

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 Ned Downing by Helen Downing.**



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 - \$10,192.31

Given Last Sunday - \$9,961.50

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$495,827.10

Year-to-date Received - \$465,581.13

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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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
November 20, 2016
11:15 A.M.**



*Thanksgiving Service
&
Commitment Sunday*

27th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 No. 821

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 694

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Billy Hester

Silence & Reflection

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

SHARING Austin Wright

LITANY OF COMMITMENT

One: When vision fails us, when the way is long and dusty,
we rely on our commitment to the God who sustains us.

All: We are committed to the inward and the outward journey.

One: Through prayer and outreach, through peacemaking and activism,
we open our hearts and the world to God.

All: We are called to living out God's word.

One: In this place, we find love and conflict, joy and sorrow.

All: We commit to intimacy, even when it is painful.

One: God has blessed us with an abundance of resources.

All: We will be generous in sharing what we have received.

One: Commitment transforms promise into reality,
timidity into courage, pain into joy, and intention into action.

**All: In the promise of transformation, we bring our selves to God
and to this community once again.**

One: Let us pray:

All: Eternal God,

I come today to affirm my relationship with this faith community.

**As a member of this church, I will deepen my relationship in this
local expression of the Body of Christ, sharing my gifts from God
with others who worship at Asbury Memorial and with others in
the wider world. Amen.**

OFFERING OF PLEDGES

*In a spirit of prayer, the congregation is invited to bring their 2017
Pledge Cards to the altar area and place them in the basket. Please
feel free to spend time in prayer at the altar if you desire.*

SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 8:28

*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 92
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SERMON **In all things, THANKS!** Rev. Paul Nixon

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given
Lord's Prayer support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts* Asbury Choir
Soloist, Barb Gooby

*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

*HYMN *The Trees of the Field*
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (*repeat twice*)
While you go out with joy

*BENEDICTION Rev. Nixon

*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)