll Never Walk Alone* Barbara Gooby
and the 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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

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

**We thank you, Most Holy God, for refreshment at your table
where along with your saints we receive all Christ's gifts.
Provide for your church a strong faith and increased love for
one another. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS No. 48

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

*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 (1st - 6th grades)

ALL SAINTS' DAY LITANY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

As we read these names, we pause to remember, pray, and give
thanks for those who have touched our lives.

*(Reading of the names of Loved Ones who have died since our
last All Saints Sunday.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Accept our thanks, dear God, for your gift of life,
for all that you gave us in our birth;
for all that you give us in the richness of our journeys,
we give you thanks;
and all this we bring to you, our God,
From our life to your life, O God.

Accept our thanks, dear God, for the memories of our Loved Ones;
for their friendship and for the multitude of ways they influenced
our lives and your Church;
for your promise of eternal life,
and for our faith that tells us we will one day be with them again;
all these we bring to you, O God,
From our life to your life, O God.

Invitation and Prayer for Holy Communion

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One:

We gather around this table at the invitation of our God
and in communion with generations past
and generations yet unborn.

At your table, O God, we receive the gift of bread and cup.

These are the symbols you provide that remind us of your love.

We thank you, Almighty God, for creating the gift of life.

We thank you for the life and ministry of Jesus and
for the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the faithful living of saints for all centuries.

We thank you for the witness of those who gave their lives in your
service.

In the presence of this cloud of witnesses,

we gather around this table and remember

that on the night of betrayal and desertion,

Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Passover meal.

He blessed and broke the bread, saying:

“This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We remember that in the same way Jesus took the cup, after supper,
and said: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink, in remembrance of me.”

Let us pray:

Eternal God,

**we stand in sacred community with all the faithful
and before these gifts of your love.**

**We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
on this bread and on this wine and on us.**

Strengthen your universal church

that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world.

Restore the earth with your grace

that it is able to make all things new.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.