

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 celebration of the new church year
by Kathy and Preston Hodges.**



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 – \$11,203.04

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$381,382.76

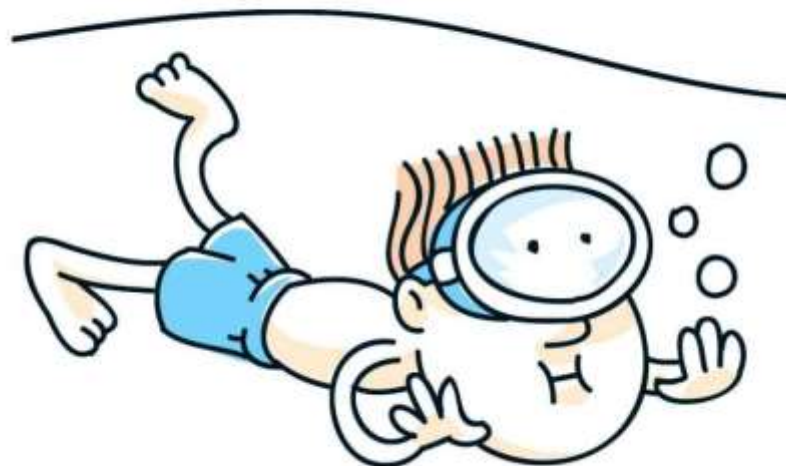
Year-to-date Received - \$378,735.88

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
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church**
September 3, 2017
11:15 A.M.



The Aquatics of God

13th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: When the world divides us:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

One: When the world calls us orphaned:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

One: When the world leads us astray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

*HYMN *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* see insert

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER Rev. Jan Durham

**O Mysterious God, who hides in the shadow of our steps,
who surprises in ways inexpressible, who lingers in paradox,
ignite our spirits to revel in your presence,
inspire our souls to dance in your mystery,
free our minds to rest in your holiness,
fully comforted – totally quiet – completely yours,
in the name of Christ, the Mysterious Word made flesh. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 32 No. 766

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 *At the Table of the Lord* 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 Rev. Durham

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SERMON **The Aquatics of God** Rev. Hester

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 see insert

*HYMN Jesus came showing God's love
Jesus came showing God's love
Jesus came showing God's love
Hallelujah forevermore!

2) Jesus came offering God's peace

3) Jesus came doing justice

4) Go, be filled with the Spirit

*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 (K-6th grades)

*** Gifts left at the altar during Communion will go to UMCOR to assist the help the people of Texas and Louisiana.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

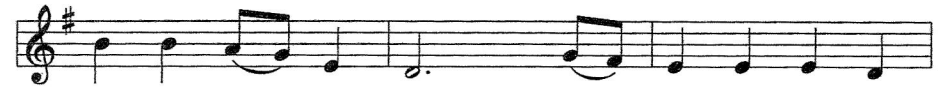
Come, Join the Dance of Trinity 3017

One: We gather now as one body, joined around the table.
 Here we celebrate God's presence among us,
 united in Christ's spirit, broken and whole all at once;
**All: Nourished and hungry, loved and loving,
 sinner and forgiven; we make one circle of knowing,
 believing, rejoicing, being, as God lights and rests among us.**

One: On the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread,
 and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said,
 "This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."
 After supper, Jesus took the cup and said,
 "This is the cup of the new covenant;
 whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."
 Let us pray:
 Loving God,
 we thank you that you are as close to us as breath,
 that your love is constant and unailing.
 We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Christ,
 who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace,
 and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life.
 We ask you to bless this bread and this cup.
 Through this meal, make us the body of Christ,
 that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all
 creation. Amen.



1. Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be -
 2. Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new -
 3. Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as -
 4. With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be -



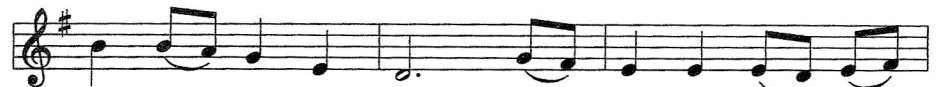
fore all worlds be - gun — the in - ter - weav - ing
 born in Beth - le - hem; then blood - ied by a
 wind and tongues of flame set peo - ple free at
 fore all worlds be - gun, we sing the prais - es



of the Three: the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 of the Three: the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by



not a - rise by chance, but as the Three in
 hu - man flesh and bone; when fear con - fines the
 necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of
 love and hope set free, to shape in song this



love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 weight and woe that we are free to move!
 joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

After the meal...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, loving God,
 that you have refreshed us at your table.
 Strengthen our faith;
 increase our love for one another,
 as we seek to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope.
 Amen.**

10 o'clock Hour

Facilitators rotate

Sundays 10 am, Social Hall

Resumes 9/10

All are invited to attend. Classes are structured as single units so you are welcome when you can attend.

See flyers for details about sessions.

Women's Group

Convener: Susan Bolinger 218.213.2127

Thursdays 7-8:30 pm, Social Hall

Resumes 9/14

All women are invited! Leadership is shared but not required. Topics vary by leader and are always thought-provoking. Most importantly, we pause, pray, share, laugh, and spend sacred time each Thursday getting to know each other.

Men's Group

Facilitator: Dwight Campbell

Thursdays 7:30 pm, Youth Room (2nd floor)

Resumes 9/21

Starting with Rev. Hester's sermon from the previous week, our discussion focuses on the spiritual aspects of the sermon, and how to implement some aspects in our life. While the sermon is a starting point, the discussions goes wherever our voices lead us. The tenets of the group are spiritual growth, camaraderie, and fun.

The Course in Miracles

Facilitator: Rev. Marilyn Leigh

Thursdays 4:30 pm, Social Hall

This study group is dedicated to the study and practical application of *A Course in Miracles* to our daily lives. Our group allows the Course to guide us in becoming and expressing the Love that is the truth about us. It teaches the true meaning of forgiveness and challenges us to put God first in our lives. *A Course in Miracles* is an open group; you may join at any time. You will need the Third edition of *A Course in Miracles*, available from the facilitator or from Barnes and Noble or as an eBook from Amazon.

Adult Study Opportunities Fall 2017

Our Time

Facilitators: Ruthie and Nick Deffley

1st and 3rd Sundays 10 am, Youth Room (2nd floor)

Resumes 9/17

Nursery is available

Our Time is a small group for parents of young children. It is a discussion based group, currently discussing the videos *Living the Questions*. Our Time has a closed Facebook page. If anyone would like to be added, contact Ruthie at rdurandeffley@gmail.com or Nick at nicholasdeffley@gmail.com

Monday Study Group

Facilitators and topics vary

Mondays 1 pm brown bag lunch; 1:30 pm study begins, Social Hall

Resumes 9/11

Facilitator: Susan Bolinger, study: 'Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living – Krista Tippett

In an engaging video interview with the author of *Becoming Wise*, Krista Tippett has created a master class in living for a fractured world. Fracture, she says, is not the whole story of our time. The enduring question of what it means to be human has become inextricable from the challenge of who we are to one another. She insists on the possibility of personal depth and common life for this century, nurtured by science and "spiritual technologies," with civility and love as muscular public practice. And, accompanied by a cross-disciplinary dream team of a teaching faculty, she shows us how. (book, study guide and podcast interviews)

Advent Study: Down to Earth

Facilitator: Rev. Grady Mills

Dates and times to be determined

Study Guide and Devotional book required.

More than 2,000 years ago a baby was born in a backwater village of the Roman Empire - and the world was changed forever! In this 6-week Advent study, Mike Slaughter explores the extraordinary story of how the Son of God chose to become a lowly human and challenges us to respond during Advent with down-to-earth love, humility, lifestyle, and obedience.