

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to assist 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 in memory of
Jack and Ruby Davenport.**



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 - \$4,993.30

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$377,259.75

Year-to-date Received - \$338,796.40

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
Ashley Stroud, Children's Programs
Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
September 4, 2016
11:15 A.M.**



TOUGH DECISIONS

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Angie Jenkins

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to a feast!

**All: The table is set,
and we have come from east and west,
from north and south to sit at Christ's table.**

One: Compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

**All: We come to share our stories and Your story,
to share our hope and our pain,
to share our wisdom and our laughter.**

One: The table is set, so come let us worship God together.

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* No. 158

INFANT BAPTISM Brantley Reid Dunham No. 44
son of Chaz and Melisa Dunham

HYMN *Brantley, Brantley, God Claims You* see insert

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & STUDIES

SCRIPTURE

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.

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 *We Walk By Faith* 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

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SERMON **Tough Decisions** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God's table. If you'd like to receive the
Communion elements, please come forward using the center aisle
when the ushers assist you. There will be three stations – the center
station will have gluten free bread. After receiving the elements,
feel free to pray at the altar. If you're unable to come forward, but
would like to receive the elements, simply inform an usher. We
would be glad to bring the elements to you. Gifts left at the altar go
to our Emergency Fund to help people in need.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

*HYMN *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* No. 729

*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)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

- One: Holy God,
sometimes we live with tightness in our chest.
- All: Help us to live in faith and freedom.**
- One: Sometimes we wear masks, become defensive, and blame others.
- All: Help us to be who you created us to be
and to take responsibility.**
- One: Sometimes we draw inward for protection.
- All: Give us the wisdom and the courage to reach outward in love.**
- One: We give thanks, O God, for the table you spread before us,
inviting us to spread your love throughout the world.
- All: We give you thanks for Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to listen for your voice in silence and solitude,
and to look for you in every person we meet.
We remember how he said, "I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall never hunger;
Those who believe in me shall never thirst."**
- 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."
- All: O Holy One, bless these gifts of bread and cup.
Unite us with Christ forever
and bring us with the whole creation to your eternal realm.
Amen.**

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS

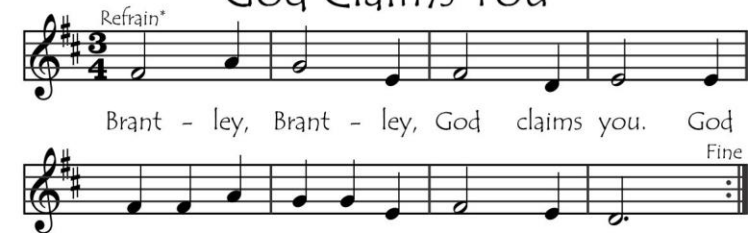
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance and mercy,
We give joyful thanks for your eternal love
and healing presence in our celebration of bread and wine.
Bless this body of Christ
that we may attend faithfully to our call to be your servants
with each other and throughout the world. Amen.**

A Baptism Hymn for Brantley Reid Dunham

Sunday, September 4, 2016
Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
Savannah, Georgia

God Claims You



Study Groups

Living The Questions: Violence Divine

DVD with John Dominic Crossan

Mondays at 1:00 p.m. for lunch, 1:30 for study, starting September 12th

Facilitator ~ Pam Parker Kress

Disciple: Fast Track

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting September 20th

Facilitator ~ Helen Downing

“Half Truths”- God Helps those who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say by Adam Hamilton

Monday at 6:30 p.m. September 12th thru October 17th

Facilitator ~ Rev. Grady Mills

Course in Miracles

by Helen Schucman & William Thetford

Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Facilitator ~ Rev. Marilyn Leigh

Support Groups

Eating Disorder Support Group

Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator & Contact ~ Ruthie Deffley

Men’s Group: A Support Group that Welcomes All Men

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 15th

Facilitators ~ Dwight Campbell, Bill Jahn & Wayne Bland

Our Time: A Fellowship Group for Parents with Young Children

First & Third Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM starting September 20th

Facilitators ~ Nick & Ruthie Deffley

Social Justice Group

Reconciling Ministries Network

1st Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m.

Facilitator ~ Lance Wilhelm

Sunday Programs

10 o’clock Hour for Adults

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 11th

Creative Kids

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. starting September 11th

Youth Program: TGIY

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. starting September 7th

Director ~ Laura Angell

Children’s Program: G-Force

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting September 21st

Music & Arts

Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. ~ Director, Ray Ellis

Handbell Choir

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. – Director, Ray Ellis

Asbury Memorial Theatre

Watch for audition notices

Fellowship Opportunities

Busy Bees

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesdays starting September 21st at 5:45 p.m.

Health & Wellness

Breema: Presence Through Movement & Touch

See newsletter & email for dates, 10 a.m. till noon

Facilitator ~ Laura Ike; Contact – Tricia Richardson



Wednesday Night Suppers Reservation Form

- Choice of either **salad bar** or **hot meal with a small salad**
- Both options include a homemade dessert and roll.

In order to prepare we need your reservation!

There are three ways to reserve your spot:

- Place this form in the offering plate
- Go to our website www.asburymemorial.org and register
- Call the church office at 233-4351

Supper is served at 5:45 p.m. - Serving stops at 6:30 p.m.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
ON MONDAYS, NO LATER THAN NOON.**

Also, the type of meal must be selected at time of registration. If you do not make a reservation, you will need to wait until 6:15 p.m. so all who made reservations have been accommodated.

Meal Date:

09/21 ___ 09/28 ___ 10/05 ___ 10/12 ___ 10/19 ___ 10/26 ___
11/02 ___ 11/09 ___ 11/16 ___ or Permanent Request ___

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Indicate number for dinners:

_____ Adult Meal \$6.00 _____ Adult Salad Bar \$6.00 (1 trip only)

_____ Child's Meal \$3.00 (12 and under) _____ Child's Salad Bar \$3.00

Maximum Family limit is \$24.00 per family

Menu

Date

Blackened Chicken Breast, Green Beans,
Loaded Baked Potato Salad

Sept 21st

Lasagna (meat and veggie), Steamed Veggies

Sept 28th

Pork Chops (fried), Red Rice, Grilled Veggies

Oct 5th

Rotisserie Chicken, Yellow Rice,
Broccoli Casserole

Oct 12th

BBQ Pork, Squash Casserole, Pasta Salad

Oct 19th

Spaghetti, Green Beans

Oct 26th

Baked, Ham, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans

Nov 2nd

Fried Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli
Casserole

Nov 9th

Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes

Nov 16th